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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

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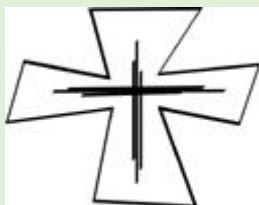
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Welcome to our Church

The Church of Saint Michael
January 29, 2023
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Dave Stonehouse

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: May Lee, Special Intention, Lucy Pintos, Karlene Yaple, Joseph Conklin, Marysia Hancock, Bev Couter, Kathy Conklin, Charlie Raffay, Beth Couter

Weekly Memorial
Altar Bread & Wine: Mary Brodo

Readings for the week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

First Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Pillitier,
Deidra Seelinger

11:30am Christine Parker, Robert Poth

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, January 30, 2023

10am Fr. Augustine Baek

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

10am Anne T. Keenan, Veronica Geraghty

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

10am Chet Togno

Thursday, February 2, 2023

10am Terry Castaldi, Charlie Carney

Friday, February 3, 2023

10am John Bauer

Saturday, February 4, 2023

10am Dolores Murtha

5pm Marie G. Koert, Pat Buckley

Sunday, February 5, 2023

7am Sam Rosa

9:30am Tim Trapper, Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo

11:30am William Huff

1:30pm Special Intention

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

Sunday, January 22, 2023 \$6,279.00

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From Fr. Mike

This upcoming Friday, February 3rd, throats will be blessed by priest/deacon in honor of Saint Blaise. Someone once asked me why lay people could not bless the parishioners or younger children who come up for communion like they do when they give out ashes.

The following are portions taken from an article written by Father William P. Saunders who is the President of Notre Dame Institute and associate pastor of Queen of Apostles Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

Blessings come under the category of sacramentals. A sacramental is a special prayer, action or object which, through the prayers of the Church, prepares a person to receive grace and to better cooperate with it. One example is when we make the Sign of the Cross using holy water when entering a church. That pious action and the holy water itself, which together remind us of our baptism, awaken us to the presence of God and dispose us to receiving God's grace. Unlike a Sacrament, a sacramental does not itself confer the grace of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, like a Sacrament, a sacramental helps the faithful to sanctify each moment of life and to live in the paschal mystery of our Lord.

Among the sacramentals, blessings would be foremost. In the decree publishing the Book of Blessings, Cardinal Mayer, then prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, wrote, "*The celebration of blessings holds a privileged place among all the sacramentals created by the Church for the pastoral benefit of the People of God. As a liturgical action the celebration leads the faithful to praise God and prepares them for the principle effect of the sacraments. By celebrating a blessing, the faithful can also sanctify various situations and events in their lives.*" Blessings are signs to the faithful of the spiritual benefits achieved through the Church's intercession...

Who can offer a blessing? The Catechism states, "*Every baptized person is called to be a 'blessing' and to bless. Hence lay people may preside at certain blessings; the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more its administration is reserved to the ordained ministry (bishops, priest, deacons)*" (No. 1669).

Priests are the ordinary ministers of blessings, asking God's help for those people being blessed or dedicating something to a sacred service; the priest's blessing is imparted with the weight of the Church and therefore has great value in the eyes of God. The blessing of a layperson upon another, such as a parent blessing a child, is an act of good will whereby the person implores God's aid for the person; the value of this blessing in the eyes of God depends upon the person's individual sincerity and sanctity.

Blessings are categorized into two types: invocative and constitutive. In an invocative blessing, the minister implores the divine favor of God to grant some spiritual or temporal good without any change of condition, such as when a parent blessed a child. This blessing is also a recognition of God's goodness in bestowing this "blessing" upon us, such as when we offer a blessing for our food at meal time. In blessing objects or places, a view is also taken toward those who will use the objects or visit the places.

A constitutive blessing, invoked by a bishop, priest or deacon, signifies the permanent sanctification and dedication of a person or thing for some sacred purpose. Here the person or object takes on a sacred character and would not be returned to non-sacred or profane use. For example, when a chalice is blessed, it becomes a sacred vessel dedicated solely to sacred usage and should never be used for any other purpose.

Therefore, it is clear that only the ordained may offer a constitutive blessing such as blessing the throats, blessing children at Mass and blessing of objects, while giving ashes may be done by any person. It is important to understand that when a priest (or deacon) offers a blessing or celebrates a Sacrament, unlike the blessing of lay people, the Sacrament automatically bestows the grace of God by the virtue of the saving work of Christ and is not dependent upon the personal holiness or state of grace of the minister (*in this case, the bishop, priest or deacon*). The Latin term to describe this is "*ex opera operato*." I believe this is to ensure that the Sacraments are always safeguarded as being valid, regardless of the holiness or lack thereof, of the bishop, priest or deacon.

FAITH FORMATION

Calendar Reminders:

Family Session: Next week, 2/5 for Levels K-6. Attend 9:30 mass and stay in church for brief presentation followed by coffee Sunday refreshments in the Church Hall. Donations of small finger food items and/or a free will offering to help with the cost of the breakfast are greatly appreciated. (Offering box is located by the kitchen.)

2/5 Confirmation II session starts promptly at 10:15 am in the school. Arrive 5 min. early as the door will be closed for safety.

NET group: next sessions-1/29 and 2/5 at 9:30 am in the Youth Room.

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

Confirmation II and NET:

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- 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).
- service forms for Jan. are due by 1/31

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



“Souper-Bowl’ Food Pantry Project: Our food pantry is in need of donations! Especially during winter time, soup is greatly appreciated. Children are asked to bring in a can of soup on Super Bowl Sunday this year, Feb. 12. All donations will be greatly appreciated!

Adoration Open Hour

Mondays at 2pm

To sign up please call

Andrea Trapper 201-874-8769

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

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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



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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Primer Sábado

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