

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, November 29, 2015**  
 First Sunday of Advent



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died.**

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:**  
 Rose DeSantis, Edmond DeSantis Jr., Emma Jane Fenimore,  
 Rosemarie DiRupo, David Pope, Jennie Sommer, Brian  
 Bergeson, Eileen Bergeson, Jaydon Franklin, Paula DiElsi,  
 Michael Parker, Evelyn and Vivian Dumpert, Sam Rosa  
 Pat Leone

**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**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday**

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36

**Monday**

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday**

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday**

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday**

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**First Friday**

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

**First Saturday**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, November 28, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 5:00 p.m. Gerald Cetrulo, Aniello, Laura, Geri &  
 Bob Brodo  
 7:00 p.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Church

**Sunday, November 29, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Marie Barbato, Louis Lamberto  
 8:45 a.m. Deceased Members of the Benvenuto Family,  
 Camille Angeli  
 10:30 a.m. Tara O'Brien, Charlie Farruggia Sr. &  
 Paul Hagmann, Marie Lucattelli  
 12:00 p.m. Eugenio Argiro  
 5:00 p.m. Anne T. Keenan

**Monday, November 30, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Vincent Rea,  
 Giuseppe & Francesca Simmerano

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

8:00 a.m. James Benvenuto

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Giuseppe & Lucia Esposito

**Thursday, December 3, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Nancy Patri

**Friday, December 4, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Rita Phillips  
 8:15 a.m. For All St. Michael's School Students & Staff

**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Church  
 5:00 p.m. John Barbato Jr., Betty McGrath  
 7:00 p.m. Nicholas Bias

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**

7:00 a.m. James & Lena DiRenzo,  
 Raquel Pintos, Clem Nazzaro  
 8:45 a.m. Bertha Kulick, Jane Grogan  
 10:30 a.m. Florence Leiner, Tara O'Brien Rosado  
 12:00 p.m. Daniel Thomas Bell  
 5:00 p.m. Veronica Geraghty

**TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
 ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH  
 SINCE 1988.

**Sunday 11/22/15**                      **Not available**

**Sunday Online**                        **Not available**

*Amount Needed Weekly*        \$9,651.00

*To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.*

*Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.*

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Advent a time of waiting for Jesus' coming three times

The season of Advent is a time to prepare to meet Jesus. The first two weeks of Advent we are meditating about Jesus's coming at the end of time. We called Jesus' second coming at the end of this world Parousia. Jesus will come then to judge all the nations. We should be ready for that day all the time because that day may happen any minute. The best way to be ready for that day is to live in the state of the Sanctifying Grace, go to confession on a regular basis, receive Jesus in the Eucharist as often as possible (minimum once a week on Sunday and Holy days of obligation) and live a good moral life.

The last two weeks of advent we are preparing to celebrate Christmas Jesus' Birthday. We are preparing to celebrate a birthday of our Messiah who "humbled Himself" to be one of us. At that time many people will be preparing for family gatherings, Christmas dinner, Christmas gifts and shopping but at this busy time we cannot forget what is the most important for every Christian; to prepare our hearts so that Baby Jesus can be born again in us. At that last two weeks of advent we should picture ourselves in the Bible story and see where we are there. With whom we can associate the most? Are we Mary and Joseph who welcome the Lord with great Joy? Are we the Shepherds who sing and adore the new born King? Are we the Magi who bring to the Lord precious gifts that they have. Or maybe some of us are those who did not open the door for Jesus.

Advent is also a time to meditate about Jesus' third coming. Jesus wants to be with us all the time, He wants to be part of everything we are doing in our everyday lives. But Jesus is a gentlemen. He waits humbly by our doors and knocks.  
WILL YOU OPEN?

Have a Great and Happy Advent Season.

