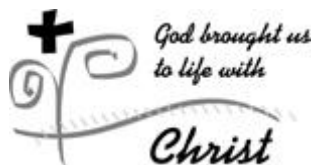


The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died

Elizabeth Sozio, Elena Morales Franco, Barbara Emmich

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:

Fanny Monsalve, Joan Hall, Pat Leone, Phil Grella, Frank Demeo, James Taormino, Baby Sam Roger Rizzo, Patricia Heady, Bob Best, Diana Palumbo, Michele Demeo, Hazel and Frank Doran, Nicole Exile, Diane Grzymko, Vincent Dalessandro, Martin Espinosa, Al & Eleanor Yonick, Jeannette DiRenzo

Weekly Devotions

Monday:..... Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm
(not on the last Monday of the month)

Wednesday:..... Rosary Group 7:30 pm

Friday:..... Divine Mercy 3:00 pm

Saturday:Rosary (after 8 am Mass) 8:30 am

Readings for the week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi, Anthony Preziosi Sr.

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, March 22, 2015

7:00 a.m. Edward Kucharski, Nancy Rosa

8:45 a.m. Etta Giardelli

10:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving,
Dragka Marel Jic

12:00 p.m. Respect For Life

Monday, March 23, 2015

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

8:00 a.m. Ann R., Nancy Rosa

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

7:00 a.m. To End Abortion

12:15 p.m. Lenten Mass for All Parishioners

Thursday, March 26, 2015

8:00 a.m. Amable Quizhpe, Joseph Francomacaro

Friday, March 27, 2015

7:00 a.m. All Deceased at St. Michael's Church

Saturday, March 28, 2015

8:00 a.m. John Farnsworth, Carmine E. DeMuccio

5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Jimmy Johnson

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Barbato, Nancy Rosa

8:45 a.m. Nilo Pintos, Mario & Joseph Francomacaro

10:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito,
Josephine Rampone

12:00 p.m. Fr. McGivney – Founder of
Knight of Columbus,
Aniello, Laura, Robert & Geri Brodo,
Regina & Michael Parasolle

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH
SINCE 1988.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Are we ready for Easter?

This week, we are celebrating the fifth Sunday of Lent. Next week, we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Are we ready to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ? Did we go to confession? How are we doing with our Lenten promises?

In today's Gospel Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Here Jesus talks about his future death and Resurrection but he also tells us that we need to die to "ourselves". We need to die to some of our human desires, we need to make some sacrifices in life and we need to be a people who serve our brothers and sisters, not looking for anything in return. We need to be like Jesus. The season of Lent prepares us for that. When we use this season of Lent in preparation to celebrate His sacrifice (death) and His Resurrection, we will experience a great Easter.

God Bless.
Fr. Adam

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Healing Mass – Our next Healing Mass will be on **Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7pm,**
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm.

St. Michael's Prayer Group

St. Michael's Prayer Group meets each Monday evening from 7PM to 8:30PM in the rectory basement. For further information call Betty @ [973-448-8847](tel:973-448-8847).

Knights of Columbus 40 Cans for Lent

*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." --
Mother Teresa.*

It is never too late to start to contribute one item of food on each of the remaining days of Lent to benefit the Parish Food Pantry. It is a wonderful way to offer something extra during Lent by feeding the hungry. Donations may be placed in the rear of the Church by St. Anthony.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

- Remaining Gr. 7 sessions: 3/30, 4/20 (review), 4/27 (test)
- Remaining Gr. 8 sessions: 3/23, 4/13, 5/4 (review), 5/11 (test)
- Next Kindergarten session: 3/29
- No sessions 3/22 and 3/23 for gr. K-6

Family Faith Session for Gr. K-6:

March 29 and 30 classes

- † Sunday: Parents and children come to 8:45 am Mass then to child's classroom for a special Holy Week project
- † Monday: Parents and children report to Church for a prayer service then to child's classroom for a special Holy Week project
- † **AS PER THE NOTE SENT HOME:** all children are to bring with them that day an egg carton (12 egg size)

Confirmation I:

Service forms: were due 3/10. Forms can be left in the Religious Ed mailbox next to the front door of the convent.

Confirmation II: Please remember that Confirmation is in April this year.

- † **All service forms** must be handed in by April 2 or confirmation *will be* delayed.
- † **Confirmation II parent meeting:** as per the calendar, March 25, 7 pm, church basement

First Communion:

Parents and families: please continue to work with your child on his/her First Communion Journal. If you have questions please call the Religious Ed office or contact your child's catechist.

Catechist In-service 3/22 and 3/23: Sun. 10-11:15am and Mon. 4-5:15pm, rectory basement

FIRST COMMUNION DRESS: someone donated a beautiful dress, worn once, size 10. Please call 973-347-1465 if you would like to see it or if you know a family who could use it.

Respect Life Committee

The Respect Life Meeting will be held the first Saturday of the month at 11:30am in the rectory basement. Holy Hour will be the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in church. **All life is sacred from conception to natural death.** Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of our Respect Life Committee. Any questions please call Andrina at 973-347-9418. (Crisis Pregnancy Hotline – 800-848-5683)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join us in Morristown to pray the Rosary for Life outside of Planned Parenthood on Speedwell Ave. If you can't why not pay a visit to the Chapel and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. God Bless you and have a great Lent.

Youth Ministry News

Fr. Leonardo 973-224-6693 or 973-347-0032

A True Story

She lost her arm in a shark attack and nearly died, but she never lost her faith. In her number one New York Times bestseller, Bethany Hamilton tells the moving story of her triumphant return to competitive surfing, which continues to inspire all who hear it.

