

The Church of Saint Michael
January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Catalina Martinez

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
Tim Paternostro, Abigail Paternostro, Bill Regal,
Diane Grzymko, Zach Glut, Catherine Lackey, Maggie
Michaud, Diana Palumbo, Keith Pasquariello, Nancy Regal,
Carmella Susco, George Ellis, Mari Grohowski,
Danny Mannetti, Jean Rattner, Beth & Bruce Courter, Loda
Nehrebecki, Martha Lie Paternostro, Marlene Kenia

Weekly Memorial

Bread & Wine: For All Deceased Parishioners

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

Readings for the week

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Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV "Mass for
Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 18, 2020

8:00 a.m. For Deceased Parishioners

5:00 p.m. James T. & Augusta Burns,
Eleanor Sylvester

Sunday, January 19, 2020

7:00 a.m. Anthony Arbolino & Michael Bortak

9:30 a.m. Ronald E. Costanzo, Rosemary Sellar

11:30 a.m. Walter P. Lehnert, Russell Vassallo

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, January 20, 2020

7:00 a.m. Maria Spezza

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

8:00 a.m. Joseph Anthony Cinotti

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, January 23, 2020

8:00 a.m. Enelia Torres

Friday, January 24, 2020

7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners

Saturday, January 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Secco

5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi,
Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo

Sunday, January 26, 2020

7:00 a.m. Betty DiBernard

9:30 a.m. Joseph Albensi, Maria Spezza

11:30 a.m. Kathleen Van Blarcum,
Matthew & Frances Soccio

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 1/1/20 Solemnity \$1,881.00

WeShare \$40.00

Sunday, 1/5/20 \$6,069.00

WeShare \$1,686.00

Repair & Renov. \$2,183.00

WeShare R & R \$260.00

Sunday 1/12/20 \$5,680.00

WeShare \$1,581.00

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

Reflections from the Jamaica Mission Trip

Working with the Missionaries of the Poor was a very eye opening and humbling experience. At first it was difficult to set aside my American "fix it" attitudes. I had to get past the idea that every problem I saw there had a practical solution. By watching and listening to the religious brothers and sisters who care for this group of people, I came to understand that my role was to serve the residents I visited in the *present* moment: To rub lotion on hands and feet, to paint the fingernails of a young woman whose hands are curled into fists all of the time, to talk with a resident who has lived her whole life without walking, to dress a child with feet and legs that are so deformed that sitting without support is impossible. One of the most touching experiences I had was to feed a lollipop to a child whose hands were wrapped to prevent him from hurting himself---what a joy to see him so happy with such a simple treat!

My very first experience was to help dry and dress a young girl after her bath. She was about 11 and could not sit or stand or communicate. She was in distress because she was cold I think. I wrapped her in a thin towel and tried to calm her by rubbing her forehead and talking to her. Suddenly she stopped crying and seemed to focus her eyes on mine---it was the most humbling experience. It was so hard to dress her because she had little control over her limbs and they were bent at unnatural angles so I was afraid of hurting her. Yet she was patient...almost as if she knew I was trying my best to do this for her. The meaning of Matt 25:40 hit me very hard that morning.

I remember thinking after one particularly challenging day that I could not understand how the brothers and sisters could continue this work day after day. It would be so easy to become hopeless. The situation of the residents was not likely to ever change very much. Yet the spirit of joy and thanksgiving and the peace that these missionaries exude is absolutely genuine. After living with them and being invited to participate in their daily prayer life, I see that it is all possible with prayer. Every day, the Angelus, morning prayer, adoration, Mass, rosary, evening and night prayer provided graces to us to be joyful and appreciative as we served the residents. It truly must be the superpower that provides the energy and love to run this mission.

I learned many lessons during this week. While I might have known before that every life has value and every soul has a purpose in life, I was truly *taught* this by people who many in this world would consider to be the least valuable and have the least to contribute. The patience of the residents with our efforts, their joy in extending their hospitality to us, the prayers they offered on our behalf, their gratitude for our visit and the hugs they gave us so freely were gifts to us...we were truly served by *them*.

People ask me if the trip was 'good' and I find it hard to respond. But I do feel this trip was a blessing to me. I think the biggest change made was in me---I feel more grateful, more hopeful and in many ways more convinced that God's

Kingdom is really present on earth in small but significant ways. And I think I understand better what Jesus meant when he said that the least among us have a great ability to teach that lesson.

Debbie Rogalo

On January 3, 2020, Father Michael Lee, pastor of St. Michael Church in Netcong, NJ, lead a group of 10 adults on a mission trip to Jamaica. We spent the week working with the Missionaries of the Poor. The Brothers and Sisters of the Missionaries of the Poor, serve people of all ages, from infants to 100 years old. Their motto is "Joyful service with Christ on the cross." They are true angels on Earth as they minister to the most needy of God's children. Most all of their residents have some sort of physical and/or developmental disability yet happiness radiates from their smiles. We came to help and serve but soon discovered that working there did more for us than we could have done for the residents. As we talked, fed, bathed, dressed, played or prayed with the people there, we saw the face of Jesus.

The Brothers and Sisters are special people full of love, caring, patience and kindness. They are truly building up the kingdom of God by serving the least of our brothers and sisters. For many of us it was our first mission trip but it will not be our last.

