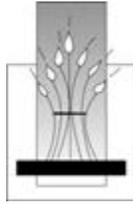


**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, November 19, 2017**  
**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died**  
 Theresa Kim

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:**  
 Peter Stchur, Irma Vidal, Tim Paternostro,  
 Bill Regal, Michelle Demeo, Diana Palumbo, Rose DeSantis,  
 Edmond DeSantis Jr., Susan DeSantis, Domenick DeFeo, Fr.  
 Leo Carey, Pat Leone, Beth Courter, Bill Hancock, Bruce Hill,  
 Diane Grzymko, Pauline Milone, Chet Verdi Sr., Chet Verdi Jr.,  
 Jim Rogalo, Doug Ernst, Deborah Kelly, Marie Simmons,  
 Marjorie Hancock, Jordyn G., Karlene Yaple, Jeanne Rattner,  
 Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom, Mike Loretta, Samantha Weckter,  
 Patrick Devine, Veronica Marks, Isabelle Exile, Elaine Grogan  
 Fiorello, James Burns, Lisa Deritter, Helen Newstead

**Weekly Memorials**  
**Altar Bread and Wine: Pauline Flynn**

**Weekly Devotions**

Monday:..... Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday:..... Rosary Group 7:30 pm  
 Friday:..... Divine Mercy 3:00 pm  
 Saturday:..... Rosary (after 8 am Mass) 8:30 am

**Readings for the week**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6;

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Arlene Tully

5:00 p.m. Eleanore Sylvester, Vincent DiBernard

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Jeanette DiRenzo, Eleanor Sylvester

8:45 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church

10:30 a.m. Rita Phillips

12:00 p.m. Josephine Ferrer

1:30 p.m. Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar

**Monday, November 20, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Celeste Danisavich

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church

**Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Mary Brodo

**Thursday, November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention, Jack Norgard,

Richard DiRenzo

**Friday, November 24, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Saturday, November 25, 2017**

8:00 a.m. The Esposito Family

5:00 p.m. Tom Clark

**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan, Louis & Alice Esposito

8:45 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. John Wolcott

12:00 p.m. Celeste Danisavich

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING  
 ST. MICHAEL’S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH  
 SINCE 1988.

**Sunday 11/12/17                      \$6,912.45**

**Repair & Renov                              \$77.00**

**No More 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection              \$325.00**

*To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.*

*Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.*

***Please pray for our Diaconate Candidates –  
 Russ Raffay and John Meyer***

**Next Healing Mass**  
**Tuesday, November 28th at 7pm,**  
**Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm**

## From Fr. Michael



Mother Teresa told this story in an address to the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994. “One evening several of our Sisters went out, and we picked up four people from the street. One of them was in a most terrible condition. So, I told the other Sisters, “You take care of the other three: I will take care of this one who looks the worst.” So, I did for the woman everything that my love could do. I cleaned her and put her in bed, and there was such a beautiful smile on her face. She took hold of my hands and said two words in her language, Bengali: “Thank you.” Then she died. I could not help but examine my conscience. I asked myself, “What would I say if I were in her place?” My answer was simple. I would have tried to draw a little attention to myself. I would have said, “I am hungry, I am dying, I am in pain.” But the woman gave me much more; she gave me grateful love, dying with a grateful smile on her face. It means that even those with nothing can give us the gift of thanks.”

May we grow in being grateful and learn to express our thanks daily: to God for his blessings; to our parents, living and deceased; to our relatives and friends for their support and encouragement; to our priests, deacons, teachers, doctors, those in the military, for first responders, police, firefighters, government officers, for the service they render us.

### *Simple things to be thankful for:*

“I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I am blessed with friends.

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.

I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have had enough to eat.

I am thankful for my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.

I am thankful for all the complaining I do about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.

I am thankful for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.”

I am thankful for my big heating bill because it means I am warm.

I am thankful for the lady behind me in church who sings off-key because it means I can hear.

I am thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.

I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means I am alive.”

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

### Parish Council

Are you interested in serving your parish family in the capacity of being on the Parish Council?

Purpose: To assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, Faith Formation and service activities within the parish.

Objectives: To assess adequately the needs of the whole parish and its members, and to develop and implement a pastoral plan which will promote the common good of the parish. To foster unity and a sense of community in the parish and to coordinate all parish activities in a manner that will best serve the interests of the parish.

Process: From a list of nominees, six people will be voted in and two people will be appointed.

If you think you might be interested, please email your name to Fr. Mike at [Fr.Mike@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:Fr.Mike@stmichaelnetcong.org) or call the parish office at: 973 347 0032.

Thank you for your desire to serve your parish family.



### Town Hall

On Thursday, November 30th at 7:00pm, Saint Michael Parish Community will be hosting its First “Parish Night” in Msgr. Trappaso Hall. On behalf of the parish, I cordially invite you to join us as a people of faith to share our concerns, goals, inspirations and plans for the future of our church. All registered parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting; the only things that you need to bring with you are an open mind and a charitable heart.

There will be an opportunity to either ask questions in person or you may also just write them down on an index card, which will be read aloud during this meeting. I look forward to hearing from you, the faithful parishioners of

Saint Michael Church, about our church and what you think we should be thinking about in the years to come. If you are not able to make this meeting and would like a question read aloud, please feel free to email me at: [fr.mike@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:fr.mike@stmichaelnetcong.org) with any questions or comments.

I look forward to hearing your great ideas, enthusiastic spirits and prayerful suggestions.

## 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### *In Giving, We Receive*

This time of year, as our nation plans to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme - *In Giving, We Receive* - your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org).

### Midnight Run to NY

Saturday, December 2nd

Items needed – mens white and colored tshirts,  
mens boxers, womans underwear, socks,  
sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets.

