

The Church of St. Michael
May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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, Diana Palumbo

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 18, 2019

8:00 a.m. Zita Antholzer

5:00 p.m. Vincent Dalessandro, Joseph Vendola

Sunday, May 19, 2019

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo

9:30 a.m. Vincent Dalessandro, Henry Rafferty

11:30 a.m. Ronald Costanzo, Maria Tancredi

1:30 p.m. Betty & Jorge Medranda

Monday, May 20, 2019

7:00 a.m. Amador Dionisio

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. Barbara Poyer

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

7:00 a.m. Margaret Flynn

Thursday, May 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Guido

Friday, May 24, 2019

7:00 a.m. David Conklin

Saturday, May 25, 2019

8:00 a.m. John J. Rogalo

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Sylvester, Henry Rafferty

Sunday, May 26, 2019

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

9:30 a.m. Intentions of Aziz Family

11:30 a.m. Rachael Gloini, Henry Rafferty

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday, 5/12/19 \$6,226.00

WeShare \$1,036.00

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

Our Next Healing Mass is
Tuesday, May 28th at 7pm
No Healing Mass in June, July or August

From Fr. Mike

Last week I was speaking with someone who wanted to join the parish, who was a little dismayed of the financial commitment I am asking of them. There are two things that I am serious about in Church-life, the first is that the Eucharist should be the “source and summit” of our faith. That is a fancy way of saying that coming to Mass and celebrating the Holy Eucharist, should be the center of our lives, our faith, and our mission. And the second is that preaching about money is a big no-no for me.

I am sure you have often heard the cliché “Money is not everything” to which I am quickly reminded “Neither is being without it!” So we might ask ourselves; can money buy us happiness? To which I say “yes!” However, only if we spend it on the correct things. It has been proven statistically that when you spend money on others, as opposed to ourselves, that our level of happiness actually increases. If you know me personally, you will come to discover that based on this principle I am very generous with my own personal money when it comes to the ministry.

So the simple question we are left with is why should we give money to the Church? I think if you ask most people (especially those who do not come to church) what the church talks about the most, they would say “money!” And, although I know priests that constantly speak to their faithful about giving more money in the collection, I try not to preach or ask for money directly.

So back to the question of why should we give money to our Church? The simple and shortest answer is that electricity, heat, air conditioning, hosts, wine, candles and flowers are not given away free, just because we are a church. But giving to our local church goes beyond just paying the bills. I would like you to consider five (5) reasons why we should all give to our parish churches:

1.) Jesus told us to do so. In Matthew 6:2, Jesus says: “When you give alms...” notice He does not say “if” or “maybe” or “possibly” but “when!” I think that Jesus tried to intimately link prayer and generosity to our almsgiving.

2.) Because we believe in the dignity of everyone (regardless of race, creed, color or way of life) especially the weak and those in need, we have the obligation of supporting them. In other words “other people matter!” Here at Saint Michael Church, one can easily see the concrete ways how we put these words into action; by feeding the poor, in clothing the naked, and how we will care for our elderly and those in need. We are involved in ministries, not because we have nothing better to do, but because it comes from our mission as a Catholic Church, as a community of faith which is called to follow the Corporal Works of Mercy by “feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless.”

3.) Because giving should always be a sign of our gratitude to God and not guilt. Giving might alleviate our guilt; but we should ask ourselves “Is not everything we have a gift from

God?” And should we not give something back to Him for His generosity towards us?

4.) Because we model our lives after that of Jesus’. In 2 Corinthians 8:9, Saint Paul says: “You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty he could make you rich.” Therefore, Jesus is the model of what our giving should look like. Are we not supposed to be more like Christ in our daily lives? We are not just called to follow Him in word, but in deed as well. That is why Saint James reminds us: “What use is it, if someone says they have faith but they have no works?” (James 2: 14).

5.) Because we have to invest heavily in our youth and young people. Our youth are the Young Church of today and those in faith formation are growing into the Young Church of tomorrow. We need to provide formative experiences so that they can further develop leadership skills, a sense of solidarity, learn to evangelize, have a sense of ownership in Saint Michael Church, and lastly to have fun in a faith environment.

