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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
August 20, 2023
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Robert Franzino

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, Special Intention, Carmen Pina, Paula DiElsi, Avila De La Rama, Roseann Lehmann, Louis DiBernard, Tim Paternostro, Margie Kern

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread and Wine is in memory of:
 Robert Franzino

Readings for the week

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 19, 2023

10am Jimmy LaBell, Rose Marie Reilly,
 Michele Lee Kranz

5pm Chet Togno, Barbara Keller

Sunday, August 20, 2023

7am Richie DiRenzo, Eleanor Sylvester

9:30am Thomas S. Pedersen

11:30am Gail Tardive

1:30pm Consuelo Fajardo

Monday, August 21, 2023

10am Special Intention

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

10am Toni DiRupo

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

10am Vincent Testa

Thursday, August 24, 2023

10am Biaggio Vaia

Friday, August 25, 2023

10am Special Intention

Saturday, August 26, 2023

10am Gail Tardive

5pm Toni DiRupo, Fred Garlick, Orrie Martino

Sunday, August 27, 2023

7am Richie DiRenzo, Eleanor Sylvester

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Gail Tardive

11:30am Biaggio Vaia

1:30pm Special Intention

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Sunday, August 6, 2023 \$5,958.92

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Sunday, August 13, 2023 \$4,819.00

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World Youth Day 2023



Shane Suralik

This year, we got the amazing opportunity to travel to Lisbon Portugal to participate in World Youth Day 2023. Our first stop was in Fatima to visit the sanctuary where Mary appeared to three shepherd children and where the Miracle of the Dancing Sun occurred. We got to pray the rosary on our knees, participate in a Marian procession, and pray in the chapel that Our Lady told the children to build. It was amazing to see all of it in person and have the opportunity to pray where such an amazing miracle and apparition occurred with thousands of other Catholic youth.

After our trip to Fatima, we headed back to Lisbon, where the theme of World Youth Day was “Mary arose and went with haste”. Through many different catechesis events, and through our pilgrimage out 10 miles to the field where we would be sleeping before Mass with 1.5 million other Catholic youth, we had time to learn and reflect on this theme. Through Mother Mary’s example, I learned that we must make haste with all things that involve God. Mary did not delay when she heard that her sister Elizabeth was pregnant, and neither should we with matters involving our faith.

Being able to see millions of Catholic youth together for Mass with Pope Francis put into perspective just how massive and alive in the faith the young Church really is. It gave me a new outlook on my faith seeing everyone around me sleeping in a field just so they could be at Mass with the Pope the next day. Thank you to Father Mike for taking us on this trip and helping develop us in the faith. Finally, I want to say thank you to everybody in the parish for your support and your prayers that allowed me to take this opportunity.

William Bias

If the idea of 1.5 million people walking shoulder-to-shoulder through the streets of Portugal seems overwhelming, it’s because it is. As the temperature continued to rise and the crowded streets narrowed, there seemed to be no end to the cattle-packed procession. There were times where the group was split in two - then three or four. There were times when the vast sea of people felt more like a stagnant pool. Still, with camp-gear in our backpacks and shoes full of aching feet, we kept on.

When we finally met back up to walk as a group, we could begin to see where the path was leading us. From the top of the highway overpass we were treated to the breathtaking sight of Campo Da Graça, covered endlessly with Catholic believers gathered in the spirit of communion and faith. At that moment, we forgot about all the weight on our shoulders and the pain at our feet.

There are times when you experience something so much bigger than yourself that it forces you to take a big step back. Suddenly it feels as if you’ve been reading the book of your life with your nose in the spine, but now you see that words form sentences that fill entire pages. My experience at World Youth Day has allowed me to better appreciate the constantly unfolding story of my life.

