

STAY AWAKE

FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW ON
WHICH DAY THE LORD WILL COME.

– Matthew 24:42



**St. Michael
Netcong, New Jersey**

The Church of Saint Michael
November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Daily Confessions and Spiritual Guidance-Please call the office to make an appointment.
 Confesiones y Guia Espiritual todos los dias-Por favor llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.
 Confession-Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Confesiones-Sábados de 3:30pm-4:30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 29

10am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 5pm Donnie Arbolino, Robert Klinck, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 30

7am Kathryn P. Romano, Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 11:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 1:30pm Almas del Purgatorio

Monday, December 1

10am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 2

10am Raymond J. DeFalco, Carol Trapp, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 3

10am Chester Cupac, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 4

10am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 5

10am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 6

10am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 5pm Lucia Carpinteri, Lisa P. Pattino, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 7

7am Rich Di Renzo, Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Holy Souls in Purgatory
 11:30am Julie Arbolino, Richard Fritzky, Holy Souls in Purgatory
 1:30am Almas del Purgatorio

Weekly Donation

Sunday, November 23, 2025 \$ N/A
 WeShare \$ N/A



Prayer for Healing

Heavenly Father, we pray for the sick of our parish: Jack Sylvester, Margaret Sypniewski, Beth Courter, Ewa Gorna, Yolanda Maury, Michael Gervasio, Tina Martinez, Charlie Rivera, Mario Tomolillo, Tomy Tilli

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Weekend Presider Schedule

NOV 29	10AM	Fr. Enrique
	5PM	Fr. Jakub
NOV 30	7AM	Fr. Enrique
	9:30AM	Fr. Enrique
	11:30AM	Fr. Enrique
	1:30PM	Fr. Enrique





Calendar Reminders!

For Levels 1-6, New Beginnings, OSPRE, Confirmation I:

- **11/30 - Mass only; NO Class sessions this week**
- Dec. 6: Family Session after the 9:30 am Mass for Levels K-6, New Beginnings, OSPRE. Confirmation I will go to the Food Pantry for service after Mass.
- Class 12/14 and 12/21

For Confirmation II and NET:

- **11/30 - Mass only; NO Class sessions this week**
- Mass only: 12/7
- Mass and Class: 12/14, 12/21
- Any teen interested in helping with the midnight run in Dec. should contact the Faith Formation office or Youth Ministry for details! Email: faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org
- 973-347-0032, ext. 2320

Confirmation II and NET groups:

- *Second Year Candidates: Saint report* is DUE in Faith Formation office NO LATER than Nov. 30. All candidates received instructions in the paperwork handed out at the beginning of the year, and we sent them
- SPONSOR FORMS: completed forms are due in the Faith Formation office on Dec. 15 for all teens to be confirmed in May 2026 (second year candidates)



First Reconciliation:



- Retreat for children who will be celebrating First Reconciliation in January, and at least one parent: Sat., Dec. 6, 10:45 am in the Church.



Youth Ministry:

Meetings: Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. All teens from grade 8 – high school are welcome! For any questions, please contact Jodi Suralik at Faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 4th:

Sandwich-making for the Midnight Run:

We will meet in the church hall at 7pm to put together sandwiches to bring on the Midnight Run. We will ask for small water bottles, bread, and lunch meat as donations.

Friday, December 5th:

Midnight Run: deliver food and clothing to less fortunate people in NYC

Items needed for the midnight run:

- Men's undershirts (l, xl)
- Men's underwear (new)
- Men's sweatpants (new or gently used)
- Men's sweatshirts (new or gently used)
- Hats, gloves, scarves
- Winter coats (new or gently used)
- Women's sweatpants (new or gently used)

Thank you, again, for your generosity with donations for NCYC and for the Midnight Run. It really is greatly appreciated!

****Service opportunity for Confirmation candidates: Join us Thursday, December 4th in the Church Hall to make sandwiches for the Midnight Run. Please bring a donation of lunch meat with you.***



Hispanic Music Ministry

¡Únete al Ministerio de Música Hispana y sirve al Señor!

