

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, May 6, 2018
Sixth 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, Pat Leone,
 Brian Korgeski

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Monday
 Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday
 Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday
 Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday
 Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20 Or in some Ecclesiastical Provinces:
 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or
 Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday
 Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday
 Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, May 5, 2018
 8:00 a.m. For the Unborn
 5:00 p.m. Josephine & Emilio Rea,
 Nicholas & Madeline Arbolino
Sunday, May 6, 2018
 7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan
 8:45 a.m. Emelio Rea
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention
 12:00 p.m. Andrew Dedinsky
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention
Monday, May 7, 2018
 7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Elwin & Mary Burd
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
 7:00 a.m. James Taormina
Thursday, May 10, 2018 The Ascension of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 7:00 p.m. For All Deceased of our Parish
Friday, May 11, 2018
 7:00 a.m. Mary & Bill Ruf
Saturday, May 12, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Pauline Flynn
 5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Preziosi
(NEW MASS TIMES)
Sunday, May 13, 2018 Mother's Day
 7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo, Jean DiBias,
 Mary Ravo Polanchi & Necilia Polianchik
 9:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley
 11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
 ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH
 SINCE 1988.
Sunday, 4/27/18 \$6,700.00
 To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.
 Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

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

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Here is a special treat for our mothers on Mother's Day, May 13. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a breakfast after the Masses on Mothers's Day at the Knights Hall. There will be no charge for the mothers who attend. It is the Knights' gift to all our mothers for the dedication and love which they so selflessly have expressed for their families and the community.

From Fr. Mike

The arrival of spring signals the start of the wedding season and I have often heard from many priests "I would rather do 100 funerals, than do another wedding." At first, one could easily be scandalized by such a statement made by a priest, especially when the Church seems to be always complaining that so many people are not being married in the church but choose a "destination wedding" or are simply married at Town Hall. Nonetheless, please allow me give you a little background to a possible motive for such a comment. First and foremost, dealing with "Bridezilla's" and "Mother-in-law-zillas" certainly might be on the top of the list, but let me share with you my personal experience from being a groomsman and as the official witness of the church and Celebrant of the Nuptial Mass.

Weddings have become more of a social event and the majority of people that come to a wedding usually meet at the reception and not at the church (which seems to be illogical as the couple are actually married in the church and not at the reception). Over the years, people who married non-Catholics were either not allowed to be married in the church (or at least frowned upon by certain clergy) or they were married in the sacristies (that is why there are so many churches with huge sacristies). With the permission and blessing of the bishop, these weddings are now celebrated regularly in the church proper. However, as time passed, it seems (at least to me) that the wedding ceremony took on a huge commercial bend. "Wedding Planners" began popping up all over the country; these were people that you paid (good money) in order for them to make sure that your wedding was the best, most unique, colorful and usually expensive.

This philosophy of "money can get you anything" I think unfortunately crept into the church celebration as well. The only reality however, is that the church's donation is the least expensive thing a couple has to deal with when deciding to get married. Nonetheless, many people feel that they "pay" for the use of the church and because they are paying, they get to make any and all decisions for this day, from the choice of Readings, music, decorations and yes even the celebrant. The problem with this mindset and philosophy is that it does not recognize the truth that the Nuptial Mass (the Wedding Mass) belongs to the Church and not to the couple and not even to the priest. Therefore, moving decorations, chairs and yes even the altar have all been requested (if not just done without the permission of the priest) at the time of a wedding. "But we paid for the church, why can't we do what we want?" Where did we fail these people?

Where did we fail the people that come to weddings and talk like they are in a reception hall? Where did we go wrong when people bring water bottles, food, plastic containers and just leave them in the pew or worse just throw them on the floor of the church? Maybe because so many people that come to weddings (and certainly NOT all) are not use to being in a church setting (unfortunately including the couple) that they do not know how to behave properly in the Lord's House! Now that we have heard the negative side of weddings, I have to give some space for the positive side as well. Over the next several months several weddings have been scheduled here at Saint Michael Church. The couples who are preparing for the Nuptial Mass are truly engaged to the ceremony. The couples are making this day very special by choosing their own Readings from Holy Scripture, they choose friends that read for

the ceremony. These young couples (like many others) had the opportunity to be married civilly or at a "destination" spot, but instead chose to profess their vows before God, their priest and their families and friends in a Catholic Church. I commend these young couple for making this decision and for taking the time to make God part of their relationship.

