

The Church of Saint Michael
December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Joseph Albensi, Michael Rudinsky, Angela O'Brien

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, Mari Grohowski, Danny Mannetti

Weekly Memorial
Bread & Wine:
Ronald Costanzo &
Martin C. Koert Sr.

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

Readings for the week

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the

Common

of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:00 a.m. Togno Family

5:00 p.m. Margaret Flynn, Pat DeFelice

Sunday, December 8, 2019 Second Sunday
of Advent

7:00 a.m. Intentions for the Unborn,
Louis & Alice Esposito

9:30 a.m. Vincent Joseph

11:30 a.m. Intentions of the Aziz Family,
Ronald Costanzo

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, December 9, 2019 Immaculate Conception

7:00 a.m. For The Unborn

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:00 a.m. Marie B Heaney, Mildred Togno

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

7:00 a.m. For All Deceased of St. Michael Church

Thursday, December 12, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mary & Bill Ruf

Friday, December 13, 2019

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. Ronald Costanzo

5:00 p.m. Necelia Polianchik & Rosemarie DiRupo,
Maryann Weldon

Sunday, December 15, 2019 Third Sunday
of Advent

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo, Julie Arbolino

9:30 a.m. Frances & Matthew Soccio,
Deceased of Ronzo & Soccio Families

11:30 a.m. Intentions of the Aziz Family

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 12/1/19 \$5,023.00

Repair & Renov. \$1,889.00

WeShare \$1,206.00

WeShare R & R \$205.00

Thanksgiving \$583.00

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

No Healing Mass in December

From Fr. Mike

Reflections – NCYC 2019

This previous trip to NCYC was actually my second time attending this amazing event. When we touched down in Indianapolis, I was reminding myself of what kind of experience we were in for. However, it was even more than what I was preparing myself for. I didn't remember what the energy was like, and when we got to Lucas Oil Stadium, I was overwhelmed. With over 20,000 Catholic youth in the stadium, the atmosphere was incredible. It was hard to remember the noise level and the energy from last time, so I was amazed at what I saw and felt. I learned a lot from this trip, and Fr. Mike is a big reason for that. Every night when we got back to the hotel we were staying at, he would ask us what we learned that day, and how we would bring it home with us. I learned so much about my faith, including the importance of prayer and how to make it more meaningful. I learned how to make it less like a chore and a more meaningful experience on a daily basis. I also learned that if I am bored in Church, it is either a problem with the mind or the heart, which I completely agreed with. I need to pay attention to the Mass more instead of checking out. Finally, I learned that we need to take to the streets and spread the word of God to all, and know that they might not accept it, and might ridicule us for it. We need to be respectful to these people, because all we can do is present the good news of God to them. NCYC was an amazing experience that I am glad I was able to experience a second time.

Shane Suralik

NCYC was a great first time experience! I got closer and along with the people in our youth ministry but also with some people from out of the state. But out of the two days of going to talks i felt i really connected or related to one or two. But they also helped me realized that I could always turn to God, and just pray or read scriptures. But I know I can trust him at times when this are ruff or about anything. Maybe he won't answer or won't feel like he's there but i trust that he's there. It always opened my eyes that there's more than just praying, like I can go read scriptures from the bible when i'm alone in a quiet place, or need help when i'm down but that i also could go sit in chapel to talk to God and just think. But as well as maybe talk to others that i feel comfortable about my faith. NCYC was just a really great experience for me and I can't wait for the next one in two years!

Sarah Glut

My experience at NCYC was like an event none other I've experienced. The conference had such a welcoming atmosphere that I felt right at home. One of the best parts was that everyone I've had the pleasure of talking to and listened to at talks had the same mindset as me as far as beliefs go. It's not often you get to hear so much of that with people you talk and listen to. The events each night with the King & Country performance, adoration, and mass impacted me the most, especially the latter two. It was incredible to see everyone in reverence during the night we did adoration, and while some, including myself, went right up to the stage on our knees. I felt the same way during the mass and realized then just how big of a deal mass is for us.

