

JUNE 26, 2022

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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

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## WEEKDAYS

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am

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## 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**  
**June 26, 2022**  
**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: May Lee, Special Intention, Lucy Pintos, Karlene Yapple, Joseph Conklin

**Weekly Memorial**

Altar Bread & Wine: ..... Charlie Carney

**Readings for the week**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday**

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**Monday**

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday**

Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday**

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Thursday**

Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

**First Friday**

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

**First Saturday**

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**

10am Special Intention

5pm Anne T. Keenan, Jack Crosby

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

7am Richie DiRenzo

9:30am Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,  
Antoinette Gugliemini

11:30am Theresa Donnarumma,  
For the Intentions of Sue & Mike Backer

1:30pm Trinidad Guerra Moreira

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

10am Mary Alice & William Keenan

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

10am Special Intention

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022**

10am Paul Angelini

**Thursday, June 30, 2022**

10am John Bauer

**Friday, July 1, 2022**

10am Bret Torppey, Charlie Carney

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**

10am Elwin & Mary Burd

5pm Josephine & Emelio Rea, Joseph Sciascia

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**

7am Frank Hartman

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Konstantine Barbounis

11:30am Special Intention

1:30pm Intention of Vanessa Escobar,  
Intention of Andres Escobar

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

For generations, the Catholic Church has been the hallmark of sign and symbol. No matter what church you entered, you always could easily find the Blessed Sacrament because it was illuminated by a candle (usually red) to draw your attention to the sacramental and substantial presence of the Lord in every Catholic church. Unlike, our Protestant brothers and sisters, where God certainly can be present in their worship and fellowship, the Catholic Church has the body, soul and divinity of Christ present under the appearance of bread reserved in the tabernacle. Because of this particular and unique presence of God in our churches, this is why we genuflect. That is why many people still bless themselves when passing a Catholic Church and even (for those mature men) who tip their hats when passing the church as well.

Several years ago, I remember going into a Catholic Church named after The Most Blessed Sacrament and when I walked in the church, much to my confusion and dismay, the tabernacle was nowhere to be found. I thought to myself, this is quite strange since I am in a Catholic church named after the Blessed Sacrament and He is among the missing. I asked a woman expensively dressed in a pants suit and jacket (who turned out to be a “religious” sister) where Jesus was? She informed me that during the winter months, in order to save on heating costs, they close the side folding doors for daily Mass. The only problem with this “financial” decision is that the tabernacle was on the wrong side of the folding door. For when the door was closed, the tabernacle was no longer visible. Now I finally understood why some critics of these modern churches termed them as “the churches of the great absence” rather than the “real presence.”

Historically, the Church has been so inventive and creative in presenting the faith to (then) a mostly uneducated faithful by illustrating our faith through beautiful stained glass windows, artistic Stations of the Cross and a multiplicity of statues and icons (they were actually first in history) of saints and angels (yes imagine angels). These wonderful signs were not only for the adults of the parish, but as importantly, for the inquisitive, young minds of children as well. “Mommy, why is that man holding a set of keys in his hands?” “That is Saint Peter! He was the leader of the Apostles appointed by Jesus Himself who gave him the ‘keys’ to the kingdom of heaven and earth, that is why he is holding two keys!”

Because of these great signs and symbols, the ability to teach our youth and become educated ourselves was an important catechetical tool which nowadays seem to have gone by the wayside. After the Second Vatican

Council, churches seemed to be re-designed by individuals whom I think also made the same architectural plans for Pizza Hut or theatres in the round. Rather than the focal point being the altar and Jesus’ presence in the tabernacle, the focus was shifted to the faithful facing each other. Stained glass windows became sparse or extinct, statues were just thrown out (or stolen), real flowers were replaced with plastic or maybe (if we were lucky) silk and bee’s wax candles were replaced with oil lamps. Little by little, these “small things” seemed to disappear which was almost a microcosm of the larger things beginning to disappear as well; like church attendance, going to confession, belief in the real presence and the drastic drop in vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

That is why we are so fortunate here at Saint Michael Church. Not because it is our church, or I am the pastor, but more importantly, because it has retained (and even increased over the past few years) real “Catholic” traditions such as the addition of our new stained glass windows and the addition of statues and icons. However, what makes our church the most “Catholic” is that the center of our church is the altar of sacrifice and immediately behind the altar is the beautiful, tabernacle that houses the King of kings Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. Of course, illuminated by a real, wax candle that burns continuously to remind us of the Lord’s substantial and sacramental presence in our church.

So maybe the next time you go and visit another church, look around and see how “Catholic” that church really is. Hopefully, you will be able to find the Blessed Sacrament if it is not relegated to a side chapel or another room not central to the sanctuary. You might also want to remember and actually get down on one knee before the “King of kings” in respect, honor and adoration of the Lord’s true and real presence in the tabernacle and leave the nodding to baseball catchers and silent auctioneers.

All of this begs the question of; what makes us Catholic? It is truly not statues or stained glass windows, but what make us “true Catholics” is our belief and celebration of the Most Blessed Sacrament as we “do this in remembrance of Him” on the altar of Sacrifice each and every day. Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion (worthily) is what not only separates us from the rest of the Christian “Protestant” churches, but more importantly, allows us to fulfill the command of the Lord Himself who said: “Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you do not have life within you” (John 6:53).

