



October 27, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some important updates for you:

### **Congratulations Fidel Pitones**

I would like to first take this opportunity to congratulate Fidel Pitones who has been accepted as a candidate in the Diaconate School of Theology for the Diocese of Columbus. Fidel, with his wife Andrea and their children, Gavrielle, Abby, Diego, and Mateo, have been long time active members of our parish and have been seen assisting and participating at a variety of parish events. Their children are all graduates of St. Michael School and remain connected to the life of the parish. We are proud that Fidel has been selected. The Rite of Candidacy for this year's deacon class will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Cathedral. Fidel and his classmates will begin their official 3-year journey of formation and academic classes on January 7, 2022. Please pray for him and the 10 other men in our diocese who have been chosen for this great honor.

### **Welcome to Mr. Nicholas Sorrell to our Staff**

This week we welcomed Mr. Nicholas Sorrell to our staff. He will be working with Mr. Steve Moore, our Campus Facility and Safety Director, in a maintenance and custodial capacity for the parish and school. A member of St. Michael Parish, Mr. Sorrell comes to us with plenty of experience in his field, especially in his service to our country as a mechanic in the US Navy. Welcome Nicholas!!

### **Scam email warnings**

Please be advised that scam emails, texts, and other fake communications still plague us. These scams have existed for many years and will most likely not go away anytime soon. For instance, the latest one that we have been made aware of is an email that comes from a scammer who pretends to be me. These messages can appear to come from an email with my name or the parish office name. They are often times sent from an email that has a Gmail, Yahoo, or other domain name, instead of the Saintmichael-cd.org or Flocknote.com domain.

This particular email (as with many of them) started out with a general request for "a favor." In this case the "favor" was a request to purchase some gift cards for employee gifts, but also claims that "I" could not do so as "I was too busy." The scammer further asked for the purchase of 7 gift cards of \$100 each for eBay. Furthering the deception, instead of delivering the cards in person, the scammer asks that a picture of the card be taken together with the purchase receipt, which would then be emailed to the fake email address, with the promise that they would reimburse the person for their purchase.

Please do not be fooled. If you have any doubts -- and you always should for these kinds of emails or text messages -- you can always verify the request through the regular contact information provided on the parish website.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony A. Dinovo, Jr.

Pastor