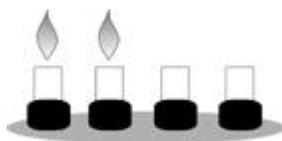


The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Francis J. Handy Jr.

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, Simon Puco, Harvey Puco, Robert Newton, Robert White, Phil Grella, Vincent D'Alessandro, Diana Palumbo

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine:

Joseph & Mario 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

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Mass Intentions for the Week

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,
Sean & Thomas Clark

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

Monday, December 7, 2015

7:00 a.m. Frederick Scimeca

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)

8:00 a.m. Louis Lamberto

7:00 p.m. James Taormina

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

7:00 a.m. Franciszek Gierlach

Thursday, December 10, 2015

8:00 a.m. Lawrence Faschan

Friday, December 11, 2015

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

Saturday, December 12, 2015

8:00 a.m. Raymond VanSaun

5:00 p.m. Dion Amendola, John Barbato Jr.

7:00 p.m. Matias Salazar & Teresa Ramirez

Sunday, December 13, 2015

7:00 a.m. Arthur Rando, Baby Boy

8:45 a.m. Tom & Virginia Romano, Betty L. McGrath

10:30 a.m. Pat Buckley, Louis Lamberto

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to Christ the King

5:00 p.m. Emil & Laura Normandy

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 11/22/15 \$9,393.00

Online 11/22/15 \$ 822.00

Healing Mass 11/24/15 \$ 172.00

Thanksgiving 11/26/15 \$ 957.00

Sunday 11/29/15 \$7,006.00

Online 11/29/15 \$ 822.00

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

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate the fact that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin. She was born already in the state of grace, which we are after being baptized. She did not need this to remove the original sin, like we do. This was a very special gift from God and the archangel refers to this when he calls Mary “full of grace.” (Luke 1:28). Her being born without sin was in anticipation of the awesome responsibility she would have as the Mother of the Son of God.

Jesus, Son of God and King of Kings deserves to be born from a Blessed Virgin not corrupted by original sin. He wants to live in our hearts so he deserves a heart that is open and welcoming for him, free of any stain of sin. In that heart, Jesus dwells and made that heart be filled with great peace and joy. Let Him dwell in your heart and make yours as peaceful and joyous as His Mother Mary’s heart.

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.



Giving couldn’t be easier!

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

We’d be happy to help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

December Sessions for Gr. 1-8 are as follows:

Gr. 1-6: weeks of Dec. 6, 13, 20

Gr. 7: Dec. 7, 21 (test)

Gr. 8: Dec. 14 (test)

Next Kindergarten session: 12/20

Confirmation Prep:

- Confirmation I (freshmen) next large group session: Sunday 12/13, 1- 3 pm church basement. ONE service form is due at this meeting.
- Confirmation II:
 - Saint report due Nov. 30
 - **CORRECTION: Next large group meeting:** January 17, 1-3:20 pm
 - † Service forms due: Jan. 10 (covering all service done since 9/30). Please note all make up service is to be completed by Jan. 10. If you need help, please contact Mrs. Rogalo, 073-347-1465.

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

Father and Sons

A father had a family of sons who were perpetually quarreling among themselves. When he failed to heal their disputes by his exhortations, he determined to give them a practical illustration of the evils of disunion. One day he told his sons to bring him a bundle of sticks. When they had done so, he placed the faggot into the hands of each of them in succession, and ordered them to break it in pieces. They tried with all their strength, and were not able to do it. He next opened the faggot, took the sticks separately, one by one, and again put them into his sons’ hands, upon which they broke them easily. He then addressed them in these words: “My sons, if you are of one mind, and unite to assist each other, you will be as strong as this faggot, uninjured by all the attempts of your enemies, but if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as these sticks.”

Moral: Unity is strength.

Christmas Family Movie Night

On Sunday, December 20th at 7pm in the church basement, we will be showing Kirk Cameron's "**Saving Christmas.**" The movie brings to the forefront the true reason we celebrate Christmas and explains the Biblical basis for the symbols and decorations we use. Feel free to bring the family and your own snacks/drinks!

St. Michael's Prayer Group

Exciting news! **On Monday evening, beginning on Nov. 30th**, 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.

Praying the Stations of the Cross at Schooleys Mountain Park

We teens and adults had a blessed, peaceful and enjoyable experience hiking through the woods at Schooleys Mountain Park. We are so thankful that we live in a country where we can openly carry simple wooden crosses and pray out loud the Passion of Christ amid the stark beauty of a brisk fall day among fallen leaves, bare trees and water tumbling over the falls. It is a great way to kick off Advent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

We hope to schedule several outdoor prayer and outreach experiences throughout the year. Stay tuned.

God Bless,
Deacon Stu



Penance Service

Advent and the Jubilee year of Mercy is a time of preparation, and a wonderful opportunity to experience The Father's Mercy as a community. All parishioners as well as visitors are invited to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As a community we will be lead through an examination of conscience, make an act of contrition accompanied by prayer and music. Visiting priest will be available to hear individual confession that evening.

Perhaps you or some one you know has not been to confession for many years and longs to be reconciled with Jesus. This is the perfect opportunity. You might be some one who goes to confession regularly. If so this is a great way to deepen your experience within our community praying for God's mercy for ourselves and others we care about.

Where: St. Michael Church

When: Tuesday evening, December 15 at 7:00pm.

"All are welcome!"

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 Lessons and Carols

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



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the donation of \$750. We really appreciate it. God Bless our Knights of Columbus.

Thank you!!

To all who participated in the St Michael's Knights of Columbus blood drive!!!

This years' drive was a complete success.

We exceeded our goal of 30, by 2.

Please continue to check the bulletin for future blood drives.

Celebrate Jesus Merry Christmas

Sweatshirt Sale

We have 6 sweatshirts for sale in various sizes and colors for \$12 each. If you are interested in purchasing one of these shirts, please call Maureen at 973-224-1209.



SAINT MICHAEL'S OUTREACH PANTRY

Christmas is coming 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.

Thanksgiving Thank You!

We extend our sincere thanks for your generous donations to the Outreach Program for Thanksgiving. Your contributions provided needy families and individuals in our community with a happy Thanksgiving. Because of your kindness we were able to provide food, Shop Rite gift cards, fresh bread, desserts, personal items and turkeys to 80 families. Your generosity is truly a reflection of God's goodness.

St. Michael's Giving Tree



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 12/13th**.
God Bless your generosity.

Snow Shoveling Help at Church

Fr. Adam will be away for Army boot camp from January through March. We do not have a custodian to help us shovel the walkways. Can you give us a hand? Please call the rectory 973-347-0032. Thank you.

The Diocese of Paterson

invites all to a Christmas Concert

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

ADORATION

**"IT'S NICE TO GIVE PRESENTS, BUT IT'S
ETERNALLY CRITICAL TO GIVE JESUS YOUR
"PRESENCE".**

We are now in the midst of Advent. Perhaps you are wondering how you can prepare for the coming of your Savior. Shopping, meal planning, travel plans, etc. take up a lot of our time. Please don't lose focus on what Christmas is really about. Please consider a visit to the chapel. If you don't feel that you can commit for a long period of time, you can commit just for the Advent season. I'm sure that you will realize that it is the best present you have ever given yourself. You may eventually want to keep your hour. Sacrifice some time so that on Christmas morning when you gaze on the little babe in the manger He will look back at you with love and say, "Thank you for your presence."

We are especially in need of adorers for the middle-of-the-night hours.

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

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.