

St. Michael Church  
401 S. Main St.  
Newark, NY 14513  
November 20, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Once again we find ourselves approaching Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as our savior and redeemer. Knowing how busy Christmas time can be, we are sharing with you our schedule for Christmas as well as opportunities to receive the gift of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will find the schedule on the back of this letter.

As we celebrate Christmas each year we sometimes get caught up in the busyness of the celebrations and travel plans and forget to think about what Christmas means for us. Likewise, rather than being a time of preparation for what it means for us to celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus at Christmas, Advent becomes a time to shop and bake. To help us prepare spiritually for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Fr. Jeff will be offering a presentation on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall entitled, "Advent: Preparing for the Incarnation." All are welcome to come for this presentation.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are looking for some quiet time with Jesus just before Christmas, we will have a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church with scripture readings, reflection, music, and some quiet time to get ready for Christmas.

We hope to see you at Christmas!

*From Fr. Jeff and all the staff at St. Michael's Church*



Merry  
Christmas