

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, February 14, 2016
 First Sunday in Lent



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

Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine:

Catherine 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

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 13, 2016

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 5:00 p.m. Mary Barath, Bea, Helen & Charles Massopust
 7:00 p.m. Matias Salazar & Teresa Ramirez

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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

Monday, February 15, 2016

7:00 a.m. Edmond DeSantis Sr.

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Theresa Driscoll
 7:00 p.m. For all souls in purgatory

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

7:00 a.m. John Grogan
 12:15 p.m. Anthony Vassallo Sr.

Thursday, February 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo

Friday, February 19, 2016

7:00 a.m. Gregory Pellingier
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Stanley Bellanco
 5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi, Pasquale Leone
 7:00 p.m. Jaime, Lucely, Gloria Patarroyo

Sunday, February 21, 2016

7:00 a.m. Mel Oliva
 8:45 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Church
 10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley
 12:00 p.m. Annie Nicholson
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 2/7/16 \$8,890.50

Online Regular \$1,063.75

Repair & Renovation \$2,765.70

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

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

Youth/Family Mass on March 6th at 7pm.

From Fr. Adam Muda

Dear St. Michael's family,

It's hard to believe that it's already five weeks that I have been away. Time here is flying even if the day here is long. We do not get much sleep. We have to wake up about 4am each day. At 4:45am, we have to be in the field standing in formation. During that time, we hear from a few students a brief of military news, weather, tasks for the day and word of the day with short morning prayer. From 5am to about 6:50am, we have physical fitness. All the exercises are done on command. And believe me, they are not easy! After exercises, we change uniforms, have breakfast, at 8am we start morning prayers and 8:30am classes or other activities. Two weeks ago, for example, we had 3 days of field operations which involved day and night land navigation, crawling for 30 minutes under gun fire during the night, victory tower, and few more military operations. Some may ask why the chaplain needs to know all of this. It is because we have to be exposed to every possible military situation so that we can help soldiers during war time as much as possible, in any possible way and in any situation. During the day, usually at 11:30am before lunch, all the Catholic chaplains celebrate Holy Eucharist together and on Sunday we help with soldier's Mass at 8am. At 7:30am, every Sunday seven of us (Catholic chaplains) listen to confessions of young soldiers. For Mass, there are about 500 soldiers that come and about 100 for confessions each Sunday. Here I really see how Catholic chaplains are needed for the Army.

My dear family of St. Michael, in the first Sunday of Lent, I send you my blessings that during this time of fasting, prayers and almsgiving that you will prepare well for the Resurrection of our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I remember all of you in my daily prayers and during Holy Eucharist. Thank you so much for your prayers - because of them I am surviving here! And finally thank you to Fr. Leonardo and Fr. Paul Knauer for taking care of our parish so well. May God Bless you all.

Fr. Adam

ADORATION

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." (Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)

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.

From Msgr. Paul Knauer



Jubilee years have traditionally been called every 25 to 50 years. The most recent one was called by Pope St. John Paul II in the year 2000. Throughout Church history there have been 26 ordinary Jubilees and only 3 extraordinary Jubilees. Pope Francis has specifically titled this year's Extraordinary Jubilee as the Year of Mercy. Although past Jubilees have not been designated as the Year of Mercy, all Jubilees place

emphasis on pardoning and forgiving others—an important facet of mercy.



HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

St Michael's School

Our school, which has been a part of the Sussex County Academy for the past few years, will be closing and classes will be in buildings on the Pope John Campus in Sparta. Classes will end in our school building in January of 2017. The building still remains as a part of St Michael's Parish. What uses it will serve in the life of the Parish is yet to be determined, but at a minimum it will continue to serve our Religious Education Program. We are sorry to see the close of our school. Time will tell what the future has in store.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

-THERE ARE NO SESSIONS FOR Gr. K-8 FEB. 14 AND 15 as per the calendar. SOME Confirmation small groups do have class on Sunday so check your schedules!

-Gr. 7 begins classes meet: Feb. 22, 29 and March 7, 7-9pm

-Gr. 8 sessions resume March 14

-Next Kindergarten session: Feb. 21

Confirmation I (freshmen):

Retreat Permission slip and payment are due NOW. If you do not hand in the permission slip this week you will not be included in the retreat and you will have to make it up at another parish! Please call Mrs. Rogalo if there is a problem. Retreat date is 2/27

Catechist meetings:

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

First Communion:

Parents of children who will be celebrating their First Communion at St. Michael are to attend the following parent sessions: Choose **one** for *each* Session

-Session 1: Sunday, Feb. 28 at 7 pm OR Wed., March 2, 11 am

-Session 2: Wed., March 9 at 11 am, OR Thurs. March 10 at 7 pm

All sessions are held in church basement

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 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.

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.

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.

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."

Youth Ministry News

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

Test of Faith

This is a true story told by one of the first missionaries to enter Russia: In Russia before the Berlin Wall came down and freedom to worship freely was against the law, many Christians were forced to get together in secret to worship the Lord. One group of Christians were gathered together in a simple house studying the Bible when suddenly the door was thrown open violently and three Russian soldiers burst in with rifles. One of the soldiers bellowed out that anyone who wasn't a Christian could leave immediately but anyone who had come to worship God should stay. After a moment of silence many of the people filed out of the house leaving a few people behind. One of the soldiers closed the door behind them and locked it, then the soldiers all put down the rifles and explained to the remaining few that they also were Christians but they only wanted to worship with true believers. Could you pass such a test of your faith? How can we know whether we have true faith? What is the Evidence that we can really know and that others can see? What about when doubt strikes?

By: Author Unknown

40 Days for Life

Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil. Join us at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown. From 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. Begins Ash Wednesday, Feb 10th and ends Holy Saturday, March 26th. For full details see www.morriscountyrightrighttolife.org. If you can't be there, private prayer and fasting or in groups is great. God Bless you.

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 10th 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

We are in need of more ministers to help with Communion at the weekend Masses. The need is particularly acute for the 7:00 AM Mass but is also urgent for the rest of the Masses. If you feel you can help your parish in this way please give it some serious thought and call Deacon Joe. He will arrange to train you and then put you on the schedule for those Masses that are most convenient for you.

NEW BEGINNINGS

For the past two years several candidates have been participating in our parish's *New Beginnings* program in preparation for receiving one or more of the three **Sacraments of Initiation** during the Easter season. Two of these candidates, George Yapple and Judith DeFronzo, will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. In anticipation of this they will be presented to Bishop Serratelli in the Rite of Election this afternoon at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Clifton. As a parish, we travel with them in spirit and prayer as they enter into this final phase of their catechuminate journey.

St. Michael School

Calendar Raffle results

2/8 #1278 \$25
2/9 #0237 \$25
2/10 #2577 \$25
2/11 #1781 \$25
2/12 #2516 \$25
2/13 #1715 \$50
2/14 #2495 \$75

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 February**, 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 if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless you.

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

Girl Scouts helping our Food Pantry

You are invited to join us for the Lenape Valley Girl Scouts World Thinking Day 2016 at Netcong Elementary School, Friday, Feb. 19th at 6:30pm, \$5 per person – All proceeds to St. Michael Church Food Pantry. See flyers on Church bulletin boards.