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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 am (*in English*)

Misa en Español todos los Domingos: 1:30 pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm **Monday:** 6:30 - 7:00 pm

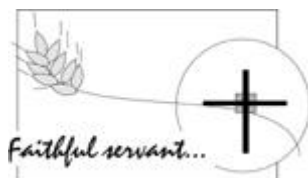
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Welcome to our Church

The Church of Saint Michael
November 15, 2020
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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:
Albert & Jennie Costanzo

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

Readings for the week

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6;

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday

Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28 or, for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;

Mt 14:22-33

Thursday

Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday

Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 14, 2020

10am Anthony & Josephine Preziosi

5pm Frank Guiliana Jr., John & Gloria Bauer

Sunday, November 15, 2020

7am Sherry Lopez

9:30am Alois Keller, Joe Togno

11:30am Richard Kuncken, Sylvia Cassidy

1:30am Special Intention

Monday, November 16, 2020

10am Peter Dates

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

10am Margaret Flynn

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

10am John Bauer

Thursday, November 19, 2020

10am Michael Montepara

Friday, November 20, 2020

10am John Bauer

Saturday, November 21, 2020

10am Anthony & Sharon Preziosi

5pm Rea Family, Toni DiRupo, Eleanor Sylvester

Sunday, November 22, 2020

7am Mary Brodo

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo

11:30am Sylvia Cassidy

1:30am Special Intention



From Fr. Mike

This past year has been very difficult as we were dealing with a global pandemic and have gone through a very contentious and even negative Presidential Campaign. I would like to take this time to compare the attitudes, comments and actions of us during the campaign, to that of our faith. It seems that as a nation, we have taught our children that there are no losers, that everyone is equal, everyone should start and end at the same place, and that everyone deserves to be the same as each other. While we all strive for equality in terms of rights (equal opportunities and equality under the law), we have moved to an idea of equity; that all people are entitled to things regardless of individual gifts and talents. The result of such a philosophy, both socially and religiously, is that everyone thinks their opinion, their desires and their comments, are on equal footing with everyone else. But we see in the Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells a parable where the Master of the house gave his three servants three different amounts of “talents”; five; three and one accordingly. They were not equal shares! What are we supposed to make of this?

Let me see if I can break this down so everyone can understand my point. How often do you go to your doctor and tell him what procedure to use when he is operating? How many times do you tell the mechanic at the repair shop how he or she should properly fix your vehicle? How many times do you think that your uninformed perception of reality should be heard on the same level of those who have gone to school for years, to become doctors, attorneys, school teachers, and yes, even priests.? The bottom line is that our Constitution allows for all of us to speak our mind or opinion (with the exception of threatening the President or Vice President or yelling “fire” in a crowded room when there is no such emergency). However, this “right” does not mean that my opinion is equal to yours, especially if you have more experience, education and history with dealing with a particular issue, subject matter or discipline. Therefore, all ideas, all opinions, all comments, are NOT equal to each other.

There is something called a “hierarchy of truths.” In the Christian Catholic tradition, this is called “objective truth.” For example, if you think that the bread and wine are only symbols of the Lord’s Holy Body and Precious Blood, it does not matter what your private thoughts are, the objective truth, the objective reality is that it is truly the body and blood of Christ. Your opinion and even your faith does not change this reality. If you believe the sun revolves around the earth (as many people did for centuries), then you would want to have a chat with Galileo who proved it was incorrect. The objective truth is that that sun and other planets do not revolve around the earth. So coming from this incorrect and erroneous mentality of “equality,” with this philosophy and world view that my opinion should count as much as those who are experts, has unfortunately trickled down into our relationship with God, our relationship with the Church and even our relationship with one another.

I would no more argue the ideas of quantum physics with a professor from MIT, or expect my opinion on colon cancer to be respected or on the same level as with a doctor from Morristown Hospital. Yet, I have had many discussions with people who cite quantum mechanics to disprove the existence of God. In similar fashion, we should not argue the meaning and history of Scripture with someone who has their degree in this particular field of theology. But still we think that we know best, even better than God Himself. I have heard multiple times over the course of the pandemic that people have asserted that they knew God’s will and this was not it. We think that our ways are the best ways, especially in our relationships with one another. Whether it is as husband and wife, as child and parent, as friend and even as parishioner, we think our thoughts should reign supreme. The problem with this kind of thinking is that it flies in the face of what we are called to be and do as Christians.

The Lord has called us to be humble in our own estimation, to associate with the lowly and be at peace. And yet, when one looks at the world, you need not have a PhD to know this are some qualities that elude us today. And why is that? Maybe, just maybe, if we sat and listened, truly

listened to one another, then change, solidarity and peace might actually result. Just because you “hated” a candidate in prior months, did not mean you had the right to act like a child. Just because you do not like some of God’s Laws does not mean you have the option of ignoring them. Just because someone thinks, acts or suggests something that is contrary to our own thoughts, actions or philosophies, does not make them wrong or evil or open to personal attacks.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and the joy filled season of Advent, may we be resolved to listen more attentively, love more sincerely and realize more exactly, that we do not have all the answers. Maybe we also do not have all the questions. As Jesus reminds us in the Gospel it is not in the quantity of “talents” that we have been given, it is how we use them in light of the truth

2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “Love Thy Neighbor”

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is 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 a total of almost \$713,000 returned to parishes from last year’s Appeal – 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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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:

~ Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 pm

OR

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

~IN SPANISH--Thurs., Nov. 19 at 6:30 pm

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

In-parish session for Gr. 2 and Older Sacramental **Prep --(OSPPE)**

~Session scheduled for 11/15; details were emailed week of 11/1.

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.

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5pm in church

Sunday

7am in church

9:30am in church

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

Parish Office Hours

9am-3pm, Monday through Thursday

Knights of Columbus

Monthly In-Person Meetings resume
second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm

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Domingo

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Lunes

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Martes

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Miércoles

Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Jueves

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Viernes

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Sábado

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

TRIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 6:12-16

Considerada como la personificación del poder de Dios, la Sabiduría es fácilmente encontrada por aquellos que la buscan.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 4:13-18

Los tesalonicenses, quienes temen que aquellos que han muertos se perderán del regreso de Cristo, son consolados pues Pablo les asegura que aquellos que "murieron creyendo en Cristo resucitarán primero."

Evangelio: San Mateo 25:1-13

En esta parábola de las cinco muchachas previsoras y de las cinco despreocupadas, Jesús enfatiza el hecho de que debemos estar siempre alertas para la venida de Cristo, pues, en sus palabras: "porque no saben ni el día ni la hora."



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