Allow me to take the time to thank all the married couples in the Church, whether it be 5 or 50 years, to model what St. Paul says, "Love is patient". For all the couples getting married here, we thank them for taking the time to make our parish community a part of their special day as we promise to pray for them; even if they are poor or rich, if they are sick or in good health, that we promise to love them and honor them as a married couple for all their married life. If you are thinking about getting married, I would suggest that you become part of a worshipping community that fits your needs. You must go where you are fed. As I link parish life to fine dining, you have to go where there is good "service" and good food! We pray that you too will keep God in the equation of your married, your single, your dating and even your childhood lives! In the beginning God created the world and said "It is not good for man to be alone" that is why we have the Sacrament of Marriage and for those who are not married, the gift of the Church from the Lord Himself, to support us, to love us and feed us with the gift of unconditional love. Let us take to heart the words of the Blessed Mother when the wine ran out at the marriage feast at Cana "Do whatever He (the Lord) tells you".

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last sessions for the year:

- Gr. 8: May 7 (final test and parent meeting; see below)

NO sessions on May 6

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 8th 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 8th graders must take and pass the doctrine test before registrations are finalized.* Please call Mrs. Rogalo for information (973-347-0032, ext. 2320)

Confirmation Prep:

Con. I service forms: Forms for the 3rd quarter April, May, June due June 30; signed mass sheets through April 30 due in the Religious Ed office.

Additional Registration Meeting for Gr. K-6, 2018-19 (entering gr. K-7 in 2018-19)

There will be another in-person registration meeting at **10:40 am on Sunday May 20 in the church hall**. 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.



**St. Michael Parish
Vacation Bible School 2018
(For children who are entering gr. K-5)**

July 30-Aug. 3

Join us for

SHIPWRECKED

~ Rescued by Jesus! ~

- † Registration forms available on the website (Under Faith Formation tab) by calling the St. Michael Faith Formation Office or you can pick up the form in church vestibule.
- † **Please return the forms soon as spots are limited.**
- † **Questions?** Contact our VBS leader Linda Vasquez at vbs@stmichaelnetcong.org

Catechist In-service: Thurs, May 24, 7pm in the church hall. All are welcome! Guest Speaker: Deacon Stu. Bring a dessert to share!

CATECHISTS NEEDED: if you are interested in becoming a catechist (or you would like more information about what is involved) for gr. 1-6, Gr. 7 or Confirmation, please contact Debbie Rogalo at 973-347-0032, ext. 2330. We have several openings and we welcome all who may be interested in joining the Catechetical ministry at St. Michael. Spring/summer is the perfect time for training!



Congratulations to the following children who celebrated First Communion over the past two weekends! May God bless you and may you come frequently to the table of the Lord to share in the Eucharistic banquet Jesus prepares for us!

Jaylenne Acosta
Jolie Acosta
Onuche Adejoh
Sadie Barbero
Brianna Burrini
Victor Caraballo
Leo Castellana
Jeremy Crespo
Joseph DiRenzo
Isabella Juliano
Angeline Lavrador
Brody McCleary
Krysstal Pineda
Angelica Sanchez
Sarah Vaia

Gabriely Acosta
Ethan Acosta
Analia Baca
Peter Burrini
Delilah Caraballo
Elora Caraballo
Daniella Ciampa
William DiRenzo
Marcos Flores
Genevieve Lapsley
Christopher Lazier
David Panach
Isabella Pita
Gabriella Sanchez
Anna Wojtowicz

YOUTH MINISTRY

- † Mother's Day Flower Pick up Times †
Friday: 5:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday: 10am-1pm
Sunday: After Masses
- † NJ Catholic Youth Day at Six Flags †
Sunday May 20th; Meet at church at 6:00am and return at 6:00pm
\$50 per person with lunch and Mass included
Students under freshman year of high school must attend with a guardian
Parishioners ONLY unless you speak to Sarah prior to the trip
- † Youth Ministry meetings every Monday †
7:15pm to 9pm, meeting in the church

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning on Sunday, May 13th –
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 and camonline.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

**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, Netcong, NJ
For more info call Jack 973-479-9903

From Fr. Henry

LA IMPORTANCIA DE INSCRIBIRSE EN SU PARROQUIA

Inscribirse en su parroquia es un importante primer paso para convertirse en un miembro activo de la comunidad local de la iglesia. La inscripción trae consigo unos beneficios tangibles que pueden ayudar a una persona a participar más plenamente en la iglesia local y puede ayudar a los inmigrantes en los asuntos relacionados a las leyes migratorias en el futuro. Por favor, note que el liderazgo de la parroquia y de la diócesis no va a compartir la información de la inscripción con ninguna agencia gubernamental o policial. El proceso de la inscripción es completamente confidencial. Inscribirse en la parroquia local de cada uno, en general, no es una práctica común para los católicos en América Latina y en Europa. Sin embargo, es una práctica común en los Estados Unidos y, por lo tanto, es importante para los inmigrantes ya que les ofrece una variedad de beneficios. Aquí les damos algunas razones para que se inscriban:

Beneficios por inscribirse en la parroquia

1. Establece una evidencia de su presencia en los Estados Unidos. No es inusual para los inmigrantes, incluyendo a aquellos que están indocumentados, tener que mostrar una evidencia de su presencia continua a las autoridades de inmigración. La inscripción en su parroquia es un paso rápido y fácil para ayudar a documentar el número de años que usted ha residido en este país.

