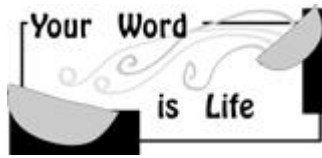


## The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



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

Bread & Wine:

For All Parishioners

### 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

The Ascension of the Lord

**Sunday**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20  
Or in some Ecclesiastical Provinces: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

**Tuesday**

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday**

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday**

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday**

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, May 12, 2018

8:00 a.m. Pauline Flynn

5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Preziosi

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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

Monday, May 14, 2018

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. Gus Milak

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00 a.m. Necelia Polianchik

Thursday, May 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. William Sturm

Friday, May 18, 2018

7:00 a.m. Vincent Dalessandro

Saturday, May 19, 2018

8:00 a.m. William Sturm

5:00 p.m. Brian Murphy, Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary

Sunday, May 20, 2018

7:00 a.m. Albert Pioppi

9:30 a.m. Special Intention

11:30 a.m. Maria Tancredi, Bill Sturm

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, 5/6/18 \$6,422.00

Repair & Renov. \$2,262.00

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*

*Next Healing Mass is  
Tuesday, May 29th at 7pm*

## From Fr. Mike

What makes a mother a mother? Mother's Day is a special Day set aside to remember, appreciate, revere and honor the tireless and hard work of mothers across the world. Thanks in part to Ms. Julia Ward Howe and Ms. Anna Jarvis in 1908, Mother's Day became an official holiday in the United States in 1914. But as [mothersdaycelebration.com](http://mothersdaycelebration.com) puts it, the origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. Yet the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced to United Kingdom where a Mothering Sunday is said to have been celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in the United States. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today in Thailand, is a recent phenomenon and on the birthday of their current Queen in August.

It is said that today the festival of Mothers day is celebrated across some 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thanking them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and love. But thinking about hundreds, thousands or perhaps, the roles of millions of nannies, grand or great-grand moms, not forgetting foster-moms or guardians, who are in one way or another, sometimes entrusted with the crucial roles of a mother, the question that probably, begs for an answer is who is a mother?

Writing about the attributes of mothers, Wendy Jessen observes that mothers are full of various traits that the adults and children of the world need. Often, mothers are nurturing, loving, kind, comforting and leaders. "Mothers protect their children, or those close to them, from harm. Teaching either intentionally or by example is what mothers do best. The eyes of a child are always watching and observing and learning from the mothers around them. Every mother has a special blend of attributes that she can use to lead, guide and lift others." In searching for the true meaning of mother Wendy poses the following questions for our honest consideration: What makes a mother a mother? Does it only denote "one who has a child" or is it something more? Can a mother be someone who has no children? "As I think of Mother's Day and all that it entails, I think about those who may be sad or feel left out because they want children, but do not yet have any due to infertility or other circumstances. I think of many moms with children who feel they are not worthy of the normal accolades that usually accompany the Mother's Day celebration because of perceived inadequacies. I also think of women who were not my birth mother, but who treated me with love, nurtured me and helped me become who I am. Regardless of what category you fall under as a woman, might I suggest that you are a mother?"

"Official definitions of mother range from one who "gives birth to a child" to adoptive or stepmothers to mothering meaning "to watch over, nourish and protect maternally." This means that every woman has the capacity to be a mother whether they have children or not." Sheri Dew, an author, business woman and religious leader, is quoted as saying: Motherhood is more than bearing children, though it is certainly that. It is the essence of

who we are as women. It defines our very identity, our divine stature and nature, and the unique traits our Father gave us." Mothers are found in all shapes and forms. They can be sisters, aunts, leaders, teachers or anyone who is willing to reach out to another human being with love. As the saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child."

So motherhood could go beyond biology; for example, notwithstanding the academic criticisms over the running of her charities, at the time of her death, Saint Mother Teresa, opened 517 missions welcoming the poor and sick in more than 100 countries. Although a religious sister, she was a mother to all of those she assisted in the Name of Christ. So, please allow me to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all those who have been motherly in any way, as I pray that the Mother of our Blessed Lord, will continue to watch over and guide your hearts and minds!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### **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.

- Please contact the Rel. Ed. office if you missed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting to register your teen for Confirmation I which starts in the fall.
- Current freshmen: will receive a registration letter for the second year some time in the spring.
- NOTE: children who are new to the program must be registered using the forms available: on the website (under Faith Formation then Religious Education), at the Religious Ed office and in the main vestibule.

### **PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)**

**PROMPTLY**—we need to do our planning and recruit catechists to cover all of the sections we need. Please do not let payment of the fee stand in the way of registration---call Mrs. Rogalo if you need assistance. **If you have any questions** about the program, please contact Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Ed office at 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.



**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](mailto: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!

ADORATION

Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy..." John 16:20-23

"Lord God, merciful Father,  
it is hard for us to accept pain,  
for we know that You have made us  
for happiness and joy.

