

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Karen Albensi

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
 Tim Paternostro, Abigail Paternostro, Bill Regal, Diane Grzymko, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom, Doug Ernst, Anna Gorska, Barbara Poyer, Zach Glut

Weekly Memorials

Altar Bread & Wine: For All Deceased Parishioners

Weekly Devotions

Wednesday:Rosary Group 7:30 pm
 Friday:Divine Mercy 3:00 pm

All are Welcome... All are Invited...
Come... PRAY the ROSARY
 Monday though Saturday
 7:30AM

Readings for the week

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday
 Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday
 Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday
 Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday
 Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday
 Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday
 Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday
 Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, March 2, 2019
 8:00 a.m. For the Unborn
 5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Fusco Family,
 Joseph Anthony Cinotti

Sunday, March 3, 2019
 7:00 a.m. Isaura DeCosta, Anthony DiBiase
 9:30 a.m. Eleanor Falconer, JoĂo Fernandes
 11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Andrew R. Dedinsky
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, March 4, 2019
 7:00 a.m. Joyce Benvenuto

Tuesday, March 5, 2019
 8:00 a.m. Elena C. Lazzaro, Pat Buckley

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday
 7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. Service
 7:00 p.m. For Deceased Members of Parish
 8:15 p.m. For All Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

Thursday, March 7, 2019
 8:00 a.m. Antoinette Lamberto

Friday, March 8, 2019
 7:00 a.m. Marie Ann Aloia
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Bilingual

Saturday, March 9, 2019
 8:00 a.m. Helen Terry Grogan
 5:00 p.m. Fynnigan Eugene Hand, Eugene A. Trapp

Sunday, March 10, 2019
 7:00 a.m. Albert Cerrato
 9:30 a.m. Michael Stabile, Karen Albensi
 11:30 a.m. Patricia Wise, Bonnie Stiller
 1:30 p.m. Special Intentions

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
 ST. MICHAEL’S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH
 SINCE 1988.
 Sunday, 2/24/19 \$5,440.00

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

*Our Next Healing Mass is
 Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm*

From Fr. Mike

This Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), marks the beginning of the Lenten season; a period of approximately six weeks before Easter Sunday. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial. It is a typical custom to give up something as a practice of our faith. There was a friend of mine who once told me that he was giving up smoking, drinking and gambling for Lent and just to make it more dramatic, he said "I am going to cut out coffee as well." At first, this seems like quite the sacrifice, but the truth is that my friend neither smokes, drinks, gambles nor drinks coffee. Things are not always as they appear to be. Some people choose difficult things because they are difficult, but it really has no religious meaning, but it looks or at least sounds good. On the other hand, some people do the absolute minimum so that it makes no difference in their lives at all, like giving up all these "hard" things that my friend promised. Then there are those among us that are "two-for's." We promise to give up something and we will lose some weight as well, perhaps getting us back to our New Year's resolutions. Not a bad idea, but penitential? Religious? Self-sacrificing?

Historically, the notion of Lent comes from the ancient tradition of becoming a Catholic in what we now call the R.C.I.A. Program. This period was called the season of "Purification or Enlightenment." During this time, the soon to be Catholic, had to do some deep soul searching and ask themselves "What in my life has to change if I am honestly and truly going to be called a 'Christian?'" And what is it I need to do in my own life so that it will be closer to that of Jesus' life? So if giving up coffee or smoking will not draw me closer to the Lord in my life, then the question remains: What will?

In the Gospels, Jesus often spoke about the three pillars of our Lenten Season: 1) Prayer 2) Fasting 3) Almsgiving. I would suggest that rather than take on everything, we should be very specific and choose one of these areas and do it well. But be very specific about what we will do and be intentional. So if you choose *prayer*; what one way will your relationship with the Lord be transformed by prayer? Novenas, rosaries and Stations of the Cross, are good things to do, but if this is all we do, does our relationship with the Lord change at all? It may be difficult to make the decision to do these things, but is that the end that we want to achieve? Maybe we could set aside some time just be quiet with the Lord. No beads or books, but just being quite before the Lord for a specific set time (e.g. 10 minutes each day).

If you chose *fasting*; remember that the Church asks you only to fast two specific days during Lent (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday). I am sure you have heard of the formula; only one meal that is larger than the other two. Again, the bottom line is not how "hard" this, but how does it draw us closer to the Lord Jesus. So what will you fast from this year? Of course, it does not have to be about food; it can be about TV, internet, Netflix, Facebook, computer games etc. Maybe it can be fasting from constantly being on or checking your phone all the time. Maybe it can be fasting from complaining. Again, the goal is to take

something out of your life that will purify your life to draw closer to the Lord.

