"Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Netcong, New Jersey

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The Church of Saint Michael
December 7, 2025
Second 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, December 6
10am GennaroTardive, Fr. Luciano Cruz, Holy Souls in Purgatory
5pm Lucia Carpinteri, Lisa P. Pattino, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 7
7am Rich Di Renzo, Fr. Luciano Cruz, Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Gennaro Tardive, Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:30am Julie Arbolino, Richard Fritzky, Holy Souls in Purgatory
1:30pm Almas del Purgatorio

Monday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7am Fr. Luciano Cruz, Holy Souls in Purgatory
10am Gennaro Tardive, Holy Souls in Purgatory
7pm Bilingual Mass

Tuesday, December 9
10am Fr. Luciano Cruz, Gennaro Tardive, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 10
10am Margaret & Joseph Miller, Fr. Luciano Cruz, Gennaro Tardive, Holy Souls in Purgatory
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Thursday, December 11
10am Gennaro Tardive, Fr. Luciano Cruz, Holy Souls in Purgatory

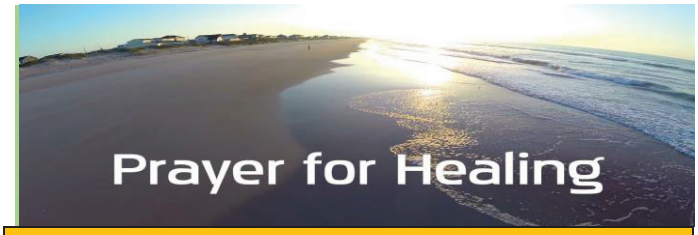
Friday, December 12
10am Fr. Luciano Cruz, Gennaro Tardive, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 13
10am Josephine Vaia, Fr. Luciano Cruz, Holy Souls in Purgatory
5pm Lucia De Santis, Gennaro Tardive, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 14
7am Louis & Alice Esposito, Joseph De Vito, Doris & Jerry Hartman, Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Margaret, Harold & Michael Coppla
11:30am Josephine Vaia, Gloria De Luca, Susan Dinkowitz, Gennaro Tardive
1:30am Padre Luciano Cruz, Almas del Purgatorio

Weekly Donation

Sunday, November 30, 2025	$ 7,983
WeShare	$ 1,756.63



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

The Sanctuary lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle as a reminder of our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist, burns this week in loving memory of:

Mario and Marjorie Francomacaro

The hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of:

Susan Dinkowitz Iversen

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Weekend Presider Schedule

DEC 6	10AM	Fr.
	5PM	Fr. David
DEC 7	7AM	Fr. David
	9:30AM	Fr. Enrique
	11:30AM	Fr. Enrique
	1:30PM	Fr. Enrique

Faith Formation News

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

- Dec. 7: 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:

- Mass only: 12/7
- Mass and Class: 12/14, 12/21

Confirmation II and NET groups:

- *Second Year Candidates:* completed SPONSOR FORMS are due in the Faith Formation office on Dec. 15 for all teens to be confirmed in May 2026 (second year candidates)

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

Please take a tag from the Giving Tree located in the back of the church. 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 7 Sale of "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets/lawn signs (Trapasso Hall during Coffee Sunday)

Dec 7 Coffee Sunday after Masses (Trapasso Hall)

Dec 9 Monthly Business Meeting 7:30PM (St. Michael School)

Dec 13-14 Last chance sales of "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets/lawn signs (after masses)

TBD Jan Free Throw Championship (St. Michael Gym) more to come

If you have any questions about our activities or would like to join the Knights of Columbus here at Saint Michael, please call Greg Keller, Grand Knight, at (973) 760-5569.

Knights of Columbus

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus remind everyone that the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. To help spread this message, "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets will be available for purchase after Mass on December 6 and 7. Magnets are offered in color and in Spanish, for $5 each, with limited supplies. All proceeds will support the charitable donations of the Saint Michael Knights of Columbus. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 14 at 1:30pm
Bilingual Mass, everyone is invited!

Fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Domingo, 14 de Diciembre a la 1:30pm
Misa Bilingüe, todos están invitados!

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, 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, so 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 an online gift today.

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

A medida que el año llega a su fin, 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 es una bendición tanto para el donante como para el beneficiario, así que 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. Por favor visita www.2025appeal.org para hacer un regalo hoy.

Second Sunday of Advent

Heavenly Father, this Second Sunday of Advent, we pray for your peace to fill the chaos of our world and our lives. As we light the candle of peace, help us to be peacemakers and to share the hope you give us through your son, Jesus. May your love transform our hearts so we are ready to welcome you. In Jesus' holy name, we pray, Amen.

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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.

You are invited to our

Simbang Gabi (Advent Novena Masses)

at St. Mary's Church
from Dec. 15-23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
(Dec. 20th will be at 5:00 p.m.)

The Mass is open for all and will be in English
with selected Filipino Christmas hymns.

Please call Minda Pagdanganan at
(973) 626 2050 if you would like to sponsor one of the Masses and/or serve as a lector, Eucharistic Minister or choir member.

Church GPS address:
371 South Main Street, Wharton, NJ 07801

Saint Paul Inside the Walls

Noche de las Velitas
Sunday, December 7 at 5 PM
Holy Face Monastery – 1697 NJ-3, Clifton, NJ 07013

Join us for this celebration in honor of the Immaculate Virgin. This evening includes a candlelit Rosary procession with music around the property. Registration is free!

Jubilee Year of Hope Closing Liturgy
Sunday, December 28 at 3 PM
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist – 381 Grand St., Paterson, NJ 07505

Join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and the rest of the Diocese of Paterson for the Jubilee of Hope Closing Liturgy! Stay tuned for more information!

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

"Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God. Yes, I affirm that Christ, became the servant of the Jews because of God's faithfulness in fulfilling the promises of the patriarchs, whereas the Gentiles glorify God because of his mercy. As scripture has it 'therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name.'"

We continue this season of anticipation and expectation. How special it is. Saint Paul reminds us of those in former times, how they longed for, yearned for the one who was to come as Messiah and Savior of us all. He later would tell us that we are no different, but all are one in Christ Jesus.

Today when there is such hate, division, and separateness, we need to seek Jesus who unites not divides. May this be part of our advent prayer this week.

'Come Lord Jesus.'

Segundo Domingo de Adviento
7 de diciembre de 2025

"Sean mutuamente acogedores, como Cristo los acogió a ustedes para la gloria de Dios. Porque les aseguro que Cristo se hizo servidor de los judíos para confirmar la fidelidad de Dios, cumpliendo las promesas que él había hecho a nuestros padres, y para que los paganos glorifiquen a Dios por su misericordia. Así lo enseña la Escritura cuando dice: 'Yo te alabaré en medio de las naciones, Señor, y cantaré en honor de tu Nombre.'"

Continuamos esta estación de anticipación y expectativas. Es tan especial. San Pablo nos recuerda de tiempos antiguos, de cómo deseaban, anhelaban la venida del Mesías y Salvador de todos nosotros. Luego nos diría que no somos diferentes, que somos uno en Jesucristo.

Hoy, cuando hay tanto odio, división y separación, necesitamos buscar a Jesús que une, no divide. Que sea parte de nuestra oración de adviento de esta semana.

'Ven, Señor Jesús.'

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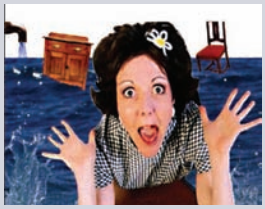
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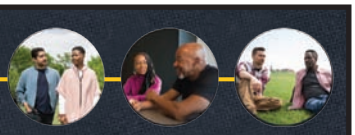
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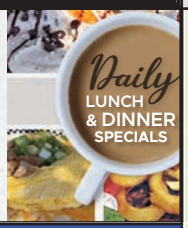
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