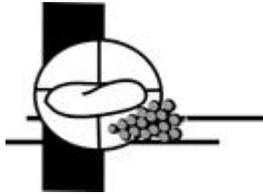


The Church of Saint Michael
February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

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

Weekly Memorial
Bread & Wine:
Catherine Sclafani

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

Readings for the week

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. Joseph Donofrio

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

Sunday, February 16, 2020

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo

9:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo,
Dominic & Nunziata Tognio

11:30 a.m. Richard Bencivenga

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 17, 2020

7:00 a.m. Rosemarie DiRupo,

Anthony & Mary Cautero,

Gerardo & Michelina Ceddia

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

8:00 a.m. Joseph Anthony Cinotti

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:00 a.m. Josephine Vaia

Thursday, February 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. Pasquale Leone

Friday, February 21, 2020

7:00 a.m. Joan Hall

Saturday, February 22, 2020

8:00 a.m. Robert Clawson

5:00 p.m. John Grogan, Betty DiBernard

Sunday, February 23, 2020

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

9:30 a.m. Josephine Vaia, Albert "Chip" Ronzo

11:30 a.m. Richard Grizzetti

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 2/9/20 \$6,161.00

WeShare \$1,056.00

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

Next Healing Mass is Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm

From Fr. Mike

A priest shared this with me about his parish. I thought it was something worthwhile sharing with you.

From Maintenance to Mission Saint Paul Church is on the road from Maintenance to Mission. What does this mean? Consider the differences between Parish A & Parish B. Parish A is in maintenance mode. The hard working staff of Parish A has two goals: they do everything they can to serve the people in their pews well, and to keep the doors of the church open. Many parishioners attend weekly Mass but most come about once a month, and hardly ever if it is too hot, too cold, or on a weekend that conflicts with a birthday party, sporting event or work. Most of Parish A's operating budget is spent on maintaining the buildings. There are a few outreach ministries in Parish A, but they are run by the same people who do everything and no one else wants to get involved (or even knows how to). Most parishioners recognize at least a few of the other people who attend the same weekly Mass, but they don't know each other's names or anything about one another, and they don't know anyone who attends Mass at a different time. Many families in Parish A enroll their children into the weekly Faith Formation Program so they can receive their sacraments, but many drop out after First Communion and even more leave after Confirmation. All of the parishioners have family members and friends who no longer practice their faith, but they never think about inviting them to come to Parish A.

Parish B is on a mission. This parish hears Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations, and they are committed to living it. The staff of Parish B works hard and prays hard. They see themselves as disciple-makers, and they strive to coordinate opportunities for people to encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed. These ongoing opportunities exist for all parishioners of every age, and anyone they choose to invite. Steady numbers of children and adults prepare for, and receive sacraments throughout the year. Parish B is intentional about hospitality and they strive to know one another, to give each other encouragement and support, and to warmly welcome anyone who walks through their doors. Additionally, when these people leave the church, they continue to be the Church wherever they go, by offering kindness and care to everyone in their path.

This parish also has an invitational culture. Parishioners have a sense of belonging and they are eager to invite others to attend social functions, service opportunities, prayer experiences, and Mass. There are many ways for

people at this parish to discover their God-given gifts and talents, and to develop them to serve others. They organize new ministries and invite everyone to participate. Maintaining the buildings is an issue in this parish mainly because more space is needed for meetings and activities, but they know that the new parish hall, and renovations to the old buildings will come in time. Meanwhile, most of the operating budget is poured into programs that help people of every age fall in love with Jesus and his Church. Every Mass at Parish B is well attended year round, and people here look forward to participating in Sunday morning Mass together. They gather frequently for fellowship at the parish, but they even host one another in their homes to socialize, learn, and even pray together.

Which parish is more appealing to you?



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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. 16.

Sessions resume Feb. 23, 9:15 am in church for gr. 1-6; Feb. 24, 6:30 pm for Gr. 8; March 2, 6:30 pm for Gr. 7

Confirmation I and II Sessions:

- Confirmation II: March 1, regular time and place
- SuperGroup Session for Conf. I and II: March 15, 3-7:30pm, church hall; dinner is included. Attendance is expected of **all** candidates.
- Confirmation I: March 22, regular time and place
- All candidates should be working on accomplishing 4 hours of service for the months of Jan. 1-March 31.

First Communion Parent meetings: for parents of children in Mrs. DeLuca's, Mrs. Lopez's and Mrs. Pintos's classes
PARENTS ATTEND BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS:

- March 1, 6:30 pm, church hall
- March 8, during regular class time, school

Only one parent needs to attend.

