

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Theresa Driscoll

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, Joanne Puco, Thomas Togno

Weekly Memorial

Sactuary 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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan
5:00 p.m. Anthony Arbolino
7:00 p.m. John Michael Barbato Jr.

Sunday, January 17, 2016

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan
8:45 a.m. Michelle Lynch, Special Intention,
Isaura DaCosta
10:30 a.m. Victoria Serapini, Louis Lamberto
12:00 p.m. Paul Rosato, Robert Nitti Sr.
5:00 p.m. Laura & Emil Normandy

Monday, January 18, 2016

7:00 a.m. Felipe Lopez, Special Intention
11:00 a.m. St. Anthony the Abbot

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth A. O'Rourke

Thursday, January 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Linda Sweeney

Friday, January 22, 2016

5:00 a.m. Right to Life
7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Church

Saturday, January 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Theresa Sue Driscoll
5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Frantangelo,
Michael Bortak, Edmund & Anne Perkins
7:00 p.m. Luisa Fernanda Rios

Sunday, January 24, 2016

7:00 a.m. Richie DiRenzo
8:45 a.m. Barbara Ann Venticinque
10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley
12:00 p.m. Emil & Laura Normandy
5:00 p.m. Mary Alice & William Keenan

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Sunday 1/10/16 **\$8,219.00**

Online Regular **\$1,063.75**

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

From Msgr. Paul Knauer

Year of Mercy

Cardinal Kasper wrote a book on mercy last year. In it he makes the theological argument that 'mercy' is at the heart of who God is. Theologians have believed that 'love' was who God is, "John writings where he says that God is love. Others have defended the idea that 'being' is the center of God's existence, God spoke to Moses and said, 'I am who am'.

If mercy does best in describing God then all of us sinners can be very thankful. It's a good thing to know that God can hold in balance mercy and justice -we humans have great difficulty doing that. It is as they say, 'Outside our realm of experience'. But that is just what Pope Francis wants us to realize. God is capable of being just and being graciously merciful at the same time.

Every time we celebrate Mass we remind ourselves of his great mercy. In the penitential rite we say three times, 'Lord have mercy'. In the Gloria we praise God with the words "Lord have mercy on us'. In the Eucharistic prayers we recall God's Mercy. In the second Eucharistic prayer we pray, 'Remember also our brothers and sisters and all who have died in your mercy'. At the Lamb of God we pray, 'have mercy on us', twice, as we prepare for communion. And other times in the proper prayers of the Mass.

It is not surprising that we call upon God's mercy so often in the prayer of the Mass. We do the same thing in so many of our prayers because we know how much we depend upon the His loving mercy. In all our prayers, so often we are asking for His mercy. During this year Pope Francis is asking us, by calling for this Jubilee Year, to be aware of what a beautiful gift is the God of mercy to us. May we grow in appreciation of this gift in a special way during this year. May that appreciation bring us to a deeper love of our Savior who gives himself for our salvation in, His great mercy.

Fr. Paul Knauer

Healing Mass

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

No Youth/Family Mass in February 7.

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!

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

Calendar

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: all candidates have received small group schedules! If you don't know when your next small group session is, please call the Religious Ed office!

† **Retreat information letters** have been mailed home. Permission slip and fee to be returned to Rel. Ed. Office by 2/7

Confirmation II:

• Confirmation II:

○ **Next large group meeting:** January 17, 1-3:20 pm

† ALL CURRENT AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE FORMS are due at this session.

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.

Next catechist in-service: Jan. 27, **7:00 pm**, rectory basement. Deacon Stu will be teaching about Mercy through the book of Jonah!

Youth Ministry News

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

Woodcutter

Once upon a time, a very strong woodcutter asked for a job in a timber merchant and he got it. The pay was really good and so was the work condition. For those reasons, the woodcutter was determined to do his best. His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where was he supposed to work. The first day, the woodcutter brought 18 trees. "Congratulations," the boss said. "Go on that way!" Very motivated by the boss words, the woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he could only bring 15 trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he could only bring 10 trees. Day after day he was bringing less and less trees. "I must be losing my strength", the woodcutter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on. "When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" the boss asked. "Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy trying to cut trees..."
Moral: *Our lives are like that. We sometimes get so busy that we don't take time to sharpen the "axe". In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever, but less happy than ever. Why is that? Could it be that we have forgotten how to stay "sharp"? There's nothing wrong with activity and hard work. But we should not get so busy that we neglect the truly important things in life, like our personal life, taking time to get close to our Creator, giving more time for our family, taking time to read etc. We all need time to relax, to think and meditate, to learn and grow. If we don't take the time to sharpen the "axe", we will become dull and lose our effectiveness.*

Author: Stephen Covey

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).

