

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Geraldine Campbell

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 though Saturday
7:30AM

Readings for the week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;

Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

Monday, April 8, 2019

7:00 a.m. Intention of Kathleen Wainwright

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

7:00 a.m. Vincent Tardive
12:15 p.m. Michael & Regina Parasolle

Thursday, April 11, 2019

8:00 a.m. Matthew & Frances Soccio

Friday, April 12, 2019

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Spanish

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mary Brodo
5:00 p.m. Ken, Wilma, Mike Sutch, Paul D'Olivo

Sunday, April 14, 2019

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo
9:30 a.m. Intention for the Unborn, Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito, Rose Barbaccia
1:30 p.m. Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH
SINCE 1988.

Sunday, 3/31/19 \$6,431.00
Received in mail \$1,085.00

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

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

From Fr. Mike

Someone recently asked me who Saint John of the Cross was and what he did to become a saint. Saint John of the Cross gave us the term “dark night of the soul” through which he describes the process of which the soul gets purified so that we might be ready to be in God’s presence. We have to remember that there are two consequences for our sins; first is the eternal (or permanent) which we call hell. By the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, He took away this permanent (or the eternal) consequence for our sins. However, there are still temporary consequences (or effects) of sin, which we can easily see by how we do not love God or others, the way we should. “We love the wrong things or we love the right things wrongly.” This goes to prove that our hearts, our lives and our love need to be purified (either in this life or in the next).

All of this is to make us love God the way He deserves to be loved. So, our spiritual life here on earth is to purify our love just as Purgatory purifies our love in the next life. Purgatory is that time, after we die, where more purification is needed before we are able to meet God face to face (the beatific vision). I believe that God wants and desires for us to be purified in this life and not have to endure Purgatory in the next, but He still gives us one last option to be with Him.

Saint John of the Cross describes three stages in which we can deal with the sinfulness in our lives: the first stage has been called the “Purgative Way.” This is the stage in which we try to deal with the “big” sins of our lives. In doing so, we have great successes and sometime even more failures. The second stage has been called the “Illuminative Way.” This is the stage in which we encounter what Saint John of the Cross referred to as: the dark night of the soul and the dark night of the senses. Finally, the last stage, in which we deal with our sinfulness as described in the first two stages, is called the “Unitive Way.” This is the stage in which, after dealing with all that keeps us from God, we are finally united with Him and love Him the way He deserves to be loved.

The best example I have ever heard is the analogy of a boat that is on the shore. You are able to push the boat into the water and when the tide comes in, it makes it easier to move the boat; this is the Purgative Way. Sometimes it is really easy (the moment of grace) and other times it is more difficult (when we sin). Continuing the analogy of the boat, when the tide comes in, the boat is easier to move without great strength; this is the Illuminative Way. This is when we feel that we are actually doing something positive, that we are making headway in our lives. During this time in our lives, God reveals to us that He is real and that He can be trusted. What this leads us to is the dark night of the senses. This is when we experience the “dryness” of prayer and sometimes even the hopelessness of our lives. Next the tide comes in and the boat is easy to move without great measure (this is the Illuminative Way). God proves to us He exists and that He loves us. The dark night is when we experience the dryness of our prayers, going to Mass without feeling anything. This is when the tide goes out. And the boat is in the mud; you can see the water, but you are not

there yet. During this time, God purifies our soul even more. It is when we choose Him in the darkness of our lives, that our lives, love and intentions are purified. This is not God testing us, even though there are times that we do not feel anything. Again, we have to have trust in God and choose Him anyway.

In this Lenten season, let us not give up when we hit periods of dryness. Persevering when we do not “feel” anything is when our faith is the strongest. This is how our hearts can be purified so that we can love Him forever.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

In person registration for gr. K-6: 4/7 and 4/28 at about 10:35 in school room 23.

Please remember: all outstanding balances are to be paid before forms can be accepted. However, if you need to make arrangements for payment, please contact Mrs. Rogalo or Fr. Mike at the emails listed on the bulletin.

Gr. 7 going into gr. 8 can also register during class time on 5/15 at 8 pm in church hall

Confirmation Prep

- 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:

vbs@stmichaelnetcong.org

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 moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart! "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)

OPEN HOURS

Wednesday 3pm, Saturday 4am, Saturday 10am partner, Saturday 6pm, Saturday 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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mother's Day Flower Sale

After all Masses this weekend

Order Forms available in Parish Office also

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 13

Grades K-2, 10am-11:30am

Grades 3-5, 12:30pm to 2pm

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

Welcome Home Confessions

Mondays from 7-8:30pm

Lenten Mass at 12:15pm on Wednesdays

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm

Spanish Stations at 8pm

Please Join Us.

