

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, October 28, 2018**  
 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:  
 Ralph Bozza, Michael Costanzo, Andres Avraam

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:  
 Brian Korgeski, Zachary Glut, Tim Paternostro, Bill Regal,  
 Diane Grzymko, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom, Karlene Yaple,  
 Dr. Love, Christine Parker, Mechele Dachisen,  
 Marjorie Francomacaro

Weekly Memorials  
 Sanctuary Lamp  
 Ralph Bozza

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Sunday**  
 Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52  
**Monday**  
 Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday**  
 Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday**  
 Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30  
**Thursday**  
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
**First Friday**  
 Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40  
**First Saturday**  
 Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

8:00 a.m. For All Souls  
 5:00 p.m. Betty DiBernard, Patricia Buckley

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Alice & Louis Esposito  
 9:30 a.m. Matthew & Frances Soccio,  
 Mary & John Ronzo, Mary & Michael Soccio  
 11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Edward F. Flannery III,  
 John J. Ingrassia  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

**Monday, October 29, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Izbiccki  
 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Michael Costanzo

**Thursday, November 1, 2018 All Saints (Holy Day)**

8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners  
 7:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo  
 8:15 p.m. Special Intention

**Friday, November 2, 2018 All Souls**

7:00 a.m. For All The Faithful Departed

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Ralph Bozza  
 5:00 p.m. Toni DiRupo, Charlie Catalano

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Mary Allen  
 9:30 a.m. Lorenzo Messina, Paul Rosato  
 11:30 a.m. Ralph Bozza  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday, 10/21/18 \$7,131.00  
 WeShare \$1,016.00

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*

*Our Next Healing Mass is  
 Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

## From Fr. Mike

Fr. Michael White and his lay associate Tom Corcoran in their book entitled *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter* write about their fundraising experiences:

When we first came to Nativity we didn't think much about money. We had no appreciation for its importance aside from what we could do with it. Nor was there any message for our congregation when it came to giving, beyond "we want more." There seemed to always be a fundraiser going on. As we saw it, fundraisers were an obvious way to supplement our "income" and get stuff we wanted that couldn't be accommodated or justified in the budget. One spring we were trying to raffle off a car, which we had purchased for that purpose. Our initial efforts didn't even yield the sticker price, so we had to keep extending the drawing to sell more tickets. All the while the car continued to sit out in front of the church, a big, bright, shining indictment of how much we didn't get it. In addition to our lack of knowledge and understanding was our own lack of giving. Neither of us ever gave much financial support to the church. We never even considered it. Few others on our staff gave either, and some of our more active parishioners considered their service their offering. Once, during a particularly annoying fundraising campaign, one of our major volunteers declared, "I'm not contributing a dime, because the time I give you has a cash value of at least \$20,000 a year!" The financial strain of the period tempted us to just ask for the cash instead. And, on the other hand, when it came to our personal finances, we were both pretty lost: stupid spending, credit card debt, lack of financial planning, and no savings. These things are not unrelated. A parish we know claimed on their street sign, "We're a tithing parish." Who were they trying to convince? And then they belied their own propaganda because right next to that sign was another one— advertising bingo. Sorry, you can't have it both ways. To host their regular fundraisers, quarterly spaghetti dinners, a small church took on a huge debt to build a church hall and catering kitchen. Their dinners are justifiably famous throughout the community, but, at this point, ironically, they're barely raising enough money to meet their monthly payments on the new construction. A church elsewhere in our region hosts ceaseless fundraisers— big, ugly, labor-intensive fundraisers— one after another. A summer carnival is followed by the fall festival; the Halloween haunted house comes next, then the mother of all Christmas tree sales closes out the season. It's what they do. It's just not what the Lord told us to do. Fundraisers can be fun. They can provide fellowship. Sometimes they're a function of a community's social or ethnic culture, and even a source of pride. As such we respectfully acknowledge their attraction. But, fundamentally, fundraisers are about an exchange of money for something, or the possibility of something, in return. As such, they are a consumer exchange. And often, they are so consummately consumer driven that they almost create a parody of the Church of Christ. Raffles, auctions, silent auctions, sales, dinners, dinner theatre, dances, 50/ 50s, bingo, tuition incentives— none of these is how God teaches us to fund the work of his Church. It's like fruit. Fundraising is all about going for the "fruit,"

plucking it off the branches, shaking it out of the tree, gathering it up from the ground. It is sometimes successful short-term but it is a losing long-term strategy when it comes to church funding. At some point, we'll have taken all the fruit off the tree; we can even damage or kill the tree with overaggressive harvesting (professional fundraisers call it "donor fatigue"). We can go for the fruit . . . or we can plant fruit-bearing trees. These are two very different exercises, leading to two different outcomes. Successful church funding should be about planting fruit-bearing trees— parishioners who are givers. Fundraising raises funds. We should be raising givers.

