

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

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  
 For All Parishioners

**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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday**

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

**Monday**

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday**

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday**

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday**

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday**

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Saturday**

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**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

**Monday, November 5, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Louis Castaldi

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Toni DiRupo

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Ralph Bozza

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Ralph Bozza

**Friday, November 9, 2018**

7:00 a.m. James Taormino

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Michael Costanzo

5:00 p.m. Ronald Costanzo, Toni DiRupo

**Sunday, November 11, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

9:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley, Charlie Catalano

11:30 a.m. Robert Poth, Richard Kuncken

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

**Sunday, 10/28/18**                      \$6,012.00

**Online Giving**                              \$866.00

*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, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

## From Fr. Mike

From the book *Rebuilt*: Giving Is Incredibly Important. As we have studied what others have written about parish ministry, we have been consistently surprised and eventually shocked that money is not usually discussed. Neither does either one of us remember money or giving ever being treated in any of our years of Catholic school education, including seminary. What is Church teaching on giving? What does the Bible say? Who knows? Our experience seems to underscore some serious misunderstanding and, consequently, faulty teaching and preaching, as well as flawed money raising methodologies, in many Catholic settings. So, not surprisingly, Catholic giving at the parish level is abysmal, consistently at or near the very bottom of giving levels among Christians. It is a scandal that dishonors God and belies a certain level of immaturity. Giving is incredibly important when it comes to growing a healthy parish for two other reasons. The first one is the obvious one, which many Catholics blissfully ignore: It takes money to run a parish. You can't turn on the lights, heat the building, or provide programs without it. All your ministry costs something, and lack of giving will cripple or even kill your efforts. Most critically, you need money to pay a church staff. Catholics are accustomed to getting church for next to nothing because parishes and schools used to be staffed with people who basically worked for free. That was a nice arrangement, but its day is done. As we move forward, parishes will be primarily staffed by lay people, the majority of whom will have to be paid. And if our parishes are going to be successful, parish staffers will have to be paid competitively or the best people won't come to us or stay very long. So the issue of parish funding is a serious and increasingly critical one. The failure to get it right could lead to the same kind of financial crisis in parishes that is currently eviscerating Catholic school systems across the country. Maybe that crisis is already upon us. Giving is even more important when it comes to discipleship. One time, a young man approached Jesus about becoming a disciple. He seems to have the right stuff. It looks like he's got it all together— except for one thing. When Jesus says to him, "Go, sell what you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me" (Matthew 19: 21), the man walks away from that advice. Matthew tells us he leaves with sadness, because he had great wealth. And, as far as we know, he never becomes a disciple. Elsewhere Jesus tells the story of the rich fool who is only wealthy in ways that won't last and actually "not rich in what matters to God" (Luke 12.21). Our money and our discipleship go hand in hand. Despite the common misperception, based on so much nagging out of need and a focus on fundraising, this topic is largely ignored in the pulpit as a spiritual issue. Why? Pastors and parish staffs themselves may be poorly educated in what God's word teaches, and may be unconvinced of the spiritual value of giving. Introducing the topic to an equally undereducated and disbelieving congregation will cause conflict. Besides, frustrated and fatigued by so much ecclesial mismanagement and scandal, and the financial calamity they have wrought, many Catholics just tune out. So, it's easier for everyone to ignore it.

Carnivals, Christmas Trees, and Spaghetti Dinners We have nobody to blame but ourselves. Here again, Nativity is a textbook lesson in what not to do, both before and after we arrived. This church began meeting in a junior high school gym. From the outset, pastor and congregation alike set their hearts on erecting a church building as quickly as possible. This is a common mistake, though an understandable one. Church people want to build churches even before they're needed or financially sustainable. Certainly it relieves them of the tedious task of weekly set up in a borrowed space. But more compellingly, the church building defines who they are as a community. It's a mistake to think this way because a community's identity should define it's space. But unfortunately, it's consistently repeated mistake. "Build your people before you build your steeple" (Rick Warren).

### 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!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

### Confirmation Prep

- **Con. I session:** Nov. 4, 9:30 am Youth Ministry meeting room (old convent basement)
- **SUPERGROUP MEETING:** For Con. I and II candidates; Sun. 11/11, 4-6:45 pm in the church hall; dinner is included ☺
- **SIGNED** Mass sheets due in Faith Formation office 10/29. Please use the mailbox outside of the office front door facing Church St.
- **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
- **Confirmation II saint reports:** as per the handout given to you in your folder, you **MUST** do either a written saint report or a live presentation for a Faith Formation class by Nov. 30. Please contact Mrs. Rogalo if you would like to do the presentation for a K-6 group. Email us at: [faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org)

Gr. K-6

- Family Faith weekend of Nov. 17-18. Please make sure you sign your family up for one of the three sessions! You **MUST** return your RSVP slip, email or call the Faith Formation office to reserve your spot! The Family Faith session takes the place of class time on Nov. 18. Mass attendance is still required (any mass that weekend).