2. Provee una constancia de su participación en los sacramentos. Si una persona recibe cualquiera de los sacramentos en una parroquia, la inscripción le brinda una manera clara y sencilla para llevar un control de esta información. Convenientemente, la constancia de su participación sacramental puede trasladarse de una parroquia a otra en caso que usted decida mudarse.

3. Ofrece beneficios espirituales. Luego de inscribirse en una parroquia, es más probable que la persona participe plenamente en la vida de la parroquia y encuentre una familia espiritual. Las familias se sienten menos solas y más apoyadas en los momentos de alegría y en los momentos de dolor. Los inmigrantes llegarán a conocer a más ciudadanos estadounidenses en forma más cercana y sentirse más seguros en este país. En los momentos de dificultades, la familia parroquial puede ofrecerles una vital ayuda material y espiritual. Los feligreses encontrarán muchas oportunidades para crecer en el amor de Dios y de su prójimo, y estarán rodeados de unos excelentes modelos a seguir quienes les ayudarán a navegar las complejidades de la vida en los Estados Unidos.

4. Demuestra su participación en la comunidad. La inscripción en la parroquia le brinda la oportunidad de participar y de convertirse en un miembro establecido de la comunidad parroquial local. Eso le brinda una variedad de beneficios que van más allá de la participación en la Misa semanal

.- Participar en la parroquia local le ayuda a conocer a otros feligreses y al sacerdote de la parroquia. Si una persona experimenta algún problema relacionado a la inmigración con las autoridades locales o federales, el sacerdote de la parroquia y los otros feligreses serán capaces de proporcionar una carta de buen carácter moral.

- A través de cualquier participación posterior en la comunidad, el feligrés podrá demostrar las maneras positivas en las cuales él/ella prestó servicios a la parroquia y a la comunidad local (por ej., como voluntarios en un comedor comunitario). Esto puede ser una herramienta útil para demostrar que tiene un buen carácter moral y un interés en contribuir a la comunidad.

- La persona, como miembro inscrito en la parroquia local, tendrá la oportunidad de ayudar a organizar y a promover la celebración de las fiestas religiosas tradicionales: la Virgen de Guadalupe, Altagracia, Señor de los Milagros y las Estaciones de la Cruz.

5. Brinda beneficios económicos y educativos. La inscripción en la parroquia local a menudo trae consigo beneficios adicionales que pueden ayudar a los miembros de la familia. Por ejemplo, la inscripción pudiese brindarle un crédito o subsidio que pudiese utilizar para sus hijos en las escuelas parroquiales locales. Esto podría reducir el costo de la matrícula y ayudar al hijo o hija del feligrés a recibir las ventajas educativas y la formación espiritual que brinda la asistencia a una escuela católica.

6. Demuestra un compromiso económico. El dar una ofrenda regular en la Misa semanal utilizando los sobres para las ofrendas después de haberse inscrito, demuestra un compromiso financiero y semanal con la Iglesia. Sin embargo, es importante enfatizar que la inscripción en la parroquia no exige que el feligrés dé contribuciones financieras; ni se espera que los individuos aporten grandes contribuciones.

<https://justiceforimmigrants.org>

Los puestos se están llenando rápidamente para nuestra peregrinación de primavera a Filadelfia. Reserve su asiento pronto. Valor \$ 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. Para más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Valerie Nichols. valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org o al padre Henry Pinto Fr.henry@stmichaelnetcong.org

Habrará desayunos gratis para las madres el domingo 13 de Abril, como motivo del día de la Madre en el Knights Hall.

El registraciones para la escuela bíblica en vacaciones ya están abiertas . VBS será del 30 de Julio al 3 de Agosto. Este año será para los niños que ingresan de Kindergarten hasta 5 ° grado. Los formularios y la información están disponibles en el sitio web en Formación de fe (Faith Formation), y hay más información en el boletín. También hay formularios de inscripción en el vestíbulo principal de la Iglesia. Los espacios son limitados, ¡así que regístrate ahora!

Nuevo Horario de Misas: a partir del domingo 13 de Mayo, nuestros nuevos horarios de la misa dominical son los siguientes 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. La misa en español permanecerá a la 1:30 p.m.