

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2015**  
**Easter Sunday**



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

**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, Patty Casey and Christine Bagniewski

**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**

**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 Mk 16:1-7 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 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

**Monday, April 6, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Necelia Polianchik, Carmine E. DeMuccio

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Carmine E. DeMuccio

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Thursday, April 9, 2015**

8:00 a.m. George Murphy

**Friday, April 10, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Paul DiRupo, Vincent Tardive

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Matthew J. Soccio  
5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo, Michael Bortak, Donald Best  
7:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass) Special Intention

**Sunday, April 12, 2015 Divine Mercy**

7:00 a.m. Denise Tobin, Nancy Rosa  
8:45 a.m. Alice & William Keenan, Kim DeRocco  
10:30 a.m. Alfred & Carmella Esposito, Pat Buckley  
12:00 p.m. Pamela Baisley, Ann Sarao, Carmella Marana  
2:00 p.m. (Divine Mercy Service)  
3:00 p.m. (Divine Mercy Chaplet)

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

3/29/15 \$10,085.50  
Easter Flowers \$ 604.00

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

**In the Gospel this Sunday we read:  
"But when they arrived,  
the stone was rolled back."**

That small detail says a lot about Easter. One of the meanings of Easter is about rolling back the stone of the tomb and opening the door of our life to Christ. In one of His Homilies for Easter Sunday, Saint John Paul II said with a loud voice: "We need You, Resurrected Lord!" We need Jesus in our lives; we need His grace, His Power, His Blessing and His Holy Spirit to have happy and joyful lives and Eternal Life with Him in endless joy in Heaven. Jesus is Not Dead! He is Risen! If we still do not experience His presence in our lives, we just need to roll back the stones that may still block Jesus from coming to us. Jesus' Resurrection is not only about Jesus but also about new life for us, if we allowed it to happen. That first Easter, the stone of sin separating the world from God, was rolled away. This Easter, what is keeping you from opening the door to that new life in Christ? In the year of 2000, Saint John Paul II told us: "Open the door for Christ." So open the door, Christ has a lot to show you and to give you.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Next Sunday, April 12 on the second Sunday of Easter, we will be celebrating **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

What is so special about this Feast of Divine Mercy?

**It is the promise of the forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to Confession and that day receive Jesus in Holy Communion.**

Why would Jesus offer us something so great? Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His Second Coming and that He would be pouring out His Mercy in great abundance before He comes again as the Just Judge and as the very last hope of salvation. It is a great day of Grace and Mercy for all of us. Jesus chose this day by Himself and gave a promise to give the graces to all who come to Him that very day.

If you know someone who has been away from the practice of the Catholic faith and if you think that person would like to come back into the one true Catholic Church, then this is the most perfect opportunity for him or her. Many former fallen-away Catholics have taken advantage of this great Feast of Mercy to get a brand new start in life and to be totally prepared to stand before the Lord. **Don't miss out on this incredible gift of mercy that is available in our parish next Sunday April 12 in all Masses and on that day, from 2pm to 3pm, we will have special Divine Mercy prayers with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At 3 pm, we will sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. During that time, priests will be available to hear confessions.**

One of the most reassuring things Our Lord Jesus revealed to us through Saint Faustina includes the several times when He indicated to her that **He is really there in the Confessional when we are making our individual Confessions to the priests. Jesus said that every time we enter the Confessional**

**that He Himself is there waiting for us, and that He is only hidden by the priest.** Jesus said never to analyze what sort of a priest that He is making use of, but for us to reveal our souls to Him and that He will fill us with His peace and light.

For more information about the Feast of Divine Mercy please see our website: [www.stmichaelnetcong.org](http://www.stmichaelnetcong.org) and [www.divinemercuryunday.com](http://www.divinemercuryunday.com)

### **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).

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **NEWS**

#### **Calendar Reminders-**

- No sessions Easter Week, 4/5 and 4/6
- Remaining Gr. 7 sessions: 4/20 (review), 4/27 (test)
- Remaining Gr. 8 sessions: 4/13, 5/4 (review), 5/11 (test)
- Next Kindergarten session: 4/12

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

- **All make up work** is to be completed as per direction
- **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

#### **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. Failure to do service monthly and hand in reports as per due dates will result in a delay of your Confirmation.