Important details about First Communion, Jesus Day and other important material that you need to prepare your child will be discussed at these sessions. Questions? Contact Mrs. Rogalo (973-347-0032, ext. 2330)

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Walk In Jesus' Footsteps

Imagine standing on the site of the Transfiguration, visiting the place in Bethlehem where Jesus was born, praying the Stations of the Cross as we walk the Via Dolorosa, taking a boat ride in a "Jesus' ship" across the Sea of Galilee, kneeling in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, receiving a Baptismal Blessing at the place where Jesus was baptized, wading in the Dead Sea and much more. The Gospels and the Parables will come alive as we travel throughout Israel on our 10 day pilgrimage. The price of \$2,950 per person double occupancy, includes a roundtrip nonstop flight on United from Newark Liberty, covers all meals, entrance fees, deluxe motor coach, 4 star hotels and an English speaking tour guide. Gratuities, beverages, church donations and travel insurance are extra. Contact Valerie Nichols, Parish Pilgrimage Coordinator, by email or phone for more information. Reserve your place to walk in Jesus' footsteps. There are some spots left so act soon before we are booked up. valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org or 973-347-9030.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sweet Success Fundraiser coming soon!

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



ADORATION

JESUS GIVES US HIS GRACES!!!

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, calling out to each one of us. "Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you," (Mt. 11:28). Jesus stays with us in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind and heart and spirit by lavishing on us those graces that encourage us, console us, strengthen us, guide us and inspire us to place all of our trust in His Sacred Heart, so that the power of His love may cast out every fear, doubt, worry and anxiety that we have. **Open Hours-Sunday 11pm, Monday 12am & 1am, Tuesday 8pm.** 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

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 or 973-448-8847.

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!

Forty Cans for Lent

Please join the Knights of Columbus in the Forty Cans for Lent project. Once again, the Knights will collect canned goods and other non perishable food items for our parish food pantry. It's a great corporal work of mercy to perform during Lent. The idea is to donate one item for each of the forty days of Lent as part of your Lenten sacrifice. Donations can be placed by the St. Jude statue in the back of the church. Thank you.

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

Miércoles a las 7:00 PM

Tres maneras para obtener un mejor provecho de la Misa

¿Te gustaría obtener un mejor provecho de la Misa? ¿Te gustaría hacer de la Misa-incluso de aquella que se celebra mediocrementemente, un momento lleno de sentido para ti y tus hijos? He aquí tres sugerencias que pueden ayudarte.

1. Asiste acompañado de amigos.

Haz que tus hijos inviten a sus amigos a participar en la Misa y trátalos de manera especial después de la celebración, ya sea en casa o fuera de ella. La Misa es la parte central de nuestro día de descanso, día en que estamos supuestos a disfrutar el descanso, la hermandad, las amistades, y la bondad de la creación de Dios. Descubre lo bueno que es ser parte de aquellos que desean y activamente buscan ser el pueblo de Dios.

2. Asigna una tarea a tus hijos.

Haz que en tu familia un miembro sea responsable de orar por otro miembro. Tú mismo puedes ofrecer alguna intención para la oración (por ejemplo: un examen pendiente, o una situación difícil en el trabajo), asimismo puede formularse una petición genérica. Mantente alerta y señala los momentos específicos en los que el sacerdote nos invita a incluir nuestras oraciones.

3. Proponte escuchar.

Recuerda un mensaje o frase que te haya impresionado en el transcurso de la celebración. Puede ser una frase de la liturgia, alguna idea del predicador, las palabras de un himno o cántico, o inclusive el milagro de ver a un niño durmiendo plácidamente en el hombro de su padre. A diferencia de cuando vemos la televisión, la liturgia nos exige una participación plena, activa y consciente. Una manera de motivarlos a que escuchen durante la celebración es precisamente compartiendo después con ellos lo que escucharon.

¿Busca la felicidad? Entonces, busque lo que necesita

Hace algunos años, tenía dificultades en mi vida de oración. Si oraba con asiduidad, vivía fidedignamente, y hacia lo que Dios me pedía, entonces, ¿por qué parecía que mis peticiones no eran escuchadas? A fin de cuentas, Jesús dijo, "*Todo lo que pidan con fe en la oración lo obtendrán*". —Mateo 21:22

Afortunadamente, tenía la dicha de contar con un magnífico director espiritual, Al, a quien le expliqué mi dilema. Al sabía que yo era un fanático del béisbol, así que resolvió mi frustración mediante una comparación perfecta.

"Imagínate que hace semanas hiciste planes para esta noche", me dijo. "Y hoy te pregunto si quieres ver el partido de las estrellas por televisión esta noche. Tú dices, 'lo siento, pero ya tengo planes', y yo me digo a mí mismo: '¡caramba, este hombre está mal de la cabeza! ¡No puedo creer que no quiera ver el partido conmigo!'".

Al siguió explicándome que Dios tiene, desde los orígenes del mundo, un plan para nosotros. Me ayudó a darme cuenta lo tonto que yo era al ofrecerle a Dios mis planes "de última hora" y esperar que Dios dejase todo lo demás de un lado, especialmente cuando los planes de Dios, a diferencia de los nuestros, nos llevarán a nuestra verdadera felicidad.

San Ignacio de Loyola nos dice que nos presentemos ante Dios con nuestras necesidades. Con la ayuda de Al, me di cuenta de que había estado pidiendo lo que quería, y no necesariamente lo que necesitaba. Para ser verdaderamente feliz, debo desear lo que necesito. Debo desear el plan de Dios, no el mío.