

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Mission

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
And be Witnesses to the World.

Our Vision

Enhance our Worship Experience
Reach out to Members and Community
Energize and Evangelize our Parish.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

*Eucharist - The Body, Blood, Soul and
Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

WHAT IS THE EUCHARIST?

The Sacrament of the Eucharist completes the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our Christian life. The Eucharist is a sacrifice and a sacred meal. The Body and Blood of Christ provide us with spiritual nourishment. Notes from the Pastor-- In the General Instruction of the Roman Masses (GIRM) it states: "When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood." To become a Eucharistic Minister, please call the Parish Office for more information at 904-261-3472.



Faith and Traditions

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you're visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the "when in Rome" rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a "metasis," toward the altar—bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ's presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar's significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

Saturday	May 20	5pm	Joe Reamer by Sue Riegler
Sunday	May 21	8	Denise Scheffer by St. Michael's Choir
Sunday	May 21	10	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sunday	May 21	12	Everett Howard by his family
Monday	May 22	8:30	Madeline Bender O'Dell by David & Elaine Bender
Tuesday	May 23	6pm	Nancy Moody by Tom Moody
Wednesday	May 24	8:30	Bill Lauerman by Liz Lauerman
Thursday	May 25	8:30	Marty Ahearn by Marge Hampton
Friday	May 26	8:30	Margarita Matagolai by the family
Saturday	May 27	5pm	Rankin Morris by David & Sally Fulford
Sunday	May 28	8	Nancy Moody by Tom Moody
Sunday	May 28	10	Andy Hammer by the 10:00 Contemporary Choir Ensemble
Sunday	May 28	12	Parishioners of St. Michael

The SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, May 27/28/2017 will be for the Trinity Dome Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)
Thursday:	The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday) Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday:	St. Philip Neri
Saturday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury

Daily Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (**Psalm 66**).

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (**1 Peter 3:15-18**) or **1 Peter 4:13-16**.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (**John 14:15-21**) or **John 17:1-11a**.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



Coming Events

CO-OP Mission

This weekend, May 20/21, 2017, we will have a visiting mission priest who works with the archdiocese of Yaounde/Cameroon in Africa. Fr. Mat Abina has worked there for a number of years and although faced with many challenges, much has been accomplished, but there is still much more to do. A new program has been created called "The Poor Too Are God's Children." We look forward to Fr. Abina's message of this mission.

Some programs they hope to sponsor include: Faith Formation or Evangelization, repairs to their St. Joseph Catholic school, building a hospital and educating people on how to prevent illnesses, and water projects to reduce water borne diseases.

We welcome Fr. Abina and look forward to hearing some of his experiences and challenges he's had over the years.

Ministry RCIA

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Is living the Catholic faith what you are seeing? Would you like the opportunity to speak with someone about the path to Catholicism? We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30–7:30pm in the Teachers' Lounge at St. Michael Academy.

For those who would like to become Catholic, we will meet on Sundays, from 8:15–9:45am beginning on August 6th at the same location. Please call 261-3472 to register or for more information.

Ministry & Organization News



Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

At the last regular meeting for the year, the existing board members were re-elected and agreed to serve a second term:

Karen Selkirk	President
Jackie Martin	Vice President
Donna Walters	Recording Secretary
Kathy Szabo	Treasurer
Sherry Pulsinelli	Corresponding Secretary

Congratulations to all. Regular meetings will resume in the fall.

Vacation Bible School



July 17 -21, 2017



Save the dates for St. Michael's VBS. God has a message for you! Can you hear it? Samuel heard it during the middle of the night. Mary heard it through an Angel. The disciples were hard at work when they heard it. The all heard God's special message just for them! This VBS program will be in the evenings beginning at 6:00 and ending at 8:15 pm in the parish hall. Come be a part of our VBS team. If you are interested in helping us prepare for VBS and would like to be a part of our team, please email Lori at lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com.

