BLESSED THANKSGIVING

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:3



St. Michael Netcong, New Jersey

The Church of Saint Michael November 19, 2023 Thirty-Third 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, Roseann Lehmann, Louis DiBernard, Tim Paternostro, Margie Kern, John Matits, Elsie DeFeo, Alina & Luca Chretien, The Buga Family

Readings for the Week

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31: 10-13 1 Thessalomians 5: 1-6 Matthew 25: 14-30

Special Remembrance

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle as a reminder of our Lord's presence in The Most Holy Eucharist, was given in loving memory

Marian Flowers

The Marian floral arrangement for this week in the month of October was given in loving memory of *Pinsonault Gamily*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 18

5pm Vicent Dalessandro, George Calvert

Sunday, November 19

7am Richie DiRenzo 9:30am James Applegate 11:30am Diana Lapsley 1:30pm Consuelo Fajardo

Monday, November 20

10am Deceased Members of Murtha Family

Tuesday, November 21

10am Carole Bergmaier

Wednesday, November 22

10am Charles Lemon

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day 8 am Richie DiRenzo, Veronica Marks

Friday, November 24

10am Eugene & Regina Trapp

Saturday, November 25

10am Pro Populo 5pm Robert G. Klinck

Sunday, November 26

7am William Snyder Jr. 9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo 11:30am Diane Lapsley 1:30pm Special Intention

Weekly Donations

Sunday, November 12 \$6762.00 WeShare \$2003.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving News

The office will close Wednesday, November 22 at 11:00 am.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, will be at 8:00 am.

Thanksgiving

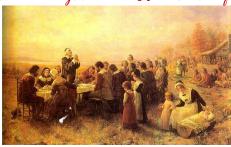
In November of 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag Chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "First Thanksgiving" although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time - the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer.

Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast.

Abraham Lincoln, at the height of the Civil War, made a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November. In 1941 President Roosevelt signed a bill officially making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple has become all but synonymous with the holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving to you! Let us take a few moments during our holiday to give thanks to the Lord for all the good that He has done for us.



"En noviembre de 1621, después de que la primera cosecha de maíz de los Pilgrims resultara exitosa, el Gobernador William Bradford organizó una festividad celebratoria e invitó a un grupo de aliados nativos de la incipiente colonia, incluido el Jefe Wampanoag Massasoit. Ahora recordado como el "Primer Día de Acción de Gracias" de América, aunque es posible que los Pilgrims no hayan utilizado ese término en ese momento, la festividad duró tres días. Aunque no existe un registro del menú exacto de aquel histórico banquete, el cronista Peregrino Edward Winslow escribió en su diario que el Gobernador Bradford envió a cuatro hombres en una "misión de caza" en preparación para el evento y que los invitados Wampanoag llegaron con cinco ciervos.

Los Pilgrims celebraron su segundo Día de Acción de Gracias en 1623 para conmemorar el fin de una larga sequía que había amenazado la cosecha del año y que llevó al Gobernador Bradford a convocar un ayuno religioso.

Abraham Lincoln, en plena Guerra Civil, emitió una proclamación instando a todos los estadounidenses a pedir a Dios que "encomiende al cuidado tierno a todos aquellos que se han convertido en viudas, huérfanos, plañideros o sufrientes en la lamentable lucha civil" y a "curar las heridas de la nación". Programó el Día de Acción de Gracias para el último jueves de noviembre. En 1941, el Presidente Roosevelt firmó un proyecto de ley que oficialmente estableció el Día de Acción de Gracias en el cuarto jueves de noviembre.

En muchos hogares estadounidenses, la celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias ha perdido gran parte de su significado religioso original; en su lugar, ahora se centra en cocinar y compartir una abundante comida con familiares y amigos. El pavo, un elemento básico del Día de Acción de Gracias, se ha convertido en casi sinónimo de la festividad.

IFeliz Dia de Acción de Gracias para ti! Tomemos unos momentos durante nuestras festividades para agradecer al Señor por todo lo bueno que ha hecho por nosotros.



