

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tybee Island, GA 31328

March 15, 2020 | Third Sunday of Lent

Mission Statement: St. Michael's is a Faith Community that seeks to build up God's Kingdom on Tybee Island through living out the Gospel message as we witness to its 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 hpragan@hotmail.com
Ms. Delia Robinson – Office Manager
Mrs. Ginny Murphy – Youth Coordinator
Mr. Ryan Beke – Music Director

Parish Office – (912) 786-4505 Phone (912) 786-4166 Fax
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Closed noon until 1 p.m.)
office@saintmichaelstybee.org

Mailing Address: 802 Lovell Avenue

Parish Religious Formation Program

Fr. Jerry Ragan – RCIA
Ginny Murphy – Youth Program
Contact the Parish Office regarding PREP

Baptismal/Wedding Preparation: Call office for information

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Co-Presidents – Mike Beytagh/Carolyn Williams
Parish Finance Mgr. – Mark Schroder
Holy Name Society – Tommy Edenfield
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*
Low-Gluten hosts – please check in the sacristy
Sound amplification system – please contact the office
Accessibility/seating – ramp to left of main entrance; seating available in front pews

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

www.facebook.com/SaintMichael1891
www.instagram.com/stmichaelstybee

*Let us come before His presence
with thanksgiving. (Psalm 95:2)*



March 21, 2020 and March 22, 2020

6:00 PM

Lectors: Theresa Pottratz
Altar Servers: Anthony Frankosky
EMEs: Karen Sheehan/Cathy Anderson
Ushers: Betty Dixon/Kevin Cook/Bill Robinson/Todd Smith
Cantor: Kathy Yonka

8:00 AM

Lectors: Tom/Mary Ellen Beytagh
Altar Servers: Mike Beytagh
EMEs: Theresa Pottratz/Wendy Shamroe/Gayle Valbuena
Ushers: Dana Johnson/Matt Ferry/_____/_____
Cantor: Ryan Beke

11:00 AM

Lectors: Ginny Murphy/Christine Ristuccia
Altar Servers: Murphy Family
EMEs: Theresa Cannady/Terri O'Leary/Mark Schroder
Ushers: Joe O'Leary/Larry O'Hayer/Carl Looper/Eddie Sheppard
Cantor: Theresa Bossick

<http://www.saintmichaelstybee.org> | (912) 786) 4505 | 802 Lovell Avenue, Tybee Island, GA 31328

Fr. Jerry's Corner – March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

Trying to Stay Healthy

We've been hearing a lot about the Coronavirus over the past few weeks. Because of this we join with parishes throughout the world in taking the following precautions: Until further notice, we will be receiving Communion under one form. So, until further notice, we will not be drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice. Given the frequency of direct contact with saliva in the distribution of the Eucharist, every consideration should be given by each person to receive the Eucharist reverently by hand for the time being. During the Exchange of Peace, we recommend that we simply bow or wave with respect to each other and not shake hands. Elbow bumps should be the preferred way of greeting each other after Mass. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should avail themselves of a hand sanitizer to use before and after the distribution of Communion. Until further notice, our holy water fonts will be empty as a precaution. We encourage parishioners who have flu or similar like symptoms not to attend Mass until they feel better. As more information becomes available, we will inform you immediately, but stay informed as well as through the Centers for Disease Control and prevention at: www.cdc.gov/COVID19.

Trying to Stay Safe

I was delighted with the 31 parishioners who attended Lt. Emory Randolph's Active Shooter training course. I hate that we live in such a gun happy and violent society. I hate to even think of the possibility that a madman with a gun could create chaos in our peaceful sanctuary. But given our world today, it is something we need to think about and have a plan of action. Begging for mercy or playing dead in plain site is not a good plan of action. RUN and escape, if possible. HIDE, if escape is not possible. FIGHT as a last resort.

RUN – Getting away from the shooter or shooters is the top priority. If I ever yell “gun” from the sanctuary, it means that I perceive a threat. Leave your belongings behind and get away. The 8th St. side door will be locked on the outside during Mass, but it could be a good escape route if you're near the front. Help others escape, if possible, but evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow. Call 911 when you are safe, and describe shooter, location, and weapons.

HIDE – Get out of the shooter's view and stay very quiet. Silence all electronic devices and make sure they won't vibrate. Lock and block doors, close blinds, and turn off lights. Try to communicate with police silently. Use text message or social media to tag your location. Stay in place until law enforcement gives you the all clear. Your hiding place should be out of the shooter's view and provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.

