

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, April 9, 2017**  
**Palm Sunday**



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died:**  
 Elayne Black

**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, Frank Demeo, Pat Leone, Beth Courter,  
 Bill Hancock, Bruce Hill, Philip Dalbec, Diane Grzymko,  
 Pauline Milone, Chet Verdi Sr., Chet Verdi Jr., Jim Rogalo

**Weekly Memorials**

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Andrew Weaver  
**Chapel Candle:** Margaret Flynn  
**Altar Bread & Wine:** Nicholas 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**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**Sunday**

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;  
 Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**Monday**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)  
 Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)  
 Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday**

Holy Saturday  
 Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,  
 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;  
 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11;  
 Mt 28:1-10

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Rosa Hernandez  
 5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Frantangelo,  
 Michael Bortak

**Sunday, April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo  
 8:45 a.m. Veronica Geraghty  
 10:30 a.m. Jimmy LaBell  
 12:00 p.m. Alfred Perrone  
 1:30 p.m. Teresa Ramirez, Matias Salazar

**Monday, April 10, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Paul DiRupo, Vincent Tardive

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Matthew Soccio

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Pamela Baisley

**Thursday, April 13, 2017 Holy Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 7:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, John J. Bauer

**Friday, April 14, 2017 Good Friday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 p.m. Passion, Veneration & Communion  
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish  
 7:00 p.m. Passion, Veneration & Communion  
 in Spanish

**Saturday, April 15, 2017 Holy Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 12:00 p.m. Food Blessing  
 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Emilio, Josephine, Sam, Vincent Rea and  
 Louis Castaldi  
 8:45 a.m. David Weaver  
 10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr, Adeline &  
 Joseph Bencivenga  
 12:00 p.m. Anna Dolack  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Mass attendance last weekend - not available

**Sunday 4/2/17 \$7,678.00**

**Repair & Renov. \$2,203.00**

**Easter Flowers \$408.71**

**March Parish Pay \$4,756.78**

**Online Repair & Renov. \$302.70**

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

*Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.*

## Palm Sunday Message

The Bishop of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris during the early part of the last century was a great evangelizer who tried to reach out to unbelievers, scoffers, and cynics. He liked to tell the story of a young man who would stand outside the cathedral and shout derogatory slogans at the people entering to worship. He would call them fools and other insulting names. The people tried to ignore him but it was difficult.

One day the parish priest went outside to confront the young man, much to the distress of the parishioners. The young man ranted and raved against everything the priest told him. Finally, the priest addressed the young scoffer, saying, "Look, let's get this over with once and for all. I'm going to dare you to do something and I bet you can't do it." And of course the young man shot back, "I can do anything you propose, you white-robed wimp!"

"Fine," said the priest. "All I ask you to do is to come into the sanctuary with me. I want you to stare at the figure of Christ on His cross, and I want you to scream at the very top of your lungs, as loudly as you can. 'Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit.'"

So the young man went into the sanctuary, and looking at the figure, screamed as loudly as he could, "Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit." The priest said, "Very good. Now do it again." And again the young man screamed, with a little more hesitancy, "Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit."

"You're almost done now," said the priest. "One more time." The young man raised his fist, kept looking at the crucifix, but the words wouldn't come. He just could not look at the face of Christ and say those words any more. The real punch line came when, after he told the story, the bishop said, "I was that young man. That young man, that defiant young man was I. I thought I didn't need God but found out that I did."

By William J. Bausch

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

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

*Pray for Rosie on her path to ongoing conversion and  
communion.*

### Healing Mass

Tuesday, April 25th at 7pm,  
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

**The Mission Trip gift card fundraiser has come  
to an end.**

**We would like to thank the St. Michael  
community for their support each week.**

## 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](tel:973-347-0032)

### Domingo de Ramos 9 de Abril

Procesión con los ramos inicia desde el parqueadero de la parroquia al horario regular 1:30 PM

### Jueves Santo 13 de Abril

Celebración de la Ultima Cena a las 7:00 PM  
Adoración Eucarística hasta las 12:00 AM

### Viernes Santo 14 de Abril

Santo Via Crucis y Sermón de las 7 Palabras 6:00 PM  
Pasión del Señor y Veneración de la Cruz 7:00 PM

### Sábado Santo 15 de Abril

Bendición de los alimentos a las 12:00 PM  
No habrá confesiones  
Vigilia Pascual 7:30 PM

### Domingo de Pascua 16 de Abril

Santa misa en su horario normal

El lunes de Pascua (Abril 17) la Santa misa en Ingles sera a las 9:00 AM y la oficina parroquial estará cerrada hasta el día martes 18 de Abril.

## Eat at Adams Restaurant!

Just mention that you are with St. Michael's Church when you are at the register and we will receive 10% of every order. Thank you...

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEWS

**Religious Education office:** 973-347-1465

### Calendar Reminders-

- Gr. 7 sessions: April 10; final test April 24
- Gr. 8 sessions: May 1 (review); final test May 8.
- Gr. 1-6: Week of April 9, 23 and 30
- NO sessions Easter Week, 4/16
- Next Kindergarten sessions: April 9, 23 and 30
- The office will be closed Friday 4/14 through Monday 4/17.

