

The Church of Saint Michael
November 1, 2020
All Saints Day



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Drew Taormina, Jeanne Rattner, Nicholas Rafferty, William Lozano, Thomas Togno, Lorraine Krozser, Lucy Pintos

Weekly Memorial
Bread & Wine:
For All Deceased

Confession Times
Mondays 6:30pm-7pm
Saturdays 4pm-4:30pm
No confession on Holidays

Readings for the week

All Saints

Sunday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday

Any readings from no. 668 or from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

First Friday

Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8

First Saturday

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 31, 2020

10am For All Deceased Parishioners

5pm John Bauer

Sunday, November 1, 2020 All Saints Day

7am Ebbie Bencivengo

9:30am Edward Flannery III

11:30am Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo

1:30am Special Intention

Monday, November 2, 2020 All Souls Day

10am All Faithfully Departed

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

10am Bernice McHale

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

10am Joseph P. Togno

Thursday, November 5, 2020

10am John Bauer

Friday, November 6, 2020

10am John Bauer

Saturday, November 7, 2020

10am For All Parishioners

5pm Louis Castaldi

Sunday, November 8, 2020

7am Special Intention

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo

11:30am Gus & Josephine Rampone, Robert J. Poth

1:30am Special Intention



From Fr. Mike

We embark this week on one of the most contentious elections in our nation's history. Chaos and fear, misinformation, distrust, and division have become commonplace. These dispositions having swiftly overtaken the hearts of many in our country have led to rifts in relationships, families being torn apart, violence in the streets, and an overwhelming sense of anxiety about the future. We have become people filled with animosity and cynicism. As St. Paul told the Galatians, "Do not be deceived." The immense disruption on nearly every level of society is not simply the result of natural causes. No... "We are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph 6:12). Though many dismiss, mock, or are ignorant of the spiritual realm, the demonic does in fact exist. Satan is quite interested in the affairs of men and seeks to manipulate them for his own ends. Fear and chaos are some of his most cherished weapons, both in the arenas of the individual soul and society at large. These two weapons appear to be at work in overtime right now. There can be natural fear which can lead to natural chaos. Yet, as many have voiced to me before, and as I know in my soul, the fever pitch and irrationality presently feels like something else. Do not be deceived...

I am extending an invitation to all to pray for our country and our church regardless of the outcome of the elections. Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Church, when seeking extraordinary graces from God, has modeled herself after the example of the Blessed Virgin and the Apostles, solemnly praying for the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We must pray for our nation: for peace, for reconciliation, for truth, for justice, for forgiveness... We must pray that God's will be done, trusting that whatever happens in our lives He has foreseen and will work for our salvation. That should be the desire of every heart, that God's will be done, not that of any political ideology.

Particularly, I am asking you to join me in praying the rosary. The rosary is the most potent weapon we have against the Devil. If the Word of God is like a double-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12), then the

rosary is its sheath. The prayers are all scriptural or scripture inspired. The mysteries for meditation allow our souls to meet Christ upon the Cross, converse with Him in the garden, speak to Angels at His birth, and pray with the Blessed Mother and the Apostles for the Holy Spirit to descend upon us. Whether you like the rosary or not, it's effects in obtaining the help of God are historically undeniable. From the victories at Lepanto in 1571 under Don Juan, the battle of Vienna in 1683 against 300,000 Turkish invaders, the battle of New Orleans in 1815 with Andrew Jackson and his rosary, the preserved churches at ground zero in 1945 at Hiroshima, and many, many more attest to our Lord's attentiveness to this prayer. Lastly, I think of Bishop Doeme in 2014. As bishop of a diocese in Nigeria during the kidnapping of 200 young school girls by Boko Haram, he prayed fervently for their return and safety. In December of that year, Jesus appeared to him with a sword. Jesus extended the sword to him and as Bishop Doeme took it, the sword transformed into a rosary. As it did, Jesus said to him, "Boko Haram is gone!" After that day, starting rosary crusades around the country, where the rosary was prayed Boko Haram was destroyed.

If you are worried about the state of our country, about the election, about the pandemic, about your families, about your souls... pray the rosary! It is the Bible on beads, the Word of God in a splendid sheath, ready to be pulled at a moment's notice. Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!



2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal
2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “Love Thy Neighbor” The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests’ residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with over \$713,000 returned last year to parishes – and over \$3.25 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.

Adoration News

Beginning Monday, September 14th the Chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 10:30 AM (after 10:00am Mass) to 7:00 PM. We will expect the adorers who have those assigned hours to cover their hour.

The following should be adhered to:

- No more than 4 people in the Chapel at one time.
- Masks should be worn.
- There will be no use of the bathroom in the Sacristy.
- The door must remain open at all times, even if the weather is inclement to allow for ventilation.
- Please do not leave any books, rosaries, etc. in the Chapel.
- Hand sanitizer and Lysol spray should be used. Spray is in short supply, so if anyone can find a can, it would be great to leave it in the chest in the Chapel or even on the credenza.

Faith Formation News

Confirmation Prep

*Make sure your teen brings the signed (by parent) Covid-Symptom free certification paper

Parent Sessions for Children currently registered for First Reconciliation and First Communion (Gr. 2 and Older Sacramental Prep)

Choose ONE to attend (please do NOT bring children) NOTE DATE CHANGE PLEASE!

~Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 pm

OR

~Thurs., Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm

* Please RSVP your choice of day so that we can choose a room that will allow for social distancing

YOUTH MINISTRY

YM meetings Mondays at 7-8:30 p.m.
If you have questions, please email Nicole at youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5pm in church

Sunday

7am in church

9:30am drive in Mass behind school (Last outside Mass is Nov. 1st)

11:30am in church and live stream

1:30pm in Spanish in church and live stream

Daily Mass at 10am in church

Confession

Saturdays 4-4:30pm

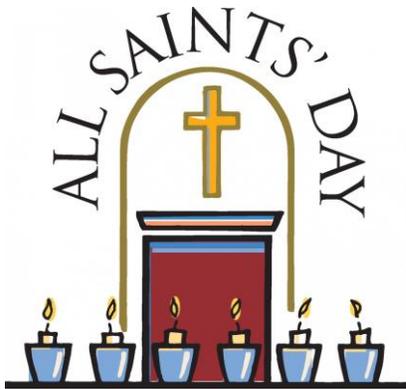
Mondays 6:30pm-7pm

No confessions on Holidays

Knights of Columbus

Monthly In-Person Meetings resume
second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm
Msgr Trapasso Hall
Located on the church's lower level
Video Conferencing options available.

For details or interested in becoming a member
please email kofc3665gk@gmail.com



THE FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN!!!

(Fridays 9:00am -3:00pm).

We are in need of **PASTA SAUCE, CANNED SOUP, AND TOILETRIES (SHAMPOO, BODY WASH, TOOTHPASTE, ETC.)**. Donations of any and all **NON-PERISHABLE** foods and personal hygiene items are always welcome. We thank you for your generosity and kindness.