FIGHT – Commit to your actions and act as **aggressively** as possible against the shooter. Recruit others to ambush the shooter with makeshift weapons like chairs, fire extinguishers, hymnals, etc. Be prepared to cause severe or lethal injury to the shooter. Throw items and improvise weapons to distract and disarm the shooter.

AFTER – Keep hands visible and empty so the police know that you are not the shooter. Know that law enforcement's first task is to end the incident, and they may have to pass injured along the way. Officers will shout commands and may push individuals to the ground for their safety. Follow law enforcement instructions and evacuate in the direction they come from, unless otherwise instructed. Take care of yourself first, and then you may be able to help the wounded before first responders arrive. While you wait for first responders to arrive, provide first aid. There are tourniquets, a bleed control kit, and first aid kit along with the defibrillator near the St. Michael Shrine. Apply direct pressure to wounded areas and use tourniquets if you have been trained to do so.

To Do List

- Take the Disciple Makers Index Survey
- Contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal
- Participate in the Stations of the Cross at 12:15pm on Wednesdays
- Prepare to make a good Confession on Monday, March 23rd
- Abstain from meat on Friday

Fr. Jerry Ragan

P.S. In order to make myself more available during the coronavirus crisis, if you need to get in touch with me here is my cell (706) 267-1073.



Sacrificial Giving March 8, 2020

Yearly Offertory Budget	\$ 324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$ 6,230.77
Collected Offertory	\$ 4,290.00
Same Time Last Year	\$ 4,785.00
Budgeted YTD	\$ 224,307.72
Collected YTD	\$ 255,960.79
ACA (2020 Goal)	\$ 26,245.00
ACA (Pledged to Date)	\$ 2,420.00
ACA (Paid-One Time/Pledges)	\$ 14,540.83

PRAYER ANGELS - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of March 15th:

- Laurie and Donald Bell
- James Burke
- Rachelle and Mike Cline



PRAYER LIST: Robby Armstrong, Mary Ellen Beytagh, Anna Bryant, Ken Colquitt, Margaret Dulohery, Sonja Edelman, Michelle Dubuc Gleason, Cheryl Di Giovanni, Charlie Johnson, Kyle Joyce, Brenda Manucy, Eleanor Remedio, Mary Smoak, Teah Stillings, Phyllis Watkins, Angie Weidner, and Dena White



ALTAR FLOWERS:

Flowers this week are in Memory of Odilo Blanco, from the Blanco family.



If you would like to donate flowers for an anniversary, birthday, or memorial, call the Parish Office. **Cost: \$80.**



WITH THE LORD: We extend sympathy to the family of **Barbara Louise Bramble**, who died on Fri., Feb. 28, 2020. May the Lord raise her up to life eternal.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:

Envelopes are in your mailed sets or at the church entrances. Please print your memorials/living gifts. All donations are due Mon., Apr. 6 to be in the Easter weekend bulletin.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Thank you to all who have responded to the ACA with a one time offering or pledge. We still need \$11,704 to meet our target of \$26,245. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY: Have you completed your survey? Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com or pick up a paper copy in the Church meeting room or office. Thank you for helping with this important project!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Ken Douberly on the "anniversary of your birth" – Tues., March 17!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Ginger and Mark Schroder – on your 21st Anniversary of your wedding – Tues., March 17!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER: When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



- Sat. Mar. 14 6:00 PM † Katherine C. O'Leary (A)
- Sun. Mar. 15 8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Wes Lamb
- 11:00 AM The Parish
- Mon. Mar. 16 8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy
- Tues. Mar. 17 8:00 AM † Tommy Sheehan, Sr. (A)
- Wed. Mar. 18 8:00 AM † Bill Dorroh (A)
- Thurs. Mar. 19 8:00 AM † Odillo Blanco (A)
- Fri. Mar. 20 8:00 AM No Morning Service
- Sat. Mar. 21 6:00 PM † Jake Bock

UPCOMING Events MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sun., Mar 15 Sunday School for Disciples 10:00 AM
- Tues., Mar 17 Office Closed for St. Patrick's Day
- Wed., Mar 18 Stations of the Cross/Soup 12:15 PM
- Wed., Mar 18 Choir Practice 5:45 PM
- Sun., Mar 22 Sunday School for Disciples 10:00 AM
- Mon., Mar 23 Adoration/Penance Service 5:30 PM-6:30 PM

PLANT SALE: The members of the Tybee Island Catholic Women's Club are most grateful to St. Michael's Parish for support of their spring plant sale. Please remember to pick up your plant orders at the Church on Sat., Mar 28 from 10AM to 12PM.