When suffering challenges us  
with a provocative "why me?"  
help us to discover the depth  
of our inner freedom and love  
and of all the faith and loyalty  
of which we are capable,  
together with, and by the power of,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN"

**OPEN HOURS**

Thursday 3 p.m. (partner) Friday 1 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 a.m. 9 p.m.,  
Saturday 3 p.m., 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

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Youth Ministry thanks all the mothers out there...without you, we wouldn't be who we are today. We love you~

† Six Flags Great Adventure †

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>; Meet at church at  
6:00am and return at 6:00pm

\$50 per person with lunch and mass included

Please let Sarah know if you are interested in attending!

Students under freshman year of

high school must attend with a guardian

† Babysitting Care for Parents IN NEED OF DATE NIGHT

(save yourselves) †

Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-10pm

Youth Ministry students will experience what you go through for one night, taking care of your children with supervision of adults while you have a romantic getaway trying to find something other than your children to talk about **CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY TRAINED AND**

**OUT OF DIAPERS**

Ages 3-10

\$30 per child, \$50 for 2 children of the same family

All proceeds go to Mission Trip

(New Orleans, Gospel Roads)

You can find permission/registration

forms for your child online at

[stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry](http://stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry); feel free to write down

any specific instructions

Deadline for permission slips and registration is June 17<sup>th</sup>

Please call the office if you have any questions

† Youth Ministry meetings every Monday †

7:15pm to 9pm, meeting in the church

The bus is now full for our  
parish pilgrimage to Philadelphia.



*Congratulations to  
Laura Mitchell  
and Alfred Defelice  
Married on May 5<sup>th</sup>  
at St. Michael Church*

## 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. Henry



Hoy en este día tan especial como lo es el Día de la Madre, damos gracias a Dios por este hermoso "don" que Dios ha dado a la mujer, y digo "don" porque si existe un regalo importante para ella, ese es el don de ser mamá. Madres, recuerdan ustedes el día que se enteraron que venía a través de su vientre su primer hijo o hija?, ¿Es verdad que su vida se transformó y que a partir de ese momento cobro mayor sentido? ¿Qué sentiste cuando te enteraste que Dios te había dado el regalo de ser mamá?

Sé que para cada uno de estos interrogantes, cada madre tiene una respuesta diferente pero al final todas apuntando hacia una misma dirección: **Felicidad**, una felicidad expresada de diferentes formas, unas con lagrimas, otras con saltos y gritos, otras con un silencio, otras con una sonrisa temblorosa o quizás algunas hasta con un corto desmayo. Pero todas estas reacciones fueron el fruto de esa felicidad que inicio con un poco de temor, debido a las circunstancias ya fuese por su corta edad e inexperiencia o porque aun no estaba en sus planes el ser madre. Pero hoy al reunirte con tu familia y al ver a tus hijos crecer, ya sean bebés, jóvenes o adultos; te darás cuenta que no ha sido en vano todo tu sacrificio y que son ellos el fruto de tu felicidad.

Pero tú, tu personalmente: Que sentiste? Como reaccionaste?.

Hoy, comparte con tu familia todos esos sentimientos que surgieron en ti el mismo instante en que te enteraste que ibas a ser mamá. Esta será una linda oportunidad para ayudarnos o todos como hijos e hijas a valorar a la mujer quien Dios nos ha dado como madre. Puede que para algunos la situación sea algo diferente, y por algún motivo no tuviste la oportunidad de conocer a tu madre biológica, pero déjame decirte algo: "Madre" no es solamente aquella que engendra, sino Madre es también aquella que cumple con su función, porque ser mamá no es una tarea sencilla, ser madre también es una función. Una madre es la que

cuida, la que guía, orienta, la que se desvela y hace un sin número de sacrificios por ti.

Ya decía San Agustín "Tan grande es una madre que hasta El mismo Dios quiso tener una". Y es así como vino a través de María la virgen el Hijo de Dios, Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Aquel que nos ha dado el mensaje del amor, el que fue capaz de hacer lo posible hasta lo imposible. Las madres son admirables, y como ejemplo tenemos a la misma madre de San Agustín quien demoró 30 años orando, sufriendo y llorando por la conversión de su hijo, hasta que se convirtió, llegando a ser doctor de la Iglesia y a hacer parte de la gran lista de Santos en el cielo.

Madres, les ánimo a continuar luchando en su ardua labor, a no renunciar de animar a sus hijos y darles ese amor que tanto necesitan. No renuncien a continuar orando por ellos y de dar gracias a Dios por sus vidas y especialmente por ese maravilloso "don" de ser madres. De igual manera a todos como hijos aprovechemos este día para demostrarle a nuestras madres cuanto las amamos, ya sea con un beso si la tenemos cerca, con una llamada si están lejos o una linda oración si ya la tienes en el cielo. Demuéstrale que todo lo que ella han hecho por ti, no ha sido en vano y que no hay mas maravilloso regalo de parte de Dios que tenerla a ella como tu madre.

Madres, Dios los Bendiga siempre y les permita celebrar esta fecha todos los días de sus vidas. Feliz día de la madre

Padre Henry Pinto

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.

