

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, August 2, 2015

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

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, Simon Harvey, Rob Newton, Special Intention, Jeanne Rattner, Nancy Richio, Rose DeSantis, Edmond DeSantis Jr., Emma Jane Fenimore, Rosemarie DiRupo, David Pope

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

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Sunday

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Monday

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

First Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 1, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mario Francomacaro, Fred Grogan

5:00 p.m. Rocco & Concetta Madonna, Margaret Flynn

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, August 2, 2015

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:45 a.m. Theresa Tardive, Zara Tighe, Fred Grogan

10:30 a.m. Janet, Jenny, Joseph Esposito,
Rosemarie Woolston

12:00 p.m. Robert Nitti Sr., Lawrence Bondanti

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, August 3, 2015

7:00 a.m. Eileen Young

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

8:00 a.m. MaryAnn Weldon, Margaret Flynn

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

7:00 a.m. Anne T. Keenan, Barbara Bias

Thursday, August 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. Jean Rogalo

Friday, August 7, 2015

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

Saturday, August 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mario & Joseph Francomarcaro

5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi, MaryAnn Weldon

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, August 9, 2015

7:00 a.m. Fritz Grogan

8:45 a.m. Frances & Matthew Soccio, Theresa Tardive

10:30 a.m. Rosemarie Woolston, Andrew Baranik

12:00 p.m. To End Abortion

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 7/27/15 \$8,380.00

Amount Needed Weekly \$9,651.00

During summer months our collections are low. Last week we collected \$8,380.00. To run our parish properly we need \$9,651. Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From The Pastor's Desk

Pray for Persecuted Christians

For the month of August, the Pope is asking all Catholics around the world to pray for those Christians being persecuted all over the world. Pope Francis has remarked that there are more Christians being persecuted today than in the first centuries. This is so sad and horrifying.

We need to take time each day to pray for these people who are being beheaded, killed and crucified each day for their Christian beliefs and values. They are taking a stand for their faith and we can pray for them and their families. The worldwide epidemic of persecuting those individuals or groups for their religious beliefs has begun and we need to pray for an end to this tragedy.

From Bishop Serratelli: "The Pope has urged us to pray for an increased awareness of the "drama of persecuted Christians in our day," for religious freedom as an "inalienable human right" and for the "end to this unacceptable crime." In response to our Holy Father's urgent request and united with him in concern for all those suffering religious persecution, **I am designating this August as a diocesan-wide Month of Prayer for Those Suffering Religious Persecution.**"

I'd like to thank Maureen Pajaro for all her work to end the persecution of Christians around the world – preparing posters, putting signs on the doors and for the easel with the Pope and his message about persecuted Christians.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for August

Universal: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

Healing Mass – Our Healing Mass will be August 25 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).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Registration Information for 2015-16

- Registrations are being accepted in the office UNTIL Aug. 15. No registrations will be accepted after 8/15 until after classes begin in Sept!
- NOTE: WE CANNOT ACCEPT NEW registrations without a baptismal certificate (or accurate date if child baptized at St. Michael) unless child has never been baptized.
- Please remember that catechists and aides receive significant tuition discounts!

Call the Religious Education office if you have questions (973-347-1465).

Confirmation II

Due dates for registration/retreat:

Con II registrations are due now. If we do not receive the form you will not be on our mailing list and we cannot accept retreat forms from non-registered teens. (payment is not necessary at this time)

July 20 Retreat permission form due/ **Payment 1**

Aug. 20 Payment 2 due (\$40)

Need for Catechists:

Please remember, without volunteer catechists, we cannot teach our youngest parishioners about the love of God and his Church! Every baptized person is called to evangelize and many are called to catechize. Please consider if the Holy Spirit is calling *you* to share some of the blessings you have received through your relationship with the Lord!

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

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!

We need a catechist to help some young children prepare for Baptism. Please call Debbie if you are interested. This is a different type of ministry that is not locked into the Religious Education session schedule. Please call for more information.

Summer service opportunities

Any teen who needs service work over the summer is asked to contact Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Ed office. We have some work that needs to be done over the summer.

VBS this week at St. Michael—



Please keep in your prayers all of the teens and adults who are running our VBS this week, teaching our youngest parishioners how to **Conquer Challenges with God's Mighty Power!**

Youth Ministry News

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

Mission Trip



From First Time Mission Trip Participants

This year's mission trip was my first, but certainly not my last. This time last month, however, I was on the fence about going in the first place. The idea of working and being forced to converse with strangers was honestly not my cup of tea. The first day was rough, getting situated and not really knowing too many people is a hard thing to get through, but by the end of the trip I was eager to meet new people and went around loosely introducing myself to people whom I would usually disregard. I felt the change and I wish that life outside the mission trip was as easy.