MEET YVONE: Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Consider contributing with CRS Rice Bowls, located in the Church entries. For more information about Yvone visit crsricebowl.org.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

For Advertising Information:
Contact Mary Ann or Hal Stillings
786-5294



786-9433
 New Patients Welcomed &
 Most Insurances Accepted



**If It's Something You Use...
 You'll Find It At CHU's**
 Open 7 days 10 am Daily
786-4561
 6 Tybrisa St. (Formerly 16th St.)
 Tybee Island, GA



**Specialty-Restoration
 Waterproofing
 Contractors**

- Ext. Building Restoration & Waterproofing
- Ext. Finish & Stucco Systems
- Paint - Ext., Int. & Decorative
- Stone, Tile & Paving Systems

**CHU'S
 CONVENIENCE MART**

- Gasoline
- Beach & Picnic Supplies
- Fishing Bait & Tackle

2 Locations
 Hwy. 80 & Jones Ave. • 1603 Inlet Ave.

**XYZ
 Beverages**
 Beer • Wine • Liquor
 For All Your Party Needs
912-786-4822
 Chu's Shopping Ctr, Hwy. 80 & Jones

Tybee's Best Kept Secret!
**Sting
 Ray's**
 SEAFOOD
 & Sidewalk Cafe

OC Welch Ford-Lincoln
 O.C. WELCH
 FORD LINCOLN
 4920 Independence Blvd. • Hardeeville, SC 29927
 Goseoecford.com
 Call OC Direct (843) 288-0101

912-236-4423

"Fine Foods Since 1934"

**Tybee
 Market, Inc.**

1111 Butler Ave.
786-4601
 HOSTIIGA@bellsouth.net

**the CRAB
 SHACK**
 "Where the shells are in their bare feet!"
786-9857
 www.thecrabshack.com

**Accountants
 on Tybee**
 Alfred D. Waite
 Ted Lynch, C.P.A.
786-0878

NORA VON DUYKE
 Personal Chef
PANTRY*OLY
 912-898-8458
 www.pantryoly.com
 A Personal Chef Service

COFFEE • BREAKFAST

912.786.5500 1701 Butler Ave

Please
 Remember
St. Michael's
 in your Will.

**Need Prayer?
 Got Prayer?**

The Intercessory Prayer Team prays for the needs of our parishioners. If you, or someone you love, has a prayer request, please email stillmaam51695@gmail.com

This team is always looking for additional members to lift our parishioners' needs in prayer.

Sunrise Restaurant
 Since 1987 786-7473

 1511 Butler Ave.

**St. Michael's
 Thrift Shop**
 Good stuff for a
 good cause!
 Open 10 am-Noon Wed., Fri., & Sat.

Well be there when you need us

Fox & Weeks
 FUNERAL DIRECTORS
 Since 1882
 www.foxandweeks.com

Islands Chapel 4605 Hwy. 80 East 898-0900
 Hodgson Chapel 7200 Hodgson Memorial Dr. 352-7200

**Pets at
 Peace**
 MEMORIAL AND CREMATION SERVICES
 by
Fox & Weeks
 FUNERAL DIRECTORS
 Since 1882
 Find us on Facebook

**Thank
 You**

**Thank You for Advertising
 in our St. Michael's Bulletin**

I am patronizing your business because of it!

McNamaraAdams
 Attorneys & Counselors at Law
 Real Estate Closings • Wills and Probate
 www.McNamaraAdamsAtLaw.com
912.355.1109

*Place
 your ad
 here!*

Murphy's Services
 Joseph Murphy
Handyman
 All Jobs \$40/hour
912-713-2189
 Specializing in small jobs

Prepare for Lent 2020

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO
LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE
PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEIXEIRA FOR THE FOCUS BLOG

WHEN
FASTING
AND
ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAYS IN LENT

WHO

CATHOLICS 14+
ARE OBLIGED TO
PRACTICE ABSTINENCE

CATHOLICS 18-59
ARE OBLIGED
TO FAST

ABSTINENCE

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penance or acts of charity or piety.

FAST = ONE FULL MEAL; two other light meals are permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

ABSTINENCE = DO NOT EAT ANY MEAT on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent.

