

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



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

**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, Margherite DiBernard

**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**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday**

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**Monday**

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**

Acts 7:51—8:1<sup>a</sup>; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday**

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday**

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday**

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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

**Monday, April 11, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Matthew & Frances Soccio

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Pamela Baisley

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer

**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Friday, April 15, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Brother Nicholas Caffrey

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Carol Ronsley

5:00 p.m. Alice Esposito, Elwin & Mary Burd

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Sunday, April 17, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Dennis Stable

8:45 a.m. Douglas Cunningham

10:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito, Patricia Buckley

12:00 p.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m. Laura & Emil Normandy

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

**Sunday 4/3/16**                      **\$7,225.07**

**Online Regular**                      **\$1,063.75**

**Rice Bowl**                              **\$1,136.73 (#2)**

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

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

## ***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 Vadakkal**

**Tuesday, April 26th at 7pm,**

**Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm**

**-Youth/Family Mass is Sunday, May 1st 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. Please call the rectory office to offer your assistance.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

#### **Calendar Reminders-**

**SPRING FAMILY FAITH SESSION TODAY!**

~ The 3 Great Days ~

For all Rel. Ed families with children in Grades K-5 (Gr. 6 will be assisting but parents are welcome to attend too) Session begins with 8:45 am Mass. Continues through 11:15am

- 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 must accompany children as this is a Family session.



#### **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 I:** Next set of service forms is due JUNE 10

**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**

#### **Inconvenient Christians**

Hundreds of Christians are being murdered worldwide simply because they are troublesome to oppressive regimes, according to Gerolamo Fazzini, the co-director of Mondo e Missione, the magazine of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions. He wrote that many die just because of their opposition—in the name of their faith—to those in power. Often missionaries, nuns, and lay people are “taken out of the way because they are inconvenient.” Many of their deaths are ascribed to robberies or other crimes. Sr. Barbara Ann Ford is the perfect example. She was killed in May 2001 in Guatemala City while working in defense of human rights. She had been a friend of Auxiliary Bishop Juan Gerardi, who had been killed in 1998. Fr. Arley Arias Garcia was killed a year later in an ambush in Florencia, Colombia. He had been attempting to start negotiations between paramilitaries and guerillas. Ana Isabel Sanchez Torralba, a twenty-two-year-old South American youth with a volunteer mission in Equatorial Guinea, was killed when church opened fire on the bus she was riding in on July 1, 2003. We can and should do much more to support persecuted Christians in the developing world. Financial and prayerful support for the missions is essential, but so is developing an increased awareness of and involvement in the fight for human rights.”

## 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



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

## Mission Trip Flower Sale Info

The Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale will be held this weekend and next weekend after all the Masses. Members of the Youth Mission Trip will be outside with brochures for anyone interested in ordering a basket and/or planters. The Flowers are \$20 per basket and \$25 for the planters. They will arrive and be ready for pick up on Friday, May 6th after 6pm or Saturday May 7th, between 10-12am. Just in time for Mother's Day. The plants are beautiful and hardy and the money raised benefits the youth of our parish who will be spending a week of their summer helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your support throughout the years and for your continued support.



## 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.***

## 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

## 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 jmj99@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless you.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday evening at 7PM and end on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. *More details and opportunity to register will be following so please watch the website and bulletin.*

**Thank You from our  
Outreach Pantry**

*We extend our sincere thanks to all for your generous donations to the Outreach Program Food Pantry through the Knights of Columbus 40 Cans of Lent food drive. Your contributions stocked the pantry with much needed food and personal items that will provide necessities for the needy families and individuals in our community. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for conducting this drive and for all they do for the pantry and Outreach Program all year long.*

*Thank you, too, to Debbie Rogalo and the Religious Education classes who provided 36 Easter Baskets for the children whose families use the services of the Food Pantry. Filled with candy, small toys, coloring books and crayons/markers and stuffed animals, and other goodies, these students ensured that the children had a Happy Easter. The kindness and generosity of all of you is truly a reflection of God's goodness.*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41**

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

**Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

**Gospel: John 21:1-19**

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

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**"But Peter and the apostles said in reply 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' So they left the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name."**

How amazing that in such a short time following Peter's denial, he boldly proclaimed his faith before the very same authority. He had no trouble stating that he and his companions were witnesses of the grace of the paschal mystery.

The Easter time is most appropriate for all to consider what it means to be a witness and how we can make this same mystery relevant to our needy world.

We remind ourselves of the basic steps. We have an encounter with the Risen Christ, through the scriptures, a special event, through one of His ministers. We are drawn to form a relationship with Him through prayer. This leads us to become like Peter, knowing the Christ and then willingly speak of Him, and His role in our lives.

Consider for a moment. What if Peter's talk had not been recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. What if he had failed to answer the question posed by Jesus – 'Peter do you love me?' Peter indicated he was a witness. Am I?

### **Community Info**

Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School, Sparta, is holding an Open House for new students only, grades PreK-7, on Wednesday, April 13, at 9 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. For information, please call the school at [973-729-9174 x3](tel:973-729-9174).

**Full time live in aide needed** – room and board, salary provided. Please call Rita 201-723-7694

**Netcong – 1 bedroom apartment**, 2nd floor  
Please call 201-207-3006

