

THIRD SUNDAY *of Advent*



St. Michael
Netcong, New Jersey

The Church of Saint Michael
December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent



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, Marysia Hancock, Bev Couter, Kathy Conklin, Charlie Raffay, Dave Stonehouse, Beth Couter

Weekly Memorial

Sanctuary Lamp: Dolores Kenna
 Altar Bread & Wine: Pete & Carol Dinkowitz

Readings for the week

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings
 from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 10, 2022

10am Marie B. Heaney

5pm Terry & Louis Castaldi

Sunday, December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

7am Joseph DeVito

9:30am Tim Trapper, Walter Falleni

11:30am Josephine Vaia

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, December 12, 2022

10am Tim Trapper

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

10am Josephine Vaia

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

10am Theodore Schable

Thursday, December 15, 2022

10am Sherry Lopez

Friday, December 16, 2022

10am George Calvert, Dolores Murtha

Saturday, December 17, 2022

10am Ronald E. Costanzo

5pm Alfred & Carmella Esposito, John Bauer,
 Rea Family, Louis & Terry Castaldi

Sunday, December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7am Doris Hartman

9:30am Thomasina Grogan, Walter Falleni,
 Robert George Klinck

11:30am Chet Togno, Pete & Carol Dinkowitz

1:30pm Special Intention

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING ST. MICHAEL’S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH SINCE 1988.

Sunday, December 4, 2022	\$8,139.00
Repair & Renovation	\$2,107.00
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From Deacon Rich

Homily from December 4, 2022

'It has to change you...' This is what Fr. Mike told us pilgrims on our recent trip to the Holy Land. I say pilgrims because we were on a pilgrimage, we were not on a vacation or retreat... A pilgrimage is a person or group of people that travels to important places for spiritual, personal growth. Have you ever been on a pilgrimage? It is neither relaxing nor easy like a vacation would be... We were on the move from early in the morning to way after dinner time. On the bus, off the bus, on the bus, off the bus, new hotel room, on the bus, off the bus... And we felt a little bit of the mockery that Jesus felt... On the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross), as we prayed at one of the Stations, there is a framed-out section of the wall of a building that is traditionally known as a spot where Jesus put His hand to help Himself after a fall... As we were in awe a guy came by and said to his son laughing, "hey Joey, you want to put your hand where Jesus put His hand?" as they ran by... We visited every major place that Jesus and the apostles lived and worked at in the Holy Land. From up North where the Jordan river originates to the South end of the Dead Sea. And everywhere in between... All the spots mentioned in the Gospels... Where Jesus was born, where He traveled to and through, where He did His miracles, where the apostles were, where John the Baptist was... As with Italy too, with both pilgrimages, we saw much more than anyone ever thought possible... I want to publicly thank Fr. Mike because he is the reason I got to go to Italy and the Holy Land. Thank you, Fr. Mike.

Before Fr. Mike's time here at St. Michael Parish, I was so excited to go to West Virginia for a Mission trip. If you told me then I would be going to Italy and the Holy Land in a few years, well... I'd say you were crazy! I was in the desert where John the Baptist was in today's Gospel. Well, we were there... We saw the rugged mountains and vast desert land. It is not like I imagined before seeing it... I heard and read my whole life that John the Baptist was in the desert, I am thinking gentle sand dunes, rolling smooth hills. No, not even close! It looked more like a moonscape. Mountains, deep gullies, cliffs, rocks and dirt... For as far as we could see! There was nothing gentle, smooth or rolling about it. And it was HOT!!! We learned that all of Israel is about the size of NJ. Thing is, they walked everywhere!! We had a bus, water whenever we needed, nice shoes, hats, clothes... They had what they made and could carry, that is it. And they walked everywhere!!! I said to my fellow pilgrims that Jesus and His apostles were not soft people. They had to be hard, as in tough people, to just live and survive there... And then, doing all that Jesus and they did... We were at the place on the Jordan river where John the Baptist was baptizing people, where he baptized Jesus! We were there... We had the same

water poured on our heads as they did... Annemarie and I have a bottle of the Jordan river water from that spot in our house. We were in Bethlehem and saw where Jesus was born, we were where Peter denied Jesus and where Jesus was condemned... We were where Jesus was crucified and laid in the tomb... In the Garden of Gethsemani where Jesus sweat blood. On the shore of the Sea of Galilee (which is a beautiful lake) where our Resurrected Jesus cooked breakfast for the apostles. It was amazingly beautiful and very calming there... I could go on and on about it all but I think you got my excitement and my gratitude...

