

St. Michael Catholic Church

801 Butler Avenue – Tybee Island, GA 31328

January 14, 2018 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement: St. Michael's is a Community of believers rooted in Catholic tradition that seeks to serve others through living out the Gospel message by witnessing to the values of love, community, stewardship, and service.

Our Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you would like to register as a member of our parish community, please call the Parish Office or register on-line.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jerry Ragan – Pastor hapragan@hotmail.com
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– PREP Coordinator
Mrs. Ginny Murphy – Youth Coordinator
Mr. Ryan Beke – Music Director

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Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
(Closed noon until 1 p.m.)

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Parish Religious Formation Program

– PREP Program

Fr. Jerry Ragan – RCIA
Ginny Murphy – Youth Program

Baptism Preparation: Call office for information –
(912) 786-4505

Website: <http://www.saintmichaelstybee.org>
<http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection>

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council Co-Presidents – Mike Beytagh/Carolyn Williams
Parish Finance Mgr. – Mark Schroder
Women's Club President – Ann Pierce
Administration/Buildings and Grounds – Mike Beytagh/Matt Ferry
Endowment Fund – Tommy Butler

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m.
Friday – **No Morning Service**

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – *consult the bulletin*
Gluten-free hosts – please check in the sacristy

CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Saturday OR by appointment

St. Michael Thrift Store Hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Corner of 8th Street and Butler Avenue

Parish Emergency Number – (912) 499-4900



SERVERS FOR MINISTRIES January 20 and 21, 2018

6:00 PM

Lectors: Theresa Pottratz
Altar Servers: Anthony Frankosky
EMEs: Kathy Cook/Carolyn/John Jurick
Ushers: Kevin Cook/John Jurick
Cantor: Mary Chapin

8:00 AM

Lectors: Andy/Dina Watson
Altar Servers: Matt Ferry
EMEs: Betty Jayne Hendrix/Christine Ristuccia/Gayle Valbuena
Ushers: Arnie Seyden/Dana Johnson
Cantor: Theresa Maene

11:00 AM

Lectors: Roger Von Duyke/Deanna Fanning
Altar Servers: Ella/Joey Murphy
EMEs: Laura O'Hayer/Jane Sipple/Mary Ann Stillings
Ushers: Carl Looper/Eddie Sheppard
Cantor: Karin Hogan

Fr. Jerry's Corner – January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What are you looking for?” That is the question today’s liturgy puts before us. It is a question addressed to us, but also one we address to God. It is the question of vocation. Put another way it asks, “What do you and God want to do with the life you have been given?”

Do we make our life choices with Jesus as our greatest influence? Is being a follower of the Lord our number one focus? What has a higher priority in your life: being a patriotic American or being a disciple of Jesus Christ? How much of a difference does our relationship with God make in the way we live our lives? I think way too many of us who profess to be Catholic have gone on living our lives pretty much like everyone else. No real difference can be observed. I am a sinner and I want to be liked, so I pray this doesn’t sound too arrogant, but I think very often, we are living life on “cruise control.”

Being a committed disciple is different than just going through the motions of living: growing up, going to school, getting married, having children, getting a job. These are very important moments and valuable achievements in a person’s life. But often they are just door openers to life’s next stage of “cruise control” living. Like Samuel we need to develop a spirituality that will allow us to sincerely say, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” We need to allow ourselves to fall into that surrender that creates a different set of eyes through which we can see a deeper meaning to “what it’s all about.” Through our baptism we are all called to discipleship. But it just doesn’t happen by being baptized. We need to respond to the grace of our baptism by falling in love with God and allowing God’s love to be the deepest meaning of our life. That’s when we become committed disciples.

Today’s Gospel asks, “What are you looking for?” We respond to that question through all our choices, large and small. As people baptized and thus consecrated to God, we also must look to God and ask, “What are you looking for?” God responds through the Scriptures and the needs of our times. It is ours to decide if we want to accept the invitation to come and see — and be changed forever.

This weekend we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. He was a sinner like the rest of us, but he certainly knew what it meant to be a committed disciple of Jesus Christ. I was pleased by the Catholic participation in the Tybee MLK parade and program last Saturday. I like parades and I like a National Holiday in honor of Dr. King, but as I said at last week’s program, I think we’ve domesticated his commitment as a Disciple and his role as a prophet for our times. The events in Charlottesville, Virginia, this past summer remind us that racism still exists in our country. Why do we still have such a long way to go?

While he was not a Catholic himself, we celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. because his goals are completely aligned with the themes of Catholic Social Teaching: the life and dignity of all people; the call to community participation and inclusion of all Americans, regardless of their skin color, in our democracy; the duty to advocate for those who are downtrodden, putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first; and solidarity in our one human family, regardless of racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. The National Holiday is observed annually on the third Monday of January. Reverend King’s actual birthday is January 15.

