

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018**  
 Third Sunday of Advent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:  
 Chester DeFelice

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

Weekly Memorials

Altar Bread & Wine:  
 Anna & James Pucci

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

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday**  
 Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18  
**Monday**  
 Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
**Tuesday**  
 Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**Wednesday**  
 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**Thursday**  
 Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday**  
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45  
**Saturday**  
 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 5:00 p.m. Michael Dachisen, Sarah Bennett

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 9:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley, Pell & Buckley Families  
 11:30 a.m. Carol & Peter Dinkowitz  
 1:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast (Bilingual)

**Monday, December 17, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Nicholas Bias

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Mechele Dachisen

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

8:00 a.m. David Weaver, Theresa & Earl Weaver

**Friday, December 21, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Mary & Ernest Palanchi, Necilia Polianchik

**Saturday, December 22, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Bernard & Helen Rogalski  
 5:00 p.m. Betty DiBernard,  
 Eugene, Regina & Robert Trapp

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan  
 9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
 Ronzo & Soccio Families  
 11:30 a.m. Anne T. Keenan, Michael G. Dachisen Sr.  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

<b>Sunday, 12/9/18</b>	<b>\$6,328.00</b>
<b>Retired Religious</b>	<b>\$2,525.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>\$1,346.00</b>

*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 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

## From Fr. Mike

It is without a doubt that the Season of Advent is a busy time, not only preparing our hearts for Christmas but as we gather for feasts and parties which we have to prepare for by checking our shopping list for gifts. Whether its fighting through the crowds at the malls or surfing for some great cyber deals, the good news is that the end will soon be upon us. The parish has been very generous with the giving tree, providing articles of clothing and toys for needy boys and girls, and donating to our food pantry to help those less fortunate and financially challenged families feel more hopeful this year; but there seems to be one person that we are forgetting. The one person whose birthday that we are celebrating.

We are doing all these things to celebrate his birth. Of course, he has grown up and conquered our hearts. The greatest gift that he left us with, we celebrate every single day, the gift of his own Body and Blood. The second greatest gift that he has left us is the gift of the Church which continues his mission and protects the first gift. I would like to ask you if you have given any prayerful thought as to giving to the Church this year? As you may have noticed many things have been brought up to date, cleaned, replaced and renovated. This includes not only the inside of our beautiful church, but the grounds, the parking lots, the new Parish Offices, and the list continues. I am so very grateful for your generosity throughout the years and most especially during the last two years since I have been assigned to Saint Michael Church. Your continued generosity is truly inspiring and moving, as I know that many of you make true and real sacrifices to support your church. Thank you!

If I may, however, I would like to address those that have been giving the same amount for a long period of time. While I understand that many people might not be able to or are not in a position to donate a lot of money (I often think about how our Protestant brothers and sisters must tithe their income to their church, which means donating 10% of their gross income) but that is not what I am asking. What I am asking all of you is to prayerfully consider making a true and real sacrifice for your church. I would like to state again, that I would never ask anything of anyone that I am unwilling to do myself.

Firstly, in prayer; pray for Saint Michael Church. Pray for Her priests, deacons, staff, volunteers, the Knights of Columbus Council and your brothers and sisters that sit beside you at the Mass you attend and the many others which we extend the helping hand of Jesus to each and every day. Secondly, I ask you to give serious thought and prayer to making a financial contribution to the church, like that of the widow's mite from St. Luke's Gospel (21:1-4) when Jesus complimented her giving by saying: "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

So as we draw near to our celebration of the Christmas holyday, let us do so with great anticipation, with great joy, with great gratitude and with great generosity which speaks of our commitment and dedication to our Roman Catholic Church and particular to our local church of Saint Michael here in Netcong. I close and leave you with the prayer taken from the

Book of Deuteronomy: "May the Lord, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you are and bless you, just as He has promised you!" (1:11).

Bishop Serratelli will be celebrating Mass at St. Michael Church on Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Please join us!

### St. Michael's Giving Tree Gifts due back this weekend!



Gifts are due back this weekend – wrapped with the tag attached. Please place them under the Giving Tree. God Bless your generosity.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Gr. K-6:** No sessions gr. K-6 on 12/23, 12/30. Sessions resume Sun, 1/6 for Gr. 1-6; Kindergarten resumes 1/13



All children are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** next Sunday, 12/23 after the 9:30 am Mass in the church hall! Children are free; parents—we ask a free will offering if you can! All are invited!

**Jr. High:** Gr. 7 meets 12/17 (mid-year test) 6:30-8:30 pm, church and church hall.

No sessions for Jr. High on 12/24 or 12/31. Sessions resume 1/7 for Gr. 8 and 1/14 for gr. 7

### Confirmation Prep

- **Next sessions:** Con. II – 12/16, regular time and place
- **SIGNED** Mass sheets for Dec. due by 12/31. Please use the mailbox outside of the office front door facing Church St.
- **Confirmation I and II:** Service forms for the quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) due Dec. 31
- **Service opportunities:** please see the email sent on 12/3 from Faith Formation office or call 973-347-0032, ext. 5 for service opportunity for 12/23

### Children's Choir:

- We will have practice on 12/16 11:30 am-12:15 pm
- **Choir will sing:** 12/24 at 5 pm.

