

St. MICHAEL

August 9, 2020

Parish



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Sunday | 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Daily (Mon.-Sat.) | 8:00am

Public masses have opened at limited capacity. Please see the website to sign up to attend a weekend mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Reconciliation has restarted in the sacristy from 2:30-3:30PM. See details & Covid-safe procedure inside.

Adoration

Wednesdays 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Our Mission

St. Michael Parish in Exeter, NH, is a Roman Catholic community inviting all people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and His Church.

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PARISH INFORMATION

New Parishioners If you have just moved to the Exeter area, we welcome you to Saint Michael Parish. Please call Gabriel House for the next Meet the Pastor evening.

Baptisms Please contact Deacon Eric at Deacon@stmichaelparish.org or by calling the office at 772-2494 X211.

Communion Calls A Priest or Eucharistic Minister will be happy to arrange a visit. Please call Karen Schalit at Gabriel House.

Healing Prayer For an individual Healing Prayer appointment by a trained Prayer Team, please call Maureen & Steve at 603-929-3934.

Marriages Couples must call Gabriel House for an appointment at least six months prior to the date of their marriage.

Natural Family Planning To learn more, contact Hannah Parent at hannahrose.parent@gmail.com or 339.309.9187

Spiritual Direction for Women Please contact Jan Moran for an appointment 603.770.1578.

St. Michael Parish Prayer Line | Grace at smythfam@comcast.net or Deb @ 580-5067 or debpasno@comcast.net.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Exeter | 772-9922

Community Assistance Center Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am-4pm
 Food Pantry Hours Mon, Weds, Fri 10am-12pm | Mon Nights 7-8pm

Parish Office Hours

The office is staffed to receive phone calls Monday - Friday, 8:30AM - 3PM

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Reservations: Welcome Back!

Attendance is currently limited: Please see the website for instructions on signing up to attend.

Join us to Pray the Rosary

Join us for the rosary at 7:30am each weekday and Saturday morning before the 8am mass. The first Saturday of each month after the 8am will be the First Saturday Devotional Rosary.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8, 2020

8:00 am Dan Leger

4:00 pm Andrew Martin

Sunday, August 9, 2020

7:00 am John A. Yeabower

9:00 am Dorothy S. Baird

11:00 am Garry Cook

Monday, August 10, 2020

8:00 am Olive Kinch

~1st Anniversary

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

8:00 am Ron Rioux

~Living—Happy Birthday!

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

8:00 am Michael Yeabower

Thursday, August 13, 2020

8:00 am Peter Valade

~1st Anniversary

Friday, August 14, 2020

8:00 am Robert J. Dray

~5th Anniversary

Saturday, August 15, 2020

8:00 am Stephanie Carmody

4:00 pm Clara Morissette

Sunday, August 16, 2020

7:00 am Albert Field

9:00 am Robert & Mildred Barrett

11:00 am Melanie McNamara

Sanctuary Candle

*The sanctuary candle
 is lit this week in loving memory of
Robert J. Dray*



WHEN FAITH FALTERS

A reflection from My Catholic Life! Inc. 2020

**Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”
He said, “Come.” Matthew 14:28-29a**

What a wonderful expression of faith! St. Peter, caught in stormy conditions on the sea, expressed his complete confidence that if Jesus were to call him out of the boat to walk on water, it would happen. Jesus does call him to Himself, and St. Peter begins to walk on water. Of course we know what happened next. Peter filled with fear and began to sink. Fortunately, Jesus caught him and all was well.



Interestingly, this story reveals much to us about our own lives of faith and much more about the goodness of Jesus. So often we begin with a faith in our head and have every intention of living that faith. Like Peter, we often make firm resolutions to trust in Jesus and to “walk on water” at His command. However, all too often we experience the same thing Peter did. We start to live the trust we express in Jesus, only to suddenly waver and give in to fear in the midst of our hardship. We begin to sink and have to cry out for help.

In some ways, the ideal would have been if Peter expressed his faith in Jesus and then walked to Him without faltering. But, in other ways, this is the ideal story in that it reveals the depth of Jesus’ mercy and compassion. It reveals that Jesus will catch us and draw us out of our doubts and fears when our faith gives way. This story is much more about Jesus’ compassion and the extent of His help than it is about Peter’s lack of faith.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have had great intentions of trusting Jesus, started down that path and then have fallen. Know that Jesus is full of compassion and will reach out to you in your weakness just as He did to Peter. Let Him grab your hand and strengthen your lack of faith out of His abundance of love and mercy.

A prayer for the week:

Lord, I do believe. Help me when I falter. Help me to always turn to You when the storms and challenges of life seem to be too much. May I trust that, in those moments more than any other, You are there reaching out Your hand of grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
[103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
[1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
[10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-
15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

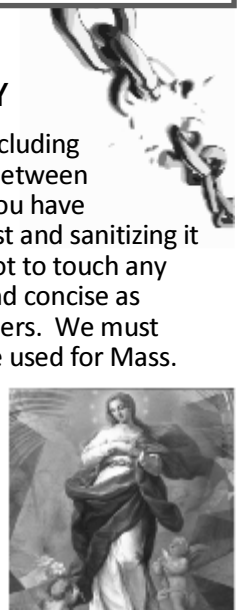
Return to Reconciliation

SATURDAYS, 2:30-3:30 IN THE SACRISTY

Covid safety precautions are being observed, including mask wearing and keeping six feet of distance between yourself and the priest or other parishioners. You have the option of sitting in a chair opposite the priest and sanitizing it afterward or simply standing to confess so as not to touch any furniture. We ask that you please be as brief and concise as possible so we can welcome the most parishioners. We must finish promptly at 3:30pm so the sacristy can be used for Mass.

Special Assumption Mass

We invite you to celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary with us next weekend! Although it is not a holy day of obligation since it falls on a Saturday this year, we will be honoring the Blessed Mother with a special mass at 8 am on August 15th. We hope you can join us!



YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2020

@youth.marymichaelnh



EVENTS HAPPENING ON RECTORY LAWN AT ST. MICHAEL

High School Youth Group: Sundays 6:30-8:30PM

Young Life Bible Study: Mondays 7-8:45PM

Wyldlife: August 20th 6:30-8PM

Remember: COVID safety guidelines apply.

To register for an event or get more info, contact

Becca youth@stmichaelparish.org

Sammie youth.stmarynh@gmail.com

We're excited to see you!

PARISH GIVING

July 26, 2020

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| Envelopes | \$7,677.00 |
| Loose | \$1,059.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$5,191.00 |
| Total | \$13,927.00 |

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Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?
Contact Richard Manix at (603) 772 - 3056
or richardomanix@gmail.com

WWME has gone Virtual!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for 7 sessions on Monday evenings Sept.14 to Oct. 26, 7-9:30 PM.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.



Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more info or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at www.mema.org.

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**1-800-894-5533 or
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