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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 June 11, 2023 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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 Yaple, Joseph Conklin, Marysia Hancock, Bev Couter, Kathy Conklin, Special Intention, Carmen Pina, Paula DiElsi, Avila De La Rama, Gail Tardive, Roseann Lehmann, Louis DiBernard

Weekly Memorial Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of: Andrew Weaver

Readings for the week

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Sunday

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday

2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

Friday

Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday

2 Cor 5:14-21; Lk 2:41-51

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 10, 2023

10am Charlie Carney

5pm Dominic, Nunziatta & Chet Togno, Madeline Arbolino & Nicholas Arbolino

Sunday, June 11, 2023

7am Thomasina Grogan

9:30am Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo

11:30am Msgr. Trapasso 1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, June 12, 2023

10am Special Intention

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

10am George Trapp

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

10am Nicholas Bias

Thursday, June 15, 2023

10am Sherry Lopez

Friday, June 16, 2023

10am John Bauer, Carmine Milone

Saturday, June 17, 2023

10am Special Intention

5pm For All Fathers - Living & Deceased

Sunday, June 18, 2023 Father's Day

7am For All Fathers - Living & Deceased 9:30am For All Fathers - Living & Deceased

11:30am For All Fathers - Living & Deceased 1:30pm For All Fathers - Living & Deceased

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Sunday, June 4, 2023 WeShare \$5,077.00 not available

From Deacon Russ

Homily ~ June 4, 2023 The Most Holy Trinity John 3:16-18

Today's readings on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity speaks to us about love. We see this in Exodus with the Lord being slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. Receiving us in our stiff neck state of being stubborn, uncompromising, and opinionated. St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians tells us about God's love for us as we hear about his wishes for our unruly Christian communities. And John's Gospel teaches us about God's love for the world through His giving us His only Son, a truly great and almost incomprehensible show of love. This is an easy theme to pick up on, but what do these readings have to do with this particular Solemnity? This is where things get a bit more difficult, because this is where we have to not only see God's love for us, but we also have to trust that not only does God love us, but we must trust that God is who God is, three divine persons in one, in other words, the Most Holy Trinity, the central belief and cornerstone of our faith.

The Trinity is all around us. It is present in today's reading, it is present in the art and statues of St. Michael's, it is present in the Tabernacle, and it will be present on this very altar during the Consecration of the bread and wine. How did today's Mass start? In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: the Trinity. The Blessed Trinity is the mystery of one God in three Divine Persons. If we can see these images and symbols, then the next step would be to accept these, but we are not so trusting in things that we cannot comprehend. This lack of trust is very understandable for it is not only us here to be a bit confused, for even St. Augustine, a doctor of the Church, was struggling to understand.

As the story goes, St. Augustine was walking by the seashore one day contemplating the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he saw a little child running back and forth from the water to a spot on the seashore. The boy was using a shell to carry water from the large ocean and pour it into a small pit that he had made in the sand. Augustine came up to him and asked him what he was doing. "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole," the boy replied. "What?" said Augustine. "That is impossible, my dear child, the sea is so great and the shell and the hole are so little." "That is true," the boy said. "It would be easier and quicker to draw all the water out of the sea and fit it into this hole than for you to fit the mystery of the Trinity and His Divinity into your little intellect; for the Mystery of the Trinity is greater and larger in comparison with your intelligence than is this vast ocean in comparison with this little hole." And then the child vanished. Some say that St. Augustine had been talking with an angel sent by God to teach him a lesson on intellectual pride. Others say it was the Christ Child Himself who came to remind

Augustine of the limits of human understanding in relation to the great mysteries of our Faith. As a side note, because of this story, the sea shell has become a symbol of St. Augustine and the study of theology.

If Augustine was struggling with the Trinity, then it only makes sense that we too should struggle in this. Maybe some insight from the Catholic Catechism might help to explain it, and I emphasize the word try, think of it in the following manner: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Each of the persons is God (fully divine) but the persons are distinct. In other words: The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father, the Father is not the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is not the Father, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is not the Son. The Father is never "sent" in Scripture. Nor is He incarnated or poured out at Pentecost. The Spirit does not die on the cross for our sins. The Father begets the Son, not vice-versa. The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. There is yet another aspect. The three persons indwell each other in the one being of God. So: The Father is in the Son, the Son is in the Father, the Father is in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is in the Father, the Son is in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is in the Son. There you have it. You have mastered one of the most inaccessible concepts of Christian doctrine. God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Any questions?

