

## The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Pentecost Sunday

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

Elizabeth Norris, William Norgard

### 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, Andy Baranik,  
Gloria Bauer

### Weekly Memorial

#### Sanctuary Lamp:

David Weaver

#### Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine:

Melina Nocera & James Nocera

### 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

#### Pentecost Sunday

##### Sunday

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;

Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14;

Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

##### Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

##### Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

##### Wednesday

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

##### Thursday

Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

##### Friday

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

##### Saturday

Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 23, 2015

8:00 a.m. For All Souls In Purgatory

5:00 p.m. Robert Colabella & Catherine Smith,  
Alfred Perrone

7:00 p.m. Jorge Medranda

### Sunday, May 24, 2015 Pentecost

7:00 a.m. Irene Baulier

8:45 a.m. Connie Malagon, Baby B

10:30 a.m. Frank Fenimore, Jean Marconi

12:00 p.m. Carmella Marana, Baby Sam Rizzo

### Monday, May 25, 2015 Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. Aniello, Laura, Robert & Geri Brodo

### Tuesday, May 26, 2015

8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Parish

7:00 p.m. Mary Alice & William Keenan

### Wednesday, May 27, 2015

7:00 a.m. Carmine E. Demuccio, David Weaver

### Thursday, May 28, 2015

8:00 a.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Thomas Chromey

### Friday, May 29, 2015

7:00 a.m. For World Peace

### Saturday, May 30, 2015

8:00 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m. Josephine & Emilio Rea

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

### Sunday, May 31, 2015

7:00 a.m. Frank Fenimore

8:45 a.m. Baby Sam Rizzo & prayers for his family

10:30 a.m. Nancy Stark

12:00 p.m. Carmella Marana

### TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 5/17/15	\$7,431.00
Ascension	\$887.00
Peter's Pence	\$840.00

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Pentecost Sunday

Happy Birthday Church!

"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind. . .it filled the whole house. . .And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2

Today is the birthday of the Church, the Offertory readings for today recall how on Pentecost, God bestowed the Holy Spirit on those He made His adopted children and united them to Jesus. This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith.

How did the first followers of Christ prepare? Our Lord told them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father..before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:4-5

The apostles with Mary gathered together and prayed under the leadership of Peter. The book of Acts tells us what happened on the day of Pentecost, they hear and feel the strong wind and the flames of fire rest upon their heads; they are all filled to overflowing with the love of God. They begin to speak in different tongues. People hearing them are amazed, astounded. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit changes their lives forever. Their fear is gone, replaced with courage, they continue the work of Jesus, people are healed, they preach with power, people are converted, baptized.

Today the Holy Spirit is working in people like you and me. We can be empowered as the early Christians were. The gifts are ours. We have received the gifts already. God is waiting for us to use those gifts. These gifts are for all times-not just the Apostles "in those days." THESE days God is waiting for US to use the PROMISED gift of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 16:7, "Jesus promises to send the Advocate for if he does not go the Advocate will not come. But if I go I will send him to you." God is not dead, he is alive. We, in our ordinary lives, can be alive IN HIM through the Holy Spirit. We can be his hands, his feet, his voice. Ask the Holy Spirit today, to stir those gifts (like sugar in tea) invite him to come into your life and to renew you. Ask for all the gifts.

God is a God of surprises, allow Him to surprise you and let Him work in your life. Our Father has promised through the prophets of old - , " I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit with you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees (Ezekiel 36:26)

*Come Holy Spirit! Set our hearts on fire for love of you, with a burning desire and power to spread the Good News!*

### 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 with Fr. Nick Bozza 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). No Prayer Group on Memorial Day.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEWS

#### Registration Information for 2015-16

- Registration is closed at this time.
- Late registration will be accepted June 15-22. Please call the Religious Education office for details.
- **Registration for Confirmation for next year (next year's ninth graders): Current grade 8.** Any parent who missed the meeting is asked to call the Religious Education office for details. Registration and interviews must be completed by the beginning of June 973-347-1465.

**Confirmation retreat meeting for PARENTS of current Con. I candidates who will be sophomores next year:** a letter was sent home asking you attend the meeting on June 3, 7pm, church basement. ONE parent of each teen must attend; retreat details and forms will be discussed/distributed.

**REGISTRATION** for Con. II will be taken at this meeting. All teens must be REGISTERED before we can accept retreat permission form. *Please keep in mind that all outstanding balances for 2015-16 must be satisfied before new registrations are accepted.* Please call the Religious Ed office if you have any questions.

#### Catechist meetings:

- End of the Year Gathering: Monday, June 15, 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Bring a dessert to share for refreshments (we will supply tea and coffee) Current and 'retiring' catechists and aides and ***anyone interested in possibly becoming a catechist are all welcome to attend.*** We will have a guest speaker---Deacon Stu!



**Need for Catechists:**

If you want a really rewarding way of helping Jesus to build the Kingdom of God..... we are in need of catechists and aides for our Religious Ed. program next year. If you are a little hesitant to make this commitment, please read Matt28:20—Jesus is speaking to all of us and assures us of his help. Please call Debbie Rogalo in the Religious Ed office (973-347-1465) if you would like to hear more information.

