

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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, Marjorie Francomacaro, Barbara
 Poyer, Fred Krause, Nancy Janoski, Bruce Hill

Weekly Memorials

Altar Bread & Wine: Grace, Albert & Ronald Costanzo
 Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Weaver

Weekly Devotions

Wednesday: Rosary Group 7:30 pm
 Friday: Divine Mercy 3:00 pm

Readings for the week

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or, for Year C,
 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Monday
 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday
 Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday
 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday
 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
First Friday
 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
First Saturday
 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-5

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, December 29, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Nancy Zambito
 5:00 p.m. Eleanore Sylvester,
 Deceased Members of the Preziosi Family

Sunday, December 30, 2018 Holy Family
 7:00 a.m. Sal DiBlasi
 9:30 a.m. Leo Coppola, Michael Stabile
 11:30 a.m. Richard Reed
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, December 31, 2018 New Year's Eve
 7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
 God/New Year's Day**
 9:30 a.m. Rea Family & Louis Castaldi
 11:30 a.m. Lillian C. Bruno, Jamie Liamero
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, January 2, 2019
 7:00 a.m. Nancy Zambito

Thursday, January 3, 2019
 8:00 a.m. Mario Francomacaro

Friday, January 4, 2019
 7:00 a.m. Anne T. Keenan

Saturday, January 5, 2019
 8:00 a.m. Eugene Kim
 5:00 p.m. Sabato & Angelina Gugliemini,
 Marie Vendola

Sunday, January 6, 2019 The Epiphany
 7:00 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners of
 St. Michael Church
 9:30 a.m. Pat Buckley
 11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Tithing amounts not available at this time....
 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

This year has been marked with many different and difficult situations both within the Church and across the country. The Church has been mired with scandals arising from the PA Grand Jury report and from the fallout from Cardinal McCarrick's resignation. Both have led numerous people to question the legitimacy and authority of the Church as the we got a glimpse into the pain of the victims. Throughout the country we have seen a year of rampant gun violence both within the schools and in places of worship which have left feelings of confusion and anxiety.

Yet as a Christian Catholic Church we still must have hope that God has not abandoned us. Certainly, there have been times in history that were absolutely as horrific as our own present times and still we persevered as a people, as a country and as a Church. For our great hope was not a billionaire, He did not work for a Fortune 500 company, nor did he possess a bountiful stock portfolio. Rather, He was a simple man, from simple parents in a small unknown town which literally means "The house of bread" (Bethlehem). All because of the trusting in God's plan, His Mother Mary and foster father Joseph, believed that their lives would be better because of their Son and what He would offer to the world.

As we have celebrated the Birth of this man Jesus Christ, perhaps we can take a few moments and kneel before the nativity before the new year and say "Thank You" for the gift of God's Only Son who came to reconcile the world with His heavenly Father. Not by complaining, not my protesting, but by one kind act after another. By Jesus' healing of the sick, restoring sight to the blind, allowing the lame to run free and bringing to life those who were dead, He alone fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that the Jewish people hoped for centuries to come true. He alone changed the world to be brighter, better, more hopeful by His birth, death and Resurrection.

Now that He has Ascended to His Heavenly Father and sent the Holy Spirit among us to strengthen us in our resolve to continue His great works, not only in word, but more importantly in deed, He commands us to go into the world and make it a better place. In order to give us the strength, the help, the grace that we need, He strengthens us once again with His only Holy Body and Precious Blood, only this time under the Sacramental signs of the Eucharist.

In the new year, the invitation is further deepened, to come and see what joy the Lord has in store for you. Come and experience the peace that the world cannot give you. Certainly, following the Lord is never easy, but it is

always better. Come and be a part of something great, something positive, something that continues the great mission, the great work, the great calling of Jesus Christ Himself. So many people missed the fact of who Jesus was, even after they were led by a star, greeted by angels and foretold by the prophets. Let this year be the year that you do not miss out on who this little baby truly is in your life and in the life of your family and friends.

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy New Year!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendars for all programs are available on the website. Go to Faith Formation tab then choose Religious Education.

Gr. K-6: Sessions resume Sun, 1/6 for Gr. 1-6; Kindergarten resumes 1/13

Jr. High: Sessions resume 1/7 for Gr. 8 and 1/14 for gr. 7

Confirmation Prep

- **Next sessions:** Con. I: 1/13 Con. II: 1/6 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 opportunity:** please call or email Mrs. Rogalo if you would like to help with refreshments for First Reconciliation, morning of Jan. 19. We need about 5 teens to help out.

Children's Choir:

- Practice will resume in January. Merry Christmas!

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.

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

\$150

Only 5 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

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

Tuesday 3pm, 6 pm, 11pm, Wednesday 12am, Friday 1am, Saturday 4am, 10am partner, 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 New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

The Chapel will close at 5pm on
Monday, New Year's Eve
and it will reopen at 3pm
on Tuesday, New Year's Day

Knights of Columbus March For Life Bus Trip January 18, 2019

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.

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, Lancia (the site of the oldest Eucharist Miracle certified by the Church), and the Abbey of Montecassino (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

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



From Fr. Henry



En esta temporada navideña celebramos varios misterios, el primero de ellos es el nacimiento de Jesús. Hoy La Iglesia nos invita a meditar sobre la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret como el segundo misterio de la Navidad. Al hacerlo, nos damos cuenta que, así como la celebración del nacimiento de Jesús nos ayuda a entender cómo se crea la vida humana a imagen de Dios, hoy la

celebración de la Sagrada Familia nos ayuda a ver la la familia humana como una imagen de la Iglesia.

En Navidad, María y José se convirtieron en una familia en todo el sentido de la palabra y, como muchos de ustedes, la llegada de este niño los cambió profundamente. Ahora no solo eran marido y mujer, sino también padre adoptivo y madre, y esta transición produjo en ellos virtudes que vemos a lo largo de la historia de la infancia y niñez de Jesús.

Después de los grandes sacrificios realizados durante su infancia, Jesús creció en la ciudad de Nazaret. Desde que era un bebé hasta los treinta años, solo sabemos una cosa que le sucedió a Jesús: María y José lo encontraron en el templo. En general, los primeros treinta años de la vida de Jesús fueron simples, en los que su madre y su padre adoptivo hicieron sacrificios ordinarios por el bienestar de Jesús, día tras día. La Sagrada Familia oró junta como una devota familia judía, y tomaron las medidas necesarias para cuidarse unos a otros.

Los hábitos de la Sagrada Familia deben ser los hábitos de nuestras propias familias. Si realmente nos preocupamos por los miembros de nuestra familia, estamos dispuestos a orar por el bienestar de los demás, y estamos dispuestos a hacer todos los sacrificios necesarios para mantenernos a salvo del peligro del mundo.

Hoy Dios presenta a la Sagrada Familia como un tesoro. Jesús, María y José no solo eran santos, sino que nos ayudan a ser santos. Todos sabemos que nuestro mundo

está en problemas y que nuestros pueblos están en problemas. Esto es algo indiscutible. Pero la cura está justo aquí ante nosotros: fortalecer a la familia, construir la familia y mejorar la vida familiar a través de Dios, que a su vez construirá la vida de nuestra comunidad, país y mundo.

En esta festividad de la sagrada familia de Nazaret, celebremos de igual manera la fiesta de nuestras propias familias.

Dios bendiga cada una de sus familias.

Padre Henry



31 DE DICIEMBRE: 5:00 pm. En Ingles

No hay confesiones

1 DE ENERO: 9:30 /11:30 am en ingles

1:30 pm en español