Gabbi Dreyfus

I think NCYC is probably the best event that I've ever experienced. It really showed me more about my Catholic faith than from what I already know. It was also cool seeing the other 20,000 people all over the country. It was great meeting people from other states, meeting the speakers about what they talked about about their faith. On Friday night at the stadium, during Adoration, the part when the Eucharistic was there, and confession was going on, that felt great just being there with the Bread of Life. The big Mass on Saturday was also very nice. I enjoyed the music, the things to do at the Village, etc. From the start to the end of NCYC, I felt close with everyone I knew and didn't know. I would definitely do NCYC in 2022.

John Borda

My time at NCYC was inspiring and uplifting. It was an experience I've never had before, surrounded by so many smiling faces that were there to worship, give praise, and listen. The talks that I went to were exactly what I needed in my life at that moment. With the booklet we were given containing all the talks, it was difficult to find a talk that truly interested me. Though somehow, the talks I went to answered my questions and crushed any doubts I had. The adoration and music was overwhelming as well. You could feel the presence of God, and felt there was a reason you were there, even if you didn't know why. I am grateful for this trip and time we spent in Indianapolis as I feel closer to God and my relationship with Him was restrengthened.

Joey Patire

NCYC was an amazing trip that helped me learn a lot about my faith and become closer to God. There were multiple talks I went to, but the one that affected me the most was how to trust God. This talk allowed me to be more open when praying and helped me figure out how to listen to God more. Wherever it seems like something bad has happened you just have to have trust in God that this event was meant to happen and things are going to get better. Something else I liked about NCYC was the mass held in Lucas Oil Stadium. It was really great to see a ton of teens showing their love for God altogether. Everyone would sing and pray and that was amazing to hear. It is nice to know that people from all over the country love God and that those people are going to be the future of our religion and are a huge part of our present religion. Overall, NCYC was great to become closer to God and I will definitely take the opportunity to go again.

Carissa Suralik

What resonated with me the most from NCYC was how many people around the world have labels. But mostly the world has one label and that label is that we are all one with God. Another thing that I enjoyed was the "Music and Messages" talk. The reason why I chose this session is because I like how music can bring people together as a community. And the message that they give you will help you understand how they got from their past here. This was my first time going to NCYC, it was fun meeting new people at the Village. Hearing what the speakers talk about in their session, and also hanging out with the people that I know through this journey. If I have a chance to go back to NCYC I would definitely go back.

Joshua Valencia



As per the calendar:

- Sessions for gr. 1-6: 12/8 and 12/15
-  Santa Breakfast for children: 12/22 after the 9:30 am mass, church hall. All are welcome!
- Gr. K: 12/15
- Gr. 7: 12/16 (mid-year test); note optional review for mid-year test: 12/9, 7-8:15pm, school/ After Christmas, sessions resume 1/13
- Gr. 8: 12/9 (mid-year test). After Christmas, sessions resume 1/6
- No sessions gr. K-6 on 12/29. Sessions resume Sun, 1/5 for Gr. 1-6 (1/12 for K)

Confirmation II:

- **Saint reports:** as per the handout given to you in your folder, saint reports were due in Faith Formation office 11/30. This is a requirement of the preparation process.

Confirmation I and II:

- Please drop off SIGNED Mass sheets for November
- Service for the 4th quarter due Dec. 31 (4 hrs. over the course of Sept-Dec) Please use the mailbox outside of the office front door facing Church St.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Midnight Run to NYC - also thank you to the people who helped sort and organize!

- Dec. 14 Nursing Home visit – Mt. Arlington 1:30pm-3pm
- Jan. 17-19 Sign up for Salesian Leadership Retreat Application and payment due before Dec. 6th
- Jan 24 March For Life Sign ups (overnight trip – Jan. 23-24)
- 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

St. Michael's Giving Tree



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.