Valerie Nichols

When Fr. Mike asked me to go on the Jamaica Mission Trip, I honestly did not want to go..... I was worried about my fear of airplanes, the time away from my family and work. It took time for me to be swayed by Father and my family.

Each day we were brought to a different care center for physically and mentally disabled children and adults. At the first place I visited the woman's arms came through the steel gates to pull me in and greet me with hugs and smiles. They were so happy that we were there to spend time and it was as if Jesus was reaching for us.... We would help to feed people who could not feed themselves, talk, pray and sing with them and put lotion on them too. We touched children's faces who could not speak or move. I spoke to a woman that was 101 years old - who gave me a blessing for coming to visit them and for a safe trip home. In the beginning I thought we were touching them - but in fact they were touching us.

The Brothers and Sisters from the Missionaries of the Poor are true examples of how we are supposed to be. The love and respect that they have for the people of Jamaica is amazing. The children and adults in the centers have no toys, no phones, no families, no A/C, no windows, no hot water, but they have the love of God in their hearts. I will think of them often and I am thankful that I had the chance to be on that Mission Trip.

Annemarie Bias



Jamaica Mission Trip Jan. 3-10



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Holy Land Pilgrimage

Father Mike will be leading a 10 day pilgrimage to Israel starting on Nov. 8, 2020 and returning on Nov. 17, 2020. We will be flying round trip on United Airlines out of Newark. We will visit Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem and Jerusalem (we will do the Via Dolorosa-actual stations of the cross, the Wailing Wall and the Holy Sepulchre). The price of \$2,950 PPDO (per person double occupancy) includes everything except beverages, tips, church donations and travel insurance. We are booked into 4 star hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner included. Travel through Israel will be in a deluxe coach bus and there will be an English speaking guide throughout the pilgrimage. Please direct all questions to Valerie Nichols, Parish Pilgrimage Coordinator. For a detailed copy of the itinerary, the information and reservation form, contact Valerie Nichols at valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org or call her at home 973-347-9030. Please consider joining us as we walk in Jesus' steps.

Faith Formation News

Reminder update: No class on 1/19 for gr. K-6 and Special Sacrament class;

Classes ARE in session for Gr. 8 on 1/20

Catechist In-service: following the 9:30 am Mass on 1/19, rectory basement meeting room.

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"...blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

"Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." John 20:29; Mark 11:24

Come and spend some quiet time at our Adoration Chapel, even for just an hour.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our parishioners, community members, local schools and organizations who donated for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your kindness and generosity have given those who come to the pantry a joyous holiday season.

We provided the following:

Thanksgiving –

65 Families and 181 bags of food, 61 turkeys

Christmas –

78 Families and 222 bags of food, 18 turkeys

Again, thank you for all you do for the pantry, not just at the holidays, but all year long.

March For Life Knights of Columbus Bus Trip

January 24th is the annual bus trip to Washington DC. Anyone interested can call John Hand at 973-670-7457. The trip to the March For Life is sponsored by St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council #3665.

There is no charge to participate. Seats are limited. First come first serve. Leaving at 6:00 am from St Michael's school parking lot and returning around 10:00 pm. Let's take a stand against Roe v Wade together.

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

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“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said. ‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... I did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he be made known to Israel. I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him... ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’”

The words of John the Baptist echo daily as we prepare to receive the Eucharist. Our attention is directed to the uplifted host and we are informed of the great fact that our saving Lord is present before us. How well do we know Him? How present is He to us? Two short questions capture an immense truth. I know Him, but need to know Him better. What is in my head, needs to transform my heart. The Real Presence of Jesus in this sacrament of His love calls me to a more intimate union with Him. I look forward to His coming to me, I receive Him with deep reverence, and cling to Him.

As John saw Jesus coming to him and spoke so clearly, may our word of thanks for His coming to us be as deep and meaningful. ‘Your love and your grace give unto me and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.’ (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Segundo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

19 de enero de 2020

“Juan vio acercarse a Jesús y dijo: ‘Este es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo... Yo no lo conocía, pero he venido a bautizar con agua para que él fuera manifestado a Israel. He visto al Espíritu descender del cielo en forma de paloma y permanecer sobre él... ‘Aquel sobre el que veas descender el Espíritu y permanecer sobre él, ese es el que bautiza con el Espíritu Santo.’”

Las palabras de San Juan Bautista se repiten al prepararnos a recibir la Eucaristía. Elevando la hostia el sacerdote nos recuerda que nuestro Salvador está aquí presente, ante nosotros. ¿Qué tanto lo conocemos? ¿Qué tan presente está El? Dos preguntas capturan una inmensa verdad. Lo conozco, pero debo conocerlo mejor. Mi mente necesita transformar mi corazón.

La presencia real de Jesús en este sacramento de Su amor me llama a una unión más íntima con El. Ansío su acercamiento, lo recibo con gran reverencia y me aferro a El.

Así como San Juan vio a Jesús acercarse y hablar claramente, ojalá que nuestras palabras de agradecimiento cuando El se nos acerca sean tan profundas y significativas. ‘Sólo con que me des tu amor y tu gracia ya soy suficientemente rico. Nada más deseo.’ (San Ignacio de Loyola)