

The Church of Saint Michael  
Sunday, February 3, 2019  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:  
Bruce Hill

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:  
Tim Paternostro, Abigail Paternostro, Bill Regal, Diane  
Grzymko, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom, Nancy Janoski,  
Doug Ernst

Weekly Memorials  
Altar Bread & Wine: Jimmy LaBell

Weekly Devotions

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

All are Welcome... All are Invited...

**Come... PRAY the ROSARY**  
Monday though Saturday  
7:30AM

Readings for the week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:00 a.m. MaryAnn Weldon

5:00 p.m. Betty DiBernard, Pete Grogan

Sunday, February 3, 2019

7:00 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Pat Buckley, Chris Kelly, Patricia Wise

11:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr., Adeline &

Joseph Bencivenga, Antoinette Lamberto

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 4, 2019

7:00 a.m. Anne Lundgren

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

8:00 a.m. For All Deceased of St. Michael Church

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

7:00 a.m. For the Unborn

Thursday, February 7, 2019

8:00 a.m. For the Poor

Friday, February 8, 2019

7:00 a.m. Frances & Matthew Soccio,

Mary & Michael Soccio

Saturday, February 9, 2019

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Sylvester, Betty DiBernard

Sunday, February 10, 2019

7:00 a.m. Julie Arbolino

9:30 a.m. Gus Rampone Sr. & Jr., Patricia Wise

11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Charles Andres

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH  
SINCE 1988.  
Sunday, 1/27/19 \$6,320.00

*Please pray for our Diaconate Candidates –  
Russ Raffay and John Meyer*

*Our Next Healing Mass is  
Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

## “WWJD?”

Most of us have probably heard the saying, “what would Jesus do” uttered in many situations. For full disclosure, I too at one point had a “WWJD” wrist band, mugs and pencils and said it quite frequently. Then came an epiphany of sorts where I questioned how I or anyone could complete that sentence without violating our Catholic faith. “What would Jesus do ....” what – “if He were here?” “if He cared about what was going on?”, “if He were able to do something about it”, “if He were giving me answers”. It puts Jesus into the hypothetical and the subjunctive, and those things are not real. God exists in the concrete and in the real.

We do not enter an empty room and share things hoping that someone might hear us. When we reveal ourselves and listen, it is always in response to another’s presence. Our prayer then is always in response to God’s presence. “WWJD” as a prayer questions “if Jesus were around” contrary to our conviction that Jesus is always present.

We read in Sacred Scripture, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Mt. 18:20); “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt. 28:20) The challenge is to remind ourselves that Jesus is with us when we are drinking our coffee, when we are driving around town, when we working or relaxing; Jesus is with us at every moment of our lives, both in the profound moments and also in the trivial moments – He is the most real person in our lives.

For most of us it’s a struggle to believe in Christ’s presence in every moment of our lives. My prayer frequently comes down to “help my unbelief; strengthen my unbelief; never let a shadow of that idea that you are hypothetical, that you are not real, touch my heart and present reality.” At some points in my life I have wondered if my faith would be stronger if I had lived back in the Gospel times and have met Jesus and heard Him preach. But Jesus tells us that it is better for us that He return to the Father so that we can receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At this present moment, we are more capable of an intimate relationship with Christ because of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit reveals Christ to us and unites us to Him.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we have been united with Christ and infused with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us eyes to His loving gaze and ears to hear the life giving words tailored to each person. Perhaps with the gifts of the Holy Spirit active in our lives revealing the continual presence of Christ, we can ask “What Is Jesus Doing?”

## March For Life

This was my first opportunity to experience “March for Life”, and it was another amazing experience with the youth ministry. We departed from St. Michaels at noon on Thursday and we arrived at the hotel in Fairfax, Virginia which is about 45 minutes from Washington, at around 6 o’clock. When we arrived, it was snowing and pitch dark out. We dropped our stuff off in our rooms and reassembled in the lobby we headed to EagleBank Arena for the Life is Very Good Rally. I kind of knew what to expect since I was told that this was similar to NCYC, but I didn’t know what this experience would bring. Chris Stefanick was our guest speaker, and I also remembered him from NCYC. His message, which I really took to heart, was to focus on the positive that God gave you rather than the annoyances that you face. He told us to count our blessings that the Lord has given us. He told us a story about a man that had nothing. He was left to die and was severely injured. All he had was a hut barely larger than a bedroom and one bed that he couldn’t leave. When Chris visited him, he had a huge smile on his face, despite his life being in shambles, because he counted his blessings every day. I really took this to heart, and when we did adoration a few moments later, I took the opportunity to thank the Lord for the blessings that he had given me.

I am extremely thankful to be able to have gone on this trip, especially with this youth ministry. This trip taught me a lot about myself and a lot about the youth ministry around me. This trip wasn’t all spiritual, however. There were many laughs shared along the way. I roomed with Joey Patire, and after the late night pizza that the youth ministry had, we were sent to bed. We had great laughs, then went to sleep. The next day, we woke up extremely early to get on the road for Mass before the March. We had to be in the lobby for breakfast at 6, then hit the road at 6:30. I didn’t realize that Father Mike had put a couple of hardboiled eggs in his pocket. After Mass we were walking around the masses of people waiting for the March to start. Father Mike then goes up to Annemarie and says “Is it time for an egg?” and pulls a hardboiled egg out of his pocket, cracks the egg on his head, and starts to peel it and throw the shells on the ground claiming they’re biodegradable. While the adults are yelling at him the kids are cracking up. So, this opportunity to experience “March for Life” was a great one, filled with spiritual gain and lots of laughs. If I get another opportunity to experience it, I’ll definitely take it.

