

**The Church of St. Michael**  
**October 20, 2019**  
**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

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, Carmella Susco

**Weekly Memorial**  
**Altar Bread & Wine: All Parishioners**

All are Welcome... All are Invited...  
**Come... PRAY the ROSARY**  
 Monday though Saturday  
 7:30AM

**Readings for the week**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday**  
 Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8  
**Monday**  
 Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday**  
 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38  
**Wednesday**  
 Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday**  
 Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday**  
 Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday**  
 Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Mary Brodo  
 5:00 p.m. Margaret Flynn, Philip Barbaccia

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Vincent Rea, Linda Kranz  
 9:30 a.m. Margaret Newson,  
 Alfred & Carmella Esposito  
 11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Mary J. Allen

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Helen Newstead

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Rose Leone

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Mike Fenimore

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Pasquale DeFelice  
 5:00 p.m. Eleanor Sylvester,  
 Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Louis & Alice Esposito  
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of Aziz Family, Pat Buckley  
 11:30 a.m. Franco Fleuri, Joseph Ruggieri  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING	
ST. MICHAEL’S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH SINCE 1988.	
Sunday, 10/6/19	\$5,116.00
WeShare 10/6/19	\$1,256.00
Repair & Renov.	\$1,899.00
WeShare Repair & Renov.	\$ 255.00
Sunday, 10/13/19	\$5,979.00
WeShare 10/13/19	\$ 896.00

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

*Next Healing Mass is Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

## From Fr. Mike

Some have commented that we are not a welcoming parish when they do not get their way. While I recognize the need to grow in hospitality, this is how I look at it. We are welcome to come to heaven, but that does not mean that everyone gets to go there. Why not? Because, “welcoming” does not mean a free ride or an opportunity to do as you please. Just as there are obligations and requirements for getting into heaven, so are there obligations and requirements for being part of our parish family. Being there is number one. Supporting your family by time, talent and treasure is another. But when things do not go your way or when the Law of the Church requires certain things does not mean you are not welcome, but more honestly that you are challenged to be better, to be more involved, to be whole, to be holy.

What “welcoming” means to me can easily be seen when people who have lost their loved ones who have not been “practicing” Catholics during their lives but wish to have a Mass of Christian Burial, they are welcome! It means that no matter what stage or state you are in life, Saint Michael Church, her priests, deacons and her parishioners, welcome you. It means that when you are having difficulty in your lives and need to speak with a priest or go to confession (even if you have not been in decades), you are welcome! It means that if you are down on your luck and are hungry and you need food or clothing, you are welcome to visit our food pantry.

But what it does not mean to me is that when you want to have your wedding in our church and you are not parishioners and only want to rent our church because it is close to your reception venue. It does not mean that when your child is baptized and the Godparents you have chosen have not been baptized or confirmed or are not practicing Catholics. It does not mean you get to pick and choose which church “fits your needs” for Faith Formation because the time is easier and so you decide to join that parish out of convenience. It does not mean you bring your child to Faith Formation classes but do not come to church as a family.

Again “being welcomed” is not a free pass on being conscientious about your faith and your commitment to God and your parish family. When I have to challenge certain individuals about their unacceptable behavior does not mean I am unchristian, unkind, rude or even unwelcoming. What it does mean is that like a good “Father,” I challenge them to be a better person, a better Christian, a better Catholic. Unfortunately, we live in a society that tells us we can be anything, do anything, buy anything and get anything we want, just because we want it. Unfortunately, that is not the Christian way. Our wants should always come second to the needs of others.

As Saint Paul reminds us as he wrote to the early Church living in Philippi: “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others” (Philippians 2:3- 4).

Therefore, our desires and wants are not the ultimate test for what is good. And when we do not get what we want, that does not mean someone is not “welcoming” us, maybe they are just challenging us in a Christian way. Many times I have had conversations with people who insist it is “their way or the highway.” Unfortunately, I see the other side of the coin where so many dedicated, honest and hardworking people make the extreme sacrifices for their faith, their children and themselves in order to be part of our family of faith. I have said many times, we are not a perfect family, but we are your family.

My prayer is the same that Jesus prayed to His Heavenly Father: “May they all be one, as You, Father, are in me and I am in You, that they also may be us, that the world may believe You sent me” (John 17:21). I pray for those who are so faithful to our parish family and make difficult and inconvenient sacrifices each and every day for their faith. I also pray for those who have trouble with some “hard” and “difficult sayings” which have challenged their mediocrity, their complacency and their need to get what they want when they want it. I pray that we all one day may be one in the kingdom of peace and light where truly we are “welcomed.” I hope that each of us takes to heart the challenge of being genuine, honest, just, loving, forgiving and humble in the sight of God so that we may be truly welcomed home one day.

## 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson



One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town – perhaps even a family member. Please help your neighbor in need and make a pledge to the Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2019appeal.org](http://www.2019appeal.org)

## Faith Formation News

### **TO ALL FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES:**

Please make sure you add these two emails to your address book. Most of our communications will be done via email this year!

