

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

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: Nicholas Costanzo

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 through Saturday
7:30AM

Readings for the week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

First Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

First Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Mass Intentions For The Week

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, Antonio Restrepo

Monday, April 1, 2019

7:00 a.m. Felipe Corpuz

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

8:00 a.m. Barbara Poyer

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:00 a.m. Donald LaBell
12:15 p.m. For All Parishioners

Thursday, April 4, 2019

8:00 a.m. Ralph Fuselli

Friday, April 5, 2019

7:00 a.m. Scott Thiel
7:00 p.m. Living Stations

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:00 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners
5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,
Michael Bortak

Sunday, April 7, 2019

7:00 a.m. Joseph Wainwright
9:30 a.m. Jung Won Maria Kim,
Special Intentions of Thanksgiving
11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Dominick Civiletti
1:30 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
ST. MICHAEL’S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH
SINCE 1988.
Sunday, 3/23/19 \$6,108.00

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

*Our Next Healing Mass is
Tuesday, April 30th at 7pm*

From Fr. Mike

What are the Scrutinies?

The readings for Mass last week and for the upcoming two weeks are from the Cycle Year A and are a part of what is known as the Scrutinies. These special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent (for us at the 11:30 am Mass), where the elect, those preparing for Baptism, prepare for their final journey to the font. These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

The Scrutinies begin with an invitation to silent prayer. After the homily, the Elect are invited to come forward with their sponsors and to kneel down. Then, the whole assembly is invited to pray for them in silence. It is a very solemn moment. This community has cared for Kimberly for some months now on her journey. We have sent her to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed to her our longing for the day on which she would join us at the table of the Lord. Now we pray for her in this sacred silence, deeply asking God to protect her and heal her in the weeks ahead. We then pray out loud together for her.

Then, we pray that she might be freed from the power of the Evil One and protected on her journey.

In a silent ritual deliberately reminiscent of the rite used for ordination in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest or deacon lays his hands for a brief moment on the head of each of the Elect. It is a solemn act of calling down the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them.

We also pray for our candidates, Suzanne and Freddy who have been baptized and will receive Confirmation and Eucharist as they prepare for full communion with the Church, as well as the Catechists who have journey with them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

As per the calendar: sessions resume today for gr. 1-6 this week on Sunday and gr. 7 on Monday night

Confirmation Prep

- SUPERGROUP Session for Con. I and II: March 31, **TIME CHANGE:** 5:45-8:30 PM, church hall (dinner is included) **ARRIVE BY 5:30 PM PLEASE**
- Service report form for 4 hours of service accomplished between Jan. 1 and March 31 is **DUE MARCH 31.** (Please note—do not hand in incomplete forms!) Forms are in your binder/folder and also on the website under Faith Formation/Religious Education
- 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:

ybs@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 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

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart. "Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of your anxieties upon the one who cares for you..." "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Mt 11:28; Pt 5:7; Jn 14:17)

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

Lenten Mass at 12:15pm on Wednesdays

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.

EL PUNTO MEDIO DE LA CUARESMA



¿Qué pasa si al llegar al punto medio de la Cuaresma te das cuenta que aún no hay ningún cambio en tu vida?

Comenzaste con las mejores intenciones, pero no estás seguro de lo que estás haciendo o de lo que quieres hacer. ¿Será que se puede "rescatar a mi Cuaresma"? ¿Se puede completar un viaje de seis semanas en las próximas tres semanas restantes, esperando que mi corazón esté abierto? Por supuesto, la respuesta es "sí". Para Dios no hay tiempo siempre y cuando estemos listos para hacerlo.

Pero cómo empezar de nuevo? El primer paso para comenzar de nuevo ya comenzó, si tienes el deseo de algo real durante la Cuaresma. Un terapeuta dijo una vez *"mejoramos cuando nos cansamos de no ser mejores"*. Esto no es lo mismo que "culpa". Sentirse culpable por no hacer mucho sobre la Cuaresma no nos llevará muy lejos. Lo que necesitamos es un deseo real, un verdadero sentimiento de expectativa de que Dios tiene algo para que yo escuche, aprenda, cambie y quiera estar listo para escuchar.

Este deseo puede co-existir con el miedo, con la resistencia, con los malos hábitos que han sido obstáculos en el pasado. Pero Dios no necesita mucho espacio para comenzar a liberarnos y mostrarnos un amor transformador. Un poco de deseo es suficiente para transformar esos deseos en unos más profundos.

La Cuaresma comienza cuando puedo decir "¡Ayúdame, Señor!" Teniendo algunos deseos concretos para el día, es cuando puedo recurrir al Señor. Ahora al despertarme cada mañana puedo nombrar esos deseos, mientras me pongo las zapatillas, me doy un baño o me visto, diciendo "Señor déjame sentir tu presencia Hoy. Ayúdame a enfrentar los desafíos que se presentarán hoy. Dame un poco más de sabiduría para tomar las decisiones correctas, y ayúdame a amar, como Tú me has amado." Con estos deseos de dejar que la gracia de Dios te transforme, entonces puedes hacer una pausa antes de irte a dormir todas las noches, y mirar lo que has hecho a través del día para agradecer a Dios por los lugares donde sentiste su presencia y su ayuda.

Para iniciar de nuevo con tus propósitos de cuaresma es necesario que todos estén enfocados en un Plan. Si tenemos un plan, es más probable que lo sigamos. Ese plan puede tener los siguientes elementos, que darán un verdadero propósito en vitalidad a nuestra experiencia de Cuaresma.

- **¿Qué voy a dejar de hacer cada día?** Esto es algo de lo que necesito ayunar o abstenerme de todos los días. Para la mayoría de nosotros, significa que siempre que sintamos la tentación de hacer algo que esta mal, lo

reconozcamos rápidamente y nos abstengamos de hacerlo. Básicamente es un entrenamiento en autodisciplina, con el propósito de permitir que la gracia de Dios tenga la oportunidad de trabajar en nosotros.

- **¿Cómo puedo ser generoso hoy?** La limosna es una parte muy importante de la Cuaresma. Para la mayoría de nosotros implica ser más generosos con los pobres. Para otros, este puede ser el momento para preparar alimentos para un programa de comidas. Y para otros, podría significar el sacrificio de no gastar tanto dinero y dar esa cantidad de dinero ahorrado cada semana a los pobres. Todo esto con el fin de despojarnos de nosotros mismos, para que Dios pueda liberarnos y poder sentirnos satisfechos con las gracias de la gratitud y la generosidad.

Por lo tanto hermanos, vamos a darle a la Cuaresma un nuevo comienzo en los próximos días. Dios nos está ofreciendo más de lo que podemos pedir o imaginar. No desaprovechemos esta oportunidad!

Bendiciones!

Padre Henry



CUARTA SEMANA DE CUARESMA

UN ENCUENTRO CON KUMBA Nos encontramos con Kumba de Sierra Leona quien, a través de su educación, está brindando esperanza para su familia y su comunidad. ¿Cómo te ha dado la educación oportunidades en la vida? ¿Cómo usas tu educación para el bien común? 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 depósito inicial de \$500.00 por persona a la Agencia de viaje (Travel Network) antes del 8 de Abril del 2019