## Confirmation II:

- † **Next set of service forms due 4/10.** Remember—if you don't hand in your forms *we* have to assume you are not doing service, so *you* have to assume your Confirmation will be delayed...Please call Mrs. Rogalo if you have any questions or problems with service ☺
- † **Confirmation II parent meeting:** if you missed the meeting, please contact Mrs. Rogalo for important information you need for Confirmation.
- † **Candidate Letter to the pastor** is due by April 23 and **MUST BE BROUGHT TO YOUR INTERVIEW WITH FATHER**

## Confirmation I:

- † **Service is to be done monthly!** By now each first year candidate should have completed a work of Christian service for Dec (or earlier month), Jan., Feb. and March. **Forms were due in the office by 3/10!**
- † Please keep in mind the small group attendance policy: *no more than 2 sessions per year can be missed.*

**Confirmation Service Opportunity:** ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR SERVICE WORK and are supposed to be confirmed this May!

--- Help us clean out the Vacation Bible School storage room! Sunday, May 7, 4-7 pm in the gym.

To sign up or if you have questions, contact MaryAnn at 862-266-5906 or email [mcctrm@ptd.net](mailto:mcctrm@ptd.net)

## Grade 8 parent meeting/registration for Confirmation prep:

as per the letter sent home, May 8, 7:30 pm in the church hall  
\*\*\*\*\***Special note for Parish families with an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at a Catholic school:** Please contact the Rel.Ed. office if your teen will be participating in the St. Michael Confirmation program. We have important information to share with you before the parent session in May. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders must take and pass the doctrine test before registrations are finalized. Please call Mrs. Rogalo for information (973-347-1465)



## Registration Information for 2017-18

-Next week re-registration forms will mailed to all families with children *currently* in gr. K-7 as long as tuition account is current.

-All children **NEW** to the program must be registered on a separate form which will be available in the church vestibule, the Religious Ed office and on the website (go to Faith Formation / Religious Education) by April 16.

-Registration will be opened to all families (**current and new**) through May 20.

-For children new to the program: a copy of the baptismal certificate **MUST** accompany registration form. If you are transferring from another parish, transfer letter must accompany registration form.



There will be **MANDATORY** training sessions in April (April 24, 26 or 28) for **ALL** Crew Leaders (**new AND veteran**). See the VBS page on the website (under Faith Formation) for more information.

## Next Midnight Run to NY

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Items needed – thin sleeping bags, blankets, mens white and colored tshirts, mens boxers, womans underwear along with socks, pants, shirts and sweatshirts for all. Sizes needed for both are M, L, XL, XXL. Please bring items to the parish office Mon – Thurs 9-3.

## "Thirteen Tuesdays Novena to St. Anthony"

3:30pm – 4:00pm

St. Michael Church, Netcong, NJ

March 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

June 6, 13

**No sign-up required – just show up!**

**If you can't do all dates, we will give you a copy of prayers to take home.**

**Questions – call Maureen at 973-347-1826.**

## 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. 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.

## **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**

*Now at the time of the Feast of the Annunciation it is also the time for us to begin our Spiritual Adoption through December. 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.*

## **ADORATION NOTICE**

*Palm Sunday Prayer - "Almighty God, on this day, your son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen."*

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	3:00 a.m.
Monday	2:00 a.m.
Monday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	11:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 a.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.
Friday	5:00 a.m.
Saturday	9:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 p.m.

*Thank you and God bless you.*

*Marie Francisco 732-895-7972*

## **EASTER TRIDUUM NOTICE**

DUE TO THE EASTER TRIDUUM PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL WILL END ON HOLY THURSDAY AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL RESUME ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 12:00 P.M. MASS.

THERE WILL BE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER ON HOLY THURSDAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT IN MSGR. TRAPASSO HALL.

THANK YOU. HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.

## **Schedule for Holy Week**

### **Holy Thursday, April 13th**

Morning Prayer at 8am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm  
Eucharistic Adoration till 12am

### **Good Friday, April 14th**

Parish Office Closed  
Morning prayer at 8am  
Ecumenical Walk 11am  
Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm  
Passion reading, cross veneration and Holy Communion at 3pm  
Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 6pm  
Passion reading, cross veneration and Holy Communion in Spanish at 7pm

### **Holy Saturday, April 15th**

Morning prayer at 8am  
Food Blessing at Noon  
No confessions  
Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

### **Easter Sunday, April 16th**

Masses at 7am, 8:45am, 10:30am, and Noon  
Mass in Spanish at 1:30pm  
Spanish Ministry Easter Meal 3pm in Msgr. Trapasso Hall – Please bring a dish

### **Monday, April 17th**

Mass at 9am  
Parish Office Closed  
No Confessions

## **Ecumenical Good Friday Cantata**

St. Michael Church and  
Stanhope Presbyterian Church Choirs  
Friday, April 14, 2017 at 7pm  
At Stanhope Presbyterian Church  
All Are Welcome

