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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

Phone: 973-347-0032

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Welcome to our Church

The Church of Saint Michael

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Mary Ford

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:
Robert Franzino*

Readings for the week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 29, 2024

10am Frank Parrillo Jr., Carol & Andrew Baranik

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

10am Frank Loretto

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

10am Cynthia Stauder

Thursday, February 1, 2024

10am Richard Fletcher

Friday, February 2, 2024

10am Matthew & Frances Soccio

Saturday, February 3, 2024

10am Special Intention

5pm Pat Buckley, Louis DiBernard

Sunday, February 4, 2024

7am Sam Rosa

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

11:30am Dominick Arbolino, Theresa Arbolino

1:30pm Special Intention

Weekly Donations

Sunday, January 21, 2024

\$6,625.00

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\$1,738.00

With your ongoing generosity, we are able to continue the many ministries that we have here at Saint Michael Church.

Let His Light Shine

Talk about bursting onto the scene! Of course the demon possessing his man couldn't tolerate being around Jesus. But wouldn't it have been wiser to slink away rather than draw attention to himself?

It happened a lot, in fact. Jesus would show up somewhere or reveal his glory in some way, and his presence would prompt resistance and sometimes even violent outbursts. This wasn't true just of demons. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus' announcement of the good news enraged enough people that they tried to push him off a cliff. Then, after only a few weeks of preaching and performing miracles, Jesus upset some Pharisees enough that they began plotting his murder. Not even his closest disciples were immune. Jesus' revelation of God's plan to save us through his cross upset Peter enough that he rebuked Jesus.

In one way or another, we have all reacted strongly against Jesus and his message of salvation. We all have pockets of darkness still lingering in our hearts. Maybe you refused to forgive someone. Maybe you knowingly chose sin in a tempting situation. Or maybe you denigrated a fellow believer who thinks differently than you do. Still, Jesus continues to love you and offer the grace you need to change.

What was true in that synagogue in Capernaum is still true today: the darkness of sin can never overpower the light of Christ. Don't be surprised if you experience some form of opposition to Jesus in your heart today – maybe in prayer or as you're trying to focus at Mass or as an opportunity to serve your family arises. Instead, take comfort from it. Trust that the light of Christ will not only expose your darkness; it can expel it as well.

From: The Word Among Us

Permite que Su Luz Brille

¡Hablemos de hacer una entrada espectacular! Por supuesto, el demonio que poseía a este hombre no podía tolerar estar cerca de Jesús. Pero, ¿no habría sido más sabio retirarse en lugar de llamar la atención sobre sí mismo?

De hecho, esto sucedía con frecuencia. Jesús aparecía en algún lugar o revelaba su gloria de alguna manera, y su presencia provocaba resistencia y a veces incluso explosiones violentas. Esto no era exclusivo de los demonios. Al principio de su ministerio, el anuncio de Jesús sobre la buena noticia enfureció a tanta gente que intentaron empujarlo por un precipicio. Luego, después de solo unas semanas de predicar y realizar milagros, Jesús molestó lo suficiente a algunos fariseos como para que comenzaran a planear su asesinato. Ni siquiera sus discípulos más cercanos eran inmunes. La revelación de Jesús sobre el plan de Dios para salvarnos a través de su cruz molestó tanto a Pedro que lo reprendió.

De una forma u otra, todos hemos reaccionado fuertemente contra Jesús y su mensaje de salvación. Todos tenemos rincones de oscuridad que aún persisten en nuestros corazones. Tal vez te hayas negado a perdonar a alguien. Tal vez elegiste conscientemente el pecado en una situación tentadora. O tal vez menospreciaste a un compañero creyente que piensa diferente a ti. Aun así, Jesús sigue amándote y ofreciendo la gracia que necesitas para cambiar.

Lo que fue cierto en esa sinagoga en Capernaum sigue siendo cierto hoy: la oscuridad del pecado nunca puede vencer la luz de Cristo. No te sorprendas si experimentas alguna forma de oposición a Jesús en tu corazón hoy, tal vez en la oración, al intentar concentrarte en la Misa o cuando surge una oportunidad para servir a tu familia. En cambio, encuentra consuelo en ello. Confía en que la luz de Cristo no solo expondrá tu oscuridad; también puede expulsarla.

Fuente: The Word Among Us

Faith Formation

Family Session next week, 2/4 for Levels K-6 (including New Beginnings and OSPRE) Attend 9:30 mass and stay in church for brief presentation followed by coffee Sunday refreshments in the Church Hall. Donations of small finger food items and /or a free will offering to help with the cost of the breakfast are greatly appreciated. (Offering box is located by the kitchen.)

Participation in Family Sessions is required.

- Confirmation I- service work in food pantry after 9:30 am Mass

Confirmation II and NET: True Love Waits program, Sat., 2/10, 11:45 am in Church Hall. This takes the place of class on 2/11. Please make sure mobile permission form is filled out by 1/28. Please consult email for more details and what to bring.

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

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



“Souper-Bowl’ Food Pantry Project: Our food pantry is in need of donations! Especially during winter time, soup is greatly appreciated.

Children are asked to bring in a can of soup on Super Bowl Sunday this year, Feb. 11. All donations will be greatly appreciated!



True Love Waits Program

We are hosting a TLW chastity program presented by Lifenet on Sat., 2/10, 11:45am through 5 pm Mass for any parish teen in grades 8-12. All are welcome but you must register by calling the Faith Formation Office at 973-347-0032 ext. 2330. Questions about the program? Call or email the Faith Formation office.

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:

Canned potatoes, corn, peas, green beans, carrots, regular beans, tuna, mashed potatoe mix, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly & bags of rice.

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 or call the parish office with your name, address and envelope number.

Coming to St. Michael's this Lent

Beginning the week of Feb. 18th you are invited to join St. Michael's Lenten group sessions to watch the series on Philippians presented by Dr. Tim Gray.

"Towards the end of Saint Paul's life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life."

There will be 3 groups that will meet in the evening on different nights and there will be one day time session.

More information to follow. Any questions please call 973-448-8847 or epinsonault@gmail.com
Betty Pinsonault

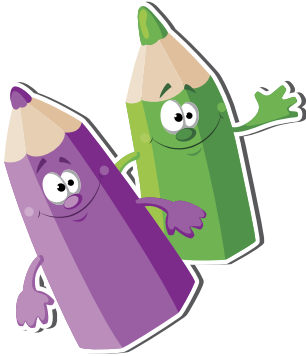
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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches and heals with authority in the synagogue.

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Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- ➔ Where can we hear the Good News?
- ➔ How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- ➔ Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?



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