

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, January 8, 2017
Epiphany of the Lord



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
 Colleen Looby, Peter Stchur, Irma Vidal, Tim Paternostro,
 Bill Regal

(please call 973-347-0032 or email smrc.church@gmail.com if you would like to add anyone to the sick list for 2017)

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 Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 7, 2017

8:00 a.m. Catherine Werner
 5:00 p.m. Sabato & Angelina Gugliemini,
 Vincent Dalessandro, Marie Vendola

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7:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:45 a.m. Bertha Kulick
 10:30 a.m. Victoria Serafini, Ralph Amato
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention
 1:30 p.m. Tolio Araujo

Monday, January 9, 2017

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. Vera Griffin

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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

Thursday, January 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. Respect Life

Friday, January 13, 2017

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer

Saturday, January 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 5:00 p.m. Anthony Arbolino, Patrick Scott Long

Sunday, January 15, 2017

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan
 8:45 a.m. Dale Keller
 10:30 a.m. Donal Stiner, Vera Griffin
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention Steve
 1:30 p.m. For All Souls

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

Parish Pay Regular December \$5,200.18

Parish Pay Christmas \$ 487.00

Parish Pay Dec. Repair & Renov \$ 252.70

Healing Mass 12/31/16 \$ 169.00

Sunday 1/1/17 \$6,434.95

Solemnity of Mary 1/1/17 \$1,290.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

-Healing Mass

Tuesday, January 31st at 7pm,
 Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

**We Welcome Fr. Michael Lee to
St. Michael's Parish!**

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH BASEMENT
RENOVATION MEMORIALS**

Please call the rectory if you would like a memorial for your family, friend or yourself. Also - if you donate \$100 or more your name will be listed on the plaque.

Baseboard Heating	\$3,500
Insulation	\$4,000
Pipe Insulation	\$1,000 taken
Drywall System	\$5,000
Soundproofing	\$10,000
Drop Ceiling	\$15,000
Electrical Wiring	\$5,000
Ceiling Lights	\$5,000 taken
Wall Lights	\$5,000 taken
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 taken
A/C System (TNT Air Donation)	
Tile Floors	\$15,000
Server's Closet	\$2,000
Choir's Closet	\$2,000 taken
Stair Covering	\$2,000
Entrance Door	\$1,500 taken
Side Doors (Rt. #46)	\$2,000 taken
Wall Repair (Rt. #46)	\$3,000

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS 

Religious Education sessions resume:

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

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, 073-347-1465.

Confirmation I: small group sessions begin this month. Remember, *attendance at all sessions is expected. Only 2 small group misses are allowed.*

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!

Please keep in your prayers the parish children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in January!

Next catechist in-service: Jan. 26, **7:00 pm**, rectory basement.



Vacation Bible School will be

July 31st to August 4th!

Keep looking in bulletin and on the website for registration information and Crew leader training sessions.

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

Youth Ministry Mission Trip Fundraiser

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.

ParishPay
Making it Easier to Give™

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!

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
Knights of Columbus & Respect Life Committee

If you can't make your Adoration hour please get a substitute, call your division leader or call Marie Francisco 732-895-7972. Please do not call the rectory.

ADORATION NOTICE

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17

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	3 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

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.

Prayer Group Meeting

Mondays at 7pm

Volunteer needed with expertise in Interior Design
for help with windows, walls, etc. in our newly renovated church basement. Please call the rectory.



**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017**

“I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in his goodness gave me in your regard. God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”

While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) co heirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as ‘missionary disciples.’ It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhood, our barrio and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ’s presence to others.

Did you discover the Christ this Christmas? Be the star to reveal Him to others.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

**We are
sharers
of the promise** 