Financial Update

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Registered Families	1645
Offertory	\$ 17,491.03
Children's Collection	\$ 137.43
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,816.00
Parish Hall & Church Expansion Debt	
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Debt Reduction	\$ 1,816.00
Remaining Debt	\$ 1,744, 159.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 2,165.75

Have you considered online giving? Did you know many parishioners regularly give gifts of stock and real estate to support St. Michael.

Contact Walt Edwards today in the Parish Office at (904)261-3472

Leaving a Bequest to Your Parish

For many people, thinking about their will can make them feel uncomfortable, but a will is an opportunity to leave a legacy and make a difference. Your will enables you to provide for your family, friends, loved ones and any cause you support. Your will can ensure the future financial well being of your family and other people you wish to benefit. Our parish has many different missions within the community including helping the sick, seniors, families, and supporting the academy. A bequest to your parish can create lasting change in people's lives. Remembering our parish in your will assist the Church to continue making positive changes to people's lives every day. You can make a difference.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Lector **5:00pm Mass**
Maliwauki

Ushers
Lauerman, Veiser, Delaney

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Brooke, Dexter, J. Elwell, M. Elwell, Fillion,
D. Krohn, MM Krohn

Altar Servers
Biagini, Lucey, Venerdi

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Lector **8:00am Mass**
Hill

Ushers
Lunt, Miller, Moore

Extraordinary Ministers
Grubesky, Harbin, Hippler, Kreger, Pulsinelli,
D. Shripka, H. Shripka

Altar Servers
Oden, White

Lector **10:00am Mass**
Stoffel

Ushers
Holmes, Livingston, Schweitzer

Extraordinary Ministers
Deacon Art, Coleman, Fuller, Hagerty, Howard,
M. Schweitzer, S. Schweitzer

Altar Servers
Bogush family

Lector **12:00 Mass**
Mason

Ushers
Clarke, Hebert, P. Miller

Extraordinary Ministers
Caserta, P. Gosnell, V. Gosnell, Janzen, C. Lendry,
S. Lendry, Maddox

Altar Servers
C. VonMohr, S. VonMohr, Tita



St. Michael Gift Shop

Hours of Operation

Sunday 9am - 1:30pm

Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday 4:30pm to 6:30pm

OUR PARISH IN ACTION



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH

MAY 13, 2017

Aidan Broad, Sophia Schriver, Landon Alexander, Michael-Paul Bauer, Logan Morse, Ian Wilkings, McKayla Pollack, Quinn Poechmann, Gabrielle Schriver, Evie Wissinger, Alyssa Neal, Riley Ham-bicki, Greyson Street, Jacob Bonic, Amy Wagnern, Emma Godek, Kendall Doratio, Matilda Tyndall, Delilah Stephenson, Paul Duffy, Jacob Kovalcik, Sebastian Benavidez, Augustina Monaco.

Parish Directory

Pastor

Fr. Jose Kallukalam

Deacon

Deacon Art Treadwell

Parish Pastoral Council

Mr. Jake Gosa, Chairman

Parish Finance Council

Mr. Jan Smith, Chairman

Parish Staff

Jeanne Dean, Secretary

Lori Kennedy, Director Religious Formation

Walt Edwards, Business Manager

Patty O'Neill, Bookkeeper

Denise Ziegler, Director of Music

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Parish Fax

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Parish Website Address

www.stmichaelscatholic.com

St. Michael Academy

Dr. Chris Hampton, Principal

Academy Website Address

www.smacad.org

Parish Information

Would You Like to Join St. Michael Parish?

To join St. Michael Catholic Church and to register your email address, to receive parish information and updates, please chose one of the following:

Via Email –

lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com

Register Online –

www.stmichaelscatholic.com

By Phone -

(904)261-3472

In Person -

505 Broome Street., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office by email or by phone to arrange a visit from a Priest or Extraordinary Minister.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office by phone to arrange for a Baptism and requirements.

Matrimony

Couples seeking information on marriage preparation and available date should contact the Parish Office by email or by phone to meet with a priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Persons interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are encouraged to contact the Parish Office by email or by phone for more information on our RCIA process.

Religious Formation

Persons interested in Adult, Youth or Young Adult formation programs should contact the Director of Religious Formation by phone or email at:

lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com.