

The Church of Saint Michael
February 2, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.
Cheryl (Sherry) Lopez

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
David Gowdy, Tim Paternostro, Marlene Kenia, Marthalie
Paternostro, Diane Grzymko, Drew Taormina

Weekly Memorial
Bread & Wine:
Salvatore Sclafani

All are Welcome... All are Invited...
Come... PRAY the ROSARY
Monday though Saturday
7:30AM

Readings for the week

The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 1, 2020

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Angie Guerra, Frank Giuliana

Sunday, February 2, 2020

7:00 a.m. Patricia Short, Cheryl (Sherry) Lopez

9:30 a.m. Ronald E. Costanzo,
Special Intention Omari Beaubien

11:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr.,
Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 3, 2020

7:00 a.m. Richard Bencivenga, Robert Collabella

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. Antoinette Philips

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

7:00 a.m. Theresa Kurlej

Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. Susan Agostina

Friday, February 7, 2020

7:00 a.m. Joan Hall

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. Frances Soccio

5:00 p.m. Pat Buckley, Betty DiBernard

Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:00 a.m. Julie Arbolino

9:30 a.m. Josephine Vaia, Isaura DaCosta

11:30 a.m. Gus Rampone Sr., Gus Rampone Jr.

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 1/26/20 \$6,850.00

WeShare \$941.00

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

Bible Study
Please join us on Thursdays at 7pm in
Msgr. Trapasso Hall.

What is Scout Sunday?

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8th, unless the 8th is a Sunday, in which case the 8th would be Scout Sunday. The Saturday following February 8th is Scout Sabbath. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

Troop 91/151

- Both Troops are over 50 years old and began to work together as one unit in 2015.
- They meet Every Wednesday night throughout the School Year and Every other Wednesday during the summer
- They meet on alternate months at the Stanhope American Legion Post and the Cranberry Lake Firehouse in Byram.
- The Troop has run annual food drives that benefit St. Michael's Food Pantry
- Between both Troop 91 and 151, there are over 100 Scouts who have received the rank of Eagle over the years.

Troop 1151

- Troop 1151 is the sister troop of Troop 151
- The Troop was formed in February of 2019, when Boy Scouts of America allowed the formation of girl's troops and renamed the program Scouting BSA.
- Troop 1151 meets at the same time and place as 91/151 and participates in the same events as the boys including, camping, hiking boating and BSA Council sponsored events such as camporees and jamborees.

Joshua Watson/Michael Sheridan

- Both scouts are parishioners of St. Michaels
- They began their scouting careers in Pack 93 (Now Pack 151)
- Joshua is currently an alter server at St. Michaels
- Michael attends CCD classes at St. Michaels
- Both are second year scouts in Troop 151

Shane Suralik

- Shane is a parishioner of St. Michael Church.
- He is a Reader at Mass and actively participates in our Youth Ministry Group.
- He has been a Scout for 9 years – he began Cub Scouts in 2nd grade.
- He is in Troop 249 – he is a Life Scout and is working on his Eagle Scout Award.

March For Life Reflections

This was my second time attending the March For Life in Washington D.C. I go on this trip for many reasons. I miss school, I have a fun time relaxing with my friends, I get to travel. All these factors are forces driving me to the march. They are not the main force though. I truly believe that abortion is morally wrong and we as a society cannot simply "coexist" with it. I attend the march to be a voice for the voiceless and to defend life. I attended the march to fight side by side with my brothers and sister for my brothers and sisters. Abortion impacts everyone's life, directly or indirectly. This fight is not about religion, not about politics. The March For Life is for equality. We can never live in a world with equality if we tell women that they cannot be mothers and succeed. We can never achieve equality or empower people by killing others. This movement is bigger than me and you. This movement is Pro-Woman, Pro-Science, Pro-Life. The world will never have peace if abortion lives. Abortion does not solve any problems, but rather creates more. Another human's life is not a choice. We are one. That is why I march.

The March For Life always gives me a faith revival. At times when I start to doubt my faith and if any of this is real, I have those thoughts completely erased. Through the music, the talks, the adoration, and the thousands that participate in Mass, I refind the truth. I learn that God is real and my life has a purpose. I go into the trip trying to help others and be a voice, but I leave feeling renewed in myself. In the seconds where I'm asking God for help, to show me He is real, that this isn't just a waste, I hear the speakers say God is not a myth, God is not fake, and God loves me. I'm reawakened and directed down the right path again.

The Pro-Life movement and March For Life is more than overturning Roe v. Wade. It's about protecting all lives, unborn and born. It's about advocating life from the moment of conception to natural death. I post the march on all my social medias, getting the movement and message out there. I wear the wristbands and have the pins on my backpack. I'm not afraid to defend my position and speak out. There is so much more than all of that though. It's not just about the babies. I'm always ready to help with the Midnight Runs, handing out food and clothing for the homeless in New York City. I go on mission trips to help others who need it the most. I serve in my community and plan to continue. I set an example for others in school, Church, and in my family. I'm not

afraid to stick up for what I believe in and am not afraid to fall. The experience is truly life changing and powerful. I know that I alone cannot change the world, but God alone can change my world. All that I learn, all that I hear and see, and all that I feel, I plan to use in real life, to just maybe, maybe get one person thinking.

