

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tybee Island, GA 31328

September 13, 2020 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: Sat. 6:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday - Thursday – 8:00 AM
Friday – **No Morning Service**

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

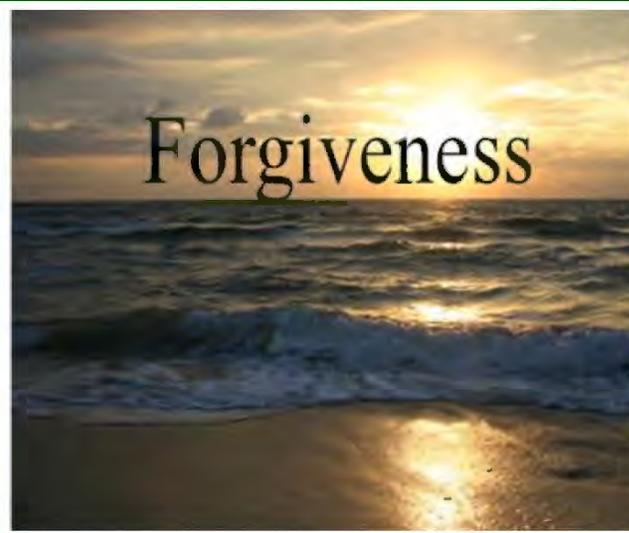
8:00 AM and 6:00 PM – *consult the bulletin*
Low-Gluten hosts – please check in the sacristy
Accessibility/seating – ramp to left of main entrance, seating available in front of Church

CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:30 PM on Saturday OR by appointment

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September 19 and September 20, 2020

6:00 PM

Lectors: Theresa Pottratz
Altar Servers: Ken Douberly
EMEs: Kathy Cook/Jane Bock
Ushers: Kevin Cook/Tim Sheehan
Cantor: Ryan Beke

8:00 AM

Lectors: Dina Watson
Altar Servers: Mike Beytagh
EMEs: Betty Jayne Hendrix
Ushers: Dana Johnson/Matt Alt
Cantor: Ryan Beke

11:00 AM

Lectors: Ginny Murphy
Altar Servers: Melissa Watkins
EMEs: Christine Ristuccia/Mike Lynch
Ushers: Theresa Cannady/Carl Looper
Cantor: Ryan Beke

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Fr. Jerry's Corner – September 13, 2020 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I want to give a shout out to Bob Wheat who celebrated his 92nd birthday on Thursday. Some of the folks who attend daily Mass gathered with me at Bob's home on Thursday to sing "Happy Birthday" to him. Bob has born in a working-class neighbor of South Baltimore on September 10th, 1927, which I believe makes him our oldest parishioner. I am grateful that Bob has agreed to be the first "victim", aka star of a new show that the Francis Fraternity is producing.

Bob's life story will soon appear on our Saint Michael Tybee YouTube channel as the initial episode of our *Getting to Know You Show*. This will be a series of half hour interviews of our parishioners. Since we have three different options for Mass on the weekend, not all of us know each other. And the fact that many of us are worshipping via livestream until a vaccine is well distributed also challenges our sense of belonging to each other. Growth in faith and belonging to a faith community are intimately connected. Churches should function as spiritual families where members experience friendship, share life, struggles, and hopes and contribute their gifts. Anything that deepens our sense of belonging to each other is going to deepen our faith in God's love.

What is the Francis Fraternity? It is a group of parishioners whose mission is to build up God's Kingdom here on Tybee, which of course is the basic mission of all the baptized. But this group specifically focuses on faith formation and evangelization. We will model our gatherings on my experience of the Jesus Caritas Fraternity by each member developing our own program of spiritual exercises and allowing the members of the fraternity to hold us accountable to what we say we want to do in order to draw closer to Christ because you can't share what you don't have. And our basic sharing should always be about our love for Jesus.

St. Francis in his day was called to rebuild the Church and that is what the members of the Francis Fraternity want to be about. We do not want to be an exclusive group. Ryan and Tasha Beke, Mike Lynch, Ginny Murphy, Delia Robinson, and Carolyn Williams are founding members. But if you are willing to commit to a specific program of spiritual exercises of your own design, you are more than welcome to join in the mission of the Francis Fraternity. Talk to me or one of the members.

Today is National Grandparents Day. It is celebrated annually on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It was created in 1970 by the late Marian McQuade of West Virginia, and former President Jimmy Carter declared Grandparents Day a national holiday in 1978. The purpose of the day is to honor grandparents, give them an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and help children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer. I'll offer a brief blessing for grandparents at the weekend Masses.

Finally, this is an unprecedented time and we know that our prayer is powerful. Please join me on Sunday at 5pm as I spend a holy hour in adoration before our Eucharistic Lord. God is with us.

Taking the Gospel Home: Prayerfully Read Matthew 18: 21-35

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells us of the need to forgive our brothers and sisters. It is not easy to forgive. What is this gospel calling you to do or what are you called to change? What or who can lead you to forgive one who has hurt you? Where in this troubled world to you see a need for God's merciful love and forgiveness? Do you need to experience God's mercy for you by going to Confession so that you'll be more ready to forgive and show mercy to others or are you pretty smug in your judgments and hates?

Fr. Jerry Ragan

PRAYER ANGELS - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of September 13th:

- James Burke
- Margaret and Leo Sheehan
- Amorette Zittrouer



September 6, 2020

Yearly Offertory Budget	\$ 324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$ 6,230.77
Collected Offertory	\$ 6,515.00
Same Time Last Year	\$ 6,418.00
Budgeted YTD	\$ 62,307.70
Collected YTD	\$ 51,322.00
ACA (2020 Goal)	\$ 26,245.00
ACA (Pledged to Date)	\$ 3,869.53
ACA (Paid One Time/Pledges)	\$ 31,832.36

PRAYER LIST: Mary Ellen Beytagh, Anna Bryant, Ken Colquitt, Cheryl Di Giovanni, Margaret Dulohery, Michael Elliott, Michelle Dubuc Gleason, Brenda Helmey, Charlie Johnson, Judy Kuchera, Brenda Manucy, Lavinia Mattox, Patricia Maxheimer, Fr. Dan O'Connell, Billy Prescott, Mary Smoak, Teah Stillings, Phyllis Watkins, and Angie Weidner.



ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

All women are invited to attend an organizational meeting, Thursday, Sept. 24th at 10am in the meeting room, to begin a St. Michael's Council of Catholic Women. The meeting will be a planning agenda. Come, listen, bring ideas, join if the Spirit moves you!! The goal is to serve our parish and community in spirituality, leadership and service. All are welcome!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Kristen and Bill Coyne along with their four children; Mary, Nancy, Willie, and Barbie.



2020 PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION will be taken up this Sunday, Sept. 13th at the request of Pope Francis. This collection is to help Christians in the Holy Land.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," say St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

- See Romans 14:7-9

Masses For The Week



Sat. Sept. 12	6:00 PM	The Parish
Sun. Sept. 13	8:00 AM	Intentions of Fr. Adam Kasela
	11:00 AM	Intentions of Fr. John Kenneally
Mon. Sept. 14	8:00 AM	† Margaret and Jerry Purswell
Tues. Sept. 15	8:00 AM	† Bernard Lowenthal (A)
Wed. Sept. 16	8:00 AM	Intentions of Fr. Peter Lanshima
Thurs. Sept. 17	8:00 AM	Intentions of Fr. John Lyons
Fri. Sept. 18		<u>No Morning Service</u>
Sat. Sept. 19	6:00 PM	† Mary Kessler



