

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, April 8, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:  
 Steven Duffy

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, Diana Palumbo

**Weekly Memorials**  
 Bread and Wine:  
 For 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**

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
**Sunday**  
 Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday**  
 Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday**  
 Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday**  
 Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday**  
 Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday**  
 Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday**  
 Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**  
 8:00 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners  
 5:00 p.m. Michael Bortak,  
 Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo

**Sunday, April 8, 2018 Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo & Fr. Dennis, Albert Pioppi  
 8:45 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Jeffrey A. Hooley  
 10:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito  
 12:00 p.m. Peter A. Bencivengo  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention  
 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Service

**Monday, April 9, 2018**  
 7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**  
 8:00 a.m. Paul DiRupo, Paula & Vincent Tardive

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
 7:00 a.m. Frances & Matthew Soccio

**Thursday, April 12, 2018**  
 8:00 a.m. Albert Pioppi

**Friday, April 13, 2018**  
 7:00 a.m. For the Sick

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**  
 8:00 a.m. For All Families  
 5:00 p.m. Robert Colabella, John J. Bauer,  
 Tony & Julie Arbolino

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
 7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo, Albert N. Pioppi Sr.  
 8:45 a.m. Veronica Marks, Joanna Olivo  
 10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley  
 12:00 p.m. Joseph Backer  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

<b>TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING</b>	
ST. MICHAEL’S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH SINCE 1988.	
Sunday, 4/1/18 Easter Sunday	\$15,159.00
Repair & Repair	\$ 1,969.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,255.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,251.00
<i>To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.</i>	
<i>Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.</i>	

## From Fr. Mike

Well, 2018 marked my second Holy Week and Easter Sunday here in Netcong and I was truly amazed at the number of people that came out for each of the Triduum celebrations: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and of course the crowds of Easter! I continue to be moved by your great faith and devotion. I have had so many compliments about the beauty of the church, the beauty of the flowers, the solemnity of the rituals, the sacredness of the tomb and the prayerfulness of the people that attended that I wanted to share that with you. Of course, all of these wonderful events, which at times appeared to be a “marathon”, could not have been accomplished without the work of so many people in front of and behind the scenes: from the putting together of the Worship Aids, the several cleanings of the church, the beautiful floral arrangements by our decorating team, for Larry and Carole DiRenzo who created the tomb of Jesus.

Congratulations to Daniela Ramirez and Fabian Martinez who professed their faith in the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of Confirmation and received their first Holy Eucharist; for Hector Crespo and Eliana Casqueira for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that their journey toward the Catholic faith through the R.C.I.A will continue as they become more involved in our parish community. We welcome them to the table of the Lord and congratulate them, their sponsors; we extend a word of gratitude to Fr. Henry, Deacon Joe, John and Donna Bauer, Betty Pinsonault, Marie Raffay, and Valerie Nichols who journeyed with them through the R.C.I.A. Best wishes and gratitude to all who had their feet washed on Holy Thursday, especially the Youth. It was a great symbol to see the Young Church have their feet washed by the priest.

Finally, last but not least, thank you to all the faithful that participated in the Holy Week ceremonies. If this was your first time or your 101st time, we are most grateful for your presence and participation. Our Church is made holy by your presence and is diminished by your absence. Come and be a part of our faith community each and every Sunday and allow the Risen Lord to touch your hearts and make them like His own! And what is the heart of Jesus? We recall that Jesus died a horrible and painful death. Yet, His last sentence was: “It is accomplished” and “Into your hands Father I commend my spirit”. And then He breathed His last and died in peace. He was at peace with God and with Himself. He has forgiven those who crucified him, His mother was taken of, and His mission was accomplished. At His last breath, Jesus had no unfinished business and He died in peace. And hence when He appeared to His disciples, His first words were “Peace be with you” because He wants them to be at peace with themselves, so that they can rejoice with Him in His victory over death. Can we also say that “It is accomplished” and “Into the hands of God I commend my spirit”? Or is there unfinished business, like unforgiveness, anger, resentment, bitterness that are burdening our hearts?

