

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, December 2, 2018
 First Sunday of Advent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Michael Stabile

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, Barbara Poyer, Fred Krause

Weekly Memorials
 Altar Bread & Wine:
 All Deceased of St. Michael Church

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

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday
 Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday
 Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday
 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday
 Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday
 Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
First Friday
 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, December 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. Mary Tognò
 5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Rea Family,
 Toni DiRupo

Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
 9:30 a.m. Patricia Entwistle
 11:30 a.m. Mary Brodo
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00 a.m. Lynn Schuering

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

8:00 a.m. Mike Stabile

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

7:00 a.m. Mike Stabile

Thursday, December 6, 2018

8:00 a.m. Jen Pepe

Friday, December 7, 2018

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions
 7:00 p.m. All Intentions of Parish
 8:15 p.m. Special Intentions

Saturday, December 8, 2018 Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Andrew Chromey
 12:00 p.m. Ralph Bozza
 5:00 p.m. Louis & Alice Esposito,
 Josephine & Anthony Preziosi

Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo, Julie Arbolino
 9:30 a.m. Special Intention
 11:30 a.m. Carmella DeSantis
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday, 11/18/18	\$6,314.00
WeShare Online	\$951.00
Sunday, 11/25/18	\$6,208.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,109.00
WeShare Online	\$991.00

*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, January 29th at 7pm*

From Fr. Mike

Congratulations to the raffle winners!
Thank you to all for participating.
It was a great success.



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

St. Michael's Giving Tree

Is here!



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 wrapped gift with the ornament tag by December 15/16th
God Bless your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Gr. K-6: Sessions resume Sun, 12/2 for Gr. 1-6 and Special Sacraments.

Jr. High: Gr. 7 meets 12/3; 6:30-8:30 pm, church and church hall; Gr. 8 meets 12/10 (mid-year test)

Confirmation Prep

- **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
- **SIGNED Mass sheets** due Nov. in Faith Formation. Please use the mailbox outside of the office front door facing Church St.
- **Next sessions:** Con. I – 12/9 and Con. II – 12/2, regular time and place
- **Confirmation I and II:** Service forms for the quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) due Dec. 31

Children's Choir:

- We will have practice on 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16 11:30 am-12 pm
- **Choir will sing at these masses in Dec.:** 12/9 at 9:30 am and 12/24 at 5 pm.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

Would you like to donate towards
The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?
Please bring your donations to the parish office.
Thank you for your generosity.

HELP THE FOOD PANTRY!

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our Christmas Food Drive: toilet tissue, toiletries (soap, shampoo and deodorant), boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned fruit and cereal. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the rectory garage. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Here I Am, Lord!

As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at www.2018appeal.org. If you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

Birth Haven Donations

We recently received the following letter from Birth Haven expressing their gratitude for the efforts of the Knights of Columbus and the generosity of our parishioners in the support of their work with homeless pregnant girls and women.

To: St. Michael Parish and Knights of Columbus

Thank you for so generously supporting Birth Haven's mission to provide shelter and support to homeless pregnant women.

Your most generous baby clothing, toiletries, diapers and wipes, helps to ensure we can continue to welcome homeless, pregnant women and girls into a warm, loving home. Your generosity guarantees that we are able to provide vital services to those who need it most, including case management and counseling, as well as parenting classes, childbirth education, and our food pantry. A donation to Birth Haven is an investment in the future. On behalf of all our mothers and our Birth Haven babies, thank you!

If you have any questions at all about our program or your contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me directly
Tina Magarino
Executive Director



Youth Ministry

† MARCH FOR LIFE †

Thursday January 17th-Friday January 18th

Stand for those who cannot stand for themselves

Counts as an excused absence from school if you have discussed with your teachers prior to the trip about rescheduling necessary quarterlies, midterms, or homework

\$100 deposit due by December 20th with permission slip

Only 9 spots available

First come first serve

† 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

Knights of Columbus March For Life Bus Trip

January 18, 2018

The bus will leave from St. Michael's upper parking lot at 6:15 am. We will return around 11:00 pm that evening. We will march with thousands of others to peacefully protest the Roe V Wade decision that legalized abortion in America.

The cost of the trip is free to all and is sponsored by

The Knights of Columbus Council 3665 Netcong.

To reserve your seat and for more information call

John Hand @ 973-670-7457.

NJ Right to Life Volvo Raffle

Thank you to all who purchased a raffle ticket. The cause for the protection of the preborn is a daily and constant battle. Please know that your donation will go towards the protection of all in danger of abortion and other life issues. God bless you all.

John Hand

1st prize Volvo

Michelle DeRitis

2nd Prize \$1,000 Shop Rite GC

Nick Menchise

3rd Prize \$750 Shop Rite GC

Suzanne Jaworski

4th Prize \$500 Shop Rite GC

Laraine George

ADORATION

Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!

