

The Church of Saint Michael
 Sunday, January 14, 2018
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
 Helen Newstead, Louis DiBernard, Maria Spezza,
 Jane Mahieu, Sal Romano, Tim Paternostro, Bill Regal,
 Diane Grzymko, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom

Weekly Memorials
 Sacramental Bread & Wine:
 The Brodo Family

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Monday
 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday
 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday
 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday
 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday
 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday
 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 13, 2018
 8:00 a.m. For the Unborn
 5:00 p.m. John J. Bauer, Angelina Arbolino,
 Anthony Arbolino

Sunday, January 14, 2018
 7:00 a.m. Ronald Costanzo
 8:45 a.m. Veronica Marks
 10:30 a.m. Angelina Arbolino
 12:00 p.m. Veronica Marks, Paul Rosato
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention of Emily Sabando's
 15th Birthday

Monday, January 15, 2018
 7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Ronald Costanzo

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
 7:00 a.m. Special Intention
 11:00 a.m. Honor of St. Anthony the Abbott

Thursday, January 18, 2018
 8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church

Friday, January 19, 2018
 7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, January 20, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Mary Brodo
 5:00 p.m. Angelina Arbolino, Michael Bortak

Sunday, January 21, 2018
 7:00 a.m. Special Intention
 8:45 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Isaura DaCosta
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention
 12:00 p.m. Gloria DeLuca
 1:30 p.m. Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar

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

Sunday, Dec 24	\$ 7,462.00
Monday, Dec 25, Christmas	\$19,735.00
extra Christmas	\$ 1,295.00
Sunday, Dec 31	\$ 7,032.00
Monday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary	\$ 919.00
Sunday, Jan 7	\$ 5,643.33
Repair & Renov.	\$ 2,156.00

To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.
 Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From Fr. Michael

In the beginning the the classic Christmas movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey finds himself standing on the bridge that neter the little town of Bedford Falls. George is exhausted and depressed as he contemplates jumping off the bridge. George is exhausted from looking back at his life which in his mind seem to be a series of failures. It takes a visit from the angel Clarence that his life is also filled with greatness. The people that he came into contact with and the community around him would have a drastically different life had he not lived. Clarence shows him that his decisions and choices matter and made a difference.

On January 22nd we remember the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. We have aborted fifty million babies since 1973. It is the destruction of men and women who “would have been” or “could have been” productive citizens, community leaders, agents of social change, renowned scientists, and engaged members of the Church. Unlike George, who mistakenly doubted that his life didn't amount to much, these lives were not given a chance.

For people in the pro life movement, there might be a tendency to feel like George on the bridge. We might have attended the March in Washington, D.C. (Jan. 19 this year), supported homes for pregnant mothers, organized rallies, prayed for the dignity of life and even contacted our senator/congressman, but have seen no change in the question of “women's right's”. So might ask ourselves, what good is it to attend the March? What gains have we made in the past 44 years?

The truth is our prayers and efforts have made a difference. If the pro-life movement had not existed we would have government subsidized abortions. If the pro-life movement had not existed adoptions would not be an option. If the pro-life movement had not existed, pregnant women who need a safe place with financial assistance would have no options.

We find ourselves on the bridge like George Bailey. Have our decisions and choices amounted to anything? The answer is a resounding yes! May we continue to teach, preach and witness the Gospel of Life.

The Ten Commandments of Life

Author Anonymous

These beautiful words were written by someone who understands the deeper meaning of “The Ten Commandments of Life”.

1. Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble. It is a steering wheel that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is

not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on.

3. Friendship is like a book – it takes few seconds to burn but years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold and new friends are diamonds. If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold.
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, “Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend; it's not the end!”
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, “Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?” He replied, “Yes, losing your vision!”
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them. Sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

Parish Council

Are you interested in serving your parish family in the capacity of being on the Parish Council?

Purpose: To assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, Faith Formation and service activities within the parish.

