

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2015**  
**Palm Sunday**



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died.**  
Carmella Marana

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:**  
Fanny Monsalve, Joan Hall, Pat Leone, Phil Grella, Frank Demeo, James Taormino, Baby Sam Roger Rizzo, Patricia Heady, Bob Best, Diana Palumbo, Michele Demeo, Hazel and Frank Doran, Nicole Exile, Diane Grzymko, Vincent Dalessandro, Martin Espinosa, Al & Eleanor Yonick, Jeannette DiRenzo, Callan Schaffer, Matthew Schaffer.

**Weekly Memorial**

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Andrew Weaver

**Weekly Devotions**

Monday:..... Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm  
(not on the last Monday of the month)  
Wednesday:..... Rosary Group 7:30 pm  
Friday:..... Divine Mercy 3:00 pm  
Saturday: .....Rosary (after 8 am Mass) 8:30 am

**Readings for the week**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**Sunday**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16  
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Monday**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**First Friday**

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**First Saturday**

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,  
9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez  
36:16-17a, 18-28;  
Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

8:00 a.m. John Farnsworth, Carmine E. DeMuccio  
5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Jimmy Johnson  
7:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Sunday, March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Barbato, Nancy Rosa  
8:45 a.m. Nilo Pintos, Mario & Joseph Francomacaro  
10:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito,  
Josephine Rampone  
12:00 p.m. Fr. McGivney – Founder of  
Knight of Columbus,  
Aniello, Laura, Robert & Geri Brodo,  
Regina & Michael Parasolle

**Monday, March 30, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Robert Colabella & Catherine Smith

**Tuesday, March 31, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Paulette Rudella

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Paul D'Olivo  
12:15 p.m. Lenten Mass for All Parishioners

**Thursday, April 2, 2015 Holy Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
7:30 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, John J. Bauer,  
Rose P. Puco

**Friday, April 3, 2015 Good Friday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:00 a.m. Ecumenical Walk begins at Presbyterian Church  
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Passion, Veneration & Communion

**Saturday, April 4, 2015 Holy Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
12:00 p.m. Easter Food Blessing  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil – Special Intention

**Sunday, April 5, 2015 Easter**

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Barbato, Josephine,  
Emilio, Sam, & Vincent Rea, Louis Castaldi  
8:45 a.m. David Grogan, Aniello, Laura, Robert,  
Geri Brodo  
10:30 a.m. Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga,  
Samuel D. Palumbo Jr.  
12:00 p.m. Jim LaBell, Donald LaBell  
2:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass) Special Intention

**TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

ST. MICHAEL'S HAS BEEN A TITHING PARISH  
SINCE 1988.

2/23/15	\$8,072.75
Heat Assistance	\$2,110.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 470.00

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Today, on Palm Sunday, we begin the Holy Week. For the next few days, our liturgy will focus on Jesus' Passion which will lead us to His Triumphant Resurrection. This is a good time to meditate on Jesus' Way of the Cross and meditate on the Stations of the Cross. It is also a good time to watch Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion" which some people say is too violent to watch. It is not! This movie does a great job showing Jesus' physical sufferings. Emotionally, he suffered even more than that. He took on Himself not only all the sins of the world but also all our pains, both physical and emotional. He did all of that for us because He loves us. During this week, let us be with Jesus by meditating on His Passion and unite our sufferings to His. Let us help Him to carry His heavy Cross for the Salvation of the whole world.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April

**Universal:** That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

**Evangelization:** That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

**Healing Mass** – Our next Healing Mass will be on **Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7pm,**  
**Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm.**

### St. Michael's Prayer Group

St. Michael's Prayer Group meets each Monday evening from 7PM to 8:30PM in the rectory basement. For further information call Betty @ [973-448-8847](tel:973-448-8847).

### EASTER TRIDUUM NOTICE

DUE TO THE EASTER TRIDUUM PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL WILL END ON HOLY THURSDAY AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL RESUME ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 12:00 P.M. MASS.

