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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

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Welcome to our Church

The Church of Saint Michael
January 22, 2023
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Diane Bernart

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

Altar Bread & Wine: For All Deceased Parishioners

Readings for the week

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30 or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the Mass, "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (*Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 947A-947E*), or the Mass for "Justice and Peace"

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 21, 2023

10am Fr. Augustine Back

5pm Terry Castaldi, Neil Notoroberto

Sunday, January 22, 2023

7am Richie DiRenzo

9:30am Veronica Pillittier, Ronald E. Costanzo

11:30am Grace Impaglia, Isaura DaCosta

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, January 23, 2023

10am Peter Joseph Kurtenbach

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

10am Gregory Murtha

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

10am Andrew Murtha

Thursday, January 26, 2023

10am Jack Hurley, Matthew & Frances Soccio

Friday, January 27, 2023

10am Mary & Elwin Burd

Saturday, January 28, 2023

10am Charlie Carney, Angelo Lanaris

5pm Theresa Castaldi

Sunday, January 29, 2023

7am John Savino

9:30am Sophie & Ralph Bridy, Sr., Vera Pillittier, Deidra Seelinger

11:30am Christine Parker, Robert Poth

1:30pm Special Intention

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

Sunday, January 15, 2023 \$5,836.00

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From Fr. Mike

When the Parish had our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we stayed two nights at the retreat house on the Mount of Beatitudes. Our guide read to us the passage of the Beatitudes from Saint Matthew's Gospel and I remember being so deeply moved by the location, the small mount as I envisioned Jesus speaking these words over 2,000 years ago.

What I also thought about was when I heard these words is how so very often when people approach the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) how they examine their conscience usually using the Ten Commandments as their guide. "I have not killed anyone. I have not stolen. I honor my parents, I have not committed adultery. However, I may have missed Mass a few times on the holy days and used the Lord's Name in vain continuously." And then it ends there.

What comes to mind is if we only examine our lives by these 10 Commandments given to Moses and the Jewish people, then why did Jesus have to come at all. Maybe we have been missing something more recent, more Christ centered, more precise from the New Testament. And I truly believe that the Beatitudes are these often forgotten hallmarks in which we also need to examine our lives again.

Through the words of Saint Matthew, Jesus reminds us that we should be "poor in spirit." What does that really mean? That Jesus wants us to be down in the mouth, bent over with eyes not looking from the ground or does He envision something more? I think that the Lord is asking us to be humble. To think of ourselves last and not first. For as Saint Francis of Assisi taught us "It is in giving that we receive." So maybe we have to ask ourselves, have we been humble of heart, of mind and speech in our lives?

Next, the Lord reminds us that He is with us when we mourn. But this does not only mean when we lose our close loved ones but when our friends and even acquaintances have lost loved ones and how it is our calling to be with them and for them in their time of need. So maybe we have to ask ourselves, have we put ourselves out there when someone in our lives has lost loved ones, lost their jobs, lost their health, lost the homes or had any type of major loss in their lives.

Next, the Lord calls us to be meek, merciful, clean of

heart and peacemakers. This is a very tall order for us in our daily lives. I believe that the Lord is asking each of us, no matter what role we play in the church from Pope to person in the pew, are we gentle with others or do we run rough shod over them? Are we patient and gentle with those who are different than we, especially those who hold different opinions whether theologically or politically.

He is also asking us if we are "clean" or in some translations "pure of heart," which to me means like the vine that must be pruned in order to bear fruit. So too are we in need of pruning by the Lord to make us flourish. It also means having a single heartedness toward God. No hypocrisy, no false motives, no guile. One can recognize a person who is "pure in heart" by their transparency and undying desire to please God in all things. So maybe we have to ask ourselves, do we have a singlemindedness toward God in everything that we do?

And of course being peacemakers. This is pretty self-evident. However, what is not evident is that the Lord is not asking us to be doormats or allow others to steal our joy. But he also is asking us to be humble enough to admit our own faults and failures before putting them on others.

And finally, the Lord speaks about being "persecuted for the sake of righteousness." Maybe this means not only being on the receiving end of injustice but being on the giving end as well. So maybe the Lord is asking us if we are unjust in our dealings with others whose ideals and lifestyle differ from ours.

