

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, June 12, 2016
 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, Evelyn and Vivian Dumpert, Pat Leone, Simon Harvey, Robert Newton, Phil Grella, Diana Palumbo, Patricia Heady, Elaine Dietz, Michele Demeo, Thomas Togno, James Maurino, Roland Berard, Peter Stchur, Daniel Barra Sr., Philp Dalbec, Irma Vidal, Tim Paternostro

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread, Sacramental Wine & Sanctuary Lamp:
 James Nocera Jr. & Melina Nocera

Weekly Devotions

Monday:..... Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm
 Wednesday:..... Rosary Group 7:30 pm
 Friday:..... Divine Mercy 3:00 pm
 Saturday: Rosary (after 8 am Mass) 8:30 am

Readings for the week

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36—8:3 or 7:36-50

Monday

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. John Vara, Thomasina Grogan
 5:00 p.m. MaryAnn Weldon, Madeline Arbolino
 7:00 p.m. Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar

Sunday, June 12, 2016

7:00 a.m. David Conklin
 8:45 a.m. Jean B. Fernand Eugene
 10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley, George Wustefeld
 12:00 p.m. Gloria McGearry
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, June 13, 2016

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer, Barbara & Marty Chromey

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Gladys Rea, Peter Keenan

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

7:00 a.m. Margherite DiBernard

Thursday, June 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. David Conklin, Nilo Pintos & Joseph Nazzaro

Friday, June 17, 2016

7:00 a.m. David Conklin

Saturday, June 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. David Conklin, Thomas Michael Tufano
 5:00 p.m. Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,
 Knights of Columbus Living & Deceased
 Family Members
 7:00 p.m. Emil Normandy

Sunday, June 19, 2016 Father's Day

7:00 a.m. David Conklin, William Keenan
 8:45 a.m. Wayne Fry, Matthew & Frances Soccio,
 Mary & John Ronzo, Mary & Michael Soccio
 10:30 a.m. Louis Lamberto, Anthony Esposito
 12:00 p.m. Donald & Jimmy LaBell, Joseph Esposito
 5:00 p.m. Nicholas Bias

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

Online Collections May	\$3,320.00
Online Repair & Renov May	\$ 260.00
Online Ascension Thursday May	\$ 110.00
Sunday 5/29/16	\$5,528.00
Sunday 6/5/16	\$7,951.00
Repair & Renov 6/5/16	\$2,309.00

*To run our parish properly we need \$9,651.
 Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.*

What does the Church teach about fortunetellers, psychic counselors, and witches?

As Catholics, we remember that the first commandment states, "I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have any gods before me." When asked what was the greatest commandment, our Lord Jesus Christ, repeating the precept found in Deuteronomy, said, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all of your strength" (Matthew 22:37). While God can choose to reveal the future to His prophets or saints, we as individuals must always have trust in His divine providence. St. Paul reminds us, "We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His decree" (Romans 8:28). While we may have that passing curiosity of what will happen in the future, we anchor our lives in the Lord, trusting in His love and care.

To try to discover the future through palm reading, tarot cards, or some other form of fortunetelling, or to try to control the future through black magic, witchcraft, or sorcery violates the first commandment. Sacred Scripture has many condemnations of these activities: In the Old Testament we find, "You shall not let a sorceress live" (Exodus 22:17), "Whoever sacrifices to any god, except to the Lord alone, shall be doomed" (Exodus 22:19), "A man or a woman who acts as a medium or fortuneteller shall be put to death by stoning: they have no one but themselves to blame for their death" (Leviticus 20:27), and "Let there not be found among you anyone who immolates his son or daughter in the fire, nor a fortuneteller, soothsayer, charmer, diviner, or caster of spells, nor one who consults ghosts and spirits or seeks oracles from the dead. Anyone who does such things is an abomination to the Lord..." (Deuteronomy 18:10-12).

The New Testament also addresses this issue: St. Paul condemned sorcery (Galatians 5:19). In Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul rebuked Elymas, the magician, calling him "son of Satan and enemy of all that is right" (Acts 13:8ff), and St. Peter rebuked Simon Magus, a magician, who wanted to buy the powers of the Holy Spirit to make himself more powerful (Acts 8:9ff). In the Book of Revelation, Jesus declared, "As for the cowards and traitors to the faith, the depraved and murderers, the fornicators and sorcerers, the idol-worshippers and deceivers of every sort— their lot is the fiery pool of burning sulphur— the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

Particular concern must be given to witchcraft, which involves both unraveling the future as well as trying to control the future. Granted, the television show *Sabrina* or the older one *Bewitched* may have light-heartedly built a story around witches and witchcraft. Nevertheless, witchcraft involves producing certain effects which are beyond one's natural powers through the assistance of powers (the occult) other than those of God. Commonly, witchcraft involves a pact with the devil or at least some imploring of evil spirits for assistance. The annals of witchcraft include rites to awaken the dead, arouse passion in a person, and bring disaster or even death upon an enemy. Satanism in particular, gives homage to the Prince of Darkness, and even celebrates a "Black Mass," which parodies our Mass but commits sacrilegious and blasphemous actions. Even if one talks of "white magic" or "white witchcraft," the practitioner is invoking powers not of God in ways outside those of prescribed religion.

