

## The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter



### Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Nancy Stark

### Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:

Fanny Monsalve, Joan Hall, Pat Leone, Phil Grella,  
James Taormino, 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, Callan Schaffer, Matthew Schaffer,  
Patty Casey and Christine Bagniewski, Martha Mendoza,  
Wendy Ennis, Simon Harvey, Rob Newton

### Weekly Memorial

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Weaver

### 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

Friday:..... Under Mary's Mantle 7:30 pm

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

### Readings for the week

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

##### Sunday

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

##### Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

##### Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

##### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

##### Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

##### Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

##### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 2, 2015

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Josephine & Emilio Rea

7:00 p.m. Jorge Rojas Special Intention

### Sunday, May 3, 2015

7:00 a.m. Nancy Rosa

8:45 a.m. John W. Moser, Frank Fenimore

10:30 a.m. Nicholas Arbolino, Kimberly DeRocco

12:00 p.m. Carmella Marana

### Monday, May 4, 2015

7:00 a.m. Mary & Bill Ruf

### Tuesday, May 5, 2015

8:00 a.m. Baby Sam Rizzo

### Wednesday, May 6, 2015

7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners at St. Michael's

### Thursday, May 7, 2015

8:00 a.m. Rita Phillips

### Friday, May 8, 2015

7:00 a.m. For World Peace

### Saturday, May 9, 2015

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,  
Robert Colabello & Catherine Smith

7:00 p.m. Theresa Ramirez

### Sunday, May 10, 2015 Mother's Day

7:00 a.m. Necelia Polianchik

8:45 a.m. AnnMarie Konyak, Matthew &  
Frances Soccio, Baby Sam Rizzo

10:30 a.m. Janet Esposito, Josephine Fried,  
Anne T. Keenan

12:00 p.m. Aniello, Laura, Robert & Geri Brodo,  
Carmella Marana

### TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 4/26/15 \$7,830.00

## From the Pastor's Desk

The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Last year, I wrote about the customs in Poland during the month of May. I said that devoted Catholics gather together every day during the month of May and pray the rosary, litany of Loreto and sing Marian songs. In the cities, they have Mary's devotions in the Church but in the villages they gather around the statues of Mary. Every village in Poland has a few little shrines devoted to Mary. (Similar to what we have by our gym and convent). These shrines are always decorated with flowers and some colorful ribbons, especially during the month of May. For every Catholic in my country, Mary is very special.

Mary loves us so much. She is appearing all the time somewhere in the world and she reminds us that we should turn our hearts to Her Son, Jesus. She is Our Mother and she wants us to have good happy lives, but most importantly she wants us to be saved and to live eternally in heaven.

During her apparitions, one important thing that Mary asks us to do is to pray the rosary daily for the peace of the world and for the salvation of souls.

During this beautiful month of May, I encourage you to pray more to Mary: pray the Rosary every day, join our Rosary Society every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, Charismatic Renewal on Friday at 7:00 pm to pray the Holy Rosary and other prayers to Mary. Renew your consecration to Mary or ask us how you can do the self-retreat "33 Days to Morning Glory."

Saint John Paul II consecrated His life to Mary and she took care of him all his life. Let us say with Saint John Paul II, "Totus Tuus Mary", "We are your children, Mary". Let us give her our lives and, as a good Mother, she will take care of all our needs and will lead us to Her Beloved Son, Jesus.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

**Universal:** That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

**Evangelization:** That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

**Healing Mass** – Our next Healing Mass will be on **Tuesday, May 26, 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.

## **33 Day to Morning Glory Retreat**

Once again St. Michael Parish is offering the powerful "33 Days to Morning Glory" retreat. You are invited to join us each Friday at 7:30PM following the 7PM rosary which is being said for peace in the Mideast. We will meet in the rectory basement from May 1st to May 29th.

This retreat has been designed for busy men and women. So, if you have ever thought about consecrating yourself to Mary or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, "33 Days to Morning Glory" is the right book to read and the perfect retreat to make.