Oh if it were that simple. Just think, all of us gathered here today going forth to spread the Good News of our faith with total understanding of the Trinity. Sorry it is not that simple, or is it? Look, I'm not going to be that arrogant to say that I can explain the Trinity when doctors of the church can't even do that, but maybe, just maybe we are over thinking some things here. Maybe this understanding can be found in one of the words I previously mentioned, trust. You see, there are things that we are mostly willing to blindly trust. For example, our navigation apps on our phones, what our parents said before we became teenagers, what our social media feeds say, our cars, or better yet, pilots and airplanes. Think about that, if we have ever been on an airplane, maybe a Boeing 747, well we obviously trusted the plane and pilots, and if we can trust that the over six million parts and three pilots can deliver us safely, then why can't we trust in what our faith calls on us to believe and that God can also deliver us safely to our new life at the end of our earthly journey.

In my economics class at school I teach that you have to blindly trust in certain laws even though they may not seem understandable, and the threat of a failing grade seems to put the fear of God in them. For example, true or false, will the rise in temperature cause an increase in the quantity demanded of air conditioners? Let me repeat that, will the rise in temperature cause an increase in the quantity demanded of air conditioners? True or false? I hope you said false. It will cause, instead, an increase or shift in demand for

air conditioners, not quantity demanded. Some will call it a technicality, but in reality it is the truth, but as Exodus states in the first reading, we are a stiff necked people and stubborn in our beliefs.

Like in my economics class, we here must be trusting in a lot of things that our true teacher instructs us on regarding our faith. We must trust that not only in the Trinity but also that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is truly present on the altar under the appearances of bread and wine, we must trust in the power of the sacraments, we must trust that God has a plan for us, and we must trust that our real home is not here but up there. Trust. Such a hard thing to do for stiff necked tangible people. We like to see, touch, and really experience what we know is real and sometimes our faith doesn't knock us down with this type of proof and we are quick to look for objections. This is part of our nature. Let me close with one recommendation for all of us. Last month, while sitting in on a class at the seminary at Seton Hall on Revelation in Faith, the professor brought up an article from a preacher, Pastor Andy Stanley. Andy wrote words for not just his congregations but words that according to the seminary can help us Catholics as well. If we routinely minimize our objections to sin, why can't we do this for our objection to God and what our faith asks of us. Think about it, we will convince ourselves that sin is tolerable with weak reasoning and trust that our actions are tolerable when we know that they are not in communion with what God wants, then why can't we take on the mind of a child and use this same exact weak reasoning and remove our objections to what God wants for us. If we can tell ourselves that having the third bowl of ice cream is OK, or that we will be right in doing what we shouldn't do, then use that same lack of discipline to accept what God wants for us and to accept that which our faith has yet to fully make understandable in our earthly minds. So when us adults tell the kids to grow up, maybe that is bad advice. For our Father said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. So today and every day, let that inner child emerge from us and guide us like the Trinity guides our church with the exception of course when the basket is passed around for the collections. For I believe that if I went back to being a child, that third bowl of ice cream sounds much better than that second collection.

From Deacon Rich

Homily from June 4, 2023

Today's Gospel is from John. John 3:16-18. When I hear John 3:16, I always think of Tim Tebow. He played football for the University of Florida, the Jets and the Broncos. I always think of him in games with

the 2 black patches they wear below their eyes for sun glare. He printed John 3:16 on his so when they zoomed a close up of him, everyone would see it. It is always graffitied too and on billboards and signs... It is usually associated with evangelicals. You know those evangelicals; they love their bible!

We love the bible too, right? You hear several readings from it at every Mass you attend to pray, worship, and receive Jesus! Interesting story about Tim Tebow... He was born in the Philippines. His parents Pamela and Robert met in the 70's at the University of Florida, fell in love and got married. In 85, they moved to the Philippines to do missionary work. Pamela got very sick and fell into a coma. She was treated and as she was recovering, she found out she was pregnant with Tim. Well, the medication she received during her sickness caused severe complications with her pregnancy and the doctors didn't expect Tim to be born alive, so they suggested abortion. Prayerfully and thankfully Pam and Bob didn't go through with it and Tim was born 8/14/1987. The rest is history so to speak, which brings me back to John 3:16...

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. God the Father, Jesus His only Son, and Holy Spirit. I liked when I was a kid, the Holy Spirit was the Holy Ghost. I looked up why it changed, and it is simply that early in the last century, ghost increasingly referred to a dead person's spirit... And obviously, God is not dead, He is alive! God is, was and always will be!... The Trinity is a dogma/doctrine of the church. It is a Mystery, big "M". Not a mystery, small "m" to be figured out like a "who done it" mystery. Big "M" Mystery is to be believed with faith and trust. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons, one God. Pray to anyone and you pray to all three! We can't fully understand it this side of eternity, but if and when we get to heaven... Then we will understand! We will understand the Trinity and much, much more...

