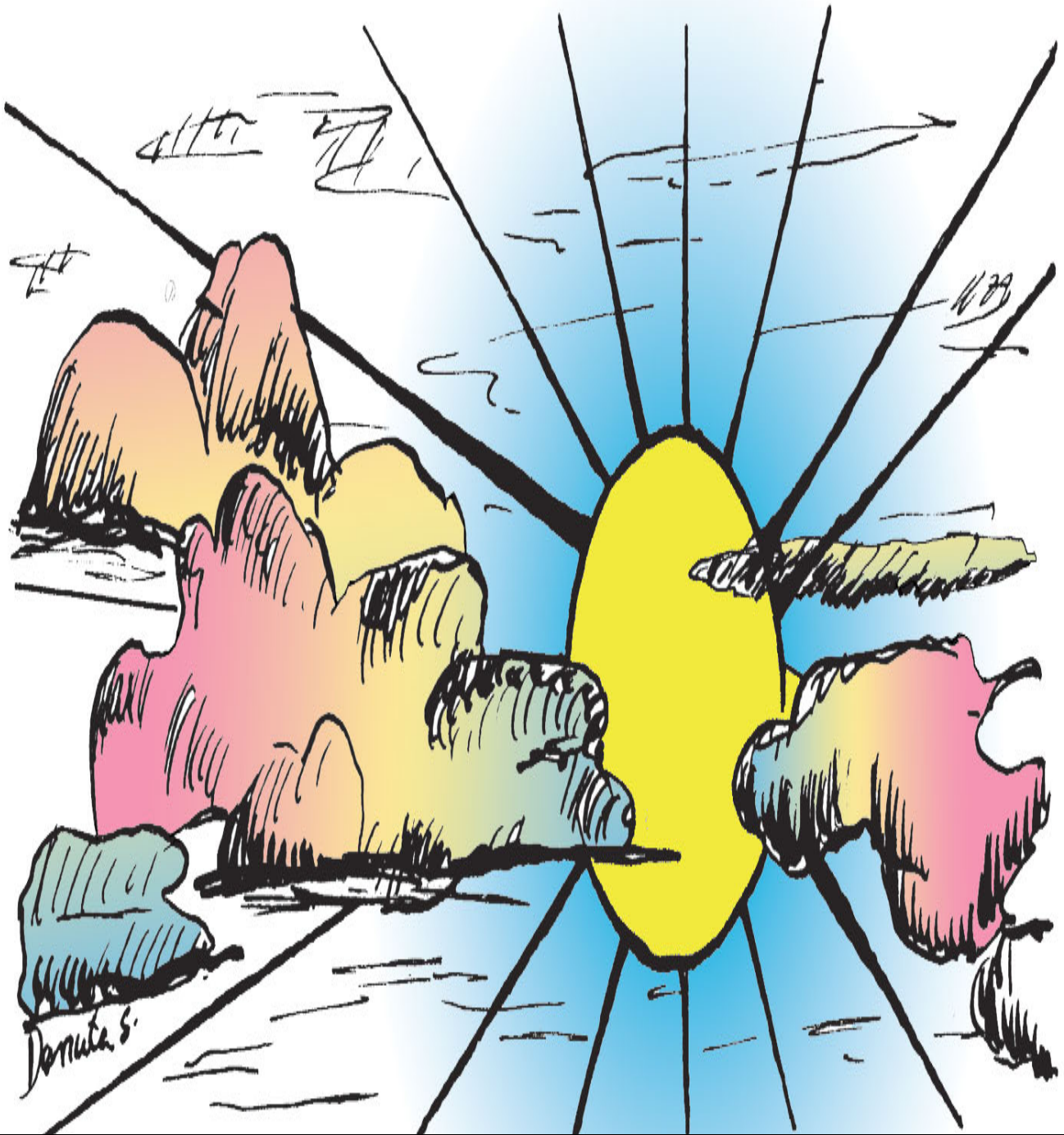
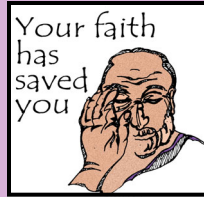


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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2015
TRUE BLINDNESS**

Bartimaeus caused a stir. Normally he sat by the side of the road being a “good blind beggar.” But one day Jesus passed nearby. Bartimaeus jumped up and called out to Jesus. We can imagine him turning toward the direction of the commotion and noise. Bartimaeus probably had his arms outstretched as he shouted out to the son of David.

The people who knew him were embarrassed by his outburst. They tried to hush him up and get him to sit back down by the roadside. Their actions spoke volumes: “Bartimaeus, you’re not fit for Jesus.” But it was okay for them and other “sighted” people to follow Jesus. In today’s readings, we learn that true blindness is not a condition of our eyes but of our hearts.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (**Jeremiah 31:7-9**).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (**Psalm 126**).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (**Hebrews 5:1-6**).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (**Mark 10:46-52**).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the tangled but fascinating history of penance in the Church, the Irish “tariff” system helped us survive the collapse of the old system of public canonical penance and prepared the way for a new system that emerged in the twelfth century. The old form was unrepeatable, public, dealt with serious community matters, and regulated by the bishops as chief reconcilers. The new form had a more intimate setting of penitent and confessor, was extremely repeatable, and applied to everyone. The old canonical form was closed to children, who were hardly capable of the very grown-up sins listed, or their demanding remedies. The old form was likewise closed to clerics, who were protected in a sense by the very nature of the discipline.