Opening up is the hardest part of the mission trip. People seem scary and you may think that they will try to "mess with you" but from my experience, everyone I met was incredibly nice and good-hearted. Maybe it was just my luck, but since I'm only one of many returning for next year's trip, I think it says something about how incredibly moving and impact-full just one week can be.

Willie Bias

The mission trip was one of the best experiences I've ever had! It was so much fun getting to meet new people and they were all there for the same reason – to help others in Jesus' name. It was a little nerve-racking at first just getting to meet new people and have to work them for a week. But I have to say it was so much fun getting to meet your crew. People from all across the country – Ohio, Minnesota, Massachusetts, North Carolina and New Jersey. Overall, it was just a great experience. I've gone to a lot of camps before and they were fun but going on this mission trip was one of the best things I've ever done. If I had the choice to go on a mission trip or summer camp, I would go on the mission trip - no question. I can honestly say that's the best camp I've ever been to and I am looking forward to going back next year.

Amanda Cubberly

Young Adult Book Study

The last date will be Thursday, August 6th at 7pm for the young adults in the parish to join our Seminarian Luke Agnew in a book study covering Saint Jose Maria Escriva's compilation of homilies contained in his book *Christ is Passing By*. Saint Jose Maria Escriva the founder of Opus Dei, which literally means God's Work, sought to help men and women sanctify their work in the world and inspire within them a commitment to holiness!



WEBSITE HAS ABILITY TO SEND PRAYER REQUESTS

If you, a family member or friends have any prayer requests please note that you can fill out a form on the website under the heading, COMMUNICATION. The St. Michael Charismatic Prayer Group will pray for your intentions. You may also submit your prayer request as a "special intention."

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.

St. Michael Knights of Columbus Event Golf Outing

Save the date. We have scheduled Knights of Columbus Council 3665 Annual Golf Outing at Crystal Springs Golf Club on August 31, 2015.

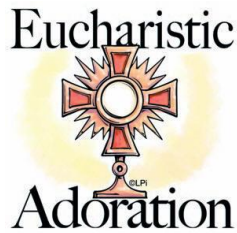
St. Michael Outreach Pantry

We are in need of soup and canned or boxed potatoes. Thanks so much for your generosity.

CROSSROADS PROLIFE

Coming to St. Michael's this weekend

Crossroads was founded in 1995 by Steve Sanborn, a student at Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio) as a response to John Paul II's call to the youth of the world to take an active role in the pro-life movement in order to establish a Culture of Life. An integral part of Crossroads is our yearly pro-life pilgrimages across the United States. Each summer, young adults walk on four simultaneous pro-life walks across America from Seattle, San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.. Walking over 12,000 miles and through 40 states, these young people hope to convert the hearts and minds of others – at the grass-roots level – by witnessing to the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“So immense are its spiritual benefits that Pope St. Pius X hailed perpetual adoration as the devotion which surpasses all others. And Paul VI had it mainly in mind when he echoed the hope generated by Vatican II that a new era of Eucharistic piety would pervade the whole Church.

“As we would expect, an outstanding spiritual growth and impetus tend to spring from perpetual adoration. It brings heaven’s choice blessings in the first place on those generous souls that keep their hour-long tryst with the Lord. But, being such a powerhouse of grace, the devotion extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond.” (Fr. Richard Foley, S.J.)

OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY	1 PM
MONDAY	12 AM
MONDAY	1 AM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	5 AM
MONDAY	2 PM
TUESDAY	11 AM
TUESDAY	1 PM
WEDNESDAY	4 PM
WEDNESDAY	4 PM

To sign up for an hour or for more information, please call Chris Warner at 973-527-3839. Thank you and God bless you.

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that **AI**, the Lord, am your God. @ God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God=s image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.

For Rent – Netcong

1 bedroom apartment, 2nd fl.
Call 973-347-1710

Parishioner looking for any baby/pet-sitting job or housework help. Available until August 10th. Please contact Ashley. Cell: 862-258-0794 tel: 862-258-0794 HernandezAN1@gcc.edu

Elderly Man needs overnight care in nursing home. Compensation negotiable. Please call 908-498-0185.

