

JANUARY 21, 2024



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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

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## WEEKDAYS

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:30 pm

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*Welcome to our Church*

# *The Church of Saint Michael*

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Edward Fuehrer*

*Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: (please call the office to add names for the new year)*

### *Weekly Memorial*

*The Altar Bread and Wine is in memory of:  
Charlie Carney*

### *Readings for the week*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday**

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**Monday**

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV  
"Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

**Tuesday**

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday**

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday**

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

**Friday**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday**

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday, January 20, 2024

10am Louis DiBernard

5pm Deceased members of the  
Buckley & Pell Families

Sunday, January 21, 2024

7am Special Intention

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Dominick Arbolino, Jr.

11:30am Dave Stonehouse, Mark Stonehouse,  
Dominick Arbolino

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, January 22, 2024

10am John Bauer

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

10am Dorothy Dowling

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

10am John Savino

Thursday, January 25, 2024

10am Sheila Kelly

Friday, January 26, 2024

10am Jack Hurley

Saturday, January 27, 2024

10am Special Intention

5pm Frank Pawlak, Louis DiBernard

Sunday, January 28, 2024

7am Anthony Arbolino Jr.

9:30am Sophie & Ralph Bridy, Sr., Isaura DaCosta

11:30am Dominic Arbolino, Robert Poth

1:30pm Special Intention

### *Weekly Donations*

Sunday, January 14, 2024

\$6,625.00

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\$1,738.00

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## What is Christ Asking of Us?

The word "Gospel" means good news, and Saint Mark's intention behind his Gospel is to persuade his listeners and readers that, despite the persecution they were undergoing, it really was "good news." He does this by showing Jesus in action. There are far fewer of the teachings of Jesus in Saint Mark's Gospel than in the other Gospels. He talks about Jesus teaching but, apart from the parables, the Jesus we encounter is the person who heals and nourishes and calls people to follow him.

There is something very restless in Saint Mark's account, an urgency right from the start in the underlying message that the kingdom is close at hand and we need to change our hearts, change our ways. The kingdom is Mark's description of the presence of God, brought about through and in the person of Jesus, and it is the person of Jesus who is the good news. There is also something very curt about the way Jesus calls his disciples. Simon and Andrew, James and John are going about their daily activities, fishing and preparing to fish. With his joke about now being made "fishers of men" rather than of fish, Jesus calls them and, immediately, they follow him. There is no debate or discussion, seemingly not even farewells. The meeting with Jesus is sufficient for them to get up and go.

We are all at different stages of our lives. Probably few of us are at the point where we are looking for what is missing in our lives. Some of us may, like the people of the Nineveh in the first reading, have become stuck in a rut that we would like to change but lack the willpower or conviction. Others of us may, like the apostles, be happily dealing with our daily lives without giving too much thought to what Christ might be asking of us over and above that. Others may have experienced that change that comes about through the encounter with Christ and are trying to tread a path that expresses that deeper commitment.

At the start of a New Year, at the start of a reading once again of a different Gospel, it is a good time to renew our awareness of what our

belief in Christ means. As with the experience of the apostles, it is not so much a question of reflecting on ourselves but asking what we think Christ is asking of us. Who is this person who wanders into our lives and asks us to follow him? And can we get up and follow him, even though we don't know where he is leading us? During this year Saint Mark's Gospel will help us to discern that path.

From: *The Living Word*

## ¿Qué nos pide Cristo?

La palabra "Evangelio" significa buenas noticias, y la intención de San Marcos detrás de su Evangelio es persuadir a sus oyentes y lectores de que, a pesar de la persecución que estaban sufriendo, realmente eran "buenas noticias". Lo hace mostrando a Jesús en acción. Hay muchas menos enseñanzas de Jesús en el Evangelio de San Marcos que en los otros Evangelios. Habla sobre la enseñanza de Jesús, pero, aparte de las parábolas, el Jesús que encontramos es la persona que sana, alimenta y llama a la gente a seguirlo.

Hay algo muy inquieto en el relato de San Marcos, una urgencia desde el principio en el mensaje subyacente de que el reino está cerca y necesitamos cambiar nuestros corazones, cambiar nuestros caminos. El reino es la descripción de Marcos de la presencia de Dios, llevada a cabo a través y en la persona de Jesús, y es la persona de Jesús la que es la buena noticia. También hay algo muy directo en la forma en que Jesús llama a sus discípulos. Simón y Andrés, Santiago y Juan están ocupados con sus actividades diarias, pescando y preparándose para pescar. Con su broma sobre ahora ser hechos "pescadores de hombres" en lugar de peces, Jesús los llama y, de inmediato, lo siguen. No hay debate ni discusión, aparentemente ni siquiera despedidas. El encuentro con Jesús es suficiente para que se levanten y lo sigan.

