

The Church of Saint Michael
February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Joan Togno, Frederick T. Dark, Bernard Klinck

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

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, February 24, 2020

7:00 a.m. Louis Holterhoff

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. Joan Togno

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Robert Colabella

12:15 p.m. Service Only

7:00 p.m. For All Parishioners

8:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Intentions

Thursday, February 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. Andy Dedinsky

Friday, February 28, 2020

7:00 a.m. Carol Fenton

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd,

Louis & Alice Esposito

Sunday, March 1, 2020

7:00 a.m. Mary Brodo

9:30 a.m. Filomena Emanuel, Anthony DiBiase

11:30 a.m. Andy Dedinsky, Joan Tongo

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 \$4,830.00

WeShare \$1,681.00

Lenten Mass each Wednesday of Lent at 12:15pm

Stations of the Cross on Fridays 7pm English &
8pm Spanish (most Fridays – unless special event)

Special Events will be announced at Mass and on our
website.

From Fr. Mike

Our first dinner was last Sunday, March 3, 2019. With our 2nd Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner, it allowed me to welcome you for all that you do. When I think about my Priesthood over the last several years and the assignments where I have served, I would like to think that I can qualify these with five major themes: sarcasm, humor, kindness, hospitality and justice. Everything that we do, from celebrating Mass, each and every day, which is the center and source of strength for everything that we do here at Saint Michael Church; including educating our youth in the faith, feeding the poor, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and dying, praying the Rosary and novenas, celebrating the Sacraments, to just having good fun, all of these events cannot take place with just one person. There is great wisdom in the cliché “There is no ‘I’ in team.” And the dinner was a time to just sit back and say thank you to that team we call Saint Michael Parish Community.

Often times, we are so busy doing things that we lose sight of why we are doing them and how we do them. The evening was an opportunity to give thanks to all those people who: train and serve as altar servers; are part of our Knights of Columbus; those who clean and decorate the church each holiday and holy day; those who train and serve as Eucharistic Ministers; those who manage and volunteer at our Food Pantry; those who educate our youth in our Faith; to our catechists; our Music Ministry, cantors and choir; those who train and serve as Readers; our RCIA team; our Sacristans; our Office Staff; our Monday morning counters.

It is truly amazing when you list and hear the many ministries that we have here in Netcong and how so many wonderful, generous and selfless people we have in our midst. So, that evening was an evening where I, got a chance to say “Thank You” for all that you do. This past week, someone mentioned that putting all this hard work in preparing for such an event is really not “ministry” because they are not really helping anyone. To which I replied, maybe some people do not need food or shelter, but maybe they need the company of others, a kind smile or even a good meal. That is ministry as well.

Allow me to genuinely say “Thank you” for all that you do for your church and for me as your pastor. A few particular shout-outs of thank you to: for Annemarie & Deacon Rich for their meatloaf; for Betty, Debbie and Deacon Stu for their ham and potatoes; for Nicole and Katie for their chicken; for Jodi and her mac and cheese; for Tomasz and his tuna pasta; for Valerie and Deacon Joe for their pulled pork, for Bob and his lasagna; for Magda and Maritza for their chicken and rice; for Denise Finizio and her beef bourguignonne and salad; for all who brought deserts; for all who helped set up and clean. And

last but not least, to all of you who make our parish family the welcoming, kind, clean and beautiful place that we call our spiritual home. God bless and thank you again!



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

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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, 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
- Super Group 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.
- Signed mass sheets due in the office this week!

First Communion Parent meetings: for parents of children in Mrs. DeLuca’s, Mrs. Lopez’s and Mrs. Pintos’ 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)

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 2: No YM meeting

Sweet Success Fundraiser: Take a tube of M & M's - return the tube filled with quarters and drop it into the container in the church vestibule. Thank you!

Mar 20: Stations of the Cross & Unplanned Movie Night

Mar 28: Midnight Run

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

IT IS A WAY TO A TRULY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS!!!

Eucharistic Adoration helps people to be more personally involved with Christ because it makes the Eucharist more central in the lives of people. By spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist, one is able to establish a truly personal relationship with Him.

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. 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!



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.