Nicole Bias

The theme of World Youth Day was “Mary arose and went with haste” because Mary inspires us to follow God without doubt or hesitation. She is a model of how we should serve, be joyous, and merciful. The first night in Fatima we had the opportunity to pray the rosary while walking on my knees, which was terrible - especially if you have bad knees. It was painful, but I thought of the suffering Jesus endured during his crucifixion, and how my pain was nothing compared to His. Then I thought of Mary’s pain - the pain of losing a child. I thought it was so pitiful that I was about to tear up because my knees hurt a little (knowing that I would be sleeping on the hotel bed in a few hours). Thinking of my life and how my suffering and sacrifices have been minimal - I had a thought to change my prayers. My normal prayer is: Help my family - Keep them happy, safe, and healthy, even if that means I will have to suffer. But, my prayer is changing from just my family to everyone - the stranger who cut me off on the highway, the friend who is talking behind my back, etc. I realize this prayer is extremely challenging because who in their right mind would want to suffer for people who least deserve it. Not that I WANT to, but because I feel that’s what God is asking me to do. I am praying and hoping that Mary will give me the strength and courage to continue on with this prayer. Prior to this pilgrimage, I rarely thought of Mary and her role in my faith. I am grateful to have been on this pilgrimage and

have the opportunity to learn more about her. Thank you to Fr. Mike and all of those who have been supporting us and praying for us - it means so much to be able to go on these "trips".



World Youth Day 2023

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: pasta, spaghetti, large soup cans, canned vegetables- (corn, peas, potatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables), jelly, cereal, and coffee, applesauce and rice. We are also in need of personal care products, such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and toilet paper. As always, we thank you for your generosity and support.

Adoration Chapel

If you're looking for an hour of peace and silence, come spend it with Jesus. Contact: Andrea 201-874-8769 or Marie 732-885-7972

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024

Registration is currently closed so we can prepare for the new year. We will open it again before classes start. Consult the website or bulletin for updates. Please call the office if you have any questions.



We are in need of a catechist for our Confirmation II group (primarily 8th graders) We would like to have two catechists for this group, and they will meet about twice a month on Sunday with a wonderful group of young people. TRAINING and guidance will be provided. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Debbie Rogalo at 973-347-0032 ext. 2330.



Confirmation II candidates (Level 8 and NET):

- Mass sheets for July and Service forms for April, May, June (and July for NET) are due in the office

Classes for Levels 1-6 and Confirmation I will begin on Sunday, Sept. 24 with the 9:30 am Mass.

We will have an orientation meeting for Confirmation II and NET on Sunday, Sept. 17 after the 11:30 am Mass in the Church hall.



RCIA Classes 2023-2024

In the fall of 2023 we will begin our classes for any adult who would like to receive or complete the sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes meet on Thursday evenings. If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic or complete their sacraments, please contact Valerie Nichols via email, valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org

GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 11, 2023.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Domingo

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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Jueves

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Viernes

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Sábado

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12



Vigésimo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario 20 de agosto de 2023

“Observen el derecho y practiquen la justicia, porque pronto llegará mi salvación y ya está por revelarse mi justicia. Y a los hijos de una tierra extranjera que se han unido al Señor para servirlo, para amar el nombre del Señor y para ser sus servidores, yo los conduciré hasta mi santa Montaña y los colmaré de alegría en mi Casa de oración; ... mi Casa será llamada Casa de oración para todos los pueblos.”

La Iglesia Católica en nuestro país ha sido bendecida de una forma muy especial. Aunque muchos, desgraciadamente se hacen ausentes de participación activa, tenemos la singular bendición de tener inmigrantes de muchos continentes y países, todos buscando al Señor en alabanza y trayendo ricas tradiciones de sus experiencias de fe.

Ellos representan el rostro de Cristo y son parte de nuestra comunidad.

La meta de la comunidad Cristiana es ver a Cristo en cada persona que vive la fe con nosotros, de dar la bienvenida, de proteger, promover e integrar a todos en nuestra comunidad de fe. Deseamos ver al inmigrante no como extraño, sino como la visión del Papa Francisco, como un hermano o hermana.

Si, hay muchos que se unen, hacen ministerio y sirven buscando vivir la fe con nosotros. Estamos llamados a adoptar la visión de Isaías, quien seis siglos antes de Cristo habló de nuestra misión de hoy. Jesús alabó a la muner cananea por su gran fe. Ojalá podamos compartir esa fe con todos.



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