

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tybee Island, GA 31328

October 4, 2020 | Twenty-Seventh 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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PARISH CONTACTS

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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:

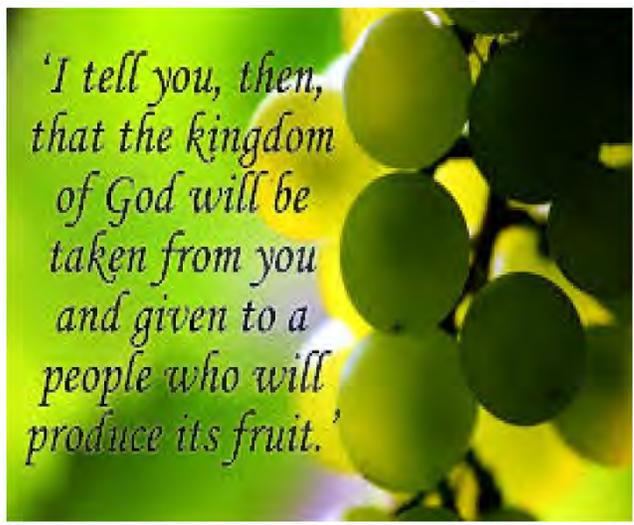
8:00 AM and 6:00 PM – *consult the bulletin*
Low-Gluten hosts – please check in the sacristy
Accessibility/seating – ramp to left of main entrance, seating available in front of Church

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

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'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

October 10 and October 11, 2020

6:00 PM

Lectors: Christine Ristuccia
Altar Servers: Scarlett Gillen
EMEs: Cathy Anderson/Gayle Valbuena
Ushers: Robin Turner/Tim Sheehan
Cantor: Ryan Beke

8:00 AM

Lectors: Linda Cleary
Altar Servers: Melissa Watkins
EMEs: Deanna Fanning
Ushers: Dana Johnson/Matt Alt
Cantor: Ryan Beke

11:00 AM

Lectors: Kevin O'Brien
Altar Servers: Melissa Watkins
EMEs: Ginny Murphy/Theresa Pottratz
Ushers: Joe O'Leary/_____
Cantor: Ryan Beke

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Fr. Jerry's Corner – October 4, 2020 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4th falls on a Sunday, the Lord's Day, and not even the popular saint takes precedent over the Lord. So, St. Francis whose Feast Day is October 4th gets bumped from the Liturgical calendar. Even so, normally, I'd be headed over to the front lawn of All Saints Episcopal Church to join with the Rev. June Johnson in the annual blessing of the pets. But of course, this is not a normal year, because of the pandemic the Annual Tybee Blessing of the Pets has been cancelled. However, on Monday Rev. June and I will head over to the TIPD Head Quarters to bless their mascot, Rocky. He is a beautiful black German Shepherd who will represent all the pets of Tybee this year. And you can pray for and bless your pets and animals at home too. A verbal blessing and a sprinkling holy water can be offered in your backyard or garden.

St. Francis was born in the 12th century and lived in Italy. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and for his love for animals and nature. He is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. You can use this Pet Blessing:

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.
On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea,
birds in the air, and animals on the land.
You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters.
We ask you to bless this animal.
By the power of your love, enable [him or her] to live according to your plan.
May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

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Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

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Because of the Pandemic, my grandnephew, Alexander, has not been able to receive his First Holy Communion at St. Ann's in Arlington, VA. I rejoice that Alexander and his family are visiting this week and I will be able to give him the real presence of our Risen Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time. In these difficult times this brings me great joy!
Alexander Elias will receive this First Holy Communion at the 6pm Vigil Mass. Congratulations!!

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"Pray, hope, and don't worry." – St. Pio of Pietrelcino. I've already turned in my vote for the upcoming elections. It brings me some peace to have done so. Last week, I offered some guidelines that the Bishops of our Country have offered in making your decisions for whom to vote. For the next few weeks, in this space, in my homilies and Tuesday notes, I am going to try to be silent about the current state of our Nation out of respect for those who have a different political outlook than I do. But I don't believe issues in the public square can ever be separated from the Gospel and how we live out our faith. If you are really interested in some of the values that influence my (and many other Catholics') perspective on issues in the public square, you can look at my Twitter posts, @FrJerryRagan. But be forewarned, if you are not open to a respectful and honest dialogue, if you're comfortable with your own worldview and don't want to hear any other perspective, for your own peace of mind, please don't follow me on Twitter.

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Taking the Gospel Home – The world is God's vineyard and God asks us to produce its fruit. What one specific thing can I do this week to produce fruit in the vineyard I call home?

