

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Dennis Stablile, Fr. Lukasz Krzaczkowski, Bill Hammond

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 Tognio, James Maurino,
 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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk
 24:1-12;

or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

First Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

First Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 26, 2016 Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Food Blessing

8:00 p.m. All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

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
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Monday, March 28, 2016

7:00 a.m. Joanne Puco, Jimmy Johnson

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

7:00 p.m. For Healings

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

7:00 a.m. Robert Colabella

Thursday, March 31, 2016

8:00 a.m. Paulette Rudella

Friday, April 1, 2016

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:15 a.m. For St. Michael School Students

Saturday, April 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rose P. Puco, Thomasina Grogan

5:00 p.m. Paul D'Olivo, Grace Montemarano

7:00 p.m. Jaime, Lucely, Gloria Patarroyo

Sunday, April 3, 2016 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:00 a.m. Ettore Benvenuto, Richie DiRenzo

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

10:30 a.m. Joanne Puco, Aniello, Laura, Robert, Geri Brodo

12:00 p.m. Dorothy Cichon

2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Service

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

Sunday 3/20/16 \$9,077.74

Online Regular \$1,063.75

Easter Flowers \$ 678.00

Rice Bowl \$1,430.45

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From Msgr. Paul Knauer



Alleluia, He is Risen!!

Joseph Pieper once remarked that the human capacity for festivity arises from the ability to affirm all creation as good from the ability to embrace in one resounding "yes" the length and breath, the heights and depths of our experience in this world as good. We can hear this yes in Mozart's music, in the joyful squeals of a child, in the contented prayerful whispers of an elderly woman.

But there's the rub, few of us can say yes for very long. We live in an intensely mobile culture of fast foods, faster cars, disposable diapers, and planned obsolescence. At parties we do not carry on conversations, but repeat to one another snippets of dialogue from movies, beer commercials, sitcoms or interviews form sports figures. Small wonder that so many in our society feel so isolated, so lonely, so unable to connect. Small wonder too, that as a people we find ourselves increasingly bored, angry and violent.

Given such cultural conditions the Christian celebration of the blessed Pentecost - from Easter to Pentecost, will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty day of dwelling in the paschal mystery, fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives.

One reason such a prolonged celebration strikes many as difficult if not absurd, is that we tend to link holidays and feasts with mindless hoopla, 'party time'. But a season of Christian festival is quite the opposite. It's a time of finely tuned awareness, and awakened memory. The great fifty days of Easter are not an unwelcomed time of obligation to party on, but an invitation to to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart" to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives., to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short this time is a season for learning how to say yes in a culture that keeps wanting to say no.

Look closely at the scripture readings over these fifty days. *Taken from "The Blessed Pentecost" Nathan Mitchell, Notre Dame Center for the Liturgy*

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



HUNGERING FOR CELEBRATION

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl!

HELP US RESOLVE A PROBLEM

St Michael's school will be closed at the end of this school year. We have a former convent, a school and a gym. How can we best use these buildings in the future. We would like to form a small committee to explore the issues and present options for the future of these buildings. Real Estate, contractors and other specialties may be very helpful. Call the rectory office to offer your assistance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

- NO Classes this week! Gr. 1-6 and 8 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; 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.

Confirmation II parent meeting: as per the calendar, April 6, 7 pm, church basement

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.

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

FEAR OF GOD

Once there were two brothers who were very naughty. Always they were up to some mischief. One day, their mother asked a priest to talk to her sons and put the fear of god in them so that they would mend their ways. The priest asked her to send her sons to him one by one. Firstly, the younger brother went to the priest and sat by his side. The priest asked him in a commanding voice, "Where is God?" The boy didn't react. When the priest asked again, the boy ran to his elder brother and said, "Do you know God is missing and everybody thinks that we are responsible for this." The way to miss God's will is really simple: ignore the Bible. In the Bible God has told us exactly what we should do when it comes to making decisions.

Teen and Family Hike

When: Saturday Morning April 2nd; 9:30am - Noon
Where: Parking Area at Corner of Waterloo Road and Continental Drive. See Flyer on website or back tables in Church for more details.
Deacon Stu

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 Flower Sale Info

Attention anyone planning on attending the Mission Trip this summer - Your Flower Sale Packet is now available at the back of the church. Do Not forget to pick one up on your way out. It contains all the information regarding the sale as well as your order forms. To all the parishioners who have generously supported us throughout the years, our annual Mother's Day Flower Sale is back. We will be selling at all the Masses on the weekends of April 9th and the 16th. We thank you for your support through out the years.

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.

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)

St. Michael Prayer Group

Meets on Mondays at 7pm

Coming in April

St. Michael Prayer Group will be presenting "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" in a dramatic 10 session journey featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC best selling author and popular speaker. The DVD retreat will begin on April 18th, Monday evening at 7PM and end on Saturday, May 21st. *More details and opportunity to register will be following so please watch the website and bulletin.*



VBS is August 1st through the 5th
mark your calendars! The theme is Cave Quest
Following Jesus the Light of the World.



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 3rd

We will be having Adoration and Confessions from 2pm to 4pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be proclaimed at 3pm. Come join us to commemorate this great gift! For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday and plenary indulgences, see our website.

A Thank You from the Knights of Columbus

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Thank you for your support of our 40 Cans for Lent project. Because of your generosity and Lenten sacrifice, we were able to contribute 2,771 food items to the parish food pantry. This should sustain the good work of the pantry into the summer months.

Please accept our best wishes for a happy and holy Easter.

St. Michael Knights of Columbus

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.

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

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.

To register, please go to www.insidethewalls.org/womens-conference. Adults: \$25; college students: \$10.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