## Parish Picnic Help Wanted

**Saturday, September 17th**

We are looking for fun, hardworking St. Michael parishioners to help plan the 2022 parish picnic. If you are interested in being part of the "committee of picnic people" please reach out to Debbie Hartman 862-266-1613 or Nancy Keller 973-557-5273.

Thank you

## FAITH FORMATION

### **Faith Formation Registration for 2022-23 is now open through June 30**

\*Please know registration will close at the end of June to give us time to order books and supplies to avoid supply issues.

Please go to

<https://www.stmichaelnetcong.org/religious-education>

- Read the information about registration and the supporting documents that are needed
- Follow the link to the online form
- Please send/drop off payment and Faith Formation covenant (and supporting documents for children NEW to the program) to complete the registration process.

### **Middle School Confirmation NET Group candidates MUST BE REGISTERED**

- Contact us at 973-347-0032 ext. 2320 if you have any questions or concerns or need assistance.



Catechists needed! If you are interested in learning more about how to serve in the Catechetical ministry in the Faith Formation program, please contact Debbie Rogalo at 973-347-0032 ext. 2330

## A Note of Gratitude to Our Parish Family

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as deacon at St. Michael Parish these past twenty-seven years. Sharon and I have worshiped and raised our family within this community for forty-five years and will miss your warm, faith filled presence.

Reflecting on our time here I realize how fortunate we have been to raise our family within a strong catholic environment that included a vibrant parish school. All of this is made possible through the grace of God working through each of you present now and the many good people that have been part of our parish family over the years.

Sharon and I would like to thank you for the thoughtful messages and tokens of love and friendship you have shared with us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours, as we enter the next phase of this journey we call life.

May God continue to bless this wonderful parish community of St. Michael the Archangel.  
Deacon Stu Murphy

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Emails will be sent out regarding special events over the summer.

If you have any questions, please email me at [youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org)  
-Nicole

## **Thank You from The Knights of Columbus & Birth Haven**

The Knights of Columbus and Birth Haven would like to express our thanks to Saint Michael Parish for the generous donations of diapers. Also, thank you to the members of the parish who helped to remove the diapers from church.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: large soup, boxed or packaged instant potatoes, shampoo and deodorant . As always, we thank you for your generosity and support.



-No Confessions on Mondays during  
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-Saturday Confessions continue 4-4:30pm

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

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### **DECIMOTERCER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

#### **Domingo**

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

#### **Lunes**

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

#### **Martes**

Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

#### **Miércoles**

Vigilia: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Día: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

#### **Jueves**

Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

#### **Primer Viernes**

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

#### **Primer Sábado**

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

### **DECIMOTERCER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

#### **Primera Lectura: 1 Reyes 19:16b, 19-21**

El profeta Elías siguió las instrucciones de Dios y nombró a Eliseo como su sucesor. Elías puso su manto sobre Eliseo, quien se despidió de su familia para después seguir a Elías sin titubear.

#### **Segunda Lectura: Gálatas 5:1, 13-18**

Pablo nos recuerda que la gente fué librada de la Ley Antigua por medio de Cristo. Pero aclara que la libertad no significa caer en tentaciones. En vez, debemos guiarnos por el Espíritu. Aún más importante, debemos amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos.

#### **Evangelio: San Lucas 9:51-62**

Jesús se dirigió a Jerusalén, y pasó por un pueblo donde no fué bienvenido. Regañó a sus discípulos por querer vengarse. Un hombre quería seguir a Jesús después de que terminara su trabajo en su casa. Jesús dijo que un hombre que cominza un trabajo, pero que constantemente titubea, no es digno del reino de Dios.

### **Décimo Tercer domingo en Tiempo Ordinario 26 de junio de 2022**

“Procuren que esta libertad no sea un pretexto para satisfacer los deseos carnales, háganse más bien servidores los unos de los otros, por medio del amor. Porque toda la Ley está resumida plenamente en este precepto: Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo ... Yo los exhorto a que se dejen conducir por el Espíritu de Dios, y así no serán arrastrados por los deseos de la carne.”

San Pablo habló a los gálatas, y su mensaje merece que lo escuchemos hoy. Rodeados por tanto que nos aleja de Cristo, necesitamos al Espíritu para tener propia estima y respeto, amor por otros, para que podamos expresar nuestro amor a Dios. Quizá deberíamos tomarlos en el mismo orden. Use la palabra “yo” y “mío” con menor frecuencia. Evite la terrible atracción del internet y pornografía. Descubra las riquezas de nuestra fe en la oración, el aprender y las buenas obras.

Tenga fe en los siguientes pasos. Soy amado inmensamente por Dios. No lo he ganado, El derrama su amor, vida y perdón sobre mí, en este mismo momento. Convencido de esta realidad, vivo mi cuidado y preocupación por otros, ya que ellos también son amados por Dios y están hechos a su imagen y semejanza. Soy verdaderamente libre para amar a mi Dios.

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