

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Mother Angelica, Eugene Homentowski

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, Roland Berard

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine:

Nicholas L. Costanzo

Sanctuary Lamp:

Andrew Weaver

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

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
5:00 p.m. Special Intention
7:00 p.m. For Youth and Families

Monday, April 4, 2016

7:00 a.m. James Taormina

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Johnathan Ayres

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

7:00 a.m. Dennis Stabile

Thursday, April 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Reyes Treat

Friday, April 8, 2016

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

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Michael Bortak, Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo
7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, April 10, 2016

7:00 a.m. Josephine, Emilio, Sam Vincent Rea,
Paul DiRupo
8:45 a.m. Vivian Indue
10:30 a.m. Vincent Tardive, Albert Fogarty
12:00 p.m. David Downs
5:00 p.m. Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar

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

Holy Thursday	\$ 1,338.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,259.00
Sunday 3/27/16 Easter	\$19,170.00
Online Regular	\$ 1,063.75
Easter Flowers	\$ 205.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From Msgr. Paul Knauer

Easter has come and Easter Sunday has gone but not the Easter Season, That continues for fifty days, till Pentecost. Spring now is really upon us, the forsythia is in full bloom along with the other early spring flowers and the trees are about ready to burst forth. All signs of new life, reminders of the new life given us by the death of Christ. Easter is too big a feast to be limited to just one day, and creation itself (at least for those of us in the northern hemisphere) seems to say the same thing. Every Sunday is celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The Easter Season, at 50 days long, is almost one seventh of the year, just as Sunday is one seventh of the week. That makes the Easter Season the **BIG WEEK** of the year-proclaiming the Resurrection of Jesus.

Make these days one of spiritual profit for yourself by casting of all those things that prevent you from proclaiming the new life of Christ that the season celebrates. Jesus echoing Isaiah said he came *"to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind and to set the captives free"*

Let the power of Jesus and His Spirit open your heart and mind to accept His mercy and love during this Easter Season. Let go and let God.

Msgr. Paul Knauer

Holy Father's Intentions for April

Universal: Small Farmers

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

-Healing Mass with Fr. Joseph Vadakkel is on Tuesday, April 26th at 7pm, Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

-Youth/Family Mass on Sunday, April 3rd at 7pm.



THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!!

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-

- Classes resume for Gr. 1-6 and 8 April 3 and 4

SPRING FAMILY FAITH SESSION!

~ The 3 Great Days ~
Sun., 4/10

As per the calendar *and* notice sent home before Easter Please read these important details:

- Session begins with 8:45 am Mass. Presentation starts IN church right after Mass and will continue near/in the school until 11:15am
- **Grade 6** will be session helpers
- MONDAY children are asked to attend the SUNDAY session. MONDAY classes on 4/11 are *cancelled* for grades 1, 3-6. **GRADE 2 will have class on 4/11!**
- PARENTS are asked to accompany children—as this is a Family session. Younger siblings are welcome; (parents of 6th graders do not need to attend unless you have younger children in the program; 6th graders will be assisting with the presentations)



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. NOTE:

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.

Confirmation I: there was a typo in the bulletin last week!! Your next set of service forms is not due until JUNE 10---so you have plenty of time to make up for missed service!! Sorry for the misinformation!

Please Help Rel Ed - Still need to get the copier out of the building. We have two men lined up. We'd like two more. We will use a hand truck to move it so heavy lifting should be at a minimum. We need the manpower to keep the unit on the truck coming down the stairs. Afternoons after 3 PM or Saturday would work. Thank you. Please call Maureen 973-224-1209.

Youth Ministry News

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

The child and his mother

A curious child asked his mother: "Mommy, why are some of your hairs turning grey?" The mother tried to use this occasion to teach her child: "It is because of you, dear. Every bad action of yours will turn one of my hairs grey!" The child replied innocently: "Now I know why grandmother has only grey hairs on her head." DEUTERONOMY 5:16 "Honor your Father and mother as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you."

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.

ADORATION

Open Hours

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)
Saturday 4 AM

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.

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.

Men's Discussion Group

You are invited to attend the Men's Discussion Group on **Saturday 16 APRIL**, after the 8 AM Mass and Rosary, in the Church basement [or Rectory basement if the former is not available]. Our focus will be the Eucharist and Holy Spirit. **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.

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.inisidethewalls.org/womens-conference. Adults: \$25; college students: \$10.

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy April 3, 2016

"Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them... Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The second Sunday of Easter, designated Divine Mercy Sunday by St. John Paul II, and a key moment in the Jubilee Year of Mercy finds us, not at Solomon's portico but in our homes and home parishes. The signs and wonders of the early church are manifest again, as others, through our efforts and invitation, return to the life of the church.

If each person would pause, pray, and then invite someone to experience the mercy of God and return to the life of the church, how different would our parish life be.

Before his election as Pope, our Holy Father as Archbishop of Buenos Aires wrote "Only someone who has encountered mercy, who has been caressed by the tenderness of mercy, is happy and comfortable with the Lord."

Have I offered this gift to someone else?