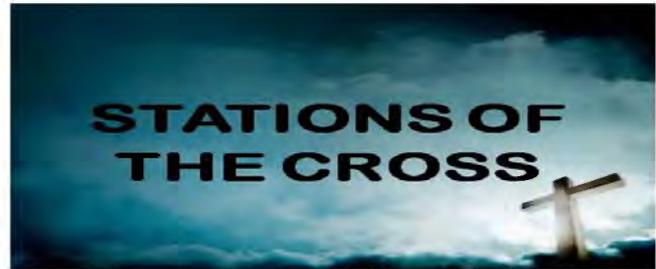


The iconic CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories. Join our faith community –

and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Narthex. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

Lenten Daily Reflection Booklets – Not by Bread Alone 2020 has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ throughout Lent. Booklets are available in the Narthex.

Lenten Soup Lunch: begins Wednesday March 4th following Stations of the Cross – which will be held each Wednesday during Lent at 12:15 PM.



7:10am – Eucharistic Adoration

Daily Mass – Monday through Thursday at 8am

7:40am – Rosary

8:00am – Mass

This might well be the best of all Lenten practices. There are so many distractions in our lives, going to daily Mass offers a chance to start the day off spiritually. It grounds your day.



Lenten Adoration and Reconciliation Service

Our Parish Lenten Adoration and Reconciliation Service will be on **Monday, March 23rd at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**. There will be a brief prayer service and then confessions until 6:30pm. Come and make a Holy Hour and also make a good Confession. Several priests will hear confessions.



And all of this makes little sense, if our practices do not prepare us to celebrate the most important days of the entire year, the Sacred Pascal Triduum. Mark your calendar now, so nothing takes priority over these beautiful liturgies:

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – April 9th Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by Adoration in the church with Night Prayer at 11:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 10th – Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m., Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass, April 11th at 8:00 p.m. (No 6:00 p.m. Mass) This is the most amazing Mass of the whole year, with many special ritual and liturgical actions only found on this one day!



The Disciple Maker Index Survey!

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey is open, and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15-minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com
- There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the Meeting Room or Parish Office.

The survey will only be available until **March 23rd** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Jerry Ragan and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



MARCH 22, 2020

The Diocese of Savannah is setting aside this weekend as

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

in order to give focused time to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture; and to give resources to create a Safe Haven in the home.

After Mass, each household will be given Covenant Eyes' book ***Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture.***



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

2170 E. Victory Drive, Savannah, GA 31404

Jayne Stefanic | 912-201-4068 | jstefanic@diosav.org



DR. PAUL THIGPEN PRESENTS
**WITH JESUS IN THE
WILDERNESS:
RESISTING THE
TEMPTER'S POWER**

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
8412 WHITEFIELD AVENUE, SAVANNAH**

SATURDAY
MARCH 28
7:00 PM

TO PURCHASE PAUL'S BOOKS,
VISIT HIS AUTHOR PAGE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/-
/E/B001JS681M](https://www.amazon.com/-/E/B001JS681M)



A SELECTION OF HIS BOOKS
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE THE NIGHT OF THE
EVENT.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR **DR. PAUL THIGPEN** WILL DELIVER A POWERFUL PRESENTATION ON HOW TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT IN SPIRITUAL COMBAT. HE SAYS, "OUR LORD ENGAGED IN SPIRITUAL COMBAT IN THE WILDERNESS, AND SO MUST WE, NOT JUST DURING LENT, BUT EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES."

PAUL WILL ENLIGHTEN US IN FIVE PRIMARY AREAS:

- **KNOW YOUR ENEMY**
- **KNOW YOUR BATTLE**
- **KNOW YOUR COMMANDER AND COMRADES**
- **KNOW YOUR WEAPONS**
- **KNOW YOUR ARMOR**

AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKER, AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST, AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, PAUL HAS PUBLISHED 54 BOOKS, INCLUDING *THE MANUAL FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE*, *THE RAPTURE TRAP*, *SAINTS WHO SAW HELL*, AND *THE BIBLICAL NAMES OF JESUS*.

PAUL HAS PUBLISHED MORE THAN 500 MAGAZINE AND JOURNAL ARTICLES IN OVER 40 RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR PERIODICALS. IN 2008, HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB) TO THEIR NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM. HE HAS ALSO SERVED THE CHURCH AS A UNIVERSITY THEOLOGY PROFESSOR, HISTORIAN, APOLOGIST, EVANGELIST, AND CATECHIST.

FORMERLY AN ORDAINED PROTESTANT PASTOR, PAUL AND HIS FAMILY ENTERED THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN 1993.



