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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
December 25th, 2011

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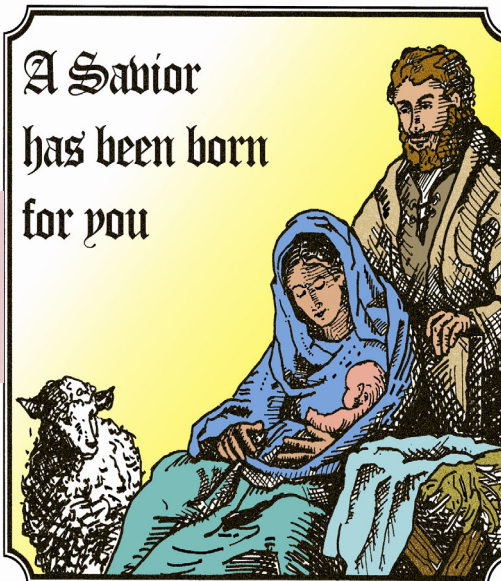
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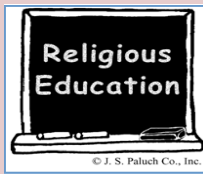
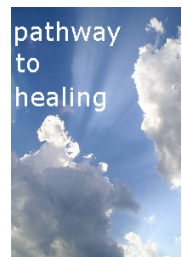
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A Savior
has been born
for you



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday,

December 24th, 2011

4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00 and
11:30 PM

Christmas Day, Sunday,

December 25th, 2011

7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 AM, and
12 Noon

There will be no 4:00 or 7:30 PM Masses
on Christmas Day.

*The Pastor, Staff and Priests serving St. Michael's wish you
all a very Blessed Christmas.*

MASSES FOR NEW YEARS

Saturday, Dec. 31st, 2011—4:00 & 5:00 PM (No 7:30 PM Mass)

Sunday, January 1st, 2012, (No 7:00 AM Mass)

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 AM, 12 Noon and 4:00 PM (No 7:30 PM Mass)



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**From
the
Pastor**



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25th, 2011

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

- John 1:5

It is a privilege and a pleasure to welcome our Christmas visitors.

If you care to know what St. Michael's Church is about, what follows is our mission and vision statements. The parish takes these statements very seriously.

If you think after reading them that you might find us a congregation in which you will grow in faith, hope and love, we would be honored to have you try us out.

OUR PARISH VALUE STATEMENT

Papal: We look to the Pope for solid teaching and all who preach and teach here do so faithful to him. We stand with him in his missionary outreach and support his efforts to ease human suffering.

Open: We recognize that different people are at different places in their spiritual development and welcome all who might grow here to join us in an appropriate way.

Eucharistic: We cherish the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist as a powerful Gift of God and as a most tender sign of Christ's love for us.

Quality: We are committed to the relentless pursuit of the highest quality of care for our people and the needy as well as in our worship, programming and technology.

Beauty: We pursue the goal of having the most beautiful church, plant, grounds and sacred things for the Glory of God and to attract people to hear His Word and enter into His Sacraments.

Devotion: We remain keenly aware that Mary, St. Michael and all the angels and Saints are our company as we work at our mission in life as a parish and as individuals.

Education: We work hard to provide learning and training that leads to an increased understanding of the faith and the skills to put the faith effectively into action.

Gratitude: We make thankfulness the basic attitude we have toward God and one another.

Outreach: We work to draw others, especially nonpracticing Catholics, to the Christ and His Church and we energetically endeavor to practically aid the needy.

Mission Statement

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- Come to an creative awareness that each of us has something to offer to others.
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses: 4:00, 5:00 and 7:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 4:00 and 7:30 PM

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM

Saturday Communion Service with Recitation of the Rosary at 9:00 AM

Confessions are held between 12 and 5 minutes before every Mass.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday evening *at* 7:30 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Rectory Office

Office Phone Number: 732-222-8080

Office Fax Number: 732-870-1174

STAFF AT RECTORY OFFICE:

Madeline Jurcisin

Pastor's Secretary, Extension 10

Jennifer L. White

Receptionist, Extension 11

Outreach & Education Office

Office Phone Number: 732-483-0360

Office Fax Number: 732-483-0363

STAFF AT OUTREACH & EDUCATION OFFICE:

Patty Chavez, Religious Education, Extension 10

Debbie Patella, Development, Extension 11

Deacon Eugene Somma, Extension 12

St. Vincent dePaul Society, Extension 13

Youth Ministry, Extension 14

Stephen Ministry, Extension 20

Music Ministry, John Balme, 732-495-7993

HomeLife Ministry, Kelly Lamb, 908-489-8258

WEBSITE: www.stmichaels-westend.com

Baptisms are held every Sunday immediately following the 12 Noon Mass. Call Jennifer White for information.

