

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, November 1, 2015

All Saints Day



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Bill Masters

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:

Fanny Monsalve, Joan Hall, Pat Leone, Phil Grella,
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, Simon Harvey, Rob Newton, Special
Intention, Jeanne Rattner, Nancy Richio, Rose DeSantis,
Edmond DeSantis Jr., Emma Jane Fenimore, Rosemarie
DiRupo, David Pope, Jennie Sommer, Baby Vivian Sikora,
Brian Bergeson, Eileen Bergeson, Jaydon Franklin, Paula
DiElsi, Michael Parker, Evelyn and Vivian Dumpert

Weekly Memorial

Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine

The DeFeo, Silvestri, DeTore, Biondi, Izzo Families

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

Friday:..... Under Mary's Mantle 7:30 pm

Saturday:..... Rosary (after 8 am Mass) 8:30 am

Readings for the week

All Saints

Sunday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday

Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

First Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

First Saturday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 31, 2015

8:00 a.m. Laura Normandy

5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Frantangelo, Gerald Cetrulo

7:00 p.m. For All Parishioners

Sunday, November 1, 2015 All Saints

7:00 a.m. Nancy Rosa, Luigi & Orsola Defeo,
Ralph & Kathy Lemino

8:45 a.m. James Taormina

10:30 a.m. Tracey Payne, Constantino & Elsie Detore,
Albert & Carmele Naples

12:00 p.m. Gary Solecki

3:00 p.m. Youth Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery
(if rained out – 7pm at Church –check website)

5:00 p.m. For the Unborn

Monday, November 2, 2015 All Souls

7:00 a.m. Margaret Flynn, Deceased Members of the
Preziosi Family, MaryAnn Weldon

7:00 p.m. (Deceased names will be read from this
past year)

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

8:00 a.m. Anne Scimeca

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

7:00 a.m. Robert Brodo

Thursday, November 5, 2015

8:00 a.m. William & Alice Keenan

Friday, November 6, 2015

7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Church

8:15 a.m. For All Students, Staff & Faculty of
St. Michael's School

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:00 a.m. Aniello, Laura, Robert, Geri Brodo

5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, November 8, 2015

7:00 a.m. Norman Todero

8:45 a.m. Augustine & Philomena Verdi

10:30 a.m. Robert Poth, Gus & Josephine Rampone,
Pat Buckley

12:00 p.m. Richard Kuncken, Gary Solecki

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 10/25/15 **\$6,080.00**

Sunday Online **\$450.00**

Amount Needed Weekly *\$9,651.00*

To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From The Pastor’s Desk

Let us pray for the Souls in the Purgatory

This Sunday, November 1, and Monday Nov. 2, we celebrate two very important feasts.

All Saints Day, the day on which we celebrate all the saints, known and unknown, is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdom increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. On that day we are especially united with the souls of our relatives who are already in heaven.

November 2, is All Souls Day and is a solemn feast in the Roman Catholic Church commemorating all those who have died and now are in Purgatory. Here they are being cleansed of their venial sins and the temporal punishments for the mortal sins that they had confessed and are atoning before entering fully into Heaven.

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and especially through the Holy Mass, to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. (The plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery can also be obtained every day from November 1-8, and, as a partial indulgence, on any day of the year.) While the actions are performed by the living, the merits of the indulgences are applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. Saint Faustina said in her Diary about the souls in the Purgatory:

“[The next night] I saw my Guardian Angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid. The flames which were burning them did not touch me at all. My Guardian Angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in PURGATORY. The souls call her “The Star of the Sea.” She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk with them some more, but my Guardian Angel beckoned me to leave. We went out of that prison of suffering. [I heard an interior voice] which said, **My mercy does not want this, but justice demands it.** Since that time, I am in closer communion with the suffering souls. (Diary, 20)”

Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. The best and the only way to communicate with our relatives who have

passed away is to pray for them. They hear our prayers and if they are in the purgatory they really need our prayers. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month.