#### **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.



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*

**The Rectory Office will be closed on  
Easter Monday.**

**Youth Ministry News**

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

**You Love flowers!**

The Gift Bennet Cerf relates this touching story about a bus that was bumping along a back road in the South. In one seat a wispy old man sat holding a bunch of fresh flowers. Across the aisle was a young girl whose eyes came back again and again to the man's flowers. The time came for the old man to get off. Impulsively he placed the flowers into the girl's lap. "I can see you love the flowers," he explained, "and I think my wife would like for you to have them. I'll tell her I gave them to you." The girl accepted the flowers, and then watched the old man get off the bus and walk through the gate of a small cemetery.

**Mother's day.**

It's that time of the year for our Mother's Day Flower Sale to benefit the youth. Support a great cause and bring some more beauty to your home. Remember, they like flowers! Flower Sale at Masses will be on the weekends of April 11/12 and 18/19. Flower Pick up is Friday, May 8th or Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Show Mom you're thinking of her.

**Adam's Restaurant.** 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 Michaels." 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!

**Clean Out Your Closets!** 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 gym basement in garbage bags and leave in front of gym doors. Those items will be collected from now until April 18. Thanks so much. God Bless you.

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



**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 month.

**St. Michael School**

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## St. Michael School Camp

If you want to give your child the best summer ever than St. Michael School Camp is the place for them! Our camp offers a safe environment for our campers to enjoy a good old-fashioned summer. Supervised by certified teachers, with Virtus training, our camp runs from June 29, 2015 through August 14, 2015. Each week has a fun theme that is incorporated into our activities.

We offer the opportunity for children to experience a more traditional summer by getting them away from technology and encouraging them to play and use their imaginations. The creative process of play fosters emotional health, original thinking, problem solving, critical thinking and self-regulation. Children work through challenges and gain confidence when given the opportunity to invent their own scenarios in play. St. Michael School Camp allows children to take initiative, ask questions and create and solve their own problems. These life skills help to build a foundation for understanding concepts and skills that form and enhance the basis of academic learning.

Our camp runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with before care starting at 7:30 a.m. and aftercare until 5:30 p.m. Cost for camp is \$180.00 per week with a small additional charge for before care and after care.

If you would like additional information please call St. Michael School at 973-347-0039, ext. 19

## Rice Bowl

### "Hungering for Celebration!"

We prayed, fasted and gave alms-and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our Risen Lord-and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Tanzania, Nicaragua, Niger, Lebanon, the Democratic Republic of Congo and all over the world!  
**Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.**

## From the Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for your generosity during our 40 Cans for Lent project. As of Palm Sunday, we collected over **3,920** food items to our Food Pantry and made a difference in the lives of many needy people.

We hope everyone will join us for our next project, our annual Mother's Day breakfast to benefit the youth in our Parish. Details to follow.

The Knights wish you a blessed and joyous Easter. Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives)

## ADORATION OPEN HOURS

Our open hours are posted below. Ideally we would like to fill these hours first but all hours of the day or night are available. Please consider signing up for an hour that is convenient for you and help us to reach our goal of at least two adorers for every hour. Hourly coordinators and substitutes are also needed.

SUNDAY	1 PM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	5 AM
TUESDAY	11 AM
TUESDAY	12 PM
TUESDAY	1 PM
TUESDAY	4 PM
WEDNESDAY	4 PM
THURSDAY	12 AM
FRIDAY	8 AM
FRIDAY	4 PM
SATURDAY	3 PM

Thank you and God bless you. Chris Warner 973-527-3839

## **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

*Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.*

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.*

### **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

*When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.*