God Bless,

Fr. Adam

### Healing Mass

Our next Healing Mass is on December 29th at 7pm, with Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

### Youth/Family Mass

Our next Youth/Family Mass will be on December 6th at 7pm.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for

### December

**Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



### SAINT MICHAEL'S OUTREACH PANTRY

Christmas will soon be upon us and the food pantry is in need of your help to provide food baskets for our program. The pantry is in need of all food items and shopping dollars so that families can purchase perishable items. Also, if you are donating a frozen turkey or ham, please call the rectory first at 973-347-0032. Because of your incredible kindness and generosity, we have always been able to provide for our needy families.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEWS

**NO sessions** for Gr. K-6 this week. Catechist in-service during regular class time in the rectory basement (Sun. 10-11:15am, Mon. 4-5:15pm)

**Grade 8 does have class** on 11/30, regular time

### **First Reconciliation Morning of Reflection:**

Sat., Dec. 5, 9:30 am-12 pm. Please arrive at church by 9:20 am. An adult should accompany each child.

### **Confirmation Prep:**

- **Confirmation I** (freshmen) next large group session: Sunday 12/13, 1- 3 pm church basement.
- **Confirmation II:** all candidates have received a report detailing outstanding service, sponsor paperwork, etc. Outstanding service paperwork is due in Rel. Ed. THIS MONTH
  - Saint report due Nov. 30
  - Next large group meeting: 2/7, 1-3 pm with sponsors

**Attention any Sophomore, Junior or Senior who would like to help on the Confirmation I retreat (to be held in Feb.):** If you want to be part of the team, please contact Fr. Leonardo (972-224-6693) or the Religious Ed office (973-347-1465). We are in the process of choosing a meeting date and want to include anyone interested.



Gift Idea!

We have several copies of *We Believe and Pray*, a beautiful prayer book for children. Included are traditional Catholic prayers, practices and some basic teachings. Suitable for ages 6-12. The cost per book is \$8. Please call the Religious Ed office if you are interested.

## Youth Ministry News

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

### **Listen foolish talk**

There was an old man that lived in an oak. Every day he saw incidents happening around him. Yesterday he saw a boy helping an old man to carry a heavy basket. Today he saw a girl shouting at her mother. The more he saw the less he spoke. As he spoke less, he heard more. He heard people talking and telling stories. He heard a woman saying that an elephant jumped over a fence. He also heard a man saying that he had never made a mistake.

The old man had seen and heard about what happened to people. Some became better and some became worse. But the old man had become wiser each and every day.

**Moral:** You should be observant, talk less but listen more. This will make you a wise person.



Youth Ministry will be having a Christmas party on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate Christmas and sing and dance with Father Leonardo and Father Adam! It will run from 6pm-9:30pm. Bring a dish to share for dinner and a **wrapped ornament** for a game (no more than \$10 value). Drinks and dessert will be provided.



### **Giving couldn't be easier!**

Click on the Donate tab or the link on the home page on our website ([www.stmichaelnetcong.org](http://www.stmichaelnetcong.org)). If you have questions or need help setting it up, email [smonlinegiving@gmail.com](mailto:smonlinegiving@gmail.com)!

We'd be happy to help.

### **St. Michael's Prayer Group**

Exciting news! **On Monday evening, beginning on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**, St. Michael will present a four week DVD series entitled "Genesis to Jesus". This series explores God's covenant with his children, from Adam to Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate. Dr. Scott Hahn and Rob Corzine share stories of Noah, Abraham, Moses and other Old Testament figures. Join us this Advent, at 7PM under the rectory downstairs in the meeting room.

In January St. Michael will run a Bible Study on Genesis which will be hosted by Scott Hahn.

## Under Mary's Mantle

December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have a renewal of Consecration to Mary at the end of the 7pm Mass on that day. All parishioners who have been consecrated to Our Lady are encouraged to participate in the renewal of their consecration. Please plan to attend this Mass. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



### **St. Michael's Christmas Concert**

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in church. Please join us for some beautiful Christmas music.

