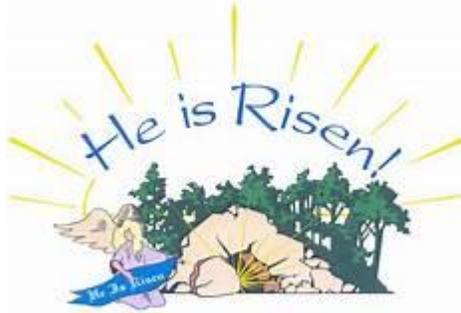


The Church of St. Michael  
 April 21, 2019  
 Easter Sunday



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, Maggie Michaud, John J. Rogalo

Weekly Memorials

Altar Bread & Wine: 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 through Saturday  
 7:30AM

Readings for the week

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
 Sunday  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;  
 Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, at an afternoon or  
 evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday**  
 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday**  
 Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday**  
 Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday**  
 Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday**  
 Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday**  
 Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 20, 2019 Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 7:30 p.m. Eleanor Sylvester  
 Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

Sunday, April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Rea Family, Louis Castaldi  
 9:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr., Adeline &  
 Joseph Bencivenga  
 11:30 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, April 22, 2019

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Trapasso

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. MaryAnn Weldon

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

7:00 a.m. Marie & Joseph Vendola

Thursday, April 25, 2019

8:00 a.m. Peter Kelly

Friday, April 26, 2019

7:00 a.m. For the Unborn

Saturday, April 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. For All Parishioners  
 5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,  
 Pat Buckley

Sunday, April 28, 2019 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:00 a.m. Mary Brodo  
 9:30 a.m. Mechele Dachisen,  
 Intentions of the Aziz Family  
 11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Theresa Granato Guerra  
 1:30 p.m. Special Intention  
 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Service (Bilingual)

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

Palm Sunday, 4/14/19 \$8,667.00  
 WeShare \$1,111.00  
 Easter Flowers \$1,178.00

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

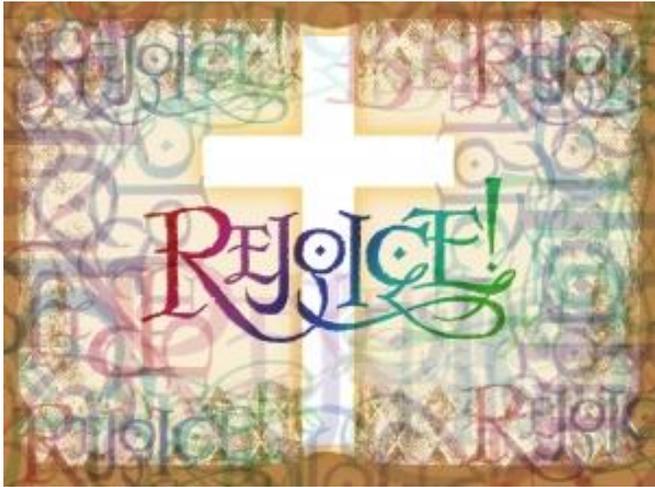
*Our Next Healing Mass is  
 Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

## *Welcome to Saint Michael Church at Easter*



A Blessed and Happy Easter to everyone who has joined us this day! Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Thank you for gathering with us on Easter Sunday! It is a joy to have you in our midst and in our church. We welcome all those who attend church regularly and those who only come every once in a while! Know that all of you are most welcome! Today we celebrate the heart and soul of our Catholic Faith – the belief in the Resurrection of Jesus and our own personal resurrection. We rejoice over and over again as we sing: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!” Jesus conquered suffering and death just as He promised as He was raised from the dead by the glory of His heavenly Father. Yes, the Resurrection of Jesus is something to celebrate indeed! And that is why we gather today and every day at St. Michael Church.

May we live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia! May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His Disciples. May the resurrection lead us to be the best version of ourselves; committed to live out our Baptismal covenant. When we live the new life of the resurrection we become the best version of ourselves. We become what St. Augustine referred to as an “Easter People”, a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give their time, talent and treasure in witness. My prayer for you this Easter is that you live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



### *A Word of Thanks*

There were many people who shared their excitement as to what the church was going to look like for the Easter season based on the music, decorations and preparations that were made at Christmas time. To be honest, it added some extra stress to the preparation of the liturgies and for the décor. Hopefully through the Holy Week and Easter celebrations, the wonderful People of God here in Netcong will shine forth. It will be great to see everyone coming together to pray as a family of faith here at Saint Michael Church. Of course, all these celebrations did not just happen by themselves or because of one person. So please allow me to list a few people that made this wonderful celebration of faith possible.