They say Bethany Hamilton has salt water in her veins. How else could one explain the passion that drives her to surf? Or that nothing, not even the loss of her arm, could come between her and the waves? That Halloween morning in Kauai, Hawaii, Bethany responded to the shark's stealth attack with the calm of a teenage girl with God on her side, resolutely pushing aside her pain and panic while being rescued and brought back to shore. "When can I surf again?" was the first thing Bethany asked after her emergency surgery, leaving no doubt that her spirit and determination were part of a greater story a tale of personal empowerment and spiritual grit that shows the body is no more essential to surfing, perhaps even less so, than the soul.

TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER: A great way to help our youth with only a little planning and no cost to you is to buy gift cards. The youth are selling gift cards at face value (so a \$25 card to Shoprite for example costs you \$25). Where & When you can buy: **after all weekend Masses.** Thank you for your support!

Coins for Youth: Please Fill the M&M Mini tubes with quarters and bring them with you to Mass. There is a container in the vestibule. Your generous donations will have a huge impact on the youth. Thank you for your support!

Clothing Drive: Saint Michael Youth Ministry wants your generous donation with a collection of *clothes, shoes, kitchen tools, picture frames, coffee maker, old lamps.* Please bring them to the container near the gym. Those items will be collected from March 7 to April 18. Thanks so much. God Bless you.

St. Michael School

Ann Korpita and Dolores Korpita, representing the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 881, Dover, presented the following students awards for winning entries in their poetry contest:

1st Place : Reagan Rosol

2nd Place: Kayla O'Leary

3rd Place: Sofia De Maria

Reagan's poem has now been entered for competition on the state level.

SPONSORS & VENDORS WANTED - 2nd Annual St Michael School Italian Festival

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Rice Bowl

"Hungering for a Healthy Harvest"

CRS Rice Bowl brings our Lenten journey back to Africa this week, to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We join our fasting in solidarity with those in the DRC who go hungry, and we remember in prayer the importance of building a community that is willing to support those most in need.

Prayer Intentions: Fifth Sunday of Lent

For those communities around the world that are devastated by natural and human-wrought disasters, that they may be given the courage and resources they need to rebuild their lives. We pray to the Lord.

For our community of faith, that when disaster strikes, we be given the courage and strength to persevere and to seek God even amidst tragedy. We pray to the Lord.

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE CHURCH!

As of this weekend, our church has a new website and a new and updated design. You can find us at www.stmichaelnetcong.org or www.stmichaelnetcong.com. If you have the old website saved, it should automatically reroute to the new one. Anyone who has pictures from a wedding or baptism (old or recent) that would allow us to put it on the website, please contact Karen Cubberly, Website Administrator at 973-670-3245 or cubberlyteach@yahoo.com. Karen will be in the church basement after all Masses this weekend if you'd like to see the new layout and ask any questions.

To My St. Michael Family –

Thank you for remembering me during my recent surgery. Because of your prayers, I am enjoying a speedy and restful pain free recovery!

Maureen Pajaro

ADORATION NOTICE

“The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: **Come to Me, all of you.**” (#1485 from Diary of St. Faustina)

Please consider signing up for one of the open hours or an hour that is convenient for you.

SUNDAY	1 PM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	5 AM
MONDAY	6 AM
TUESDAY	11 AM
TUESDAY	12 PM
TUESDAY	1 PM
THURSDAY	12 AM
FRIDAY	8 AM
FRIDAY	12 PM
FRIDAY	2 PM
FRIDAY	4 PM
SATURDAY	3 PM

Thank you and God bless you. Chris Warner 973-527-3839.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2015

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Every Saturday from 3:30-4:30pm
Every Monday from 7-8:30pm beginning
February 23 to March 23

Wednesdays during Lent

Mass at 12:15pm

Fridays during Lent

Divine Mercy Chaplet/Stations 3pm
Stations of the Cross 7pm – Spanish Stations at 6pm
On Good Friday Stations at 2:30pm
Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat
Begins Feb. 20 after Stations

Mission with Fr. Mariusz Koch,

Franciscan Friars of Renewal

March 8 at all Masses, March 9 & 10 at 7pm
with Healing Mass on March 10

Palm Sunday of the Passion, March 29

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5pm in English and
7pm in Spanish

Sunday Masses at 7, 8:45, 10:30 & Noon

Chrism Mass with Bishop Serratelli

Monday, March 30 at 7pm at St. Philips, Clifton

Holy Thursday, April 2

Morning prayer at 8am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm
Eucharistic adoration till 12am

Good Friday, April 3

Morning prayer at 8am
Ecumenical Walk at 11am
Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm
Passion reading, cross veneration and
Holy Communion at 3pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Morning prayer at 8am
Food blessing at Noon
Easter Vigil begins at 8pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection, April 5

Masses at 7, 8:45, 10:30, Noon
and 2:00pm in Spanish
Bishop Serratelli will be with us for 10:30am Mass

Community Info –

The Stanhope Home and School Association is holding a **Bingo Tricky Tray** on April 11, 2015 at the St. Jude Parish in Hopatcong. Presale is going on now. Presale is \$30 and includes bingo boards, 1 door prize ticket, and 1 sheet of tricky tray tickets. at the door price is \$35 and includes bingo boards and door prize ticket. If you would like presale you can e-mail hsa@stanhopeschools.org or call 973-440-7345 with your interest. More information can be found at www.stanhopeschools.org/hsa

Elderly woman parishioner needs care/help at home

(Stanhope) in evenings. Paid position. Please call Andrea 973-948-0285.

Certified Nursing Assistant looking for P/T work. Please call Mary 973-981-0395.