

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, April 22, 2018**  
**Fourth 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
**Sunday**  
 Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18  
**Monday**  
 Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10  
**Tuesday**  
 Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday**  
 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20  
**Thursday**  
 Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday**  
 Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday**  
 Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**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

**Monday, April 23, 2018**

7:00 a.m. For the Unborn

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Pauline Flynn

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Nancy Riccio

**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Jean Ghilain

**Friday, April 27, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Albert Pioppi

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church  
 5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd,  
 Santina & Vincenzo Frantangelo

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Emelio Rea Jr.  
 8:45 a.m. Aileen Quinn  
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention  
 12:00 p.m. Andy Dedinsky  
 1:30 p.m. Arturo Quan

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

<b>Sunday, 4/15/18</b>	<b>\$ 9,611.00</b>
<b>Repair &amp; Repair (additional)</b>	<b>\$ 354.00</b>
<b>Easter (additional)</b>	<b>\$ 855.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers (additional)</b>	<b>\$ 163.00</b>

*To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.  
 Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.*

## From Fr. Mike

As we come to the end of our Faith Formation year of classes, I wanted to take this time to thank all those catechists who generously donated their time and talents in sharing their faith with our youth. Special thanks to our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. Debbie Rogalo, and the assistant in the faith formation office Mrs. Jodi Suralik. Their presence and spiritual guidance is truly a blessing to our community.

Although some are unaware of it, when I first arrived here in Netcong, I spoke about changing how we do "CCD." The first change was its name. We now call it "Faith Formation" for "Religious Education" does not get across the notion of how our faith is continuously "formed," not only in the classroom, but for many years after and continues each and every day of our lives extending decades past confirmation. The second change will be to require each parent and/or guardian to sign a "Commitment Covenant" whereby they will promise God, their local church and their children to: 1.) Faithfully bring them to church weekly (not weakly). 2.) To bring them to Faith Formation classes prepared and on time and to 3.) Faithfully support their church to the best of their ability. Of course, no child is ever turned away for their parent's inability to pay.

With the start of faith formation next year, we will incorporate Mass as a part of the program; more specifically the 9:30 am Mass. This change of making coming to church weekly as principle number one of our Faith Formation Program will not be an easy transition to make for many people. Nonetheless, we have made a firm commitment to these children to educate them in our Catholic faith whose "source and summit" is the weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Therefore, dropping your children off for classes, but not coming to church on the weekend, is no longer an option here at Saint Michael Church.

Over the next year, we will work with families in order to make this transition into a new way of thinking about our faith. Quite honestly, there will be some families that choose to go elsewhere and I am reminded of Saint John's Gospel when Jesus told His Disciples "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you do not have life within you ... and some found this a hard saying and walked with Him no longer" (John 6:66).

If you have not been faithful in coming to church each week, this is the time to evaluate the importance of faith formation, the Mission of the Universal Church and the Mission of Saint Michael Church. I want to be clear: Fr. Mike and Saint Michael Church do not "throw out" any child from our program. Rather, more correct, it is the parent's or guardian's decision to honor their commitment to the Lord, His Church and their children. And it is based upon this commitment (or lack thereof) that decides whether a child stays in the program or not. I pray that the Holy Spirit will fill all of our hearts with the

grace and blessings that we need to become more faithful to the Lord in our daily lives and see the great mission of sharing our Catholic faith by word and example to our children, the Young Church of today. May the Blessed Mother who watched her own Son grow in "age and wisdom" continue to watch over and protect her children in our parish and throughout the world.

We are having a celebration for the 25<sup>th</sup> Diaconate Anniversaries for Deacons Joe and Stu. There are 40 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 during office hours –  
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, May 29th at 7pm*

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last sessions for the year:

- Gr. 1-6: April 22, 29
- Gr. K: April 29
- Gr. 7: April 30 (final test)
- Gr. 8: April 23, May 7

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

### Confirmation Prep:

**Con. II: 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 another in-person registration meeting at 10:15 am on April 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** about the program, please contact Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Ed office at 973-347-0032, ext. 2320. We realize change often/usually generates concerns and questions, but the questions are best answered by a member of the staff. Please call if you have any concerns at all.

First Communion Rehearsal Schedule (meet at the church)

Communion Mass date/time	Rehearsal date/time
April 28/ 5:00 pm	Wed. April 25 /6:45 pm, sharp
April 29/ 8:45 am	Thurs. April 26 /6:45 pm, sharp
May 6 / 10:30 am	Wed. May 2 /6:45 pm, sharp

First Communion



In the vestibule we have a basket of prayer cards with the names of the parish children who will be celebrating First Communion the next two weekends. We invite parishioners to take a card and pray for the child by name!