Fr. Henry, Deacon Joe, Deacon Stu, Deacon Rich, for their prayerful presence and fraternal support. It was a pleasure to celebrate with you throughout the week.

To Annemarie Bias, Bob Flynn, Valerie Nichols, Donna Bauer, and the rest of our parish support staff who made sure all the Worship Aids were printed properly, distributed and made their way to their proper places. For the answering of endless telephone calls and for all that they do throughout the year, I am truly grateful.

To Betty Pinsonault and the decorating crew, for creating an environment that truly lifted our spirits toward heaven.

To Katie Kreil, Johan Ruiz, and our music ministry team, you truly allowed us to “pray twice” this week. For your commitment to excellence, open-mindedness to change and willingness to work together, I am honored. Special thanks to Russ Raffay for the beautiful chant of the Exultet.

To all our altar servers that assisted throughout the week. Your positive attitude and willingness to serve the community is truly a blessing to me as a priest.

To Margo Fauerbach, John Bauer and those who made sure the church was clean and ready for each celebration without complaining or fuss. I am truly grateful for allowing us to be “next to Godliness.”

To Nicole Bias and our young people (youth), who were called upon for much manual labor throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity and cheerfulness.

To our ushers and sacristans, who made sure everything ran smoothly from “behind the scenes.” To our Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Greeters and everyone who participated in the Foot Washing on Holy Thursday, the transfer of the body of Christ, the visit to the tomb on Good Friday and those who stayed in church after the services and prayed. I am humbled by your piety and grateful for your prayerfulness.

Finally, to those who came to pray with and for your family of faith here at Saint Michael Church. It is only because of your faithfulness, your presence and your willingness to be open to God’s Holy Spirit in your lives. We traveled the road to Calvary and soon enjoyed the joy of the Resurrection as the Lord promised. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such loving people, such faithful Catholics and such open minded Christians. Please know that you all were remembered in my prayers and at all Masses during the Easter Triduum. May the Risen Lord continue to bless you and your families as we press on towards the day when we shall be with Him face to face. But until that that day comes, let us be constant in our faith, enduring in our hope and lasting in our love. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as a priest.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### NO SESSIONS on Easter Sunday

Schedule for the rest of the year as per the calendar:

- Gr. 1-6: April 28, May 5
- Gr. K: April 28
- Gr. 7: May 6 (final test)
- Gr. 8: April 29, May 13 (final test)

### In person registration for Faith Formation

#### Program for 2019-2020



- For Grade K-8: 4/28 at about 10:35 am in school, room 23. NOTE you may register for gr. 8 at this meeting

**Please contact us at the Religious Education office with any questions!**

Please note: for any **new** children (including first graders), we need a copy of the baptismal certificate and, if your child has attended Faith Formation in another parish, a copy of their transcript.

**Please remember:** we ask that all outstanding balances be paid before forms can be accepted. However, you can still attend the meeting and pick up the paperwork if you need more time to make your final payment. Also, if you need to make arrangements for payment, please contact Mrs. Rogalo or Fr. Mike at the emails listed on the bulletin.

### Confirmation Prep

- Confirmation II: one hour of service due April 29 (unless you have outstanding hours from other quarters.)

### Grade 8 parent meeting and registration for

Confirmation Prep: as per the letter sent home, May 13, 7:45 pm in the church

#### **\*\*\*\*\*Special note for Parish families with an 8<sup>th</sup>**

**grader at a Catholic school:** Please contact the Rel.Ed. office if your teen will be participating in the St. Michael Confirmation program. We have important information to share with you before the parent session in May. *All 8<sup>th</sup> graders must take and pass the doctrine test before registrations are finalized.* Please call Mrs. Rogalo for information (973-347-0032)



### **St. Michael Vacation Bible School**

**ROAR!**

“Life is wild 🐾 God is good!”

July 29-Aug. 2

Registrations were handed out in Religious Education sessions and more are available on line and at the back of church. We are looking for some adult volunteers to help out too (not a huge commitment of time but lots of fun!) If you need more information, please contact us at: [vbs@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:vbs@stmichaelnetcong.org)

### **Knights Comedy Night**

Featuring Missy Allan and John Pizzi  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Call Mike Rosa for more info 201-841-3989

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

#### **Mother's Day Flower pick up**

Flower pick up Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm in the school and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm in the school

#### **Six Flags Youth Rally**

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Last sign up date is April 23<sup>rd</sup>

\$75 per person includes bus, ticket to return to Six Flags, 3 hour lunch buffet, Mass and