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 statue of St. Anthony 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

¿Cuáles fueron los valores familiares de Jesús?

Sería difícil catalogar a Jesús como un miembro de una familia ‘convencional’, escribió Robert Ellsberg en un artículo publicado en la revista *Living Pulpit*. Con comentarios como este: “He venido a poner al hijo contra el padre y a la hija contra la madre”, Jesús desafió las estructuras familiares de su tiempo. No es que Jesús haya sido una persona “antifamilia”; al contrario, nos llama a reestructurar nuestro concepto de familia más allá de nuestra familia inmediata. Desafía particularmente a aquellas personas para las que su situación familiar tiene primacía sobre las demandas radicales de Dios. Cuando esto pasa, la comodidad del círculo familiar se convierte en algo estático, y Dios pasa a segundo término; en consecuencia, se ignora a aquellas personas que no consideramos como parte de nuestra familia.

¿Cuáles son los valores que Jesús nos pide fomentar? Ellsberg sugiere tres, cada uno unido a un antivalor, que Jesús mismo nos exige evitar.

1. Inclusión en lugar de exclusión

A menudo las tentaciones de exclusividad nos motivan a malgastar bienes materiales en nuestros hijos, los miembros de nuestra familia extendida, y en nosotros mismos. Al hacer esto, ignoramos el grito clamoroso de las necesidades de otros niños y de nuestras propias comunidades.

La exclusión nos puede llevar a centrarnos en las necesidades de nuestros propios hijos de tal forma que crezcan sin conocer las necesidades ajenas. De igual

manera, la exclusividad puede resultar en una defensa familiar que nos mantenga alejados de la gente distinta a nosotros en el aspecto étnico, estatus económico, o inclusive en popularidad. Los remedios para superar la exclusión son muchos. Haz un compromiso familiar para identificar y responder a las necesidades de otros miembros de tu comunidad. Forma a tus hijos en la compasión y la empatía, bases fundamentales de una moral verdadera. Amplía su mundo de relaciones y cultiva amistades que no sean un reflejo de ustedes mismos.

2. Humildad en lugar de fuerza

Las tentaciones orientadas hacia el poder incluyen la susceptibilidad al ambiente tan competitivo en que vivimos, y además, tal ambiente busca reafirmar la hombría de los varones. La necesidad de poder que experimentan muchas personas se manifiesta en un comportamiento controlador hacia la familia, en el desempeño del trabajo, o simplemente, al conducir un automóvil. La patriotería, racismo, nacionalismo, y todos los otros “ismos” que utilizamos siempre que aplastamos a otras personas, son signos claros de que necesitamos bajar la guardia. ¿Qué podemos hacer para solucionar éstos y otros “ismos”?

Sé consciente de que el poder es para servir, no para oprimir. Practica la renuncia al poder en cosas que te gusta controlar: el control remoto del televisor, la chequera, el asiento del chofer, el ritmo al que caminas cuando acompañas a otro miembro de la familia, la estación radial que te gusta escuchar, o el simple hecho de que todos callen mientras estás presente. Da prioridad a las necesidades familiares y de los compañeros de trabajo sobre las tuyas, y sírveles sin esperar recompensa o reconocimiento.

3. Discipulado y no señorío

Quizá éste es el comentario más radical que Jesús hizo acerca de la familia. Para Jesús el Reino de Dios es para quienes abren su corazón a Dios, no para quienes abofetean a los demás. En un mundo donde la familia y el nacimiento de alguna manera condicionan tu destino, Jesús nos llama a adoptar un criterio de vida radicalmente distinto, basado no sólo en quiénes son tus padres terrenales, sino en la toma de conciencia de que se es hijo o hija de Dios. La tentación contemporánea que experimentamos respecto al señorío es el pensar que nuestra identidad se deriva de nuestro trabajo, nuestro árbol genealógico, nuestro pueblo, nuestro equipo de fútbol favorito, nuestra ropa, nuestro buen gusto en el entretenimiento, u otras cosas fuera de nosotros mismos. El remedio es que medites en la verdad que asume tu identidad al aceptar la llamada que Jesús te hace a que vivas como él, compartiendo su misión de amar y servir a los demás.