

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Evelyn Paulisen

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, Vince
Richio, Nancy Richio, Manuel Medrano, Domenick DeFeo,
Fr. Leo Carey

Weekly Memorials

Sanctuary Lamp: Veronica Geraghty
Chapel Candle: Barbara & Nicholas Bias
Altar Bread & Wine: Thomas & Sean Clark

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

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Special Intention, Caroline Bozza
5:00 p.m. Joyce Benvenuto, Martola D'Olivo,
Grace Montemarano

Sunday, March 5, 2017

7:00 a.m. Protection of babies in the womb & families
8:45 a.m. Anthony DiBiase
10:30 a.m. Joann Dellosso, Anthony & Philomena Vassallo,
Patricia Buckley
12:00 p.m. Special Intention, Caroline Bozza
1:30 p.m. Victorino Vega

Monday, March 6, 2017

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

8:00 a.m. Caroline Bozza

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00 a.m. Caroline Bozza
12:15 p.m. Lenten Mass Intentions

Thursday, March 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. Caroline Bozza

Friday, March 10, 2017

7:00 a.m. For the intentions of Angela Noh

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Deceased members – Michael Stabile Family
5:00 p.m. Msgr. Trapasso

Sunday, March 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan, Teddy Barbato
8:45 a.m. Evelyn Paulfen
10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley
12:00 p.m. For World Peace
1:30 p.m. Special Intentions

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

Mass attendance last weekend 698

Sunday 2/26/17 \$6,958.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

Mass on Wednesdays at 12:15pm during lent

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm in English

Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7pm in Spanish

From Fr. Michael

Pope Francis recently said that God gives us the grace of 'holy shame'. What does that mean? There is a certain 'humiliation' that occurs due to our human condition when we fall into temptation, when we take the easy way out of discipleship, when we cowardly rationalize our actions and when we destroy relationships through gossip. Humbled by our failures, it allows us the opportunity for an "a-ha" moment and come to our senses. As we begin Lent, may we examine some of these "humiliations", make a good act of contrition and avail ourselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A good healthy dose of 'holy shame' will enable us to temper our pride and realign our goals. Have a blessed Lent.

Holy Father's Intentions for March 2017

Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

-Healing Mass

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

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

Pray for Chelsea Card our catechumen as she prepares herself for the sacrament of initiation and becomes part of St. Michael's family.

Lenten Retreat with Ray Boswell

We are having a Lenten Retreat with Ray Boswell who is a retreat facilitator, potter, teacher, and artist living and working in Sugar Loaf, NY. For 30 years, he has shared his unique merging of creativity and spirituality with thousands of adults and children throughout the tristate area. Don't Miss It!

Friday, March 24th following the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. All are welcome!

<http://potteryretreat.com/about-retreats/>

Fasting and Feasting

By William Arthur Ward

Lent can be more than a time of fasting. It can also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

It is a season to:

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ living in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on appreciation.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal hope through Jesus.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicions; feast on truth.



Countdown to our Grand Opening of Msgr. Trapasso Hall is 1 week away!

Please join us on Saturday, March 11th after the 5pm Mass in the church hall 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.

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

Durante el tiempo de cuaresma celebraremos el Via crucis todos los jueves a partir del 2 de Marzo a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia. Seguido del Grupo de estudio Bíblico *Effetá* se reunirá en su nuevo horario (Jueves 7:30 en la salón de la rectoría) a partir del 9 de Marzo.

Te invitamos a participar el retiro espiritual de cuaresma que se llevara a cabo el Domingo 5 de de Marzo a las después de la Misa dominical 1:30 PM y el día Lunes 6 de Marzo a las 7:00 PM. El retiro sera dirigido por el Padre Carlos Osorio de la Arquidiócesis de Baltimore MD.



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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

- Sessions for Gr. 1-7 resume this week
- Gr. 8 meets March 6
 - Next Kindergarten session: March 12

Confirmation II:

Next set of service forms due 4/10. However, outstanding forms prior to Jan. 2017 should be handed in by March 10 please!

