

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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, Jeanette DiRenzo, Michelle Demeo, Diana Palumbo,  
 Rose DeSantis, Edmond DeSantis Jr., Susan DeSantis

**Weekly Memorials**

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Elwin & Mary Burd  
**Chapel Candle:** Margaret Flynn  
**Altar Bread & Wine:** Anne T. Keenan

**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**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday**

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday**

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday**

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday**

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday**

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**First Friday**

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

**First Saturday**

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Carol Baranik  
 5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Louis Castaldi

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Anthony Barbato  
 8:45 a.m. Alfred and Carmella Esposito  
 10:30 a.m. Charles O'Brien  
 12:00 p.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church  
 1:30 p.m. Teresa Ramirez, Matias Salazar

**Monday, January 30, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Joseph Esposito

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Heather Nardolillo  
 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

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

**Thursday, February 2, 2017**

8:00 a.m. For All Souls

**Friday, February 3, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Mary Brodo

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Helen Ayers & Joseph DiBernard  
 5:00 p.m. Anthony Preziosi, Edward Breuer

**Sunday, February 5, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Protection of Babies in the Womb & Families  
 8:45 a.m. Dominic Cecere  
 10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr, Patricia Buckley  
 Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga  
 12:00 p.m. Veronica Geraghty  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

**Sunday 1/22/17 \$6,482.75**

*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

## From Fr. Michael

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen, a pioneer in TV evangelizing, shared this story about what inspired him to make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament everyday.

When the communists took over China, they imprisoned a priest in his own rectory which was beside the church. After being locked up in his own house, the priest looked out the window and was horrified to see the communists enter the church.

Once inside, they went into the sanctuary, broke open the tabernacle and in a hateful act of desecration, threw down the ciborium scattering the Hosts on the floor. The priest knew exactly how many Hosts had been in the ciborium: there were thirty-two.

When the communists left, they either didn't notice, or didn't pay any attention to a little girl praying in the back of the Church who saw everything. That night she returned, and slipping past the guard, entered the Church where she made an hour of prayer in reparation for the desecration she witnessed of the Blessed Sacrament.

After her hour of prayer, she went into the sanctuary, and kneeling down, she bent over and received Jesus in Holy Communion with her tongue.

Each night, the girl returned to the church to make her holy hour and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on her tongue just as she did the first night. On the thirty-second night, after having consumed the last Host, she accidentally made a noise that alerted the guard.

From his bedroom window, the priest could only watch in horror as the scene unfolded before his eyes. The girl tried to run away but the guard caught up with her and beat her to death with his rifle.

When Archbishop Fulton Sheen heard this story he was so inspired that he promised God he would make a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament every day for the rest of his life.

And he was not only faithful to his promise, but he took every opportunity to spread this devotion of the daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. He also said this "I have found that it takes some time to catch the fire of love in prayer."

We do not know the name of that little girl in that story which inspired Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

But her heroic act of going to the church every night at the risk of her life to adore and receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament serves as a powerful testimony of her love for Jesus.

Yes, she lost her life, but I am sure she won the crown of life. May we consider spending some time in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel to receive the love of Jesus.

God Bless.

## New Parish Emails

**Fr. Michael Lee, Parish Administrator**

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**Fr. Jeider Barraza, Parochial Vicar**

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## Holy Father's Intentions for 2017

### JANUARY

#### Christian Unity

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

### FEBRUARY

#### Comfort for the Afflicted

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

## ST. MICHAEL CHURCH BASEMENT RENOVATION MEMORIALS

*Please call the rectory if you would like a memorial for your family, friend or yourself. You can make payments.*

*If you donate \$100 or more your name will be listed on the plaque.*

<b>Baseboard Heating</b>	<b>\$3,500 taken</b>
Insulation	\$4,000
<b>Pipe Insulation</b>	<b>\$1,000 taken</b>
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>
<b>Side Doors (Rt. #46)</b>	<b>\$2,000 taken</b>
Wall Repair (Rt. #46)	\$3,000

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### Religious Education session dates reminders

Gr. 8: meets every Mon. night in Jan. starting at **6:45 pm**

Gr. 7 sessions resume Feb. 6

### Confirmation Prep:

Confirmation II: Next large group meeting: Feb. 12, 1-3pm with your sponsor (or parent stand-in if your sponsor can't come)!

All outstanding service forms AND Saint report corrections are DUE Jan. 30.

### Confirmation I:

† **Retreat information letters** have been mailed home. Permission slip and fee to be returned to Rel. Ed. Office by Feb. 4



IMPORTANT MEETING for all interested (Station and Crew leaders) in helping with VBS on Monday, March 13th at 7pm in the rectory basement. There will also be training sessions in April for ALL Crew Leaders. See the VBS page on the website for more information.

### 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

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!

### Spanish Ministry

Si eres nuevo en la parroquia te invitamos a llenar el formulario de inscripción a nuestra comunidad, estos formularios se encuentran en la sacristía. 973-347-0032 x205

Te invitamos a participar del estudio bíblico a las 7:00 PM (basement de la rectoría).

Muy pronto tendremos en nuestra parroquia el ministerio de parejas. Este ministerio tiene como misión crecer en el dialogo y en la oración como parejas. Para mayor información comunicarse con el padre Jeider Barraza.

### New CD's in Vestibule.....

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

### 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.*

### Prayer Group Meeting

Mondays at 7pm

### 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!

*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**

*Psalms 51:10-11 - Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

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
MONDAY	12 AM
MONDAY	11 PM
MONDAY	1 AM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	3 AM
MONDAY	10 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**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

### **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that “the reign of God is theirs.”

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

### **Caregiver Needed**

Part time care giver needed for 90 year old healthy mother in Stanhope. 10am to Noon, plus 3pm to 5pm weekdays (4 hrs day) Prefer retired mother from St. Michael's, good pay, 20 hrs a week. Light household duties and shopping.  
Call 973-347-9212.