There will be brief daily readings from the book and weekly DVD teachings, presented by Fr. Michael Gaitley and group discussion. By reading Fr. Gaitley's book, you will learn about the Marian theology of four spiritual giants: St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Louis de Montfort, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope St. John Paul II.

We will consecrate ourselves to Mary on Sunday, May 31st on The Feast of the Visitation at the 10:30AM Mass. Come join us and invite your friends.

For information call Betty Pinsonault @ [973-448-8847](tel:973-448-8847)


## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEWS

#### Calendar Reminders-

- Remaining Gr. 8 sessions: 5/4 (review), 5/11 (test)
- Remaining Gr. 1-6 sessions: week of 5/3

#### Registration Information for 2015-16

-  Forms have been mailed for all children currently in gr. K-7 (if tuition account is current). Children in **YOUR** family who will be **NEW** to the program must be registered on a separate form which is available in the church vestibule or Religious Ed office.
- Registration will be opened to all families (**current and new**) through May 5. Forms must be received or postmarked by 5 PM

**Registration for Confirmation for next year (next year's ninth graders):** Current grade 8 teens will be registered for Confirmation Preparation at May 11 parent meeting, 7:30 pm, church. *Parent attendance is necessary to register.* We will explain the Confirmation Program, take registration information and give you an opportunity to make a Confirmation interview appointment.  
Special note for Parish families with an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at a Catholic school: Please contact the Rel. Ed. office if your teen will be participating in the St. Michael Confirmation program. We have important information to share with you before the parent session in May. 973-347-1465. *All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are required to take the doctrine test before registration.*



### **First Communion:**

**Rehearsals** (6:45 pm, sharp in church; arrive 10 min. early)

**The class of** Ms. Hric and Mrs. Seredvick

(First Communion 5/9, 9:30)---Tues. May 5

### **Usher Recruitment and**

### **Refresher Meeting**

### **This weekend after all Masses**

St. Michael is looking for additional parishioners to participate in the ministry of Usher. We have a great team of committed ushers in place but would like to add some additional ones to ensure we have four regular ushers assigned to each Mass. We are planning a brief in-service refresher training for our current ushers and would like to include new usher volunteers as well. This will be held in the church basement after each Mass this weekend, **May 2 & 3**. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please feel free to bring your spouses as well. Interested parishioners should contact Deacon Stu. His number is listed on the cover of the bulletin.

### **St. Michael Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars for Aug. 3rd-7th  
Registration forms available in the vestibule of the church, Religious Ed office, at Religious Ed class times and on the church website -



<http://www.stmichaelnetcong.org/vacation-bible-school-vbs>.

Call 973-347-1465 or Karen Cubberly at 973-670-3245 for more information.

### **Youth Ministry News**

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

### **Hold the hand**

Little girl and her father were crossing a bridge. The father was kind of scared so he asked his little daughter, Sweetheart, please hold my hand so that you don't fall into the river. The little girl said, 'No, Dad. You hold my hand. 'What's the difference?' Asked the puzzled father. There's a big difference, replied the little girl. If I hold your hand and something happens to me, chances are that I may let your hand go. But if you hold my hand, I know for sure that no matter what happens, you will never let my hand go. In any relationship, the essence of trust is not in its bind, but in its bond. So hold the hand of the person who loves you rather than expecting them to hold yours.

*Author Unknown*

**Mothers's day Breakfast** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am til noon to benefit Youth Ministry.

**Please pick up your flowers** on Friday, May 8th or Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Show Mom you're thinking of her.

**Adam's Restaurant** We invite you to go to Adams restaurant; they will give us a percentage of your bill. The only thing that you need to say is "I am from Saint Michael's ." It's a good way to help young kids who want to serve the poor and less fortunate.

