

The Church of Saint Michael  
February 9, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:  
Robert Clawson, Howard Morana

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:  
David Gowdy, Tim Paternostro, Marlene Kenia, Marthalia  
Paternostro, Diane Grzymko, Drew Taormina

Weekly Memorial  
Bread & Wine:  
For All 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 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Next Healing Mass is Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. Frances Soccio

5:00 p.m. Pat Buckley, Betty DiBernard

Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:00 a.m. Julie Arbolino

9:30 a.m. Josephine Vaia, Isaura DaCosta

11:30 a.m. Gus Rampone Sr., Gus Rampone Jr.

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 10, 2020

7:00 a.m. Special Intention, Mary & Michael Soccio

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

8:00 a.m. Emilio Rea Jr., Chester Guzik

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

7:00 a.m. Joyce Benvenuto

Thursday, February 13, 2020

8:00 a.m. Gloria Bauer, Bernard & Helen Rogalski

Friday, February 14, 2020

7:00 a.m. John & Gloria Bauer, Robert Colabella

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. Joseph Donofrio

5:00 p.m. Edmund DeSantis Jr., Elearnor Sylvester

Sunday, February 16, 2020

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo

9:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo,

Dominic & Nunziata Tognò

11:30 a.m. Richard Bencivenga

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 2/2/20 \$5,697.00

Repair & Renov. \$2,365.00

WeShare \$1,206.00

WeShare R & R \$210.00

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

Bible Study

Please join us on Thursdays at 7pm in  
Msgr. Trapasso Hall.

## From Fr. Mike

From the diary of a 102 year old man on his death bed:

When I think about my life and all that I have accomplished in over 100 years, I realize there are some realities that I cannot, but honestly admit. God has given me the gift of a “golden tongue” and when I have spoken some have said it was like the angels were speaking. But in the end I realize that words, like people fade and ultimately, I must be true to only one person, and that is myself.

Again, as I approach the end of my life, I realize that even if I made the noise of a loud crashing cymbal, even if I could tell the future and understand all the mysteries of life and death, but I don't have myself, then I am nothing. If I were generous to the poor and even in my death donated my body for scientific research, but don't have myself, I gained nothing.

For as I approach my final stage of growing and pass from this life to next, I must be honest with myself and admit that: I have often been impatient and sometimes even unkind. At times I was really jealous and once in a while even arrogant. I usually put myself and my needs before others and was not afraid of being rude. I looked out for number one and what interested me. I was quick to be angry and have been told I could hold a grudge. Doing wrong did not ever upset me, and telling the truth was always just an option.

Most things really aggravated me. Believing was hard for me, hoping seemed to be foolish, and when all was said and done, I really had little endurance or patience. But now I come to end of my life and see how there is faith, hope and love but none of these did I acquire or even seek to possess. So in the end, I only have what I cultivated, and that is: me, myself and I. I missed the boat and spent way too much time focusing on the things that really did not matter.

For when you chase away your faith and condemn God for all the things that are wrong in your life; when you do not give room for hope, then life is only something to be endured. And when your heart and your life has no room for Love, you should have died when you were young, for your life truly has been wasted.

My dear family and friends, learn the valuable lesson that I have learned living over 100 years on this earth: Learn to be patient with one another, for kindness multiplies your friends. Do not be jealous of others or think too highly of yourselves, for you never know the road which other

people truly have to endure. Seek the interests of others, be quick to forgive rather than fight. Do not brood over your own injuries but bandage the wounds of others with your kindness and concern. Never rejoice in doing things wrongly, for this shortcut never leads to anything positive or healthy, but always rejoice in the truth, even when they crucify you for it.

Bear with the faults of others and they will overlook yours. Believe in that which most people cannot, for God will give you the strength to endure in times of hardships. And hope beyond hope, for things to be better and not easier. So as you come to the end of your lives, you will have faith, hope and love and the greatest of these will be your love; your love for God, your love for others and your love for yourself.

As I close my eyes to this world, I have no one to hold my hand or mourn at my grave. But that was my decision and I hope you do not make the same. I pray that the hard lessons that I have learned in my loneliness and solitude will allow just one person to see how although in the eyes of the world I was a rich and successful man, but I forgot one important thing: that was the love of the man who was not accepted in his own town, a man of suffering and pain and because of that knows our suffering and crosses. Have faith in Him, trust in Him, hope in Him. So that at the end of your lives you will sing of your salvation.

You may ask yourselves how I learned these lessons in spite of myself, well last night I had a visitor in my room and in the gentleness of His heart and the kindness of His Spirit, a little boy from Nazareth came and opened my heart to the real truth of life and death. Don't wait 100 years to learn what I learned, start today, begin this moment and learn to love, practice having faith and never give up on hope.