(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

OPEN HOURS

Monday 5am. Tuesday 6am, 3pm, 11pm, Wednesday 6am, Friday 1pm, Saturday 4am, 5am, 11am, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm, 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

What Is BEST ADVENT EVER?

From Dynamic Catholic

It's a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way—leading to the best Christmas of your life!

To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

From Fr. Henry

APRENDE SOBRE TU FE!

Habiendo culminado un año más de gracia en nuestro calendario litúrgico 2018. Hoy damos inicio con este **Primer Domingo de Adviento a nuestro 2019 Ciclo C**. Como podemos ver la decoración de nuestros templos torna a un nuevo color "el Morado" color litúrgico de este tiempo en la iglesia y además de eso encontramos la tradicional **Corona de Adviento** la cual me gustaría explicar detalladamente su verdadero significado para nosotros como cristianos. La corona de Adviento es parte de nuestra larga tradición católica. Sin embargo, los orígenes reales son inciertos. Hay evidencia de que los pueblos germánicos precristianos usaron coronas con velas encendidas durante los días fríos y oscuros de diciembre como un signo de esperanza de los días cálidos y prolongados de luz solar de la primavera. En la Edad Media, los cristianos adaptaron esta tradición y usaron coronas de Adviento como parte de su preparación espiritual para la Navidad. Después de todo, Cristo es "la Luz que vino al mundo" para disipar las tinieblas del pecado e irradiar la verdad y el amor de Dios (Juan 3: 19-21).

El simbolismo de la corona de Adviento es hermoso. La corona está hecha de ramas de árboles de hoja perenne, (tipo de árbol que mantiene su verdor y las hojas durante todas las estaciones del año), lo cual significa vida continua y el verde simboliza la esperanza. las hojas espinosas nos recuerdan la corona de espinas, y su forma circular que no tiene principio ni fin simboliza la eternidad de Dios, la inmortalidad del alma y la vida eterna que se encuentra en Cristo.

Las cuatro velas representan las cuatro semanas de Adviento, cada semana representa mil años, que suman los 4,000 años desde Adán y Eva hasta el nacimiento del Salvador. Tres velas son moradas y una rosa. Las velas moradas, en particular, simbolizan la oración, la penitencia y los sacrificios preparatorios. La vela rosada se enciende el tercer domingo, domingo de Gaudete, cuando el sacerdote también usa vestimentas de rosa en la misa; El domingo de Gaudete es el domingo de la alegría, porque los fieles han llegado al punto medio de Adviento, cuando la preparación ya ha pasado la mitad y están cerca de la Navidad.

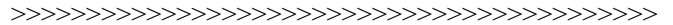
El primer Domingo de Adviento el sacerdote bendice la corona y recita la oración correspondiente al domingo y luego procede a encender la vela de ese día. Esto lo hace durante los cuatro domingos de adviento al iniciar la celebración Eucarística. La

iluminación progresiva de las velas simboliza la expectativa y la esperanza que rodea la primera venida de nuestro Señor al mundo y la anticipación de su segunda venida para juzgar a los vivos y los muertos.

Es recomendable que cada familia practique esta tradición y tenga su propia Corona de Adviento en un lugar adecuado de su hogar. Dado que el Adviento es un momento para estimular nuestra fe en el Señor, la corona y sus oraciones nos proporcionan una manera de aumentar esta preparación especial para la Navidad. Además, esta buena tradición nos ayuda a permanecer vigilantes en nuestros hogares y no perder de vista el verdadero significado de la Navidad.

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Feliz Domingo.
Padre Henry



PROXIMOS EVENTOS

NOCHE DE LAS VELITAS:

Día Viernes, 7 de Diciembre.

Tendremos procesión con faroles a las 7:15 pm. La Santa Eucaristía en Honor a la Inmaculada Concepción de María a las 8:15 pm y finalmente un pequeño refrigerio Navideño.

NO FALTES!!!

RETIRO DE ADVIENTO:

Fecha: sábado 15 de Diciembre, Hora: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Dirigido por el Padre Yohan Serrano

¡El retiro no tendrá ningún costo, pero para al almuerzo compartiremos la comida que llesves!

FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE:

Te invitamos a celebrar la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Emperatriz de América.

Misa Bilingüe Solemne: Día 16 de Diciembre, 1:30 pm, seguida de procesión y recepción en el Salón de los Knights of Columbus.

NOVENA DE AGINALDOS Y FIESTA DE NAVIDAD CON SANTA

Fecha: Del 16 al 24 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm en St. Michael's Msgr Trapasso Hall.

Nota: El primer y último día de la novena será hecha personalmente en sus hogares debido a algunas otras actividades que se estarán realizando esos días en la parroquia.!

¡El Día 23 de Diciembre será la fiesta de Navidad, tendremos comida, música y la Tradicional foto con Santa.!