SAINT JAMES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Questions? Contact Sister Emily Vincent at 912-355-1523 or
SrEmilyVincent@StJamesSav.com



**RACHEL'S VINEYARD
POST ABORTION
HEALING RETREAT:
*March 27-29, 2020***

For any woman, man, family member, or friend, who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion; a **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat** offers an opportunity to find healing, hope and forgiveness. Come experience the mercy and compassion of God through this healing weekend near Augusta, GA.

For additional information contact Stephanie May at 912-306-0406, or stephmay@bellsouth.net, or visit the website and testimonial video at <https://diosav.org/family-life/abortion-healing/rachels-vineyard>

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential. Come and be restored.



Pilgrimages for Catholics and people of all faiths

Greece: Travel in the Footsteps of St. Paul

11 Days

Thessaloniki • Phillippi • Kavala
Kalambaka • Meteora • Delphi • Corinth
Athens • Piraeus • nMykonos • Kusadasi (Turkey)
Ephesus (Turkey) • Patmos • Santorini

*Entrusting all our
trips to the Maternal
Care of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

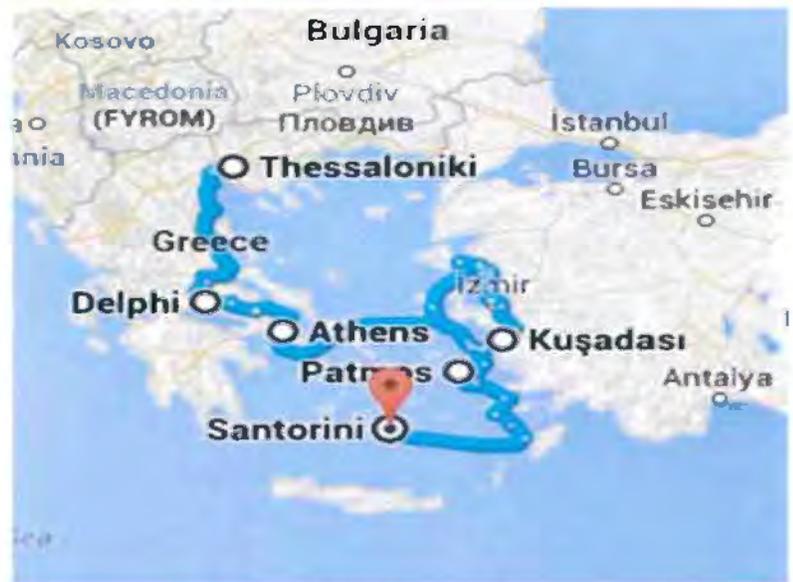


Trip Includes

- Flights from anywhere in the United States and flights between countries as per your itinerary (all necessary flights on your trip are included).
- Daily Mass will be scheduled.
- Airport Taxes, Security Fees & Fuel Surcharges Saving you an average of \$400-\$600!
- Transfers as per itinerary.
- 4 or 5 star hotels in downtown areas.
- Transportation by luxury bus.
- All breakfasts and all dinners. Wine included with all dinners.
- All tips to driver, hotel, and tour guide. If you feel that the tour guide did a great job, offering them extra tips is greatly appreciated.
- Guided Tours and Tour Fees ~ Our tour guides are very caring, licensed, and well educated. Many of our guides have their PhD's.
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase and 1 carry-on per person).
- Single Supplement (as long as the passengers is willing to room with someone and allows us to provide them with a roommate. If the passenger wants a guaranteed room to of their own, then they have to pay the \$900 single supplement).
- Remember: Our trips are not more expensive during high season ~ Passengers will never be expected to pay extra for anything while on the trip.

Travel with
Fr. Gerald Ragan
October 3-13, 2020
Cost: \$4,499.00

(Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.)
Please refer to trip #7280 when registering.



