

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, December 17, 2017
 Third Sunday of Advent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Angelina M. "Julie" Arbolino

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
 Peter Stchur, Irma Vidal, Tim Paternostro,
 Bill Regal, Michelle Demeo, Diana Palumbo, Rose DeSantis,
 Edmond DeSantis Jr., Susan DeSantis, Fr. Leo Carey, Pat Leone,
 Beth Courter, Bill Hancock, Bruce Hill, Diane Grzymko, Pauline
 Milone, Chet Verdi Sr., Chet Verdi Jr., Doug Ernst, Deborah
 Kelly, Marie Simmons, Marjorie Hancock, Jordyn G., Karlene
 Yapple, Jeanne Rattner, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom, Mike
 Loretta, Samantha Weckter, Patrick Devine, Isabelle Exile,
 Elaine Grogan Fiorello, James Burns, Lisa Deritter,
 Helen Newstead, Louis DiBernard

Weekly Memorials
 Sacramental Bread & Wine:
 For All Deceased Parishioners of
 St. Michael Church

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. Leeta Loretto

5:00 p.m. Agnes Chافت

Sunday, December 17, 2017

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo

8:45 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito, Veronica Marks

12:00 p.m. Nicholas Bias

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, December 18, 2017

7:00 a.m. Donald & Jimmy LaBell

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

8:00 a.m. Pete Dinkowitz

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

7:00 a.m. Eugene & Regina Trapp

Thursday, December 21, 2017

8:00 a.m. Intention of Joseph C.

Friday, December 22, 2017

7:00 a.m. Veronica Marks, Ambrose & Theresa Tardive

Saturday, December 23, 2017

8:00 a.m. Fred & Grace Grogan &

Deceased Family Members

5:00 p.m. Polianchik & Weaver Family

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve

7:00 a.m. Josephine, Emilio, Sam Vincent Rea,

Louise Castaldi, Thomasina Grogan

8:45 a.m. Rosita Hernandez

10:30 a.m. Gus & Josephine Rampone

12:00 p.m. Special Intention

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. John J. Bauer, Mary & Elwin Burd,

Louis & Alice Esposito

11:00 p.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr.,

Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga, Joseph Esposito

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH
 SINCE 1988.

Sunday 12/3/17 \$7,119.00

Retired Religious \$2,024.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

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

From Fr. Michael

The third Sunday of Advent is “*Gaudete Sunday*” because the Mass (in its Latin, pre-Vatican II form), began with the opening antiphon: “*Gaudete in Domino semper*” --“Rejoice in the Lord always.” In the past, when Advent was a season of penance, the celebrant of the liturgy used to wear vestments with the penitential color of purple or violet. In order to remind the people that they were preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, the celebrant wore rose-colored vestments on the third Sunday. (By the way, we have a similar break--*Lactare Sunday*-- during the Lenten season). Today we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus, our Savior. The primary common theme running through today’s readings is that of encouraging joy as we meet our need for the preparation required of us who await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. The second common theme is that of bearing witness. The prophet Isaiah, Mary and John the Baptist all bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for his people.

The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Savior and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages. The Responsorial Psalm of the day is taken from Mary’s *Magnificat*, in which she exclaims: “*My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior.*” Paul, in the second reading, advises us to “*rejoice always*” by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful to his promise that he will come again to reward us. Today’s Gospel tells us that John the Baptist came as a witness to testify to the Light, Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as he removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptist, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus’ Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us. The joyful message of today’s liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

From Fr. Henry

EL SEÑOR ESTA CERCA. ALEGRÉMONOS!

Este tiempo de Adviento nos trae la Buena Nueva de la salvación, nos trae a Jesús, el hijo de Dios que se hace hombre, naciendo de las entrañas de María en un humilde pesebre para redimirnos de todos nuestros pecados abriéndonos así, las puertas del cielo para darnos vida eterna. Este tercer domingo de Adviento es siempre llamado por La iglesia como el domingo de la alegría, debido a que toda la celebración nos anuncia a Jesucristo como la causa de nuestra alegría. **“estad alegres en el Señor; os lo repito estad alegres. El Señor esta cerca”**. Es por esta razón que hoy, tercer domingo de Adviento encendemos el cirio rosado como símbolo de la cercanía y la alegría del nacimiento de Jesús en esta navidad.

Esta Alegría del evangelio debe convertirse para nosotros en un testimonio vivo para todos, principalmente abriendo nuestros corazones y permitiéndole a Jesús entrar en cada uno de ellos para que sean renovados y transformados. La verdadera alegría no la podemos comprar en nuestros mercados, ni encontrarla en nuestras salas de fiesta. Nuestra alegría es basada en un dar sin medida principalmente a Dios y a nuestros hermanos.

La alegría es algo que brota de dentro, Pero eso sólo puede ser si nosotros colaboramos en dicha transformación. Los cambios no se dan por sí solos; los milagros son los que Dios hace a través de nuestros corazones y nuestras manos, por eso en esta Navidad permite que tu alegría sea reflejada con obras concretas mostrando siempre que Cristo ha nacido de nuevo, pero esta vez no en su humilde morada sino en cada uno de nuestros corazones.

