

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Anthony Preziosi, Joan D. Basenese, Donald Stiner

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,
 Evelyn and Vivian Dumpert, Pat Leone, Simon Harvey, Robert
 Newton, Phil Grella, Diana Palumbo, Patricia Heady, Elaine
 Dietz, Michele Demeo, Thomas Togno, James Maurino, Roland
 Berard, Peter Stchur, Daniel Barra Sr., Phillip Dalbec, Irma
 Vidal, Tim Paternostro, Doug Ernst, Czesia Hader, Edith Olivo
 Beth Courter, Sophie Modrzynski, Loda Nerbecki, Valerie
 Matronich, Zach Glut, Pauline Milone, Antal Frey,
 Josephine Brozon, Margaret DiPasquale

Weekly Memorial

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
 Saturday:Rosary (after 8 am Mass) 8:30 am

Readings for the week

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 5:00 p.m. Vincent Dalessandro, Emelio,
 John & Margaret Verdi

Sunday, December 4, 2016

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:45 a.m. Augustine & Philomena Verdi
 10:30 a.m. Frank Galante, Ralph Amato
 12:00 p.m. James Wilson
 1:30 p.m. Aristides Romero

Monday, December 5, 2016

7:00 a.m. Bill Ruf

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Ralph Amato, Andrew Baranik

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, December 8, 2016 Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Andrew Chromey
 7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Friday, December 9, 2016

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

Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Margaret Chromey
 5:00 p.m. Vincent Dalessandro, Sean Clark

Sunday, December 11, 2016

7:00 a.m. Louis & Alice Esposito
 8:45 a.m. Martin & Anna Smith,
 Thomas & Virginia Romano, John Andico
 10:30 a.m. Marie Lucatelli, Charlie Farruggio,
 Patricia Baumiller
 12:00 p.m. Joseph Kasper, Carmella DeSantis &
 Ralph Gugliegmo
 1:30 p.m. Paula Mejia Special Intention

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

Sunday 11/20/16 \$6,482.00

Thanksgiving 11/24/16 \$ 954.00

Sunday 11/28/16 \$7,518.10

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

-Healing Mass

Tuesday, December 27th at 7pm,
 Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

On December 8, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This mystery shows the special role of Mary in salvation history and in the history of our journey of faith. When we entrust ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we open the door to accepting God's Mercy and sing our own Magnificat.

What is the Immaculate Conception? It expresses the truth that the parents of Mary - Joachim and Anna – conceived their daughter preserved by God from the wounds of original sin. Unblemished conception applies only to Mary, who in a unique way was preserved from original sin as she was to become the Mother of the Son of God.

When the Lord willed himself to speak to humanity and to send His Word into our history, He found on our planet, one person He could enter - Mary, the modest girl from Galilee. The ancient Christian hymn Te Deum says literally: "Non horruisti Virginitis uterum" – "You not rejected the womb of Mary."

God chose Mary to become the Mother of the Redeemer of mankind, blessed among women, because of her faith. She is blessed because she believed that with God nothing is impossible. Searching, what way he could get to us, the Lord found her open heart. And when He wants to speak to us, to each of us - in this coming of Christmas time - perhaps He is asking for Marian entrustment in our lives.

The gate, through which you enter, is the gateway of Marian FIAT, "become" - "Let it be to me according to Thy Word." In the beginning of creation is God, FIAT: Let it be! Let there be light! Let there be earth! Let there be the sun and the stars! In this, God expresses His imperious and creative power and appoints things from nonexistence to existence - so it was in the beginning.

Then, the Lord began his second work - the work of our redemption, through which the work of creation only gives the ultimate depth and meaning. This is the beginning of FIAT: which is the human response to God's call. It is the word of faith of Mary: "Fiat mihi secundum Verbum Tuum" - "Let it be done to me according to your word".

Mary is the epitome of the three great virtues that the tradition of the Church knows as the three vows: chastity, poverty and obedience, but their value is immeasurably wider and more universal. Cleanliness - This wholeness, totality of her decision: with everything that is, is at Her disposal. The same is with poverty: this is the "dispossession" with full giving of self. And also - of obedience: let us attentively listen to God's will and its response, in silence, which may be a strong word from God.

Entrusting ourselves to Mary is to open the door through which we can come to God and His Word. Let us ask that we have so much devotion, chastity and obedience, courage and faith, as Mary did to open the gates to Him who comes and announce our own FIAT.

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak

***Please pray for our Diaconate Candidates –
Russ Raffay and John Meyer***

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH BASEMENT RENOVATION MEMORIALS

Baseboard Heating	\$3,500
Insulation	\$4,000
Pipe Insulation	\$1,000
Drywall System	\$5,000
Soundproofing	\$10,000
Drop Ceiling	\$15,000
Electrical Wiring	\$5,000
Ceiling Lights	\$5,000
Wall Lights	\$5,000
Sound System	\$3,000
Tables (20)	\$6,500
Chairs (200)	\$10,000
Kitchen Cabinets	\$10,000
Back Splash	\$1,500
Granite Countertops	\$2,500
Refrigerator	\$2,000
Range/Installation	\$1,700
Range Hood	\$700 <i>taken</i>
A/C System (TNT Air Donation)	
Tile Floors	\$15,000
Server's Closet	\$2,000
Choir's Closet	\$2,000
Stair Covering	\$2,000
Entrance Door	\$1,500
Side Doors (Rt. #46)	\$2,000
Wall Repair (Rt. #46)	\$3,000

Holy Father's Intentions for December

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

at the 1:30 Spanish Mass on Dec. 11th we will have a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas with the Mariachis - all are invited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Gr. 1-6: As per the calendar, classes are in session
Week of 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Gr. K: 12/18

Gr. 7: 12/12 (test and review)

Gr. 8: 12/5, 12/19

NO sessions week of 12/25 and 1/1

Confirmation Prep:

Confirmation I: Next Large group meeting: Sun., Dec. 4, 1-3 pm. One service form is due at this session! We will meet in the school.

