

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, March 25, 2018**  
**Palm Sunday of Lent**



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, James Morino,  
 Doug Ernst, Al Yonick

**Weekly Memorials**

Bread and Wine:  
 All 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**

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

**Sunday**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**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**

Chrim 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**

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**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;

Mk 16:1-7

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Gregory Tatitch

5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi, Carol Dinkowitz

**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Frank Spinner

8:45 a.m. Joseph Fenton & Jimmy Johnson,  
 Winifred Maskarinetz

10:30 a.m. Peter Stchur, Rose LaConte

12:00 p.m. Ronald Costanzo, Mario Tancredi

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Angelo Multari, Joseph Francomacaro

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, David Weaver

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Paulette Rudella

12:15 p.m. Lenten Mass

**Thursday, March 29, 2018 Holy Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, John J. Bauer

**Friday, March 30, 2018 Good Friday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. Ecumenical Walk

(Begins at Stanhope Presbyterian Church)

1:00 p.m. Station Walk – Bilingual

(begins near electronic sign and  
 Rt 46 driveway entrance)

3:00 p.m. Passion, Veneration & Communion

6:30 p.m. Passion, Veneration & Communion in Spanish

**Saturday, March 31, 2018 Holy Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil - Bilingual

Robert Colabella

**Sunday, April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Rea Family,

Louis Castaldi, Joseph & Mario Francomacaro

8:45 a.m. John Martel

10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr.,

Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga

12:00 p.m. Michael & Regina Parasolle,

Theresa Granato Guerra

1:30 p.m. Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar,

Joanne Grecco

**Mass on Monday, April 2 is at 9am**

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

**Sunday, 3/18/18                      \$6,528.00**

**Easter Flowers                         \$ 215.00**

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

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

*Next Healing Mass is  
Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

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

**From Fr. Michael**

### **Palm Sunday:**

The official name of this celebration is “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.” We open Holy Week by celebrating not only the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem but also the purpose for which He came into the world: to suffer, die and to rise again on the third day. The procession from Bethany was for many the arrival of a king for his coronation and enthronement. However, this king would only receive a crown of thorns and His throne would be the Cross. Although the Apostles and Disciples who were there did not know this truth, it is nonetheless the truth which the Church wishes to impress upon us by the opening ceremony of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday celebration helps us understand that this is the day on which we are publicly to show our loyalty to Christ our triumphant King as He goes to do battle for our sakes. We are invited to join Him in spirit through His bitter passion and death and as it were to cheer Him on His way. The procession begins with an invitation which is a clear reminder of its purpose: “Dear brothers and sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.” This procession takes us (in spirit) back to the past, yet is more than just a memory, for in our procession we actually accompanying Christ here and now in three ways; 1.) Symbolically in the cross which leads the procession, 2.) In the priest who acts in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) and 3.) In the community which is gathered together in Christ’s name, who promised to be with us each and every time we gather (Matthew 18:20).

But this procession also looks toward the future. Christ passed from this world into heaven which is called the “New Jerusalem.” If our Church represents the earthly Jerusalem of old, it stands also for the New Jerusalem of heaven. When Christ comes again at the end of time, He will lead our risen bodies, now joined to their souls in heaven. So as we enter with the priest, who is Christ’s representative, we should think of the day when we hope to enter heaven itself with Christ our King. Our procession is like a symbolic rehearsal of our final Passover on the Last Day. From the procession we make our way to the altar where we listen to the Word of God from the Holy Scriptures from the Old (Isaiah 50:4-7) and New Testament (Philippians 2:6-11) with the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22) in between and finally we read from the Passion of Saint Mark (14:1-15:47) this year. From the past we turn to the present as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, where upon the altar of our parish church, Calvary is made mystically present. It is the perfect conclusion to our prayerful listening and enacting the Passion of the Lord. At the end of the Mass, we take our palms home and place them behind our crucifixes which serve as a reminder that they were officially blessed by the Church, not that they are magical instruments or superstitious charms that possess special power, but they are more accurately visible

signs of the powerful prayer of God’s Church which calls down the blessing of God to sanctify and protect those who make use of them devoutly.

