

**The Church of St. Michael**  
**September 15, 2019**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:  
**Robert Borzomati**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:  
 Tim Paternostro, Abigail Paternostro, Bill Regal, Diane Grzymko, Doug Ernst, Zach Glut, Catherine Lackey, Maggie Michaud, Diana Palumbo, Keith Pasquariello, Nancy Regal, Kathy Butterbrodt, Carmella Susco

Weekly Memorial  
 Altar Bread & Wine: Joseph Esposito

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  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday**  
 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10  
**Monday**  
 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday**  
 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17  
**Wednesday**  
 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35  
**Thursday**  
 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday**  
 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday**  
 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**  
 8:00 a.m. Hazel Doran  
 5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, William DiBernard

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**  
 7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Intention of the Unborn, Elaine Fiorello  
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention  
 1:30 p.m. Maria Higuita

**Monday, September 16, 2019**  
 7:00 a.m. John & Margit Bakonyi

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**  
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Anthony Cinotti,  
 Daniel & Sprague Shope

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**  
 7:00 a.m. Gloria Bauer

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**  
 8:00 a.m. Regina M. Trapp

**Friday, September 20, 2019**  
 7:00 a.m. Gloria Bauer

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**  
 8:00 a.m. Camille Paparella  
 5:00 p.m. Eleanor Sylvester, Joseph Vendola

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**  
 7:00 a.m. Andrew Mackey  
 9:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Pat Buckley  
 11:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr.,  
 Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga  
 1:30 p.m. Maria Ramona Higuita

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
 ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH  
 SINCE 1988.  
 Sunday, 9/8/19 \$5,997.00  
 WeShare 9/8/19 not available

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

*Next Healing Mass is Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

## From Fr. Mike

If we were to review the history of covenants throughout the Old Testament, we know that the first covenant that God made with His people was with Noah. God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind Himself that He would never destroy the earth again by water (Genesis 9:8-17). The second covenant that God made was with Abram (later to be known as Abraham) where He promised that Abraham would be the "Father of many nations" (Genesis 17:1-8). The next covenant was made between God and the people of Israel with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:4-17). The fourth covenant was made between God and King David and his descendants were established as the royal heirs of the throne of the nation of Israel (2 Samuel 7:12-13). And the final covenant is found in the New Testament in Christ. The death of Christ ushered in a new covenant by which we have the forgiveness of our sins. Christ Himself is the mediator of this covenant between God the Father and His people. It was by Christ's sacrificial death, which served as a pledge or oath, which God made with us to seal this new covenant. Under this new covenant, God would write His Law on the hearts of all mankind. This final covenant accomplished what the old ones could not, which is the forgiveness of sin and the cleansing of our conscience (Hebrews 10:2,22).

The work of Christ on the cross makes the old covenant "obsolete" (Hebrews 8:13) and fulfills the promise of the Prophet Jeremiah. As we begin the faith formation year, it might serve as a reminder to all of us as this same notion and idea of a covenant is used when parents/guardians bring their children to be formed in the faith. As part of their children's acceptance, each parent/guardian must freely sign a "Commitment Covenant" whereby they promise to: 1.) Worship as a family of faith here in their parish of Saint Michael Church. 2.) Promise to bring their children to Faith Formation classes on time and prepared. 3.) To support their parish community to the best of their ability.

As our nature would have it, parents/guardians sign this covenant at the beginning, perhaps without knowing what these promises actually mean or forget about it as the year progresses. The basic elements of the covenant apply to all of us we have in our hearts signed this covenant at the moment of our Baptism. We are a parish family where we recognize that the first and most important aspect of our faith formation is the family's celebration of the Eucharist all year round. This does not mean coming to church only when there are Faith Formation classes. This does not mean attending another parish because the faith formation programs are "easier", while remaining parishioners here at Saint Michael Church.

Canon 518 states that "A parish is territorial. As such, it embraces all the Catholics of a given region or area. This fact, brings with it certain rights and obligations for each parishioner. Canon 857.2 states that "as a rule, a person is supposed to be baptized in his or her own parish. If a person is baptized elsewhere, it will not affect the validity of the baptism, but the same cannot be said about the celebration of a marriage.