**Our Current needs are**

**Sunday:** Grades 3, 5 and 6, aides gr. 1,3

**Monday:** Grades 4; aides gr. 1

**Confirmation:** gr. 9 this is a big need this year as a number of our catechists are moving on to other ministries. Please consider this ministry—it is a great opportunity to share the Word of God with our awesome parish teens!



**St. Michael Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars for Aug. 3rd-7th

Registration forms available in the vestibule of the church, Religious Ed office and at Religious Ed class times.

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

**Giving Mountain is HERE!**

Please take one of the tags from our Giving Mountain, purchase the item and return it to the church with the tag by Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We truly appreciate any donations you can give!

**CREW AND STATION LEADERS**

Music and dancing review will take place on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Gym. Any questions contact Karen Cubberly!

**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.

**Youth Ministry News**

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

***Falling a apart***

*Thomas Edison tried two thousand different materials in search of a filament for the light bulb. When none worked satisfactorily, his assistant complained, “All our work is in vain. We have learned nothing.” Edison replied very confidently, “Oh, we have come a long way and we have learned a lot. We know that there are two thousand elements which we cannot use to make a good light bulb.” No one in the world gets succeed in the first attempt. Those who learn things from mistakes can only lead to success.*

**Adam’s Restaurant.** We invite you to go to Adams restaurant; they will give us some 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!

**Corpus Christi Diocesan Food Drive for the Poor**

Bishop Serratelli has authorized a diocesan-wide food collection to help the poor in our Diocesan counties of Morris, Passaic and Sussex. The collection will be taken here in our Parish on the weekends of **May 30-31 and June 6-7, 2015** for the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our parish has been asked to collect **Instant Oatmeal, Farina and Toilet Paper.** Please place you donations in the bin outside near the garage doors. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus 3665**

**2015 Monthly Blood Drive**

Tuesday, May 26th

3pm – 9pm

140 Ledgewood Avenue, Netcong

No Appointments necessary

Walk-ins welcome

## Fraternal Night

### **All parishioners are invited!!!**

The St. Michael's Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a seminar on important financial matters that all Catholic families face. The seminar is designed to discuss the issues we all face as families and how to be sure our wishes and dignity are preserved.

Please plan on attending. Whether you're newly entering the workforce, retired or soon to retire, raising a family or single this seminar will be very helpful.

Married and engaged couples are encouraged to attend together as financial planning is often best addressed by the couple.

A light meal and refreshments will be served.

The seminar will be Tuesday evening, June 2 starting at 7pm at the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus hall on Route 46, Netcong.

For more information contact Deacon Stu.

## PRAYER FOR MORE COMMITTED ADORERS

Jesus, it was you, Lord, who willed Your presence in this Chapel. In Your tender heart, You desire to be among us to bless us, to listen and console us, to heal and strengthen us and to bring us Your love and peace. And here you wait for all to come to You. We pray now, dear Jesus, that all who you wait and long for will be drawn by Your holy presence to come and adore You and receive your gifts. Let Your Holy Spirit prompt them to come, so that this Chapel will be a place where, with all the angels and saints, there is constant rejoicing, thanksgiving and adoration, as we receive and return Your love. Amen

Please consider signing up for an hour of your choice and helping us reach our goal of at least two adorers for every hour. Hourly coordinators and substitutes are also needed. The following are open hours:

Sunday	1:00 pm
Monday	2:00 am
Monday	5:00 am
Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	11:00 pm
Tuesday	12:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	2:00 pm
Wednesday	4:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	3:00 pm

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

*Mass is at 9am on Memorial Day  
and the Rectory Office is closed.*



## 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 months.



## **ST MICHAEL SCHOOL ITALIAN FESTIVAL**

**THURS MAY 28 – SUN MAY 31**

*WATERLOO CONCERT FIELD, STANHOPE, NJ*

*FIREWORKS SAT NIGHT 9pm*

*RIDES, GAMES, LIVE MUSIC*

*FREE ADMISSION, PARKING FEE*

*ADVANCE RIDE TICKETS AVAILABLE 973-347-0039*

*[www.smsitalianfest.com](http://www.smsitalianfest.com)*

## **St. Michael School SUPER 50/50 Raffle Tickets On Sale NOW!**

St. Michael School's 2nd annual Italian Festival is in 2 weeks! SUPER 50/50 raffle ticket sales have already begun. The drawing will be May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7:30pm. Winner need not be present. About \$3,500 went to the winner last year. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a book of 5. If you would like to purchase ticket(s), please contact St. Michael School office at 973-347-0039 x10. We will make arrangements for you to receive them. As always, thank you for your support.

### **Free - Oak Table**

6 feet x 3 feet

Top needs refinishing.

Call Maureen [973-347-1826](tel:973-347-1826).

### **For Rent in Netcong**

1 bedroom house

Please call 973-347-1710