Weddings are held on Friday evenings between 4:00 and 6:00 PM, Saturday morning at 11:00 AM or Saturday afternoon at 1:00 PM. You must be a registered and active parishioner for at least 18 months before making arrangements for marriage at St. Michael's. If you meet this criteria, call Madeline Jurcisin for information.

CCD Classes are held on Tuesday afternoon and Sunday morning at The Deal School. Call Patty Chavez for more information.

Stephen Ministry is a group of people who are trained to help those who are experiencing difficulty or crisis in their lives. For more information, call the Stephen Ministry.

The St. Michael's St. Vincent de Paul Society helps people in need of food, clothing or monetary assistance. For more information, call the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Pathway to Heal, a Ministry for Divorced, Widowed and Separated. Call Raymond Patsky at 732-870-0427 or email rpr6@verizon.net



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“Building Strong Families” HomeLife

The mission of St. Michael’s HomeLife ministry is to encourage and empower parishioners to enrich the quality of family relationships and strengthen family values through the use of excellent resources that enable family life to flourish

Christmas@Home: A Family Guide to Celebrating the Birth of Christ HomeLife’s new holiday brochure filled with fun, festive, faith-based ideas for the whole family to enjoy is available in the HomeLife Centers and throughout the church. Pick up a copy for your family.

Oplatki “The Christmas Wafer” is a family guide to celebrating this Christmas Eve tradition. Copies are available for free along with the wafers on tables near the altar. Please take a set home. The guide includes a brief explanation along with the prayers of the Oplatki ceremony. This beautiful tradition will enrich your family’s Christmas Eve celebrations.

Confused by the NEW Mass translation? Visit the **Light House Catholic Media displays** in the church vestibule and outdoors. December’s selections feature inspirational talks on the Advent and Christmas seasons. A CD and booklet explaining on the new translation for the mass are also available. Take some home. They are free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Military Care Packages: Thank you to all who have generously donated! HomeLife and the Religious Ed. Department have collected **185 care packages** to send to the US military serving abroad.

Prayer Shawl Ministry has donated 13 shawls and lap robes as Christmas gifts to the residents of Jersey Shore Nursing Home, Eatontown. Thank you ladies for the generous gift of your times and talent. The next meeting is January 11th at 7pm in the Living Room. New members are always welcome.

Feast of the Holy Family, December 26th: “The vocation of the Family is to support each other on the road to Heaven,” states Pope Benedict XVI, 2006. The Gospel account of the infancy of Jesus in Luke 2 demonstrates many beautiful and profound teachings. First, God chose to be born and to grow up in a human family with a mother and father. Second, Jesus subjected himself from infancy thru adolescence to the authority of his mother and foster father. The events of his early life give evidence that the primary purpose of the family is the spiritual and moral education of children. Third, this Gospel demonstrates another family responsibility is to support members on their path to discovery of God and the plan He has in store for them.

The Holy Family is a prototype for every Christian family. Families united in the sacrament of marriage and nourished by scripture and the Eucharist are called to carry out their vocation and mission of being a sign and instrument of unity for the whole human race.

Ask for the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and St Joseph as we pray for every family especially those in difficulty to resist impulses and influences that undermine the family unit. May all families strive to be a living image of the love of God.