Catholics who wish to marry are required to marry in the parish church of one of the spouses (or in the Catholic spouse's parish) if it is a mixed marriage (Canon 1108.1). If they do not obtain permission in advance to marry elsewhere, the marriage is actually illicit! Therefore, we can see from these few examples that "belonging" to a parish is a very important issue.

This notion of parish, of family, is something that we want to instill in our children. This notion of family is what the parish community is striving for. The bottom line of all this and the core of our Catholic faith comes from the Lord Jesus Himself: "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53).

## Faith Formation News

### TO ALL FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES:

We are going to be using email to send letters, calendars and other important information. Please make sure you add these two email addresses to your address book:

[Faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:Faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org)

[Faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:Faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org)

All registered in grades K-10 have been sent welcome letters and calendars. If you did not receive these, please contact the office on Monday, 9/16. **Confirmation II (those entering second year):**

- First Session 9/15, 9:30 am, Youth Room; parents asked to attend at 10:55 am
- Completed Service forms for the months of July, Aug, Sept. (4 hrs total PLUS make up work if required) due Sept. 30.

### Faith Formation / Religious Education Sessions begin:

***PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DATES BELOW! Not all levels begin at the same time!***

- † Confirmation II (sophomores): Sun. 9/15, 9:30 am-11:25 am, Youth room
- † Grade 7: Monday 9/16, 6:30-8:30 pm, church and church hall
- † Grades K-6: Sunday 9/22, starting at **9:15 am** in the church, dismissal at 11:30 at the school
- † Grade 8: Monday 9/23, 6:30-8:30 pm, church and church hall
- † Confirmation I (freshmen): Sunday 9/29, 9:30 am-11:25 am, Youth room (former convent basement)



### **Catechist and class room Aide needed:**

*For grade 1 on Sunday, after the 9:30 am Mass. If you are a little unsure about taking on this role but you think perhaps the Holy Spirit might be calling you to help, consider these words of St. Pope John Paul II:*

*"Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence."* Please contact Debbie at the Faith Formation office for more information: 973-347-0032, ext. 2330.



### Catechetical Sunday

This weekend during the Masses, the catechists of St. Michael Parish will be commissioned and blessed in the name of the Church to teach others what it means to follow Christ.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Please pray for all of the catechists who work with the parish children in the ministry of Religious Education and Formation, and for the children and families that participate in the program.

There is a basket with prayer cards in the vestibule; **we invite you to take a card and to pray for that Catechist by name each week during the year.**

### ARISE Groups

These groups offer the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

Small groups are forming in our parish and will begin the week of October 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Group leaders please contact your groups from last session and send a list of participants to Betty.*

*If new to the program call or email evangelization@stmichaelnetcong.org 973-347-0032 x2310 English or x2350 Spanish.*

### Youth Ministry

Yankee Candle Fundraiser beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Nicole for details.

We still need clear container totes for the Midnight Run – to store/hold clothes - please contact Nicole for sizes. Thank you to those of you who have donated.

Wiffle Ball at Turkey Brook Park, Mon., Sept. 16  
7-8:30pm – meet at Turkey Brook Park and bring permission slip.

Flag Football at Turkey Brook Park, Mon.,  
September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – 8:30pm - meet at Turkey Brook and bring permissionslip

NCYC, Indianapolis, 11/21-11/23  
Signup by September 16, 2019

Youth Ministry Meetings  
Mondays at 7:00pm 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)

### HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:  
**pasta sauce (cans or jars), rice and soup.** Please leave your donations in the bin outside the rectory garage.  
Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

### Jerry's Video/ C & K Photography Fund Raiser

During the months of August and September, St. Michael's Church will earn 10% back from any work you have done at Jerry's Video. Transfer your old 8mm movies, VHS cassettes and slides to DVD or USB memory sticks. Preserve your memories for years to come. As an extra bonus to our parishioners, they will give you 25% off any VHS cassette tape to DVD or memory stick service. Think of how much fun it will be to watch those old home movies again. Plus, our church will earn money. Just mention St. Michael's Church when you bring in your order. Jerry's Video/C&K Photography, 17B Route 183, Stanhope, NJ 07874 973-691-2001

### SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: **Sunday, November 3rd, 2019.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 9, 2019.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

### ADORATION

"Eucharistic Adoration for me used to be a project. I would go in and try and get as many things done as I could: rosary, divine mercy chaplet, reading, etc. None of these things are bad, in fact they're really good. But I eventually came to realize that I was hiding my imperfections and trying to keep the Lord from meeting me. I would just speak and pray the entire time, and wouldn't listen.

