

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Andrew Dedinsky

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, James Morino,
Doug Ernst

Weekly Memorials

Sanctuary Lamp:
Andrew Weaver

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 Lent

Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:00 a.m. Anthony Preziosi Jr.

5:00 p.m. Angelina Arbolino, Kyle Mullen

Sunday, March 4, 2018

7:00 a.m. Alice and Louis Esposito

8:45 a.m. Joyce Benvenuto

10:30 a.m. Anthony DiBiase

12:00 p.m. Doris Marchese, Philomena Vassallo

1:30 p.m. Sebastian Liaurador

Monday, March 5, 2018

7:00 a.m. Maria Ruocco

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Laura Aranda

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

7:00 a.m. Robert dePoortere

12:15 p.m. Lenten Mass

Thursday, March 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. Anna Bello

Friday, March 9, 2018

7:00 a.m. Angelo Multari

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Angelina Arbolino, Emelio Rea Jr.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

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

8:45 a.m. John Martel, Joseph Backer

10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley, Joseph Falci

12:00 p.m. Ronald Costanzo

1:30 p.m. Flor Medranda

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday, Feb. 25 \$7,053.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

No Healing Mass in March

Next Healing Mass is
Tuesday, April 17th at 7pm

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

From Fr. Michael

About ten years ago, Christian Smith, a sociologist, went around the country to see what the state of religion was for teenagers. He published his results in a book *Soul Searching*. In his numerous interviews, he concluded that teenagers, whether they were Christian, Jewish, Muslim or Hindu, categorized or had a relationship in three fundamental ways.

First, they saw God as a moralistic figure. Moralistic meaning that God gave them some guidelines to live life, but God was not an enforcer of these laws. Basically a person can turn to God to get advice on any circumstance in life. It is kind of relating to God as if one were speaking to a bartender.

Secondarily, teens saw God as a therapist. When times were difficult and challenging, teens would turn to God to receive therapy, to gain closure and to deal with situations on hand. I guess we can draw upon the image of lying on a couch when entering into prayer. Thirdly, teens saw God as a deistic being. Deistic meaning God is in his realm and we are in our spaces. We can call upon him at any time but he really has no day to day interaction with us. It is kind of like senior level management at a corporation.

In his follow-up studies, Christian Smith commented that not much has changed since his original report. In fact, things might have gotten worse. In our Lenten Journey, perhaps this is an invitation to examine our hearts to see how we relate to God; how do we relate to him as a bartender, as a therapist, as senior executive. The in turn we can examine how we are called to a deeper personal relationship beyond these assigned roles. A relationship of a lover who pursues and a person who is loved and pursued.

I suppose that is why the Church has asked us to do the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is not really a question of how much we pray, or how hungry we are or how much we serve or give is. Are they helping us make changes in our lives so that we came closer to the Lord? Are they helping us move beyond the relationship of bartender, therapist and senior exec.? May God Bless your journey. May the Lord grant you strength and his peace. May we come to know who we are and how great God is.

Lenten Journey

Days of Abstinence. No meat may be eaten on *Ash Wednesday*, all Fridays in Lent and *Good Friday* (for all those who are 14 years or older).

Days of Fast. A limit of one full meatless meal on *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday* (for all who are 18-60 years old).

Weekdays of Lent. There is no obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are always a great way to be more involved during Lent.

Easter Duty Obligation. Every Catholic must receive Holy Communion and go to confession between the First Sunday in Lent (Feb. 18) and Trinity Sunday (May 27).

Acts of Devotion. They are encouraged on a voluntary basis. These may include spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness. Of course, the greatest prayer and to receive the greatest fruits of the Lenten Season is by our participation in daily and Sunday Mass.

Eucharistic Fast. You should fast one hour before Mass from foods and liquids (water and medicine are exceptions to this fast).

**Partners in Faith Campaign 2017 Rebate
St. Michael Parish has received \$9,478.75**

Lenten Soup Supper

Friday, March 9th

following Stations of the Cross at 7pm
(bilingual)

Come to a fun evening at St. Michael's for a
Lenten Soup Supper.

You are invited to make your favorite meatless soup.

You can also bring bread, crackers, or dessert.

Please call the Parish Office [973-347-0032](tel:973-347-0032)
to let us know what soup you will be making.

Votive Candle Stand

As you might have experienced we are in need of a
new votive candle stand by the statue of St.