¿Tocas un instrumento o cantas y quieres ofrecer tus talentos al Señor a través de la música en nuestra comunidad parroquial? ¿Estamos buscando voluntarios para nuestro ministerio de música que compartan su fe y pasión por la música!

Instrumentos y coristas solicitados:

Voz:

Soprano
Barítono

Instrumento:

Bajo
Percusión menor
Violín
Viola
Flauta
Saxofón
Etc

¿Cómo participar?

- Comunícate con el Director del Ministerio de Música Hispana, Johan Ruiz, al correo electrónico josejohan1d@gmail.com Llama a la oficina parroquial y deja tus datos de contacto

Proceso de selección:
Audición

¡No te pierdas esta oportunidad de servir al Señor y compartir tus talentos con nuestra comunidad! Únete a nuestro equipo de música y sé parte de nuestro ministerio. ¡Dios te bendiga y te guíe en este camino de servicio!



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UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Dec 7 Coffee Sunday after Masses (Trapasso
Hall)**

Adult Mission Trip

If you are looking for a chance to follow Jesus' teaching to serve and not be served, this coming January, there will be the opportunity for adults to participate in a mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica. This will be the fifth time that adults from St. Michael Church have volunteered with the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. The missionaries there tend to the most vulnerable people in Jamaica. Our dates are January 6, 2026 to January 13, 2026. If you are interested in joining our group, don't delay. Call the church office or email Valerie Nichols with any questions or concerns you may have.

Valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org



Please take a tag from the Giving Tree that will be located in the back of the church in the coming weeks. All gifts should be left under the tree so they can be distributed to food pantry clients one week before Christmas on December 19th. All gifts need to be returned by December 13th, with gift tags attached to gifts.

Thank you for your generous donations! 



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Once your account is set up, you will access it by going to Formed.org and clicking on the white Sign In button at the top of the screen.

We hope many of our parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity. The subscription is *not* inexpensive, but we feel it is an important way for all to grow in knowledge and even the practice of our Faith.

Questions: contact Debbie Rogalo at faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org or Marla in the parish office.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church each Thursday, beginning at the conclusion of the 10:00 AM Mass and continuing until approximately 7:00 PM. A **Holy Hour** will be offered at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.

Beginning **Thursday, December 4**, the first week of Advent, our Holy Hour will include **Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours**. Evening Prayer, also known as *Vespers*, is part of the Church's daily prayer, uniting Catholics around the world in psalms, scripture, and intercessions. It sanctifies the close of the day and deepens our participation in the life of Christ and His Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.

La Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento tendrá lugar en la iglesia todos los jueves, comenzando al concluir la Misa de las 10:00 AM y continuando hasta aproximadamente las 7:00 PM. A las 6:00 PM se ofrecerá una **Hora Santa**. Todos son bienvenidos.

A partir del **jueves 4 de diciembre**, en la primera semana de Adviento, nuestra Hora Santa incluirá **Vísperas del Oficio Divino (Liturgia de las Horas)**. Las Vísperas son parte de la oración diaria de la Iglesia, que une a los católicos de todo el mundo en salmos, lecturas bíblicas e intercesiones. Santifican el final del día y profundizan nuestra participación en la vida de Cristo y de Su Iglesia. Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros en oración.



✦✦ **St. Michael Parish Advent Retreat 2025 “One Parish, Many Paths: Preparing the Way”**

As we enter this holy season of anticipation, St. Michael Church invites you to a **three-night Advent Retreat**. Whether you are just returning to church, seeking something deeper, or already deeply rooted in your spiritual life, this retreat offers something uniquely tailored for you.

Sunday, December 14 – “Prayer from the Heart”

7:00 PM • In the Church

We begin with an evening led by a **St. Michael parishioner and newly published Catholic author**, who will guide us into the beauty of reflective prayer and trusting God’s presence in daily life.

A brief time of **Eucharistic Adoration** will follow, giving us the chance to sit quietly with Our Lord as we begin our journey.