Please pray through the whole month of November the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the souls in the purgatory and add this prayer: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

God Bless You,
Fr. Adam

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for November

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

2015 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Serving Christ Among Us

Just as the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports a number of vital causes, there are a number of ways to make a pledge. In addition to making a one-time gift or pledge payable over several months, you can also make an on-line gift by going to www.2015appeal.org and following the instructions to make a one-time contribution. Thank you for your support!

St. Michael’s Prayer Group

Beginning on Sept. 14th, St. Michael Prayer group has scheduled Monday evenings for Fr. Gaitley's "The One Thing is Three." retreat and will resume their regular prayer meetings on November 9th at 7PM.



Giving couldn’t be easier!

Click on the Donate tab or the link on the home page on our website (www.stmichaelnetcong.org). If you have questions or need help setting it up, email smonlinegiving@gmail.com! We’d be happy to help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parent meetings:

For Gr. 7 parents: Nov. 9, 8 pm rectory basement

Confirmation Prep:

- **Confirmation II:**
 - SPONSOR PAPERWORK is due by Oct. 30
 - Next large group meeting: **11/8**, 1-3 pm
- **Confirmation I** (freshmen) next large group session: Sunday 11/15, 1- 3 pm church basement. *Parents are asked to join us at 2:30 pm for important meeting.*

First Reconciliation/First Communion parent meetings: *for*

all parents with a child in the school or Religious Education program who will be celebrating First Reconciliation and First Communion at St. Michael Parish this year. The second meeting is this week---please choose one of the following to attend:

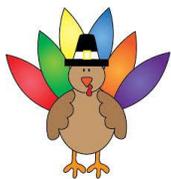
-**Session II:** November 3 at 7 pm **OR** November 4 at 11 am (choose one meeting)

Call the Rel. Ed. Office if you have questions: 973-347-1465.

All meetings in the church basement.

Confirmation service opportunity:

Praying the Stations of the Cross outdoors with Deacon Stu; Sun. Nov. 22, 9:15am at Schooley's Mountain Park. This is a Spiritual Work of Mercy! Please consult the bulletin flyer or Deacon Stu for more information (973-691-1396). More information on the parish website: stmichaelnetcong.org.



SAINT MICHAEL'S OUTREACH PANTRY

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us and the food pantry is in need of your help to provide food baskets for our program. The pantry is in need of all food items and shopping dollars so that families can purchase perishable items. Also, if you are donating a frozen turkey or ham, please call the rectory first at 973-347-0032. Because of your incredible kindness and generosity, we have always been able to provide for our needy families.

St. Michael Children's Choir

Saint Michael Children's Choir will have rehearsals on Thursday, November 5 & 12 at 5:15pm. The choir will sing during the 8:45am Mass every last Sunday of the month. We are also preparing for the parish Christmas Concert in

December. Contact Joseph Legaspi for more information.



Youth Ministry News

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

Why happened to me?

The lone survivor of a shipwreck reached the beach of a small, uninhabited island. He prayed fervently to God asking to be rescued. Every day he would scan the horizon intently searching for help, but it did not seem to be coming. Tired, he finally opted to construct a cabin of dry logs to protect him from the elements and to store some of His few belongings. A few days later, after searching the island for food, he returned home to find His cabin engulfed in flames, smoke ascending into the sky ... he had lost everything. He felt overwhelmed by sadness and anger. God, how could you do this to me? "he lamented. However, early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a boat approaching the island. They were coming to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" The tired man asked His rescuers. "We saw the smoke signal," they answered.

Moral: It is easy to give up when things go bad. But we shouldn't be discouraged, because God works in our lives, even in the midst of pain, uncertainty, failure and suffering. Have faith! God is with you! He will help you to move forward. Remember that God does not make mistakes and He always wants the best for us. If He allows those events to occur, it is because in the end, it is for our own good.

