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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

August 29, 2021

Twenty-second 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 Yaple, David Conklin Jr., Allison Leigh

Weekly Memorial
Altar Bread and Wine:
Fred Garlick

Readings for the week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

*The Parish Office is Closed on Monday,
September 6th for Labor Day.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 28, 2021

10am Veronica Marks & Paul D'Olivo

5pm Frederick J. Garlick, Patricia Rafferty

Sunday, August 29, 2021

7am For All Deceased Parishioners

9:30am Edward Flannery Jr., Margaret Verdi

11:30am Biaggio Vaia

1:30pm Adrian & Sebastian Navarrete

Monday, August 30, 2021

10am For World Peace

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

10am John Bauer

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

10am Special Intention

Thursday, September 2, 2021

10am Special Intention, Kyle Mullen

Friday, September 3, 2021

10am Joseph Benvenuto

Saturday, September 4, 2021

10am For All Sick

5pm Amelia Pescatore, David Conklin

Sunday, September 5, 2021

7am Special Intention

9:30am Alfred & Carmella Esposito,

Clark William Howell II

11:30am Protection of Babies in the Womb & their

Families

1:30pm Special Intention

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
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From Fr. Mike

Just as Jesus and His disciples were reforming Judaism by transforming it into Christianity, the Pharisees had begun reforming Judaism at an earlier period. They considered the "Written Law" or Torah or the *Law of Moses* (the first five books of the Bible), and the "Oral Law" (clarifications and additions given by Scribes from the fifth century B.C. to the Mosaic Law), as equally holy and binding. These oral laws, known in Jesus' time as the "Traditions of the Elders," were a series of oral traditions intended to act as "a fence around the Law," so that the Mosaic Law itself, and, thus, the Covenant, would never be violated. The original, noble intention of the Scribes who formulated these traditions, and of the Pharisees who practiced them, was to have their religion permeate all Israel, purifying the people in their daily lives, making them holy as their God is holy. In spite of these noble intentions, however, by the time of Jesus, their religion had degenerated, being reduced to the exact performance of external rituals. Small wonder, then, that the scribes and Pharisees were scandalized by the revolutionary teaching of Jesus, by the unique divine and messianic claims made by him and by his violations of the "Traditions of the Elders"! Hence, the supreme governing body of Judaism, the Sanhedrin, sent from Jerusalem as observers a team of Scribes (experts in the Jewish Law), to assess Jesus' claims, miracles, violations of traditions and controversial teachings. A few of the local Pharisees accompanied the experts and started questioning Jesus when they noticed that Jesus' disciples had omitted the ritual cleansing of hands before a party meal.

Ritual washing was required of the priest, but there was nothing in the *Mosaic Law* that required the same behavior from lay people. Pious Jews began to adopt that habit on the principle of Exodus 19:6 — "*you are a priestly kingdom and a holy nation,*" and gradually it became the "the tradition of the elders." The ritual cleansing of raw food items bought from the market, of vessels used for cooking and of the hands of those who were to eat the prepared food, like many similar practices, evolved later, to remind the Chosen People of their call to be "*set apart as a holy and consecrated people,*" with values and life-style consciously different from those of pagans. But in Jesus' day, the Jews ignored the spirit of these traditions and practiced them as an essential judicial and ritual requisite. The question "*Why do your disciples not wash their hands before eating?*" persisted. It created tensions in the early Church, particularly in the Christian community of Mark where some of the new Christians were Jews and some were Gentiles. The Gentiles did not follow the Jewish customs and consequently some of the Jewish Christians were upset.

In response to the Sanhedrin's public criticism, Jesus stands in the prophetic tradition by citing Isaiah 29:13, where the prophet castigates the tendency to "teach mere human precepts as dogmas." "*This people pays Me lip-service but their heart is far from Me. Empty is the reverence they do Me, because they teach as dogmas mere human precepts.*" The Pharisees placed emphasis, not on building a relationship with God and their fellow-human beings, but on checking out their own external behavior. Originally these religious traditions were intended to symbolize inner realities - outward signs of inward devotion to God's Will. But the Pharisees were using them to boost their own egos. Hence, Jesus flatly denied that external things or circumstances could separate a person from God. Jesus was not criticizing rituals given in the Mosaic Law, but the disproportionate importance given to these things to the neglect of what was far more important, the love of God and the care for one's fellow-human beings. By insisting that uncleanness comes from violations of the moral law rather than of minute ritual prescriptions, Jesus denied a basic principle of Jewish religion and set aside a considerable amount of Mosaic Law. "*Nothing that enters a man from outside can make him impure; that which comes out of him, and only that, constitutes impurity.*"

As illustrations of evils really make a person sinful and alienate him from God, Jesus mentions six evil acts: practices of sexual immorality, thefts, murders, adulteries, acts of coveting or lust and wickedness in general. Then he adds a check list of six vices or sins of the heart: deceit (lying), wantonness (shamelessness, immodesty), jealousy or envy, slander (imputing evil to others), pride (arrogance), and folly (the stupidity of one lacking moral judgment). The point is clear. Righteousness is not what we do on the outside, but who we are on the inside. Righteousness is not about the hand; it is about the heart. Acts of adultery, murder and unkindness come from within, from hearts that are adulterous, murderous and unkind. For Jesus, a community that is actively worshiping God is a community that does not base its behavior solely on precepts and doctrines, but is integrally connected to God through righteous, just and loving relationships. What makes a person holy are the attitudes and actions that Paul in Gal 5:22-23 lists as "the fruit" of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



Adult Choir Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 2nd from 7-8:15pm. All are welcome. Please reach out to Katie Kreil at music@stmichaelnetcong.org with any questions!



