

The Church of Saint Michael

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Third Sunday in Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Antonio "Pete" DiRoma, Gloria McGeary

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 Hammond, Roland Berard, Alice Esposito

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

First Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

First Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Mass Intentions for the Week

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. Cart D'Auria, Charles Diehm
10:30 a.m. Tony & Mary Caetero,
Gerardo & Michelina Ceddia
12:00 p.m. Anna Constantine
5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, February 29, 2016

7:00 a.m. Cesario & Anna DiBernard

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Gloria McGeary
7:00 p.m. For Families

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions
12:15 p.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael Church

Thursday, March 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. For World Peace

Friday, March 4, 2016

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions
8:15 a.m. St. Michael's Students and Teachers,
Joyce Benvenuto
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. For the Poor
5:00 p.m. Martola D'Olivo, Eckhardt Deddert
7:00 p.m. Jaime, Lucely, Gloria Patarroyo

Sunday, March 6, 2016

7:00 a.m. Mel Oliva
8:45 a.m. Anthony DiBiase
10:30 a.m. For All Girl Scouts, Frank M. Puco,
Philomena Vassallo
12:00 p.m. Special Intention
5:00 p.m. For hungry
7:00 p.m. For all who are lonely

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

Sunday 2/21/16 \$8,094.00

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

What can I do to make the most of the Year of Mercy?



The particular ways one can celebrate this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy are up to one's own discernment. To that end, we've prepared a helpful (but not comprehensive) list of ideas to get you started!

- Go to Confession regularly — monthly or even weekly.
- Forgive those who are in need of your mercy.
- Fulfill the conditions for plenary indulgences and consider offering those indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

- Go on a pilgrimage.
- Practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy every day.
- Place the Divine Mercy Image in a prominent place in your home and venerate it daily.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy "on us, and on the whole world."
- Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3 p.m., the Hour of Great Mercy.
- Pray Pope Francis' **Year of Mercy Prayer**
Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

- Healing Mass is on Tuesday, March 29th at 7pm,
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm**
- Youth/Family Mass on March 6th at 7pm.**

Arimathea Group Forming

(Helping Families with Funeral Prep)

Have you lost a loved one recently? If so you know the number of items that need to be addressed quickly. If you are interested in helping us to form a group to help families at this critical time, we will have a meeting in the rectory to discuss forming such a group on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30pm following the Lenten Mass.



HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more

Lenten Schedule this Week

Monday

Confessions 7-8:30pm

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

Tuesday

Lenten Mass 7pm

Wednesday

Lenten Mass 12:15pm

Parables Session 7pm, Ch

Friday

Stations of the Cross 7pm, Ch

ADORATION

How important is Eucharistic Adoration? In the words of priest and author, Fr. John A. Hardon, SJ ...

"It is impossible in human terms to exaggerate the importance of being in a church or chapel before the Blessed Sacrament as often and for as long as our duties and state of life allow."

Open Hours

Sunday 2 AM

Sunday 3 AM

Sunday 7 PM (co-Adorer)

Monday 12 AM

Monday 2 AM

Monday 5 AM

Monday 1 PM

Tuesday 11 AM

Tuesday 2 PM

Thursday 12 AM

Friday 3 PM (Co-adorer)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Calendar Reminders-

- Gr. 7 begins classes meet: Feb. 29 and March 7, 7-9pm
- Gr. 8 sessions resume March 14. We will be participating in the parish Reconciliation service during part of our session.
- Next Kindergarten session: March 20

Confirmation I (freshmen):

Please keep in mind the small group attendance policy: no more than 2 sessions per year can be missed.

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

Teaching Touching Safety Program: sessions will be given March 13 and 14 to all first and fourth grade classes as per the letter sent home in late Feb. An opt-out form was included in the letter and *must be returned to the Religious Ed office by March 6 if you do not wish your child to participate.* Please note the diocese has mandated that this program be presented in all Religious Education grade 1 and 4 programs. If you have any questions about the program, please call Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Ed office.

Youth Ministry News

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

King Bruce and the Spider

There was a king in Scotland. His name was Robert Bruce. He fought many battles and won them. But once he was badly defeated. He ran away from the battle field to save his life. He took shelter in a cave where he hid himself. He was immersed in deep sorrow and out of disappointment he gave up all hope and struggle. But one day he saw a spider in that cave. It was trying to reach the roof of the cave where it had a cobweb. It made six attempts to reach its web but every time it slipped down. Now the king got interested and watched the spider carefully. He was astonished to see that spider did not lose heart but continued its efforts to reach up at the top. At the seventh attempt the spider was successful in its attempt of reaching its web. This incident boosted up the spirit of King Bruce. He gained new strength and fresh courage. He gathered his forces and fought another battle. This time he fought with new vigor and enthusiasm and was ultimately successful in making his country free. (Joshua 1:9) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Try, try, try again.

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.

Prayer Life Workshop for Youth

Prayers & Life workshop for Youth will be starting Thursday March 3rd, 2016 at 6:45pm. Come join to experience a closer connection with Christ. If you are interested please contact Vicky at [917 647 8272](tel:9176478272).

Prayer Life Workshop for Adults

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 !!***

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."

Girl Scout Sunday

St. Michael's will be celebrating Girl Scout **Sunday, March 6th at the 10:30 Mass**. All Girl Scouts are invited to attend the Mass to celebrate 104 years of sisterhood. Please wear your tunic, vest or sash over your Sunday best and join your sister scouts in reserved pews in the front of the church.

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.morriscountyrighnttolife.org. If you can't be there, private prayer and fasting or in groups is great. God Bless you.

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

2/22	#2505	\$25
2/23	#0893	\$25
2/24	#2867	\$25
2/25	#1192	\$25
2/26	#2357	\$25
2/27	#2709	\$50
2/28	#1728	\$75
2/29	#2344	\$100
03/1	#2801	\$25
03/2	#1492	\$25
03/3	#1567	\$50
03/4	#1609	\$25
03/5	#1339	\$25
03/6	#2450	\$100

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

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.

The Catholic Academy of Sussex County is pleased to announce the Autumn 2016 opening of the Pope John XXIII Middle School for grades 5, 6, & 7.

Open House & Registration for Grades PreK-7

Tuesday evening, March 15, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

**Come see the exciting plans for our
PreK-12th grade campus.**

Hosted by Rev. George A. Brown School
294 Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Linda Artigliere at
973.729.9174 Option 3