

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Kaitlynn Elms-Dash

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 Harvey, Robert Newton, Robert White, Phil Grella, Vincent D'Alessandro, Diana Palumbo, Patricia Heady, Elaine Dietz, Michele Demeo, David Downs

Weekly Memorial

Sactuary Lamp:

Andrew Weaver

Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine:

Salvatore Sclafani

Weekly Devotions

Monday:..... Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm
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

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Samantha Janos for Healing
5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Sabato & Angelina
Gugliemini, Pete & John Grogan
7:00 p.m. Matias Salazar & Teresa Ramirez

Sunday, January 10, 2016

7:00 a.m. Louis Lamberto
8:45 a.m. Matthew James Boattini
10:30 a.m. Marie Vendola
12:00 p.m. For All Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, January 11, 2016

7:00 a.m. Felipe Lopez

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer

Thursday, January 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan

Friday, January 15, 2016

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

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan
5:00 p.m. Anthony Arbolino
7:00 p.m. John Michael Barbato Jr.

Sunday, January 17, 2016

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan
8:45 a.m. Michelle Lynch, Special Intention
10:30 a.m. Victoria Serapini, Louis Lamberto
12:00 p.m. Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Laura & Emil Normandy

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 1/3/16	\$7,392.00
Online Regular	\$1,063.75
Renovation & Repairs	\$1,939.00
Online Renovation	\$ 220.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,973.00
Christmas	\$ 370.00 (Additional)
<i>Amount Needed Weekly</i>	<i>\$ 9,651.00</i>

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From Msgr. Paul Knauer

Life is full of surprises. I think sometimes God laughs at our plans. Thomas a Kempis is said to have written, "Man proposes and God disposes". I retired from active ministry, not having a particular assignment, over two years ago. Now I am taking an assignment for three months - sort of coming out of retirement, as the temporary pastor of St Michaels. It's a parish I attended as a high school student now and then when my family moved to Flanders in the mid fifties. We were parishioners of St Lawrence in Chester but sometimes the schedules made St Michaels a more convenient choice.

So for three months we will be making our faith journeys together. I am looking forward to serving the people of St. Michael's parish. I hope and pray that we may help each other as we travel together, to arrive safely at the home prepared for us by God the Father.

We will keep Fr. Adam in our prayers as he prepares for the special and important ministry with the military. Fr. Leonardo and I have known each other since he came into the diocese as a seminarian, when he spent a week in St Lawrence Parish in Chester on retreat when I was pastor there. One powerful thing that St Michaels is noted for is that it is home to perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a great spiritual gift that the parish possesses and a blessing to many of your parishioners.

I am beginning my time with you as the Church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. It begins the ministry of Jesus. Let us pray for one another as we begin our journey together even for so short a time.

Msgr. Paul F. Knauer

Healing Mass

Our next Healing Mass is on January 26th at 7pm, with Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

Youth/Family Mass

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



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

Calendar

Gr. 8 sessions resume Jan. 4 at 6:45 pm (and every Mon. night through 2/1)

Gr. 7 sessions resume Feb. 8

Confirmation I: next large group meeting **1/10**, 1-3 pm. Small group meetings will begin in second half of January.

Confirmation II:

- 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.

ACRE Evaluations for Grades 5, 8 and 10

As per the calendar and the letters sent home with every student (Gr. 5,8,10) ACRE Religion Assessment mandated by Bishop Serratelli will take place as follows:

Grade 5: During regular class sessions 1/24 and 1/25

Grade 8: During regular class session 1/25

Grade 10: During the large group session scheduled for 1/17, 1pm in church basement. Please note the assessment will only take part of the time; the balance of the session will be a regular meeting ending at 3:20pm.

Any young person who is absent the day of the evaluation will take it the day he/she returns to class.



First Reconciliation Dates: as per the calendar

Sat., Jan. 16 at 9:30 am: Classes of Miss Hric/Mrs. Seredvik, Kathy Parker

Sat., Jan. 16 at 11:30 am: Classes of Soraya Hernandez, Dee Tardive, Tina DeLuca

Sat., Jan. 23 snow date

Please keep in your prayers the parish children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in January!

Next catechist in-service: Jan. 27, **7:00 pm**, rectory basement. Deacon Stu will be teaching about Mercy through the book of Jonah!



