

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, January 3, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Thomasina Grogan

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:

Rose DeSantis, Edmond DeSantis Jr., Emma Jane Fenimore, Rosemarie DiRupo, David Pope, Jennie Sommer, Brian Bergeson, Eileen Bergeson, Jaydon Franklin, Paula DiElsi, Michael Parker, Evelyn and Vivian Dumpert, Sam Rosa Pat Leone, Simon Harvey, Robert Newton, Robert White, Phil Grella, Vincent D'Alessandro, Diana Palumbo, Patricia Heady, Elaine Dietz, Michele Demeo, David Downs

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine:

Nicholas Costanzo

Sacuary Lamp:

Andrew Weaver

Weekly Devotions

Monday:..... Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm
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

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Emil and Laura Normandy

5:00 p.m. Louis Lamberto, Mary Barath

7:00 p.m. Veronica Geraghty

Sunday, January 3, 2016

7:00 a.m. Mario Francomacaro

8:45 a.m. Barbara Bias

10:30 a.m. Louis Lamberto

12:00 p.m. Delbert "Del" Malr

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

7:00 p.m. Youth/Family Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4, 2016

7:00 a.m. Joan Joyce

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Richard Treloar, Robin Carlson

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

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

Thursday, January 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Richard Treloar

Friday, January 8, 2016

7:00 a.m. Elsie Kennedy

Saturday, January 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Samantha Janos for Healing

5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, Sabato & Angelina
Gugliemini

7:00 p.m. Matias Salazar & Teresa Ramirez

Sunday, January 10, 2016

7:00 a.m. Louis Lamberto

8:45 a.m. Matthew James Boattini

10:30 a.m. Marie Vendola

12:00 p.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 12/27/15 Not available yet

Online Not available yet

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 our Pastor

Dear parishioners of St. Michael Church,

As you already know on January 10th I am starting boot camp for the US Army. That boot camp is called CHAPLAIN BASIC OFFICER LEADER COURSE.

“Chaplains and Chaplain Candidates do not go through Basic Training. Instead, they attend the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course (CH-BOLC), which is a 12-week course taught at the USA Chaplains Center and School (USACHCS) in Fort Jackson, S.C. Instruction at USACHCS is conducted by highly trained, professional, and experienced Army officers and non-commissioned officers (NCOs).

The Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course (CH-BOLC) is an intensive, outcomes-based, entry-level, initial military training process. The training and special activities during this course provide unique opportunities for professional, physical, academic, and spiritual growth. CH-BOLC consists of four phases.

Chaplain Initial Military Training

Chaplain Initial Military Training (CIMT). This is the "basic training" phase in which Army Basic Officer Leader Course common core and Army Warrior tasks are trained.

Phase I

Training covers orientation to the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps and the professional staff officer skills needed to function in the Army.

Phase II

Training provides basic skills and pastoral ministry skills necessary to function as a chaplain at the battalion level.

Phase III

Training brings together leadership, professionalism, and Officership in field, garrison, and social environments. It culminates in a 72 hour situational training exercise (STX).”

(from: <http://www.goarmy.com/chaplain/about/basic-officer-leader-course.html>)

Not every chaplain or Chaplain Candidate finish that course. So **please pray for me** that if this is God’s will I will finish CH-BOLC and some day I will be able to serve the US Army soldiers as an active duty Chaplain.

As I will be away until April 10th, Msgr. Paul Knauer together with Fr. Leonardo will take care of our parish. He is a very

good, kind and experienced priest so please welcome him with open hearts in our community.

I promise to remember all of you and our beloved St. Michael Church in my daily prayers and Masses.

God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Fr. Adam

Healing Mass

Our next Healing Mass is on January 26th at 7pm, with Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

Youth/Family Mass

Our next Youth/Family Mass will be on January 3rd at 7pm.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



Giving couldn't be easier!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Calendar

Gr. 1-6 resumes:

- FOR MONDAY: Jan. 4
- FOR SUNDAY: Jan. 10 (**NO CLASS 1/3**)

Gr. 8 sessions resume Jan. 4 at 6:45 pm (and every Mon. night through 2/1)

Gr. 7 sessions resume Feb. 8

Confirmation I: next large group meeting **1/10**, 1-3 pm. Small group meetings will begin in second half of January. Schedules were distributed at 12/13 large group session. It is each *candidate's* responsibility to remember to attend the first small group session in January—no reminder phone calls will be made!

◦ If you did not hand in a service form in Dec. please drop it off at the Rel. Ed. Office this week

Confirmation II:

- CORRECTION: **Next large group meeting:** January 17, 1-3:20 pm
- † Service forms due: Jan. 10 (covering all service done since 9/30). Please note all make up service is to be completed by Jan. 10. If you need help, please contact Mrs. Rogalo, 073-347-1465.