Family Activity: Have the whole family prepare a meal today of Middle Eastern origin in honor of the Holy Family.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 2011

8:00 AM **REV. RICHARD A. CREAN**
First Pastor of St. Michael's Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 2011

8:00 AM **EUGENE P. SOMMA**
r/o Deacon Somma

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 2011

8:00 AM **FRANK & ELIZABETH BOGLIOLI**
r/o Audrey and Bernie Boglioli

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 2011

8:00 AM **HELEN & ALFRED JUSKA**
r/o Judy Hennessey

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 2011

8:00 AM **ALLISON LYNAM**
r/o Patty Chavez & St. Michael's CCD Teachers

OFFERTORY MEMORIAL

The bread, water and wine at each Mass can be donated as a memorial to a loved one, living or deceased. Your intentions will be printed in the Bulletin.

If you are interested in donating these items, please call Jen at St. Michaels Rectory at 732-222-8080, Ext. 11.

The bread, water and wine at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 24th, 2011 were donated for Dolores Walker, Diane Christy, William Christy, Josephine Recanzone, Joseph Ricci and Jean Russomanno, requested by Ida Ricci

The bread, water and wine at the 7:30 PM Mass on Saturday, December 24th, 2011, were donated for thank you to St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Andrew, St. Agatha, the Blessed Mother and Our Lord and Savior Jesus for all of our Blessings, with love, from the Chavez, Reinhardt and Wilson family

THE ROSARIAN PRAYER GROUP will remember your intentions at the 9AM Communion Service on Saturdays

Antonio Bevacqui, John J. Murray, Jr., Michael Meyer, Josephine Mosca, Olga De Sieno, Tiffany Patella Mc Cahill, Ed Keegan, Angelo Boniello, Mary Alterio, Anne Breen, Anthony Califano, Jr., John and Margaret Dwyer, Jason Komisar, Louise Saccaro, Dennis Ferri, Esterina Lione, baby Adam Lenci, Joe Saker, Laura & baby, Lajla Layer, Louis Bevacqui, Hope Durkin, Tino Rodriguez, Baby Austin, Baby Lila Rose Mincielli, Doris La Corte, baby Makayla Basile, the Komisar family, Sal Mirabito, Jim Breen, Joan Brickley, Domenick Vincelli, baby Jack Richard, Tony Ceri, Baby Parker Shorie, Andrew Bertorelli, Nancy Vecchione, Patrick Joyce, Elizbieta Napierala, Angela R. Valentino, Joe Olivadoti, Sr., Charles Martino, Loretta Bubunko, A. Fred Maffeo, Paul Beutell, Ryan Fritz, Robert De Sarno, Amanda Johnson, Mary Sweeney, Jason Fazio, Al Keubler, Yvonne Lashley, Jen Arlea, Lottie Colagouri, Adele Arslan, Mike Schulz, Salvatore Nick, James E. Kellam, Barbara Percello, Rustom E. Mody, Linda Scit-Jaska, Elizabeth Catena, Lila Layer, Bob Chirumbola, Neil Bristol, Ms. Nelsen, John Hawryluck, Moskal, Mitkowski and Bajor families, Lucille Moran, Margaret Parker, Marilyn Caputo, Major David White, Peter Fox, Barbara Castrovinci

The following intentions were posted on our website on our Prayer Request Page at www.stmichaels-westend.com

"Please pray for a dear friend of our family who is in the hospital".

"Please pray for my daughter"

"Please pray for David's good health"

"Please pray for Elizabeth who had a serious fall"

"Please pray for a miracle for David"

"Please pray for healing for Sandra"

"Please pray for the restoration of my marriage"

"Please pray for healing for Frances Green"

"Please pray for Victor"

"Please pray for Christine"

"Please pray for Joe's miraculous healing"

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH
IN YOUR WILL**



PADUAN MNISTRY
They're YOUR Ministries

Merry Christmas

"One shining star to make the world bright, one infant child on that wonderful night, one little prayer for those we hold dear, to bless you at Christmas and all through the year" (unknown author)

Our Stephen and Paduan Ministers are available for our parishioners to visit the sick; the elderly; and bring Communion. Our Ministers will come to the home as well as make visits to the hospital and rehab center. Please contact us if you need us – 732-483-0360, Ext. 20.

Last week, your Stephen and Paduan Ministers made 17 communion calls, 6 visits and 4 telephone calls.

We pray that we have helped to bring God's love and peace to His people in need.



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The hanging Sanctuary Light will be Lit each week as a Memorial and your loved one's name will be printed in the Bulletin.