And the final option is *almsgiving*. Unlike the first two which is about me, this option is about how can I allow the Lord to purify my time in order to bless others. And this does NOT have to be all about money. You could volunteer in the many ministries we have here at Saint Michael Church. Maybe you could make a list of forty people (one for each of the days of Lent) and you will have to do a kind deed, gesture, make a call or drop them a note during Lent. This time we put aside to bless others is also considered an almsgiving as well. Of course, you also might want to give money.

Again, it has to be specific, intentional and generous. Throwing a few extra quarters or dollar bills into the collection is not really a huge sacrifice (for most). Again, intentional, generous and specific. Giving the Lord "leftovers" can never be life transforming and that is what our Lenten journey should be all about. Remember that as Christians we are called to give from our substance not our excess. Making a serious and conscious effort to make a sincere and genuine sacrifice is what we should be doing. So what are we going to do in the area of prayer, fasting or almsgiving this year that will help us get closer to the Lord? What will we do this year that will genuinely purify or enlighten us? What will we do that is not about what we give up, how much we are hungry or how much we give away, but more importantly about how will any of the things we do, say or be during the next forty days draw us closer to the Lord, make us a better disciples so that when Easter comes, we truly rejoice and be glad for not only will the world be changed by the Lord forever, but so shall we. May God bless your journey for Lent.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sweet Success Fundraiser

Please take one M&M tube,
Enjoy candy and fill with **quarters**
Return to church vestibule by March 10th.

Nursing Home Visit

Saturday, March 9th
1:30pm-3:30pm

Email Nicole to sign up

Youth Ministry Meetings

Passion Play Practice

Mondays at 7:00pm
in Youth Ministry mtg. room

All permission slips/registration forms
can be found online. Calendar for other events can be found
on the parish website at stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry
If you have questions, please email Nicole at
youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendars for all programs are available on the website. Go to Faith Formation tab then choose Religious Education.

Confirmation Prep

- Con. I : next session 3/3, regular time and place
- Con. II: next session 3/10 regular time and place.
- All candidates should be working on accomplishing 4 hours of service for the months of Jan. 1-March 31.
- ALL SIGNED MASS SHEETS FOR FEB. ARE DUE IN REL. ED. OFFICE BY 3/3

First Communion Parent Meetings:

Second Session: March 17 (Sun.) DURING CLASS TIME, ROOM #12

Important details about First Communion, Jesus Day and other important material that you need to prepare your child will be discussed at these sessions.

* any parent who missed the first meeting is asked to please contact Mrs. Rogalo (973-347-0032, ext. 2330)

Teaching Touching Safety program: As per the diocese, we will present this program to all first and fourth graders in March. A letter has been mailed home with information about the program including an 'opt out' form. Please contact Mrs. Rogalo (973-347-0032, ext. 2330) with questions.

ARISE Groups Starting week of March 4th

The *ARISE Together in Christ* process applies the standard of Christ to all areas of life. It emphasizes people living in good relationships with one another, as they make concrete applications of the Gospel to their life situations. If interested, please email Betty at evangelization@stmichaelnetcong.org

HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: **canned and boxed potatoes, cereal, soup and rice.** Please leave your donations in the bin outside the rectory garage. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

Wouldn't you like to serve at the altar?

All boys or girls entering the fourth grade or higher who would like to serve at the altar are invited to come forward and do so.

If you are interested in this special ministry of service please call Deacon Joe within the next week so he can arrange to train you. His telephone number is 973-229-6959. Or email at:

Deacon.Joe@stmichaelnetcong.org

Lenten Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, Father Mike and Father Henry will be leading us on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa. Join us to learn about this very special devotion to Our Lady and its long history. Many healings and miracles have been attributed to Mary's intercession through prayers to Our lady of Czestochowa. Our visit will include a tour, movie, Mass, opportunity for prayer and reflection and a hot buffet lunch. When we leave the shrine, there will still be time for shopping at Peddlers Village, which is on our way home. We hope you can join us for this faith filled and wonderful way to build community in our parish. The cost will be \$40 dollars per person. That includes the bus and hot lunch. Please bring your check or cash to the parish office, Monday – Thursday, to sign up for the trip.

