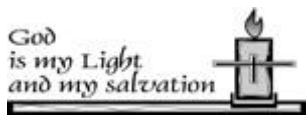


The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Second Sunday in Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

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, Thomas Togno, James Maurino, Bill Hammand, Roland Berard, Gloria McGearry

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread & Sacramental Wine:

Catherine Sclafani

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 of Lent

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Stanley Bellanco
5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi, Pasquale Leone
7:00 p.m. Jaime, Lucely, Gloria Patarroyo

Sunday, February 21, 2016

7:00 a.m. Mel Oliva
8:45 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's Church
10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley
12:00 p.m. Annie Nicholson
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 22, 2016

7:00 a.m. Right to Life

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. David Downs
7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

7:00 a.m. Kenneth J. Nasse, Robert Calbo
12:15 p.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church

Thursday, February 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Leona Santos

Friday, February 26, 2016

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer, Rose P. Puco
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Jack Norgard, Thomasina Grogan
7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, February 28, 2016

7:00 a.m. To End Abortion
8:45 a.m. Carl D'Auria, Charles Diehm
10:30 a.m. Tony & Mary Cautero,
Gerardo & Michelina Ceddia
12:00 p.m. Anna Constantine
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

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

Sunday 2/14/16 \$7,151.99

Online Regular \$1,063.75

Ash Wednesday \$1,063.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

-Healing Mass is on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7pm,

Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

-Youth/Family Mass on March 6th at 7pm.

What are the plenary indulgences associated with the Year of Mercy?

(7 things you need to know about-Year of Mercy)

Like all past Jubilees in the Church, the Year of Mercy features a very special plenary indulgence—the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin. In celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee, Pope Francis is making the indulgence as widely available as possible.

"To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to the



Holy Door, open in every Cathedral or in the churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop, and in the four Papal Basilicas in Rome, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion." -Pope Francis

To receive the Jubilee Year indulgence, you must fulfill the usual conditions, and perform the act of indulgence: passing through a designated Holy Door during the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, or performing one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy. Read more about the conditions for the gaining of an indulgence.



HUNGERING TO GIVE BACK

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Lenten Schedule this Week

Monday

Confessions 7-8:30pm

Prayer Group, First Session on Mercy, 7pm, Rec B

Tuesday

Healing Mass 7pm

Wednesday

Lenten Mass 12:15pm

Parables Session 7pm, Ch

Friday

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Ch

ADORATION

"I believe that today we are entering into the reign of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. In the midst of the winter in the world and even in the Church today innumerable little shoots are sprouting up through the snow. These shoots are chapels of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration growing up around the world...I encourage you to soak up the healing rays of the Sun of Justice and do all you can to promote Perpetual Adoration." (Rev. Harold F. Cohen, S.J.)

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.

St Michael's School

Our school, which has been a part of the Sussex County Academy for the past few years, will be closing and classes will be in buildings on the Pope John Campus in Sparta. Classes will end in our school building in January of 2017. The building still remains as a part of St Michael's Parish. What uses it will serve in the life of the Parish is yet to be determined, but at a minimum it will continue to serve our Religious Education Program. We are sorry to see the close of our school. Time will tell what the future has in store.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

- Gr. 7 begins classes meet: Feb. 22, 29 and March 7, 7-9pm
- Gr. 8 sessions resume March 14
- Next Kindergarten session: Feb. 21

Confirmation I (freshmen):

Retreat date is 2/27. Please be at Sacred Heart Center no later than 9:30 am (but not before 9!).

Please eat breakfast before coming! Dress for the weather—wear a coat and bring an extra sweatshirt!

First Communion:

Parents of children who will be celebrating their First Communion at St. Michael are to attend the following parent sessions: Choose **one** for **each** Session

† Session 1: Sunday, Feb. 28 at 7 pm OR Wed., March 2, 11 am

† Session 2: Wed., March 9 at 11 am, OR Thurs. March 10 at 7 pm

All sessions are held in church basement

St. Michael's Prayer Group

In Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of Mercy, he invites us all to "gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives."

In complying with Pope Francis request, **beginning on Feb. 22nd, Monday evening at 7PM St. Michael will be offering 5 weekly Sessions on Mercy** - First Session will begin with a DVD presentation by Fr. Michael Gaitley on "The Jubilee Year of Mercy" followed by Fr. Andrew Apostoli's 4 DVD presentations on "Living the Works of Mercy."

Youth Ministry News

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

Are You God's Wife?

New York City: It's a cold day in December. A little boy about 10-year-old was standing before a shoe store on Broadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand and went into the store, and asked the clerk to get a half dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel. By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she then purchased him a pair of shoes, and tying up the remaining pairs of socks, gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?" As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears in his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's wife?"

by: Author Unknown, Source Unknown

Valentine's Day Hike: A Great Success

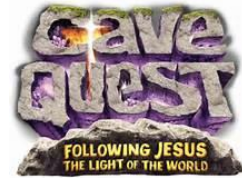
For those who were unable to join us we enjoyed a four mile hike along the scenic Sussex Branch Trail that took us by a beaver dam and ice covered waterfall. Though the temperature was in the teens; with no wind and the sun shining it was almost perfect hiking conditions. I look forward to seeing many of you as we schedule hikes throughout the year.