Please see the website for important information about the Faith Formation program in 2021-22.

PLEASE NOTE: *only* children for whom parents have returned a signed Faith Formation Covenant will be able to begin classes! The Covenant is part of the registration process. If you have not returned the signed form (it is on the website and you were emailed a copy), please do so **THIS** week.

Confirmation II candidates (those entering 10th grade): Please make sure you are working on the Gospel of Mark Project that was given to you at the end of our class sessions! It is due at our first session in September!

Start Dates for Faith Formation Sessions:

For Grades K, 1-7: Sept. 19, 9:30 am Mass followed by class session in the school. Dismissal at 11:30 am.

For Grade 8 and 9 (Middle School Confirmation): Parent and candidate meeting Sept. 19, 3 pm, church hall. Candidate schedule will be distributed at this meeting.

For Confirmation II (teen Confirmation, current sophomores): Sept. 19, 9:30 am, Youth Room
NET for older teens: you will be notified via email.

Parent sessions: meeting for at least one parent of children registered for the following levels-
For Gr. 7: 9/26 during class time at the school
For. Gr. 8 and 9: see above
For. Gr. 1, 3-5: 9/28, 6:45 pm, church hall
For Gr. 6: 10/17 during class time
For Gr. 2: 10/26, 6:30 pm, church hall

If you are still interested in registration, please contact the office this week. Children who are registered late will not be able to start the program until later in September.

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you have any questions, please email me at youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org
Good luck with your new school year!
-Nicole

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open every Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm and serves people from Netcong and surrounding communities.
Also, the pantry is currently in need of these items:
boxed potatoes, rice, and shampoo.
As always, thank you for your generosity!

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1971 or 1996? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 7th, 2021 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to submit your registration to your parish office is Thursday, October 7th, 2021.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

MISA DE ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS DE PLATA Y ORO

¿Parejas, ustedes se casaron en 1971 o 1996? Están cordialmente invitados a celebrar su 25 o 50 Aniversario de Bodas con la Diócesis de Paterson. El Obispo Sweeney será el celebrante principal de la misa en la Catedral San Juan Bautista en Paterson el:

Domingo, 7 de Noviembre, 2021, a las 3:00pm.

Para más información, por favor llame a su oficina parroquial. Los formularios para registrarse estarán disponibles hasta el **Jueves, 7 de Octubre, 2021.** La Oficina de Vida Familiar de la diócesis le enviara información una vez que su registración haya sido procesada. Muchas felicidades en este maravilloso acontecimiento!

VIGÉSIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Domingo

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Miércoles

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Jueves

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Primer Viernes

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

Primer Sábado

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

VIGÉSIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Deuteronomio 4:1-2, 6-8

Moisés dice al pueblo siempre obedecer las reglas que Dios les ha dado, sin añadir ni quitar nada de estas leyes. Les recuerda que la ley es justa, y que cualquier nación que hace caso de sus leyes es considerada una nación sabia.

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Santiago discute los bienes que Dios ha dado a toda la gente y les implora corresponder aceptando las palabras de verdad que pueden salvarlos. Enfatiza que a través de buenas acciones y conducta recta se prueba nuestra fé en Dios.

Evangelio: San Marcos 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Los fariseos observaron a algunos de los discípulos de Jesús comer sin antes purificar sus manos. Les preguntan porqué actuaban en contra de las tradiciones de sus ancestros. Jesús les respondió que nada de fuera puede hacer a una persona impura. Lo único y verdaderamente malo son actos como la fornicación, el asesinato y la codicia, entre otros. Estos son actos que vienen de adentro y hacen impura a una persona.

Vigésimo Segundo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

29 de Agosto de 2021

“Dejen de lado, entonces, toda impureza y todo resto de maldad, y reciban con docilidad la Palabra sembrada en ustedes, que es capaz de salvarlos. Pongan en práctica la Palabra y no se contenten sólo con oírla, de manera que se engañen a ustedes mismos. La religiosidad pura y sin mancha delante de Dios, nuestro Padre, consiste en ocuparse de los huérfanos y de las viudas cuando están necesitados, y en no contaminarse con el mundo.”

La carta de Santiago nos ofrece claros y prácticos ejemplos para nuestra vida cristiana hoy. El pudo haber acuñado la expresión “Predica con el ejemplo”. Claramente puedo recordar la escuela veraniega de acción católica en Fordham, Nueva York, llamando a los jóvenes a acción apostólica. La fundación de todo esto se encontraba en la Palabra de Dios, la cual leíamos a diario, la escuchábamos cada semana y descubrimos formas de vivirla. Bienvenida sea esa palabra.

La Palabra de Dios desde un principio trataba de las necesidades de los más vulnerables. Se presentaban como huérfanos y viudas, pero hoy podemos agregar madres solteras, ex-convictos, inmigrantes y todos los marginalizados por nuestra sociedad. Si nos sentimos incómodos con los presentes ejemplos, pues qué bueno. Al responderles, nos mantenemos sin mancha por la palabra.

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