## **Putting Mercy into Action**

### **November's Monthly Work of Mercy**

The Jubilee Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis, will open in a few weeks on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Jubilee will be celebrated for a full year. One way you can participate is by making the spiritual and corporal works of mercy a part of your spiritual journey. Each month beginning the weekend of November 22<sup>nd</sup> Mercy cards will be available. A different work of Mercy will be highlighted each month. We encourage everyone to take a card and put the suggested work of mercy into practice. There is room on the back of the card for recording the spiritual benefits you gained from putting mercy into practice. If you choose to share your experience, drop the card in the collection basket. We will consider publishing them (anonymously) in the bulletin and on the website.

## **Contact Information for**

### **Hazel and Frank Doran**

#### **They would love to hear from you...**

Smithtown Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care  
Room 3 Hazel and Frank Doran  
391 North Country Road  
Smithtown, New York 11787  
Phone right in room is [631-967-2741](tel:631-967-2741)  
Phone at office [631-361-2020](tel:631-361-2020)

### **St. Michael's Giving Tree is here!!!**



The Giving Tree will be located in the back of the church and the ornament tags will be available. We are asking that you **return the ornament tag with the wrapped gift by December 12/13<sup>th</sup>**. God Bless your generosity.

## ADORATION

### TO ALL ADORERS REGARDING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR HOUR IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO BE AWAY FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES THAT WERE GIVEN TO YOU WHEN YOU SIGNED UP. THEY SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN THIS ORDER.

1. ASK A FRIEND OR RELATIVE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.
2. CALL SOMEONE ON THE SUBSTITUTE LIST.
3. TRY SWITCHING YOUR HOUR AND DAY WITH ANOTHER ADORER WHO IS NOT GOING AWAY. ALL TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR EVERY ADORER ARE LISTED ON THE SHEET NEAR THE SIGN UP BOOK.
4. CALL YOUR HOURLY COORDINATOR LISTED ON THE WALL IN THE CHAPEL.
5. CALL YOUR DIVISION LEADER:  
12 AM TO 5 AM CALL ANDRINA DESANTIS AT 347-9418  
6 AM TO 11 AM CALL AGNES KEARNEY AT 347-5329  
12 PM TO 5 PM – (PRESENTLY WE HAVE NO DIVISION LEADER FOR THESE HOURS)  
6 PM TO 11 PM CALL ANDREA TRAPPER AT 347-7031

IF YOU CANNOT FIND A SUBSTITUTE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME. I WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THANKSGIVING DAY BUT WILL BE AWAY CHRISTMAS DAY. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN HOUR BUT WOULD LIKE TO FILL IN FOR SOMEONE ON EITHER DAY LET ME KNOW.** THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

CHRIS WARNER AT 973-527-3839.

## OPEN HOURS

Our open hours are posted below. Ideally we would like to fill these hours first but all hours of the day or night are available. Please consider signing up for an hour that is convenient for you and help us to reach our goal of at least two adorers for every hour. Hourly coordinators and substitutes are also needed.

SUNDAY	2 AM
SUNDAY	3 AM
MONDAY	12 AM
MONDAY	1 AM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	5 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
TUESDAY	11 AM
TUESDAY	1 PM
TUESDAY	2 PM
WEDNESDAY	12 AM

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

## St. Michael School Annual Calendar Raffle Tickets On Sale NOW!

St. Michael School's annual calendar raffle ticket sale has begun. The drawing will have daily monetary wins for 65 days starting January 1st through March 6, 2016. A winning ticket is placed back in the raffle so there are *65 chances to win with just one ticket!* Tickets are \$10 each. They make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please contact St. Michael School office at 973-347-0039 x10. We will make arrangements for you to receive them.



### Respect Life Committee

If anyone would like to join us, please call Andrina at 973-609-4012. We need your help and your ideas...

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. (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.*

**Thank you to all those who purchased and sold Volvo Raffle Tickets for NJ Right to Life. Your continued help to preserve the dignity and right to all human life is a blessing in itself. God bless you all.**

## The Diocese of Paterson invites all to a Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm  
St. Peter the Apostle Church  
179 Baldwin Rd.  
Parsippany, NJ



Exquisite hand-made rosaries crafted by parishioner. If interested, please call Jean Rattner at 973-691-9349.