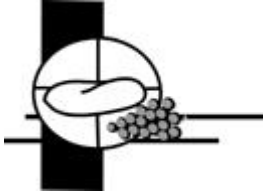


The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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: Andrew Weaver
Chapel Candle: Gregory Pellingier
Altar Bread & Wine: Catherine Sclafani

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or
 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 5:00 p.m. Josephine, Emilio, Sam, Vincent Rea,
 Louis Castaldi

Sunday, February 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. Joyce Benvenuto, Andrew Chromey,
 Thomasina Grogan
 8:45 a.m. Charles & Gregory Ross
 10:30 a.m. Dominic & Nunziata Tognio
 12:00 p.m. Scott Danielson
 1:30 p.m. Flor Medranda,
 Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar

Monday, February 13, 2017

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Teddy Barbato, Paula Liuzza

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

7:00 a.m. Edmond DeSantis Sr.

Thursday, February 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. Teresa & Salvatore Milone

Friday, February 17, 2017

7:00 a.m. Joe Esposito

Saturday, February 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Reyes Treat
 5:00 p.m. Charles, Helen & Bea Massopoust,
 Anthony Preziosi, Pete & John Grogan

Sunday, February 19, 2017

7:00 a.m. Anthony Barbato
 8:45 a.m. For Parishioners of St. Michael Church
 10:30 a.m. Brian Wallen
 12:00 p.m. For All Souls
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Mass on Monday, February 20th is at 9am

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

Mass Attendance was 702

Sunday 2/5/17 \$7,104.19

Repair & Renovation \$2,521.47

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From Fr. Michael

This week's daily readings have been the creation accounts from the Book of Genesis. Let us examine another version of the story:

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the Earth. And the Earth was without form, and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the devil said, "It doesn't get any better than this."

God said, "Let there be light" and there was light.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit," and God saw that it was good.

And the devil said, "There goes the neighborhood."

And God said, "Let us make Man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over the cattle, and over all the Earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth."

And so God created Man in his own image; male and female created He them.

And God looked upon Man and Woman and saw that they were lean and fit.

And the devil said, "I know how I can get back in this game."

And God populated the earth with broccoli and cauliflower and spinach and green and yellow vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

And the devil created McDonald's. And McDonald's brought forth the 79-cent double cheeseburger.

And the devil said to Man: "You want fries with that?" And Man said: "Supersize them." And Man gained five pounds.

And God created the healthful yogurt, that woman might keep her figure that man found so fair.

And the devil brought forth chocolate.

And Woman gained five pounds.

And God said, "Try my crispy fresh salad."

And the devil brought forth Ben and Jerry's. And Woman gained 10 pounds.

And God said, "I have sent thee heart-healthy vegetables and olive oil with which to cook them."

And the devil brought forth chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained 10 pounds and his bad cholesterol went through the roof.

And God brought forth running shoes and Man resolved to lose those extra pounds.

And the devil brought forth cable TV with remote control so Man would not have to toil to change channels between ESPN and ESPN2. And Man gained another 20 pounds.

And God said, "You're running up the score, devil."

And God brought forth the potato, a vegetable naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition.

And the devil peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fat fried them. And the Devil created sour cream dip.

And Man clutched his remote control and ate the potato chips swaddled in cholesterol.

And the devil saw and said, "It is good."

And Man went into cardiac arrest.

And God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

And the Devil created HMO's.



There is something that we can truly celebrate that the enemy cannot spoil – the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of our Church Hall (basement). Please join us on Saturday, March 11th after the 5pm Mass in the church basement for the ribbon cutting and coffee/refreshments. On behalf of the St. Michael's Community we want to extend a special thanks to our building committee, Joe Zaccarino, Dan Kearney, John Cubberly, Joe Vaia, Larry DiRenzo, John Meyer, Mario Dugonjic, Jeff Luisi and John Rogalo for organizing and coordinating this big endeavor. Their dedication and commitment to building up St. Michael's (the Kingdom of God) gives true witness to what intentional discipleship should be. May St. Michael protect us and guide us in all that we do.

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.

Baseboard Heating	\$3,500 taken
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

Holy Father's Intentions for 2017 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.

-Healing Mass

Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm,
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education session dates reminders

Kindergarten meets Feb. 12

Gr. 8: meets Feb. 13

Gr. 7 meets Feb. 27

There are no Religious Education sessions Feb. 19 & 20

Confirmation II:

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

Confirmation I:

- † **Retreat information** letters have been mailed home. **Permission slip and fee are due NOW.** Please call Mrs. Rogalo if there is a problem. Retreat date is 2/25
- † **Peer Ministers who are helping on the retreat must return permission slip and fee!**

Catechist meetings:

- Next in-service session in rectory basement: **2/19** (10-11:15 am) and **2/20** (4-5:15 pm)

First Communion:

Parents of children who will be celebrating their First Communion at St. Michael are to attend the following parent sessions (*pick one from Session 1 and all attend Session 2*)

- † **Session 1:** Wed, Feb. 22 at 7 pm OR Thurs. Feb. 23 at 10 am (please choose one of these sessions to attend)
- † **Session 2:** Sun., March 5 at 7pm. **ALL PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION AS WELL AS ONE OF THE MEETINGS LISTED UNDER SESSION 1.** All sessions will be held in the school.

Caring for the Poor....

The children in grades 1-6 collected over 85 cans of soup and two full boxes of other foods for our 'Souper Bowl' food pantry collection last week! What a beautiful effort to help those in need—



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.

New Parish Census

There is a census form on our website that we would appreciate each family filling out. It is short and takes only a few minutes. It will give us a better idea on how to better serve our parish families. If you need a paper copy, we have one for you in our parish office.

Youth Ministry Mission Trip Open House

Our second Mission Trip Open House will be Sunday, February 19th at 3:00 pm in the lower rectory meeting room. All interested young people between the ages of 14 and 20 are welcome.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP
LOVE. SERVE. CONNECT.

Be a part of a MISSION to serve CHWC style! You will WORK, SERVE TIRELESSLY, THINK DEEPLY, CELEBRATE MASS and build relationships. You will dance, laugh till your side hurts, pray, change on the inside and be a part of transforming lives and communities FOR CHRIST! Contact Deacon Stu 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

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 Parish Emails

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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

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10

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	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