

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, December 25, 2016**  
**The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day**



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

**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, Bill Regal,  
 Janice Airl, Susan DeSantis

**Weekly Memorial**

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Weaver  
 Altar Bread & Wine: Grace Costanzo

**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**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Sunday**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Monday**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Friday**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;  
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday**

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016 Christmas Eve**

8:00 a.m. Jack Norgard, Fred & Grace Grogan and  
 Deceased Family Members  
 5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, John J. Bauer  
 7:00 p.m. Special Intention Jose & Saray Alfaro  
 11:00 p.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Sr., Adeline &  
 Joseph Bencivenga, Joseph Esposito

**Sunday, December 25, 2016 Christmas Day**

7:00 a.m. Josephine, Emilio, Vincent & Sam Rea,  
 Louis Castaldi, Anna Gianantonio  
 8:45 a.m. Margaret Flynn, Robert & Maryann Weldon  
 10:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito, Thomasina Grogan  
 12:00 p.m. Gus & Josephine Rampone, Martin C. Koert Sr.  
 1:30 p.m. Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar, Maria Palma

**Monday, December 26, 2016**

9:00 a.m. Janet Loudis

**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Carol Fenton

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**

8:00 a.m. For St. Michael Parishioners

**Friday, December 30, 2016**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Saturday, December 31, 2016 New Year's Eve**

8:00 a.m. Veronica Geraghty  
 5:00 p.m. Vincent Dalessandro, George Zehnder

**Sunday, January 1, 2017 Solemnity of Mary**

7:00 a.m. Protection of babies in the womb  
 8:45 a.m. Josephine & Emilio Rea, Sam & Vincent Rea  
 10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley, Vincent Tardive  
 12:00 p.m. The Brodo Family  
 1:30 p.m. Jamie Liamero, Guillermo Valdivia,  
 Maria Palma

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

**Sunday 12/18/16 \$7,168.40**

*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

## From Fr. Adam & Fr. Jeider

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled” (Luke 2:1). With those words begins one of the most beautiful stories of all time, the story of the birth of Jesus, a story that remains ever fresh, never growing old for more than 2,000 years. We could never count how many words have been written, how many songs have been sung, about the precious birth of the Christ Child.

Once the shepherds have come and gone from the birthplace of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are alone once again with their child and “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Luke 2:19).

This Christmas, we should all take that breath like Mary. To pause and think and pray. To reflect on what the story of the birth of Jesus truly means to us and for us; to reflect on how we can and must live our lives differently because of Jesus as “God with us”; to make sure that we truly take this story to heart, as Mary did in that little town of Bethlehem.

Together with Fr. Jeider, our deacons and Staff, I wish you a joy-filled, peaceful, and grace-filled Christmas.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved St. Michael Parish.

We thank you for your love and kindness to us, thank you for all your beautiful cards and gifts that you offered to us and to the parish.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope to meet each of you in the Church. May Christ abide in your hearts always!

Many Blessings!

Fr. Adam and Fr. Jeider



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

### *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.



## St. Michael's Giving Tree

### Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated gifts. We were able to provide gifts to all our outreach families. God Bless your generosity.

## 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
<b>Ceiling Lights</b>	<b>\$5,000 taken</b>
<b>Wall Lights</b>	<b>\$5,000 taken</b>
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
<b>Range Hood</b>	<b>\$700 taken</b>
A/C System (TNT Air Donation)	
Tile Floors	\$15,000
Server's Closet	\$2,000
<b>Choir's Closet</b>	<b>\$2,000 taken</b>
Stair Covering	\$2,000
<b>Entrance Door</b>	<b>\$1,500 taken</b>
Side Doors (Rt. #46)	\$2,000
Wall Repair (Rt. #46)	\$3,000

**Mass is at 9am on the Monday  
after Christmas and the Monday after  
New Year's day.  
No Confession.  
The rectory office will be closed.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



There are no Religious Education sessions during the weeks of 12/25 and 1/1

### After Christmas---

Gr. 1-6 resumes Sunday Jan. 8 and Mon. Jan. 9  
Gr. 8 resumes Mon. Jan. 9 at **6:45 pm** (and every Mon. night through 1/30)  
Gr. 7 sessions resume Feb. 6  
Gr. K: Jan. 15

### Confirmation Prep:

Confirmation II: **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, 973-347-1465.