Faith  
Hope  
Love

# Valentine's dinner

## Parish Appreciation Dinner

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Msgr. Trapasso Hall

Sign ups are on our website

[www.stmichaelnetcong.org](http://www.stmichaelnetcong.org)

Parish Staff will be cooking and serving

Just bring a dessert to share

*Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up!*



## Flocknote

If you would like to receive communications from our parish – please sign up for Flocknote.

You will receive news, events, reminders, chapel closings, Mass times, messages and greetings, etc.

Please sign up

Visit [www.Flocknote.com](http://www.Flocknote.com)

Click [find your church](#)

Enter **07857**

Click [St. Michael Church \(Netcong\)](#)

Enter [First name, last name, email and cell phone number](#)

Click [sign me up](#)

You will get a confirmation email

[Once you confirm your email](#) –

You will be a member of our parish flocknote.



The parish wants to provide you with additional resources to help with spirituality, catechism and formation. Please check it out. It is free for everyone.

Please sign up

[Formed.org](http://Formed.org)

Click [sign up](#)

Click on [“I belong to a Parish or Organization”](#)

On Create Account Page

Type in zip code **07857**

Click on [St. Michael Church](#)

Click on [next and create your account](#)

It is a wonderful resource for books, movies, programs, etc.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

REMINDER: As per the calendar, no session for K-6, Jr. High or Confirmation prep week of Feb. 17.

Confirmation I retreat: Feb. 15, 10-3:30 pm, Sacred Heart Center.

- The retreat is mandatory
- All forms and payment are due in Faith Formation office TODAY

Confirmation II Sponsor and Candidate meeting:

Feb. 9, after the 11:30 am Mass (about 12:30 pm) in the church hall. IF sponsor cannot attend, a parent or other significant adult should attend in sponsor's place. Snow date: 2/16



“Souper-Bowl’ Food Pantry Project: the children in grade 1-6 collected 159 cans of soup last week! Great job! Thank you so much for your generosity.

If you forgot your donation this week, Religious Ed classes will continue to collect soup for the food pantry through February.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Sweet Success Fundraiser coming soon!

Feb. 13

Jason Evert – St. Paul Inside the Wall

Feb. 14

Parish Appreciation Dinner – please sign up on our website.

Feb. 21

Ice Skating at Aspen Ice

March 20

Stations of the Cross & Unplanned Movie Night

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)



## 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 note - there will be some strenuous walking/hiking. 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](mailto:valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org) or call her at home 973-347-9030.

Please consider joining us as we walk in Jesus' foot steps. RSVP soon – spots are filling fast!

### ***ARISE Together in Christ***

Beginning the week of Feb. 23, 2020 the first week of Lent, St. Michael's will once again offer an opportunity for parishioners to participate in small faith sharing communities that will meet in homes and at St. Michael's over the course of 6 weeks. Even if you did not participate in the Arise program held in the fall we invite you to sign up during this Lenten season. Sign up forms will be available in February. Any questions you may have contact Betty at [evangelization@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:evangelization@stmichaelnetcong.org) or 973-448-8847.

### Adoration

#### **JESUS WANTS IT!!!**

Because Jesus loves you infinitely, unlimited is the joy you bring to His Sacred Heart when you come to spend an hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus spoke these moving words to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque: "I have a burning thirst to be honored by all people in the Blessed Sacrament."

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

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of personal care items/toiletries: shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant (men's and women's). Please leave **ONLY** your **NON-PERISHABLE** donations in the bin outside the rectory garage. **ANY FROZEN OR REFRIGERATED FOODS LEFT IN THE BIN WILL HAVE TO BE DISCARDED FOR HEALTH REASONS.** Thank you for your generosity!

**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**

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10**

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

### QUINTO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**Primera Lectura: Isaías 58:7-10**

Esta lectura es una vigorosa exhortación del profeta Isaías a llevar vidas de caridad activa y de generosidad. Promete que el Señor será nuestro "amanecer", nuestro "guardián", nuestra "luz" si compartimos nuestro pan, si alojamos a los que no tiene hogar, y si vestimos al que no tiene ropa.

**Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 2:1-5**

Pablo dice a los corintios que él y ellos no deben confiarse de la tal "sabiduría" de enseñanzas y filosofías humanas, sino en el poder del Espíritu.

**Evangelio: San Mateo 5:13-16**

Jesús les recuerda a sus discípulos y a todos los Cristianos que ellos tienen responsabilidades especiales de ser "la sal de la tierra". No deben esconder su luz sino mostrar su bondad a todos.