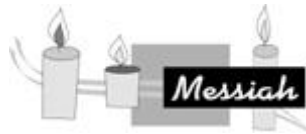


**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2015**  
 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died:**  
 June M. Idelberger

**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,  
 Joseph Keenan Sr., Larry Faschan, Luigi Catizone

**Weekly Memorial**

Altar Bread: For Persecuted Christians  
 Sacramental Wine: Mario Francomacaro  
 Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Francomacaro

**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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday**

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**Monday**

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday**

1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Wednesday**

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday**

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday**

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday**

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Respect Life  
 5:00 p.m. Marie & Joseph Vendola, Nancy Yonitch  
 7:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Nancy Rosa  
 8:45 a.m. Frances and Matthew Soccio  
 10:30 a.m. Pat Buckley, Jimmy LaBell  
 12:00 p.m. Antonia Ruocco  
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention Anniversary

**Monday, September 14, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Sam Rea

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

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

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

7:00 a.m. William Norgard

**Thursday, September 17, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Robert John Moore

**Friday, September 18, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Kathryn Gordon

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Alfred Ravo  
 5:00 p.m. Josephine & Emilio Rea  
 7:00 p.m. Teresa Ramirez

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Louis J. Esposito, Necelia Polianchik  
 8:45 a.m. Special Intention  
 10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr. &  
 Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga  
 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 9/6/15                      \$7,009.00**

**Renovation & Repairs        \$2,552.00**

*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

### The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

What is this feast and why do we celebrate it? The Holy Cross is the instrument by which Christ claimed our salvation. It went from a method of torture and execution for criminals to the symbol of freedom and everlasting life for us. But there is a tradition behind the date chosen to celebrate this beautiful sign of our redemption.

According to tradition, the Cross was hidden by Jewish authorities. Saint Helena through divine intervention decided to attempt to locate the True Cross. When they excavated the spot where the Cross lay, there were three crosses – one was the True Cross and the others belonged to those crucified alongside Jesus. But how to determine which was the True Cross, because the sign that had been hung on the Cross that read *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews)* was removed.

One story says that they took a woman who was sick and near death and had her touch each cross. When she touched the True Cross, she was healed. Still another story states that they brought a dead man and laid him on all three crosses and when he was laid on the True Cross, he was brought back to life. In celebration of the finding of the True Cross, Constantine ordered churches to be constructed at the sight of the Holy Sepulchre. The churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14 in the year 335, hence where the date for this feast comes from.

We see crosses everywhere – in church, in architecture, around people's necks, etc. The Cross is the reminder to all Christians of the sacrifice that Jesus made for our salvation. For in Luke 9:23, Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." When we take up our cross, we are not only uniting ourselves with Christ but also making sacrifices daily that enable us to be closer to Him. So, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross this Monday, September 14, let us remind ourselves of the great sacrifice that our Lord made for our salvation.

"Hail, O cross, consecrated by the body of Christ; his members have made your wood more noble than precious pearls. Through you the world has been saved by the blood of the Lord." Responsory, Liturgy of the Hours.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

**Universal:** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Evangelization:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

### Healing Masses

September 23 at 7pm with Fr. Bashobora  
and our regular Healing Mass with Fr. Francis  
Kelly on September 29 at 7pm, both with  
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

### St. Michael's Prayer Group

Beginning on Sept. 14th, St. Michael Prayer group has scheduled Monday evenings for Fr. Gaitley's "The One Thing is Three." retreat and will resume their regular prayer meetings on November 9th at 7PM.

### Exciting News - Coming Soon –

Beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup> St. Michael has scheduled "The One Thing is Three" Retreat on Monday evenings at 7PM - 8:30PM. The retreat will end with a half-day session on November 7<sup>th</sup> beginning with 8AM Mass and concluding with a luncheon celebration and handing out of certificates. At each session the retreatants will view a DVD teaching given by Fr. Gaitley and a time for discussion will be provided. Teresa Tomeo A Syndicated Catholic Talk Show Host and Bestselling Catholic Author, Motivational Speaker states that: "This is a beautiful book of Catholic teaching with personal stories and practical instruction that can easily be applied to everyday life." St. Michael will make "The One Thing is Three" book available for purchase. You may register by calling the rectory 973-347-0032 or Betty @ 973-448-8847.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEWS

### Registration Information for 2015-16

If you still need to register your child for Religious Education, please contact the office. Although registration is closed at this time so that we can prepare for the beginning of our sessions, we would be happy to help you with forms and late registration details. Please do not drop forms off without contacting us first. Thank you! Phone: 973-347-1465