These are just a few new ideas for the next time you approach the Sacrament of Penance and think that because you do not kill or steal that it makes you a good Christian. For when we are completely honest with ourselves, then maybe we can have a chance at being comforted, inheriting the kingdom, being shown mercy and "Children of God" and one day we might even possess the great reward of the kingdom of heaven.

Blessings on your faith journey this week and maybe we can remember these "attitudes" that we should possess, that we should "be" might help us mold our lives to be closer to Him and when we finally are able to boast we "should boast in the Lord." Enjoy your week and let us pray for one another as we continue our journey of faith!

The Mission Trip to Jamaica was a new and challenging experience for me.

The work performed by the Brothers and Sisters of the Missionaries of the Poor is inspiring and shows the hands of God at work. They provide a home, love, and support to those of the greatest need; babies, children, adults, and the elderly who are physically and mentally disabled.

The camaraderie among our St. Michael group provided much needed support as we shared our work experiences, some physically and emotionally demanding, at the end of each day.

Thank you Father Mike for the opportunity to serve, to challenge ourselves, and to grow in our faith.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25:40)

The need is great... How will you serve?
How will you be the hands of God?

-Cathy Garrison



FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Mass sheets: signed sheets are due at the end of every month!

Confirmation II and NET: Sponsor Paperwork due this month. Please hand in blue info form AND signed Sponsor form TOGETHER. (NOTE- the Pastor of the prospective sponsor must sign and seal the Sponsor Commitment form! Sponsor is responsible for bringing it to their Pastor).

Confirmation II: please register for the retreat via the text sent to parent; payment is due by Feb. 1.

First Reconciliation: Please keep in your prayers all of the children who will be celebrating the gift of God's mercy in Reconciliation for the first time this weekend!




Youth Group

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry meetings are on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Youth Ministry room. If you would like to join or if you have any questions, please email me at youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org
-Nicole

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Adoration Open Hour

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Pilgrimage to France - Save the date

A couple spots left!

The itinerary and details for our Pilgrimage to France led by Father Mike have been finalized. Our 11 day trip will take place from October 4, 2023 to October 14, 2023. Two weekends were incorporated in our plans so those who work won't have to use as many vacation days. We will visit Paris, the home of Saint Theresa of Lisieux, (The Little Flower), Lourdes, (where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette), we will participate in a candlelight procession at Lourdes, The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, (where Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure), Mont St. Michel, Normandy, Versailles, Chartres and Bordeaux. The price of \$3,200.00 PPDO includes everything except beverages, tips and travel insurance. We are booked into 4 star hotels with breakfast, lunches and dinner included. For the complete itinerary, information form and reservation form please email Valerie Nichols at valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of our parishioners, community members, local schools and organizations who donated so generously for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your compassion for those less fortunate has provided a joyous holiday to so many. Every year we depend solely on each of you to make this happen. Because of your generosity we distributed the following:

Thanksgiving:

53 families, 136 bags of food and 50 turkeys

Christmas:

57 families, 152 bags of food and

92 gifts for children

Again, we thank you so very much for your support of the pantry, not just at the holidays, but all year long.



Tercer Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario
22 de enero de 2023

“A partir de ese momento, Jesús comenzó a proclamar: ‘Conviértanse, porque el Reino de los Cielos está cerca.’ Mientras caminaba a orillas del mar de Galilea, Jesús vio a dos hermanos: a Simón, llamado Pedro, y a su hermano Andrés, que echaban las redes al mar porque eran pescadores. Entonces les dijo: ‘Sígueme, y yo los haré pescadores de hombres.’”

El mensaje de Jesús, al leer al comienzo de Su ministerio, es simple y claro: arrepentimiento y aceptación del reino que El vino a establecer. La invitación a Simón y Andrés, es Su invitación a mí de nuevo hoy. El tiene un plan y una tarea para mí. ¿Por qué soy tan lento de notar la urgencia de Su llamado? Al ver al mundo alrededor, roto y necesitado de El, somos llamados a responder. Si esperamos que la próxima persona responda, tiempo valioso se pierde. Por favor pongan un nombre y un rostro en su oración, ya que alguien seguramente espera su respuesta y acción.



TERCER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO
Domingo

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Lunes

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30 o, para el Día de la Oración, Cualquier lecturas de la Misa, “Por dar gracias a Dios por el Don de la Vida Humana” (Leccionario para Misa Suplemento,

947A-947E), o la Misa por “Justicia y Paz”

Martes

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Miércoles

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Jueves

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

Viernes

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Sábado

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

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