ADORATION

OPEN HOURS

Tuesday 11pm, Wednesday 12am, 3pm, Friday 1am, Saturday 4am, 10am partner, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm, Sunday 12am. 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



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St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Hosted by the

St. Michael Knights of Columbus

Join us for a traditional

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner served at 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

140 Ledgewood Ave. (Rt. 46 East), Netcong, NJ 07857

Pre-Sale: \$25.00 per person, At the Door: \$30.00 per person

Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner

includes beer, wine and soda

For Reservations: call, text or email

Billy O'Mahoney

(862) 324-4241 Billy_O@Optimum.Net

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Sábados de 10:00 AM a 11:00 AM

Y Miércoles a las 7:00 PM

From Fr. Henry

APRENDE SOBRE TU FE!

LA ELEVACIÓN MAYOR:

Durante la Oración Eucarística en la misa, el sacerdote eleva la hostia mientras pronuncia las palabras de consagración. "Este es mi cuerpo que será entregado por ustedes" luego levanta el cáliz mientras dice: "Este es el cáliz de mi sangre, sangre de la alianza nueva y eterna que será derramada por ustedes y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados. Hagan esto en conmemoración mía.

Este momento en la misa es llamado la **elevación mayor**, ya que al momento en que el sacerdote eleva la hostia, esta deja de ser simple pan, convirtiéndose en el verdadero cuerpo de Cristo. Y el vino que está en el cáliz se convierte en verdadera sangre de Cristo. Este debe ser un momento impresionante para todos los que estamos presenciando este gran milagro.

En Juan 8:28 Jesús dijo: "Cuando hayáis levantado al Hijo del Hombre, entonces conoceréis que **Yo soy.**" Cuando el sacerdote levanta la hostia y el Cáliz debemos caer en cuenta que estamos poniendo nuestra mirada sobre el Autor de la Vida. El Alfa y el Omega, el gran Yo Soy, el Dios real que nos ha creado.! Este es el momento de mayor reverencia para nosotros los católicos. Muchas personas en este momento inclinan su cabeza o dicen alguna pequeña oración. Después de cada elevación, el

sacerdote hace una pequeña genuflexión reconociendo la presencia real de Cristo en el pan y luego en el vino. De igual manera muchas parroquias hacen sonar las campanas durante la elevación con el propósito de honrar a Jesús como nuestro Rey y captar nuestra atención; esto le recuerda a la congregación la magnitud de lo que está sucediendo en ese momento ante sus ojos- ¡Jesús está aquí! ¡El novio ha llegado! ¡Estén despiertos!

Bendiciones!!!

Padre Henry



La II sesión de "LEVANTATE unámonos en Cristo" dará inicio esta semana del 3 de Marzo.

¡Te animamos a inscribirte si aún no lo ha hecho!

Comunicándose al 973-347-0032 Ext: 2350 con el Padre

Henry

¡Ven y únete a nosotros durante esta temporada de Cuaresma mientras juntos "Cambiamos nuestros corazones"!



Plato de Arroz o de CRS es el programa de cuaresma de fe en acción de Catholic Relief Services. Ofrece oportunidades diarias para que sus familias participen en los pilares espirituales de la cuaresma: la **oración**, el **ayuno** y la **donación**. Durante los próximos 40 días, encontraremos historias, recetas de comida sencilla sin carne y videos de personas en Guatemala, Uganda, Gaza y otros lugares alrededor del mundo donde CRS está trabajando. Solo tienes que visitar la página web: crsplatodearroz.org o también puedes descargar la aplicación en tu celular en las tiendas de iTunes o Google Play (**CRS Rice Bowl**)

PEREGRINACIÓN A ITALIA – GUARDAR LA FECHA

Nuestro viaje de 11 días se llevará a cabo del 8 al 18 de noviembre de 2019. Volaremos de ida y vuelta en United Airlines desde Newark. Visitaremos Roma, Ciudad del Vaticano, Asís, Nápoles, Pompeya, Sorrento, Capri, la costa de Amalfi, San Giovanni Rotondo de San Padre Pío, Lanciano (el sitio del Milagro Eucarístico más antiguo certificado por la Iglesia) y la Abadía de Montecassion (una de las abadías más conocidas del mundo. El precio de \$ 3,100.00 PPDO incluye todo, excepto bebidas, propinas y seguro de viaje. Nos hospedaremos en hoteles de 4 estrellas con desayuno, la mayoría de los almuerzos y cenas incluidos. Para obtener más información y formularios de inscripción, envíe un correo electrónico al Padre Henry a fr.henry@stmichaelnetcong.org.

No se demore!!!, ya que solo tenemos 24 boletos para esta peregrinación llena de fe.