MISSION TRIP

There will be a mission trip meeting on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th at 3:15pm in the church basement. In order to secure your spot on the trip all your paperwork, a copy of insurance card and deposit need to be in by then.

Any questions, contact Father Leonardo or Karen at smrcyouthministry@gmail.com.



Youth Ministry is hosting a Game Night on Sunday, November 22nd at 6pm in the church basement. Come and play some games and have some fun! Bring a snack to share and your favorite game!



Youth Ministry will be having a Christmas party at 6pm on Saturday, December 5th. Come celebrate Christmas and sing and dance with Father Leonardo and Father Adam! More details to follow.

Thank you from Fr. Adam

Fr. Adam our Pastor would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped a lot in the church. A special thanks to Joe Zaccarino and his Company PMZ for their great work with the landscaping and plowing, thanks to all the building and grounds members: Joe Zaccarino, Joe Vaia, John Meyer, Dan Kearny, Jeff Luisi, Mario Dugonjic, Larry DiRenzo, John Cubberly and John Rogalo for their continuous work with many repairs in the Church. Thanks also to Frank Zaccarino, Joe Vaia, Biaggio Vaia and Jim Campano for donating their time and the asphalt to fill all the damaged holes in our parking lots. May God Bless you for your great volunteer work.

A Catholic's Divorce Survival guide

This program from Ascension Press was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. Even if you missed a couple of sessions, please join us on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 7pm in the Convent. The program will be facilitated by Deacon Rich and Debbie Rogalo. With the help of counselors, theologians and priests, the 12 week video and discussion program offers wisdom and comfort and practical advice from others who have suffered through divorce. ALL ARE WELCOME.



Respect Life Committee

If anyone would like to join us, please call Andrina at 973-609-4012. We need your help and your ideas... 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. (Crisis Pregnancy Hotline – 800-848-5683)

Devils Hockey Game

Join the Knights of Columbus for a fun afternoon on Sunday 8 November. Game ticket, bus transportation, Devils cap only \$60. Bus departs at 3:30 from Knights Hall in Netcong. Please call John Matits at [973] 248-5265 or jmjr99@hotmail.com. Thank you.



Celebrate Jesus!

Broadcast the real reason for the season with a special Christmas Sweatshirt!
Sales will be weekends of Oct. 24, Oct. 31,
Nov. 7 and pick up will be Nov. 21.

ADORATION

November – The Month of the Holy Souls

We are reminded of Martha and Mary accompanying Jesus to the tomb of their brother Lazarus. The words of Martha, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day" (John 11:24), echo in our souls as we pray and grieve for our beloved dead. I think that praying for the dead is one of the healthiest things that we can do when we feel that death has robbed us of their presence... And in what better place could we pray for the dead than before the Eucharist, where we can experience Our Blessed Savior Present? If we pray in the presence of the Lord, are we not like Martha and Mary? Are we not also like the Magdalene, who was grieving at the tomb when she first met the risen Christ? (Praying in the Presence of Our Lord: For the Holy Souls, Susan Tassone)

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

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

Year of Mercy Planning Meeting

If you are interested in helping to plan for the Year of Mercy, please join us on Monday, November 2 or Wednesday, November 4 at 7pm in the Rectory Conference Room. For more information call Deacon Stu 973-691-1396.

BIRTH PARENTS MUST TAKE ACTION TO PRESERVE THEIR PRIVACY

ON MAY 27TH 2014, A NEW LAW TOOK EFFECT THAT WILL ALLOW ADOPTees AND CERTAIN RELATIVES TO REQUEST AND OBTAIN THE NAMES OF THEIR BIOLGICAL PARENTS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017. BIRTH PARENTS WHO WISH TO PRESERVE THEIR PRIVACY MUST SUBMIT A REDACTION REQUEST FORM TO THE N. J. DEPT. OF HEALTH BY DECEMBER 31, 2016. THE FORM CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf> HELPLINE AT 609-989-4809