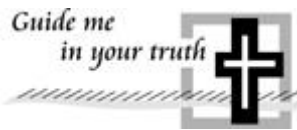


The Church of Saint Michael  
Sunday, January 21, 2018  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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,  
James Mahieu, Sal Romano, Tim Paternostro, Bill Regal,  
Diane Grzymko, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom

Weekly Memorials  
Sacramental Bread & Wine:  
Salvatore 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday

*Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV "Mass for Peace & Justice",  
nos. 887-891*

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Friday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 22, 2018

7:00 a.m. Respect Life

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

8:00 a.m. Ronald Costanzo

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, January 25, 2018

8:00 a.m. Clara LeFante (Tuzzy)

Friday, January 26, 2018

7:00 a.m. Louis Castaldi, Matthew & Frances Soccio

Saturday, January 27, 2018

8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church

5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,  
John Grogan

Sunday, January 28, 2018

7:00 a.m. Teddy Barbato

8:45 a.m. Ronald Costanzo

10:30 a.m. Special Intention

12:00 p.m. Vincenzo Riccio

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday, Jan 14 \$6,781.90

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

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

## From Fr. Michael

God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, conversion and renewal of life expected from us, is the main theme of today's readings. No matter to what life, work or ministry God calls us, God first calls us to conversion, to reform, to repentance -- to continually becoming new people. Those who are constantly being reformed by the Spirit will be able to follow, as true disciples, wherever God leads. All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call.

*The first reading* tells us how the prophet Jonah did not respond quickly when God called him, perhaps because he hated the Gentile people of Nineveh and thought that they were not worthy of God's gracious mercy. Jonah ran away. God had to halt Jonah in his flight before the prophet could respond affirmatively to His second call to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. The people of Nineveh, however, promptly responded to God's word as preached by His prophet.

*In the second reading* Paul urged the community in Corinth, and us, to lose no time accepting the message of the Gospel because Jesus' second coming could occur at any time. The *Gospel* describes how Jesus entered Galilee and began preaching. Like John, Jesus also called for repentance. But Jesus added the Good News that the Kingdom of God was at hand. It still is, for where Jesus is, there is the Kingdom of God. Then Jesus called on his listeners to believe in the Gospel or the Good News of God's love, mercy and salvation. Since discipleship is the appropriate response to Jesus' proclamation of the Good News, Jesus invited Simon and Andrew and James and John to join him and help in his preaching and healing ministry. They promptly accepted his call. The two greatest aspects of discipleship in Mark are being with Jesus and sharing in his mission. Disciples are invited to be with Jesus on a great spiritual journey and to share in Jesus' mission of proclaiming God's kingdom in word and deed. In describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to Him with total commitment, abandoning our accustomed attitudes and styles of life to follow Him in thought, word and deed.

### Poem "no time"

*I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.*

*I had to hurry and get to work, for bills would soon be due.*

*So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and jumped up off my knees.*

*My Christian duty was now done, my soul could rest at ease.*

*All day long I had no time, to spread a word of cheer*

*No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear.*

*No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry,*

*No time to give to souls in need, but at last came the time, the time to die.*

*I went before the Lord, I came, I stood with downcast eyes.*

*For in His hands God held a book; It was the book of life.*

*God looked into His book and said "Your name I cannot find, I once was going to write it down...But never found the time"*

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

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



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, classes are in session this week for:

Gr. K-6 on Sunday

Gr. 8 on Monday

Grade 10: Sunday, 1/21, 1-3 pm (note time change!!) in the church hall

**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: Sunday, 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.*

**NOTE:** Catechist in-service scheduled for 1/25 has been postponed and will be rescheduled later in the year.



### ***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)

### **Pot Luck Dinner!**

Lent is coming and we are having a “Fat Tuesday” dinner on Sunday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Msgr. Trapasso Hall.

If you would like to come and bring your favorite dish – please call or email

Annemarie in the parish office

973-347-0032 ext. 2310

[office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:office.admin@stmichaelnetcong.org)

If you can help to set up or clean up - please email

Betty at [evangelization@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:evangelization@stmichaelnetcong.org)

### **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](mailto:valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org)

## **ADORATION**

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." *Mark 1:15*

"Lord Jesus, you have called me personally by name, just as you called your first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Help me to believe your word and follow you faithfully. Fill me with the joy of the gospel that your light may shine through me to many others...

Lord, I will follow you all the days of my life."

### **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



### **Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**

The video based discussion program, published by Ascension Press, (<http://www.catholicdivorce.com/>) was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics.

With the help of counselors, theologians and priests, the 12 week video and discussion program offers wisdom and comfort and practical advice from others who have suffered through divorce. We have hosted 3 cycles of the group so far at St. Michael and people have told us it was very helpful to them.

We would like to start a new group if there is interest.

If you would like to join the group or would like more information, please contact Debbie Rogalo (973-347-0032, ext. 2330)

ALL ARE WELCOME.

## ***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.***