Over time, as I grew to know myself more, God also grew in me as more of a Person and less of an idea. Now, a large part of my Adoration is done in silence; for the most part the Lord looks at me and I look at Him, and I do my best to listen. The Lord tells me: I am His; I don't need to become perfect to approach Him, but He wants me where I am; it is not what I do, but who I am that makes me worthy of His love; that I can be His child and that is the deepest identity of who I am." (an Adorer's testimony)

**OPEN HOUR: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10pm.**

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

## THANK YOU!!!

*A big thank you to all who donated toward the reupholstering of our Chapel chairs. They turned out beautiful, thanks to Steven's Upholstery in Netcong! Please drop in for a visit to see the results and say hello to Jesus.*

## Men's Retreat

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ  
October 11-13. Call 973-539-0740

## RCIA

### Rite of christian initiation for adults

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR COMPLETING YOUR CONFIRMATION AS AN ADULT?



Candidates and their sponsors meet together on Thursday evenings from the fall through Easter, plus two sessions after Easter. To find out more and/or register, please call Fr.

Henry Pinto 973 347-0032 Ext: 2350 or come to the parish office from Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

**FREE**



**ZUMBA**

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 AM

Y Miercoles a las 7:00 PM

**First Class Begins Wednesday,**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

## From Fr. Henry

### PURIFICACION DE LOS VASOS SAGRADOS



Un comentario muy común por muchos que no saben del rito de la purificación de los vasos sagrados, es el decir que el sacerdote

le encanta el vino, es por eso que se espera hasta el final para tomarse el vino que queda en todas las copas después que se reparte la comunión.

Pues en cierto sentido tienen la razón, como todos sabemos la eucaristía es un banquete, el banquete del cordero. Y al igual que en cualquier comida en su casa, los platos deben ser lavados al final de la comida.

Después de la Sagrada Comunión, veras al sacerdote o al diacono limpiando los vasos sagrados que fueron utilizados para la distribución de la Comunión. Esto es hecho parcialmente por razones de sanidad, pero hay un propósito mayor para este ritual. Para nosotros los católicos creemos que el pan y el vino se convierten verdaderamente en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, lo cual es lo máspreciado que hay sobre la tierra.

Por lo tanto, a diferencia de cualquier comida regular en la que se tira a la basura lo que ha quedado de comida o bebidas, en la misa toda partícula pequeña del cuerpo y sangre de Cristo debe ser consumida o reverentemente puesta en el tabernáculo.

Antes de usar el purificador para limpiar los vasos sagrados, el sacerdote o Diacono primero consume la sangre de cristo que ha sido dejada en el cáliz. De igual manera debe fijarse incluso de las más pequeñas partículas del cuerpo de Cristo que pueden haber quedado en la patena o incluso en corporal que esta puesto sobre el altar. Si encuentran alguna partícula debe ser consumida inmediatamente. Después de esto los vasos son limpiados y guardados para la próxima misa.

¿Porque el sacerdote o el diacono siempre se encarga de esta tarea? Si tienes una cena en tu casa, nunca permitirías que los invitados laven los platos. ¿Verdad? ¡Pues un buen Anfitrión siempre se encarga de esto, y en este caso estas e la casa de Dios!

*Padre Henry*

### CLASES DE INGLES GRATIS

Estaremos ofreciendo ESL Classes para nuestros PARROQUIANOS que quieran mejorar sus habilidades en el Ingles tales como la escucha, escritura, lectura y conversación.) Las clases serán una vez por semana (Martes) de 6:00pm a 7:00pm por un periodo de 8 semanas consecutivas. Se requiere el cumplimiento de todas las clases para obtener la certificación.

Clases inician el 8 de Octubre!!.

Las clases serán limitadas para las 10 PRIMERAS

PERSONAS que se registren con Padre Henry vía correo electrónico [fr.henry@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:fr.henry@stmichaelnetcong.org)

Fecha límite para registraciones: 23 de Septiembre.

No pierdas esta gran oportunidad!!



**PROXIMAMENTE ETAPA III**

**Inscripciones Abiertas!**

Clases inician la semana del 21 de Octubre.