

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Twenty-first 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, 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, Simon Harvey, Rob Newton, Special Intention, Jeanne Rattner, Nancy Richio, Rose DeSantis, Edmond DeSantis Jr., Emma Jane Fenimore, Rosemarie DiRupo, David Pope, Tracy Burghardt, Jennie Sommer

Weekly Memorial

Sanctuary Lamp: David 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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 22, 2015

8:00 a.m. Respect For Life

5:00 p.m. Cynthia Preziosi & Charles Susco Jr.
Alex & Mae Smircich

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, August 23, 2015

7:00 a.m. Nancy Rosa

8:45 a.m. Fritz Grogan, Gerald Cetrulo

10:30 a.m. Pat Buckley, Antoinette Emmons

12:00 p.m. Anthony Vassallo, Michael & Regina Parasolle

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, August 24, 2015

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mary Ruf

7:00 p.m. Healing Mass

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

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

Thursday, August 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. George O'Brien, Geri Brodo, Richard Fogarty

Friday, August 28, 2015

7:00 a.m. Paul D'Olivo

Saturday, August 29, 2015

8:00 a.m. For World Peace

5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Augusta & James T. Burns

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, August 30, 2015

7:00 a.m. Respect For Life

8:45 a.m. Joseph Demarco, James Taormina

10:30 a.m. Fritz Grogan

12:00 p.m. Ann Sarao

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 8/16/15 \$7,554.00

Assumption \$2,209.00

Amount Needed Weekly \$9,651.00

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

From The Pastor's Desk

St. Augustine and Confession

St. Augustine was born in Africa and is the son of St. Monica. For many years, even though he was brought up Christian, he had strayed from religious practice and his lifestyle was less than exemplary. But through the intercession of his mother, St. Monica and the preaching of St. Ambrose, he eventually converted to Catholicism. He then was baptized, became a priest, Bishop, a Catholic writer and canonized by popular acclaim in 1298 and later was recognized as a Doctor of the Church. His feast day is August 28.

In his famous autobiography, *Confessions*, Augustine recounts his life and how he had been so moved by his mother's constant prayers and teachings of St. Ambrose that he decided to change his ways. He also reflects on how he tried to live such a holy life after his conversion to make up for his earlier sinful ways. Speaking of sinful ways, St. Augustine's example is one for us to use in our lives. No matter what we've done, we are always able to go to confession and ask for His forgiveness for our sins.

Confession is a great way to bring peace into your life and bring you into God's grace again. Do not be afraid to go and receive this wonderful sacrament of healing. It is truly a gift from God and the church requires it to be received at least once a year but advises that it should be received once a month. Even if it has been quite a long time since you last went, go. Tell the priest it has been a while and he will walk you through the process. Do not let the fact that you've been away from it, keep you from receiving all the graces you can receive from the sacrament.

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

- Registration is now **closed** so that we can get ready for the new year. If you still need to register, there will be a late registration date in September. Please keep checking the bulletin and website for information or call the Religious Ed office at 973-347-1465.

Confirmation II

Due dates for registration/retreat:

Con II registrations and retreat permission slip and payment were due Aug. 20. Payment and forms must be returned this week in order for a teen to attend the retreat.

Need for Catechists:

Thank you to the generous men and women who have stepped forward to share the Good News of God's love with our youngest parishioners!

HOWEVER---the parish still needs to provide 2 catechists for the young people who would like to be confirmed. If we don't have catechists, we can't have a Confirmation program and the young people won't be able to complete their initiation into the Church.

Every baptized adult has a responsibility to evangelize, and God gifts many of us with the ability to share faith with others (including young people)---even if we don't know it yet!

Please search your heart and pray that God will tell you if He wants you to take on this role. St. Paul says, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it..." (Phil 1:6) God will give you all you need to complete this 'good work' – Even if you are starting with even mustard seed-sized faith in this promise, please know that fellow catechists and the staff will guide you as well! For more info: 973-347-1465, Debbie

Catechist Meetings:

As per the letter sent via email/postal mail:

For catechists Grades K-6: Aug. 24, Mon. 6:45 pm, church basement (Aides are invited to attend as well!)

For catechists Grades 7-8 (Jr. High): Aug. 25, Tues., 6:45 pm, *rectory basement*

For Confirmation I and II Catechists: Aug. 26, Wed., 7 pm, *rectory basement*

Please call the office to RSVP!

Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide ...