THERE WILL BE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER ON HOLY THURSDAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

THANK YOU. HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.  
CHRIS WARNER 973-527-3839

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEWS

#### Calendar Reminders-

- Remaining Gr. 7 sessions: 3/30, 4/20 (review), 4/27 (test)
- Remaining Gr. 8 sessions: 4/13, 5/4 (review), 5/11 (test)
- Next Kindergarten session: 3/29
- No sessions Easter Week, 4/5 and 4/6

#### Family Faith Session for Gr. K-6: March 29 and 30 classes

- † Sunday: Parents and children come to 8:45 am Mass then to child's classroom for a special Holy Week project
- † Monday: Parents and children report to Church for a prayer service at 4pm then to child's classroom for a special Holy Week project
- † AS PER THE NOTE SENT HOME: all children are to bring with them that day an egg carton (12 egg size)

#### Confirmation I:

**Service forms: were due 3/10.** Forms can be left in the Religious Ed mailbox next to the front door of the convent.

**Confirmation II:** Please remember that Confirmation is in April this year.

- **All service forms** must be handed in by April 2 or confirmation *will be* delayed.
- **All make up work** is to be completed as per direction
- **Letters to Fr. Adam requesting Confirmation:** due March 30 in the rectory
- **Reconciliation Service:** for all candidates and sponsors, parents are also invited, April 12; 6:30 for teens, church basement; 7:30 for everyone else, church

#### First Communion:

Parents and families: please continue to work with your child on his/her First Communion Journal. If you have questions please call the Religious Ed office or contact your child's catechist.

**FIRST COMMUNION DRESS:** someone donated a beautiful dress, worn once, size 10. Please call 973-347-1465 if you would like to see it or if you know a family who could use it.

**The Rectory Office will be closed on  
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and  
Easter Monday.**

## Youth Ministry News

Fr. Leonardo 973-224-6693 or 973-347-0032

### **You Are a Masterpiece**

Each second we live is a new and unique moment in the universe, a moment that will never be again.... And what do we teach our children? We teach them that two and two make four and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them, "Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, and the way you move. You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, or a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, you can then have another who is, like you, a marvel." You must work; we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children. Pablo Casals

Even in scripture God assures each of us that we are wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14.

**Quarter Collecting** - Now that you have emptied out your M&M tube, you can start filling it up with quarters. Once you have filled up your tubes, we ask you please, to bring it back. There is a container **in the vestibule**.

**Adam's Restaurant, Budd Lake** - We invite you to go to Adams restaurant; they will give us a percentage of your bill. The only thing that you need to say is "I am from Saint Michael's." It's a good way to help young kids who want to serve the poor and less fortunate.

**TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER** - A great way to help our youth with only a little planning and no cost to you is to buy gift cards. The youth are selling gift cards at face value (so a \$25 card to Shoprite for example costs you \$25). Where & When you can buy: **after all weekend Masses**. Thank you for your support!

**Clothing Drive** - Saint Michael Youth Ministry wants your generous donation with a collection of clothes, shoes, kitchen tools, picture frames, coffee makers old lamps, etc. Please bring them to the front of the gym. Those items will be collected from now until April 18. Thanks so much. God Bless you.

**Mission Trip Meeting** - We have an important Meeting on April 26 at 1:00pm.



Are you up for an awesome adventure at high altitudes?  
Are you ready for a divinely daring and dramatic descent  
this summer?

**Mark your calendars**  
**VBS is August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**

*Essentials for your experience will be en route expeditiously*



### **Respect Life Committee**

The Respect Life Meeting will be held the first Saturday of the month at 11:30am in the rectory basement. Holy Hour will be the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in church. ***All life is sacred from conception to natural death.*** Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of our Respect Life Committee. Any questions please call Andrina at 973-347-9418. (Crisis Pregnancy Hotline – 800-848-5683)

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Please join us in Morristown to pray the Rosary for Life outside of Planned Parenthood on Speedwell Ave. If you can't why not pay a visit to the Chapel and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. God Bless you and have a great Lent.