Joey Patire

I attended the March for Life last week in Washington D.C. for a second year. Last year was a very empowering experience for me and drove me to attend again this year. The pro-life movement is very important to me, and the thing I am most passionate about. I am openly pro-life on social media and in school, but the hate and bullying I receive because of it isn't easy to deal with. March for Life is my chance to see the hundreds of thousands of people that are pro-life all around the country. The people walking with us at the march are not easy to see on a normal day to day basis. However, when the march comes around it elucidates how many pro-life people there are out there and I am not alone.

I learned this year specifically that the pro-life movement is growing and only getting stronger, despite what the media chooses to show us. We live in a secular world that does not value life. I want use my passion for the pro-life movement in the world to teach others the truth about abortion and euthanasia. I want to make an impact, I am not sure how I will do it yet, but for now I will continue to attend marches and rallies until God's plan for me begins to come together. I hope to see more people from the parish attend March for Life next year!

Rachel Nadeau

This was my second year going to the March for Life with the youth of our Parish and the feeling I got was much the same as last year, but even more so - - and what was that feeling? Chills! (in a good way) chills of hope because I saw real enthusiasm for upholding life from young teens and younger.

I saw it in the "rally" moments and I observed it in the quiet ones - teens holding their rosaries and praying quietly - profound silence and respect during adoration, some with open arms, the beauty of the Mass in an arena filled with youth and adults, bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians and religious sisters all taking part in our Catholic universality. A proud moment to behold.

Then on to the March itself - Thousands of youth holding signs about respecting life in the womb, some chanting their feelings, some, as a group, praying the rosary, a testament to the fact that the Holy Spirit is alive in our youth. It may be hard to see it in the small bubble we live in, but God is present in their lives and in the lives of their parents, youth ministers and priests.

And let it not go unmentioned that no president since Roe v. Wade has EVER spoken at the March. In the distance, we heard someone singing the National Anthem and then came the voice of our president. It was an awesome experience to hear the roars of the crowd and the anticipated readiness to 'get walking!' - - more chills!

Andrea Trapper

Valentine's dinner

Parish Appreciation Dinner

Friday, February 14th at 6:30pm

Msgr. Trapasso Hall

Sign ups are on our website

www.stmichaelnetcong.org

Parish Staff will be cooking and serving

Just bring a dessert to share



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendars for all programs are available on the website. Go to Faith Formation tab then choose Religious Education.

Confirmation I and II:

- Please hand in signed mass sheets after you go to Mass this weekend

Confirmation I retreat: Feb. 15, 10-4 pm, Sacred Heart Center.

- The retreat is mandatory
- All forms and payment are due in Faith Formation office TODAY

Confirmation II Sponsor and Candidate meeting: Feb. 9, after the 11:30 am Mass (about 12:30 pm) in the church hall. IF sponsor cannot attend, a parent or other significant adult should attend in sponsor's place. Snow date: 2/16



“Souper-Bowl’ Food Pantry Project: bring to class a can of soup on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2. If you forgot your donation this week, Religious

Ed classes will continue to collect soup for the food pantry through February.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sweet Success Fundraiser coming soon!

Feb. 13

Jason Evert – St. Paul Inside the Wall

Feb. 14

Parish Appreciation Dinner – please sign up on our website.

Feb. 21

Ice Skating at Aspen Ice

March 20

Stations of the Cross & Unplanned Movie Night

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Father Mike will be leading a 10 day pilgrimage to Israel starting on Nov. 8, 2020 and returning on Nov. 17, 2020. We will be flying round trip on United Airlines out of Newark. We will visit Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem and Jerusalem (we will do the Via Dolorosa-actual stations of the cross, the Wailing Wall and the Holy Sepulchre). The price of \$2,950 PPDO (per person double occupancy) includes everything except beverages, tips, church donations and travel insurance. We are booked into 4 star hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner included. Travel through Israel will be in a deluxe coach bus and there will be an English speaking guide throughout the pilgrimage. Please note - there will be some strenuous walking/hiking. Please direct all questions to Valerie Nichols, Parish Pilgrimage Coordinator. For a detailed copy of the itinerary, the information and reservation form, contact Valerie Nichols at valerie.n@stmichaelnetcong.org or call her at home 973-347-9030. Please consider joining us as we walk in Jesus' steps. RSVP soon – spots are filling fast!

ARISE Together in Christ

Beginning the week of Feb. 23, 2020 the first week of Lent, St. Michaels will once again offer an opportunity for parishioners to participate in small faith sharing communities that will meet in homes and at St. Michael's over the course of 6 weeks. Even if you did not participate in the Arise program held in the fall we invite you to sign up during this Lenten season. Sign up forms will be available in February. Any questions you may have contact Betty at evangelization@stmichaelnetcong.org or 973-448-8847.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of personal care items/toiletries: shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant (men's and women's). Please leave **ONLY** your **NON-PERISHABLE** donations in the bin outside the rectory garage. **ANY FROZEN OR REFRIGERATED FOODS LEFT IN THE BIN WILL HAVE TO BE DISCARDED FOR HEALTH REASONS.** Thank you for your generosity!

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

Miércoles a las 7:00 PM