Fr. Jerry Ragan

PRAYER ANGELS - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of October 4th:

- Carl and Kathy Looper
- Bill and Della Robinson
- Don and Marie McLendon



PRAYER LIST: Anna Bryant, Ken Colquitt, Cheryl Di Giovanni, Margaret Duloherly, Michelle Dubuc Gleason, Charlie Johnson, Brenda Manucy, Lavinia Mattox, Patricia Maxheimer, Fr. Dan O'Connell, Hal Stillings, Teah Stillings, Darrell Tukes, and Angie Weidner.



ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Meredith Arnsdorff, from Robin Turner.



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

SOUTHERN CROSS SUBSCRIPTION WEEKEND: NEXT weekend is Southern Cross Subscription Weekend. Please bring your envelope with your check made payable to St. Michael's and place it in the Second Collection basket. Thank you!



ROSARY COAST TO COAST: Pray the Rosary for unity, peace, and the sanctity of life from conception through natural death at Sacred Heart Church, Sun., Oct. 11 at 4PM.

Tybee Island Catholic Women's Club: Meets Mon., Oct 5, 4PM sandwich making for Social Apostolate at Joan Wambolds's, 608 Jones Ave. Later, at 6:30PM there will be a meeting at Betty Beeson's, 2 Sandal Wood Court, 912-547-4240.

BOX OF JOY: St. Michael's is participating in Cross Catholic Outreach's, *Box of Joy*, program this year to provide Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. A donation of \$30 will fill a box and pay for shipping costs. Envelopes are at the Church entrances.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner; we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?



September 27, 2020

Yearly Offertory Budget	\$ 324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$ 6,230.77
Collected Offertory	\$ 3,121.00
Same Time Last Year	\$ 4,768.00
Mission Co-op 2 nd Collection	\$ 937.00
Budgeted YTD	\$ 81,000.01
Collected YTD	\$ 71,677.00
ACA (2020 Goal)	\$ 26,245.00
ACA (Pledged to Date)	\$ 3,869.53
ACA (Paid One Time/Pledges)	\$ 32,032.36

Masses For The Week



- Sat. Oct. 3 6:00 PM † Jake Bock
- Sun. Oct. 4 8:00 AM The Parish
11:00 AM † Madelyn McCormick
- Mon. Oct. 5 8:00 AM † Bernard Lowenthal
- Tues. Oct. 6 8:00 AM † Judy Collins Daniels
- Wed. Oct. 7 8:00 AM † Butch Lowenthal
- Thurs. Oct. 8 8:00 AM † Bradley Stone
- Fri. Oct. 9 No Morning Service
- Sat. Oct. 10 6:00 PM † Meredith Arnsdorff



- Mon., Oct. 5 Blessing of TIPD's dog, Rocky
- Mon., Oct 5 Social Apostolate Sandwich making 4PM
- Weds., Oct 7 School for Disciples 5:30PM
- Thurs., Oct 8 Choir practice 5:45PM
- Sat., Oct 10 Prayer and Yoga on the beach 8AM at 8th St. entrance
- Sun., Oct 11 Southern Cross Sunday

ST MICHAEL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: First mini retreat for women, Mon., Oct. 12, 10AM to noon at Tybee Memorial Park, screened pavilion. The topic is Dignity of Women, with speaker Dr. Nicol Auguste. Lunch \$5 or bring your own. Snacks/water provided. Masks must be worn. Limited to 25 women. To reserve a seat or more information contact Gayle Valbuena, gaylev44@aol.com or 912-657-6811.

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 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.

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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

Respect Life Poster Contest

Entry Categories: Grades 5/6 & Grades 7/8
Cash prizes awarded in each category.

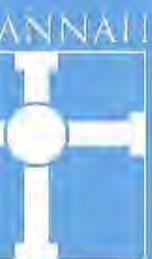
This year's theme is "*Live the Gospel of Life*".

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

Entries due by October 8, 2020.

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

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Rosary Coast to Coast

Join Catholics across the US as we pray for unity, peace, and the sanctity of life from conception through natural death.

October 11, 2020 @ 4 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church, Savannah



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Making Moral Choices

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to dis-qualify a candidate from receiving support.

What Public Policies Should Concern Catholics Most?

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, The USCCB offers the following policy goals they hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect **human life**—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the

imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.

- Protect the fundamental understanding of **marriage** as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.

- Achieve comprehensive **immigration** reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.

- Help families and children overcome **poverty** and ensure access to and choice in **education**, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.

- Ensure full conscience protection and **religious freedom** for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and so enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.

- Provide **health care** while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.

- Continue to oppose policies that reflect racism, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of **unjust discrimination**.

- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of **military force**—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost— with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

- Join with others **around the world** to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

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