- Sun., Sept 13 **Praise and Worship (Adoration) in the Church and Live Stream 5:00PM**
- Mon., Sept 14 **Finance Council Meeting 6PM**
- Wed., Sept 16 **School for Disciples 5:30PM Church Yard**
- Sat. Sept 19 **Prayer and Yoga on the beach 8AM at 8th St. entrance**
- Sun., Sept 20 **Worship Committee Meeting 12:15PM**

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Praise & Worship

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A Holy Hour during the Pandemic

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
You are greatly needed!**

**This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.
Grow spiritually with each moment
you spend with Jesus!**

**Join Father Jerry and Ryan Beke
Sunday, September 13th at 5:00 PM
at the Church or via Live Stream**



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August 25, 2020

Rev Gerald Ragan
 St. Michael's Catholic Church
 802 Lovell Ave
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Dear Rev Ragan,

This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living here in the Land of Jesus.

This is why Pope Francis has accepted the request to move this gesture of sharing that concerns the whole Church to 13th September.

Why September 13th, you may ask? Because it is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which we celebrate here with particular solemnity in Jerusalem. On this feast we remember how far the love of the Son of God has come for us: giving His life on the Cross for our salvation and reconciling us to the Father and to each other. This gives birth to a new humanity founded on solidarity and love.

The Cross still characterizes and accompanies the journey of the small Christian community that lives in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East that carries the Cross in the midst of situations of conflict on the one hand and indifference on the other. It is a small community that this year suffers even more because of this pandemic that has hit the whole world; for here now, there are no pilgrims or any of the work linked to their reception, which allows many Christians to work with dignity and feed their families. Yet despite this, our small Christian community continues to resist, continues to be evangelical salt, leaven and light in a context that absolutely needs it.

The collection in favor of the Holy Land is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support through the Custody of the Holy Land, the Christian communities that are in the Holy Land and feel the weight and also the glory of the Cross of Jesus on their shoulders.

It is thanks to you, Christians throughout the whole world, who give so generously, that we will be able to continue taking care of the Holy Places of Christianity, from the Holy Sepulcher to the Basilica of the Nativity and to the lesser known sanctuaries. We will be able to support the pastoral action of the parishes entrusted to us. We will be able to guarantee quality education and learning to more than 10,000 students attending our schools. We can help young families find a home. We will be able to assist Christian migrant workers to feel welcomed even though they are far from their homeland. We will be able to stay close to the populations affected by the war in Syria and the refugees now scattered in the various countries in which we find ourselves living our mission.

This is what we have tried to do during an eight centuries long history in the Holy Land and this is thanks to the help of Christians from all over the world. This is what we hope to be able to continue to do thanks to the help of each of you on the 13th September.

Fr. Francesco Patton OFM
 Custos of the Holy Land

PS. For more information about the works of the Franciscan friars in the Holy Land, visit our website at www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday/



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At the request of Pope Francis the

**2020 PONTIFICAL
GOOD FRIDAY
COLLECTION**

is to be taken up
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

If you cannot find your envelope for this collection, please write Holy Land on the memo line of your check or Holy Land on any envelope. For those who donate online Holy Land Good Friday has been added to the fund list.



St. Michael's Church

At Christmas, we experience **the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Gift giving is a wonderful, meaningful part of that experience. Unfortunately, severe poverty deprives many children of this joy. Last year, the **Box of Joy** ministry reached over 75,797 children, providing many with their first Christmas present ever.

Through Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy program, you can ensure these children are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. By your donation of \$30.00 this will cover the items for a shoebox and shipping cost, to a child overseas who would otherwise receive nothing.

Kick Off – Sunday, September 13th. We will begin collecting monetary donations to purchase items to fill the shoeboxes. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. If you donate by check please make it payable to St. Michael Catholic Church and write on the memo line - BOX OF JOY. Box of Joy donation envelopes can be dropped in the offertory basket at the church.

Due to Covid-19 we will not have a packing party this year. If you would like to prepare your own shoebox, please contact me at 330-461-0737 and I will be happy to arrange to drop them off to you.

