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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

Weekdays: 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

(no Monday reconciliation during June, July or August)

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Welcome to our Church

The Church of Saint Michael
July 11, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Nicholas Rafferty, Beth Courter, Tim Paternostro, Dick Bland, Karlene Yapple, David Conklin Jr.

Weekly Memorial
Altar Bread and Wine:
Ronald & Albert Costanzo

Readings for the week

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

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Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1

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Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

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Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 10, 2021

10am Special Intention

5pm Marie Vendola, Intention of Genesas Narvacz

Sunday, July 11, 2021

7am Special Intention

9:30am Domenic & Nunziatta Togno

11:30am Biaggio Vaia, Pat Rafferty

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, July 12, 2021

10am Special Intention

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

10am John Bauer

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

10am William Ruf

Thursday, July 15, 2021

10am Sherry Lopez

Friday, July 16, 2021

10am John & Gloria Bauer

Saturday, July 17, 2021

10am Anne T. Keenan

5pm Pat Rafferty, Thanksgiving to our Lord,
John Bauer

Sunday, July 18, 2021

7am Richie DiRenzo

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo

11:30am Patricia Rafferty, Clifford Beck

1:30pm Luis Prado Agama

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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From Deacon Russ

Homily on Mark 6:1-6
July 4, 2021

Knock, Knock... Who's There?

Very early on after my conversion to Catholicism I heard an individual, who was not Catholic, challenge one of the deacons about salvation. The brief retelling of the story was that Jesus died on the Cross and that was all we needed for all of us to be saved. I was so thankful for my RCIA teachers, Val, Greg, Gerry, Bill, Joe and Deacon Joe, because I knew the response to that challenge. I knew that while the Cross is key for salvation, the Cross isn't the only thing that is needed. True, Jesus died on the Cross for our sins so that we could be saved, but that is meaningless to us if we don't follow through with one further simple, yet for some, very difficult step, and that is that we MUST accept Jesus and let him into our hearts.

While it may seem like an obvious detail, it is one that is missing for many. Holeman Hunt, an artist whose painting *Light of the World* in 1853, hangs in the side chapel of Keble College in Oxford, painted Jesus holding a lantern and knocking at a door, overgrown with weeds. While the work is meant to depict a passage from Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." It is quite appropriate to discuss it with today's Gospel. George Landow, Professor emeritus from Brown University considers the painting the most important and culturally influential rendering of Christ of its time and the story of the painting perfectly brings together the three readings from today.

If you are intrigued, later today, look up the painting. It is very Victorian in style and you might have seen it before, but, when you are looking at it, take notice of what is missing. The door that Jesus is knocking at has no handle or knob. It can only be opened from the inside and only opened by us. Think about that, here is God, the creator of the universe, creator of life, the most powerful being known, who can both create and calm storms, destroy worlds, bring the dead back to life, yet He is powerless to open our hearts if we do not want Him to. He is Powerless to do this. While God is always with us and walking by our side and eager for just the slightest opening, if we do not let Him in, He cannot get in, we have to crack the door.

All it takes is a small crack. How many of us have stayed in a hotel with heavy room darkening curtains on the one window along with a shade and the multiple towels we might have placed over the gap to keep the light from entering in the morning. Despite all of our efforts, when dawn comes, there is always a sliver of light that

removes the darkness and wakes us up despite our best attempts to thwart it. The same is with Jesus and our hearts. All we need to do is open our heart the smallest bit, and our souls will be filled with the light of God and we will awaken to the joy of a new life in Jesus.

Easier said than done and even harder for God as we see in today's readings. All three focus on the challenges of being a prophet in the world and the difficulties of making believers out of us. God calls Ezekiel to deliver a message of condemnation against his fellow Israelites for refusing to abide by God's covenant, Saint Paul recalls the sufferings he endured for preaching the message of Jesus, and Mark tells us of the rejection that Jesus suffered at the hands of his own people and that he could do no miracles not because of His diminished, power, but because of the crowd's lack of faith.

This is so hard to comprehend. Here is God, capable of everything and anything, yet He can do very little with a hardened heart. While many of us here have obviously opened our doors to Christ, how far open are they? Do we have that safety chain that only allows for our doors to be opened an inch or two or have we completely flung our doors wide open? If it is chained, don't fear, God can break chains, but it sure helps if we start sawing away at our chains. How do we do this? We must have faith. Saturday, July 3rd, was the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. Thomas doubted and came to accept that it was Jesus standing before him after touching and seeing the wounds of the Cross. Jesus responded, "... Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Think of all the things in our life that we blindly have faith in. Our cars, most of us arrived here today driving a man-made contraption held together by nuts, bolts, welds, and a lot of rust not to mention that it is probably propelled by an extremely flammable material that will explode if exposed to the smallest spark. Have you ever flown in an airplane? Have you ever crossed a bridge? Have you ever taken medicine? If we have faith in all of these, even knowing that these are human made and have failed in the past, then why not have faith or more faith in God?

