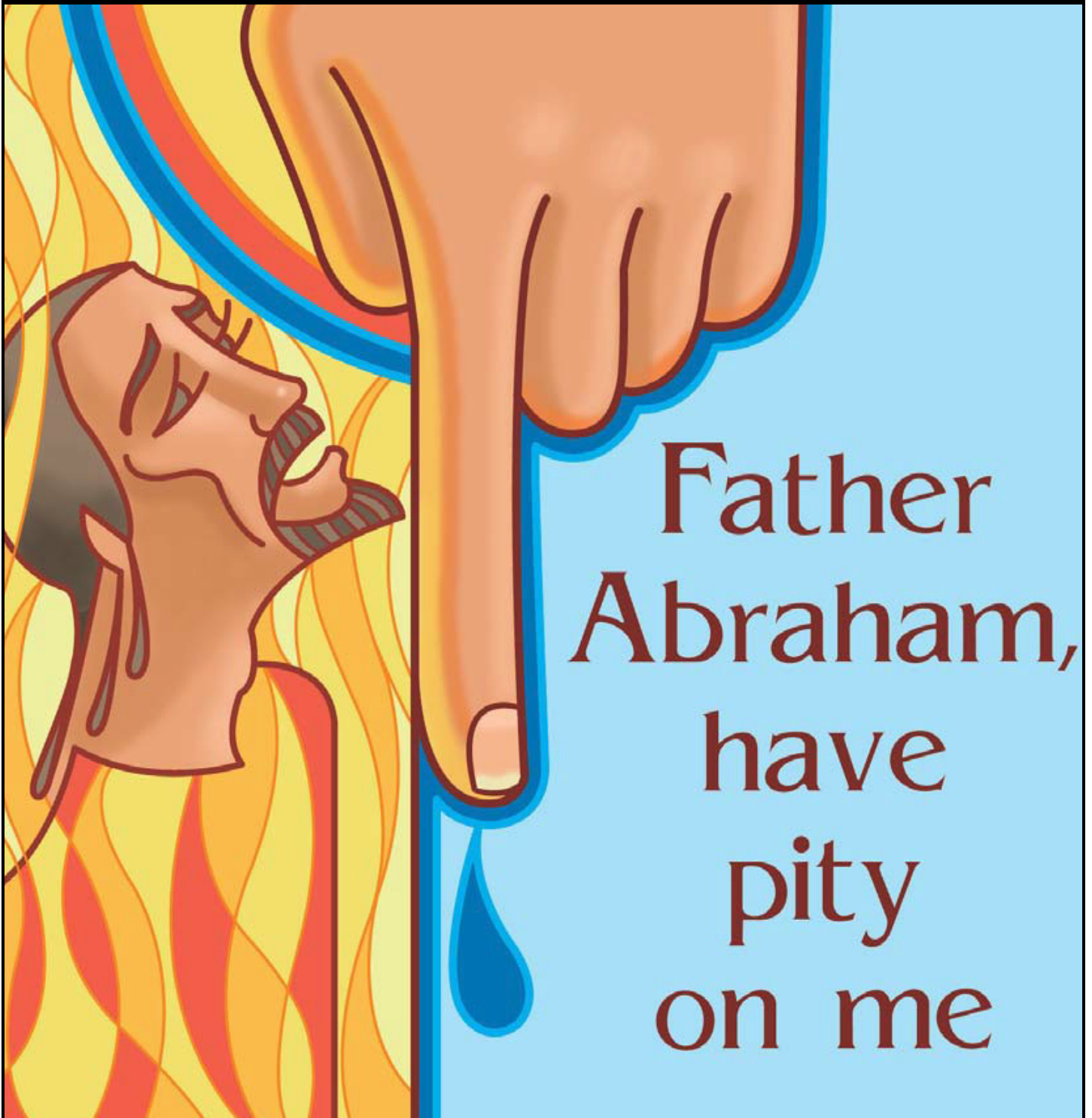


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**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
 LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES**

The message found in today’s readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today’s readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don’t notice their suffering. God’s call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).
Gospel — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We’ve been thinking about names lately, and there is hardly any tradition older than changing one’s name when accepting a new vocation in life. In the time of Jesus, people would normally wait until the eighth day after birth for the naming of a child, partly because of the fragility of infant life, when the eighth day would mark the end of a survival crisis, and also because the elders would look for some clues as to the child’s identity. In Jewish life then as now, it was not the custom to name a child after a living parent; notice there are no “juniors” in the genealogy of Jesus. Remember also how the relatives complained to Zachary and Elizabeth that no one in their family was ever named John. Then there are the changed names, Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, Saul became Paul, Simon became Peter. This spills over into Western culture in many ways, such as British royalty taking new names at coronation. It’s anybody’s guess, for example, whether the Prince of Wales intends to be King Charles II, or become Henry, or Edward, or George if he wishes.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Members of religious orders have until recent years swapped baptismal names for new ones, and the latest pope made a switch as well. Secular life has many parallels, and movie stars like Cary Grant, Judy Garland, and John Wayne might not have shone so brightly as Archie Leach, Frances Gumm, and Marion Morrison. There are some compelling reasons in our tradition for taking a new name when undertaking a new mission, yet also a clear preference for choosing the right baptismal name from the start!

UNRECOGNIZABLE
 All God’s angels come to us disguised.
 —James Russell Lowell

FROM BISHOP ESTEVEZ

Bishop Estévez invites all Catholics of the Diocese of St. Augustine to participate in one of five **“Listening Sessions”** to assess how the diocese has done in implementing a three-year strategic plan addressing the ideas and concerns voiced from the laity during the first listening sessions in 2011 – and to gather input for future planning efforts.

