St. Michael Catholic Church
Tybee Island, GA 31328

April 25, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 hapragan@hotmail.com
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Mr. Ryan Beke – Music Director

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Parish Religious Formation Program
Fr. Jerry Ragan – RCIA
Ginny Murphy – Faith Formation
Contact the Parish Office regarding PREP

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Pastoral Council President – Carolyn Williams
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St. Michael Council of Catholic Women – Gayle Valbuena
Holy Name Society – Matt Ferry
Buildings and Grounds –Matt Ferry
Endowment Fund – Mike Lynch/Fr. Jerry Ragan

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: **5:00-5:45 PM on Saturday OR by appointment**

St. Michael Thrift Store Hours

Wednesday and Friday 10AM – 12 Noon
Corner of 8th Street and Butler Avenue

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www.instagram.com/stmichaelstybee

May 1 and May 2. 2021

6:00 PM
Lectors: Robin Turner
Altar Servers: Ken Douberly
EMEs: Gayle Valbuena/Jane Bock
Ushers: Betty Dixon/Kevin Cook
Cantor: Ryan Beke

8:00 AM
Lectors: Walker Beeson
Altar Servers: Van Brimmer Family
EMEs: Jerry Shamroe
Ushers: Dana Johnson/Matt Alt
Cantor: Ryan Beke

11:00 AM
Lectors: Maria Scott
Altar Servers: Max Scott
EMEs: Ginny Murphy/Karin Hogan
Ushers: Joe Murphy/Carl Looper
Cantor: Ryan Beke

Fr. Jerry's Corner – April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Forth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus leads and cares for his sheep, eventually laying down his life for them, for us. He protects us from harm. Praise God that in Bishop Stephen Parkes we are blessed with a Good Shepherd who leads us with compassion and cares for our spiritual well-being. But in recent years we know some of our Church leaders have been like hired hands and have failed so miserably in their duty to protect our children.

This is a story of a man who was abused by his parish priest at the age of twelve. He kept it a secret until 2006, when I told his wife my story of childhood sexual abuse. "I consider this moment to be my primary act of recovery. We had been married over 12 years at that time, and I had never told her or anyone my story. I didn't want to introduce, verbally, what I viewed as a sick and depraved history into our marriage. Initially, I thought she would think differently of me, as her husband, as a provider, as a father to our children. Exhausted from the inner struggle, I decided to finally tell her. With tears streaming down my face, hands shaking and heart pounding, I told her.

Yet, Kathy didn't think differently of me. She responded to me with compassion, love, and understanding. To be able to share my story, which I had kept secret for over 30 years, and still feel safe and loved, was such a profound experience. I believe God's grace was among us. Soon after that, I told my parish pastor and with his encouragement and support, I felt comfortable reaching out to the Archdiocese of Chicago, where I began the Independent Review Board process.

Sharing my story has gone a long way to bring personal, heartfelt healing to me and my family over time. Healing our church community overall—and remaining focused on protecting all children from any kind of harm—requires all adults to give permission to children to tell a trusted adult if something happens to them, and it is imperative for the adults to actually believe the child. When I was young, I did not have this kind of permission to tell my parents what was happening to me, and I certainly did not trust their response. As an adult, I've since asked my parents, given how our family was at the time, would they believe me if I told them? With tears in their eyes, they said no, they wouldn't have believed me. They said they just didn't think their friend, especially being a priest, would do such things to their little boy.

My wife and I believe strongly in Catholic education, which is why we sent our kids to Catholic schools. Like so many parents, I supported my children and school by volunteering on campus. I served on the school Athletic Board. To be eligible to volunteer, I attended, along with my fellow parishioners, the mandatory training program, which was *Protecting God's Children*. To be truthful, being a childhood sexual abuse survivor, who was groomed by my abuser priest, and who was intimidated and frightened by his elevated stature within the parish community, I initially felt I had so much terrible experience that I could be the one leading the workshop. I was wrong. The workshop was bigger than me and my personal experiences.

I discovered the goal of the workshop is to change the parish culture from silence to open discussion. I totally support this. My abuser had been able to take advantage and hurt me and other children because parents, staff, employees, and other fellow priests were unable, or unwilling, to talk about it. Knowing my abuser thrived in the silence, I support an open dialogue that can help protect children from harm. Additionally, anyone who is thinking of abusing a child, to be sure, will have to consider the openness and willingness of our parish community to speak up and act. Educating all adults who have contact with children in the best practices of child safety is paramount to preventing the abuse or neglect of children."

Bringing the Gospel Home: How is the Lord calling me to guide, nurture, and care for others?

Fr. Jerry Ragan

PRAYER ANGELS:

The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of April 25th:

- Linda Cleary
-Mary and Paul Gilker
-Anna and Monty Lee

PRAYER LIST: Anna Bryant, David Clark, Ken Colquitt, Margaret Dulohery, Michael Elliott, Charlie Johnson, Lavinia Mattox, Patricia Maxheimer, Fr. Dan O'Connell, Sr. Lourdes Sheehan, Hal Stillings, Teah Stillings, Darrell Tukes, Angie Weidner, Bob Wheat, and Sarah Kujawa Yelverton.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this weekend are for St. Michael's Parishioners.