In the new Irish form the penitent directly named sins, or answered direct questions by the priest. Sometimes, the penitent would recite a long formula accusing him- or herself in a general way of all sorts of sins, even from the distant past. Next, priest and penitent together would lie prostrate before the altar and recite several of the psalms with penitential themes. Finally, the priest would pronounce a judgment, deciding what form and duration the penance should take, normally insisting that the person return for reconciliation once the penances were completed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day
Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude
Saturday: Halloween; Blessed Virgin Mary



“The Lord has done great things for us, we are glad indeed.”

Psalm 126:3

REMINDER: SMMC APPRECIATION CRUISE

St. Michael Men's Club has scheduled a 2 hour Shrimp Festival Volunteer Appreciation Cruise for this Sunday, Oct. 25th for all who worked at the Food Booth at the 2015 Shrimp Festival. Amelia River Cruises will depart from downtown Fernandina Harbor Marina at 5:30pm and return at 7:30pm. **There is a maximum capacity of 90 people for this cruise so participation will be on a "first-to-reserve" basis. Refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$5.00 per person for volunteers and \$10.00 per person for their guests (based on availability.)** The cruise will, of course, be subject to weather conditions. We look forward to spending a fun evening with our volunteers and personally thanking them for their support. To reserve a seat on the cruise, please contact Jack Englert: Jvenglert@gmail.com.

VETERANS PARADE

The St. Michael Men's Club extends an invitation to all Veterans of the Parish who would like to join us in the Parade on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Assemble at 11th & Atlantic - look for our booth (SMMC) at 10:30 am. Questions; call John Megna at 904-277-2143.



FAMILY FALL CONCERT AT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH HALL

The Nassau Community Band will present a concert on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7pm in our parish hall. Light refreshments will be served, donations accepted. Program selections will include: pops, classical and Americana.



CCW ARTS & CRAFT SHOW IT'S TIME TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAYS !!

Come out on November 13th and 14th and show our St. Michael's hospitality to the local artisans at our first annual Arts and Craft Show. What could be better than good food, shopping and entertainment?

There will be BBQ, Chicken Salad and Meat Ball Sandwiches, as well as Beef Hotdogs, Chips and Drinks, on Friday night from 4 -7 and Saturday from 9-4:30. You will be entertained on Friday night at 6:00 by our own Music Department presenting the "Fruitcake Follies". Saturday at 1:00 we will be hosting the "Song Spinners". More info to come, watch the bulletin and save the date!



Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 31st beginning at 6:30 and ending at 8:30 p.m. This event has been opened to the public so we are asking that you come and join the fun! We are now taking reservations for decorated vehicles for the children to trick or treat from. We will have games, food, bounce house, giant slide, contest and lots more. The church campus will be lit up with lights and music from our very own DJ! We are in need of some baked goods for our event. If you can help, please let us know! You can email Lori at bairac2@hotmail.com or Walt at walt@sm youth.org. or call the parish office at 261-3472. You can see more details on our wonderful parish website: www.stmichaelscatholic.com



BAPTISM CLASS

The mandatory baptism class for parents wishing to have their child/children baptized is held on the last Thursday of each month, October 29th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office.

Please call the office to confirm you attendance: 904-261-3472 or Donna: 770-377-0116.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The annual Baby Bottle Campaign will be held next weekend, Oct. 31/Nov. 1. Bottles will be distributed at Church exits after each Mass.

Your support and generosity will benefit needy moms with children (or soon to have children) at several agencies: Life Solutions, Women's Help Center and the St. Gerard's Campus.

Please return bottles with your donations at Masses the following weekend, Nov. 7/8. Thanks for your support.

CAN YOU HELP?

CCW is looking for used jewelry for our craft show. It can be dropped off at the parish office between the hours of 9 - 4:00. Thank you for the many ways you support our group.



**TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015.**



The SECOND COLLECTION on the weekend of November 7/8 will be for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.



One thing is for sure, you leave
with the Christmas spirit!



Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioner, John Soller, and for Matthew Hamilton, grandson of Laverne Hamilton. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



November 21, 2015.
in Mass - Reception to follow
in of Peace Catholic Church
0900 SW 24th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32607

There is no cost to attend, but donations are appreciated.

Register at: www.dcf.org or call: 904-551-2619 by November 13, 2015.

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Rev. Jose Kallukalam, Pastor
Visiting Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Shea
Deacon Art Treadwell

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

Sunday Masses- 8:00 am—10:00 am—12:00 noon

Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment

Daily Masses: 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri.
6:00 pm Tues.

Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 pm
Holy Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

Weekly visits and monthly Communion Services are held at Savannah Grand, Quality Health Care and Jane Adams House. Visits by Priest or Extraordinary Minister can be arranged by calling 261-3472.

MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic ceremony must meet with their parish priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

R.C.I.A.

For those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, call 261-3472.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes are available for grades 1—8. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 491-0180

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Denise Ziegler: 654-3855

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

Pre-K—Grade 8 Principal—Jackie Stewart
Call 321-2102 for information
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St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement

We are the body of Christ at St. Michael's Parish, called to: Gather for Worship, Celebrate the Paschal Mysteries, Preach the Gospel, Minister to Others, Be Witnesses to the World.