Monday, December 15 – “Awaiting the Messiah”

7:00 PM • In the Church

A speaker from the **Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University** will lead us through an uplifting reflection on Advent—its

meaning, its history, and how Christ’s coming transforms our lives today.

We close the night with **Evening Prayer of the Church**, uniting our voices with the universal Church as we “prepare the way of the Lord.”

Tuesday, December 16 – “The Mass Unveiled”

7:00 PM • In the Church

Our retreat concludes with a special **Teaching Mass**, where the entire celebration—from the Sign of the Cross to the dismissal—will be explained in depth. Discover the Scriptural roots, symbolism, and spiritual power of every moment of the sacred liturgy.

This night promises to deepen not only your understanding of the Mass, but also your love for it.

Come as you are. Leave renewed.

Whether you join us for one night or all three, may this retreat strengthen your heart, quiet your mind, and prepare your soul for the coming of Jesus Christ. All are welcome—bring a friend!

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2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “Three Counties, One Family of Faith”

As the year comes to a close in the next few weeks, please consider making a year-end charitable contribution to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, which serves so many people in great need. Every gift to the Appeal is a blessing to both the contributor and the recipient. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit card or online, as well as through gifts of securities and IRA distributions. May God bless you for your support! Please consider a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Please visit www.2025appeal.org to make a gift today.

Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos 2025 “Tres Condados, Una Familia de Fe”

Mientras se acerca el final del 2025 en las próximas semanas, por favor considera hacer una contribución caritativa de fin de año a la Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos, que sirve a tantas personas en profunda necesidad. Cada donativo a la Campaña es una bendición tanto para el donante como para el beneficiario. Por favor haz de la Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos una prioridad en tu filantropía de fin de año. Se pueden hacer donativos con cheque, tarjeta de crédito o por internet, así como también por medio de valores y títulos. ¡Que Dios te bendiga por tu apoyo! Por favor considera hacer un donativo a la Campaña para los Ministerios Diocesanos 2025. Escanea el código QR o visita www.2025appeal.org para hacer un regalo hoy.

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

“You know the hour in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent, the day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light’... ‘The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.”

Welcome to a another, a new season of advent. We are looking again for the coming of the Lord, remembering Bethlehem, but His promised coming again. Since our last advent have you ever thought of your final destiny, salvation won for you by the first coming of Christ?

Let’s begin this advent thinking, not about our celebration of the birth of Christ, but His coming at the end of time and our salvation. Am I ready to meet Him? Am I concerned about the salvation of others, my friends and family? Consider the words of Paul in Romans as he stirs us to wake from sleep and both think and act, as we prepare for His coming to me. The words of the hymn echo in my heart ‘Jesus is the Lord of my salvation; I trust in Him and have no fear.’

Primer Domingo de Adviento 30 de Noviembre de 2025

“Ustedes saben en qué tiempo vivimos y que ya es hora de despertarse, porque la salvación está ahora más cerca de nosotros que cuando abrazamos la fe. La noche está muy avanzada y se acerca el día. Abandonemos las obras propias de la noche y vistámonos con la armadura de la luz’ ... ‘El Hijo del hombre vendrá a la hora menos pensada.”

Bienvenidos a una nueva estación de Adviento. Esperamos de nuevo la venida del Señor, recordando Belén, y su prometida venida. Desde nuestro último Adviento, ¿ha pensado usted sobre su destino final, la salvación ganada por la primera venida de Cristo?

Comencemos este adviento pensando no sobre nuestra celebración del nacimiento de Cristo, sino sobre Su venida al final de los tiempos y sobre nuestra salvación. ¿Estoy listo a encontrarlo? ¿Estoy preocupado por la salvación de otros, la de mis amigos y familia? Considere las palabras de San Pablo en la carta a los Romanos, en donde él insiste en despertarnos para que pensemos y actuemos, para prepararnos para Su venida. Las palabras del himno hacen eco en mi corazón: ‘Jesús es el Señor de mi salvación; confío en El y no temo.’



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