**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

**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.



**VBS Registration is on!**

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer or need information please email  
vbs@stmichaelnetcong.org

**ADORATION**

*"We should be able to speak every day of God's love and care for us. If we can quieten our hearts and our minds, we will more easily see this love and care of God at work every day in our lives. God's love always desires everything that is good for us..."*

**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

**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)

## **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

## **From Fr. Henry**

En este IV Domingo de Pascua, el evangelista Juan nos muestra a Jesús dándonos un claro contraste entre Pastores. (El Buen Pastor que da la vida por sus ovejas Vs el pastor asalariado que cuando ve venir al lobo, abandona las ovejas y huye). Este gran contraste entre pastores es algo que aplica nos solo para Obispos y sacerdotes, sino también a los Padres de familia y a todos nosotros en nuestra manera única de ser ya sea como hermano o amigo.

Jesús manifestó perfectamente el amor sacrificial como el Pastor Divino. Él estuvo dispuesto a sacrificar todo por nosotros, Sus ovejas. Él no permitió que el sufrimiento, la persecución o el rechazo lo alejaran de su responsabilidad de cuidarnos de una manera total y completa. Ejemplo que nos debe hacer saber qué tan profundo es su amor por nosotros.

Este amor se ve, también, reflejado en el amor inquebrantable de un padre, hermano o amigo que nos ofrece su apoyo incondicional, especialmente en tiempos difíciles. Ese amor

ofrecido a otro, forma un vínculo espiritual tan profundo que llega a ser más fuerte que cualquier dificultad que podamos enfrentar en nuestras vidas.

Por otro lado, no podemos ignorar el ejemplo que Jesús nos da de "aquel jornalero que no es un pastor" que cuando ve al lobo que viene, huye de su responsabilidad, entregándose a una motivación egoísta, dejando al rebaño vulnerable al ataque. En este hombre contratado, podemos ver la tentación que inevitablemente todos enfrentamos en la vida. "El estar ahí en los tiempos difíciles"

Muchas veces es difícil estar ahí para aquellos que nos necesitan cuando nos necesitan, es difícil ser fieles en todas nuestras obligaciones como padre, hermano o amigo. Pero Jesús nos ofrece Su amor y apoyo inquebrantable como nuestro Pastor, y nos invita a que le devolvamos este regalo ofreciéndonos este mismo compromiso inquebrantable el uno con el otro.

Recuerda: No importa qué "lobo" se cruce en nuestro camino, debemos saber que contamos con el apoyo inquebrantable del Divino Pastor. Y somos doblemente bendecidos cuando podemos ver que el amor se manifiesta en el apoyo inquebrantable a los demás.

Bendiciones

Padre Henry.

## **PEREGRINACIÓN DE PRIMAVERA A PHILADELPHIA**

El sábado 19 de mayo de 2018, el Padre Mike nos guiará en una peregrinación llena de fe para visitar dos imponentes santuarios en Filadelfia. Nuestra primera parada será el Santuario de la Medalla Milagrosa. Seguido, visitaremos el Santuario de San Juan Neumann. Los peregrinos de ambos santuarios han informado de gracias y curaciones después de orar por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María y / o San Juan Neumann.

En el Santuario de San Juan Neumann tendrán la oportunidad de ver el cuerpo del santo y la veneración de las reliquias. Para obtener más información sobre estos dos santuarios, visite sus sitios web. [Stjohnneumann.org](http://Stjohnneumann.org) y [cammonline.org](http://cammonline.org) (Medalla Milagrosa)

Terminaremos nuestro viaje a Filadelfia con algo de tiempo libre en Center City, un distrito histórico, cultural y de entretenimiento en el centro de Filadelfia.

El precio de \$ 44.00 incluye su tarifa de autobús en un autobús de lujo y la admisión y excursiones en ambos santuarios. Por favor haga los cheques a nombre de St. Michael Church y déjelos en la nueva oficina de la Parroquia. El espacio es limitado, por favor haga su reserva lo antes posible. Para más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Valerie Nichols.

[valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org) o al padre Henry Pinto  
[Fr.henry@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:Fr.henry@stmichaelnetcong.org)

Después de haber meditado y reconocido los regalos y talentos recibidos de Dios, es importante dar gracias por ellos y ponerlos al servicio de otros como muestra de tal agradecimiento. De esta forma los invito a inscribirse para servir como Ministros de Eucaristía, lectores o ministros de bienvenida. El día 1 de Mayo todos (nuevos ministros y antiguos) nos reuniremos a las 7:00pm en salón de la rectoría.