This is all well and good but Fr. Mike's words just keep ringing through my thoughts and prayers... "It has to change you..." I believe it has changed me and I pray it will continue to change me. How did it change me? It brings me closer to Jesus. When we go to a place where somebody was and where something occurred, we can put ourselves there and better experience what occurred and then we can connect to the people... We can get closer to them... We can unite with them... Think about visiting somewhere meaningful to you. Your parents house, grandparents house... When you go there, it brings you closer to them. Think about visiting the 9/11 site, we go there and we can immediately feel connected to the people and it brings us closer to them to pray for them... Think about battle fields or football fields or schools or churches... Any significant place... These places and the events connect us to the people. It connects us and brings us closer to them... When I go by my parents house, it connects me to my parents. When I go by my grandmother's house or church, it connects me to her. When I go by this church, it connects me to you... Well, when we went to where Jesus and His apostles and John the Baptist was, it connects me to them. It brings me closer to them, to Him... I can better experience what they did for me, for us... And I pray by me telling you all about it, it can bring you closer to them and to Jesus too. Because that is the whole point for all of us. To get closer to Him so we can be with Him forever. It changes me because I have been where they were, so I prayerfully can go where they are!! It has to change you too so we can be where they are, all together in perfect union with Jesus! They are in heaven of course, where we all are trying to get to, with Jesus and His Angels and His Saints for all eternity.



FAITH FORMATION

Calendar Reminders

Levels 1-6 and Confirmation I

- Classes resume after 9:30 am Mass today
- Mass and class next week, 12/18
- NO SESSIONS 12/25 and 1/1
- Sessions resume 1/8 with 9:30 mass and class. There is no Family Session in January

Confirmation II: class 12/11 and 12/18. Please arrive by 10:10 at the school as the door will be closed and locked by 10:15. Sessions will resume on 1/8 after Christmas.

NET: Class session 12/18, regular time and place.

NET and Confirmation II: service forms, Saint reports and signed mass sheets due 11/30.

Confirmation I: Confirmation Service forms are due at the end of the quarter (Dec. 31 for service completed Oct, Nov, Dec)



Sunday, December 11th at 1:30pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass & Celebration



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry meetings are on Mondays
at 7:00pm in the Youth Ministry room.

No Youth Ministry on December 26th

If you would like to join or if you have any questions,
please email me at

youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org

-Nicole



Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Eve

3pm Mass

5pm Mass

10pm Mass

Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Day

7am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:30pm Mass in Spanish

2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "One Body In Christ"

With the year coming to an end, many people look to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has a significant impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or online at www.2022appeal.org. May God bless you for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned soups, canned vegetables, mac and cheese, and toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Any and all non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated. As always, we thank you for generosity and support.



THE GIVING TREE
Gifts due back this weekend!
Gift must be wrapped and have the tag attached. Thank you for your generosity.

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TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Domingo

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Lunes

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura
del Común de la Santísima Virgen María

Martes

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Miércoles

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Jueves

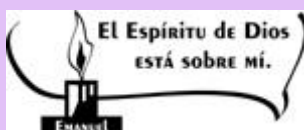
Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Viernes

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Sábado

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17



TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Primera Lectura: Isaías 35:1-6a, 10

Isaías nos dice que cuando Cristo venga, el débil se volverá fuerte, el sordo oírán, el ciego verá, y sobre todo, “desaparecerá el llanto y el dolor”.

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 5:7-10

Así como el campesino espera pacientemente durante el invierno y la primavera para “recoger la preciosa cosecha”, así ustedes también deben esperar pacientemente la venida del Mesías.

Evangelio: San Mateo 11:2-11

Cuando estaba en prisión, Juan el Bautista envió un mensajero a Jesús para preguntarle si El era de veras el que había de venir, o si debía esperar a otro.” Jesús le contestó citando los milagros que había hecho para los ciegos, sordos y cojos. Concluyó identificando a Juan como el mensajero que El ha enviado para preparar el camino.



Tercer Domingo de Adviento 11 de diciembre de 2022

“Digan a los que están desalentados: ‘¡Sean fuertes, no teman: ahí está su Dios. Llega la venganza, la represalia de Dios: él mismo viene a salvarlos!’ Entonces se abrirán los ojos de los ciegos y se destaparán los oídos de los sordos; entonces el tullido saltará como un ciervo y la lengua de los mudos gritará de júbilo... Los acompañarán el gozo y la alegría, la tristeza y los gemidos se alejarán.”

Tome un minute para reflexionar sobre lo que el profeta Isaías dice. Siglos antes de Cristo, Isaías ofreció la solución a los problemas de la gente con palabras de aliento y esperanza. En nuestra estación de adviento necesitamos tales palabras para ayudarnos a resistir lo que nos hunde y descubrir formas de esperar y encontrar a nuestro Salvador. A pesar de que utiliza imágenes de una sanación física necesitamos aplicarlas a nuestro bienestar espiritual. Nuestros ojos están fijados en Jesús, nuestros oídos abiertos a Su llamado de renovación, para caminar en Su compañía, y hablar de Su venida y su unión con nosotros. Con El puede haber alegría y felicidad. Con El, la tristeza y gemidos se alejarán.

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