Collections of Box Drop Off – November 8th - This is the last day to drop off your self-prepared box to the church meeting room at the 11:00am Mass.

Our goal this year is **100** Boxes. Praying that we can continue to bless even more children with our boxes of love.

May the Lord bless you immensely for your loving and caring heart!

Peace and Love,

Joanne Naylor

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

An organizational meeting to begin a St. Michael's Council of Catholic Women



Planning an agenda

Serving our parish and community in Spiritually, Leadership and Service

Thursday, September 24

10:00 am

Meeting room of church

PLEASE COME, YOU ARE WELCOME!

Respect Life Poster Contest

Entry Categories: Grades 5/6 & Grades 7/8

Prizes in each category:

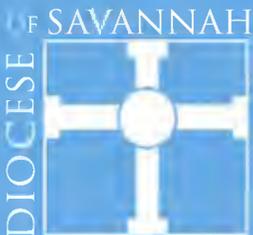
- 1st prize is \$75
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- 3rd prize is \$25

This year's theme is "*Live the Gospel of Life*". From conception to natural death, each moment of our lives is a gift from God and meant to be lived to the fullest in service to God and one another.

Design a poster that reflects how you "Live the Gospel of Life" by helping others. For complete details and entry form, please visit our www.diosav.org/rlposter

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*The 40th Annual
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Saturday, October 3, 2020
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon*



Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP

Saint John Henry Newman: Vatican II's Prophet

Old Testament prophets were not fortune tellers. Rather, they were men who spoke on God's behalf. They were bringers of hope. Reform is at the heart of every prophet's message, and their task was to translate God's covenantal promise into concrete actions. These insights provide the foundation for this lecture. Although separated by more than a century, Newman had a profound influence on the Second Vatican Council. This lecture will examine Newman's prophetic instincts and his relationship to Vatican II.

Maureen Sullivan is a Dominican Sister of Hope from New York, with a Ph.D. from Fordham University. She is a nationally known speaker and author of two books on Vatican II. She will be sharing her knowledge and passion for this important chapter in our church's history and its relationship to the Oratory's most recent saint.

***This year's lecture will be presented on-line via Zoom.
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The Franciscan Way of Prayer: Spiritual Wisdom from St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 23, 2020 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:00 – 11:30 am & 1:30 – 3:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the most beloved of all saints, and for good reason. He's a patron saint of animals and ecology, and was renowned for his compassionate care for the poor. He has been an inspiration to saints and ordinary people from his own day to the present (just think of Pope Francis!) Franciscan spirituality continues to inspire people of all walks of life. But beyond the birdbaths and the famous "Canticle of the Sun" just who was Francis? Our program will begin on Friday night by exploring the story of the young man from Assisi who walked away from a comfortable life to follow God's call; we'll begin to explore the key themes of Franciscan spirituality, a topic which we'll explore further on Saturday. Between the many legends of St. Francis, his beautiful prayers, and the charisms of the Franciscan order, we'll explore ways that anyone can draw closer to God's love through the inspiration of the great saint from Assisi.

This retreat will take place on Zoom. There will be three conferences (all times are Eastern time):

Friday Evening, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Getting to Know St. Francis of Assisi: An overview of St. Francis's life and the key themes of his spirituality.

Saturday Morning: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: Pray like a Franciscan: Insights into prayer from great Franciscan teachers, from Francis and Clare to Richard Rohr and Ilia Delio.

Saturday Afternoon: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Living a Franciscan Life: How can the Spirituality of St. Francis make a difference in our lives? Here are several ideas to get us started — and/or to take us deeper.

The Presenter: **Carl McColman** is a Catholic author, blogger and podcaster based in Stone Mountain, GA. His books include *Befriending Silence*, *The Big Book of Christian Mysticism* and *Unteachable Lessons*. Find him online at www.carlmccolman.com.

This program will be presented on-line via Zoom. Please provide an email address so the invitation and link can be sent to you.

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