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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

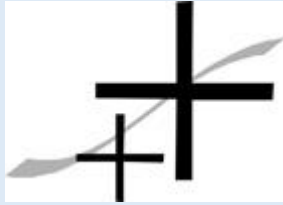
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

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Welcome to our Church

The Church of Saint Michael
September 3, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, Roseann Lehmann, Louis DiBernard, Tim Paternostro, Margie Kern, John Matits

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread and Wine is in memory of:
 Nicholas & Anna Caifa
 Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of:
 Jacob & Virginia Yaeger

Readings for the week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 2, 2023

10am Kyle Mullen

5pm Special Intention, Pat Buckley

Sunday, September 3, 2023

7am Joseph Benvenuto, Richie DiRenzo,
 Eleanor Sylvester

9:30am Gail Tardive

11:30am Barbara Ann Potenzano

1:30pm Adrian Navarrete Penagos

Monday, September 4, 2023 Labor Day

10am Brian Korgeski

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

10am Tim Trapper

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

10am David Conklin

Thursday, September 7, 2023

10am Rose DeSantis

Friday, September 8, 2023

10am Charlie Carney

Saturday, September 9, 2023

10am Mary Brodo

5pm Joseph & Marie Vendola, Joseph McHugh

Sunday, September 10, 2023

7am Richie DiRenzo, Eleanor Sylvester

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo

11:30am Paula & Valerie Tardive

1:30pm Adrian Navarrete Penagos

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING -
 SAINT MICHAEL PARISH HAS BEEN TITHING
 SINCE 1988.

Sunday, August 27, 2023 \$5,742.00

WeShare \$1,653.00

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, September 4th
 for Labor Day.

From Fr. Mike

We find in the Old Testament various covenants God makes with his people. The first covenant that God made with His people was with Noah. God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind us that He would never destroy the earth again by water (Genesis 9:8-17). The second covenant that God made was with Abram (later to be known as Abraham) where He promised that Abraham would be the “Father of many nations” (Genesis 17:1-8). The next covenant was made between God and the people of Israel with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:4-17). The fourth covenant was made between God and King David, and his descendants were established as the royal heirs of the throne of the nation of Israel (2 Samuel 7:12-13). And the final covenant is found in the New Testament in Christ. The death of Christ ushered in a new covenant by which we have the forgiveness of our sins. Christ Himself is the mediator of this covenant between God the Father and His people. It was by Christ’s sacrificial death, which served as a pledge or oath, which God made with us to seal this new covenant. Under this new covenant, God would write His Law on the hearts of all mankind. This final covenant accomplished what the old ones could not, which is the forgiveness of sin and the cleansing of our conscience (Hebrews 10:2,22). The work of Christ on the cross makes the old covenant “obsolete” (Hebrews 8:13) and fulfills the promise of the Prophet Jeremiah. This same notion and idea of a covenant is used when parents/guardians bring their children to be formed in the faith (hence the name Faith Formation) in our parish community of Saint Michael Church. As part of their children’s conditional acceptance, each parent/guardian must freely sign a “Commitment Covenant” whereby they promise to:

- 1.) Worship as a family of faith here in their parish of Saint Michael Church.
- 2.) Promise to bring their children to Faith Formation classes on time and prepared.
- 3.) To support their parish community to the best of their ability.

Now there has been much confusion (by very few) as to what these promises actually mean. As I have said many times the key word is

“weekly” and not “weakly!” It is because we are a parish family that the first and most important aspect of our faith formation is the family’s celebration of the Holy Eucharist each and every Sunday all year round. As with every family, there are certain duties and responsibilities attached to it, part of which are to financially support it.

We see the laws of the Church: Canon 518 states that “A parish is territorial. As such, it embraces all the Catholics of a given region or area. This fact, brings with it certain rights and obligations for each parishioner. Canon 857.2 states that “as a rule, a person is supposed to be baptized in his or her own parish. If a person is baptized elsewhere, it will not affect the validity of the baptism, but the same cannot be said about the celebration of a marriage. Catholics who wish to marry are required to marry in the parish church of one of the spouses (or in the Catholic spouse’s parish) if it is a mixed marriage (Canon 1108.1). If they do not obtain permission in advance to marry elsewhere, the marriage is actually illicit!

Therefore, we can see from these few examples that “belonging” to a parish is a very important issue. It reminds me of when a family has a child and on Monday the youngest son informs his parents “I will be eating over Johnnie’s house tonight.” His parents, of course agree. This continues for two more nights. Finally, the mother tells her son “Son, that is wonderful that you like to eat with your friends, but this is your family and you need to be part of this family first.” This notion of “family” is what we are trying to instill in our children.