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

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

**Calendars** for all programs can be found on the website: go to Faith Formation, then Religious Education; see sidebar for links

### **Sessions resume this week:**

Gr. K-6: 10/20 STARTING AT 9:15 AM IN CHURCH

- Gr. 7: 10/21 (Family Faith session; at least one parent to attend with all 7<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Gr. 8: 10/28
- Confirmation: Super Group session 10/20, 4-7 pm in the church hall; please bring the assigned item for dinner!

### **Confirmation I and II Commitment Mass:**

Oct. 27, 11:30 am Mass. All candidates are to attend! Please bring your signed Confirmation Candidate Pledge paper with you! (It is in the binder/folder you received at your first meeting this year)

\*Make sure you sign up for your Eva's Village service date!



### **FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING:**

For **Parents** of children in grade 2 and special Sacramental prep class (Ms. Pintos) *only*

- **Sunday, Nov. 3, 6:30pm, church hall. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND** (at least one parent) as important details about the year will be distributed / discussed! (this session not for the children)

## **ADORATION**

"When I am before the Eucharist, I am struck with awe and wonder. I come broken and bruised. I bring Him my pain and longing, and He responds with peace and healing. It's incredible that He wants unworthy little me to be with perfect almighty Him for all eternity. How can I not want to love Him, be close to Him, and commune with the faithful in heaven and on earth. The Eucharist is the real presence of Christ - once you 'get it,' this procession we call life has meaning, hope and purpose. "

(testimony of an adorer)

### **OPEN HOURS:**

**Tuesday 4pm, Thursday 8pm, Saturday 6pm**

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

## **Youth Ministry**

Oct. 23

Hayride of Horrors in Hackettstown at 7pm

Nov. 2

Apple Picking - TBD

Nov. 2

Fundraiser Dinner - For our new Holy Hour "Revive & Renew" and for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Nov. 9

Holy Hour, Revive & Renew 7-9pm - Bilingual Holy Hour with music and refreshments - All are welcome!

Dec. 6

Midnight Run

Dec. 14

Nursing Home visit

Jan. 7-19

Sign up for Salesian Leadership Retreat - October 30 is the deadline

Feb. 13

Jason Everett - 7-9pm, St. Paul Inside the Wall

### **Clear container totes needed for the Midnight Run**

- to store/hold clothes - please contact Nicole for sizes.

Thank you to those of you who have donated.

### **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: **canned vegetables, canned and boxed potatoes, and soup.** Please leave your donations in the bin outside the rectory garage. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

R & R  
(REVIVE AND RENEW)

Holy Hour for Families

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-9pm

This is a bilingual holy hour for families that will hold 4 times a year. Come enjoy the beautiful music, refreshments, and more! Make sure to plan for this and join us for an uplifting and spiritual night.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm

\$25 per person

This will help to cover expenses for our Revive and Renew Adoration Hour and Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration

Contact Fr. Henry Pinto

973-347-0032 x2350

Reservation forms will be available in the back of church after Mass.

SAVE THE DATE  
Fellowship Luncheon  
For Adorers and Parishioners

Sunday, November 10, 2019

3-6pm in Msgr. Trapasso Hall

\$5 free will offering at door

More info to come.....

**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

**CLASES DE INGLES GRATIS**

Estaremos ofreciendo ESL Clases 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!!

**VIGESIMONOVENO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

**Primera Lectura: Exodo 17:8-13**

Los amalecitas atacaron a los israelitas. Moisés instruyó a Josué a dirigir a los israelitas en la batalla del día siguiente. Mientras Moisés oraba con las manos en alto, los israelitas ganaban. Cuando bajaba las manos, empezaban a perder. Otros dos ayudaron a Moisés a mantener las manos en alto y Josué y los israelitas ganaron la batalla.

**Segunda Lectura: 2 Timoteo 3:14—4:2**

Pablo le dice a Timoteo que las escrituras han sido inspiradas por Dios y son una herramienta excelente al enseñar a otros acerca de lo que Dios espera de su pueblo. El conocimiento de las escrituras y la fé en Jesús llevarán a muchos a la salvación. Pablo incita a Timoteo a seguir predicando el evangelio, a pesar de lo difícil que pueda ser.

**Evangelio: San Lucas 18:1-8**

Jesús habla de un juez corrupto que no tenía respeto ni por Dios ni por ninguno. Una viuda numerosamente le pidió decidir un caso a su favor. Finalmente lo hizo porque se cansó de escucharla. Jesús indica que si aún este juez corrupto escuchó, Dios, quien es justo, definitivamente escuchará los ruegos de su gente.



**PRÓXIMAMENTE ETAPA III**

**Inscripciones Abiertas!**

Clases inician la semana del 21 de Octubre.

Contacte Fr. Henry 973-347-0032 x 2350