We will be starting a new group in the fall. Please contact Debbie Rogalo (973-347-1465) or Deacon Rich (973-691-1321) for more information or to sign up. The video based discussion program is published by Ascension Press.

Youth Ministry News

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

Thank you

Dear, parishioners, I want to express my appreciation for your generosity in support of our Mission Trip. Your personal commitment was incredibly helpful and allowed us to reach our goal. Your assistance means so much to me but even more to our teens who are so grateful. You are making youth ministry affordable again! Thank you from all of us. Youth Ministry. THANK YOU!

Help – Thoughts and Ideas

Youth are the future of nation, culture, society, and religion. No society can live their lives without youth, without youth the Church can't be alive...we must hold up Jesus Christ as the model for young people, or they will fall into the traps of insidious temptations that will haunt them for the rest of their lives. Would you be willing to offer your time and talents to assist the Youth in our parish to grow in their faith? If you have any fun and religious ideas for events, please let me know.

Service Opportunities

Soup Kitchen: Second Friday of each month.

Insert bulletin: End of each month.

Come Dance with Jesus

Dance Party allows you to actually have fun.

So, next weekend, come to the *Knights of Columbus* for an amazing Dance Party, which will create rich opportunities to meet Jesus, and connect to others kids in your community. We will be cranking up the volume on the stereo, and watch the dance party begin!

For 7th Grade through High School Students
and bring your friends.

Sunday, August 23 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

140 Ledgewood Ave, Netcong, NJ 07857

Free drink (water and soda) free food - maybe empanadas
Please send a message to 973-224-6693 and let us know how many people will be coming with you.

CD's available in church

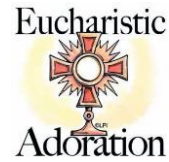
Please check out the CD rack in the back of the church for some new and interesting releases.

Cost just \$3.00 each.

St. Michael Outreach

Food Pantry is low.....

The Food Pantry is very low on food items at this time of year so we will be conducting a food drive on the weekend of August 29-30 to help us restock our shelves. We ask each family to bring 1 canned food item and leave it in the bin outside the rectory garage. The pantry is in need of all canned food items---soups, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, tuna, chilli, etc. All of your contributions are greatly appreciated and we thank you all in advance for your generosity.



"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the greatest gift of love---the tender love of our Father in Heaven. The fruit of our daily adoration (of the Blessed Sacrament) is that our love for Jesus is more intimate, our love for each other is more understanding, our love for the poor is more compassionate, and we have doubled the number of vocations. So let us be *all for Jesus through Mary.*"
(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY	1 PM
MONDAY	12 AM
MONDAY	1 AM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	5 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
MONDAY	2 PM
TUESDAY	11 AM
TUESDAY	1 PM
WEDNESDAY	4 PM
FRIDAY	4 PM

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

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.

LADIES - thinking about making a RETREAT?

October 2-4 - I will be attending "Women - Ignatian Prayer, led by Leo Mangalviti, S. J." at the Loyola Retreat Center in Morristown. In a sort of "workshop" for prayer, retreatants will experience a refresher in methods of prayer centered on the Spiritual Exercises, etc. - Email retreathouse@loyola.org for information, or call me [973-347-1826](tel:973-347-1826) Maureen Pajaro.

Knights of Columbus 3665 2015 Monthly Blood Drive

Monday, August 24th
3pm – 9pm

140 Ledgewood Avenue, Netcong
No Appointments necessary
Walk-ins welcome

Knights of Columbus Comedy Night with John Pizzi

Saturday, October 3, 2015
Doors open at 6:30pm
Opening Act at 7:30pm
Pre-sale \$25 per person
At door \$30 per person
Cash Bar

Price includes show, tap beer, wine & soda
Bring your own snacks
Must be 18 years old
Call Mike Rosa 201-841-3989
Miker5324@yahoo.com

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.

Bishop Serratelli will celebrate Mass to honor two Filipino Saints

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) is honoring two Filipino Saints - St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod, on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Our Lady of the Valley Church, 630 Valley Road, Wayne. This year's theme is: "Pamilyang Pilipino, Nagkakaisa Kay Kristo" (Filipino Family United in Christ).

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, will be the principal celebrant at the Holy Mass. Please come at 12:30 p.m. for the rosary and novena followed by Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Fellowship and a simple program will immediately follow at the Parish Hall.

Come and celebrate with us!

Community Info

Nurse position available at Saint Michael School.

Please contact Morris Educational Services Commission,
Una Cassidy [973 540 8844 X15](tel:973-540-8844)

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

