

The Church of Saint Michael  
Sunday, January 6, 2019  
The Epiphany of The Lord



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: For All Parishioners

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

Readings for the week

The Epiphany of the Lord  
Sunday  
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
Monday  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mk 4:12-17, 23-35  
Tuesday  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday  
1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday  
1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22  
Friday  
1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday  
1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

Monday, January 7, 2019  
7:00 a.m. Catherine Werner

Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
8:00 a.m. Louis Castaldi

Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
7:00 a.m. Mary Alice & William Keenan

Thursday, January 10, 2019  
8:00 a.m. Laura & Emil Normandy

Friday, January 11, 2019  
7:00 a.m. Mary & William Ruf

Saturday, January 12, 2019  
8:00 a.m. Eugene Kim  
5:00 p.m. Mary & Elwin Burd, Betty DiBernard

Sunday, January 13, 2019  
7:00 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners of  
St. Michael Church  
9:30 a.m. Joseph Stassi  
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....

*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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Please welcome Katie Kreil, our new Music Director! She is a talented music student at John J. Cali Music School at Montclair State University.



We thank Donna Pedulla for her service and for sharing her gifts with us at St. Michael Church. She will be available to help us with weddings and funerals.

### 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.

**Gr. K-6:** Sessions resume today 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. II: 1/6 ; Con. I: 1/13 regular time and place
- SIGNED Mass sheets for Dec. due by 12/31.
- **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.

### First Reconciliation

Sat., January 19, 2019

**9:30 am, The classes of Tina DeLuca and Lucia Pintos**  
Please arrive at least 15 min. early, in the church



Please keep in your prayers the parish children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Jan. 19!

At the back of church there is a basket with refrigerator magnet 'sheep'—we ask that families take one and pray for the child listed on the back!

### Youth Ministry

† 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\*\*

\$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](http://stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry)

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.”

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."

### 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 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

## 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 would like to sign up for this trip, 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.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

## From Fr. Henry



Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Epifanía, y de manera muy especial, el día de los reyes magos que trajeron a Jesús regalos costosos y simbólicos de oro, Mirra, y el incienso. El término Epifanía es de griego. Es un verbo que significa “revelar” o “manifestar”

Celebra las distintas maneras a través la cual Jesús ha revelado a sí mismo a nosotros. Se incluyen los tres eventos que traen a la luz su misión y divinidad: la visita de los tres reyes magos (Mt 2, 10-12), el bautismo de Jesús (Mc 1, 9-11), y el milagro de Caná (Jn 2, 1-11).

Así pues, hoy, Dios se revela a nosotros, porque Él es bueno y amoroso. La luz que brilla sobre nosotros hoy es la luz de la vida. Por eso, de la misma luz, debemos obtener nuestra propia luz y reflejarla a los demás. Hoy, Jesucristo extiende y expande el horizonte de su amor a nosotros permitiendo que su luz destruya nuestra oscuridad.

El Evangelio de hoy es sobre la visita de los tres reyes magos que fueron a adorar y ofrecer regalos al recién nacido Rey, Jesucristo. Este Evangelio está lleno de muchas lecciones para aprender. En primer lugar, los tres reyes vinieron a Cristo con un auténtico culto como el Rey de reyes. Por lo tanto, nuestra adoración debe ser sincera y de corazón como de los tres reyes magos. No debe ser falso como la falsa propuesta de Herodes.

En segundo lugar, debemos estar dispuestos a ofrecer a Jesús algo precioso. No debemos aparecer ante el Señor con las manos vacías. Por lo tanto, debemos preguntarnos, ¿qué le puedo ofrecer al Señor por todo el bien que me ha hecho? El único regalo que debemos ofrecerle a Dios por su bondad para nosotros es nuestra vida. Es el regalo de la buena vida, de amor, de obediencia, de humildad, de paz a nuestras familias, y el regalo del sacrificio.

Otra lección que debemos aprender de los reyes magos es que nosotros debemos seguir la estrella y la luz que Cristo nos muestra. Es decir, no hay que dejar que nadie nos engaña a lo largo de nuestro camino. Confiando en que Dios no nos engañara, debemos seguir buscando su estrella y su luz a lo largo de nuestro camino hacia la eternidad.

En cada momento que estamos confundido o cuando nos llegamos a la encrucijada de la vida, debemos buscar y esperar hasta que la estrella de Cristo aparezca para mostrarnos el mejor camino que debemos seguir. Esto es lo que se puede referir a guía divina. Por lo tanto, debemos pedirle a Dios como la iglesia reza hoy: “Padre, guíanos con su luz. Ayúdanos a reconocer a Cristo en la Eucaristía y recibirlo con amor, porque Él es el Señor eternamente y para siempre.” ¡Amén!

Bendiciones y un feliz día de Reyes.

Padre Henry



Los Caballeros de Colón junto con la Parroquia de St. Michael los invita a hacer parte de la anual marcha por la vida en la ciudad de Washington D.C

De nuestra parroquia saldrá un bus en la mañana el día 18 de enero regresando el mismo día en la noche.

¡Este viaje no tiene ningún precio para los parroquianos, por lo tanto,

**tenemos cupos limitados!**

Interesados comunicarse con el padre Henry al (973) 347-0032 Ext:2350