Raising Givers: Our education actually started with the teaching found in the third chapter of the book of the prophet Malachi. God says to the people of Israel, Since the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, "Why should we return?" Can anyone rob God? But you are robbing me! (Malachi 3: 7- 8a) God tells the people of Israel that he has given them a law to follow, which they are ignoring. Their disobedience has taken them far from him and the blessings he wants to share with them. In fact, he accuses them of robbery. How can you rob God? It is not that difficult. And you say, "How have we robbed you?" Of tithes and contributions! You are indeed accursed, for you, the whole nation, rob me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. . . . try me in this, says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure? (Malachi 3: 8b- 10)

I invite everyone one to prayerfully consider how through our own words and deeds we can encourage a community of givers and plant trees that will be fruit bearing.

### **HELP THE FOOD PANTRY!**

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: **canned vegetables, canned pasta, canned soup, and toilet tissue.** Please leave your donations in the bin outside the rectory garage. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!!

The book of the dead will be near the statue of Our Blessed Mother – please legibly write the names of your loved ones in the book and they will be read at the All Souls Day Mass – Nov. 2 at 7am.  
***ALL SOULS DAY MASS WILL BE LONGER DUE TO READING OF DECEASED NAMES.***

**Calendars** for all programs/grade can be found on the Faith Formation/Religious Education page of the website!

**Confirmation Prep**

- **Con. II session:** Oct. 28, 9:30 am Youth Ministry meeting room (old convent basement)
- **Con. I session:** Nov. 4, 9:30 am Youth Ministry meeting room (old convent basement)
- SIGNED Mass sheets due in Faith Formation office 10/29. Please use the mailbox outside of the office front door facing Church St.
- SUPERGROUP MEETING: For Con. I and II candidates; Sun. 11/11, 4-6:45 pm in the church hall; dinner is included ☺
- **Con. II: SPONSOR PAPERWORK** is due NO LATER than Oct. 30. If this will be a problem, please contact Mrs. Rogalo, 973-347-0032, ext. 5

**NJ Right to Life Volvo Raffle**

Ticket Sales November 3 & 4  
First prize: 2019 Volvo SUV  
Second prize: \$1000 Shop Rite Gift Card  
3rd prize: \$750 Shop Rite Gift Card  
4th Prize: \$500 Shop Rite Gift Card  
Proceeds to benefit New Jersey Right To Life  
Tickets are \$10 each

**Jerry's Video Fundraiser Extended**

Jerry's Video has graciously extended our fundraiser till October 31, 2018. Take advantage of your last chance to get 25% off transfer of your old VCR tapes to digital media. Plus, our church gets back 10% of the cost. Preserve precious memories. Just mention St. Michael's church when you bring in your tapes, films or slides.

Jerry's Video/C & K Photography  
17B Route 183  
Stanhope, NJ 07874  
973-691-2001

FIRST RECONCILIATION/  
FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING:

Sunday, Oct. 28, 6:30pm, church hall. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND (*at least one parent*) as important details about the year will be distributed / discussed! Children do not attend this session.

**Youth Ministry**

† Scary Movie Night †  
Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm-9:00pm

**Permission slips necessary!**

In the youth ministry room, dinner served

† Lock-In †

Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 7:00pm – Thursday 8:00am

Stay up all night through games, faith formation, and praise

Permission slips online

† Friendsgiving Potluck †

Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm-4:30pm

Sign up with youth ministry to bring a dish/platter and play a holy but competitive game of football

† Youth Ministry Meetings †

Every Sunday unless posted

12:30-1:30pm in the school

All permission slips/registration forms can be found online

Calendar for other events and service opportunities can be found on the parish website at [stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry](http://stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry)

**ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration is an invaluable converse with Christ where we learn more deeply of the mysteries of

