

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



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, Diana Palumbo, Christine Parker

Weekly Memorials  
 Bread and Wine  
 Sanctuary Lamp  
 Chapel Vigil Light  
**ALBERT N. PIOPPI SR.**

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 Easter

**Sunday**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**Monday**

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday**

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday**

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday**

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**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

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

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

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Paul D'Olivo

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Joanna Olivo

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Albert Pioppi

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Andrew Dedinsky

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

8:00 a.m. For All Souls

5:00 p.m. Angelina Arbolino, Barrie Bernard Ellison

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

7:00 a.m. David Conklin

8:45 a.m. Aileen Quinn

10:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo

12:00 p.m. Rose Barbaccia, Nancy Riccio

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, 4/8/18 Divine Mercy \$6,518.00**

**Repair & Repair (additional) \$ 354.00**

**Easter (additional) \$ 855.00**

**Easter Flowers (additional) \$ 163.00**

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

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

From Fr. Mike



Twenty-five years ago, in 1993, the average gas price around the country was \$1.11; if you take into account inflation the cost in 2018 would be \$1.93. The average cost of cigarettes was \$1.69. The average cost of college tuition was \$7,931 including room and board. If you wanted to buy a cell phone, BellSouth and IBM collaborated to release a phone with a cost of \$900 with a monthly fee of \$45 and \$0.45 per minute for every call. In March of 1993, Netcong had witnessed the “Blizzard of the Century” where up to twenty-five inches of snow came down.

It was in this year, in May, that two men from our parish were ordained deacons. With the changing of times of the country, Deacon Stu and Deacon Joe have faithfully served the parish of Saint Michael for 25 years. Congratulations go to Deacon Joe and Anne Keenan, to Deacon Stu and Sharon Murphy as they celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. They have truly lived out the words spoken at their Ordination, “Believe what you read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach.” They have humbly touched the lives of all whom they have served in Christ’s name.

We thank them for their witness and their service during the past 25 years. What are they witnessing to? We turn to a movie that came out 10 years before their ordination – *Ghostbusters*. In the theme song we hear: “if there is something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call ..... Ghostbusters!” The Risen Lord has cast out all the fears and anxieties that make ghosts in our hearts. Jesus exclaims today, Peace be You! Deacons Stu and Joe are witnesses of that peace to us. That Jesus is not merely a ghostbuster, he has defeated sin and death and is a *Sin Buster!*

We are having a celebration for the 25<sup>th</sup> Diaconate Anniverasary for Deacons Joe and Stu. There are 50 seats available for Sunday, May 6 at 4pm. Please call Bob or Annemarie at the Parish Office between 9am and 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday  
– we are only accepting calls –  
no emails or after hour messages accepted.

### 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 15, 22, 29
- Gr. K: April 29
- Gr. 7: April 16, 30 (final test)
- Gr. 8: April 16, April 23, May 7

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

### Confirmation Prep:

**Con. II:** service forms due April 10. Rehearsals for Confirmation: 4/20, 7-8:15pm for candidates and catechists; 4/23, 7-8:15pm for candidates and sponsor (or parent stand-in)

**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)

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**

† MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALES †

Mission Trip Gospel Roads New Orleans students are fundraising with a variety of beautiful flowers to celebrate the wonderful women in your lives  
\$20-25 a basket

Find a representative at the end of Mass or call in the office to Youth Ministry x2340

† 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](mailto:karen.cubberly@stmichaelnetcong.org).

**ADORATION**

**OPEN HOURS**

Wednesday 10 p.m., Thursday 3 p.m. (partner) Friday  
1 a.m., 5 a.m. 9 p.m., Saturday 9 p.m.,  
Sunday 12 a.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

**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 [Dxfuller1987@gmail.com](mailto:Dxfuller1987@gmail.com) or

Kip Troeder 973-903-1445 [kip.troeder@verizon.net](mailto:kip.troeder@verizon.net)

## **Life in the Spirit Seminar**

A 7 week session "Life in the Spirit Seminar" will be presented at St. Paul Inside the Walls-Address: 205 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ, beginning on April 23rd and ending on June 4th from 7:30PM - 9PM. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Come, find or renew the full life that He offers. To register or for additional information please call Betty at 973-448-8847.

## **Hilltop Fire Company #2 Food Truck Festival**

Saturday, May 12, 2018

12pm to 6pm

Food trucks, craft beer, live music and a kids tent!

Tickets - \$4 per adult, children 12 and under free

All Proceeds benefit Netcong Hilltop Fire Co. #2

Arbolino Park

Allen St. & Koclas Dr.

Netcong, NJ

For more info call Jack 973-479-9903

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

**Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a**

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

"Now I know brothers that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did. But God has thus brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand that through the mouth of all the prophets that His Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore and be converted that your sins may be wiped away... Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures... Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations."

The wonderful sermon of Saint Peter offers encouragement, not judgment, summoning his hearers to listen more closely. The scriptures they knew, the prophets and psalms, pointed to the events which had taken place in Jerusalem. As they listened, they were able to conclude 'this makes sense, I'll follow what he says and begin living as a witness.'

Twenty centuries have passed, the sermon of Peter is repeated for my benefit as he opens our minds and hearts. If these words changed the hearts of his listeners, what is happening in my heart at this moment? Am I, or am I not a witness?

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