Today as the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, let us ask the Lord for His mercy and forgiveness, so that we can be at peace with God, with others and with ourselves. As we continue in our Easter Season, please be assured of my personal gratitude as well as my priestly appreciation for sharing your time, talents and treasure. I look forward to recognizing the Lord in the “breaking of the bread” so that our hearts will be filled with joy these coming weeks.

### 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.

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

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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: 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** Choir practice will be suspended for now. Anyone wishing to join the choir in the future is welcome to contact Donna Pedula, Music Director (973-670-5687).

### **Confirmation Prep:**

**Con. II:**

Letter to the pastor was due April 2. This is a requirement for Confirmation!

Reconciliation service: during Divine Mercy Sunday devotion, **3 pm in the Church**. All candidates are to attend; your sponsors and parents are also welcome.

Final service form covering 2 hrs. for March 1-April 10 is due April 10.

**Con. I service forms:** Forms for the second quarter Jan., Feb, March due March 31. Next sessions: April 22 and 29, 4pm, church hall

**Grade 8 parent meeting/registration for Confirmation prep:**

as per the letter sent home, May 7, 7:30 pm in the church  
**\*\*\*\*\*Special note for Parish families with an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at a Catholic school:** Please contact the Rel.Ed. office if your teen will be participating in the St. Michael Confirmation program. We have important information to share with you before the parent session in May. *All 8<sup>th</sup> graders must take and pass the doctrine test before registrations are finalized.* Please call Mrs. Rogalo for information (973-347-0032, ext. 2320)



**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

(www.stmichaelnetcong.org; go to Faith Formation then to Religious Ed). You may bring a guest but we ask that all forms be returned in by **April 9** 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.*

**Registration for Gr. K-6, 2018-19**

There will be in-person registration meetings at 10:15 am on April 15 and 22, in the school. A parent **MUST** attend one of these sessions in order to register children for next year. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Ed office at 973-347-0032, ext. 2320.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

† 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 workshopers- **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



**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.

**ADORATION**

**OPEN HOURS**

Wednesday 10 p.m., Thursday 3 p.m. (partner)  
Friday 1 a.m. & 9 p.m., Saturday 6 p.m., 7 p.m.,  
9 p.m. & 10 p.m., Sunday 11 p.m.

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

**AN URGENT PLEA FOR PRAYERS**

Dear Parishioners

Please include in your daily prayers our petition for more dedicated adorers.

We are in urgent need of help to cover our evening hours. After twenty -one years of service, some of our dedicated adorers are now moving, or leaving due to health reasons.

St Michael Adoration Chapel is the only church in our area that keeps its door open to the public 24 hours. And we truly believe that its presence has been a blessing to our community.

If we can all say a prayer together everyday, wherever you are, at 3PM. after the Divine Mercy Novena, we can storm heaven with prayers!

For as HE promised;

“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:19-20

**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.

## SPRING PILGRIMAGE TO PHILADELPHIA

On Saturday, May 19, 2018, Father Mike will lead us on faith filled pilgrimage to visit two awe-inspiring shrines in Philadelphia. Our first stop will be the Shine of the Miraculous Medal. Following that we will visit the St. John Neumann Shrine. Pilgrims to both these shrines have reported graces and healings after praying for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and/or St. John Neumann. At the St. John Neumann Shrine you will have the opportunity to view the body of the saint and for relic veneration. For more information on both these shrines, please visit their websites. [Stjohnneumann.org](http://Stjohnneumann.org) and [cammonline.org](http://cammonline.org) (Miraculous Medal)

We will end our trip to Philadelphia with some free time at Center City, a historic, cultural and entertainment district in downtown Philadelphia.

The price of \$44.00 includes your bus fare on a deluxe motor coach and admission and tours at both shrines. Please make checks payable to St. Michael Church and drop off at the new Parish office. Space is limited so please get your reservation in as soon as possible. For more information email Valerie Nichols. [valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org)

### Men's Cornerstone

You are invited to attend a Men's Cornerstone weekend – Friday Evening to Saturday, April 27 & 28 given by St. Jude's in Budd Lake.

