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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
October 10, 2021
Twenty-eighth 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, Paula DiElsi, Robert Spezza, Richard Trapp, Bob Flynn

Weekly Memorial
Altar Bread & Wine:
All Deceased Parishioners

Readings for the week

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 9, 2021

10am For All Deceased Parishioners

5pm Special Intention, Mary & John Ronzo
Joseph & Jeanette DeFelice

Sunday, October 10, 2021

7am Paul DiRupo

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo,
Rocco & Concetta Madonna

11:30am Theresa Donnarumma, Christopher Hogan

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, October 11, 2021

10am Legal Protection of Unborn Children,
Joseph Anthony Cinotti

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

10am John Bauer, Joseph Benvenuto

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

10am Special Intention

Thursday, October 14, 2021

10am John & Gloria Bauer

Friday, October 15, 2021

10am Emilio Rea Jr., Robert Trapp, Sherry Lopez

Saturday, October 16, 2021

10am Special Intention

5pm Pat Buckley, Thanksgiving to Our Lord

Sunday, October 17, 2021

7am Anthony DeFelice, Elizabeth Lousie Shearin

9:30am Edward Flannery Jr., Shaun Ippolitto

11:30am Jamie Liamero

1:30pm Special Intention

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
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Sunday, October 3, 2021..... not available
WeShare not available

From Deacon John - Homily from Oct. 3

And the two shall become one flesh...

Who would have ever thought that something as simple and blatantly obvious as one man and one woman joining together to make a lifelong covenant with God could be so controversial?

In this crazy culture we find ourselves in, the world seems to be trying to re create marriage into something that it can't be, so I would like to clarify some common misconceptions about what marriage isn't...

Marriage isn't just about love, people fall in and out of love all the time. When human emotions are dragged on the roller coaster ride of life, without the lifelong commitment, the ensuing turmoil may prompt someone to want to jump off. And the person who jumps off the roller coaster before the end of the ride can really make a mess of things.

Marriage isn't a 50/50 proposition. While marriage does **involve** a give and take, 50/50 is for contracts. Marriage on the other hand, is a covenant. Contracts divide obligation and responsibility. However if one uses the 50/50 rule for marriage, it will be a blueprint for failure. One will always wonder if I'm giving 52% and only getting 48%, am I being cheated? Marriage is a covenant for life with both parts promising to God to give their entire self to their spouse unconditionally.

Just to expand on covenant for a second. The image we see in the Bible of covenant is the sacrificed animal split into two parts, and the two persons walking between them vowing before God that if I break this vow I will be split in two just like this sacrifice.

Our culture has so confused the issue of marriage that many Catholics don't understand the true meaning of the Sacrament. We have let the secular world attempt to degrade this sacrament from something sacred and holy into an issue of feelings and wants.

A Catholic marriage requires a lifelong commitment, that is why a pre-nuptial agreement could never be acceptable, that would be a blueprint for failure. It requires exclusivity and it requires both parties to be open to the possibility of

life, which is why contraception is unacceptable. Contraception reduces marital intimacy to objectification and lust, rather than the total giving of oneself.

And it cannot accept divorce. The confusion many people have regarding divorce comes from the secular society. A valid Catholic marriage is permanent, and can only end in the death of one of the two spouses. A secular marriage may not have been a marriage at all, or even with the ceremony performed in the Church, it may not have been a valid sacrament if something is wrong or missing from the beginning.

That is why we have the annulment process, and the Tribunal to determine if a failed marriage was actually a valid one. Many people who go through the annulment process find it very enlightening and even healing to see and understand what was missing in their situation and why they never really had a marriage in the first place. They had a ceremony, they had a reception, they may have even had children, but something was fundamentally missing that prevented it from being a real marriage. We need to pray for the Sacrament of marriage, that the culture that attacks marriage and the family have a conversion of heart. This is not a political battle against differing ideas, it is a spiritual battle between good and evil, and our most powerful weapon is prayer.

This month of October is special month for prayer. Not only is this the month of the Rosary, but we have many great saints as well such St. Therese, the little flower, the feast of the Guardian Angels, St. Francis and Our Lady of Victories with the battle of Lopo. This is where the Christian navy faced a much larger and stronger invader and with the prayer of the Rosary the battle was won. Then as now the battle was a spiritual one. The power of evil wants to destroy all that is good.

