

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Scott Danielson, Joanne Puco, David Downs, Ann Constantine

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, Thomas Togno, James Maurino

Weekly Memorial

Sactuary Lamp:

Andrew Weaver

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 30, 2016

8:00 a.m. For all souls in purgatory
5:00 p.m. Jacqueline Schwerzler, Joseph Esposito
7:00 p.m. Julia Garcia

Sunday, January 31, 2016

7:00 a.m For World Peace
8:45 a.m. Joseph D’Auria, AnnMarie Konyak
10:30 a.m. Thomasina Grogan
12:00 p.m. Rebecca Dana Antunes & Faithfully Departed
5:00 p.m. To End Abortion

Monday, February 1, 2016

7:00 a.m. For All St. Michael Parishioners

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

8:00 a.m Frank M. Puco, Pete Grogan

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

7:00 a.m. Charles Susco

Thursday, February 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Helen Ayers & Joseph DiBernard

Friday, February 5, 2016

7:00 a.m. For all souls in purgatory
8:15 a.m. For St. Michael School Students and Staff

Saturday, February 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Sr. Carmella Preziosi
5:00 p.m. Stella Kucharski
Thanksgiving for two dear friends and their love
7:00 p.m. To End Abortion

Sunday, February 7, 2016

7:00 a.m For World Peace
8:45 a.m. Thomasina Grogan, Eskil “Scott” Danielson
10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr.,
Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga
12:00 p.m. Rebecca Dana Antunes & Faithfully Departed
5:00 p.m. For all souls in purgatory

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

Sunday 1/24/16 \$2,986.00 (snow)

Online Regular \$1,063.75

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

Healing Mass

**Our next Healing Mass is on Tuesday,
February 23rd at 7pm, with Rosary/Chaplet at
6:30pm**

NO Youth/Family Mass on February 7.

What is the Year of Mercy?

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is a remarkable occasion during which the entire Catholic Church, under the humble leadership of Pope Francis, opens wide the doors to the saving mercy of Christ. The Year of Mercy is celebrated **from December 8th, 2015**—the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of Vatican II— to the Solemnity of Christ the King on **November 20, 2016**.



During this special period of time in the Church, Pope Francis calls all Catholics to be profound witnesses to mercy and to "find the joy rediscovering and

rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time." To learn more, [visit the Vatican's official Year of Mercy website](#), or [read a summary of the Papal Bull](#) in which the Holy Father announced the Extraordinary Jubilee Year.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.



HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY

Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl the weekend of February 6 and 7, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Calendar

- Gr. 8 ,meets 2/1 starting at 6:45pm
Gr. 7 sessions resume Feb. 8
- Next Kindergarten session: Feb. 21
- THERE ARE NO SESSIONS FOR Gr. K-8 FEB. 14 AND 15

Confirmation I: Retreat information letters have been mailed home. Permission slip and fee to be returned to Rel. Ed. Office by 2/7

Confirmation II:

- **Next large group meeting:** Feb. 7, 1-3 pm with sponsors (or parent stand in)

Catechist meetings:

- Next in-service session in rectory basement: **2/14** (10-11:15 am) and **2/16** (4-5:15 pm)

St. Michael's Prayer Group

Prayer meeting will resume on Monday, Feb. 1st at 7PM in the rectory basement.
All parishioners are welcome.

In Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of Mercy, he invites us all to "gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives."

In complying with Pope Francis request, beginning on Feb. 22nd, Monday evening at 7PM St. Michael will be offering 5 weekly Sessions on Mercy - First Session will begin with a DVD presentation by Fr. Michael Gaitley on "The Jubilee Year of Mercy" followed by Fr. Andrew Apostoli's 4 DVD presentations on "Living the Works of Mercy."

Annual Manna Food Drive

St. Michael School is conducting their Annual Manna Food Drive as a service component through Catholic Schools Week. All the food donations will go to our parish community food pantry for distribution to the needy in our area. *Please return the bags that we provided or your own bags with your donations to the food bin outside the garage.* Thank you for your support.