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

### ACRE Evaluations for Grades 5, 8 and 10

As per the calendar and the letters sent home with every student (Gr. 5, 8, 10) ACRE Religion Assessment mandated by Bishop Serratelli will take place as follows:

Grade 5: During regular class sessions 1/22 and 1/23

Grade 8: During regular class session 1/23

Grade 10: During the large group session scheduled for 1/15, 1pm in school. Please note the assessment will only take part of the time; the balance of the session will be a regular meeting ending at 3:20pm.

*Any young person who is absent the day of the evaluation will take it the day he/she returns to class.*



**First Reconciliation:** as per the calendar

**Sat., Jan. 14 at 10 am:** Classes of Kathy Parker, Soraya Hernandez, Dee Tardive, Tina DeLuca

**Sat., Jan. 21 snow date**

In the Church!



### **Special Offer from Sunnyside Garden and Gifts**

Rte. 206 North, Byram! 973-347-3010

~ Bring a bag of food for our St. Michael Outreach

Food pantry to Sunnyside and receive 10% off your holiday purchase! The folks at Sunnyside have offered to be a remote 'drop off' location for our Food Pantry! Spread the word and thank you!

## Mission Trip 2017

Registration packets are available. Please submit the deposit to the rectory this week to receive your packet. Please label your envelope "*Mission Trip 2017 Deposit*". Questions can be directed to Deacon Stu by phone or email at [smrcyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:smrcyouthministry@gmail.com)

## 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.*

## Knights of Columbus 3665 Blood Drive

Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>  
3-9pm at the Knights Hall, Netcong

## New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Winner

The Volvo winner was from Bedminster.

Thank you for your continued support of God's most vulnerable. God Bless you all.

*Andrina DeSantis*

*Respect Life Committee*

## A Christmas Message From Your Knights of Columbus Council

On behalf of the brother knights of St. Michael Council I want to wish our parish family a Blessed and Joy filled Christmas. May we continue to proclaim the Good News by placing Christ at the center of our Christmas festivities.

*Vivat Jesus*

*Michael Rosa, Grand Knight*

*St Michael Council 3665*

## St. Michael Bus Trip to Washington DC March for Life January 27, 2017

Our bus will depart from the upper parking lot at about 6am and will return at approximately 11pm. There is no charge for the bus but there is a free will offering.

Sign ups will begin in January.

If you have any questions, please call John Hand at

[973-670-7457](tel:973-670-7457) or email [johnphand58@gmail.com](mailto:johnphand58@gmail.com)

*Knights of Columbus & Respect Life Committee*

## Respect Life Committee



If anyone would like to join us, please call Andrina at 973-609-4012. 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.*

## St. 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 and Christmas. 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.

## Congratulations to Betty Pinsonault!

Betty's name was picked and she will be listening to Joseph's beautiful voice at Christmas time.  
Thank you to all who participated.

## Prayer Group Meeting

Mondays at 7pm

No prayer meeting Dec. 26, 2016 and Jan. 2, 2017

**ParishPay**  
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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 Adoration Chapel is open on  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
along with  
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.  
If you can't make your hour,  
please get a substitute.  
Please do not call the rectory.**

## ADORATION NOTICE

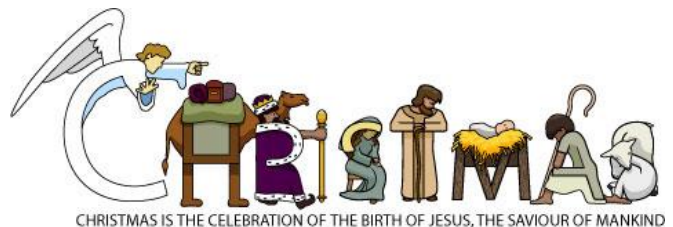
**John 3:16** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL*

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
THURSDAY	9 AM
FRIDAY	1 AM
FRIDAY	1 PM
SATURDAY	12 PM
SATURDAY	3 PM
SATURDAY	9 PM

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



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND