

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Barbara Poyer, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
Tim Paternostro, Abigail Paternostro, Bill Regal, Diane Grzymko, Doug Ernst, Zach Glut, Catherine Lackey

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. Isabel Exile

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Sylvester, Robert Colabella

Sunday, March 24, 2019

7:00 a.m. Nancy Rosa

9:30 a.m. Joseph Fenton & Jimmy Johnson,
Intentions of Aziz Family

11:30 a.m. Carol Dinkowitz, Anthony Vassallo Sr.,
Russell Vassallo

1:30 p.m. Doris Gonzalez, Yvette Antonio Restrepo

Monday, March 25, 2019

7:00 a.m. George Kurose

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

8:00 a.m. Jean M. Ghilain

7:00 p.m. Healing Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

7:00 a.m. Ronald Costanzo

12:15 p.m. For All Parishioners

Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:00 a.m. Bernard F. Rogalski

Friday, March 29, 2019

7:00 a.m. Mary & Elwin Burd

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:00 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners

5:00 p.m. Sadie, Andrew & Robert Colabella,
Joseph Esposito

Sunday, March 31, 2019

7:00 a.m. Paulette Rudella

9:30 a.m. Josephine Rampone, Jung Won Maria Kim

11:30 a.m. Bruce Clowes, Mario Tancredi

1:30 p.m. Doris Gonzalez, Yvette Antonio Restrepo

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

ST. MICHAEL’S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH
SINCE 1988.

Sunday, 3/17/19 \$7,271.00

WeShare \$946.00

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

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

From Fr. Mike

I was reading an article this past week on the movement of parents allowing their children to decide for themselves their faith life. In this season of Lent, I think it might afford us the opportunity to revisit the promises we made at baptism. At baptism, the parent(s) said that they would take the lead in the spiritual and moral development of their children.

The article goes on to challenge:

“I would assume good parents don’t let their child decide whether or not they go to school. I would assume good parents don’t let their child determine their diet. I would assume good parents don’t let their children determine their bed times. I would imagine good parents don’t let their children determine whether or not the child wants to obey their parents. I would imagine good parents don’t let their child determine a lot of necessary and important facets in their child’s life. Perhaps as the child gets older, more leeway is given to help the child decide... but to make good decisions.

Why on earth do we treat faith as if it is so personal and individual that the child decides whether they are going to participate in what builds their faith? Why would we let a child decide whether they go to Mass? Catholicism isn’t a buffet of choices. It is way of life. We do this and then wonder why the child grows up to treat faith and belief like a buffet that they stylize to what they want. We do this and teach our children rebellion against God.”

Perhaps the holy season of Lent can afford us to look back to our commitments as parents and god-parents, that what was said at baptism were not mere words but promises made to God.

HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

As per the calendar: no sessions for gr. K-6 this week

- In-service session for catechists after 9:30 am Mass; rectory basement meeting room
- Jr. High gr. 8 DOES HAVE CLASS ON 3/25

Confirmation Prep

- **SUPERGROUP Session for Con. I and II:** March 31, **TIME CHANGE:** 5:45-8:30 PM, church hall (dinner is included)
- All candidates should be working on accomplishing 4 hours of service for the months of Jan. 1-March 31, **DUE MARCH 31.** (Please note—do not hand in incomplete forms!)
- Parent meeting for all Confirmation II parents: to discuss details of Confirmation liturgy, etc. 4/11, 7 pm, church hall



Grade 8 Retreat:

As per the letter sent home:

Retreat Friday, April 12, **6:30-11 pm** here at St. Michael. Permission slips were sent home and are available on the website

(stmichaelnetcong.org; go to Faith Formation then to Religious Ed). You may bring a guest but we ask that all forms be returned in advance so we have enough food and other supplies. Charge for the event: 3 donations for the food pantry. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office for details.

NOTE: This is a scheduled class session. In addition, *attendance at the retreat will count as make up for those who have more than the 3 allowable absences.*



St. Michael Vacation Bible School ROAR!

“Life is wild 🐾 God is good!”
July 29-Aug. 2

Save the date! Registrations will be taken in April!
If you need more information, please contact us at:
vbs@stmichaelnetcong.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Begins weekend of March 30/31

Living Stations

Friday, April 5th at 7pm in church

All are welcome

Six Flags Youth Rally

Sunday, May 19

Youth Ministry Meetings

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

40 Cans for Lent

Sponsored by

St. Michael Knights of Columbus

To Benefit the Parish Food Pantry

The goal of this project is for each council member and each parishioner to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. This is a great way to help those in need who benefit from St. Michael's food pantry. It is also a wonderful way to offer a work of Mercy during this Year of Mercy and make a Lenten sacrifice by feeding the hungry.

How Does it Work?

Individuals and families are encouraged to donate a total of 40 cans (or the equivalent) during Lent. Food can be brought to Church each after each Mass on Saturday or Sunday, beginning March 9 - 10, and placed at the Statue of St. Anthony.

Suggested Items:

soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, tuna fish, canned meats, mac and cheese, hot chocolate, dry milk, pasta, shelf milk (does not require refrigeration)

Knights Fish and Chips Dinner

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Lenten *Fish and Chips Dinner* here in Msgr. Trapasso Hall on **Friday, March 29th beginning at 6:00 PM**. The cost is only \$15 per person. Come and join us for a hearty meal and another opportunity to get together with other parishioners to further build our parish community.

Knights Comedy Night

Featuring Missy Allan and John Pizzi

Saturday, May 11th

Doors open at 7pm, opening act at 8pm

Pre-Sale \$30, at door \$35

Cash Bar – No BYOB

Must be 18 or older to enter

ADORATION

"Whenever I go to the adoration chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do'. . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply." – St. Catherine Labouré

OPEN HOURS Saturday 4am, 10am partner, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm. 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

Welcome Home Confessions

Mondays from 7-8:30pm

Healing Mass on Tuesday, March 26 at 7pm

Lenten Mass at 12:15pm on Wednesdays

Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent
7pm in English and 8pm in Spanish

Friday, March 29th

Stations of the Cross at 7pm and
Knights Fish & Chips Dinner 6-9pm
\$15 per person in Msgr. Trapasso Hall

Friday, April 5 at 7pm

Youth Ministry Living Stations in Church

Please Join Us.

FREE



ZUMBA®

Saturdays from 10 to 11am

Also Wednesdays at 7pm in the Parish Gym

¡Clases de Zumba Gratis en el Gym de la parroquia!!!!

Sábados de 10:00 AM a 11:00 AM

Y Miercoles a las 7:00 PM

Men's Cornerstone

The men of the parish are invited to participate in an overnight event at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton for a faith-filled time of prayer, reflection and sharing of faith with other men. It will begin on Friday evening, April 12, at 5:30 and conclude the following evening on Saturday the 13th at St. Jude Budd Lake at about 9:30 PM. More information about Men's Cornerstone can be found at www.menscornerstone.com. You can also register on that website. For further information contact Deacon Joe by email or call him at 973-229-6959.

LA CUARESMA

“Una Invitación De Dios”

La Cuaresma es una invitación personal de parte de Dios a regresar junto a Él. Desde el primer día de Cuaresma, en las lecturas del Miércoles de Ceniza se nos deja claro este llamado de Dios: **"Regresa a mí con todo tu corazón"**.

En Norteamérica, la Cuaresma cae en invierno y estos días son fríos y oscuros, perfectos para escondernos de Dios, o eso imaginamos. Pero nuestro Dios es insistente, cariñoso, gentil y fuerte. Dios es el padre del hijo pródigo, que espera fielmente en el camino por nuestro regreso, día tras día. No hay brazos cruzados ni miradas severas para juzgar, solo los ojos tensos de un padre ansioso por nuestro regreso, deseando abrazarnos y regocijarse en nosotros.

Sin embargo, pasamos mucho tiempo tratando de pensar cómo regresar y qué decir, cómo comenzar la conversación. Pero es solo cuando finalmente regresamos a Dios después de tanto tiempo, avergonzados y confundidos, que entendemos que no tenemos que decir nada. Solo ir hacia Él.

Pero, ¿Qué es aquello que nos detiene de este gran encuentro? ¿Qué nos impide aceptar esta invitación a algo más profundo en nuestras vidas con Dios?

Nuestra aceptación a este llamado, este llamado a nuestros corazones es simple si solo podemos superar el miedo. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es decirle a nuestro Señor: **"Estoy aquí y quiero estar contigo"**. Con estas palabras nuestros corazones se abren, dando el primer paso hacia el padre que se regocija en el camino. No se necesitan explicaciones, solo hacer una pausa y visualizar en nuestros corazones la mirada alegre y sin parpadear de Dios que cae sobre nosotros.

Vuelve a mí, con todo tu corazón es la invitación de cada día durante la Cuaresma. Pero hoy es el día para aceptarlo. No olvides esta invitación y regocíjate en el Señor.

Bendiciones
Padre Henry.



TERCERA SEMANA DE CUARESMA

UN ENCUENTRO CON LA FAMILIA

DHATHCROOS: La familia Dhathcroos regresó a su hogar, después de huir de la violencia en su país, para construir una parcela próspera y convertirse en un colaborador vital de su comunidad. ¿Cómo puedes ayudar a los refugiados en tu comunidad a reconstruir sus vidas? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

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 dolares 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.

Para la reservación debes hacer un deposito inicial de \$500.00 por persona a la Agencia de viaje (Travel Network) antes del 8 de Abril del 2019