ADORATION
OPEN HOURS

Sunday 11pm, Monday 12am & 1am
 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

**SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH 50/50
RAFFLE WINNERS**

Thank you to all our parishioners who bought and sold tickets to help raise money for Saint Michael Church.

God Bless You!

The Total of the 50/50 Raffle was \$20,020.00

First Prize: John Rogalo \$5,005.00

Second Prize: Kari Pepe \$3,003.00

Third Prize: Jack Benvenuto \$2,002.00

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Diocese of Paterson



As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at www.2019appeal.org. If you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please call the Bishop's Annual Appeal office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218 for addition details and also consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

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

From Fr. Henry

**Adviento:
Tiempo de Preparacion**



El Papa Francisco, en 2018, nos hizo una reflexión sobre el Adviento, en estas fechas en el que intentamos llenar nuestras vidas y la de los demás de cosas, productos, ocio, etc... el Papa nos recuerda que este tiempo de Adviento, es un tiempo para

llenar los vacíos de nuestros corazones. ¿Y cómo se llena nuestra vida? La Iglesia nos anima a vivir el Adviento día a día, encontrando a Cristo en la otra persona por medio de la caridad, la compañía, el perdón, en dedicar tu tiempo para otros, pero también encontrando a Dios por medio de la oración, la Santa Misa y la Comunión bien preparada. La venida de Cristo exige una continua conversión. En el contacto con Dios, a través de la oración nos damos cuenta de lo que aún tenemos que cambiar. La conversión es un proceso de todos los días, y tiene sólo un límite: el ser perfectos como nuestro Padre celestial es perfecto. Por lo tanto vivir el Adviento depende solo de ti!!!. Si quieres vivir intensamente este Adviento, este llamado a la conversión y preparación para acoger al Señor que viene, pidamos a Dios que ilumine nuestros corazones con la luz del Espíritu Santo y nos haga dóciles a sus palabras y al anuncio de la llegada de Dios nuestro Señor, el cual no quiere nacer en una cueva sino en el centro de cada uno de nuestros corazones.

**Feliz Segundo Domingo de Adviento!
Padre Henry**

Anuncios

- **Celebración de la Noche de Velitas:** Diciembre 8 de 5:00 a 6:00pm
Acompáñanos para esta celebración en honor a la virgen inmaculada (rosario afuera con velas y música) refrigerio de galletas y chocolate caliente.
Lugar: St. Paul Inside the Walls. Madison Av. Madison NJ. (podemos ir juntos en varios carros)
Regístrate: <https://insidethewalls.org/dec8>
- **Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,** Dic. 04 al 12 a las 7:00pm en el Templo Parroquial.
- **Misa Bilingüe en Honor a la Virgen del Guadalupe** el día 15 de Diciembre a las 11:30pm, seguida de recepción en el Hall de la parroquia. (cupos limitados debido a la capacidad del Salón. Para confirmar su asistencia, puedes hacerlo a través de la pagina web de la parroquia. www.stmichaelnetcong.org
El formulario de inscripción esta justo en la pagina principal. (Nota: No Misa en español a la 1:30pm este Domingo)
- **Novena de Aguinaldos:** inician el día 16 al 24 de Diciembre. Las personas que estén interesadas en abrir la puerta de su casa a la comunidad, para tener la oportunidad de hacer un día la Novena de aguinaldo en su casa, por favor hacérselo saber para así organizar el calendario con las fechas y lugares correspondientes a cada día. En caso tal que no haya hogares disponibles la Novena seria todos los días en el Hall de la Parroquia a las 7:00pm.
- **Desayuno y Brunch con Santa:** 22 de Diciembre después de la misa de 9:30am. y 1:30pm. Ven y tomate la foto con Santa!!!!

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Sunday, December 15th at 11:30am (Bilingual)
Celebration following in Msgr. Trapasso Hall
Sign up on our website to register
www.stmichaelnetcong.org**