If you are interested in this special remembrance to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please call the Rectory office at 732-222-8080, Ext. 11.

The Center Sanctuary Candle and the Sanctuary Candle on the Blessed Mother's side will both be lit this week for Marie Roggy and Robert Roggy and Bobby Roggy, requested by Sheppard, Largey and Roggy families

The Sanctuary Candle on St. Joseph's side will be lit this week in loving memory of Gil and Hazel White, Len Dowling and Adele White, requested by family

The Sanctuary Candle on the Blessed Mother's side will be lit this week in loving memory of Eileen Lucarelli, requested by family

PROPAGATION OF FAITH MASSES:

Walter & Veronica Skowrenski, r/o Skowrenski family
Neil A. Tantum, Sr. & Neil A. Tantum, Jr.,
r/o Helen Tantum
Frank Di Maggio, r/o family
Millie & Butch Celli, r/o daughter, Fran Ebert
John Francis Hoffmann, r/o Mom and Dad
John Liston, r/o Carroll Friscia
Dorothy Brady, r/o daughter, Dee Celli
Ronald Lubischer, r/o wife Joyce & children,
Ronnie & Randy
Parents, relatives, loved ones and friends, living and deceased, of the Trigani & Drummond families
James A. Mazza, Jr., r/o family
John C. Manna, r/o family
John Henry Hoffman, beloved husband & father,
from wife
William F. Kiss, r/o wife and family
John Urban, r/o St. Michael's Staff
Emma Poland, r/o Bernie and Audrey Boglioli
Sonny La Morte, r/o wife
Alfred and Eleanor Vecchia, r/o Anthony and Ellie Cervellino
Silvino De Sieno, r/o Olga, Linda and Gina De Sieno
David De Sieno, r/o Olga, Linda and Gina De Sieno
Charles A. Valantino, Jr., r/o mother, Angela Valentino
Charles A. Valantino, Sr., r/p wife, Angela Valentino
Anthony Scarano, r/o sister, Angela Valentino
Joseph Scarano, r/o daughter, Angela Valentino
Audrey Geiger, r/o Audrey and Bernie Boglioli
Michael B. Oropollo, r/o Bernie and Audrey Boglioli
Allan "Bud" Rose, r/o Bernie and Audrey Boglioli
Rose Marie Amatelli, r/o Roselyn and Andy
Elsie and Arthur Roccamonte, r/o family
In loving memory of Margaret Hughes, r/o niece,
Yvonne Guire
Jason Difenderfer, r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes
Dr. Alice Tyndall, r/o the Kiernan family
Antoinette J. Amato, r/o Anne Marie and Joe Principe
Harold Bowman, r/o Anne Marie and Joe Principe
Anthony De Marco, r/o Lars and Terri Bergrud and family
Marie De Marco, r/o Lars and Terri Bergrud and family
Valentina Juliano, r/o Lars and Terri Bergrud and family
Anthony De Marco, r/o the Tony De Marco family
Marie De Marco, r/o the Tony De Marco family
Valentino Juliano, r/o the Tony De Marco family
Marie De Marco, r/o the Wrubel family
Anthony De Marco, r/o the Wrubel family
Valentina Juliano, r/o the Wrubel family
Bernice Wrubel, r/o the Wrubel family
Joseph Wrubel, r/o the Wrubel family
Leon Kadelski, r/o the Wrubel family
Walter Kadelski, r/o the Wrubel family
Stanley Kadelski, r/o the Wrubel family

St. Michaels Respect Life

Lord Jesus,

You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence the Church and the history of men. You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life. We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us, we beg you to hear and answer our prayers on behalf of all human life. Amen

Merry Christmas from the Respect Life Group!

Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Yourself. Let's act together to end abortion and build a Culture of Love. Questions, more information, or to Stand up for Life call Raymond at 732-870-0427 or email rpr6@verizon.net



Great job to both Cooper and SarahPiper Mulvihill for doing the Readings at 4:00 Mass on Sunday.

Public speaking is not an easy or comfortable experience. Our Youth Group members are encouraged to volunteer to read up at the podium. By participating in this process the kids will become more confident in any public speaking situation. This experience will carry them through life and equip them with the necessary tools to become successful. As always look for all Youth Group updates in the bulletin!!

~ MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM S.M.Y.G ~

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ON THE INTERNET, OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IS

stmichael@monmouth.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.stmichaels-westend.com

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT OUR OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CENTER, OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IS

outreachcenter@monmouth.com

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IS

svdp@monmouth.com

WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER AT ST. MICHAEL 'S?

If you live within the boundaries of St. Michael 's Church, i.e., between Norwood Avenue, West End Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, and are interested in becoming a registered parishioner here at St. Michael 's, please stop down to the Lower Church any Sunday after the 12:00 Noon Mass for a new parishioner meeting..

We also welcome applications from people living outside the parish boundaries who would like to belong to St. Michael 's Church.

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Hospital Admissions

If you are admitted to the Hospital, please let St. Michaels know, so that someone can visit you!

If you need the assistance of a priest while in the hospital in the event of an emergency or a critical illness, please notify the nurse in charge, who will contact the priest.

If someone you know is placed on Hospice at home, please call us as soon as possible so a priest can come and visit.



THE FOLLOWING IS THE POLICY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH REGARDING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Those seeking to be receive the Sacrament of Matrimony here at St. Michael's Church must meet one of the following criteria:

~ Live within the boundaries of St. Michael's Church

~Are the child of active parishioners (who have been active parishioners for at least eighteen months).

~Are a registered parishioner for at least eighteen months before calling to make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Please note that there are certain dates within each year that we may be unable to administer the Sacrament of Matrimony, such as New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, as we are unable to commit our services on certain dates.

THE ABOVE GUIDE IS OUR POLICY. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAIN WISHES WHICH WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th, 2011 and January 2nd, 2012.

We wish you all a very Blessed Christmas. .

Masses for New Years are:

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4:00 and 5:00 PM. **There will be NO 7:30 PM Mass**

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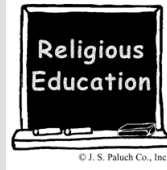
NO 7:00 AM MASS TODAY

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 AM

12 Noon

4:00 PM.

NO 7:30 PM MASS TODAY



Parents make sure you are making a commitment to your child's religious education. Children are expected to be present at each class session.

If your child is ill or will be absent for another reason please notify the teacher or myself; they will be required to make up any work that they have missed. If a child is out more than 5 times in a semester you will be asked to go on Home Study.

Children are expected to be prepared for class each week with their books and writing implements. Please check your child's folder each week for any information that may be from the teacher or myself. It should be all of our hopes that religious education be a top priority in the lives of our children since they are the future of our Catholic faith.

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Attention CCD Home Study Students and Parents:

Please make sure you are keeping up with your lessons you should be on lesson 15 by the end of December and your midterms will be online or mailed on Sunday, January 8th. You will have one week to take your test. Christmas break is a good time to get caught up if you have fallen behind. Any questions call Patty 732 483-0360 ext. 10.

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There will be no Charlie's Angels on Sunday, December 25th or Sunday, January 1st.

CCD Christmas Schedule:

Back on Sunday, January 8th
Back on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Merry Christmas!!!!

BAPTISM CLASS FOR NEW PARENTS

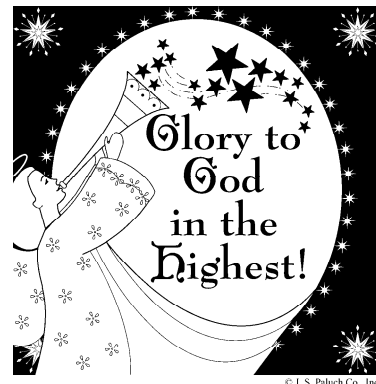
Your baby's Baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want to plan and prepare for the Baptism in the best possible way. One of the ways we can best do this is through our Baptismal class. The next class will be offered on THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2012 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M. IN THE LOWER CHURCH.

To register, please call Jen at 732-222-8080, Ext. 11.

Moving?

Don't forget to contact the rectory office at 222-8080, Ext. 11 and give us your new address and phone number!

In the event you move and you do not give us your new address and telephone number, and the mail that we send you is returned, we will assume that you no longer wish to be registered here, and your name will be deleted from our computer registration program.



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