So if we truly want to follow the example of Christ (hence the name Christians) then we are called to do so, not just in our prayers but also in our deeds, deeds that make ourselves generous like Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS



Confirmation Prep

Confirmation I candidates (current freshmen): Although we have no more sessions please remember:

- Mass sheets are to be signed through the summer
- Service is to be done through the summer; next service form is due June 30 (4 hours for April, May, June)
- We will contact you about registration for Confirmation II
- **Grade 8 registration for Confirmation Prep:** if you missed the meeting last week, please contact us at the Faith Formation office. as per the letter sent home, May 13, 7:45 pm in the church
- **In person registration for Faith Formation Program for 2019-2020 For Grade K-8:** please contact the office for information. Forms are not available on line at this time.
- **PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) PROMPTLY**—we need to do our planning and recruit catechists to cover all of the sections we need. Please do not let payment of the fee stand in the way of registration---call Mrs. Rogalo if you need assistance.

Catechist In-service: Mon, May 20, 7pm in the rectory basement. All are welcome!

CATECHISTS NEEDED: if you are interested in becoming a catechist (or you would like more information about what is involved) for gr. K-8 or Confirmation, please contact Debbie Rogalo at 973-347-0032, ext. 2330. We have several openings and we welcome all who may be interested in joining the Catechetical ministry at St. Michael. Spring/summer is the perfect time for training!



St. Michael Vacation Bible School

ROAR!

“Life is wild * God is good!”

July 29-Aug. 2

Orange registration forms are available at the back of church and on line at : stmichaelnetcong.org—go to Faith Formation then to VBS. **THE PRICE HAS BEEN REDUCED THIS YEAR!** No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay the fee but please contact us.

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



Congratulations to the following children who celebrated First Communion this weekend! May God bless you and may you come frequently to the table of the Lord to share in the Eucharistic banquet Jesus prepares for us!

Jordyn Aragona	Shawn Pavan
Brianna Cacoilo	Madison Peralta
Mikayla Cervas	Kathleen Proano
Valeria Espinoza	Juan Ramirez
Hailey Joyce	Malin Szewczyk
Paula Mejia	Madelaine Vique Abril
Annaliese Moreno	Carrie Vodola
Isabella Zapata	

ADORATION

The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God is a God who loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to actually *want* to go. If Adoration once felt like a chore, you might even find yourself becoming excited to go! Adoration is addictive, not just because of the things we can gain for ourselves, but because we were *created* to adore. As we say in the Mass, it is “*right and just*” that we should give thanks to the Lord! Adoration is imprinted on our hearts and “*our hearts are restless until they find our rest in Him*”! (St Augustine)

OPEN HOURS: 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

Diocesan Corpus Christi Food Drive

St. Michael Church is collecting canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots) boxed pudding and jello. Please put items in the pantry bin outside near the garages. Thank you.

HELP THE FOOD PANTRY!

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

St. Michael Parish Bible Study

Join us! Bible study sessions for 6 Thursdays, beginning on May 2nd held in the school at 7pm. If you cannot make all, come when you can. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mission Trip sign-ups

due by, Monday, May 20th

Midnight Run to NYC

Friday, May 24th, 6:30pm

Besides clothes we are in need of other items listed below.

(Gently Used and New Clothing – BUT Only New

Underwear & Socks) Gently used sneakers for men and woman, Backpacks / Canvas Bags

Toiletries - Women products, Tooth Brushes, Travel Size

Toothpaste, Deodorant, Travel Size Shampoos -

Conditioners - Body Wash, and Razors, Toiletries bags

(Pencil Cases), Socks - Both Men & Women, Men's

Undershirts - L & XL, Men's Underwear - L & XL, Men's

Jeans, Women's Sports Bras, Women's Underwear M, L, XL

Faith Night Mets Game @ 4pm

May 25th - Contact Nicole for tickets

Family Faith Night Sussex Miners Baseball Game

June 1st - Contact Nicole for tickets

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

Community Info

For Rent – 1 bedroom apartment in Netcong

Please call 973-347-1710

EL ROSARIO EN FAMILIA POR LA PAZ

Durante este mes de Mayo tenemos dos razones para orar y reflexionar: el aniversario número 102 de la primera aparición de la virgen en Fátima (celebrado el pasado martes, 13 de Mayo) y el mes de Mayo dedicado en honor a la Santísima Virgen María.

