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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:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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**Phone:** 973-347-0032

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*Welcome to our Church*

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**February 8, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Daily Confessions and Spiritual Guidance-Please call the office to make an appointment.

Confesiones y Guia Espiritual todos los días-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, February 7**

10am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 5pm Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, February 8**

7am Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Frances Soccio, Souls in Purgatory  
 11:30am Julie Arbolino, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 1:30pm Almas del Purgatorio

**Monday, February 9**

10am Donald Jr. LaBell, Kyle Mullen, Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, February 10**

10am Louise Ambrosino, Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, February 11**

10am Special Intention, Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, February 12**

10am Joyce Benvenuto, Special Intention, Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, February 13**

10am Susan Dinkowitz, Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, February 14 "Valentine's Day"**

10am Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 5pm Pat Buckley, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, February 15**

7am Sherry Lopez, Carmine Ruocco, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 9:30am Louisa Sangiorgi Wilson, Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 11:30am Steve Hoptay, Holy Souls In Purgatory  
 1:30am Almas del Purgatorio

**Weekly Donation**

Sunday, February 1, 2026 \$ 11,426  
 WeShare \$ 2,698.76



**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, Mario Tomolillo, Tomy Tilli, Sarah Jones, Lucy Pintos, Jose Hernandez, Joe D'Amico, Divina Romero



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

**Peter and Carol Dinkowitz**

**Weekend Presider Schedule**

<b>FEB 7</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>Fr. Enrique</b>
	<b>5PM</b>	<b>Fr. Enrique</b>
<b>FEB 8</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Fr. David</b>
	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Fr. David</b>
	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Fr. Enrique</b>
	<b>1:30PM</b>	<b>Fr. Enrique</b>





## Faith Formation News

Sessions resume today for Levels 1-6, New Beginnings and OSPRE and Confirmation I

- 9:30 am Mass followed by class
- Confirmation II and NET meet today, regular place and time.



### **“Souper-Bowl’ Food Pantry Project:**

Collection is today! Our food pantry is in need of donations! Especially during winter time, soup is greatly appreciated. Children and teens are asked to bring in cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday this year. All donations will be greatly appreciated!

### Candles of Hope service project

Children in Levels 1-6, OSPRE and New Beginnings—don’t forget to bring the Candles of Hope coin wrappers to Mass this week and next. Just place your ‘candles’ in the collection basket and they will be given to the Parish Outreach ministry.

Confirmation II (group of Mrs. Raffay and Mrs. Garrison): Parents are invited to attend our 2/8 session with their teen! We ask that at least one parent attend! Session begins in the school, *promptly* at 9:45 and ends before the 11:30 am Mass.



### Confirmation SERVICE forms

- signed mass sheets for January are due

**Reminder:** There are no Faith Formation Sessions scheduled for next Sunday, President’s Day weekend, 2/15.



## 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](mailto:Faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org).

***Come join us for a special question and answer session with Fr. Enrique! ALL TEENS ARE INVITED!!!!***

This will be an informal meeting with Fr. Enrique, who will be open to any questions that teens might have on any topic. Come enjoy some refreshments and learn more about our Pastor.

When: Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm  
Where: Youth Room (basement of the office)

Questions? Contact Jodi Suralik at [Faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:Faithformation.office@stmichaelnetcong.org) or 973-347-0032 ext 2320.



## **Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026**

**7:00 am Mass**

**10:00 am Mass**

**12 pm Service (No Mass)**

**7:00 pm Bilingual Mass**



## 40 Cans for Lent

Sponsored by the St. Michael Knights of Columbus

To Benefit the Parish Food Pantry

The goal of this project is to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. This is a great way to help those in need who benefit from St. Michael’s food pantry. It is also a wonderful way to offer a corporal work of Mercy and make a Lenten sacrifice by feeding the hungry.

### How Does it Work?

Individuals and families are encouraged to donate a total of 40 cans (or the equivalent) during Lent. Food can be brought to Church after each Mass on Saturday or Sunday, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

### Suggested Items:

- Soup
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Spaghetios
- Peas
- Carrots
- Mixed vegetables
- Tuna Fish
- Canned meats
- Mac and cheese
- Hot Chocolate
- Dry Milk
- Pasta
- Shelf Milk (does not require refrigeration)

***“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:***



If you need your tax information, please send me an email with your name and envelope # at:

[office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org)



### Food Pantry Needs

The following items are needed:

- Canned Fruit, Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Peas, and Mixed Vegetables
- Pasta
- Spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Macaroni and cheese
- Shampoo
- Deoderant
- Body wash
- Soap
- Dish detergent
- Clothing detergent

Thank you for your generosity!

## Baptism Preparation policy at St. Michael Parish



We are excited to welcome your child into the family of God through the waters of Baptism! The following are the necessary steps to complete in order to schedule a baptism at St. Michael.

1. Register with the parish if you have not yet done so. (Please note, adult children of parishioners must be registered under their own name).
2. Attend Mass regularly for at least 3 months, using the envelopes or We Share electronic giving.
3. Attend the Baptism class (parents and godparents). This is offered in English and in Spanish once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. Register for the class by calling the parish office: 973-347-0032, ext. 2300 or 2310
4. Godparents: one male and one female (note only one godparent is required), must be confirmed Catholics, currently practicing the faith. Please see the website or call the office for details about the forms required.
5. Baptismal Certificate and Sacraments received for parents; \$100 stipend.
6. Once all of the required items are complete a date for baptism may be chosen by contacting the office. Baptism is celebrated at Sunday mass or a private baptism may be scheduled for Saturday.

Please know that Father Corona and the parish staff can work with you to resolve any difficulties or special situations.



## FORMED – The Best in Catholic Content (in English and in Spanish)

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- Enter our parish name or Zip Code (e.g., "07857") and select our church

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**Recommendations for February:** In the 'search box' type 'Our

*Lady of Lourdes*': you will find a Brother Francis show for children

and several programs about St. Bernadette and the apparition of the Blessed Mother at Lourdes, France.

**For Ash Wed. and Lent:** type 'Ash Wednesday' in the search box and you will find a number of videos, programs and daily reflections for Lent, including 'Where is Lent in the Bible' and a program for children called Lent: Drawing Closer to God (cartoon).

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21st  
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21  
DE  
FEBRERO  
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TODOS!



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## Marriage Prayer

Father, help us pause in the busy world and cherish each other every day. Remind us that love resides in the smallest things, like slowing our pace to simply enjoy sitting close and being near one another.

Amen!

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus says His disciples should enhance the world with goodness, light up the world with love, and influence the world for positive change.

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"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:16



### Salt of the Earth... Light of the World



## If God's love was in a popcorn kernel...



It would get all heated up, ready to burst out and **expand** enormously.



A few tablespoons (unpopped) = a whole bowl (popped)

The aroma generates some curious attention, people gather, sensing a good thing - **just a bit of salt enhances the goodness!**



Offer Grace...  
Giving thanks  
to God...



Share the LOVE!

yum yum  
yum

### LET'S MAKE POPCORN



With adult help, pop some popcorn your favorite way... kettle, air, microwave. Think of God's love being in each kernel, bursting out with each **pop, pop, pop**.

Share your light, salty snack and your thoughts...

**Think:** What are some things you can do to make God's world a better place? Do the words you speak bring out the best in another person, like salt brings out the flavor in popcorn? Do your actions light up the world with love and kindness improving other people's lives?

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