



December 6, 2021 (Memorial of St. Nicholas)

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some important updates for you:

Congratulations Fidel Pitones

Congratulations again to Fidel Pitones who has been accepted as a candidate in the Diaconate School of Theology for the Diocese of Columbus. On Sunday December 5th, Fidel was received officially as a candidate at a Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral with retired Bishop Frederick F. Campbell presiding. 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. Fidel and his classmates will begin their 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.

Usher Greeter Training

We are in need of Ushers/Greeters for all Masses at our Parish. We are asking all interested adult parishioners to please consider sharing your time and talents in assisting as a Greeter/Usher for our Masses (Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass times of 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.). Please note that presently we are looking to have six (6) Greeter/Ushers openings for each of the four (4) Mass times per weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity to greet our family of parishioners and our guests to the beauty of St. Michael Church by welcoming and assisting them in their participation at Mass. Parishioners who are interested in assisting in this capacity are asked to come to our next training session on Thursday December 16th at 7:00pm in Marian Hall. Please RSVP via email to office@saintmichael-cd.org, or by calling 614-885-7814.

For those who are **current Ushers/Greeters**, if you have not already taken one of the training classes that was previously offered, we will have a training session for you on Monday December 13th at 7:00pm, also in Marian Hall. Please RSVP as above.

Decorating for Christmas

Come and help decorate for Christmas! There are two days of fun. On Saturday December 18th beginning at 9:00am will start with outdoor decoration and setting up the empty crèche inside the church. On Wednesday December 22nd beginning at 9:00am will finish off the indoor decorations. Come and make it a family event. Craft activities for children and refreshments for all will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas falls on a Saturday this year and is a Holy Day of Obligation. (The last time this happened was in 2010). Please note the following Mass schedule:

December 24th (Christmas Eve): Masses are at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and Midnight

December 25th (Christmas Day): Masses are at 9:00am and 11:00am*

***Please note that because Christmas falls on a Saturday, there will not be a 4:00pm Mass on Saturday Evening. Sunday December 26th, (The Feast of the Holy Family)**

is still a Sunday Obligation Day as usual, but the only Masses will be at 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm on Sunday. There is no Saturday Evening Vigil for this Mass.

For the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, while not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we will have the following Masses for those who would like to attend.

December 31st: at 7:00pm and January 1st at 8:15am.

Are you being Spoofed?

What is spoofing? On a phone “Spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity. Scammers often use neighbor spoofing so it appears that an incoming call is coming from a local number, or spoof a number from a company or a government agency that you may already know and trust. If you answer, they use scam scripts to try to steal your money or valuable personal information, which can be used in fraudulent activity” (<https://www.fcc.gov/spoofing>). Spoofing can also occur with email and text messages. A recent occurrence which was brought our attention is one in which a person received a phone call from what appeared to be St. Michael Church. The caller ID not only listed the name of St. Michael Parish, but even the legitimate phone number of St. Michael’s Parish office on the display. Fortunately, the person who received the calls, did not respond, but did notify us that they had received several calls from what appeared to be our parish number, yet no one had made the calls. So please be extra cautious. Always double check to verify any calls you may receive.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony A. Dinovo, Jr.

Pastor