Anthony. The price of a new electric one is
\$4,150.00. If you would like to donate towards it
and have a loved one memorialized, please call the
Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Children's choir practices after class in the school building, room 23, 11:15 am-11:45 am. *New members are welcome!* See Mrs. Rogalo if your child is interested.

Confirmation Prep:

- **Confirmation I:** Next session: March 4, 4-6pm
- **SUPERGROUP Session for Con. I and II:** March 11, 4-6:45 pm, church hall (dinner is included)

ALL MASS sheets for Confirmation I and II for the months of January and February are due in the Religious Ed office now. If we don't receive these, we will assume you are not going to mass weekly.

Con. II Service forms: for the months of Dec., Jan., Feb. are due in the Religious Ed office now. Forms for all outstanding service from last year are also due. Confirmation will be delayed for those who have not completed the service requirement.

Con. I service forms: for the months of Oct, Nov., Dec. were due on Dec. 31. A number of teens have not handed in service forms. Forms for the next quarter Jan., Feb, March will be due on March 31.

Family Faith session for Gr. K-6 and Jr. High:



All families are invited/encouraged to participate in the Stations of the Cross on March 16, 7pm in the church. This will be a version of the Way of the Cross especially for families. Please plan to attend!

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

† **Midnight Run Friday, April 6th** †

Goes towards service hours for confirmation students
Everyone is welcome to help organize the trip from
5:00pm to 8:30pm

We can only take 10 students to the actual run
(8:30pm-12:30am), so please fill out registration forms online at
stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry

Please have registration forms handed in by March 10th
Youth Ministry meetings every Monday †
7:15pm to 9pm, meeting in the church

Toiletry Kits: accepting donations for...
Toothpaste, toothbrush, washcloth, soap, razor,
deodorant, feminine hygiene products,
men's briefs M-XXXL (NEW IN PACKAGING), W/M
socks (NEW IN PACKAGING), plain t-shirts M-XXXL
(NEW IN PACKAGING), large zip lock bags, plastic bags.
Gently used men's sneakers, sweatpants and
Zip-up sweatshirts L, XL, XXL

ADORATION

**Our Adoration Chapel is
closed until March 11th**

ADORATION OPEN HOURS

Tuesday 7 p.m., Wednesday 10 p.m., Friday 1 a.m. & 3
p.m., Saturday 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. &
10 p.m. Temporary

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

Cornerstone at St. Therese – March 9

St. Therese in Succasunna will be offering a Women's Cornerstone Retreat in March. The overnight event will begin on Friday evening March 9th and conclude Saturday evening, March 10th. The retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, N.J.

Registration fee is \$125.00 and includes your meals, retreat materials, and transportation. If you have financial difficulties, please call Fr. Mike.

You may also contact Mary Byank at [973-584-2720](tel:973-584-2720) or Diane Bauer-Guido at [973-479-7250](tel:973-479-7250) for additional information.

40 Cans for Lent

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the *40 Cans for Lent* program. We ask that individuals and families try to donate 40 cans (or equivalent items) of food during the Lenten season...one can for each day of Lent. You can place the cans in front of the St. Anthony statue in the rear of the church and the Knights will collect them and bring them to the food pantry for distribution to the needy in the area. Suggested items include: soups, peanut butter, canned vegetables, pasta, tuna, cereal etc. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.



IMPORTANT MEETING for all interested in *helping* with VBS on Monday, March 19th from 7pm to 8pm in the rectory basement. Volunteers must be in 5th grade or older (adults are welcome!).

If you are interested but cannot make the meeting, contact Karen Cubberly at karen.cubberly@stmichaelnetcong.org.

Knights of Columbus Fish & Chips Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be doing a Fish and Chips dinner on Friday March 16th in Monsignor Trapasso hall. From 6:00pm to 7:30PM The cost will be \$15 per dinner and we will do take out or eat in. Please come and join us. For more information please call the Knights @ [\(973\) 347-9706](tel:973-347-9706).

Rosaries left in Chapel

taken by mistake

Black beads with clear crystal

Silver Crucifix with Crown of Thorns

Please return to parish office or call 973-262-1189.

From Fr. Henry

EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFESION.

El sacramento de la *Confesión* o también conocido como el sacramento de la *Reconciliación*, es uno de los muchos regalos que Dios ha querido compartir con nosotros en el cual experimentamos su gracia, su perdón y su misericordia. Una de las muchas razones por las cuales Jesús decidió dejarnos este regalo, fue porque sabía que pecaríamos y por lo tanto íbamos a necesitar de su ayuda para restaurar nuestra comunión con Él y con su Iglesia, tal como no lo muestra el Catecismo de la iglesia Católica, (CEC # 1446).

