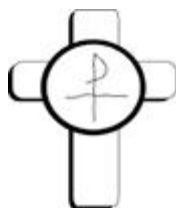


The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Alice Esposito, Benjamin Mallari, Mike DeFelice,
Beatrice Stracco

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,
Bill Hammond, Roland Berard

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. For the Poor
5:00 p.m. Martola D'Olivo, Eckhardt Deddert
7:00 p.m. Jaime, Lucely, Gloria Patarroyo

Sunday, March 6, 2016

7:00 a.m. Mel Oliva
8:45 a.m. Anthony DiBiase
10:30 a.m. For All Girl Scouts, Frank M. Puco,
Philomena Vassallo
12:00 p.m. Special Intention
5:00 p.m. For hungry
7:00 p.m. For all who are lonely

Monday, March 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Gloria McGeary
7:00 p.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Church

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

7:00 a.m. For the unborn
12:15 p.m. For world peace

Thursday, March 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Eugene Trapp

Friday, March 11, 2016

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Alice Esposito
5:00 p.m. Teresa Cue, Pasquale Lauritano
7:00 p.m. For all deceased parishioners of St. Michael's

Sunday, March 13, 2016

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo
8:45 a.m. Scott Danielson, Bernard F. Rogalski
10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley
12:00 p.m. For the poor of our parish
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 2/28/16 \$8,209.65

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 are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

Pope Francis has asked us to rediscover the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Throughout the Gospels Jesus admonishes us to follow his example, an example that sets down tangible ways we might better serve our brothers and sisters in need. As its name implies, the Corporal Works are directed toward serving the body: corpus, in Latin, means "body."

THERE ARE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

This Jubilee we should make a concerted effort to perform these beautiful Works of Mercy.

**-Healing Mass is on Tuesday, March 29th at 7pm,
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm
-Youth/Family Mass on March 6th at 7pm.**

Arimathea Group Forming

(Helping Families with Funeral Prep)

Have you lost a loved one recently? If so you know the number of items that need to be addressed quickly. If you are interested in helping us to form a group to help families at this critical time, we will have a meeting in the rectory to discuss forming such a group on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30pm following the Lenten Mass.



HUNGERING TO LEARN

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Lenten Schedule this Week

Monday

Confessions 7-8:30pm

Prayer Group, Session on Mercy, 7pm, Rec B

Tuesday

Lenten Mass 7pm

Wednesday

Lenten Mass 12:15pm

Friday

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Ch

ADORATION

"My eyes, I have filled with Jesus upon Whom I have fixed them at the Elevation of the Host at Holy Mass and I do not wish to replace Him with any other image." (St. Colette)

Open Hours

Sunday 2 AM

Sunday 3 AM

Sunday 7 PM (co-Adorer)

Monday 12 AM

Monday 2 AM

Monday 5 AM

Monday 1 PM

Tuesday 11 AM

Tuesday 2 PM

Thursday 12 AM

Friday 3 PM (Co-adorer)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

-Gr. 7 classes meet: March 7, 7-9pm

-Gr. 8 sessions resume March 14. We will be participating in the parish Reconciliation service during part of our session.

-Next Kindergarten session: March 20

Confirmation I (freshmen):

Please keep in mind the small group attendance policy: no more than 2 sessions per year can be missed.

First Communion:

Parents of children who will be celebrating their First Communion at St. Michael are to attend the following parent sessions:

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

All sessions are held in church basement (evening) or rectory basement (daytime)

Teaching Touching Safety Program: sessions will be given March 13 and 14 to all first and fourth grade classes as per the letter sent home in late Feb. An opt-out form was included in the letter and *must be returned to the Religious Ed office by March 6 if you do not wish your child to participate.* Please note the diocese has mandated that this program be presented in all Religious Education grade 1 and 4 programs. If you have any questions about the program, please call Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Ed office.

Youth Ministry News

Fr. Leonardo 973-347-0032 or Deacon Stu 973-347-1396

M&M Mission Trip Fundraiser

As in years past the M&M Fundraiser has been a great way to support our young parishioners as they attend the Mission Trip each summer. Please take a tube of M&Ms and return the tube next weekend filled with quarters. Thank you for your generous support

Youth Ministry - Outreach Opportunity

There is an opportunity this coming Thursday for our young people to share God's love with residents at St. Francis Nursing home in Denville. As a bonus for those of you preparing for confirmation this meets your service hour commitment for the month.

Please send an email confirming your plan to attend to Deacon Stu at: smrcyouthministry@gmail.com

We will meet at the main entrance of the nursing home at 5:30 pm on Thursday March 10th. We will visit with the seniors, help them play bingo and give out prizes (provided by the nursing home). We will be finished by 8:00pm

You will need to arrange your own transportation to and from the nursing home.

St. Francis Residential Community
122 Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ 07834

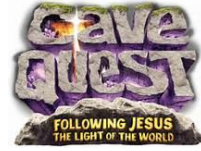
Thursday, March 10 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Mission Trip Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their March breakfast in support of our annual Mission Trip. Our teens are once again eager to share God's mercy and love as they go on mission to repair and renovate the homes of those less fortunate; right here in the United States.

Please join us for a delicious country breakfast in support of our young people.

When: Sunday March 20th
Time: 7:30am - Noon
Location: K of C Hall, Netcong



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.

Prayer Life Workshop for Youth

Prayers & Life workshop for Youth will be starting Thursday March 3rd, 2016 at 6:45pm. Come join to experience a closer connection with Christ. If you are interested please contact Vicky at 917 647 8272.

Prayer Life Workshop for Adults **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 !!

St. Michael's Prayer Group

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."



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.

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.morriscountyrighttolife.org. If you can't be there, private prayer and fasting or in groups is great. God Bless you.

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.

St. Michael School

Calendar Raffle results

03/1	#2801	\$25
03/2	#1492	\$25
03/3	#1567	\$50
03/4	#1609	\$25
03/5	#1339	\$25
03/6	#2450	\$100

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

The Catholic Academy of Sussex County is pleased to announce the Autumn 2016 opening of the Pope John XXIII Middle School for grades 5, 6, & 7.

Open House & Registration for Grades PreK-7

Tuesday evening, March 15, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

**Come see the exciting plans for our
PreK-12th grade campus.**

Hosted by Rev. George A. Brown School
294 Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Linda Artigliere at
973.729.9174 Option 3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

