

Be Watchful!



The prophet Isaiah longed for God to rend the heavens, come to earth and perform "awesome deeds we could not hope for." The prophet also desired that the people would be ready when the Lord arrived. Well, the Lord has come down. Not rending the heavens, but humbly as a child in a family. And most people were not ready for Him. They did not recognize Him. Yet in His love, Jesus did not destroy them but rather He offered Himself to take away their sins. Jesus Christ will come again, this time in glory and splendor, this time to judge the living and the dead. Would that we be prepared for Him this time, not depending on our own efforts, but submitting ourselves completely to the Father's mercy.

Father Joseph

A second collection will be taken next weekend for The Catholic University of America.



- Bob Mione

We would like to thank everyone who so generously contributed food and money towards the Thanksgiving food boxes. Through your kind donations we were able to help many families in need. Approximately 35-50 families were helped each day that the boxes were being distributed. We would also like to thank the many wonderful volunteers who put in a lot of time in helping distribute the food. Thank you for your hard work.

A special thank you to Tom Thumb at Firewheel for helping us keep the turkeys stored until distribution of them could be made.

The call for help with food boxes has dramatically increased due to the hard economic impact. Twice the amount will be needed for Christmas. The following items are needed:

Cake mix, frosting, pumpkin pie mix, Stove Top stuffing, chicken broth, canned yams, canned green beans, and cornbread mix.

Thank you and may God Bless you!

BLOOD DRIVE

- Gray Huggins

Please mark your calendar for the coming Blood Drive. The regular Sunday drive will be held December 14 from 8:00 to 2:00 PM in Curran Hall. Signup begins the weekend of November 30 in the narthex. It is very important that you make an appointment! Please sign up so we know in advance how many donors we can expect. Your donation directly helps those in need. Your gift cannot be replaced by money, time, or material wealth. As Christ gave his earthly body for us, you can give your donation for others.



MEETING

- Lillian Elegonye

All members of the Nigerian Catholic Community of St. Michael the Archangel are invited to join us for a meeting **TODAY** at 1:30 PM in Curran Hall. We meet on the last Sunday of every other month. Please Contact Lillian Elegonye at (972) 226-6688 if interested.

just to let you know

The Boy Scouts will not be selling donuts today due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 29

8:00 a.m. +Feliciano Estonilo, Sr., by Myrna Dacpano

5:30 p.m. S.I. Marge Crowe by Linda Shindoll

Sunday, November 30

7:30 a.m. +Rosa & Jose Lamparero by Rose Marie & Hernan

9:00 a.m. +Rafael Perez by Joe & Lorena Perez

10:30 a.m. S.I. Louise Flournois by Mary Jo Adams

12:00 noon Mass for the People

6:00 p.m. S.I. Mariana Dugan by Linda Shindoll

Monday, December 1

8:00 a.m. +John William Reese by Eleanor Goolsby

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. +Feliciano Estonilo, Sr., by Myrna Dacpano

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 a.m. S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh

Thursday, December 4

8:00 a.m. +Esteban Pahela by Crensencia Pahela

6:30 p.m. S.I. Teresa Dekleva by Mrs. Baptista

Friday, December 5

8:00 a.m. S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh

Tabernacle candle is in memory of Beatrice Smith by Bill & Edwina Cernosek.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 30, 2008



Sunday: Is 63:16-17, 19/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9 or 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35; 10:1, 6-8

THE WEEK AHEAD

First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY: November 30

9:00 a.m. RCIA – Rm. 260

1:30 p.m. Nigerian Community Meeting – Curran Hall

3:00 p.m. Y-Teen – Curran Hall

MONDAY: December 1

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Curran Hall

7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting – Narthex

TUESDAY: December 2

7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Curran Hall

WEDNESDAY: December 3

6:00 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. "The Edge" – Curran Hall, RM & SY

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120

THURSDAY: December 4

6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel

6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel

7:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

7:00 p.m. Pre-Baptismal Class – Rm. 110/120

7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

FRIDAY: December 5

SATURDAY: December 6

8:00 a.m. Life Teen Event – Classrooms & Curran Hall

4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel



Masses for the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation:

December 8 – 8 AM & 7 PM



Pray For Peace

PREPARE



Knights of Columbus Christmas Raffle 2008

Raffle ticket prices:

3 tickets - \$5.00; 8 tickets - \$10.00; 18 tickets - \$20.00

Prizes:

Grand Prize – 42 inch Plasma HDTV with stand
 2nd Prize – Wii family bundle package – Wii console, 2 controllers with jackets, 2 nunchuck controls, games and accessories
 3rd Prize – Apple I-Touch 8 gb & 30 i-Tunes card
 4th Prize – \$100.00 gift certificate

Raffle drawing conducted by Father Joseph on Sunday, December 21, after 12 PM Mass. **YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.** For more information contact Chris Fowler at (972) 567-3175 or email cdf364@att.net.

All proceeds from the Christmas raffle will support our council charities such as Pro-Life, Seminarian support, Catholic Ministries, Catholic radio, etc.



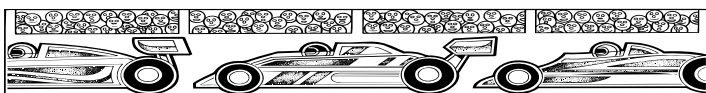
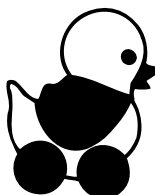
TOYS FOR TOTS

- Ernie Valencia

Christmas is just around the corner. St. Michael is supporting Toys for Tots, sponsored by the United States Marines. The Marines have been accessible and easy to



work with. Donated toys are distributed by the Marines to various agencies in need of toys for children. Their criteria are very simple: a toy for a boy or girl any age, and the Marines can take care of the rest! Toys can be brought to the church beginning on November 30. Please place them in a specially marked box in the Narthex.



PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS



- Felipe & Diane Salazar
 A pre-baptismal class is held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in room 110/120. However if you wish to baptize a child who is seven years of age or older, please contact the Faith Formation office.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 12, at 7 PM. A reception will follow in Curran Hall. Make plans to join our celebration!



Rachel's Corner

"I NEVER believed that I could find forgiveness for my abortion. Through the love of the retreat team and the mercy of God, that forgiveness has been received gladly!"

- Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing
 214.544.CARE healing@racheldallas.org

CHOIR NEWS



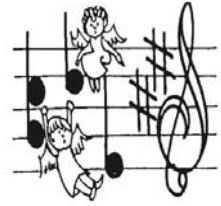
- Penny Mione

Members of the Littlest Angels and the St. Gregory Choir were commissioned by Bishop Farrell in a liturgy November 21 at the Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The celebration coincided with the Feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music. Congratulations to all the music ministers who were able to attend this wonderful celebration. St. Michael thanks you for your sharing your gifts with us!

St. Michael Website

Have you checked out our website lately? There is a lot of information on it! You can look at the bulletin, check Mass times, see photos of events at our parish, find Faith Formation information, learn how to become more involved in our parish community, and much, much more. . . Go to: www.stmichaelgarland.org.

Littlest Angels



- Penny Mione

The Littlest Angels will present The Coming of Our Lord on December 20 at 5:00 PM. This pageant will commemorate the birth of Jesus and will feature many talents from our community. Make plans to attend this event with your family.

IT'S TIME TO PLAY BINGO!!!

Join us here at St. Michael on December 10 at 1 p.m. for Bingo in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please call Rich & Judy Fuja at (972) 686-4754.