Faith Formation

Calendar Reminders— Levels 1-6

- This week, 11/19: Mass and Class
- 11/26: Mass only, no class
- 12/3: Mass and Family Session. This session will run differently, please see note below.

Confirmation I:

- This week, 11/19: Mass and Class
- 11/26: Mass only, no class
- 12/3: Mass followed by service work

Confirmation II and NET:

- This week, 11/19: Class and Mass
- 11/26: Mass only, no class
- 12/3: Class and Mass

Confirmation II candidates: CLASS on Monday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm in the Church. This is a regular class session; attendance is expected!



REMINDER Confirmation II candidates:

Saint Report is due in the Faith Formation office 11/30! Please see your binder for instruction sheet. You may drop off a hard copy OR email the report (IN WORD).

December Family Session for Levels K-6

The presentation this month will take place after the 9:30 am Mass in the school. Next week all families will receive an email with details and where to report after the Mass.

First Reconciliation Retreat

For all children preparing for First
Communion this year; a parent must
attend as well (no siblings please) Dec. 2,
10:45-12:30 pm starting in the Church.
Please call the Faith Formation office if you have any
questions or problems.

Help Needed!

We are in need of a classroom aide on Sundays, after the 9:30 mass until 11:30am. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Rogalo:

faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org

In general Aides do not plan lessons—you are there to assist the catechist primarily with classroom management.

Youth Ministry

Join us for Youth Ministry Meetings (8th grade to senior high school) every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Youth Ministry room.

All Youth are Welcome!

Adoration Chapel

If you are looking for an hour of peace and silence, come spend it with Jesus.

We are looking for people to fill Mondays 12pm – 1pm. Contact:

Andrea (201) 874-8769 or Marie (732) 885-7972

Food Pantry



As most of us get ready to give thanks for the many blessings which the Lord has shared with us in our lives, there are still many more people who go without. Help our Food Pantry make their holiday special by sharing your love and generosity.

The food pantry is still in need of the following items:

- Ramen noodles & cup-a-soup
- Spaghetti & tomato sauce
- Cereal (regular size) & rice
- Large soup cans (all varieties)
- Canned vegetables corn, mixed vegetables, peas, and green bean
- Tuna
- Peanut butter & Jelly

Thank you for your generosity.

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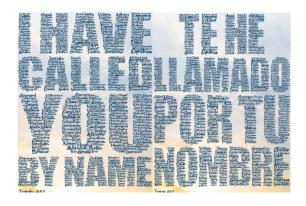
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Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2023



As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we remember to give thanks for all of the blessings in our lives. It is also a time to recognize all those around us who are in need. Each year, Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson serves tens of thousands of people who are in need of critical services. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps to ensure that these programs offered by Catholic Charities continue to welcome and serve all who seek help. Your gift is so important to this work. Share a message of gratitude this Thanksgiving by helping those in need. May God bless you for your support!

Midnight Run



The Youth of the Parish will participating in a Midnight Run Friday, December 1, to feed and clothe the homeless of NYC.

We are in need of the following donations:

- New underwear (men's L & XL sizes)
- New socks
- New T-Shirts (men's XL & XXL)
- Toiletries (travel size)
- Gently used and clean clothes (men's L, XL, & XXL)
 - Jackets, sweaters, pants, hats

Please drop off all donations to the Parish Office. For more information on the program please visit: https://midnightrun.org/our-story

Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord, Joday we give thanks For our many blessings, As we pray for those in need, We give thanks For our family and friends As we pray for those who are lonely. We give thanks for our freedoms As we pray for those who are oppressed. We give thanks for our good health As we pray for those who are ill. We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity As we share our blessings with others. On this day of Jhanksgiving, May the love of God enfold us, The peace of God dwell within us And the joy of God uplift us. Amen.

The Beauty of a Woman



Audrey Hepburn, the late actress and humanitarian had this to say when asked about her "beauty tips:" For attractive lips... Speak with words of kindness.

For lovely eyes... Seek out the good in people.

For a slim figure... Share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair... Let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.

For poise... Walk with the knowledge you'll never walk alone.

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed... Never throw out anybody.



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