At the back of church there is a basket with refrigerator magnet 'sheep' —PLEASE TAKE A SHEEP and pray for the child listed on the back as he or she prepares to celebrate their First Reconciliation next week.

St. Michael's Prayer Group

"Genesis to Jesus" series continues on Mondays at 7pm.

Adult Confirmation

We invite any adults of the parish who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation to consider taking the necessary steps to prepare for reception of this Sacrament. Instructional sessions will begin soon. Anyone interested should contact Deacon Joe for further information at [973-229-6959](tel:973-229-6959).

Youth Ministry News

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

The Cafeteria

A friend's grandfather came to America from Eastern Europe. After being processed at Ellis Island, he went into a cafeteria in lower Manhattan to get something to eat. He sat down at an empty table and waited for someone to take his order, of course nobody did. Finally, a woman with a tray full of food sat down opposite him and informed him how a cafeteria worked. "Start out at that end," she said. "Just go along the line and pick out what you want. At the other end they'll tell you how much you have to pay."

"I soon learned that's how everything works in America," the grandfather told a friend. "Life's a cafeteria here. You can get anything you want as long as you are willing to pay the price. You can even get success, but you'll never get it if you wait for someone to bring it to you. You have to get up and get it yourself." Do all you can do and then give it to God.

YM Teen Workshop

Beginning in January, Youth Ministry will be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month for an activity in the rectory basement from 6:30pm-8:30pm (if other than that, we will advise).

YM Chicken Parmigiana Dinner

YM Mission trip will be hosting its annual Chicken Parmigiana Dinner on Sunday, January 24th from noon to 6pm at the Knights of Columbus hall. Advance ticket sales will be available the weekend of January 16th and 17th after all Masses or tickets can be purchased at the door.

ADORATION

"Mary adored Jesus as the Bridegroom of souls. Union is the final purpose of love. Jesus by the gift of His substance in the Eucharist unites Himself with our souls as with His dear spouses. As a Bridegroom, He give them all His possessions, His name, His heart, His whole Self, but on the condition that the soul reciprocates. His spouse, shall live for Him only." (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Mass Card Donation

January 1, 2016

The Mass Card donation will now be \$15 per Mass.

Putting Mercy into Action January Mercy Cards

The January Mercy Cards are available at all entrances of the church. One way you can participate in the Year of Mercy is by making the spiritual and corporal works of mercy a part of your spiritual journey. 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.

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.

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)

-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.

St. Michael School Calendar Raffle Results

These are the results of the drawing for the calendar raffle this week:

Jan. 1	#2830	\$250
Jan. 2	#2584	\$50
Jan. 3	#1520	\$100
Jan. 4	#1596	\$25
Jan. 5	#0231	\$100
Jan. 6	#1590	\$25
Jan. 7	#0841	\$25
Jan. 8	#2711	\$25
Jan. 9	#2892	\$50
Jan. 10	#1153	\$75

Men's Discussion Group

You are invited to attend the Men's Discussion Group on **Saturday 16 January**, after the 8 AM Mass and Rosary, in the rectory basement. The Holy Name of Jesus will be our topic. **R & R** [Religion and Refreshments] will continue as in the past. All are welcome. Please contact John Matits at [973] 248 - 5265 or jmjr99@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless you.

Right to Life March

Saint Michael's Knights of Columbus free bus ride to Washington on January 22nd sign ups after each Mass this weekend.

Pope John High School Open House

Sunday, January 31st at 3pm

RSVP – 973-729-6125 x 221 or

Carolsherrier@popejohn.org

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“...the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. This is the message he has sent to the sons of Israel, ‘the good news of peace’ proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all... I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed, of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good.”

This teaching of Peter led Cornelius and his family to baptism and Christ. We listen to the words and realize that we too have been baptized, led to Christ and yes, even anointed with the Holy Spirit and power. We too come up from our Jordan, our baptismal font, and hear the similar words of praise ‘You are my Son. On you my favor rests.’

It is easy to picture the event, the people, the rippling water, a gentle breeze. We might include a word of teaching by John the Baptist. Jesus began His mission. ‘The mission of Christ the Redeemer He has entrusted to His church’, wrote Saint John Paul II. That mission continues today and we are all the hands, the face, the voice of Christ to others. At our baptism we were anointed with oil and the Holy Spirit. We have been given power to do what Jesus did ‘going about doing good.’