Slowly but surely God will guide us to an increased faith, but we can expedite the process by getting to know Jesus with a few simple steps. First, talk to him daily. These conversations do not even have to be formal. Just let Him know we are here and that we are eager to listen. Read the Bible, attend a daily Mass, attend a Spanish Mass, watch the company you keep, avoid bad situations, be mindful of the shows we watch, help a person in need, be a good listener (God gave us two ears and only one mouth for a reason), trust that angel on our shoulder, be proud of our beliefs, be the person we know God wants us to be and most importantly listen for that knock. It might not be loud

or obvious, but Jesus is knocking at our hearts each and every day. When was Jesus last knocking at your door? What was He asking from the other side? How did we answer that knock? Fortunately for us, God is patient and merciful. If we failed to open the door the first or second time, He will knock again. I would suggest answering the door regardless of the time or hour. This is one guest you won't mind letting in.

Faith Formation News



Faith Formation 2021-22



Not quite finished looking for Catechists.....

Unfortunately, two of our volunteers are unable to help at this time due to some changes in life situation.... So if you have been reading these bulletin announcements and think maybe the Lord is calling you to be a catechist---please know we still need help! We are looking for 2 volunteers to work with our middle school confirmation candidates. The sessions are weekly for an hour before the 11:30 am mass. As much as possible, we are going to use a 'team' approach for these sessions. We are asking for a one year commitment.

If you heard Deacon Russ's homily last week, please consider if Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart, asking you to share His message and His love with our young teens in the coming year!

Please contact Debbie Rogalo at the Faith Formation office:

973-347-0032 ext. 2330 or

faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org.

Confirmation II candidates (those entering 10th grade): your Mass sheets for May and June and your service forms evaluating the service you completed in April, May and June are due in the office **THIS WEEK**.

- Please make sure you are working on the Project that was given to you at the end of our class sessions!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Enjoy your summer!

-Nicole

Safe Environment Program

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistant Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocese Response Officers: Monsignor T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healey, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website:

www.patersondiocese.org

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) ordered Amos to leave Bethel and never prophesy there again. Amos replied that he had not been a prophet, but was a shepherd until he was called by God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Paul exults God's immeasurable generosity as he recounts all the blessings that have been bestowed upon all God's people. We all became adopted children of God when we heard the message of truth Christ brought to us, and because of it, believed in him.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus gave the twelve disciples authority over unclean spirits and sent them out to preach and heal the sick. He advised them to bring nothing with them and to shake the dust from their feet of any town where they had not been welcomed. Jesus wanted them to understand what they would need to do in his place after his death.

DÉCIMO QUINTO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Amós 7:12-15

Amasías, sacerdote de Betel, ordenó a Amós a irse de Betel y no profetizar más. Amós le contestó que no había sido profeta, sino un pastor hasta que Dios lo llamara.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Pablo exalta la infinita generosidad de Dios al contar las bendiciones que han sido concedidas al pueblo de Dios. Todos nos convertimos en hijos adoptados por Dios cuando escuchamos el mensaje de verdad que Cristo nos trajo, y por este mensaje creemos en El.

Evangelio: San Marcos 6:7-13

Jesús dió autoridad a los doce discípulos sobre espíritus impuros. Los mandó a predicar y sanar a los enfermos. Les aconsejó no llevar nada con ellos y sacudirse el polvo de los pies en cualquier lugar que no fueran bienvenidos. Jesús quería que comprendieran lo que harían en su lugar después de su muerte.



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Sábado

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UNA FRESCA PERSPECTIVA DE LAS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

SU PALABRA HOY

Por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Iglesia Católica Santísimo Nombre, Garfield, NJ

Décimo Quinto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario 11 de Julio de 2021

“Jesús llamó a los Doce y los envió de dos en dos, dándoles poder sobre los espíritus impuros. Y les ordenó que no llevaran para el camino más que un bastón; ni pan, ni alforja, ni dinero... Si no los reciben en un lugar y la gente no los escucha, al salir de allí, sacudan hasta el polvo de sus pies, en testimonio contra ellos. Entonces fueron a predicar, exhortando a la conversión.”

Al estar ocupados preparándonos para un viaje, una vacación, una visita a un pariente enfermo, o una junta de negocios, buscamos lo que necesitaremos, para nuestra comodidad, entretenimiento o trabajo. Se preparan las maletas, los maletines se organizan, nos encargamos de detalles. No fue así para los primeros misioneros de Jesús. Se les llamó a los doce, se les instruyó y se les envió. Sin preguntar nada fueron, conscientes de su misión y tarea.

Somos discípulos misioneros, dado nuestro deber de llevar el Señor a otros. Nuestro equipo se nos ha proveído desde ya: la gracia de nuestro bautismo y la presencia del Espíritu Santo. Desgraciadamente encontramos excusas para salirnos de la ruta de acción. ¿Conoce a alguien que ha ido a ayudar en las montañas Apalaches, como tantos de nuestros jóvenes han hecho? ¿Conoce un misionero laico dando dos años de servicio, como en el Cuerpo Voluntario de Jesuitas? ¿Ha conocido personal médico que vaya en misión por diez días para llevar cuidados de salud a los pobres? ¿Ha escuchado a un misionero que regresa hablar de su experiencia?

La misión de Cristo Redentor, la cual Jesús dió a Su iglesia, está lejos de haber sido completada.

El pasaje del evangelio según San Marcos está siendo vivido por muchos. ¿Puede usted contestar el llamado?

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