Fr Henry

Next Healing Mass
Tuesday, January 30th at 7pm
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

† White Elephant Party on December 18th †
Christmas gift exchange and potluck for SMCYM
For more information, please speak to Jacqueline Schmitt
and Rachel Nadeau
7:00pm-9:00pm

† Assisted Living Christmas Festivities on December 23rd
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SMCYM is going to Bentley Commons at Paragon
Village
For more information, please speak to Adam Hernandez
and Lizvette Pappaterra
10:00am-11:00am

† Christmas Eve Mass 11pm †
In need of 6 volunteers for mass procession
Please contact youth minister if interested

† **March for Life on January 18th-19th** †
March in Washington D.C with hundreds of thousands of
Catholics
who take a stand for life
LIMITED SPOTS
Please contact youth minister if interested

ALL registration forms are available on the parish website
under Youth Ministry
For more information, please contact St. Michael's Youth
Minister, Sarah Cho at
youthministry@stmichaelnetcong.org

THE FOOD PANTRY THANKS YOU!!

We would like to thank all of you for your donations to the pantry for Thanksgiving. Due to your kindness and generosity we provided 200 bags of food and 50 turkeys to 63 families. We ask that you put only nonperishable foods in our Pantry bin. To donate turkeys or hams, please call the Rectory Office at 973-347-0032 ext. 2300. As always, God Bless You and thank you in advance for your continued help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Reminders

Last sessions before Christmas:

- 12/17 for K-6
- 12/11 for Gr. 8 (TEST)
- 12/18 for Gr. 7 (TEST)
- Sessions resume weekend of Jan. 7

Children's Choir:

- We will have practice on 12/17 11:15 am-12 pm
Choir will sing on Christmas Eve, 5pm Mass. Please arrive by 4:14pm!

Confirmation Prep

- **Next sessions:**
 - Con I., 12/17, 4-6pm, Msg. Trapasso hall
- **Confirmation I:** Service forms for the first quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) due Dec. 31
- **New commitment book procedure:** begins Sunday, 12/24 masses (12/23 at 5:00 pm and going forward)



Our Religious Education Christmas Tree

Each class picked one of the 'Names for Jesus' found in Scripture and created ornaments based on that name. Please stop by the school during class time (10-11:30 am) if you would like to view this project. The children did a beautiful job of praising Jesus through their artwork and they learned about the many **titles for Jesus:** Bread of Life, Light Of The World, Lamb Of God, Savior, Messiah, Son Of God, Resurrection and the Life, Redeemer, The Morning Star, The Holy One, Gate for the Sheep, The Almighty, Man Of Sorrows, The Way, the Truth and the Life, Prince of Peace, The Alpha and the Omega, Eternal Father, Hope, Lord, The Vine, Emmanuel, Jesus, King of Kings, Good Shepherd

First Reconciliation

Sat., January 13, 2018 in the Church



9:30 am, The classes of: Soraya Hernandez and Dee Tardive

11:30 am, The class of Tina DeLuca



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 23 & 24, Regular Masses

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 7am, 8:45am, 10:30am & Noon English
1:30pm Spanish

Christmas Eve, December 24

Sunday

5pm English
11pm Bilingual

Christmas Day, December 25

Monday

7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am English
1:30pm Spanish

Also.....

Day after Christmas, December 26

Tuesday

9am English

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day January 1, 2018

Monday

9am English

Bus Trip to Washington DC

The March For Life

Friday, January 19

The bus will leave upper parking lot at 6:30 am
and return around 10:30 pm.

The cost of the bus trip is free and is
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

First come first serve.

Contact John Hand @ 973-670-7457 for more information.

ADORERS

THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE FOR THE CHAPEL IS AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

THE CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED DURING the 5:00 P.M.
MASS and opened until the Midnight Mass at 11:00 P.M.
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE BROUGHT
BACK BY 12:00 A.M. OR A LITTLE LATER,
DEPENDING ON HOW LONG THE MASS IS.

MONDAY - DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

THE CHAPEL WILL FOLLOW THE SUNDAY MASS
SCHEDULE, SO THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN AT 3:00
P.M.

MONDAY - JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

THERE WILL BE ONE MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY
AT 9:00 A.M. THE CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED
DURING MASS, BUT OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER.

PLEASE PLAN YOUR DAYS ACCORDINGLY.
THANK YOU AND HAVE A BLESSED, HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!

ADORATION OPEN HOURS

Friday 1 am
Friday 11 pm Prayer Partner
Saturday 12 am Prayer Partner
Saturday 6 pm
Saturday 7 pm
Saturday 9 pm

Thank you and God bless you.

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

Respect Life



Holy Hour is the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in church.
*Please join us at Planned Parenthood in Newton for one hour
of prayer – First Saturday of each month at 10am. All are
welcome.*

If you have any questions, please call Andrina at 973-609-4012.
(Crisis Pregnancy Hotline – 800-848-5683)

St. Michael's Giving Tree



*Thank you and
God Bless your
generosity!*