### **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).

### **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**



### **Calendar reminders:**

- No sessions Easter Sunday or Monday (4/1, 4/2)

### **Sessions resume**

- For Gr. K-6 on April 8
- For Gr. 8 on April 9
- For Gr. 7 on April 16

### **Last sessions for the year:**

- Gr. 1-6: April 8, 15, 22, 29
- Gr. K: April 8, 29
- Gr. 7: March 26, April 16, 30 (final test)
- Gr. 8: April 9, retreat April 13, April 16, April 23, May 7

NO sessions on May 6---we did not use a snow date.

**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. Choir will sing at 8:45am Mass on Palm Sunday (3/25) AND Easter Sunday!

### Confirmation Prep:

**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 (Dec.2016-Feb. 28, 2018) BY MARCH 20—extended to March 23 because of the snow. Confirmation will be delayed for those who have not completed the service requirement.

Letter to the pastor is due April 2.

**Con. I service forms:** for the months of Oct, Nov., Dec. were due on Dec. 31. Forms for the next quarter Jan., Feb, March will be due on March 31.

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



### Grade 8 Retreat:

As per the letter sent home:  
Retreat Friday, April 13, 6:30-11 pm here at St. Michael. Permission slips AND Health forms were sent home and are available on the website

(stmichaelnetcong.org; go to Faith Formation then to Religious Ed). You may bring a guest but we ask that all forms be returned in advance so we have enough food and other supplies. Charge for the event: 2 donations for the food pantry. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office for details.

NOTE: This is a scheduled class session. In addition, *attendance at the retreat will count as make up for those who have more than the 3 allowable absences.*

Permission slips due by April 6!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

† Easter Egg Hunt, March 31<sup>st</sup> †  
11:00am-12:00pm

High school students setting up egg hunt must meet at 10am

† Midnight Run, April 6<sup>th</sup> †

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 contact Sarah about openings

† 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat, April 13<sup>th</sup> †

Looking for high school students to participate as small group leaders or to give talks

Looking for adult workshopppers- MUST HAVE PGC

† Gospel Roads Mission Trip, July 7-14<sup>th</sup> †

Need to have \$100 non-refundable deposit in by April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Est. \$700 for entire trip

Service hours TBD

New Orleans, LA

† 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



### VBS Registration will open on Sunday, April 8th!

#### Volunteers

There is **MANDATORY** training for all *Crew Leaders* in April. You **MUST attend ONE** of the trainings. All trainings are in the school from 7pm to 8pm.

Monday, April 16th **OR**

Wednesday, April 18th **OR**

Friday, April 20th

Any questions, please contact Karen Cubberly at karen.cubberly@stmichaelnetcong.org.

Come visit our newly renovated Adoration Chapel.  
We need to thank Joe Zaccarino for his generosity, dedication and hard work.

## ADORATION

### OPEN HOURS

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

Dear God,

"Thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings.

*"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..."*

We give you praise and honor for your ways are righteous and true. We give you worship for you are holy and just. We will declare that your love stands firm forever. For your loving kindness endures forever.

Thank you that your ways are far greater than our ways, your thoughts far deeper than our thoughts. Thank you that you had a plan to redeem. Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you that your face is towards the righteous, and you hear our prayers, and know our hearts. Help us to stay strong and true to you. Help us not to follow after the voice of the crowds, but to press in close to you, to hear your whispers, and seek after you alone.

We praise you, we bless you Lord! " AMEN!

## NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> –  
Mother's Day – our new Mass schedule will be  
7am, 9:30am & 11:30am in English –  
the Saturday 5pm Mass will remain the same.  
The Spanish Mass will remain at  
1:30pm on Sundays.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Chrism Mass (March 26)

At the Cathedral, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday Lenten Mass (March 28) - 12:15 pm

### Holy Thursday (March 29)

Morning Prayer - 8:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) - 7:00 pm

Reposition of Blessed Sacrament in Msgr. Trapasso

Hall after Mass

### Good Friday (March 30)

Morning Prayer - 8:00 am

Ecumenical Walk – 11:00 am (begins at Stanhope  
Presbyterian)

Stations of the Cross Walk (bilingual) - 1:00 pm (begins at  
electronic sign and Rt. 46 entrance)

Stations of the Cross - 2:30 pm

Passion, Veneration, Communion - 3:00 pm

In Spanish - 6:30 pm

### Holy Saturday (March 31)

Morning Prayer - 8:00 am

Easter Vigil Mass (bilingual) - 7:30 pm

### Easter Sunday (April 1)

Regular Mass Times

## Spring Pilgrimage

### Save The Date!

Saturday, May 19, 2018 will be our Spring Pilgrimage to  
The Miraculous Medal and the  
St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia, PA.  
Details coming soon.

## From Fr. Henry

### Queridos Hermanos

Después de haber venido viviendo una experiencia de “desierto espiritual” durante esta cuaresma 2018, como preparación para la gran celebración de la Pascua. Damos inicio hoy, Domingo de Ramos, a la Semana Santa o Semana Mayor que representa la pasión de Cristo.

Para la tradición Cristiana es un día de gozo y sufrimiento en el cual conmemoramos la triunfante entrada de nuestro Señor

Jesucristo a la ciudad de Jerusalén, montado en un burro, mientras lo aclamamos como nuestro Rey y Señor con cantos y palmas. Pero de igual manera estos ramos simbolizan la participación gozosa en el rito procesional, en el que Cristo va a la muerte para la salvación de todos los hombres. Es así como este Domingo de Ramos tiene un doble carácter, de gloria y de sufrimiento.

Al conmemorar esta Semana Mayor, los invito a que recordemos el sacrificio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en la cruz, el cual tuvo que pasar por nuestra salvación. Pero de igual manera a que reflexionemos, que fue debido a esta entrega generosa de sí mismo por la cual hoy celebramos su triunfante Victoria sobre la muerte, como cumplimiento de sus promesas y de su amor por nosotros, pues son sin duda las manos traspasadas de Jesús las que nos dejan ver el corazón de Dios.

Que durante estos días de reflexión y celebración que nos brinda la Semana Santa, nos ayuden a renovar nuestras vidas y a incrementar nuestro amor y respeto por Dios, por nuestros hermanos y por nosotros mismos como Él nos lo enseñó.

Les deseo una Feliz Semana Santa!

Padre Henry

## **NOCHE DE PELICULA EN FAMILIA**

**La Pasion de Cristo en Español**

Martes 27 de Marzo 2018

En Msgr. Trapasso Hall a las 7:00 pm

¡Puedes traer tu propia silla si quieres sentirme mas comodo!

## **EL SANTO VIA CRUCIS**

**El viernes Santo tendremos el Vía crucis en vivo,  
caminado. (Bilingüe)**

**DAREMOS INICIO FRENTE DEL ANUNCIO DE LAS  
MISAS EN ESPAÑOL EN LA RUTA 46 A LA 1:00 PM.**

**¡Todos están cordialmente invitados a unirse a la  
experiencia de caminar con Jesús!**

## **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**

## **Misa Crismal**

**Este año la Misa Crismal será celebrada en la catedral de  
Paterson a las 7:00 pm toda la comunidad está invitada a  
participar de esta maravillosa celebración eucarística donde  
los sacerdotes renovaran sus votos y el obispo bendecirá los  
aceites que se utilizaran durante este año para los diferentes  
sacramentos.**

**No confesiones este Lunes 26 de Marzo**