### Religious Education Sessions begin:

*PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DATES AS LISTED!*

- † Grade 7: Monday 9/14, 7-9 pm, church
- † Grades K-6: Sunday 9/20, 10-11:15 am and Monday 9/21, 4-5:15 pm, school
- † Grade 8: Monday 9/21, 7-9 pm, church
- † Confirmation I (freshmen): Sunday 9/20, 1- 3 pm church basement. Parent meeting 2:30 pm in the church



## **Need for Catechists:**

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. 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 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

## **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**

### ***Youth and the world***

*There is many a battle that's yet to be won.  
There is many a glorious deed to be done.  
The world is still young! For the youth at its door.  
There are tasks some shall do never dreamed of before,  
It is not an old world, worn and wrinkled and grey,  
It's a world that is being reborn everyday.  
What's not possible now shall be possible when  
Some young heart and brave shows the way to all men,  
Youth shall remake the world, what is best of to-day.  
Shall to-morrow to something that's better give way.  
So, come you young fellows to life, with a will.  
While you work and you dream the world cannot stand still.  
Edgar A Guest*

**Mission Trip 2016 meeting** – For all those interested in going on the 2016 Mission Trip, there will be a meeting on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the church basement. Please bring \$100 check for a deposit to hold your spot. All information (dates, place and materials) will all be given out at that meeting.

**Youth Ministry is having a Self Defense/Karate Class** on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The class is at the Isshinryu Traditional Karate Do dojo at 106 Route 183 in Stanhope. If interested in attending, please let Father Leonardo know so we know who will be attending. Please wear comfortable clothing.

**Come sing with Father Leonardo!** Youth Ministry will be having a Karaoke night on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Start thinking about what song you want to sing. There could be some guest appearances! More details to follow.

## **New 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 School News**

Welcome back to a new school year! Saint Michael School would like to welcome several new faculty members to our school community. The new teachers and their assignments are:

**Mrs. Donna Fett** Middle School Science and Science Enrichment 1-4

**Mrs. Alexandra Decker** Spanish

**Ms. Mavia Hankala** Art

**Mrs. Noreen McGearry** School Nurse

We would like to wish a warm SMS welcome to all!

Saint Michael School will continue to collect Box Tops 4 Education this year and we need your help. Please clip them and turn them into the school. Each one is worth 10 cents and those dimes add up! Last year we raised nearly \$1,000.

## **Men's Discussion Group**

You are invited to attend the Men's Discussion Group on **Saturday 19 September**, after the 8 AM Mass and Rosary, in the church basement. Our topic will be Mary, Mother of Sorrows. **R & R [Religion and Refreshments]** will continue as in the past. All are welcome. Please contact John Matits at [973] 248 - 5265 or jmj99@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless you.

## **Men's Retreat**

Loyola Retreat House

Morristown, NJ

October 16, 17, 18, 2015

Contact John Reinbott 973-347-9274

## **Please help clean God's House**

God's Housekeepers need one or two volunteers to vacuum or sweep the church floor the first weekend of each month. The commitment would be about 2 hours of work once a month. If you can help, please call Margo at 973-770-0355.

## 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.

*Please join us at Planned Parenthood in Newton for one hour of prayer – First Saturday of each month at 10am. All are welcome. We need to end these atrocities against life.*

*Join us for the 40 Days of Life Prayer Vigil near Planned Parenthood on Speedwell Ave. in Morristown beginning on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

## Knights of Columbus Events and News

### Country Breakfast Returns

The Knights will be having their monthly Country Breakfast Sunday, Sept 20 from 7:30am – noon.

For more information please call the Knights at (973)347-9706 or email [kofc3665@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3665@gmail.com)

### 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 during September. 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.

### 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](mailto:Miker5324@yahoo.com)

## Eucharistic



## Adoration

### **ARE YOU AFRAID?**

Are you concerned about all that is happening in our world today? Certainly if you listen to news reports you know that this is not the best of times, perhaps it is the worst of times. But I tell you, be not afraid! We find our hope in Romans 5:20: "Where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more." Our Lord knows your fears and your anxiety. Here at St. Michael's we have a place to go where we can shut out those fears and anxieties. We are blessed to have this place where we can pour out our hearts and feel peace and protection. Come and talk to Jesus. He is your peace and your protection. Give Him an hour. Grace is waiting for you.

### OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY	1 PM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	5 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
MONDAY	1 PM
MONDAY	2 PM
TUESDAY	11 AM
TUESDAY	1 PM
WEDNESDAY	12 AM
WEDNESDAY	4 PM
FRIDAY	8 AM
FRIDAY	4 PM

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



### Community Info

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

**Apartment For Rent – Netcong.**

1 bedroom, 2nd floor – call 201-207-3006.