

The Church of Saint Michael
November 3, 2019
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Angelina Guerra

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, George Ellis

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread & Wine: The Knoop Family

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

Readings for the week

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Monday

Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 2, 2019 All Souls Day

8:00 a.m. Louis Castaldi, Elwin & Mary Burd

5:00 p.m. William & Mary Alice Keenan

Sunday, November 3, 2019

7:00 a.m. David Conklin

9:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Kathy Butterbrodt

11:30 a.m. Bernice McHale

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, November 4, 2019

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Lisi

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

8:00 a.m. Joseph Anthony Cinotti

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

7:00 a.m. Mary & Bill Ruf

Thursday, November 7, 2019

8:00 a.m. Margaret Flynn

Friday, November 8, 2019

7:00 a.m. Emil & Laura Normandy

Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:00 a.m. Angelina Guerra

5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother,
Gloria Bauer

Sunday, November 10, 2019

7:00 a.m. Franco Fluri

9:30 a.m. Gus & Josephine Rampone,
Cathy Butterbrodt

11:30 a.m. Richard Kuncken, Robert Poth,
Intentions for the Unborn

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday, 10/27/19 \$5,568.00

WeShare 10/27/19 \$921.00

World Mission Sunday \$997.00

WeShare 10/20/19 \$1,311.00

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

Next Healing Mass is Tuesday, November 26th at 7pm

From Fr. Mike

Shared by Deacon Stu...

Will you Climb the Tree?

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are called and challenged to embrace a remarkable truth; no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. Perhaps even more remarkable is that God always takes the initiative.

In the first reading from Wisdom we hear that God rebukes us little by little prodding us to reform and turn away from sin. For some who want to distance themselves from God or prefer to think of God as the one who started it all but then left on an extended vacation this is an uncomfortable truth. That God is actively pursuing us, warning us and reminding us of our sins. Not to bury us but that we may repent and believe.

We are familiar with Jesus parable about leaving the 99 sheep behind to seek the one lost sheep or the parable of the prodigal son, who's father is ever ready to embrace his wayward child.

In today's gospel reading we are offered a different perspective of the same message of hope. Recall that Jesus said how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, yet here we have him welcoming the prosperous Zacchaeus.

Why? Because Zacchaeus recognized his spiritual poverty, his desperate need for Jesus in his life. We see the joy he experienced when Our Lord accepted his invitation to dine with him. Jesus responds to the crowd who complained that he ate with sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. Zacchaeus came to recognize his material riches could not satisfy. In his poverty he humbly sought the Lord.

What are the broken areas in our lives that diminish the joy we are meant to experience. What empty riches do we cling to. For one it may be years of compulsive behavior or addiction that cries out for healing. For another it may be destructive gossiping. And yes for some it is the enslavement of material riches.

Jesus challenges us to look deep within ourselves; to bring to light those areas that need healing. To climb the tree Zacchaeus climbed, hoping, praying, longing for the Lord to look up and call us to him.

Indeed those difficulties, disappointments, heartaches and at times despair that seem overwhelming may well be the Holy Spirit prodding us to finally acknowledge our poverty, the impossibility of overcoming on our own, that which crushes us.

What does this mean in practical terms. First we must acknowledge the particular behavior we need help with. Next we invite Jesus to take on this burden, to supply the grace necessary to overcome. Third, we need to make a sincere commitment, with Our Lord's help, to resist the urge, one day at a time. Jesus tells us to let tomorrow take care of itself for today has enough trouble of its own. And that trouble is sin.

We hear these words of comfort in the psalm response: "The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Now is the time to invite Jesus into those dark areas of our lives trusting that He will renew and refresh us; just as He did for Zacchaeus.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson



The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support the significant cost associated with the education our seminarians for the priesthood in our Diocese – such as years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

Faith Formation News



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

ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Sept. and now Oct. signed mass sheets are due in Faith Formation office! Drop these off in mailbox outside of door facing Church St.

Confirmation II:

- **SPONSOR PAPERWORK** is due Nov 1. If this will be a problem, please contact Mrs. Rogalo, 973-347-0032, ext. 2330

- **Confirmation II saint reports:** as per the handout given to you in your folder, you **MUST** do either a written saint report or a live presentation for a Faith Formation class by Nov. 30. Please contact Mrs. Rogalo if you would like to do the presentation for a K-6 group. Email us at: faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org

Grades K-6:

Family Faith weekend of Nov. 16-17. Please make sure you sign your family up for one of the three sessions! **You MUST return your RSVP slip by Nov. 6 to reserve your spot!** (Email or call the Faith Formation office) The Family Faith session takes the place of *class* time on Nov. 17. Mass attendance is still required (you can go to any mass that weekend).



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

I signed up for adoration after a friend encouraged me. In turn I encouraged my husband to sign up as well, so praise the Lord we did and therefore became committed to a few hours a week. Over the year my few hours have increased, yet so too has my spiritual growth and personal relationship with Christ. Furthermore what I do at adoration has changed as well; from going along with an arm's length of prayers to pray from the minute I got there to the minute I left, to just sitting in the presence of Christ silently reflecting. Although prayers are very good, it is hard to hear the voice of our Lord when you talk too much. Therefore one year on I am able to hear Christ speak in the depths of my heart, to initiate dialogue if required. "The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice." (John 10:2-4). We know we are the sheep so isn't it our desire to hear the voice of the shepherd? I believe a good way to experience Christ in this way is giving Him one hour of your time, to adore His presence. (testimony of an adorer)

OPEN HOURS:

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

Dec. 6

Midnight Run to NY – items needed....

Light sleeping bags or blankets, backpacks or canvas tote bags, hooded sweatshirts, underwear, white t-shirts, jeans, men's belts, socks, men's sneakers, casual dress clothes for interviews, sizes – men and woman – M, L, XL, XXL inexpensive water bottles, clear container totes for storage and travel

Dec. 14

Nursing Home visit

Jan. 17-19

Sign up for Salesian Leadership Retreat

October 30 is the deadline

Feb. 13

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

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. If you have questions, please email Nicole at youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org



HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Tuna, 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!

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

From Fr. Henry

TRIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Domingo

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Lunes

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St. Michael's Giving Tree
Will be here on Nov. 30th!



The Giving Tree will be located in the back of the church and the ornament tags will be available. We are asking that you **return the wrapped gift with the ornament tag by December 15th**.
God Bless your generosity.

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
Fecha límite para registraciones: 23 de Septiembre.
No pierdas esta gran oportunidad!!

Wouldn't you like to serve at the altar?

All boys or girls in the fourth grade or higher who would like to serve at the altar are invited to come forward and do so. We have an **URGENT** need for servers who can serve at 5:00 PM, 7:00 AM and 11:30 AM. 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



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