Odds and Ends:

- I am grateful to Margret Dorroh for organizing the Diocesan Lenten Program. *Living the Eucharist* is a parish-based Lenten faith-sharing group designed to help revitalize parish life and mission through a more profound experience of Sunday Mass. I’ll have more information in next week’s bulletin, but please call the office if you might be interested, so we have some sense of how many workbooks to order.
- For medical emergencies, I want parishioners to have direct access to their pastor. My cell phone # is 706-267-1073. Please make note of it since I don’t want to put it on-line or publish it beyond this bulletin notice. I trust you’ll respect my “boundaries”.
- I am officiating at a wedding this Saturday evening in Augusta. I grateful to Fr. Joe Smith (Saturday evening) and Fr. Jean-Luc Zadroga O.S.B (Sunday morning) for filling in for me.
- I am delighted to announce that the Parish has hired Ryan Beke as our new Music Director. On behalf of the Parish, I thank Helen Stevenson for her many years of great service in leading our Music Ministry. I am also grateful for Susan Weber for her great work in coordinating our Religious Education Program. Her husband, David, has taken on the responsibility of directing the 4-H camp in the Georgia Mountains. They will be missed.
- Many of us are still feeling the agony of defeat. I offer begrudging congratulations to Father Peyton who experienced the thrill of victory in Alabama’s win over the Dawgs. And by the time you read this most of you will already know the outcome of the Falcon’s game. I’d simply like to offer a somewhat coy, “Go Birds!”

On the Way Home – *In today’s gospel Jesus asked the two disciples “What are you looking for?” How would you answer? What are your deepest hopes and desires?*

Fr. Jerry

PRAYER ANGELS - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of January 14th:

- Anne and Odilo Blanco
- Joan Wambold
- Bob Wheat



PRAYER LIST: Donnie Anderson, Laura Angell, Kathleen Blanco, Odilo Blanco, Sr. Michael Mary Brabner, Chuck Brown, David Clark, Colt Delverne, William Green, Nedra Hendrix, Linda Hodges, Cathy Keeler, Gene Maxey, Pat O'Connor, Nora Oliver, Marilyn Price, Erica Reardon, LaVerne South, Jr., LaVerne South III, Helen and Phil Stevenson, David White, Ashley Wolfe, and Blake Young.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE COAT COLLECTION: A box is in the side entrance of the church for the month of January. Donations will be accepted of any coats, jackets, gloves, hats, and socks that you might wish to donate for the needy.



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Eight (8) of the parish's stained-glass windows remain unsold. Consider donating to complete this project. Contact any member of the committee or the chair, Tom Beytagh, liltybee@gmail.com.



Welcome to the following new members:
Lauren Sheppard

BUILDING and GROUNDS COMMITTEE – meets Mon., Jan. 15, 6 PM, in the Church Meeting Room. **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** – meets Mon., Jan. 15, 7 PM, in the church meeting room.

SMALL GROUP LENTEN PROGRAM: Please watch the bulletin for details for this program which begins the week of Feb. 11. Small groups will meet Sun. morning after the 8



SHARE THE **JOY** THIS LENT!

AM Mass, Mon. morning after the 8 AM Mass, one evening during the week (Tues. or Thurs.), and a teen group. Contact Margaret Dorroh for more information mdorroh@aol.com.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am," each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will." Samuel 3:4; Psalm 40

Sacrificial Giving
January 7, 2018



Yearly Offertory Budget \$324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed \$ 6,230.77

Collected Offertory \$ 5,822.00
Same Time Last Year \$ 5,769.00

Budgeted YTD \$ 174,461.56
Collected YTD \$ 174,091.00

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. Jan 13 6:00 PM The Parish
- Sun. Jan 14 8:00 AM † Lillian Bennett
11:00 AM † Winnie Hull Johnson (A)
- Mon., Jan 15 8:00 AM † Mary Claire O'Leary (A)
- Tues. Jan 16 8:00 AM Intentions of Judy Ragan
- Weds. Jan 17 8:00 AM † Deceased members of Jesus Caritas Fraternity
- Thurs. Jan 18 8:00 AM † Fr. John Fitzpatrick
- Fri. Jan 19 8:00 AM No Morning Service
- Sat. Jan 20 6:00 PM The Parish



- Mon., Jan. 15 Parish Office is closed**
- Mon., Jan. 15 Buildings and Grounds Committee 6 PM**
Church meeting room
- Mon., Jan. 15 Parish Pastoral Council 7 PM**
Church meeting room
- Wed., Jan. 17 Choir practice 5:45 PM**
Church
- Thurs., Jan. 18 Parish Networking Church meeting room**
7 PM

CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED: *Prayer and Action* is looking for students to assist with this summer's 4-week mission program from June 1-30. Some travel and training involved; a weekly stipend is included. **Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2018.** To find out more/apply: <https://www.savannahdeaneryyouth.com/>

IMMIGRATION RELIEF WEBINAR: Mon., Jan. 22, 7:30 PM with Graham Cunningham, Catholic Charities pro-bono immigration attorney, Sr. Pat Brown and Lili Nierderkorn. Information will be provided on the termination of TPS in September 2019, guidelines for preparing for the future and suggestions for possible immigration relief. Please be informed about your choices. People can join the webinar from their home computers by clicking the link below:
Imigración: cancelación del TPS
Mon, Jan 22, 2018 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM EST
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/943378381>
You can also dial in using your phone.
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The Diocesan Office of Family Life invites you to pray with us in a

Special Mass with Bishop Boland for the
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22, 2018

Noon

Chapel - Catholic Pastoral Center
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Physicians and all health care workers: The Catholic Medical Association will host a guest speaker on February 24 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Savannah on February 24 at 6:30 PM. Dr. Kathleen Raviele will be speaking on the history of the Catholic Medical Association. Dr. Raviele is a physician in Atlanta and served as the president of the national CMA organization in 2007-2008. Dinner will be provided. Health care workers and supporters are welcome to attend this talk and meeting to discuss formation of a CMA guild in Savannah. For further information, contact Richard Rowe at rarowe@mac.com. Saturday, February 24, 2018 @ 6:30pm, Catholic Pastoral Center Boland Hall, 2170 E. Victory Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31404