

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rejoice,

your
brother
who was
lost
has been
found

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**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
RECONCILIATION**

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (**Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**).

Psalms — I will rise and go to my father (**Psalms 51**).

Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (**1 Timothy 1:12-17**).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (**Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]**).

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

There will be a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** for the victims of flooding in Louisiana. On the weekend of September 17/18, we are asked to participate in a special emergency collection to help the victims of the recent floods in Louisiana. "Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead." You may also donate directly to Catholic Charities USA.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1- 8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

A PGC class will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. The Diocese of St. Augustine requires all adults 18 and older that come into contact with children through Catholic schools, parish ministries and parish volunteer work, to take the class. This program is part of the required Safe environment program. To register, please go to www.virtus.org and select the class that is being held on September 14th. **You must be registered to attend.**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning 10 am Bible Study group resumes on Sept. 27th in the dining room of the Green House. The Collegeville Commentary booklets on Luke can be purchased at The Book Loft on Center St.—please read the Introduction and Chap. 1 for that first meeting. **Any interested parties can direct queries to Pam Huie at 321-0744.**



9/11 REMEMBERED

Fifteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening sense of God's absence.

How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me.

You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness. We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26). O LORD of hosts, restore us; Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation's agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one's friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

REGISTRATION

If you are new to the area, or moved away and returned, we ask you to please register with St. Michael Church. You may do so by contacting the parish office: **904-261-3472** or visiting our website: www.stmichaelscatholic.org. Also, we are updating our records so they'll be accurate. Thank you for your help.

INTERFAITH DINNER NETWORK (IDN)

The Interfaith Dinner Network is seeking a coordinator for its ministry. If interested please call Steve White at **904-206-6128** for additional information on this very rewarding position.

Quarterly meeting for the Interfaith Dinner Network Signup meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept 13th at 7:00 in the parish hall**. All current members and anyone interested in joining this wonderful ministry are encouraged to attend. Please bring your favorite snack and beverage for a short meeting, signup and fellowship. **Call Steve White at 904-206-6128 for questions.**

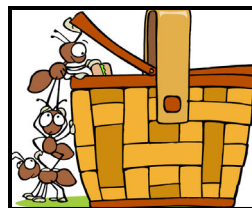
"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED"

A new "Living with Loss" support group is being formed to offer faith-based comfort to parishioners who are grieving the death of a loved one. This is not group therapy, but a lay-ministry support group grounded on our Catholic faith and prayer. The group will meet in the St. Michael Parish Hall and will start in the fall. **For information and sign-up, please contact Mary Berger: 904-686-4513 or email: portia2436@gmail.com.**



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC ??

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call the church office: **261-3472** to register for this year's sessions. **Our first session begins Sunday, Sept. 18th at 10:30am in the teacher's lounge at St. Michael's Academy.**



**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25th
2:00PM - 5:30PM**

**Fun for all ages!
Food, Games, Inflatables,
Entertainment, Fellowship**

THERE WILL NOT BE COFFEE & DONUTS IN THE PARISH HALL THIS SUNDAY, 9/11/2016



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1632	September 4, 2016
Offertory	\$18,628.12
On Line Offertory	937.40
Children's Collection	83.00
Debt Reduction	900.00
On Line Debt Reduction	25.00

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents Day
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom
- Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Friday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
- Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Council of Catholic Women will hold their first meeting for the 2016-2017 season on Monday, Sept. 12 in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments and fellowship begin at 6:30 pm, and the General Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. All women of the parish are invited.



For additional info: StMichaelCCW@gmail.com.



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

“Mother Teresa loved to say, ‘Perhaps I don’t speak their language, but I can smile.’ Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness.”

From Pope Francis’ homily on the Canonization of Mother Teresa, September 4, 2016.



- Sat. Sept. 10 (5pm)** Gary Snyder by Johnelle Snyder
 - Sun. Sept. 11 (8am)** Parishioners of St. Michael
 - Sun. Sept. 11 (10am)** Antonio Bonaddio by Mark & Marie Fenn
 - Sun. Sept.11(12noon)**Michael Rizzo by Mark & Marie Fenn
 - Mon.Sept.12(8:30am)**Stacie Oppert by Joe & Joan Raineri
 - Tues. Sept. 13 (6pm)** Bob Mangold by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
 - Wed.Sept.14(8:30am)**Pat Stores by Bob Stores
 - Thurs.Sept.15(8:30am)**Fred Fedorko by Paul & Shirley Hargreaves
 - Fri. Sept.16 (8:30am)**Jack Flynn by Don & Shirley Cantin
 - Sat. Sept. 17 (5pm)** Jayne Kayser by Norm & Mary Ellen Ledwin
 - Sun. Sept. 18 (8am)** Ray Dixon by Jean & Sharleen LeBrun
 - Sun. Sept. 18 (10am)** Catherine & Fred Nuttall by Mary Nuttall & Margaret Cecchini
 - Sun. Sept.18(12noon)**Parishioners of St. Michael
- Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Weiss, wife of parishioner, Stefan Weiss and for parishioner, Barbara Schoell. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



CATHECHIST SUNDAY

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016 and will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. **Our Catechists will be commissioned at the 12:00 noon Mass.**

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:	5:00 pm
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: Holy Day	6:00 pm 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.

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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—Dr. Christopher Hampton
Call 321-2102 for information
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Website: www.stmichaels-academy.org



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.