Confirmation II: all candidates have received a report detailing outstanding service, sponsor paperwork, etc. Saint report **due Nov. 30**

- **Next large group meeting:** January 15, 1-3:20 pm
- Service forms due: Jan. 10 (covering all service done since 9/30). Please note all make up service is to be completed by Jan. 10. If you need help, please contact Mrs. Rogalo, 073-347-1465.

Religious Education Calendars for all programs are available on the website. Go to Faith Formation tab then choose Religious Education.



Gift Idea!

We have several copies of *We Believe and Pray*, a beautiful prayer book for children. Included are traditional Catholic prayers, practices and some basic teachings. Suitable for ages 6-12. The cost per book is \$7. Copies are available at the school during Religious Education class times or by calling the office (973-347-1465)



Service

Confirmation Candidates - need service?

Sign up to wash church pews - we need three candidates - One adult needs to be present with the candidate. If two/three candidates sign up for the same hour, only ONE adult is needed. You pick the day and hour that works best during Dec 1 thru 10. Choice is subject to church schedule. Call Maureen 973-224-1209.

“Wrap Presents and Be Present”

~Best Advent Ever~



We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Advent Ever: *Rediscover Christmas*. You'll receive daily emails with inspirational videos, practical tips, or free Christmas music that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most. You'll experience Christmas in a way you've never experienced it before. Are you ready for your best Advent ever? To sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com (brought to you by Dynamic Catholic)

Religious Education and Youth

Important Meeting teens (sophomore and older) interested in participating on the freshman and eighth grade retreat teams. When: Monday, December 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Where: School Building meeting room
Deacon Stu

Youth 2016

Celebrating Christ This Christmas

Calling all young people (age 14 and up). Come join us for an evening of prayer, praise, pizza and volleyball. Lets shout out our love for Jesus in praise and song celebrating Jesus birthday with a party.

When: Tuesday evening, December 20th

Adoration with praise and song at 7:00pm in the church, pizza and volleyball from 8:00pm to midnight in the gym. Spread the word.

Deacon Stu

Youth Ministry Mission Trip Fundraiser

The holiday season is here once again! St. Michael Mission

Trip volunteers have begun selling gift cards after all Masses. You pay face value and your card is worth face value, but the Mission Trip earns a rebate on each card sold.

Please help support this fundraiser. Thank you!

New CD's in Vestibule.....

Please remember that there are religious CD's available in the vestibule and they are \$3 each.

St. Michael's Giving Tree

Returns...



We are asking that you return the ornament tag with the wrapped gift back to the Giving Tree by **December 10/11th**.
God Bless your generosity.

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.

Spiritual Adoption

Please spiritually adopt a baby in danger of abortion. The sign up book gives the baby a name and we ask that you pray for them each day for the entire pregnancy. Take a prayer card because your prayers can save a life. The book is near the statue of Our Blessed Mother. God Bless you.

ADORATION NOTICE

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"

Colossians 3:12-17

Our open hours are posted below. Ideally we would like to fill these hours first but all hours of the day or night are available. Please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour that is convenient for you and help us to reach our goal of at least two adorers for every hour. Hourly coordinators and substitutes are also needed.

Open Hours

SUNDAY	3 AM
SUNDAY	10 PM
MONDAY	12 AM
MONDAY	1 AM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
WEDNESDAY	5 AM
FRIDAY	1 AM
SATURDAY	12 PM
SATURDAY	3 PM
SATURDAY	9 PM

Thank you and God bless you.
Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

Joseph will sing for you.....

In the spirit of Advent, the church gives us time to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We surround ourselves with good food, family and friends. We sing carols and wish blessings of good will to one another. This year you can add to your festivities. How? Joseph Legaspi, our Director of Music, has agreed to sing at your home and help you celebrate a fun filled evening with your family and friends. As a fundraiser, all parishioners will be given an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. The winner will experience a delightful evening listening to our talented Director of Music, Joseph, singing to you and your family and friends. What a special Advent/Christmas present for all! More details will be following and watch the bulletin for more information.

Community Info

Academy MEGA Raffle

The Catholic Academy of Sussex County is having a Mega fundraiser from November 2016 to March 2017. Proceeds will benefit the students at Rev. Brown School, Pope John Middle School and Pope John High School. Enter for your chance to win! Prizes include a Jeep Renegade, 19' Sea Ray Boat with trailer, Honda Civic and weekly Cash prizes. Tickets are \$100 each. Visit AcademyMegaRaffle.org for more information and to purchase tickets.



St. Michael's Christmas Concert

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 16th at 7pm in church. Please join us for some beautiful Christmas music.

SAINT MICHAEL'S OUTREACH PANTRY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The cupboards at the Food Pantry were bare but now they are overflowing thanks to your generosity and kindness. Parishioners, community members and community organizations made certain that we had enough food for each family to enjoy a plentiful Thanksgiving dinner. We can't thank you enough for your continued support. At this time we are in need of personal items such as deodorant, razors, toothpaste, soap, body wash, shampoo, etc. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

Prayer Group Meeting

Mondays at 7pm



Please take a peek at our new online giving program. It is so easy and simple! You set up your own account and can make changes when needed. Check out the flyer in the bulletin or the information on the website under the DONATE tab!



The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Prayer Cell
Next meeting is Friday, January 6th at 7pm