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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 7, 2022  
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Frances Mae Leary

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

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread & Wine: For All Deceased Parishioners

Readings for the week

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12;  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday, August 6, 2022

10pm Richard Boud

5pm Louis Castaldi, Peggy Rea

Sunday, August 7, 2022

7am Special Intention

9:30am Rocco & Concetta Madonna,  
Agnes "Timmie" White

11:30am Theresa Donnarumma, James Holly

1:30pm Amparo Vega

Monday, August 8, 2022

10am Ronald E. Costanzo

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

10am Matthew & Frances Soccio, Mary A. Pedersen

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

10am Special Intention

Thursday, August 11, 2022

10am John Bauer, Joseph Vaia Jr.

Friday, August 12, 2022

10am Bernard & Helen Rogalski

Saturday, August 13, 2022

8am All Deceased Members of the  
Assumption Society

5pm Agatha Grassi, Tommy Yanavok

Sunday, August 14, 2022

7am Christopher Hogan

9:30am Leopoldo Lucero, William Ruf

11:30am Joseph Vaia Jr., Janice Airel

1:30pm Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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Sunday, July 31, 2022..... \$6,040.00  
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## From Fr. Mike

In this current political climate that we find ourselves in, there are more people who are at odds with one another and truly refuse to dialogue. A recent statistic has shown that 45% of Americans speak about politics with their friends and 15% of them have ended their friendship, some very dear ones, because of it; especially in light of the current overturning of Roe v. Wade, where it has become an issue of rights not about life.

I am sure that everyone has heard the old saying “you should respect your elders.” But what happens when the “elders” are not respectful themselves or to you? I am a firm believe that wisdom does not always come with gray hair and that the old saying “youth is wasted on the young.” However, I think there is a wonderful addendum: that “wisdom is wasted on the old.”

So what are we to do when someone is disrespectful to us or someone that we love? I am sure you remember the “good old days” when a gentleman tipped his hat when speaking to a woman, when he took his hat off when entering a building and also removed it when a hearse and funeral cortege went by. Are these just old sentiments from the past that no longer have meaning or just things that our children stopped doing because they no longer made any sense to them? Has chivalry really died? Does a gentleman not still open the door for his date? Does he still not always walk on the outside of the sidewalk, placing the woman the furthest from harm?

I suppose with the women’s liberation movement, many women wanted to be treated as “equals” to men and did not want any “special treatment.” And I believe that this type of thinking chipped away at the basic order of respect that every gentle-man was taught as a child and vice versa. I think we are witnessing the results of this with various other contentious equality issues that are being protested about today.

When we see how police officers, judges and yes even priests are spoken to, some would be astonished and even scandalized. But I am a firm believer that you get what you give. It was like when we stopped someone for speeding on the highway, if they were polite, courteous and apologetic for their infraction, 9 times out of 10 they got away with a warning. But when you approached the car and they refused to roll down

the window, argued about going through the light when it was red and they swore it was yellow, that they reminded you “You know I pay your salary!!” or “You know I know the Mayor and the Chief of Police personally.” Then it was usually they were assured of receiving the summons they deserved. When we speak to other people, whether it be the young girl in the grocery store, the man behind the post office counter, the operator on the phone from the credit card company, the police officer who is doing his or her sworn duty, do we ever think about how we speak? What words we use? The tone of our voices? So often times we have expectations of people even before they open their mouths and when they do not act, speak or do what we want them to do, they become our enemy at once, putting aside all Christian charity and thoughts of respect. The challenge then becomes about respecting the person, not necessarily their opinions, without compromising our values, beliefs and faith.

In the Gospel Jesus reminds us that: “For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Matthew 7:2). So maybe the next time we encounter someone that might be “difficult” in our eyes, we might give them the benefit of the doubt and maybe a little respect that they deserve or maybe not even deserve, for the Lord also reminds us: ““Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer them the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them either” (Luke 6:29). Not an easy task, not an easy saying, not an easy Gospel, but it is the “Good News” and it is not always about being easy, but more importantly about being better. God bless your day today and may our lives be filled with respect, justice, love and patience.



## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration for 2022-23 is open!

Registration is open to families REGISTERED with the Parish (you currently receive and use envelopes or We Share electronic giving).