Sizes needed for both are

M, L, XL, XXL.

Winter hats, sneakers, boots,  
backpacks, sleeping bags and blankets.

Please bring items to the parish office

Mon – Thurs 9-3.

Thank you!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### Religious Education Reminders

#### Children's Choir:

- Choir practice: TODAY--starting at 11:15 running until 12. Practice is cancelled next week; we will have practice on 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17 11:15 am-12 pm (if you are going to the 12 pm mass let Mrs. Rogalo know and we can dismiss your child earlier)
- Choir will sing at these masses in Dec.: 12/10 at 8:45am and 12/24 at 5 pm.

**Gr. K-6:** There are no sessions next week, 11/26. We will resume our sessions on 12/3.

#### Confirmation Prep

- **Next sessions:**
  - Con I., 12/3, 4-6pm, Msgr. Trapasso hall
  - Con. II, 12/3, 8:30-10:30, RECTORY basement
- **Confirmation II:** Saint report due Nov. 30 for any teen who did not participate in the Family Faith Hall of Saints project on 11/12

#### First Reconciliation Morning of Reflection:

For children in Gr. 2 and Mrs. Tardive's Sacramental Prep class:

- Sat., Dec. 2, 9:30 am-11:30 am. Please arrive at church by 9:20 am. An adult is to accompany each child/set of siblings.

## From Fr. Henry

This coming Thursday, November 23th, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a day when the smell of turkey will soon fill our homes and the tables will soon be set for the Feast, a day in which most families, friends, and neighbors gather to express their gratitude for health, happiness and life together, but also a day in which an entire Nation, in the beauty of all of its rich diversity and pluralism, pauses as one to love and to give thanks to God for all the blessings received.

Although this Feast has become a "secular" holiday, the celebration is profoundly religious at its core. For that reason the Church calls her faithful sons and daughters to give thanks in her Liturgy. Our celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy is always a call to return to the source of every gift, the God who gave Himself for us. It is through the gift of Himself that Jesus shows us how to live a life of gratitude.

This year, don't miss the opportunity to come to the Church for Thanksgiving Day to celebrate Mass all together and of make this day a day for love and gratitude to God. No matter how difficult the challenges we face, we have so very much to be grateful for. Happy Thanksgiving day.

El próximo jueves, 23 de noviembre, celebraremos el Día de Acción de Gracias, un día en que el olor a pavo pronto llenará nuestras casas y pronto se arreglarán las mesas para la fiesta, un día en el que la mayoría de las familias, amigos y vecinos se reúnen para expresar su gratitud por la salud, la felicidad y la vida en común, pero también un día en el que toda una nación, en la belleza de toda su rica diversidad y pluralismo, hace una pausa para amar y dar gracias a Dios por todas las bendiciones recibidas.

Aunque esta fiesta se ha convertido en una fiesta "secular", la celebración es profundamente religiosa en su esencia. Por esa razón, la Iglesia llama a sus fieles hijos e hijas para dar gracias en su Liturgia. Nuestra celebración de la liturgia eucarística es siempre un llamado a regresar a la fuente de cada regalo, el Dios que se entregó por nosotros. Es a través del don de sí mismo que Jesús nos muestra cómo vivir una vida de gratitud.

Este año, en el día de Acción de gracias no pierdas la oportunidad de venir a la Iglesia para celebrar todos juntos la Misa y hacer de este día un día de amor y

gratitud a Dios. No importa cuán difíciles sean los desafíos que enfrentamos, tenemos mucho que agradecer.

Feliz día de acción de gracias.

## The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

(Patron of the Americas) will be celebrated this year on **December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 1:30 pm Bilingual Mass followed by a reception at Msgr. Trapasso Hall.** This is an opportunity for the whole community of Saint Michael to participate in this beautiful feast of our Lady in our parish.



**We thank you for all your support!** I hope to see all of you at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be Mariachis, food and music.  
*Fr. Henry*



### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

† Thanksgiving potluck and flag football game November 25<sup>th</sup> †  
Come celebrate familial bonds with our youth ministry!

Please contact Shane Suralik and Christina Magrini for team signups  
Food sign ups can be found under the youth ministry tab on website

OR speak to Rachel Nadeau, Adam Hernandez, and Molly Clawson 2pm to 8pm

† Youth Ministry meetings every Monday †  
7:15pm to 9 pm, meeting in the church

ALL registration forms are available on the parish website under Youth Ministry

For more information, please contact St. Michael's Youth Minister, Sarah Cho at [youthministry@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:youthministry@stmichaelnetcong.org)

## ADORATION SIGN UP WEEK

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends and reflect on the blessings of the last year. Many of us experience renewed hope and faith during the Thanksgiving holiday because we turn our eyes onto what is most important. Please try and visit Jesus at the Adoration Chapel for an hour this week, to give thanks and praise.

### **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

"Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen." A BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

### ADORATION OPEN HOURS

Friday	1 am
Friday	11 pm Prayer Partner
Saturday	12 am Prayer Partner
Saturday	4 am
Saturday	3pm
Saturday	6 pm
Saturday	7 pm
Saturday	9 pm

*Thank you and God bless you.*

*Marie Francisco 732-895-7972*

## St. Michael's Giving Tree **Will be here on Nov. 25/26!!!**



The Giving Tree will be located in the back of the church and the ornament tags will be available. We are asking that you **return the ornament tag with the wrapped gift by December 9/10<sup>th</sup>**. God Bless your generosity.

### **THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU!!**

We are currently in need of the following items: prepared pasta sauce (canned or jars), canned vegetables, canned soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, rice/rice-a-roni. Please leave donations in the food pantry bin at the rectory garage.

Thank you in advance for your continued help.