Confirmation I:

- † **Service forms due March 10** for all service work done since December
- † Please keep in mind the small group attendance policy: no more than 2 sessions per year can be missed.

First Communion:

Parents of children who will be celebrating their First Communion at St. Michael are to attend the following parent meetings

- † **Session 2: Sun., March 5 at 7pm. ALL PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND THIS meeting**
- All sessions will be held in the school.

Upcoming Family Faith Sessions

Spring Family Faith sessions will be by grade level!

Gr. K-2 March 12

Gr. 3-4 March 26

Gr. 5-6 March 19 (**NOTE: THIS IS a change from the calendar**)

Each child is asked to invite a parent(s) to attend; siblings who are in different grade levels will stay in their own classes that day. A flyer is being sent home this week!

Lenten Book Club

Please join us for a reading/discussion of *Rediscover Jesus* By Matthew Kelly. We will meet the following Fridays after Stations of the Cross (about 7:30-7:40) in the rectory basement: March 10, 17, 31 and April 7. Our host will be Deacon Stu. IF YOU ARE interested, we ask that you call the Religious Ed office to reserve your copy of the book (about \$3): 973-347-1465

Wouldn't you like to serve at the altar?

All boys or girls entering the fourth grade or higher who would like to serve at the altar are invited to come forward and do so. If you are interested in this special ministry of service please call Deacon Joe within the next week so he can arrange to train you in time for the April schedule. His telephone number is 973-229-6959. Or email at: Deacon.Joe@stmichaelnetcong.org



St. Michael's Church will be going on its first Run Saturday, March 25. After sorting out clothes and preparing sandwiches in Msgr. Trapasso Hall, a caravan of five cars will depart for NYC in the evening. This is a program that goes on seven days a week throughout the year. We will be given an assigned route (with 4 or 5 stops) the week of the Run.

In order to distribute supplies, we are in need of used clothing (hats, jackets, shirts, pants, sweaters, blankets...); new socks and underwear; and travel size toiletry items (soap, toothpaste ...).

If you have any in the house and would like to donate, please bring in all items to the Parish Office. Thank You.

40 Days for Life

Is prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach.

Join Morris County Right to Life at:

Planned Parenthood

196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ

8am to 8pm, 7 days a week

Begins Wednesday, March 1 and ends Sunday, April 9

An estimated average of 3 chemical abortions per day begin at this facility killing about 1,000 fully formed, pain capable, heart beating, brainwave active unborn babies each year.

Please visit www.morriscountyrighttolife.org or info@morriscountyrighttolife.org for more information.

All You Can Eat...

And For a Worthy Cause

The next Knights of Columbus breakfast will be on Sunday, March 19, in the Knights' hall. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the youth mission trip this coming summer. The breakfast choices are varied and cooked to your exacting specifications...and you can even come back for seconds. Breakfast is available from 7:00 AM to noon. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mission Trip M & M Sweet Success Fundraiser

Please Support St. Michaels young people as they prepare to serve those in need once again this summer. The week long Mission Trip is successful because of your support. The M&M fundraiser is important as it provides significant financial support thanks to your generosity. We hope you enjoyed the candy. Please return the tubes with quarters this weekend.

Thank you.
Deacon Stu

Forty Cans for Lent

Join the Knights of Columbus in making this project part of your Lenten preparation this year. Please consider donating over the next five weeks 40 items of canned goods or nonperishable food, representing one for each day of Lent. You may drop off your items in the rear of the Church by the St. Anthony statue. All donations will be given to the parish food pantry to assist the needy.

ADORATION NOTICE

Lenten Prayer

"Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, as I begin my journey toward spiritual growth, help me to look deep within myself and let go of the old and embrace the new life that comes from you."

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

MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	3 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
THURSDAY	9 AM
FRIDAY	1 PM
SATURDAY	12 PM
SATURDAY	3 PM
SATURDAY	9 PM

Thank you and God bless you.

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972



First Communion Dresses—

We have two dresses, size 8 and 10, worn only once, in perfect condition and dry cleaned. If you or anyone you know could use one or both, please call the Religious Education office: 973-347-1465.