If you are *new* to the parish, or you do not receive and use envelopes or We Share, please register as a parishioner on the Saint Michael website FIRST:

<https://www.stmichaelnetcong.org/parish-registration>

To register children for Faith Formation:

- Click the link on the website page:  
[www.stmichaelnetcong.org/religious-education](http://www.stmichaelnetcong.org/religious-education)
- Follow the instructions for completing the form and for returning the signed Covenant, baptismal certificate if applicable, and payment to the office.

ALL children must be registered for Faith Formation *every year* in order to participate in the Faith Formation program in September.



Catechist needed!

We are currently in need of a catechist for our Kindergarten group. The group meets once a month (after the 9:30 am Mass). If you are interested, please contact Debbie Rogalo at 973-347-0032 ext. 2330.

Middle School Confirmation:

- July Mass sheets are due in Faith Formation office
- Summer Reading project: The Gospel of Mark—all teens have received this. Please do not fall behind in completing this project (reading according to the outline and answering questions in the booklet). If you have any questions please contact us.

NET Group

- July Mass sheets are due in Faith Formation office

## 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

## Missionary Cooperation Visit on August 13/14.

Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries is a religious community based in Cebu, Philippines. Our charism is to peacefully fight the scourge of human trafficking and sexual exploitation through rescuing survivors and rehabilitating them holistically: mind, body, and soul. We are also active in preventing human trafficking and exploitation through our educational assistance in vulnerable communities prone to trafficking, particularly in the rural areas of the Philippines.

We have three rehabilitation centers. *The Home of Love*, a shelter for rehabilitation of human trafficking women and their children survivors, the *My Bonita Home For Girls*, a refuge for the minor female survivors of abuse and the *Regina Coeli Home of Love* in California, a Women's Shelter for survivors of sex trafficking.

Together with our counterpart NGO, *Regina Coeli*, we are able to reach out to many areas vulnerable to trafficking and provide educational assistance to the rural communities to empower and support the students in different Philippine provinces. Our educational assistance program has reached 12,000 high school students across the Philippines as of 2022.

These unique times are indeed challenging, but every challenge must be taken to better serve God and the People of God. We are more dedicated now to increase our efforts in nurturing our mission, but we will need all the help we can get. You may visit our website at [WWW.MQHM.ORG](http://WWW.MQHM.ORG) for more detailed information about us. You may contact us at 81812616201.

We thank the Pontifical Mission Societies Office in the Diocese of Paterson for giving us the opportunity to do a mission appeal at St Michael Parish Church on August 13-14,2022.

## RCIA Classes 2022-2023

In the fall of 2022 we will begin our classes for any adult who would like to receive or complete the sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation or be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Classes meet on Thursday evenings. If you or anyone you know is interested in our RCIA classes, please contact Valerie Nichols via email, [valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org)

## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following  
CANNED items: soup, chili, beef stew,  
corned beef hash, spam. As always, we thank you  
for your generosity and support..

-No Confessions on Mondays during  
June, July or August.  
-Saturday Confessions continue 4-4:30pm

## Loyola Jesuit Center Men's Weekend Retreat

October 14-16  
Morristown, NJ  
Call for reservations  
973-539-0740

## 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

## DECIMONOVENO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

### Domingo

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12;  
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### Lunes

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### Martes

Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Miércoles

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

### Jueves

Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

### Viernes

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

### Sábado

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15



## Décimo Noveno Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

7 de agosto de 2022

“Ahora bien, la fe es la garantía de los bienes que se esperan, la plena certeza de las realidades que no se ven. Por ella nuestros antepasados fueron considerados dignos de aprobación. Por la fe, Abraham, obedeciendo al llamado de Dios, partió hacia el lugar ...”

por la fe, recibió el poder de concebir, a pesar de su edad avanzada, porque juzgó digno de fe al que se lo prometía.”

Llamamos a Abraham “nuestro padre en la fe.” El texto de los Hebreos recuenta este singular papel del libro de Génesis. Cada semana nos ponemos de pie para profesar nuestra fe en un amoroso y creador Dios, un Salvador que redime y una iglesia llena del Espíritu. No es sólo una fórmula, sino una expresión de quién y qué somos. Cuando el pasaje concluye, también nosotros aceptamos ser extranjeros en la tierra, ya que los que hablan demuestran que ellos buscan un terreno. La fe es una virtud, un don para ser vivido cada día. ¿Qué tan fuerte es mi fe?

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

### Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.



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