

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

80 FARNUM PIKE, GEORGIAVILLE, RHODE ISLAND



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM - Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Mon-Wed: 7:00 AM

Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

PASTOR: Rev. Richard A. Valentine

PASTORAL ASSISTANT:

William A. Bowden

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PARISH OFFICE:..... 231-5119

RELIGIOUS FORMATION:.....231-1340

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HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Parish office at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30 or by appointment with the priest.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the parish priest at least one year in advance. Be sure you have a confirmed date at the church before making any other arrangements.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring communion to the homebound. Please call the rectory.


PARISH PRAYER LINE: If anyone wishes to request a special intention, please call Jody at 231-8956 or Avis at 233-0225. All requests will remain confidential.


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work-with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

 **WEEKLY IN OUR PARISH**
Weekday Mass: Monday–Wednesday 7:00 AM
Morning Prayer: Monday – Wednesday 6:40 AM

 **Communal Recitation of the Rosary**
Mondays at 6:30 PM

 **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** 

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

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SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE
First responders never take the summer off!
 The Rhode Island Blood Center will be here **this weekend** for their semi-annual blood drive.
Stop by Sunday, from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM
in the parish hall.

When it comes to lifesaving blood, YOU are the first responders!



ATTENTION PARENTS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS



The Diocese of Providence requests that each parish provide tuition assistance to families who have children enrolled in a Catholic School – Kindergarten through Grade 8. Anyone who is an active, registered member of St. Michael's for at least one year can apply for these funds. Please call the rectory, 231-5119, for an application for the 2017-2018 school year.

WE WISH TO THANK THE FAMILY OF Edward LaCroix



For requesting that contributions be given to St. Michael's Church, in lieu of flowers, in his memory. Thank you for your generosity.

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— Mt. 11:28-30



MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, July 15, 2017**
 5:00 PM Dan Malo, 19th Anniversary, by Mom & Dad
Sunday, July 16, 2017
 8:00 AM Edward LaCroix, Remembrance, by Family
 10:30 AM Charles Abbott, 1st Anniversary, by Family