Todos estamos en diferentes etapas de nuestras vidas. Probablemente pocos de nosotros estemos en el punto en el que estamos buscando lo que falta en nuestras vidas. Algunos de nosotros, como la gente de Nínive en la primera lectura, podemos haber caído en una rutina que nos gustaría cambiar pero nos falta la fuerza de voluntad o convicción. Otros de nosotros, como los apóstoles, estamos ocupados

lidiando con nuestras vidas cotidianas sin pensar demasiado en lo que Cristo podría estar pidiéndonos además de eso. Otros pueden haber experimentado ese cambio que se produce a través del encuentro con Cristo y están tratando de seguir un camino que exprese ese compromiso más profundo.

Al comienzo de un nuevo año, al comenzar a leer una vez más un Evangelio diferente, es un buen momento para renovar nuestra conciencia de lo que significa nuestra creencia en Cristo. Como con la experiencia de los apóstoles, no se trata tanto de reflexionar sobre nosotros mismos, sino de preguntarnos qué creemos que Cristo nos está pidiendo. ¿Quién es esta persona que entra en nuestras vidas y nos pide que lo sigamos? ¿Y podemos levantarnos y seguirlo, incluso si no sabemos a dónde nos está llevando? Durante este año, el Evangelio de San Marcos nos ayudará a discernir ese camino.

De: La Palabra Viva

### *Faith Formation*

Confirmation II and NET:

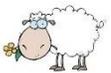
- 1/21: Class and Mass

Confirmation SERVICE forms

- NET, Confirmation I and Confirmation II: form(s) for Christian service work completed in Oct., Nov. and Dec. are due **now**

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

Confirmation II and NET: Sponsor Paperwork due 1/30/24—NO EXCEPTIONS. Please hand in blue info form AND signed Sponsor form **TOGETHER**.



First Reconciliation: for children preparing to receive the Sacrament; Sat. Jan. 27 at 11 am in the church. Snow date Feb. 3 at 11 am

### *Youth Ministry*

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

### *Food Pantry*

Our pantry is in need of the following:

- Tuna fish
- Canned vegetables
- Canned spaghetti
- Toilet paper
- Tissues

Thank you for your generosity.

### *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 732-895-7972

### **Tax Donation Information**

St. Michael Church will not be sending out 2023 tax statements. If you need a copy of your donations, please email [office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org) or call the parish office with your name, address and envelope number.

### **2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal** *"I Have Called You By Name"*

There is still time to support the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal! Perhaps you have received a final request from Bishop Sweeney asking for your support or have seen information on our website or social media, and just haven't gotten around to contributing. Every gift is important and a blessing for thousands throughout the Diocese of Paterson. Please help support over 70 Catholic Charities' programs, Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs, Catholic education, and seminarian formation as well as the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, where over 20,000 people are helped each month. The 2023 Appeal supports this vital work through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2024. May God bless you for your support! Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Visit [www.2023appeal.org](http://www.2023appeal.org) to make a gift today.

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## Gospel Today

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:14-20

Jesus told the people to repent and believe the Good News and began to gather His first disciples.

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“The time has come,” he said.  
“The Kingdom of God has come near.  
Repent and believe the good news!”

MARK 1:15



### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus Announces	P	A	N	D	R	E	W	T	S	R	I	F	J
Good News	T	C	R	H	E	R	S	I	M	O	N	I	O
John Galilee	S	F	S	G	O	D	W	L	E	A	S	S	H
Kingdom God	E	O	E	E	T	J	E	S	U	S	T	H	D
Time Come	E	R	V	L	B	I	N	N	O	E	S	E	I
Believe First	A	P	E	O	P	L	E	T	N	C	I	R	S
Disciples Simon	G	M	I	U	B	R	N	S	O	N	V	M	C
Follow Me	F	O	L	L	O	W	R	M	A	U	N	E	I
Send Fish	O	D	E	D	A	B	E	D	O	O	G	N	P
People Andrew	N	G	B	N	T	R	U	S	E	N	D	D	L
Left Nets	S	N	I	A	S	I	N	F	O	N	C	S	E
James Boat	F	I	S	H	A	I	M	H	J	A	M	E	S
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