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

Tybee Island Catholic Women's Club: Invites all women to join them for a "Dutch Treat" get-together at Sundae Café, Mon., May 3rd at 6pm. RSVP by Sun. Apr. 25th to Mary Gilker, 912-713-1793 or mhgilker@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL CROSSES HONORING DECEASED VETERANS: The Catholic War Veterans of Savannah will again be placing Memorial Crosses in the Catholic Cemetery. The Crosses will be put in place on May 26th until Memorial Day. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Thurs., May 27th at the Cemetery. If you would like to honor a deceased Veteran, contact Bart Picasso by April 26th, 912-856-3512, bart.picasso@comcast.net.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: St. John Vianney Vocations Ministry will celebrate a special Holy Hour, Sun., Apr 25th from 3pm to 4pm at the Pastoral Center, 2170 E. Victory. Bp. Parkes will preside. Can't be there in person? Join via zoom, https:us02webzoom.us/j/86525512953?pwd=TTI4dGZ4RDM5V3FZSXhGblZNMWRjUT09 Mtg ID: 865 2551 2953, Passcode 794429

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf." See John 10:12

Parish Giving

April 18, 2021

Yearly Offertory Budget	$ 324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed	$ 6,230.77
Collected Offertory	$ 5,324.00
Same Time Last Year	$ 4,970.00
Budgeted YTD	$ 261,692.34
Collected YTD	$ 326,370.19
Same Time Last Year (YTD)	$ 289,089.79
ACA (2020 Goal)	$ 30,583.00
ACA (Pledged to Date)	$ 4,250.00
ACA (Paid-One Time/Pledges)	$ 34,630.85

Masses For The Week

Sat. Apr 24	6:00 PM	† Mary Jane Driscoll Miller (A)
Sun. Apr 25	8:00 AM	The Parish
	11:00 AM	† Katie Orr
Mon. Apr 26	8:00 AM	† Msgr. John Kenneally
Tues. Apr 27	8:00 AM	Healing of George Smith
Wed. Apr 28	8:00 AM	† Msgr. John Kenneally
Thurs. Apr 29	8:00 AM	† Mitzie Bernstein (A)
Fri. Apr 30		No Service
Sat. May 1	6:00 PM	† Parents of William and Susan Woodcock

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun,, Apr 25	Francis Fraternity Meeting 9:45am
Wed. Apr 28	School for Disciples 5:30pm
Thurs., Apr 29	Choir Practice 5:45pm
Sat., May 1	Prayer Movement 9am

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: St. Michael's Council of Catholic Women invites all women to join us for a special sunrise rosary. Fri., May 7, 2021 at 6:15 am on the pier. Sunrise is at 6:32 am. We ask Mary for help, let us show Mary our love. A breakfast and fellowship will follow on the pier. Please let us know if you would like to come so that we can prepare enough food. Gayle Valbuena, 912-657-6811 or gaylev44@aol.com.

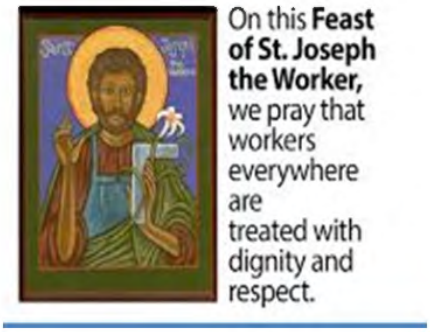
Special Events on the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Parish Clean-up Day
Volunteers needed from 9am to noon

Churchyard Concert and Pizza Party
Honoring the Workers of Tybee
Featuring the Music of Ezer
Starting at 7:30pm

This is the Year of St. Joseph during which the Church is remembering the special role St. Joseph played in the history of Salvation as the foster father of Jesus. Joseph understood the importance of work. He was a carpenter—a builder—and probably taught Jesus his trade. To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.



In his encyclical Laborem Exercens, St. John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work." So, our Faith Community would like to call attention to the exception job that so many workers have done here on Tybee during this pandemic. If you're friends of any of these workers (Tybee Market and Ocean Rescue folks especially), please invite them to join you for the Churchyard concert on Saturday at 7:30pm. There will be cheap beer and wine and pretty good pizza for them to enjoy while listening to the great music of Ryan and Tasha Beke.

We originally thought of honoring the Public Works Department but so many of them live off the island and may not want to come back on a Saturday night. So, Betty Jayne Hendrix is organizing a special lunch for them next week. Call her if you'd like to help.

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

In their 2000 pastoral letter *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration*,* the bishops of the United States called the faithful to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes into account the dignity of crime victims and their families, communities, and offenders.

The Catholic Home Missions–funded Diocese of Santa Rosa is answering this call for an approach that upholds justice and healing in its six counties of northwestern California, stretching from Napa in the south along the coastline to the Oregon border. The diocese's Catholic Restorative Justice Ministries program (*www.restorejusticesantarosa.org*) works to fulfill the bishops' vision through a variety of activities that include support for inmates reentering society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. The program's broad range of goals are being implemented, expanded, and refined yearly with financial assistance from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.

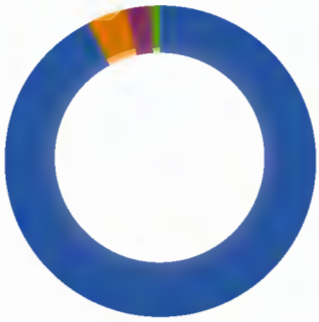
* To read this letter online, visit *www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm*.

Support CHMA and strengthen the Church at home.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit *www.usccb.org/home-missions*.

What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.



CHMA FINANCIALS 2019

Totals by Program Area

• Diocesan and Parish Assistance:	$3,615,000
• Faith Formation:	$2,430,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations:	$2,125,000
• Cultural Ministries	$940,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	$840,000
• Professional Development for Mission Dioceses	$163,150
• New Bishop Installation Support	$156,000

• Grants and Donations:	92.46%
• Program Costs:	3.96%
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses:	2.73%
• Administrative Expenses (Including Internal Grants):	0.86%

Total Expenses Including Internal Grants: $11,261,121

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