

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, March 20, 2016**  
**Palm Sunday**



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died:**

Ana Cecilia Avella

**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, Altar Bread and Wine:**  
 Joseph Francomacero

**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**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Sunday**

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

**Monday**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday**

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday**

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or

22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;

Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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

**Monday, March 21, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Right to Life

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

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

12:15 p.m. Mary & Bill Ruf

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 Holy Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, John J. Bauer

**Friday, March 25, 2016 Good Friday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Passion, Veneration & Communion

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 26, 2016 Holy Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Food Blessing

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Sunday, March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Josephine, Emilio, Sam and Vincent Rea, Louis Castaldi

8:45 a.m. Matthew & Frances Soccio & Deceased Members of Ronzo & Soccio Families

10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr., Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga, Josephine Rampone

12:00 p.m. Jimmy & Donald LaBell, Mario Tancredi

2:00 p.m. Olga Castano, Jessica Andrea & Juan Esteban Loaiza

**TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

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

**Sunday 3/13/16 \$7,187.00**

**Online Regular \$1,063.75**

**Easter Flowers \$ 739.00**

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

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

## Religious Tolerance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

The recent and not-so-recent terrorist attacks by radical Islamists, have understandably put much of the world on edge. The situation has put security personnel on heightened alert in many countries to try to prevent such future attacks and loss of innocent lives. However, some prominent, but irresponsible, voices in our own country have tried to put all Muslims under suspicion, even going so far as to suggest that only Christian refugees should be rescued and considered for asylum from their war-torn countries. Such rhetoric is not only unfair but it is also un-Christian and it denies others of their religious liberties.

Let us not forget that in much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Ku Klux Klan torched the houses of the Blacks, tortured them, lynched them, and terrorized them and their white sympathizers. The KKK members who carried out these atrocities were predominantly Christians. It would certainly have been unfair in those days to thus brand all Christians as racist murderers and terrorists. So too it is with today's Muslims of whom the vast majority are good, God-loving people who sincerely reject and condemn the violence that is carried out by an unrepresentative and small minority of Muslims.

Deacon Joe

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



### HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice

Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowls!

## Lent and Easter Schedule

### 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

## 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; Gr. 8: next session April 4
- Next Kindergarten session: March 20
- No sessions Easter week, 3/27 and 3/28. Sessions resume April 3 and 4



#### 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](http://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.

**First Communion:**

JESUS DAY: is April 2 for all children celebrating First Communion. Please refer to the schedule handed out at the parent meetings and beginning of the year for your child's assignment. All children are to be accompanied by an adult. ANY requests for time changes must be cleared with Mrs. Rogalo by March 28.

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!

**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.

**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

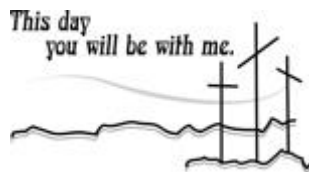
**Mission Trip Fundraiser**

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**



**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 MONDAY, MARCH 21 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.

**EASTER TRIDUUM NOTICE**

**DUE TO THE EASTER TRIDUUM PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL WILL END ON HOLY THURSDAY AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL RESUME ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 12:00 P.M. MASS.**

**THERE WILL BE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER ON HOLY THURSDAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT.**

**THANK YOU. HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.**

**ADORATION**

**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
- Monday 2 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 10<sup>th</sup> and ends Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. For full details see [www.morriscountyrighttolife.org](http://www.morriscountyrighttolife.org). If you can't be there, private prayer and fasting or in groups is great. God Bless you.

## Under Mary's Mantle

Good News! We have been invited back to Merry Heart Nursing Home for a game night on March 25, 2016. It will begin at 6:15 pm to help the nurses transport the patients down to the day room. Please join us as we lift the spirits and spread some joy to the patients at Merry Heart.

Please e mail if you plan to attend. The e mail address is [Undermarysmantle@gmail.com](mailto:Undermarysmantle@gmail.com). Thank you as always for your cooperation in our projects.

## 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.

### **Knights of Columbus 3665 2015 Monthly Blood Drive**

Monday, March 28th  
3pm – 9pm

One lucky donor will win a basketball jersey from the college or pro team of their choice

All donors will receive a coupon for a  
FREE Ice at Rita's in Flanders  
140 Ledgewood Avenue, Netcong

No Appointments necessary  
Walk-ins welcome

## 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*

## 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](mailto:jmjr99@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless you.

## Women's Conference:

### *Feminine, Faithful, Fearless*

This conference is meant for all women, at any age and any stage of life, celebrating our differences while affirming who we are in Christ. What makes this conference different is our focus on the diversity of what today's Catholic woman is, while still appreciating our unifying faith. We try and represent all women, whether that is through an editor-in-chief of a lifestyle magazine, or a lawyer and professor, or a stay-at-home mom, you will feel welcomed. Presenters will be Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Dr. Susan Timoney, STD, and Rosario Rodriguez along with musical guests Lauren and Nicky Costabile and Keaton Douglas as emcee at **St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ**. Join us on **Saturday, April 9 from 9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.** and invite a friend! Check us out on Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/635601299954438/?active\\_tab=posts](https://www.facebook.com/events/635601299954438/?active_tab=posts).

To register, please go to [www.inisidethewalls.org/womens-conference](http://www.inisidethewalls.org/womens-conference). Adults: \$25; college students: \$10.