

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Anthony Berlen, Florian Gawel, Helen Booth, Mike DeFelice

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

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Weaver

Altar Bread: Grace Costanzo

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 of Lent

Sunday

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Alice Esposito

5:00 p.m. Teresa Cue, Pasquale Lauritano,
Grace Montemarano

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

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

Monday, March 14, 2016

7:00 a.m. Rose & Frank Puco

7:00 p.m. Penance Service

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

8:00 a.m. Wayne Fry

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

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

7:00 a.m. Gloria McGearry

12:15 p.m. Michael & Regina Parasolle

Thursday, March 17, 2016 St. Patrick's Day

8:00 a.m. Martin & Bridget Grogan

Friday, March 18, 2016

7:00 a.m. Grace Costanzo

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. Anthony Preziosi, Sr.

5:00 p.m. Raymond & Margaret Ryan, Edward Kucharski

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan

8:45 a.m. Eskil Scott Danielson, Aniello, Laura, Robert,
Geri Brodo

10:30 a.m. Jane Grogan, Aniello, Laura, Robert, Geri Brodo

12:00 p.m. Carmella Marana, Theresa Tardive

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 3/7/16 \$7,789.21

Online Regular \$1,063.75

Repair & Renovation \$2,145.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From Msgr. Paul Knauer



**HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW
TOMORROW**

What are the Spiritual Works of Mercy?

While the Corporal Works of Mercy focus more on the needs of the body, the Spiritual Works focus on the needs of the soul. Just as we should help others with their physical needs, so too must we help them with their spiritual needs.

THERE ARE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY



1. Admonish the sinner
2. Instruct the ignorant
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Bear wrongs patiently
5. Forgive offenses willingly
6. Comfort the afflicted
7. Pray for the living and the dead

GROUP FORMING TO ASSIST FAMILIES PLAN FUNERAL LITURGY



If you have suffered the loss of a loved one you know how difficult those times can be. If you are willing to help others

in their time of need you can help in this important ministry. We had our initial meeting last week. We are having a second meeting this week, on **Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the rectory**. We are in need of additional members. For some of you it may mean just being a server at the funeral liturgy. As servers you assist and help to make the liturgy not just a matter for the priest but a sign of the entire parish community giving witness to our concern and care. Consider coming on Wednesday to learn more. Bring a friend, or your spouse with you. The group is called Arimathea, after Joseph of Arimathea, who helped at the death of Jesus

**-Healing Mass is on Tuesday, March 29th at 7pm,
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm
-Youth/Family Mass on April 3rd at 7pm.**

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from— and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Don't forget to bring your filled Rice Bowls back next weekend ~ you can either pay by check or leave the money in the box!

Lent and Easter Schedule

Monday, March 14

Penance Service (Confessions) 7pm

Friday, March 18

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Ch

Palm Sunday, March 20

Masses 7am, 8:45am, 10:30am and Noon in English
5pm in Spanish

Holy Thursday, March 24

Morning Prayer 8am

Mass of The Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday, March 25

Morning Prayer 8am

Ecumenical Walk 11am, begins at Stanhope Presbyterian

Good Friday Service 3pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday, March 26

Morning Prayer 8am

Food Blessing at Noon

Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday, March 27

Masses 7am, 8:45am, 10:30am & Noon in English
2pm in Spanish

Partners in Faith Report

We are happy to report that our parish recently received a check from our Diocese for \$18,108.25. This represents the third rebate returned to us as part of the Partners in Faith campaign. With these funds, we have been able to renovate the Church basement.

These parish funds are only available because of those parishioners who are making ongoing payments on their Partners in Faith pledges. I am so grateful to all who are consistent in paying their pledge, and ask any who may have fallen behind to re-commit to their pledge if possible. It is important to the work of the Diocese and to our parish. May God bless you for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

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

-Gr. 7: next class March 21

-Next Kindergarten session: March 20

Confirmation I (freshmen):

Service forms due **4/10**. Please note, this is your last month to make up for outstanding service work. If you have not completed the service portion of preparation, your confirmation will be delayed until it is complete. Please contact Mrs. Rogalo if you have any questions.

First Communion:

Parents of children who will be celebrating their First Communion at St. Michael and missed the parent sessions, must contact Mrs. Rogalo in order to participate. Please call 973-347-1465. There are many important details we must share with you before Easter!

Grade 8 Retreat:

As per the letter sent home:

Class on April 18 is cancelled; instead we will have a retreat on **4/15, 6:30-10:30 pm** here at St. Michael. Permission slips were sent home and are available on the website

(stmichaelnetcong.org; go to Faith Formation then to Religious Ed). You may bring a guest but we ask that all forms be returned in advance so we have enough food and other supplies. Charge for the event: 2 donations for the food pantry. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office for details.

NOTE: attendance at the retreat will count as make up for those who have more than the 3 allowable absences

Can you help Religious Ed - we need help in getting a free-standing copier from the second floor of the convent building to the Mount Olive Transfer Station 168 Gold Mine Rd, Mount Olive Transfer Station - they have Saturday hours. Please call Debbie 973-347-1465 or Maureen 973-224-1209. Thank you.

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 to the church vestibule. Thank you for your generous support

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

Deacons Joe and Stu checking out the New Jersey hiking scene. Deacon Joe in the orange hat on top of Mt. Tammany at the Delaware Water Gap and Deacon Stu awaiting rescue from the same mountain (just kidding). We had a great hike and saw loads of young people hiking the trails. Hope to see many of you on our next scheduled hike in April.

Deacon Stu



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." **The next SESSION IS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15 at 7pm in the rectory basement.**



VBS is August 1st through the 5th

mark your calendars! The theme is Cave Quest Following Jesus the Light of the World.

ADORATION

“St. Joseph’s adoration kept pace with every stage of Our Lord’s life, drawing upon the grace, the spirit, and the virtue of each mystery. In the Incarnation he adored the self-annihilation of the Son of God; at Bethlehem, the poverty; at Nazareth, the silence, the apparent weakness, the obedience, and all the other virtues of Christ. He knew well and he grasped clearly the reason why Christ practiced them---for the love and glory of His Heavenly Father. St. Joseph adored, interiorly at least, everything that Jesus said and thought. The Holy Spirit revealed all to him, so that joining with these thoughts and words he might glorify the Father in heaven together with the Son, our divine Savior. In this way the life of St. Joseph was a life of perfect adoration. “From close union with this holy adorer I shall learn to adore our Lord and to live in intimacy with Him. I shall then be the Joseph of the Eucharist as he was the Joseph of Nazareth.” (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

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
Friday 3 PM (Co-adorer)

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.

Men’s Discussion Group

You are invited to attend the Men’s Discussion Group on **Saturday 18 March**, after the 8 AM Mass and Rosary, in the rectory basement. We will focus on our journey through Lent. **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

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