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)

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.

RECONCILIACIÓN Y SANACIÓN

La Cuaresma es una perfecta ocasión. La Cuaresma es un momento maravilloso para celebrar el amor reconciliador y las gracias sanadoras que nuestro Señor nos ofrece. Pero como toda experiencia religiosa, requiere de una preparación, abriendo nuestros corazones y reflexionando sobre aquellas áreas de oscuridad en nuestras vidas en las que Dios desea profundamente iluminar con su luz. Esta preparación podría iniciar con una simple pregunta: ¿Dónde podría Dios ofrecerme perdón y sanación? Si no tienes una respuesta clara a esta pregunta, entonces es necesario empezar a examinar tu vida, recordando aquellas cosas que no has hecho muy bien y probablemente aquellas cosas buenas que has dejado de hacer por algún motivo o razón. También puedes reflexionar en cada una de tus responsabilidades: como ciudadano, vecino, jefe o empleado, como miembro de una parroquia o congregación, como padre o un cónyuge o como hijo o hija. Dios siempre hará brillar la luz en estas partes importantes de nuestras vidas, para ayudarnos a experimentar el remordimiento y un deseo genuino de perdón y sanación.

Pero si por algún motivo has llegado a la "era" de decir que no hay nada en tu vida que te haga sentir culpable, ni que te haga sentir mal contigo mismo, entonces será posible que tengas dificultades para llegar a un dolor genuino por tus pecados. Si éste es el caso, necesitas trabajar en tu reflexión personal, pidiéndole a Dios que despierte un sentimiento de arrepentimiento y culpabilidad, que conduzca a una profunda tristeza, ya que todos sabemos que no siempre hemos sido fieles, honestos, misericordiosos, menos egoístas o generosos en nuestra relación con Dios, con nuestra familia y demás personas. Pero el punto aquí no es en última instancia centrarnos en nosotros mismos. El enfoque está en la reconciliación de Dios y su amor sanador. La reconciliación es lo que Dios hace. Recibirla y celebrarla es lo que nos corresponde hacer a nosotros. Para los católicos, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación es la forma más natural de celebrar la reconciliación de Dios.

En el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, tenemos la maravillosa oportunidad de ritualizar esa celebración. En el Sacramento, nuestro viaje personal está unido al misterio del amor salvador de Dios, como se ve en las Escrituras, y en el deseo de Dios de salvarnos a todos. Allí, en forma ritual (frente al sacerdote) "damos un paso adelante" reconociendo que somos pecadores, expresando nuestro dolor y nombrando aquellas áreas de oscuridad y pecado donde el Señor ha venido iluminado con su luz. Después de un debido proceso de sanación y reconciliación, el perdón de Dios se proclama a través del sacerdote "en voz alta", para que lo escuchemos y nos regocijemos: "Que Dios te conceda, por el ministerio de la

Iglesia, el perdón y la paz". Por último, una parte integral de la reconciliación involucra el proceso de curación. Parte del Sacramento de la Reconciliación es necesario buscar y practicar un "remedio" o "medicina" para la curación que deseo. Por lo general esta será un tiempo de oración, el anhelo de expresar gratitud a Dios, o quizás practicar una terapia que este más cuidadosamente planificada: tomar decisiones sobre lo que puedo practicar haciendo y lo que puedo practicar evitando.

Que nuestro Señor nos conceda a todos los dones de la reconciliación, y que todos lo recibamos y lo celebremos bien en los próximos días santos.

Bendiciones
Padre Henry.

Horario de Eventos Próximos

Última semana de la Cuaresma

***Última reunión Reuniones de "Levántate Etapa II"**

Martes, Miércoles y Viernes a las 7:00pm/
Sábados a las 11:00am

***Bienvenido a Casa:** Confesiones Lunes 8 de Abril de 7:00-8:30pm

***Estaciones de la Cruz:** 12 de Abril 7:00pm en Inglés y 8:00pm en Español

***Easter Egg Hunt:** Abril 13,
(10:00am- 11:30am) Grados K-2
(12:30pm - 2:00pm) Grados 3-5

***Noche de Película:** Abril 13, (7:00 – 9:00pm)
"La Pasión de Cristo"

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