### First Reconciliation

Sat., January 19, 2019 in the Church  
**9:30 am, The classes of Tina DeLuca and Lucia Pintos**





**Netcong Educational Foundation** is offering child care for the three days after Christmas: 12/26, 12/27 and 12/28, 6:30am – 6:30 pm. There is a fee for this service. If you are interested please contact 862-258-7339 to reserve a spot. Services are available to all!

## 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), pasta sauce, canned fruit and cereal. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the rectory garage. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!!

## Youth Ministry

† Christmas Party †

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30-2:30

Feel free to bring a dessert or appetizer to share  
Fun, food, and gift exchange!

Gift Exchange: Buy **\$5 LIMIT** gift (preferably unisex) and bring to party for a random exchange with other youth ministry students

† Christmas Mass Procession †

December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00pm Mass

December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 Mass

We need 1 Mary, 1 Joseph, and 2 angels per Mass to process down with baby Jesus

Please contact Sarah if interested!

Costumes provided

† **MARCH FOR LIFE** †

Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## ADORATION

Jesus wants you to do more than to go to Mass on Sunday. "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (St John Paul II)

### 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

## Adoration Chapel Notice for Christmas

The Chapel will close at 5pm on Monday, Christmas Eve and it will reopen at 9pm on Tuesday, Christmas Day

## 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](http://BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18)

## Pilgrimage of a Lifetime

### Save the date

The itinerary and details for our Pilgrimage to Italy led by Father Mike have been finalized. Our 11 day trip will take place from October 4, 2019 to October 14, 2019. Two weekends were incorporated in our plans so those who work won't have to use as many vacation days. We will be flying round trip on United Airlines out of Newark. We will visit Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Napoli, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, the Amalfi coast, San Giovanni Rotondo of Saint Padre Pio, Lanciano (the site of the oldest Eucharist Miracle certified by the Church), and the Abbey of Montecassiano (one of the best known abbeys in the world. The complete itinerary and sign up forms will be available after Christmas. The price of \$2,975 PPDO includes everything except beverages and travel insurance. We are booked into all 4 star hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner included. If you can't wait to learn more, email Valerie Nichols at [valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org)

Please consider joining us as we explore the seat of our faith and several other spiritual and historic sites.

## From Fr. Henry



### Dear brothers in Christ:

Today the joy of this third Sunday of Advent, also known as "Gaudete Sunday", invites us to rejoice when we light the third candle of our Advent wreath, which means that the coming of the Lord is ever closer.

Today on this third Sunday of Advent as well as the fourth Sunday of Lent, these are the only two Sundays when the liturgy allows wearing the rose vestments as a sign of joy as it is remembered that the joy of Easter or Christmas is near.

Let us light this third candle all together by opening our hearts to the light of Christ, allowing the admirable light of his love to destroy all kinds of darkness in our lives. And today, by uniting this Sunday of joy with the joy of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us go to her who collaborated with the Father's plan, allowing the light of the Lord to enlighten humanity, and ask her to continue interceding for us at this time of preparation.



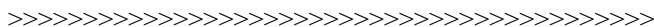
### Estimados hermanos en Cristo:

Hoy la alegría de este tercer domingo de adviento o también conocido como el "Domingo de Gaudete" nos invita a regocijarnos al encender la tercera vela de nuestra corona de adviento, la cual significa que cada vez está más cerca la venida del Señor.

Hoy en este tercer domingo de Adviento al igual que el cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, son los dos únicos domingos donde la liturgia permite utilizar las vestimentas de color Rosado como signo de gozo ya que se recuerda que está próxima la alegría de la pascua o en este caso como lo es el tiempo de Adviento, la alegría de la Navidad.

Encendamos esta tercera vela todos juntos abriendo nuestros corazones a la luz de Cristo, permitiendo que la luz admirable de su amor, destruya todo tipo de tiniebla en nuestras vidas. Y hoy al unir este domingo de alegría con la alegría de la festividad de la virgen de Guadalupe acudamos a ella quien colaboro con el plan del Padre, permitiendo que la luz del Señor ilumine la humanidad, y pidámosle que siga intercediendo por nosotros en este tiempo de preparación.

Feliz Domingo.  
Padre Henry



## PROXIMOS EVENTOS

### *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.!*

### Horario de las Misas de Navidad y Año Nuevo

**24 DE DICIEMBRE:** 5:00pm & 10:00pm en Inglés

No hay confesiones

**25 DE DICIEMBRE:** 7:00 / 9:30/ 11:30 am. en Inglés  
1:30 pm. En Español

**31 DE DICIEMBRE:** 5:00 pm. En Inglés  
No hay confesiones

**1 DE ENERO:** 9:30 / 11:30 am en inglés  
1:30 pm en español