Chicken Parm Dinner is cancelled...

St. Michael's Prayer Group

"Genesis to Jesus" series continues on Mondays at 7pm.

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).

ADORATION

"The Blessed Sacrament is the magnet of souls. There is a mutual attraction between Jesus and the souls of men. Mary drew Him down from heaven. Our nature attracted Him rather than the nature of angels. Our misery caused Him to stoop to our lowness. Even our sins had a sort of attraction for the abundance of His mercy and the predilection of His grace. Our repentance wins Him to us. Our love makes earth a paradise to Him: and our souls lure Him as gold lures the miser, with irresistible fascination." (*The Blessed Sacrament*, by Fr. Faber)

Open Hours

Sunday - 2:00 A.M.

Sunday - 3:00 A.M.

Monday - 12:00 A.M.

Monday - 1:00 A.M.

Monday - 2:00 A.M.

Monday - 5:00 A.M.

Monday - 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday - 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday - 2:00 P.M.

Wednesday - 12:00 A.M.

Mass Card Donation

January 1, 2016

The Mass Card donation will now be \$15 per Mass.

Putting Mercy into Action

January Mercy Cards

The January Mercy Cards are available at all entrances of the church. One way you can participate in the Year of Mercy is by making the spiritual and corporal works of mercy a part of your spiritual journey. We encourage everyone to take a card and put the suggested work of mercy into practice. There is room on the back of the card for recording the spiritual benefits you gained from putting mercy into practice. If you choose to share your experience, drop the card in the collection basket. We will consider publishing them (anonymously) in the bulletin and on the website.

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.

Right to Life March

Saint Michael's Knights of Columbus **free** bus ride to Washington will be on Friday, January 22nd. Sign ups after each Mass this weekend. Or call: Andrina DeSantis 973-347-9418, cell 973-609-4012, John Hand 973-670-7457, John Matits 973-248-5265.

Annual Manna Food Drive

St. Michael School will be conducting their Annual Manna Food Drive as a service component through Catholic Schools Week. Manna food bags will be available next weekend after all Masses. All the food donations will go to our parish community food pantry for distribution to the needy in our area. Thank you for your support.

St. Michael School Calendar Raffle Results

These are the results of the drawing for the calendar raffle this week:

Jan. 11	#2377	\$25
Jan. 12	#1008	\$25
Jan. 13	#0629	\$50
Jan. 14	#1932	\$25
Jan. 15	#2225	\$25
Jan. 16	#1831	\$50
Jan. 17	#0826	\$75

Pope John High School Open House

Sunday, January 31st at 3pm
RSVP – 973-729-6125 x 221 or
Carolsherrier@popejohn.org

St. Paul Inside the Walls Events

Third Annual Catholic Trivia Super Bowl

Build your own five-person team and tackle multiple-choice questions on the Catholic Faith! Rules: Only one priest, religious brother/sister, or theologian allowed per team.

Cost: \$25.00 per team in advance, \$30.00 at the door.

Madison, Saturday, January 30 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every “single” day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

Madison, Saturday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

The God of Mercy: A Biblical Understanding of Mercy in the Old and New Testament

What is the biblical understanding of wrath, anger and mercy and how do we reconcile the idea of God's wrath along with his infinite mercy for his children? Allan Wright, presenter.

Madison, Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Men After His Heart

A basic course in spirituality for men. Self-contained sessions will explore spiritual themes important to men and their growth in faith. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter.

Madison, Tuesday, February 9 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

How to Build a Couples' Ministry

Building a couples' ministry is easier than you think. Join Mike and Faith Rose for practical insights on how to organically build relationships with couples, especially the newly married.

Madison, Wednesday, February 17 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Reasons to Believe: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Sense

Come hear *what* Catholics believe, *why* Catholics believe it, the *personal* difference it makes, and *how* it makes sense in today's world. Fr. Derek Anderson, presenter.

Madison, Saturday, February 20 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Catholicism from Scratch: Ashes, Palms, Lilies, and Mangers (Celebrations and Sacramentals)

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter.

Madison, Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Please go to www.insidethewalls.org for more information and to register.