

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 2, 2016

LET GO AND LET GOD

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase “Let go and let God.” In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today’s readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can’t manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn’t even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God’s hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today’s readings. We come to call it “faith.”

FROM THE PASTOR

Father Gerry O’Shea

All the parishioners of St. Michael know Fr. Gerry as a retired Navy Chaplain, as a friendly and humble priest, as one who could entertain even when he taught and as one who loved the people. I know him also as someone who always was willing to help out at St. Michael’s, never demanding or looking for personal comfort but as one who loved God and His church. His demise is God’s call to eternal glory for the reward promised to the “good and faithful servant.”

His going back to the Father is our loss - a loss St. Michael’s parish will never be able to find replacement for. We all experienced his love, his spiritual warmth and the sense of humor that gave a human face to his spirituality. Naturally our prayers rise up to God so that He may accept Fr. Gerry into the fullness of His glory.

We will offer a Memorial Mass for Fr. Gerry on October 8, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Michael’s church. Let us all come together to pay a fitting tribute to the great priest who served the nation and the community of the faithful in all sincerity, dedication and love. “Grant eternal rest unto him, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon him.”

Parish Picnic

Last Sunday we all came together to celebrate the joy of our parish family in connection with the feast of our Patron St. Michael. It was an awesome celebration of love, fellowship and unity. The great food, the variety of games, the uplifting entertainment and above all the wonderful fellowship of the people created a festive atmosphere that everyone enjoyed. Both the efficient organization of the entire event and the great participation of people made the celebration outstanding.

I congratulate and thank the leadership and all the volunteers, children, adults as well as the elderly, for their dedication, good will and hard work. This is the greatness we set as our goal through the renewal and the ongoing pastoral plan. May God continue to bless all our efforts to build up the community of the People of God.

Fr. Jose Kallukalam

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5777) begins at sunset

Tuesday: St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Friday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. GERRY O'SHEA

The Memorial Mass for Fr. Gerry will be at St. Michael's on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 10:00am.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



ST. MICHAEL SHRIMP FESTIVAL APPRECIATION CRUISE

For those who helped with the Shrimp Festival, our riverboat appreciation cruise will be Monday, October 24th.

We will board at the docks at 5:00pm and depart at 5:30pm. The price for the volunteers is \$5.00 and guests are \$10.00 (if space is available.) **To make your reservations, only email : jvenglert@gmail.com.**



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Bring your pets and let us 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.

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.

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

“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. 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. **Contact Mary Berger, 904-686-4513 or email at: portia2436@gmail.com.**

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.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH
Preach always; if necessary, use words.
—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1632 September 25, 2016

Offertory	\$19,144..21
On Line Offertory	1,834.00
Children's Collection	65.50
Debt Reduction	833.00
On Line Debt Reduction	385.00
Help Spread the Faith Catholic Communications Appeal	\$1,891.00

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.



Special items available to consider for the month of October ...

Rosaries and other devotional items honoring Mary and St. Francis:

Rosaries, Chapel/Hurricane Candles, Pocket Coins, Holy Cards, Inspirational Journals, Holy Water Fonts, Pet Medals, Statues and more...Remember, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Reciting the rosary is the best method of honoring Mary.

See you at the Gift Shop...

WELL-READ?

When the day of judgment comes, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done.

—Thomas à Kempis

Masses for the Week



- 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.

PLEASE ATTEND OUR COMMUNION SERVICES ON THOSE DAYS. THERE WILL NOT BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY, OCT. 6TH.

PLEASE KEEP OUR PRIESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Please join us this fall as we begin "ARISE Together in Christ: Encountering Christ Today". Small groups meet weekly at various days and times to deepen our relationship with Jesus, grow in our faith and share it with others. The 6 week program will start at the end of October. **Sign up after all Masses on Oct 22 & 23 or contact Todd Broad (904) 261-5979**



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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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: 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—7. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation on Sundays from 10:30 am—11:45 am. 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
Email: smacad@smacad.org
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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.