### **Spiritual Adoption**

Please spiritually adopt, name and pray for an unborn child somewhere at the risk of being aborted. You can sign the book by the statue of the Blessed Mother and take a prayer or use your own prayer for the next nine months.

## **St. Michael School**

### **SPONSORS & VENDORS WANTED - 2nd Annual St Michael School Italian Festival**

Bigger & Better!!! FOOD – RIDES GAMES – LIVE  
MUSIC EVENTS - VENDORS - FIREWORKS  
DEADLINE –

APRIL 1, 2015 CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE

[info@smsitalianfest.com](mailto:info@smsitalianfest.com)

May 28 – 31 Waterloo Concert Field

## **REGISTER NOW - St. Michael School**

**Pre- K 3 through Grade 7**

**A Technology-infused curriculum rooted in  
Catholic Faith and Tradition**

- ❖ Established, developmentally appropriate Pre – K classes with flexible options
  - ❖ Challenging curriculum that meets or exceeds current standards
  - ❖ Innovative Middle School 1:1 IPAD Initiative for Instruction in Subject areas eliminating textbooks
  - ❖ Before and After School care for an extended day available
  - ❖ World Language Instruction, Music, Art, Technology, Physical Education
  - ❖ Varied, healthy lunch options
  - ❖ After school offerings include Sports, Scouts, Robotics, Forensics and more
  - ❖ Summer Camp
- All found in a *Safe, Friendly, Family-Orientated Environment*  
Call to schedule your personal tour  
973-347-0039

### **Rice Bowl**

"Hungering for Seeds of Opportunity"

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters into Jerusalem, a community he knew well.

CRS Rice Bowl asks us, too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives?

#### **Prayer Intentions: Palm Sunday**

For people around the world who struggle to provide enough food to meet their families' daily needs, that they may overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty. We pray to the Lord.

For our community of faith, may we deepen our relationship with Christ by recognizing His face in the faces of our brothers and sisters in need. We pray to the Lord.

### **NEW WEBSITE FOR THE CHURCH!**

Our church has a new website and a new and updated design. You can find us at [www.stmichaelnetcong.org](http://www.stmichaelnetcong.org) or [www.stmichaelnetcong.com](http://www.stmichaelnetcong.com). If you have the old website saved, it should automatically reroute to the new one. Anyone who has pictures from a wedding or baptism (old or recent) that would allow us to put it on the website, please contact Karen Cubberly, Website Administrator at 973-670-3245 or [cubberlyteach@yahoo.com](mailto:cubberlyteach@yahoo.com)

### **Knights of Columbus News**

On this date in 1882 the Knights of Columbus was founded in New Haven, Connecticut by Father Michael McGivney. Today, the Knights remain dedicated to their founding principles of charity unity and fraternity to help make the Church and the world a better place. If you are interested in joining the Knights, please speak to any Deacon or Knight after Mass or call (973) 347 - 9706.

### **Forty Cans for Lent**

Thank You for your generous support of our Forty Cans for Lent project to help the parish food pantry. We will have a final tally of items donated next week. You will be amazed at the number. Thanks again from the Knights.

### **Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2015**

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion, March 29**

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5pm in English and 7pm in Spanish

Sunday Masses at 7, 8:45, 10:30 & Noon

#### **Chrism Mass with Bishop Serratelli**

Monday, March 30 at 7pm at St. Philips, Clifton

#### **Wednesday, April 1**

Lenten Mass at 12:15pm

#### **Holy Thursday, April 2**

Morning prayer at 8am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm

Eucharistic adoration till 12am

#### **Good Friday, April 3**

Morning prayer at 8am

Ecumenical Walk at 11am – (begins at Presbyterian Church)

Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm

Passion reading, cross veneration and

Holy Communion at 3pm

#### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

Morning prayer at 8am

Food blessing at Noon

Easter Vigil begins at 8pm

#### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection, April 5**

Masses at 7, 8:45, 10:30 with Bishop Serratelli & Noon 2:00pm in Spanish