Contact us

(855) 842-8001

(508) 340-9370

Ohio: (440) 457-7033

Penn: (814) 479-4165

Texas: (713) 393-7161

Fax: (508) 854-8003

Hablamos Español: 508-505-6078

Visit us on the web

www.proximotravel.com

email: anthony@proximotravel.com

Proximo Travel, LLC

PO Box 561

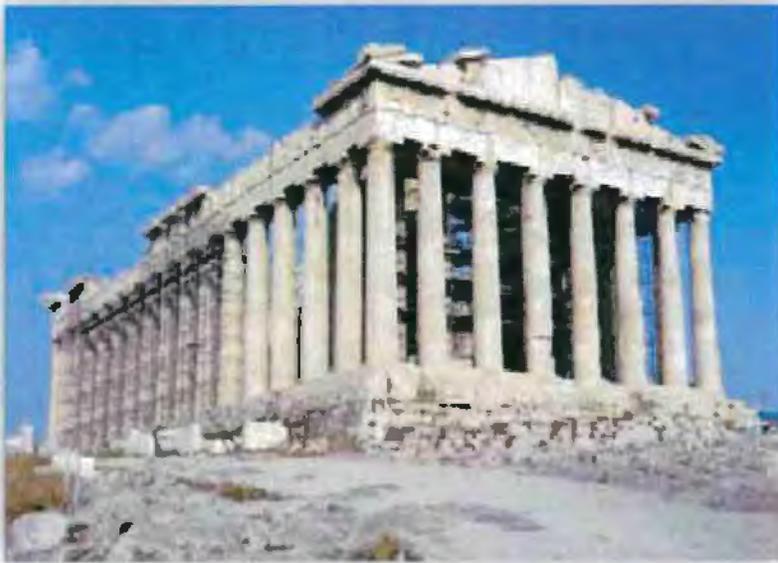
Auburn, MA 01501

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Departure from USA. ~ Dinner and Breakfast will be served in-flight.

Day 2: Arrive in Thessaloniki, Greece. ~ You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Time to relax and meet your fellow pilgrims. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 3: Philippi, Kavala, Thessaloniki ~ Visit Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. "And from there (He went) to Philippi" Acts 16:12-18 Here Paul baptized a certain woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the prison where Paul and Silas were thrown. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.



Day 4: Thessaloniki, Meteora: Thessaloniki city-tour ~ Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 49-50 AD and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. See the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting at the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire. Depart for Kalambaka, visit Meteora Monasteries. Among striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks, that seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless monasteries where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. Women must wear a skirt, or have a scarf that can be wrapped like a skirt, when visiting the Monasteries. Men will need to wear long pants and have their shoulders covered. If women wear slacks, they need to bring a scarf that will cover their pants so that it looks like a skirt. Dinner and overnight in Delphi.

About Proximo Travel

Hundreds of people who traveled with us would be happy to speak with you about your trip. Safety is our priority. Proximo Travel hosts Vacation Tours to Italy, Ireland, Greece, the Holy Land, Spain, France, Portugal, Scotland, and many other countries:
No Rush, No Pressure, Lots of fun!

Day 5: Delphi - Athens ~ Visit Delphi, the center of the ancient world (navel) of the earth, whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Continue to Athens which is one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 6: Athens - Excursion to Corinth ~ we will visit the Acropolis to see the ruins of the Parthenon, Erechtheum and Propylae. For twenty five centuries, the panorama of this city is dominated by the rock of the Acropolis; we see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erechtheum and the Propylae. Afterwards, we will ascend Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one and only God. From here we have an excellent view of the ancient agora; former center of the Athenian public life. We then drive through the city to see the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square, the Evzones in their picturesque uniforms guarding the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also see the Library, the University, the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympics of the modern era were held, the temple of the Olympian Zeus and Adrian's Arch. Continue our tour to Ancient Corinth where, under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, St. Paul preached and lived for two years. The vigorous and mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write, at least, four letters to them. Visit the ruins of the ancient city where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. See the remains of the first century shops, the agora where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, Temple of Apollo and the Bema. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Athens ~ Start 3-day Cruise (Luis Hellenic Cruise Lines) Mykonos Our first port-of-call is Mykonos. It is the most cosmopolitan of all Greek islands and attracts many visitors from all over the globe, including large numbers of artists and intellectuals. Your coaches will take you to Hora the island's capital where you'll enjoy a walking tour in the narrow cobbled streets of the town, passing by chic boutiques, elegant nightclubs and white washed houses till reaching Alefkandra. Alefkandra is a charming corner of Hora, known also as the "Venice" of Mykonos. At one of the famous restaurants of Alefkandra you'll enjoy the sunset on Mykonos Island while drinking your refreshment accompanied by Greek meze. You'll return then to Mykonos Town (Hora) from where you'll take the ship's shuttle service back to the port to meet your ship!