I am putting this information in the bulletin for when people come to you and tell you that I have been unfair, unjust or worse un-Christian. Anyone that comes to church (our church) regularly, knows that we stress the responsibilities of being part of a family. Just a few thoughts and facts that I thought you would like to know. The bottom line of all this and the core of our Catholic faith comes from the Lord Jesus Himself: “*Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you do not have life within you*” (John 6:53).



Octoberfest & 1st Annual Smoke-off

Thursday, September 28th at 6:30pm

5 competitors

All you can eat!

Brisket & Ribs

\$10 per person - \$5 for kids under 12

RSVP with payment to Parish Office by September 21st

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024

Late registration will begin Sept. 5 and remain open until Sept. 14.

To register your child(ren): On Sept. 5, go to <https://www.stmichaelnetcong.org/religious-education> and complete all of the following steps--

- Read the information about registration, Program Policies and Guidelines, Faith Formation Covenant and the supporting documents (for new registrations)
- Follow the link to the online form and complete it. (You can register multiple children on one form)
- In order to complete registration, you must send/drop off:
 - Payment (at least partial).
 - Faith Formation covenant *
 - Supporting documents for children NEW to the program

* There are blank Covenants (one side in English, other side in Spanish) in a basket on the table in the church vestibule (main entrance) that you can take if you don't have a printer available. Or you can pick up a copy in the parish office.

- Contact us at 973-347-0032 ext. 2320 if you have any questions or concerns *or need assistance or are experiencing any difficulties with making a payment at this time.*

Confirmation II candidates (Level 8 and NET):

- Mass sheets for August are due in the office
- Please bring your completed Gospel project to the first session on Sept. 17 (see below)

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.

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



Catechists **Thank you** to all of the generous parishioners who volunteered to be a part of the Catechetical Ministry at St. Michael parish.

Please keep all of our catechists and aides in your prayers as they prepare for the new catechetical year!

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

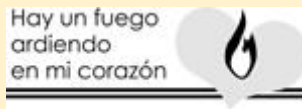
Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be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

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



VIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Domingo

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Lunes

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Martes

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Miércoles

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Jueves

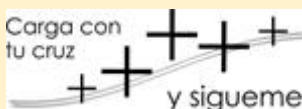
Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Viernes

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Sábado

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5



Vigésimo Segundo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario
3 de septiembre de 2023

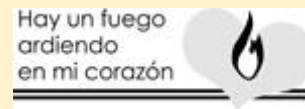
“Hermanos, yo los exhorto por la misericordia de Dios a ofrecerse ustedes mismos como una víctima viva, santa y agradable a Dios: este es el culto

espiritual que deben ofrecer. No tomen como modelo a este mundo. Por el contrario, transfórmense interiormente renovando su mentalidad, a fin de que puedan discernir cuál es la voluntad de Dios: lo que es bueno, lo que le agrada, lo perfecto.”

Uno de los mayores dones que todos tenemos es el don de alentar a otros. Maestros hacen esto por sus estudiantes, padres por sus hijos, entrenadores por sus atletas. Podemos considerarlos porristas. Esto es lo que San Pablo está haciendo por los cristianos en Roma.

Es fácil vivir atrapado por lo que es ‘aceptable’ en nuestro mundo. No, no debemos conformarnos sino transformarnos. Pregunte, cuál es la voluntad del Señor para mí en este momento, en estas circunstancias para que mi próxima decisión sea para el bien, para el bienestar de otros, placentera a Dios y agradable para mí, y perfecta, que me acerque a Dios.

La perfección es mi meta. El camino al Cielo. El evangelio también indica: “Sean misericordiosos, como el Padre de ustedes es misericordioso.”



VIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 20:7-9

En este pasaje particularmente poético, Jeremías se queja de que al enseñar las palabras de Dios, es sometido a insultos y burla. Está determinado a mantenerse en silencio, pero no puede ya que su deseo de hablar el nombre del Señor “se convierte en un fuego que me devora.”

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 12:1-2

Pablo le dice a los cristianos que hagan sacrificios para evitar tentaciones, y también les dice que hagan lo que Dios desea.

Evangelio: San Mateo 16:21-27

Jesús trata de que sus discípulos se den cuenta de que al seguirlo, ellos soportarán el sufrimiento, degradación y muerte. Les dice que ellos deben negarse a sí mismos y llevar la cruz para ser sus discípulos.

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