**First Reconciliation/First Communion Morning of**

**Reflection:**

- For children in Mrs. DeLuca's gr. 2 class and Mrs. Pintos' special sacraments class
- Sat., Dec. 1, 9:30 am-11:30 am. Please arrive at church by 9:20 am. An adult should accompany each child

**“Our Little Saints”**

St. Michael Church – 9:30am Mass, Oct. 28



1:30pm Mass, Oct. 28



**Votive Candle Stand Memorial**

**For Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Would you like to help us purchase a votive candle stand in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe?

The price of a new electronic one is approximately \$4,000.

For \$100 or more you can have a loved one memorialized.

All donations are welcome and will be memorialized as one community.

Please call the Parish Office.

**Youth Ministry**

† 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)

**St. Michael's Church Parishioners!**

We cordially invite adults (*18 or older*) to consider joining St. Michael's Indoor **Soccer and/or Volleyball** Programs. Games would take place once a week across the street in the Parish gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. Game duration 1 – 1 ½ hrs.



\* Start date: **Pending**

\***Please fill out and submit your completed form by November 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**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



**FREE**  
Saturdays from  
10 to 11am in the Parish Gym  
Donations to church welcome

### ADORATION

*Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)*

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!

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

Andrea Trapper 973-347-7031

### **From Fr. Henry**

#### **ALL SAINT'S DAY CELEBRATION!**

Last Sunday, we celebrated All Saint's Day with the kids at 9:30am & 1:30 pm Masses. This Feast Day will be always a perfect time to celebrate the heroic and inspiring lives of the many great saints of the church and to help your family to know and love them.

In this opportunity, I want to say thank you to both parents and kids for bringing the rich tradition of the saints alive through their reverent portrayal of some of the saints, I am sure that your kids' fond memories of this day will help them grow in appreciation of the saints for the rest of their lives!

God bless you all!

#### **¡CELEBRACIÓN DEL DÍA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS!**

El domingo pasado, celebramos el Día de Todos los Santos con todos los niños en las misas de 9:30 am y 1:30 pm. Este Día de los Santos será siempre un momento perfecto para celebrar las vidas heroicas e inspiradoras de los muchos grandes santos de nuestra iglesia y para ayudarles a sus familias a conocerlos y amarlos.

Esta vez, quiero agradecerles tanto a los padres como a los niños por dar vida a la rica tradición de los santos a través de su reverente representación de algunos de nuestros santos. Estoy seguro de que los buenos recuerdos de sus niños en este día, les ayudarán a crecer en apreciación de los santos por el resto de sus vidas!

De igual manera quiero agradecer a Shirley, Ana, Luzma, Wanda, Saray y Jose, Ana Jenny, Solange, Larissa, Narcisa y a todas las personas que hicieron posible esta bonita celebración con sus regalos, donaciones y principalmente su tiempo y servicio. Dios bendiga siempre su gran generosidad.

Mil Gracias.

Padre Henry

#### **Estimados Parroquianos**

Invitamos cordialmente a los adultos (mayores de 18 años) a considerar la idea de unirse a nuestro programa St. Michael's Indoor **Soccer and/or Volleyball**. Los juegos se llevaran a cabo una vez a la semana en el Gimnasio frente a la iglesia a las 7:00 pm. Duración del Juego 1-1 1/2 hrs.

\*Fecha de Inicio; **PENDIENTE**



**\*Por favor llenar el formulario de inscripción y hacerlo llegar al Padre Henry en las Oficinas de la parroquia.**

#### **DONACIONES!!!**

En honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, continuamos recibiendo sus donaciones para la compra del **Lampadario electrónico** que se pondrá al frente de la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la entrada principal de Templo.

Toda donación es recibida y será contada como "Donación Comunidad Hispana" escrita en la placa de agradecimientos, pero para aquellos cuya donación alcance los \$100.00 o más, su nombre o el de su familia (como usted desee) será escrito individualmente en la misma placa.

Esperamos de su colaboración y agradezco a todos los que ya han venido haciendo su aporte!

Dios los bendiga.



¡Clases de Zumba Gratis en el Gym de la parroquia!!!!

**Sábados de 10:00 AM a 11:00 PM**

**Donations to church welcome**