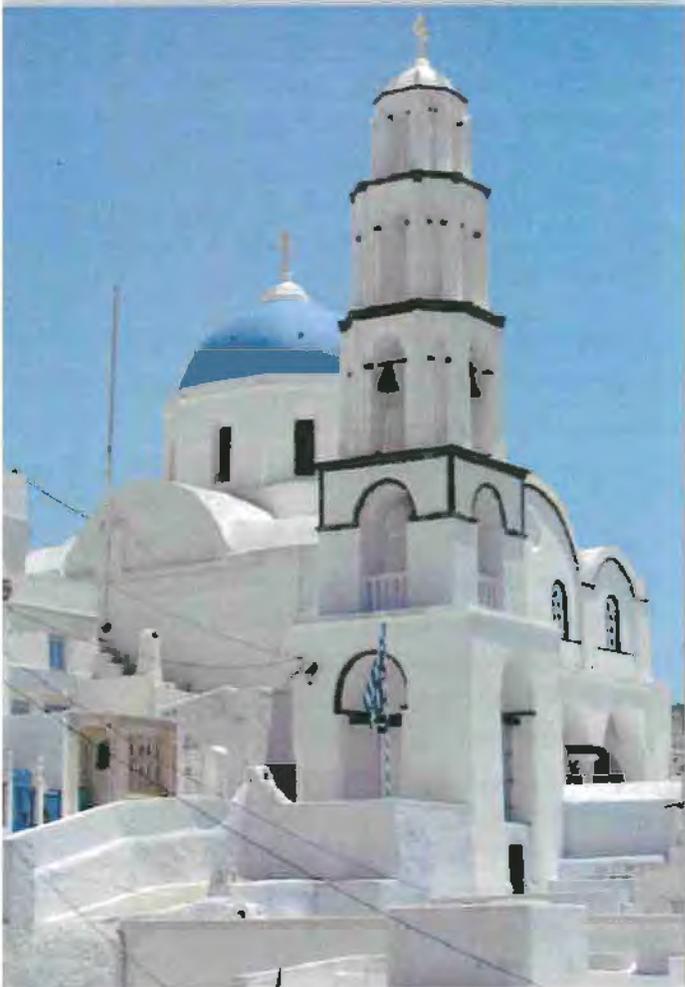
Day 8: Kusadasi and Ephesus (Turkey) and Patmos ~ we begin our day arriving at Kusadasi which is a lively Turkish port. Drive through the colorful town of Kusadasi to reach Mt. Koressos. Situated in a small valley, it is here where you will visit the humble chapel which lies on the site of the

Trip Itinerary

Hotels

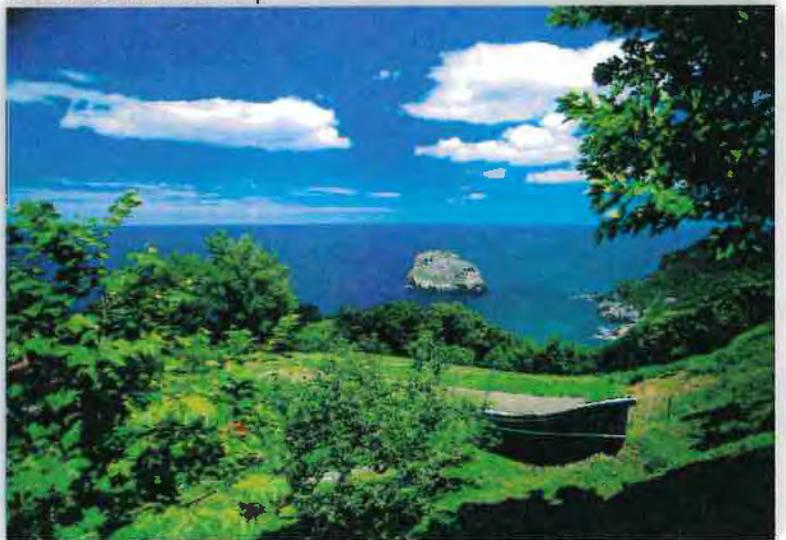


We only make reservations at 4 or 5 star hotels



monastery marvel at this magnificent structure, which was built 900 years ago, exceptional in its architecture. View the courtyard, the monk's dining room and the old bakery before you visit the main church noting its outstanding frescoes and interior decoration. Next, see the priceless ecclesiastical treasures housed in the beautiful but small museum: books and manuscripts, mosaics, icons, splendid medieval textiles and vestments as well as jewelry. Return to your motor coach to continue on to the nearby Grotto of the Apocalypse, where above stands the Monastery of the Apocalypse, a sub-unit of the main monastery. Walk down the steps to visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Here you will see the silver niches in the wall that mark the pillow and ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of the Revelation as well as the three-fold crack made by the voice of God emphasizing the honor of the Holy Trinity. Afterwards, drive back to the port of Scala and enjoy some free time in this quaint and picturesque harbor.