Deacon Stu



M&M Mission Trip Fundraiser

As in years past the M&M Fundraiser has been a great way to support our young parishioners as they attend the Mission Trip each summer. Please take a tube of M&Ms and return the tube next weekend filled with quarters. Thank you for your generous support



VBS is August 1st through the 5th

mark your calendars! The theme is Cave Quest Following Jesus the Light of the World.

Crew and Station leaders (and anyone interested in assisting with VBS) – there will be an organizational meeting on Monday, March 7th at 7pm in the rectory basement.

Under Mary's Mantle

UMM would like to invite our parishioners to participate in Mercy Missions for this year. We will be organizing different activities and works of mercy in order to bring God's love and kindness to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our first mission will be on Friday, February 26, 2016 when we will run a game night at Merry Heart Nursing Home in Succasana. We need to know in advance how many people will want to participate. If you are interested in joining us please contact us

at Undermarysmantle@gmail.com.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS BY IGNACIO LARRAÑAGA

Are a new form of EVANGELIZATION with greater positive vision of Jesus. It is emphasis, is on love's transforming power rather than fear or punishment. Our missions is to implant the living God in people's hearts. Step by step throughout prayer activity – adapted to the person. Base on the Bible, transformation enlightened by the Word.

Beginning on February 16 at 7pm (rectory basement) 15 Sessions. For more information, please call Elsa Marin 201-414-3345 (emorillo645@gmail.com)

EVERYONE IS 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)

-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.

40 Days for Life

Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil. Join us at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown. From 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. Begins Ash Wednesday, Feb 10th and ends Holy Saturday, March 26th. For full details see www.morriscountyrighittofife.org. If you can't be there, private prayer and fasting or in groups is great. God Bless you.

Exploring the Parables of Jesus

We have a great idea for something you can give up during Lent... give up one hour a week for four weeks to explore the Parables of Jesus.

Jesus used parables to make us think and they often ended in ways that we do not think correct. Why did He use parables and why do these parables still make us reflect on their meaning two-thousand years later? Join us in a celebration of the Year of Mercy by attending a four week session on Jesus' Parables. **Sessions will be held starting on Ash Wednesday, February 10th and on the following three Wednesdays (7pm).**

Come and deepen your Faith through Scripture reflection, contextual background knowledge, and the actual Parables of Jesus themselves. The first session will immediately follow the Service on Ash Wednesday and will focus on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We hope that you will join us to discover the Mercy of our Lord. The courses are free and taught by faculty members of Assumption College for Sisters.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

We are in need of more ministers to help with Communion at the weekend Masses. The need is particularly acute for the 7:00 AM Mass but is also urgent for the rest of the Masses. If you feel you can help your parish in this way please give it some serious thought and call Deacon Joe. He will arrange to train you and then put you on the schedule for those Masses that are most convenient for you.

NEW BEGINNINGS

For the past two years several candidates have been participating in our parish's *New Beginnings* program in preparation for receiving one or more of the three **Sacraments of Initiation** during the Easter season. Two of these candidates, George Yapple and Judith DeFronzo, will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. In anticipation of this they will be presented to Bishop Serratelli in the Rite of Election this afternoon at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Clifton. As a parish, we travel with them in spirit and prayer as they enter into this final phase of their catechuminate journey.

St. Michael School

Calendar Raffle results

2/15/16	#1587	\$25
2/16/16	#1408	\$50
2/17/16	#1375	\$100
2/18/16	#2493	\$25
2/19/16	#1359	\$25
2/20/16	#2421	\$50
2/21/16	#0088	\$100

Putting Mercy into Action February Mercy Cards

The February 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.

40 Cans for Lent

**Sponsored by St. Michael Knights of Columbus
To Benefit the Parish Food Pantry**

The goal of this project is for each council member and each parishioner to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. This is a great way to help those in need who benefit from St. Michael's food pantry. It is also a wonderful way to offer a work of Mercy during this Year of Mercy and make a Lenten sacrifice by feeding the hungry.

How Does it Work?

Individuals and families are encouraged to donate a total of 40 cans (or the equivalent) during Lent. Food can be brought to Church each after each Mass on Saturday or Sunday, beginning February 14, and placed at the Statue of St. Anthony. Members of the Knights of Columbus may also bring their donation to the Knights of Columbus Hall Tuesday evenings between 7:00 and 8:00.

Suggested Items: soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, tuna fish, canned meats, Mac and cheese, Hot Chocolate, Dry Milk, Pasta, Shelf Milk (does not require refrigeration)

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:36

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Serving Christ Among Us

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Church Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. May God bless you for your support!