"Retreats are a time away from our normal activities to spend time getting reacquainted with God, to examine the priorities of life and to make concrete and practical resolutions for improvement. Retreats can be a powerful step toward personal conversion." (Fr. Frances Hoffman) Cornerstone is a 26 hour experience which provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith while meeting other men. The overnight is hosted at Sacred Heart Spiritual Center in Newton.

The total cost for the weekend is \$125 and includes all meals.

You Must be registered by 4/20 to attend.

For questions and to register, please contact:

Dan Fuller [862-432-5221](tel:862-432-5221) [Dxfuller1987@gmail.com](mailto:Dxfuller1987@gmail.com) or  
Kip Troeder [973-903-1445](tel:973-903-1445) [kip.troeder@verizon.net](mailto:kip.troeder@verizon.net)

Netcong – 1 bedroom Apt for rent –  
2nd floor, lakefront 973-347-1710.

## From Fr. Henry

### SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE PASCUA O DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

La Agencia Católica de Informaciones (ACI Prensa) en su contenido católico sobre la Fiesta de la Misericordia menciona a Santa Faustina, conocida como la mensajera de la Divina Misericordia, quien recibió revelaciones místicas en las que Jesús le mostró su corazón, fuente de misericordia y le expresó su deseo de que se estableciera esta fiesta. Es de este modo que el Papa Juan Pablo II anuncia durante la canonización de Sor Faustina el 30 de Abril del 2000, que la fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tendría lugar el segundo domingo de Pascua. Dándole así la denominación oficial a este día litúrgico de «segundo domingo de Pascua o de la Divina Misericordia».

La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tiene como fin principal hacer llegar a los corazones de cada persona el siguiente mensaje: Dios es Misericordioso y nos ama a todos ... "y cuanto más grande es el pecador, tanto más grande es el derecho que tiene a Mi misericordia" (Diario, 723). En este mensaje, que Nuestro Señor nos ha hecho llegar por medio de Santa Faustina, se nos pide que tengamos plena confianza en la Misericordia de Dios, y que seamos siempre misericordiosos con el prójimo a través de nuestras palabras, acciones y oraciones... "porque la fe sin obras, por fuerte que sea, es inútil" (Diario, 742).

La esencia de la devoción se sintetiza en cinco puntos fundamentales:

- 1. Debemos confiar en la Misericordia del Señor.** Jesús, por medio de Sor Faustina nos dice: "Deseo conceder gracias inimaginables a las almas que confían en mi misericordia. Al que haya depositado su confianza en mi misericordia, en la hora de la muerte le colmaré el alma con mi paz divina".
- 2. La confianza es la esencia, el alma de esta devoción y a la vez la condición para recibir gracias.** "Las gracias de mi misericordia se toman con un solo recipiente y este es la confianza. Cuanto más confie un alma, tanto más recibirá. Las almas que confían sin límites son mi gran consuelo y sobre ellas derramo todos los tesoros de mis gracias"
- 3. La misericordia define nuestra actitud ante cada persona.** "Exijo de ti obras de misericordia que deben surgir del amor hacia mí. Te doy tres formas de ejercer misericordia: la primera es la acción; la segunda, la palabra; y la tercera, la oración. De este modo el alma alaba y adora mi misericordia".
- 4. La actitud del amor activo hacia el prójimo es otra condición para recibir gracias.** "Si el alma no practica la misericordia de alguna manera no conseguirá mi misericordia en el día del juicio".
- 5. El Señor Jesús desea que sus devotos hagan por lo menos una obra de misericordia al día.** "Deseo que tu corazón sea la sede de mi misericordia. Deseo que esta misericordia se derrame sobre todo el mundo a través de tu corazón. Cualquiera que se acerque a ti, no puede marcharse sin confiar en esta misericordia mía que tanto deseo para las almas".

Feliz Día.

Padre Henry