"Cristo instituyó el sacramento de la Penitencia en favor de todos los miembros pecadores de su Iglesia, ante todo para los que, después del Bautismo, hayan caído en el pecado grave y así hayan perdido la gracia bautismal y lesionado la comunión eclesial. El sacramento de la Penitencia ofrece a éstos una nueva posibilidad de convertirse y de recuperar la gracia de la justificación."

Este sacramento, está dividido principalmente en tres partes: *Contrición* de corazón, *Confesión* de boca y *Satisfacción* de obra, mejor conocida como la Penitencia.

La Contrición es *"un dolor del alma y una detestación del pecado cometido con la resolución de no volver a pecar"* (CEC # 1451). Para lograr tal arrepentimiento de corazón, es necesario hacer una debida preparación que puede ser hecha mediante un buen *examen de conciencia*, el cual consiste en traer a la memoria con diligencia los pecados cometidos.

La Confesión de los pecados hecha al sacerdote constituye una parte esencial del sacramento de la Penitencia: *"En la confesión, los penitentes deben enumerar todos los pecados mortales de que tienen conciencia tras haberse examinado seriamente."* (CEC #1456) Según el mandamiento de la Iglesia "todo fiel llegado a la edad del uso de razón (7 años) debe confesar, al menos una vez al año, fielmente sus pecados grave y recomienda que quien tenga conciencia de hallarse en pecado grave que no comulgue el Cuerpo del Señor sin acudir antes a la confesión sacramental a no ser que concurra un motivo grave y no haya posibilidad de confesarse; y, en este caso, tenga presente que está obligado a hacer un acto de contrición perfecta, que incluye el propósito de confesarse cuanto antes". Sin ser estrictamente necesaria, la confesión de los pecados veniales es igualmente recomendada por la Iglesia. (CEC #1458) En efecto, la confesión habitual de los pecados veniales ayuda a formar la conciencia, a luchar contra las malas inclinaciones, a dejarse curar por Cristo y a progresar en la vida del Espíritu.

Finalmente, Por medio del obispo y de sus presbíteros, la Iglesia, en nombre de Jesucristo, concede el perdón de los pecados a través de la formula de absolución la cual es el elemento esencial de este sacramento, determina la modalidad de **La satisfacción** y da al pecador su debida penitencia, ora también por el pecador y hace penitencia con él. Así el pecador es curado y restablecido en la comunión eclesial. (CEC # 1448) Estos tres aspectos importantes de la confesión hacen de ella una experiencia única de conversión y reconciliación con Dios. De este modo, cada vez que nos acerquemos a recibir este sacramento, recuerda que es Dios mismo quien está obrando a través de sus sacerdotes para derramar su amor sobre ti haciéndote un hombre nuevo y restaurado por su gracia.
Padre Henry

EL SANTO VIA CRUCIS

Durante el tiempo de cuaresma tendremos las estaciones de la Santa Cruz todos los viernes a las 8:00pm en el Templo Parroquial.

A Excepción del Viernes 9 de Marzo que será a las 7:00 pm Bilingüe, seguido de una pequeña cena de demostración de diferentes tipos de sopas en el Hall de la parroquia.

¡Únete a la experiencia de caminar con Jesús!

Bienvenido a Casa

Tiempo de reconciliación con Dios durante esta Cuaresma

Confesiones: Lunes de 7:00pm a 8:30pm
Sabados: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA

Si tienes alguna intención para ofrecer en la Misa Dominical en Epanol a la 1:30pm.

Puedes comunicarte con el Padre Henry al 973-347-0032 Ext-2350 o acercarse a las oficinas de la parroquia de Lunes a Jueves de 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Midnight Run

Midnight es una organización encargada de ayudar las personas necesitadas en las calles de NY, Los voluntarios **Midnight** distribuyen alimentos, ropa, mantas y artículos de cuidado personal a los pobres sin hogar en las calles de la ciudad de Nueva York. Logrando un intercambio humano, más que un intercambio de bienes, esta es la esencia de la misión **Midnight Run**.

Próximo Midnight Run: Abril 6, 2018

Nota: La capilla de adoración Perpetua está cerrada debido a su remodelación. Se abrirá aproximadamente el día 11 de Marzo, 2018.