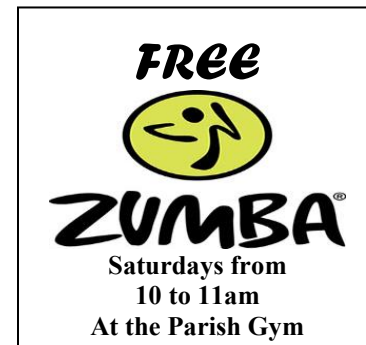
His Divine and human life. (St. John Paul II)

OPEN HOURS Monday 5am, 11pm, Friday 1am, Saturday 4am, 9pm, 10pm, Sunday 12am

Please prayerfully consider filling an open hour. If you cannot make your hour – please find coverage or call your division leader. Thank you!

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Andrea Trapper 973-347-7031



## ¿Qué significa Halloween?

La palabra Halloween tiene un origen Católico, y es una deformación lingüística de la frase "All hallow's eve", lo cual significa "víspera de todos los santos", ya que se refiere a la noche del 31 de octubre, víspera de la Fiesta de Todos los Santos que desde el siglo IX se conmemora universalmente en la Iglesia Católica en los días 1º de noviembre, por instrucción del Papa Gregorio IV.

Sin embargo, la antigua costumbre anglosajona le ha robado su estricto sentido religioso para celebrar en su lugar la noche del terror, de las brujas y los fantasmas. Halloween marca un retorno al antiguo paganismo, tendencia que se ha propagado también entre los pueblos hispanos.

Halloween es visto como "algo normal e incluso divertido" "pero pensándolo bien, desde el punto de vista cristiano, ¿Qué tiene de divertido disfrazar a los niños o decorar la casa con personajes que representan el mal, la tiniebla, lo opuesto a Aquél que es la Luz y que como católicos creemos?". Es así como hace algunos años diversas diócesis, parroquias y comunidades católicas en distintas partes del mundo se han propuesto recuperar el 31 de octubre como la Víspera de Todos los Santos, dándole un cambio radical a esta fiesta con un cauce más positivo, o mejor dicho, más cristiano: retomando el All Hallow's Eve del siglo IX para festejar con niños y jóvenes el llamado universal a la santidad.

Lo que se pretende es sustituir el Halloween por el **Holy Wins** (La Santidad Gana) de una forma creativa, sencilla y divertida, en el que estén presentes las dos cosas que más les gustan a los niños en Halloween: **disfrazarse y recibir dulces**, pero dándoles un auge a lo santo, a lo bueno, a lo limpio, a lo puro; y no a lo grotesco.

Para contrarrestar el efecto negativo del Halloween, proponemos a los padres:

- 1) instruir a sus hijos con un contenido más educativo y cristiano sobre esta celebración del 31 de Octubre, explicándoles de una forma sencilla y clara, pero firme, de lo negativo que hay en la celebración del Halloween y de la manera en que se festeja.
- 2) Haciendo que los niños se vistan de ángeles, santos, princesas, animales o cosas que representen el bien, dejando a un lado las caracterizaciones grotescas.

Es importante que los padres enseñen a sus niños que Dios quiere que seamos buenos y que no nos identifiquemos ni con las brujas ni con los monstruos, pues nosotros somos hijos de Dios.

Vivir de manera correcta la celebración de la Víspera de la

Fiesta de Todos los Santos solo nos puede traer como consecuencia una sola cosa, las Gracias Divinas por medio de la intercesión de Todos los Santos, a quienes rendimos honor y gloria por ceñir en ellos la corona de la victoria.

No celebres el Halloween, celebra el All Hallow's Eve con tu familia, como la iglesia lo ha venido haciendo desde hace 12 siglos.

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Feliz Domingo para todos  
Bendiciones

## Padre Henry



**ROSARIO DE AURORA CAMINADO!!!!**  
**TODOS LOS SABADOS DEL MES DE OCTUBRE**  
**A LAS 6:00 AM EN EL TEMPLO PARROQUIAL.**

### Días de Todos los Santos y Fieles Difuntos

#### 1 y 2 de Noviembre.

1 NOVIEMBRE  
(Día de obligación)

MISAS: En Inglés 7:00 PM  
En Español 8:15 PM

No olvides anotar en el libro de los difuntos todos los nombres de tus seres queridos.



¡Clases de Zumba Gratis en el Gym  
de la parroquia!!!!  
**Sábados de 10:00 AM a 11:00 PM**