**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!

### **ORANGE**

New color of martyrdom!  
Support Persecuted Christians  
Wear **ORANGE**

READ - Mass movement -  
US Christians don orange to  
honor ISIS victims  
by Steve Dorsey - 4/19/15  
FoxNews.com



### **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)

### **Spiritual Adoption**

Please spiritually adopt, name and pray for an unborn child somewhere at the risk of being aborted. You can sign the book by the statue of the Blessed Mother and take a prayer or use your own prayer for the next nine month.

## Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Breakfast

Treat Mom on her special day. Make plans now for the Knight's annual Mothers Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 10 from 7:30 to Noon at the K of C Hall. The cost is \$7 for adults and features a full breakfast menu, cooked to order. Proceeds will benefit the teens traveling to rural Virginia on the Mission Trip and other Youth Ministry programs.

## Diaper Drop Program - A Beautiful Way to Show Support for the Sanctity of Life

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners to show support for the sanctity of life by providing much needed newborn and infant supplies. We are holding a "Diaper Drop" at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Donations of diapers, infant wipes and baby formula are welcome. Please bring your offering to Mass and place it beneath the statue of St. Anthony. The Knights will collect and deliver your donations to local pro-life shelters. This is a wonderful way you can help remove this obstacle to the choice for life by providing much needed economic assistance in the form of newborn and infant supplies. Thank you for your generosity.

### ***CD's available in church***

*Please check out the CD rack in the back of the church for some new and interesting releases.  
Cost just \$3.00 each.*

## **HEAVEN'S MERCY**

As we approach the throne of the Lord of Hosts  
We are filled with the power of the Holy Ghost.  
We embrace His Presence and accept His grace  
To go forward with strength for the road we face.

Be not afraid of giving your time.  
The gift of a love that feels so divine.  
He is the Son of God who waits for you.  
Heaven's mercy makes all things new.

### **OPEN HOURS**

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

If you have any questions or wish to sign up for an hour, please call Chris Warner at 973-527-3839. Thank you and God bless you.

## **Friday Rosary for the Middle East, Africa and the Ukraine**

**Beginning May 1st, at 7pm Friday evening** we will begin saying the Rosary at St. Michael, in the Church, in intercession for peace in the Middle East, Africa, and the Ukraine. Pope Francis has asked "Jesus, as Victor over death, to lighten the sufferings of our many brothers and sisters who are persecuted for his name, and of all those who suffer injustice as a result of ongoing conflicts and violence."

Let us, as Pope Francis reminds us to "live in service to one another" so come join us as we ask Our Mother Mary in this month of May to intercede with us to Our Lord for peace and freedom and for end to this violence and ongoing persecutions.

## **DONATION INFORMATION**

***FOR NEPAL*** (we will be taking a collection next weekend at each Mass)

***Donate Online:*** [donate.crs.org/Nepal](http://donate.crs.org/Nepal)

***For Universities:***

*Go to this link (<http://university.crs.org/blog/crs-responds-nepal-earthquake>) and find your individual school's donation page.*

***Donate by Mail:***

*Mail checks to*

*P.O. Box 17090*

*Baltimore, MD 21297-0303*

*Please write "Nepal Earthquake" on the memo line*

***Donate by Phone:***

*Call 877-HelpCRS to make a credit card donation to CRS over the phone.*

## **Frank Pavone**

One of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world  
National Director for Priests for Life  
President on the National Pro Life Religious Council  
National Pastoral Director of Rachel's Vineyard  
Sussex County Community College  
Performing Arts Center  
May 14, 8pm  
Admission is donation

## **Trip to Italy with Bishop Serratelli**

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to the *Lake Region of Italy*. The trip, "The Natural Beauty of Italy's Lake Region and its Religious and Cultural Heritage" will be from July 20 to 28. It will also include visits to Lugano, Switzerland, Genoa, Portofino and Milan in Italy. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at [201-825-3725](tel:201-825-3725) or email them at [greatexinc@verizon.net](mailto:greatexinc@verizon.net).