Then and only then will we be in perfect communion with God and know all He wants us to know... And that thought always leads me to 1 Corinthians 2:9... "But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him." That is to say... We can't dream, think up, imagine, or realize in any way, what heaven is going to be like when we get there! We can try, but we will never know until we are there with Jesus! So, think about the most beautiful peaceful amazing idea of what you think heaven will be like and it will be better!!! Infinitely better than what we can ever think, imagine or dream... Sometimes I think of the most beautiful times and places in my life such as my wedding day, the

beach at St John's on our second anniversary, we had the whole beach and water to ourselves. The first time seeing our kids at the airport when they came home... Nicole cute as a button with her pink snow suit on, Mark looking around in amazement, probably wondering what is going on... And Will walking down the corridor waving to us and holding the American flag, it was a week or so after 9/11. Being where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived in Israel, seeing the Vatican... On and on and on... We all have very beautiful and wonderful things that happen/ed to us. And a very sad but amazingly beautiful and peaceful time being there in the room when my Dad took his last breath... I wasn't expecting that one to be beautiful and peaceful, but it was...

And, all of these things, everything I just told you, is all from and because of God!! Remember, everything good is a gift and Grace from God. All these times, people, and places, how beautiful and amazing, are not even close to being as beautiful, peaceful and amazing as to what being with Jesus will be like... And forever and ever!! Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have it all right here, every week, every day even... There are people out there who don't have it, who don't know what the Trinity is or who Jesus is... They don't have the full truth. We do! We have God the Father, Jesus, His only Son and the Holy Spirit. We have it all... And we can have it all forever, all we have to do is listen and trust the Trinity. He loved us into existence, and he conquered death for us so we don't die! Listening to and trusting the Trinity makes this life capable of launching us into an unimaginable everlasting life with Jesus forever!!

THANK YOU FROM THE ST. MICHAEL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & BIRTH HAVEN

The Knights of Columbus would like to express our thanks and deep gratitude to Saint Michael Parish for its generous donations of diapers, baby wipes and formula to Birth Haven, providing shelter, support and education to homeless pregnant women and girls in Newton, New Jersey. Over 50 packages of items were collected in the May parish drive by the Knights and donated to Birth Haven where they were graciously accepted and are now being used in a safe and nurturing environment to help young women bring unexpected preganancies to term. God Bless You for your generosity and love for God's children!

FAITH FORMATION

Catechists 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. We need catechists for different age groups! Please consider helping out in this ministry!

Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024 is now open

Please go to

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

- Read the information about <u>registration</u>, <u>Program Policies and Guidelines</u> and the supporting documents including the <u>Covenant</u>) that are needed
- Follow the link to the online form
- In order to complete the registration you MUST send/drop off:
 - o Payment
 - Faith Formation covenant *
 - Supporting documents for children NEW to the program
- Contact us at 973-347-0032 ext. 2320 if you have any questions or concerns or need assistance.

Remember, Faith Formation programs are available to registered, active families of St. Michael Parish!

* There are blank covenants (one side in English, other side in Spanish) in a basket in the church vestibule (main entrance) that you can take if you don't have a printer available.



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 Chapel

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11:00 a.m.	Arrive at Kitchen Kettle Village to shop
12:00 p.m.	Depart Kitchen Kettle Village
12:30 p.m.	Lunch at Bird In Hand Restaurant
2:00 p.m.	Depart Bird In Hand Restaurant
3:00 p.m.	Show Time! Sight & Sound
5:15 p.m.	Depart Sight & Sound
8:30 p.m.	Approximate time back at St. Michael Church

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Gospel Today

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | John 6:51-58

Jesus knows having bread to eat is important to us. Jesus also knows having HIM in our lives is also important, so He gave us the Eucharist, to nourish our souls. It is not just a symbol to us. We truly believe this bread and wine are changed to His Body & Blood at mass. With this bread, comes eternal life.

Some letters of the alphabet are missing from the circle. Write them in the space below.

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Arrange the letters into a word found in today's gospel.

Fill in the blank spaces below...

Jesus says,

"I am the living __ _ _ _ _ that came down from heaven; whoever eats this __ _ _ _ _ _

will live forever."

JOHN 6:51



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