Youth Ministry News

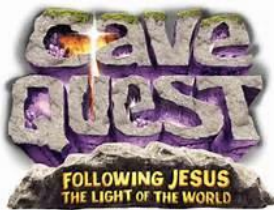
Fr. Leonardo 973-224-6693 or 973-347-0032

A mother

During an early morning response to a house fire in Santa Rosa de Temuco, Chile, firefighters witnessed the unbelievable. A mother dog risked her life to save her puppies from the fire surrounding the burning house, which started because of a car bomb. The mother dog, Amanda, raced back and forth between the houses, putting her 10 day old puppies in the safest place she could find – a firetruck! She didn't stop racing back into the fire until all of her puppies were safely away from the fire. The firemen on scene could not believe their eyes. Most people have never seen a dog this smart or this brave! After rescuing all of her pups from the blaze, Amanda sat down next to them, protecting them with her body. Onlookers called an emergency veterinary service and she and her pups were rushed to the hospital. Aside from one puppy being treated for serious burns, the entire family is alive and well – thanks to the bravery of Amanda! Family is very important, especially the family in marriage which is God-ordained and along Christ as in the Church. Family relationship brings dignity, stability and love of people, love of life and love 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).



VBS is August 1st through the 5th – mark your calendars! The theme is Cave Quest – Following Jesus the Light of the World.

Crew and Station leaders (and anyone interested in assisting with VBS) – there will be an organizational meeting on Monday, March 7th at 7pm in the rectory basement.

Mass Card Donation

January 1, 2016

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

Under Mary's Mantle

UMM would like to invite our parishioners to participate in Mercy Missions for this year. We will be organizing different activities and works of mercy in order to bring God's love and kindness to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our first mission will be on Friday, February 26, 2016 when we will run a game night at Merry Heart Nursing Home in Succasana. We need to know in advance how many people will want to participate. If you are interested in joining us please contact us at Undermarysmantle@gmail.com.

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).

ADORATION

“I beg you to recommend to everyone, first, adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and then reverence for most holy Mary.” (St. John Bosco)

Open Hours

Sunday - 2:00 A.M.
Sunday - 3:00 A.M.
Monday - 12:00 A.M.
Monday - 1:00 A.M.
Monday - 2:00 A.M.
Monday - 5:00 A.M.
Monday - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday - 11:00 A.M.
Tuesday - 2:00 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Saturday, February 13th
1-3pm, St. Michael's Gym
Girls and Boys
Ages 9-14

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.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who took the trip to Washington D.C. for the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Thank you also to the Knights, Respect Life Committee Members and ProLife friends who pitched in to make this year's trip possible. Thank you for sending everyone off with the celebration of the Mass at 5am the morning of the trip. God Bless you all for your continued devotion to preserve the right to life from conception for our littlest brothers and sisters.

-Andrina DeSantis, Respect Life Committee

St. Michael School Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Sunday, January 31

12 o'clock Mass Opening of Catholic Schools Week
Family Bingo at the Knights Hall

Monday, February 1 Parent Appreciation Day

Coffee on Us!
Come join us for coffee before going to work
Thank you notes and letters from your children

Tuesday, February 2

Open House 9 to 11
Forensic Speeches given at the Church 1 PM

Wednesday, February 3

Middle School Jeopardy Tournament
Primary Grade Author Share
Family Math Night – space is limited
Let's learn about Hexa Stix!

Thursday, February 4 Student Appreciation Day

Multicultural Celebration in Church 1 PM

Friday, February 5 Faculty Appreciation Day

Free Dress Down Day
Ice Cream Sundaes after Lunch
Luncheon for our Teachers and Staff

St. Michael School Calendar Raffle Results

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

1/25	#2399	\$25
1/26	#1781	\$25
1/27	#2579	\$25
1/28	#2228	\$25
1/29	#2440	\$25
1/30	#2893	\$50
1/31	#2722	\$75

Putting Mercy into Action **February Mercy Cards**

The February Mercy Cards will be available at all entrances of the church next weekend. 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.

40 Cans for Lent Sponsored by

St. Michael Knights of Columbus **To Benefit the Parish Food Pantry**

The goal of this project is for each council member and each parishioner to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. This is a great way to help those in need who benefit from St. Michael's food pantry. It is also a wonderful way to offer a work of Mercy during this Year of Mercy and make a Lenten sacrifice by feeding the hungry.

How Does it Work?

Individuals and families are encouraged to donate a total of 40 cans (or the equivalent) during Lent. Food can be brought to Church each after each Mass on Saturday or Sunday, beginning February 14, and placed at the Statue of St. Anthony. Members of the Knights of Columbus may also bring their donation to the Knights of Columbus Hall Tuesday evenings between 7:00 and 8:00.

Suggested Items: soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, tuna fish, canned meats, Mac and cheese, Hot Chocolate, Dry Milk, Pasta, Shelf Milk (does not require refrigeration)

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:36

Rachel's Vineyard Is a Safe Place

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, originally scheduled for January 22-24, was cancelled due to the snowstorm. The new date is February 12-14, 2016 and it will be held in the Morristown area. To register or for more information, contact Marie at (973) 377-1004, ext. 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.