Tuesday, September 27 San Juan del Rio, in Church following 6:30 pm Mass

Monday, October 10 St. Madeleine, High Springs Parish Hall 7:00 – 8:30 pm

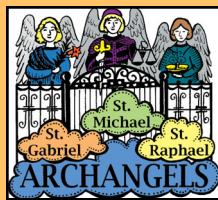
Monday, November 7 St. Matthew Parish Hall 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 9 San José, Parish Hall, Session in Spanish 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Thursday, November 10 St. Joseph Academy Auditorium 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Bishop Felipe Estevez will celebrate his annual Mass at St. Michael on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 8:00am to commemorate the Feast of the Archangels, St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael.

Although St. Michael is always called “The Archangel,” the Greek fathers and many others place him over all the angels—as Prince of the Seraphim. St. Michael is patron of grocers, mariners, paratroopers, police and sickness.



FALL TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE SEPTEMBER 26th

The St. Michael Taize' ensemble invites you to attend a 35 minute program of subdued musical chants and prayers. Taize' prayer is a quiet and easy way of prayer. Feel free to take a “little” time to rest in the Lord and feel the power of His Love in communal song and prayer before we rush into Fall activities. Let the Spirit move you to join us and bring a friend on **Monday, September 26th at 7 pm** in our beautiful church. All are welcome!

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 Colledgeville 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.**

PAPERBACK BOOK DRIVE

The Nassau County Detention Center is in need of paperback books for the recreational use of the men and women that are incarcerated there. St. Michael's was instrumental in establishing the library at the detention center 10 years ago and periodically we supplement the books with new donations. **We will have boxes in the narthex of the church and in the parish office from October 1st through Oct. 9th.** Donations of recent paperbacks having to do with adventure, romance, fantasy, science fiction and spirituality are especially welcome. No hardbacks please. If you have books to donate, but cannot drop them at the church or office, please call Jan Smith at 261-3677 and we will pick them up from you.

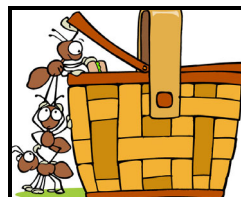


BLESSING OF ANIMALS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Jose will bless your pets on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 9:30am in the area between the church and academy. Please have them on a leash or contained.

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED”

“Living with Loss” lay support groups are being formed as a forum for parishioners to offer faith-based comfort and sharing with each other as they learn to live with the recent death of a loved one. One group will start Wednesday, October 5th, and another group shortly thereafter. (please note the time listed in last week's Bulletin has changed. You will be advised of the time when you sign-up.) This is not group therapy, but a lay-ministry support group grounded on prayer and our Catholic faith. To sign-up contact Mary Berger, 904-686-4513 or email at: portia2436@gmail.com



**REMEMBER OUR
PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25th
2:00PM—5:30PM**

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



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1632 September 18, 2016

Offertory	\$13,302.35
On Line Offertory	1,149.00
Children's Collection	89.91
Debt Reduction	1,290.00
On Line Debt Reduction	65.00
Louisiana Flood Victims	2,746.46

The SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend is for Help Spread the Faith Catholic Communications Appeal.

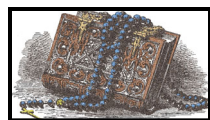
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent de Paul
- Wednesday:** St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
- Thursday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
- Friday:** St. Jerome
- Saturday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVES

- Tuesday Oct. 11th, 7:00 am—12:00 noon WestRock, 600 N. 8th Street.
- Wednesday Oct. 12th, 10:00 am—2:00 pm Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach, 31 South 4th Street.
- Wednesday Oct 12th, 3:00 pm—5:00 pm Lowes, 474283 East SR 200
- Saturday Oct 15th, 9:00 am— 3:00 pm The Fernandina Pirates Club, The Loop Pizza 869 Sadler Road
- Wednesday Oct 19th, 11:30 am— 4:30 pm Baptist Medical Center, 1250 South 18th Street

Please remember to make your donation using the St. Michael's Parish donor number 1674.



**"Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord, Jesus Christ."
—Timothy 6:14**

Masses for the Week



- Sat. Sept. 24 (5pm)** Chuck & Audrey Wagner by Don & Peggy Cooper
- Sun. Sept.25(8am)** Rick Rikard by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Sun. Sept. 25 (10am)** Jim Kehler by Marie Kehler
- Sun.Sept. 25(12noon)**Parishioners of St. Michael
- Mon.Sept.26(8:30am)**Luigi Bresciana by Gloria Bresciani & family
- Tues. Sept. 27 (6pm)** Margarita Duenas Matagolai by the family
- Wed.Sept.28(8:30am)**Joe Reamer by Susan Murphy
- Thurs.Sept.29(8:30am)**Joseph Reamer by Van & Ann Garber
- Fri.Sept. 30 (8:30am)**Ruth Ann Petree by Nancy Ryan
- Sat. Oct. 1 (5pm)** Debbie Mangold by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Sun. Oct. 2 (8am)** Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Oct. 2 (10am)** Albert Fenn by Mark & Marie Fenn
- Sun. Oct. 2 (12noon)** Paul Harmon by Grace Harmon
- Mon. Oct 3 (8:30am)**Maureen Brands by Al Brands

Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book.

COMMUNION SERVICES

THERE WILL NOT BE DAILY MASS FROM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH. ALL PRIESTS IN OUR DIOCESE WILL BE ATTENDING THEIR ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT.

WE WILL HAVE A COMMUNION SERVICE ON THOSE DAYS, BUT NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY, OCT. 6TH.

PLEASE KEEP OUR PRIESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

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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.

R.C.I.A.

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

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes are available for grades K—7. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation on Sundays from 10:30am—11:45am. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 261-3472

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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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.