

## The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time



**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, Simon Harvey, Robert Newton, Robert White, Phil Grella, Vincent D'Alessandro, Diana Palumbo, Patricia Heady, Elaine Dietz, Michele Demeo, Thomas Togno, James Maurino, Anthony Berlen

### 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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday**

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

**Monday**

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, February 8, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Matthew & Frances Soccio

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Bruce Hill

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016 Ash Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Paul DiRupo

8:30 a.m. For All Parishioners, Students & Faculty of  
St. Michael's Church & School

12:15 p.m. Service

7:00 p.m. Service

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Special Intention

**Friday, February 12, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Joyce Benvenuto, Joseph Sapek

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 13, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Mary Barath, Bea, Helen & Charlotte Massopust

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

**Sunday, February 14, 2016 First Sunday of Lent**

**St. Valentine's Day**

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan & Andrew Weaver

8:45 a.m. Eskil (Scott) Danielson

10:30 a.m. Nunziata & Dominic Togno,  
Gus Rampone Sr. & Jr.

12:00 p.m. Mary Barath, Joanne Puco

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

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

**Sunday 1/31/16 \$9,308.30**

**Online Regular \$1,063.75**

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

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

## From Msgr. Paul Knauer

### What is a Jubilee Year?



In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the very first Jubilee. Drawing from early Christian and Jewish traditions and understandings of Jubilee, the Jubilee was celebrated as a special time of joy and pardon. It is a year that emphasizes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament vital for the forgiveness of sins. The special graces that we can receive this Jubilee are the same ones the faithful could receive over 700 years ago.



### 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.

### 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.**

### 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEWS

#### Calendar Reminders-

- Gr. 7 begins classes this week and meets Feb. 8, 22, 29 and March 7, 7-9pm
- Gr. 8 sessions resume March 14
- Next Kindergarten session: Feb. 21
- THERE ARE NO SESSIONS FOR Gr. K-8 FEB. 14 AND 15

#### Confirmation I (freshmen):

*Retreat Permission slip and payment are due by Feb. 7.* Please call Mrs. Rogalo if there is a problem. Retreat date is 2/27

#### Confirmation II:

- **Large group session with sponsors:** Sunday, Feb. 7, 1-3 pm, starting in the *church*. If your sponsor cannot attend, a parent or other adult is to accompany you to this session.

#### 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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."

### Youth Ministry News

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

### **A monkey saved a puppy from explosion site.**

A powerful explosion in a chemical plant in Nanjing, Jiangsu provincial capital, China on July 28, 2010 around 10am, killed 13 people and injured 300 people. The explosion also damaged the surrounding area within 300 meter range. During this explosion a camera recorded a monkey who saved a puppy from the explosion site. He holds the puppy as he ran out of the factory. This event can tap our collective conscience. Animals can show compassion and kindness to each other. Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not to impress. Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.

## Archangel Teen & Family Hike

Our next Teen and Family Hike is Sunday, February 14th (Valentine's Day) from 2:00 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Flyers available in back of church and on parish website provide more information.



**VBS is August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the rectory basement.

## 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](mailto:Undermarysmantle@gmail.com).

## ADORATION

“Pope Pius XI, throughout his long and arduous pontificate, desired not earnestly that the fire of love for the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist might be more and more kindled in the hearts of men, and that the Most Blessed Sacrament should be recognized as the bond of peace and reconciliation for Christian nations...Before his accession to the papacy, while librarian in Milan, he founded a congregation of nuns whose duty it was to render solemn adoration to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to induce the faithful to come to adore the Most Holy Eucharist exposed.” (*The Blessed Sacrament: God With Us*)

### **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

## **PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS BY IGNACIO LARRAÑAGA**

Are a new form of EVANGELIZATION with greater positive vision of Jesus. It is emphasis, is on love's transforming power rather than fear or punishment. Our missions is to implant the living God in people's hearts. Step by step throughout prayer activity – adapted to the person. Base on the Bible, transformation enlightened by the Word. Beginning on February 16 at 7pm (rectory basement) 15 Sessions. For more information, please call Elsa Marin 201 -414 3345 (emorillo645@gmail.com)  
***EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!***

## **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.***

## **Exploring the Parables of Jesus**

We have a great idea for something you can give up during Lent... give up one hour a week for four weeks to explore the Parables of Jesus.

Jesus used parables to make us think and they often ended in ways that we do not think correct. Why did He use parables and why do these parables still make us reflect on their meaning two-thousand years later? Join us in a celebration of the Year of Mercy by attending a four week session on Jesus' Parables. **Sessions will be held starting on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and on the following three Wednesdays (7pm).**

Come and deepen your Faith through Scripture reflection, contextual background knowledge, and the actual Parables of Jesus themselves. The first session will immediately follow the Service on Ash Wednesday and will focus on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We hope that you will join us to discover the Mercy of our Lord. The courses are free and taught by faculty members of Assumption College for Sisters.

## St. Michael School

### Calendar Raffle results

2/1 #2351 \$25  
2/2 #2859 \$25  
2/3 #2453 \$25  
2/4 #1487 \$25  
2/5 #2696 \$25  
2/6 #2009 \$50  
2/7 #1802 \$75

### Honors for 2nd Marking Period

#### **Grade Four:**

##### First Honors:

Ellison Coakley  
Jaysen Lim

##### Second Honors:

Janelle Esguerra  
Ella La Place  
Mia Reyes

#### **Grade Five:**

##### Principal's Honors:

Thaddeus Bauml  
Gabrielle Labrada

##### Second Honors:

Michael Eannone  
Madison Gennaro  
Emma La Place

#### **Sixth Grade:**

##### Principal's Honors:

Christine Hruby

##### Second Honors:

Isabella Formica  
Sarah Moore  
Zoe Rizzo

#### **Seventh Grade:**

##### Principal's Honors:

Catherine Cha

##### First Honors:

Jack Greer

##### Second Honors:

Hailey Contract

## **Putting Mercy into Action February Mercy Cards**

The February 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.

## **Men's Discussion Group**

You are invited to attend the Men's Discussion Group on **Saturday 20 Febuary**, after the 8 AM Mass and Rosary, in the rectory basement. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's 'Good Friday Special' DVD will be our topic. This is a good way to help us focus on our Lenten journey. **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](mailto:jmjr99@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless you.

## **Mass Card Donation**

**January 1, 2016**

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

## **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***

## **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

*Presidents Day*

*Monday, February 15th*

*At the Knights Hall*

*3-9pm, 140 Ledgewood Ave., Netcong*

*Walk ins are welcome*