Objectives: To assess adequately the needs of the whole parish and its members, and to develop and implement a pastoral plan which will promote the common good of the parish. To foster unity and a sense of community in the parish and to coordinate all parish activities in a manner that will best serve the interests of the parish.

Process: From a list of nominees, six people will be voted in and two people will be appointed. If you think you might be interested, please email your name to Fr. Mike at Fr.Mike@stmichaelnetcong.org or call the parish office at: 973 347 0032.

Thank you for your desire to serve your parish family.

The Parish Office is closed on
Monday, January 15th.



The Parish Office has moved to the
convent building next door.
Please enter through the side door.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Reminders

As per the schedule: no sessions for Gr. K-6 today.
Catechist in-service during regular class time.
GRADE 7 DOES HAVE CLASS ON JAN. 15.

Confirmation Prep: Con I Jan. 14 (church hall);

- **Con I service forms** due Dec. 31

Religious Education Calendars for all programs
are available on the website. Go to Faith
Formation tab then choose Religious Education.

ACRE Evaluations for Grades 5, 8 and 10

As per the calendar and the letters sent home with
every student this week (Gr. 5, 8, 10) ACRE
Religion Assessment mandated by Bishop
Serratelli will take place as follows:

Grade 5: During regular class sessions 1/28

Grade 8: During regular class session 1/22

Grade 10: During the session 1/21, 1-3 pm (note
time change!!)

*Any young person who is absent the day of the
evaluation will take it the day he/she returns to
class.*

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

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

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)

YOUTH MINISTRY

† **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

**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.

Suggested New Year's Resolution

St. Michael's Reader of Sacred Scripture Ministry (formally known as Lectors) needs you. Jesus calls us to service and this ministry is a simple way to fulfill His teachings.

No experience necessary. Anyone from Confirmation candidates to long time parishioners are welcome. We will provide you with a workbook that gives helpful suggestions and you can choose your favorite masses. Please prayerfully consider joining the Reader ministry as one of your New Year Resolutions. Be assured, the spiritual benefits will enrich your faith. Call Valerie Nichols: 973-347-9030 or email at valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org

ADORATION

Samuel ran to Eli and said, " Here I am."

(1 Samuel 3:5)

"Gracious God, open our ears and hearts to your voice. Give us the sensitivity to hear you, especially when you speak to us through people and circumstances we do not wish to hear. Make us worthy instruments of discernment for those who struggle to interpret your call. Together, may we respond with one voice, saying, "Speak, your servant is listening." We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen."

This New Year, if you are searching for ways to spend more time with Jesus, we are praying for more Adorers to join us for the following hours:

ADORATION OPEN HOURS

Friday	1 am
Friday	3 pm
Friday	11 pm Prayer Partner
Saturday	12 am Prayer Partner
Saturday	6 pm
Saturday	7 pm
Saturday	9 pm
Saturday	10 pm

Please prayerfully consider filling an open hour.

If you cannot make your hour – please find coverage or call your division leader.

Thank you!

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

Andrea Trapper 973-347-7031

Live Lent!

Get ready to really experience Lent with this new resource from RENEW International. Written by RENEW's own Sister Terry Rickard, Live Lent! will help you make the most of this season of preparation and spiritual renewal.

- ***Gather weekly in small groups***
- ***Get inspired by the Sunday Gospel readings***
- ***Explore Old Testament insights***
- ***Reflect and pray each day of the week***
- ***Take action in everyday life***

We have a need for group leaders, please call the rectory if you are interested.

Training will be provided by Sister Maureen Colleary.

For Spanish, please use:

Reflexiones en Cuaresma

El tiempo de Cuaresma nos invita a la oración, reflexión y conversión. Ya sea en tu pequeña comunidad eclesial, con tu familia o individualmente, este recurso pastoral busca, de manera concreta, una vivencia plena y significativa.

Este libro contiene seis sesiones y cada sesión ofrece momentos de oración, reflexión y preguntas para compartir la fe.