Day 9: Heraklion and Santorini ~ in the morning we will visit Heraklion. Heraklion is just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. It is in Heraklion where Paul met the owner and captain of the ship who warned him of continuing his journey to Rome. In the afternoon we will cruise on to the idyllic island of Santorini. Santorini is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. In the town of Thira white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliffs, accessible by cable-car or mule. Return back to the ship.



Day 10: Finish the tour of Athens. Enjoy a free afternoon and evening in Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 11: Fly back home.

Please note: We do our best to ensure that all sites listed in this itinerary will be seen. However, due to scheduling conflicts, or other circumstances beyond our control, sites may be visited on a different day than listed. If this happens it will also necessitate a change in the restaurant for dinner. However, we will never sacrifice the quality of the meal, all restaurants will meet Proximo Travel's very high standards. Since we have several different trip configurations touring at the same time, it is likely that groups on different tours will be combined when their itineraries overlap in certain areas.

little house where The Virgin Mary is believed to have spent her last days. This site has been sanctioned by the Vatican for pilgrimage. Continue on to Ancient Ephesus and accompanied by your guide, walk through the Magnesian Gate which is the entrance to the ancient city of Ephesus. See the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the steam-heated Baths of Scolastika, the Temple of Hadrian and the Latrines, the Library of Celsus and The Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached, which is the largest theatre in antiquity having a capacity of 24,000 people. Walk back to your motor coach along the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. While driving back to Kusadasi and just outside Ephesus, view the Basilica of St. John, which was erected over his grave in the 6th Century AD by the Emperor Justinian. Before returning to the ship, enjoy free time in Kusadasi. Continue our journey, Patmos, where we will enjoy a short journey to the village of Chora, where the monastery of St. John is built within the walls of a strong fortification. As you walk uphill towards the entrance of the

Visit us on the web
www.proximotravel.com

Contact us
(855) 842-8001
(508) 340-9370
Fax: (508) 854-8003

Proximo Travel, LLC
PO Box 561
Auburn, MA 01501

Hablamos Español: 508-505-6078

Steps for Registration

1. Call us (855-842-8001) or register online with a credit card to pay your \$500 deposit per person to save your spot. **The \$500 deposit is part of the total price of the trip**
2. A **\$1,000 Airfare Deposit (AD)** per person is due **one month from the registration**. The AD is paid **ONLY** in the form of Check (personal, money order or bank check).
3. The **balance is due 4 months** before the trip departure date. The balance is paid **ONLY** in the form of Check (personal, money order or bank check).

NOTE: If you sign up for a trip within 4 months of the departure date, you pay the deposit of \$500 with a credit card and the balance is required to be overnighted in the form of a personal check, money order or bank check.

Make Check Payable and Mail to:

Proximo Travel, LLC
PO Box 561
Auburn, MA 01501

Number of Passengers

Proximo Travel, LLC advertises in many venues; therefore group sizes vary depending on location and time of year. They almost always sell out early, so please keep this in mind when you are planning to book a trip. Many people book up to a year in advance.

Trip Does Not Include

- Lunch
- Trip Insurance. Work directly with Travel Guard to protect your investment and ensure your money. There are different packages to choose from depending on what your travel needs are. Their link is right below the picture of the Pope on our home page..

Some Good Things to Know...

- **When I reach my destination, is there someone there to meet me?**

Upon arrival at your trip destination, obtain luggage and exit the baggage area. Outside the baggage claim doors, a representative will greet you with a Proximo Travel sign. If your flight is delayed or you cannot locate the Proximo Travel representative, please contact your tour guide at the number provided in your final packet before proceeding.

- **When will I meet up with the group?**

We have people traveling with us from all of the USA and Canada. Here at Proximo Travel, LLC we try to have the group meet in the USA the day of their departure before the flight to their final destination. However, this is not always possible. Therefore, you will meet your entire group upon arrival to your trip destination.

- **What happens if I cancel my trip?**

Proximo Travel, LLC has teamed up with Travel Guard to provide our passengers with trip cancellation insurance. They offer a variety of policies to choose from. Please visit our website, www.proximotravel.com to find a link to purchase Travel Guard or to get more information about the services they offer.

- **Be at the airport at least 3 hours before departure.**

This applies only to the airport of origination, not necessarily to the airport of connection. For example, if you're flying from Pittsburg to Paris then from Paris to Rome, you need to be at the airport in Pittsburg 3 hours before departure. Not necessarily in Paris where your connection time might be less than 3 hours.

*Pilgrimages for Catholics and
people of all faiths*
www.proximotravel.com