La aparición de la Santísima Virgen María en Fátima, ocurrió por primera vez el 13 de Mayo de 1917 a tres pequeños pastorcitos llamados: Lucia, Jacinta y Francisco Marto quienes afirmaron haber presenciado varias apariciones de la virgen. Durante estas apariciones la virgen se presentaba ella misma como "Nuestra Señora del Rosario" invitando insistentemente a la humanidad a la recitación diaria del Santo Rosario con el objetivo de lograr poner fin a la guerra.

Hoy la Santísima virgen en su aniversario número 102 de su primera aparición, nos invita a aceptar este llamado maternal de recitar el rosario con fe y devoción por la paz en las familias, naciones y alrededor del mundo. El Santo Rosario, el cual tomo forma en el segundo milenio bajo la guía del Espíritu de Dios es una oración amada por innumerables santos y muy bien recomendada por el Magisterio de la Iglesia Católica, debido a que es una oración de carácter Cristo-céntrico, con una profundidad enteramente basada en el mensaje del evangelio.

El rosario es el eco de la oración de la virgen María, su perenne Magnificat por el trabajo de la encarnación redentora que inicio en su vientre virginal. Con el Rosario el pueblo cristiano se sienta en la escuela de María y es guiado a contemplar la belleza en el rostro de Cristo y a



experimentar la profundidad de su amor. A través de esta oración los fieles reciben abundantes gracias, desde las mismas manos de la madre del redentor.

A través de los años los Papas han insistido en la recitación y meditación del Rosario, debido a que saben que la iglesia y la humanidad enfrentan muchos peligros, los cuales solo pueden ser

bloqueados a través de su divina intervención.

Por lo tanto, oremos a Nuestra Señora que nos regale la gracia y el celo de verdaderos apóstoles para hacerla conocer y amar a través de la propagación y recitación del Santo Rosario, el cual significa una contemplación de Jesús y meditación de su vida, para amarlo y seguirlo cada vez más fielmente

Bendiciones
Padre Henry

MAYO Mes de la virgen María

Que otra persona sino la virgen María, para lograr tener un conocimiento y acercamiento más profundo con su Hijo! Les invito a unirse a los **Rosarios de Aurora** todos **los 4 sábados del mes de mayo** a las **6:00am**. Para caminar y meditar junto con la Madre Santísima los misterios de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Daremos inicio desde el Templo Parroquial Te esperamos!!

PEREGRINACIÓN A ITALIA

Últimos días para registrarte a la gran peregrinación a la bella Italia.

Fecha límite Mayo 19 del 2019!



Si tienes planeado viajar con nosotros en esta peregrinación a Italia de 11 días, la cual el padre Henry estará liderando desde **el 8 al 18 de Noviembre**. En la cual estaremos visitando Roma, la Ciudad del Vaticano, Asís, Nápoles, Pompeya, Sorrento, Caprí, la Costa de Amalfi, San Giovanni Rotondo de San Padre Pio, Lanciano (lugar del Milagro Eucarístico mas antiguo reconocido por la Iglesia) Todos estos lugares y algunos otros monasterios están incluidos en la peregrinación.

El costo del viaje es de \$3.100.00 Dolares incluyendo todo, excepto bebidas, tips y seguro de viaje. Nos estaremos hospedando en hoteles 4 estrellas con la mayoría de las comidas. Desayunos, almuerzos y cenas. Solo dos almuerzos no están incluidos debido a que estaremos fuera del Hotel. Debes hacer un depósito inicial de \$500.00 para asegurar tu puesto. Para más información y adquirir los formularios de inscripción contactarse con el padre Henry vía Email: fr.henry@stmichaelnetcong.org o al Teléfono 973-347-0032 Ext:2350

Nota Importante acerca de la peregrinación:

Solo quedan dos semanas para registrarte. El último día será el 19 de Mayo del 2019. Si no se alcanzan a lograr el número de personas mínimo que son 20, tendremos lastimosamente cancelar el viaje. Hasta ahora tenemos 11 personas registradas. Así que si estas pensado en hacer esta peregrinación te recomendamos registrarte antes de la fecha límite.