Shane



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

- Gr. 8: next session is 2/4 (note this is not a family faith session)

### Confirmation Prep

- Con. I: **2/10** regular time and place (9:30 in Youth Room)
- Con. II: next session is meeting with sponsors, **2/10**, after the 11:30 am Mass. IF sponsor cannot attend, a parent or other significant adult should attend in sponsor's place. Snow date: 2/17
- ALL SIGNED MASS SHEETS FOR JANUARY (AND PRIOR MONTHS) ARE DUE IN FAITH FORMATION OFFICE TODAY!

### First Communion Parent Meetings:

We ask that at least one parent attend BOTH sessions

Session I: February 24 (Sun.) at 6:30 pm

Session II: March 17 (Sun.) DURING CLASS TIME, ROOM #12

Important details about First Communion, Jesus Day and other important material that you need to prepare your child will be discussed at these sessions. Please plan to attend! Questions? Contact Mrs. Rogalo (973-347-0032, ext. 2330)



**“Super-Bowl’ Food Pantry Project:** bring to class a can of soup on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3. If you forgot your donation this week, Religious Ed classes will continue to collect soup for the food pantry through February.



### Adult and Children's Choirs

All are welcome!

Please join us for our first choir rehearsal!

The adult choir will have rehearsals

Thursday's at 7pm in the church, and the children's choir will have rehearsals Sunday mornings at

8:45am in the school. *We will be starting on*

*January 31st with the adult choir, and February 3rd with the children's choir.* All are welcome!

For more information, email Katie at

[music@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:music@stmichaelnetcong.org)

## ADORATION

"The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God is a God who loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to actually *want* to go. If Adoration once felt like a chore, you might even find yourself becoming excited to go! Adoration is addictive, not just because of the things we can gain for ourselves, but because we were *created* to adore. As we say in the Mass, it is "*right and just*" that we should give thanks to the Lord! Adoration is imprinted on our hearts and "*our hearts are restless until they find our rest in Him*"! ( St Augustine!)"

### OPEN HOURS

Tuesday 11pm, Wednesday 12am, 3pm, 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

### Parish Appreciation Dinner Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm

Please call or email Annemarie in the parish office to RSVP - limit 130 people  
[office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org)

973-347-0032 x2310

### Midnight Run to NYC

Our next Midnight Run to feed and clothe the homeless will be on February 16<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of new, gently used and clean jackets, pants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, gloves, underwear and socks. (all in large and above for men – medium and large for woman) Toiletries; travel toothpaste, toothbrushes and travel soap, granola bars and juice boxes. We are also in need of sleeping bags, blankets and backpacks. If you are interested in driving, please contact the parish office. (we limit to 5 cars and appx. 17 people) *Please call 973-347-0032 to make arrangements to drop off donations.*

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Sweet Success Fundraiser**

Coming soon!

**Youth Ministry Meetings**

Mondays at 7:30pm (*not holidays*)

in Youth Ministry mtg. room

All permission slips/registration forms

can be found online. Calendar for other events can be found on the parish website at [stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry](http://stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry)

If you have questions, please email Nicole at

[youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org)



Saturdays from  
10 to 11am

Also Wednesdays at 7pm

In the Parish Gym

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

Sábados de 10:00 AM a 11:00 PM

Y Miercoles a las 7:00 PM

## Wouldn't you like to serve at the altar?

All boys or girls entering the fourth grade or higher who would like to serve at the altar are invited to come forward and do so.

If you are interested in this special ministry of service please call Deacon Joe within the next week so he can arrange to train you. His telephone number is 973-229-6959. Or email at: Deacon.Joe@stmichaelnetcong.org



## Join the Largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization in the world

Joining the Knights of Columbus is as simple as scanning the barcode below with your smartphone or going to [www.KofC.Org](http://www.KofC.Org), selecting Join Us at the top of the page and completing the simple application process. Be sure to include the local Council number you wish to join. St. Michaels Council number is 3665. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. Deacon Stu Murphy; Grand Knight St. Michael Council 3665. At: Deacon.Stu@StMichaelNetcong.org



From Fr. Henry

**APRENDE SOBRE TU FE!**

## El Prefacio y el "Santo, Santo, Santo"

"El Señor este con ustedes."

"y con tu espíritu."

"Levantemos el corazón."

"Lo tenemos levantado hacia el Señor."

"Demos gracias al Señor Nuestro Dios."

"Es justo y necesario."

Este intercambio de palabras, el cual es muy familiar para la mayoría de los católicos, es llamado **Prefacio**. Esta toma lugar justo antes de la oración más importante de la Misa. – La Oración Eucarística. Recordemos que la palabra Eucaristía significa "Acción de Gracias" por lo tanto lo más apropiado es que "Levantemos nuestro corazón" y "demos gracias al Señor, nuestro Dios" justo antes que él se haga presente en el santísimo Sacramento.

Después de una corta oración, la congregación se une cantando el "Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor, Dios del Universo. Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria, Hosanna en el cielo. Bendito es el que viene en el nombre del Señor, Hosanna en el cielo." En este momento mientras cantamos, estamos haciendo referencia a las escrituras uniéndonos a los coros celestiales en Isaías 6:2-3 y Apocalipsis 4:8 por siempre cantando "Santo, Santo, Santo" El catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en el numeral 1352 lo describe de este modo: "Toda la comunidad se une así a la alabanza interminable de que la iglesia en el cielo, los ángeles y todos los santos, canten al Dios tres veces santo.

Dios los bendiga !!!

Padre Henry



## PRESENTACION

Informe sobre el estado del ministerio Hispano  
y reporte del V Encuentro

12 de Febrero, 7:30 pm.

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<https://insidethewalls.org/vestatus>