ACRE Evaluations for Grades 5, 8 and 10

As per the calendar and the letters sent home with every student (Gr. 5,8,10) ACRE Religion Assessment mandated by Bishop Serratelli will take place as follows:

Grade 5: During regular class sessions 1/24 and 1/25

Grade 8: During regular class session 1/25

Grade 10: During the large group session scheduled for 1/17, 1pm in church basement. Please note the assessment will only take part of the time; the balance of the session will be a regular meeting ending at 3:20pm.

Any young person who is absent the day of the evaluation will take it the day he/she returns to class.



First Reconciliation Dates: as per the calendar

Sat., Jan. 16 at 9:30 am: Classes of Miss Hric/Mrs. Seredvik, Kathy Parker

Sat., Jan. 16 at 11:30 am: Classes of Soraya Hernandez, Dee Tardive, Tina DeLuca

Sat., Jan. 23 snow date

Please keep in your prayers the parish children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in January!



At the back of church there is a basket with refrigerator magnet 'sheep'—we ask that families take one and pray for the child listed on the back as they prepare to celebrate their First Reconciliation this month.

St. Michael School News

**St. Michael School Annual Calendar Raffle
Tickets On Sale NOW!**

St. Michael School's annual calendar raffle ticket sale has begun. The drawing will have daily monetary wins for 65 days starting January 1st through March 6, 2016. A winning ticket is placed back in the raffle so there are *65 chances to win with just one ticket!* Tickets are \$10 each. If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please contact St. Michael School office at 973-347-0039 x10.

St. Michael's Prayer Group

"Genesis to Jesus" series will resume on Monday, January 4 at 7pm.

Youth Ministry News

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

The choices

One day a boy was caught stealing onions from a vegetable shop. He was taken to a judge. The judge gave him three choices; eat all the onions in one go, submit to a thousand lashes or pay fine. The boy without thinking said that he would like to eat all the onions. Very confidently, he started eating the onions but after eating a few, his eyes began to burn, his nose started running and his mouth felt as if it was on fire. The boy asked for the lashes instead but after a few lashes he couldn't tolerate the pain. So, ultimately he said that he would pay the fine. Now he understood that one should always think before speaking.

Moral: Stealing is taking property or possessions that rightfully belong to other people, without the right or permission to do so. There are many different kinds of stealing. While most people know that stealing is not right, many people still practice various forms of it! Exodus 20:15 - You shall not steal.

YM Teen Workshop

Beginning in January, Youth Ministry will be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month for an activity in the rectory basement from 6:30pm-8:30pm (if other than that, we will advise).

YM Chicken Parmigiana Dinner

YM Mission trip will be hosting its annual Chicken Parmigiana Dinner on Sunday, January 24th from noon to 6pm at the Knights of Columbus hall. Advance ticket sales will be available the weekend of January 16th and 17th after all Masses or tickets can be purchased at the door.

**SAINT MICHAEL'S
OUTREACH PANTRY**

We want to thank all of you for all your generosity! We were able to supply food to so many families. Merry Christmas!

St. Michael's Giving Tree



Thank you all so much for helping us to provide gifts for so many families. God Bless you.

ADORATION

“Jesus calls you to be with Him today, waiting for you with great desire. ‘I have called you by name...because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I

LOVE YOU.’ All the love in all the world since the beginning of time is only a drop in the ocean in comparison to the love Jesus has for you alone in this Holy Eucharist, the continuation of His incarnation on earth, the fulfillment of His name: ‘Emmanuel, God is with us.’” (*Rosary Meditations from Mother Teresa of Calcutta: Loving Jesus with the Heart of Mary*)

Adult Confirmation

We invite any adults of the parish who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation to consider taking the necessary steps to prepare for reception of this Sacrament. Instructional sessions will begin soon. Anyone interested should contact Deacon Joe for further information at [973-229-6959](tel:973-229-6959).

Snow Shoveling Help at Church

Fr. Adam will be away for Army boot camp from January through March. We do not have a custodian to help us shovel the walkways. Can you give us a hand? Please call the rectory 973-347-0032. Thank you.

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)

-Please join us at Planned Parenthood in Newton for one hour of prayer – First Saturday of each month at 10am. All are welcome. We need to end these atrocities against life.



The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016

“All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. For he shall rescue the poor man when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.”

We are so familiar with the persons of the scripture today, a devious king, star-gazing pilgrims, a baby and His mother. We know the gifts, the beckoning star, and the informative dream. We proclaim Jesus as the savior of all humankind.

As we reflect upon the words of the psalm we discover the mission of the Christ and hear the echo of the mission of Pope Francis. In his teaching in the Joy of the Gospel and in proclaiming the jubilee year of mercy, we are caught up with a special concern for those in great need. As the Holy Father and psalmist speak of the poor, we not only consider the economically downtrodden, but those who are poor because they lack hope and direction, who are not able to find a place for Christ in their lives.

As the magi went seeking and discovered the One they sought, may we begin this new year with a concern for those in need and be the source of strength and support for them.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.