We face an enemy of secularism, humanism, and atheism which may seem insurmountable and we may feel that we are alone in the battle. But take courage. We have the Church Triumphant. The great army of Angels and Saints and the weapon that will defeat this enemy is the Rosary. With it we can defend marriage, the family, the Church and the world from evil and stand up for all that is Good, True and Holy.

Faith Formation News

MASS AND CLASS

Please remember our program for Gr. K-7 is "Mass and then class". Please mark your attendance at the 9:30 am mass on the printed sheet which is on the table behind the last pew. Confirmation candidates participate in the 11:30 am Mass and use the green mass participation sheets which are to be signed by Father Mike or a Deacon after Mass.

Confirmation II candidates (those entering 10th grade): All mass sheets for June, July and Aug. and Service forms through 9/30 are to be handed in today.

Parent sessions: meeting for at least one parent of children registered for the following levels-
For Gr. 6: 10/17 during class time at school
For Gr. 7: 10/24 during class time at school
For Gr. 2: 10/26, 6:30 pm, church hall



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Meetings on Mondays at 7pm.
No YM mtg. on Monday, Oct. 11
If you have any questions, please email me at
youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org
-Nicole



Adult Choir Rehearsals on Thursdays from 7-8:15pm.
All are welcome. Please reach out to Katie Kreil
at music@stmichaelnetcong.org with any questions.



Saint Michael Church OKTOBERFEST

Thursday, October 21st

All parishioners welcome
6-8:30pm, behind the school

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Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2021

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2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "Let Your Light Shine"
With the help of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, our Catholic Charities programs provide a wide range of services for people who face extraordinary difficulties. These include: food pantries which have become especially vital during the pandemic, after-school mentoring and counseling programs for at-risk youth, Meals on Wheels for our senior population, group homes for adults with developmental disabilities, drug and alcohol treatment for those in need and outreach and assistance to veterans, just to name a few ministries. Your support of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal can be a spark that helps brighten the lives of so many people. Please be as generous as possible to your brothers and sisters in great need! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned vegetables (corn, carrots, green beans, beets, etc) canned fruit, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup and relish).. As always, we thank you for your generosity and support..

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St. Michael Parish Office Closed on
Monday, October 11th
Columbus Day



VIGESIMOCTAVO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Domingo

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Lunes

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Vigésimo Octavo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario 10 de Octubre de 2021

“Cuando Jesús se puso en camino, un hombre corrió hacia él y, arrodillándose, le preguntó: ‘Maestro bueno, ¿qué debo hacer para heredar la vida eterna?’ ... ‘Tú conoces los mandamientos’ ... El hombre le respondió: ‘Maestro, todo eso lo he cumplido desde mi juventud.’ Jesús lo miró con amor y le dijo: ‘Sólo te falta una cosa: ve, vende lo que tienes y dalo a los pobres; así tendrás un tesoro en el cielo. Después, ven y sígueme.’”

La escena es fácil de visualizar, la conversación clara y simple, pero el reto es enorme. ¿Estoy dispuesto a tomar el lugar del hombre, acercarme a Jesús y hacer la misma pregunta? Como él, puedo probablemente responder que yo también trato de observar los diez mandamientos y los dos grandes mandamientos de amar a Dios y al prójimo.

Quizás Jesús indica que a mí también me hace falta una cosa. ¿Qué es? Se le pidió al hombre dejar sus riquezas y tesoros. ¿Cuál es esa cosa, cuál es mi tesoro que puede ser la barrera a la vida eterna?

Jesús me mira a mí hoy y El también me ama.

VIGESIMOCTAVO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 7:7-11

Este poema dice que el espíritu de sabiduría es mucho más bello que cualquier cantidad de riquezas. Todo el oro no es más que arena comparado con la importancia de la sabiduría, que a menudo dirige a la gente a otras cosas buenas en la vida.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 4:12-13

La percepción que Dios tiene de la gente es “más aguda que cualquier espada de dos filos”. Dios es capaz de conocer los pensamientos y sentimientos de toda su gente. No podemos esconder nada a El, y debemos dar cuenta de todo lo que ha visto en nosotros.

Evangelio: San Marcos 10:17-30

Un hombre le pregunta a Jesús cómo alcanzar la vida eterna. Jesús le dice que venda sus posesiones y viaje con El. El hombre rehusa y Jesús dice a sus discípulos que es muy difícil que un hombre rico entre en el cielo si está tan preocupado de sus bienes. Los discípulos le recuerdan a Jesús que ellos dieron todo por El. Jesús les asegura que serán recompensados con vida eterna.

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