Matt Maher Concert

#### **Midnight Run to NYC**

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

#### **Youth Ministry Meetings**

(No Meeting on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

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](http://stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry)

If you have questions, please email Nicole at [youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org)

## ADORATION

"He has risen. Have faith in Him...He will always be there for you!" Have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

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



**We joyfully welcome those who have been initiated by the Easter Sacraments**

By the Sacraments of Baptism,  
Confirmation & Eucharist

**Kimberly E. Sloatsburg**

By the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist

**Suzanne Gail Martin,**

**Freddy Leonardo Martinez Pinto**

*Special thanks to: Fr. Henry, Deacon Rich, Deacon Stu,*

*Deacon Joe, Katie Kreil, Johan Ruiz and the Music*

*Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and the*

*RCIA Team-*

*Donna & John Bauer, Valerie Nichols, Denise Finizio,*

*Deacon Joe Keenan, Marie Raffay,*

*Betty Pinsonault & Dee Tardive*

## Adoration Notice

Due to the Easter Triduum

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel will end on Holy Thursday at 12:00 Noon and will reopen on Monday after the 9am Mass.

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after The Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Midnight in Msgr. Trapasso Hall.

Thank you and have a Blessed Easter.

## **Bible Study – Join Us!**

We are planning a series of Bible study sessions for six Thursdays, beginning on May 2<sup>nd</sup> held in the school at 7pm. Please mark your calendars for an opportunity to acquire a better understanding of the Sacred Scriptures and to share that with others. For more information you can contact one of the deacons.

The Parish Office is closed on

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mass is at 9am

No Confession

## **Divine Mercy Service**

Sunday, April 28th at 3pm

Bilingual



From Fr. Henry

## RESUCITÓ ¡ALELUYA, ALELUYA!



La Pascua es la celebración de la resurrección de Cristo. Sin lugar a duda, Es una afirmación sobre la vida después de la muerte, una garantía de la vida eterna con Dios. La Pascua es un evento histórico único que se vuelve real, relevante y significativo solo para aquellos que unen sus vidas al Señor resucitado. Eso es lo que les pasó a los discípulos de Jesús. Aunque Cristo había resucitado de entre los muertos el domingo después de su crucifixión, al principio les costó mucho creer en las noticias de su resurrección. No fue hasta que cada uno, a su vez, experimentó, a su manera, la innegable presencia del Cristo viviente que no fueron convencidos.

Cada uno de ellos tuvo un llamado "evento pascual" en su propia vida. La pascua de Juan y Pedro sucedió cuando vieron la tumba de Jesús, llena de sudarios. María encontró su evento de pascua cuando Jesús le habló en el jardín. El dudoso Tomás tuvo su evento de pascua cuando Jesús le mostró las marcas de sus heridas.

Una vez que los primeros seguidores de Jesús experimentaron al Señor resucitado en sus vidas, se transformaron completamente. Su dolor dio paso a la alegría, y esa alegría los hizo valientes y confiados. Este pequeño grupo de personas una vez

desmoralizadas se convirtieron repentinamente en valientes testigos de Jesús. Declarando sin temor el Evangelio de Cristo resucitado.

Como en el pasado, hoy nosotros también podemos experimentar el acontecimiento de la nueva vida de Cristo si lo aceptamos como el Señor y Salvador de sus vidas. Después de eso, una maravillosa transformación tendrá lugar en sus vidas. Ese encuentro decisivo nos dará una nueva perspectiva. Llenará nuestras vidas de paz, propósito y poder. Nos dará fe, esperanza y fortaleza espiritual para hacer a un lado la piedra de la autodestrucción. Ya no tendremos miedo de morir, ni tendremos miedo de vivir. Podremos declarar con convicción: "Cristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos. ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!"

Finalmente, quiero agradecer de corazón a todos y cada uno de ustedes que con su colaboración hicieron de estas celebraciones litúrgicas una perfecta oportunidad más para dar gloria y honra a Dios. Especialmente agradezco a nuestro Coro en español (músicos y directores) por toda su dedicación y tan grandioso trabajo al hacer de estas liturgias una verdadera armonía. De igual manera a nuestros hermanos Ministros de la Bienvenida, de la Comunión y de la Palabra, a los decoradores, acólitos, y todo el grupo de personas que ofrecen su servicio amoroso a nuestra parroquia. Sin duda, tengo que admitir, que somos una comunidad bendecida con el número de servidores desinteresados y amorosos de Cristo.

Que esta celebración de la resurrección de Cristo, traiga para usted y su familia amor, paz y felicidad.

¡Felices Pascuas!

Padre Henry.