Adhering to the revelation of Sacred Scripture, the Church has over the centuries formally condemned witches and witchcraft,

and has judged fortunetelling, tarot card reading, and the like as sinful. The *Didache* (*The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, c. 80) warned, "You shall not practice magic." The Council of Ancyra (314) imposed a five-year penance on anyone who consulted a magician. Early Irish canons penalized with excommunication anyone for engaging in sorcery until forgiveness had been sought and penance performed. Pope Gregory XV (1621) declared that persons who had made a pact with the devil or practiced black magic which caused the death of another should be arrested and condemned to death by the secular court.

However, one must remember that the Church also strived to prevent witch-hysteria or crazed witch-hunts, like those in colonial Salem: For example, Pope Nicholas I (866) prohibited the use of torture in obtaining confessions, although it was permitted by civil law and common judicial practice. Pope Gregory VII (1080) forbade accused witches to be put to death for supposedly causing storms or crop failures. Pope Alexander IV (1258) restricted the Inquisition to investigating only those cases of witchcraft which were clearly linked with charges of heresy. Nevertheless, despite the official precautions, torture was sometimes used and innocent people sometimes were put to death. As it is so easy to look back in hindsight, one can see that some cases were more of delusion and of the psychological nature. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in discussing the first commandment repeats the condemnation of divination: "All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (#2116). Any practice which utilizes occult powers— whether to inflict harm or to manifest some good— are condemned as contrary to true religion. These practices are generally considered mortal sins. Any invocation of the devil would clearly be considered mortal sin.

However, practices like horoscopes or palm reading may be considered venial sins if they are performed through ignorance or stupidity, for fun or pleasure, and without firm conviction. Nevertheless, even the simplest practices can seduce us to a banality of evil— the story of the exorcism of the little boy which served as the basis for the book *The Exorcist* began with his use of an ouija board. We believe, as St. John wrote, "God is love" (I John 4:16). God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus is the light of the world, shining through the darkness (John 1:4-5). He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). To invoke Satan or any other power, to enter the darkness (the occult) for any assistance, or to attempt to usurp powers which belong to God alone is a defiance of the authority of Almighty God. To commit such acts is to turn away from God and place our own souls in jeopardy.

<http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-does-the-church-teach-about-fortunetellers-psychic-counselors-and-witches/>

Holy Father's Intentions for June

Universal: Human Solidarity

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

-Healing Mass Tuesday, June 28th at 7pm,
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm



Please take a peek at our new online giving program. It is so easy and simple! You set up your own account and can make changes when needed. Check out the flyer in the bulletin or the information on the website under the DONATE tab!

Prayer Group Meeting

Mondays at 7pm



Our next meeting for the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Prayer Cell is Friday, June 17th at 7pm in the rectory basement. All are invited to join us!

HOLD THE DATE THURSDAY, June 30th

Join St. Michael Church Netcong
as we celebrate The Year of Mercy with a

Bus Trip to St. Patrick's Cathedral NYC

Cost is \$25 per person and includes bus, driver gratuity,
donation to the Cathedral, bottled water
8am departs St. Michael's upper parking lot
10am guided tour of Cathedral
Noon Mass at Cathedral
12:30pm Free Time
2pm Bus departs
Sign ups will be weekends of June 4/5 and June 11/12

Youth Ministry News

Deacon Stu 973-347-1396

Mission Trip Meeting

Mission trip teens, parents and chaperons are reminded to attend this very important mandatory meeting regarding the Mission trip.

When: Sunday June 12, 2016 at 1:00pm

Where: St. Michael's Church basement

Knights of Columbus Mass and Ice Cream Social

Our Knights of Columbus Council will attend **Mass together on Saturday, June 18 at 5:00pm** to remember Fathers Day and the importance of family life. Afterwards, everyone in the parish is invited to stay and enjoy ice cream sundaes from Cliff's to celebrate Fathers Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Registration Information:

Confirmation prep— if you missed the parent meetings/ registration information: please contact Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Education office.

Confirmation I: Next set of service forms is due JUNE 10. Parents who missed the retreat meeting ---all registration and retreat information has been mailed home. Please be attentive to due dates! Questions? ---contact Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Ed office.

Registration Information for 2016-17

Registrations will be accepted for all grades June 10-24. Forms for NEW children are in the vestibule of the church. Forms for children currently in the program and for Confirmation I can be obtained by calling the office. Please also call with any questions or concerns. Thank you! (973-347-1465)

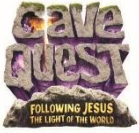


In order to have classes available for Monday in particular, we need volunteer catechists! Right now our needs include:

Mon. Gr. 4,5, office assistant

Sun. Gr. 4,6

Please contact Mrs. Rogalo if you would like more information about helping in our programs.



St. Michael Vacation Bible School

Cave Quest

“Following Jesus the Light of the World”

Aug. 1-5

Registration forms available in the vestibule of the church, Religious Ed office and the parish website. Call 973-347-1465 or Karen Cubberly at 973-670-3245 or webmaster.stmichaelnetcong@gmail.com

If you took a stalagmite from our Giving Cave and have not brought your item in, please kindly do so as soon as possible. If you lost yours, contact Karen Cubberly at cubberlyteach@yahoo.com and she will help you figure out which one you took. Thank you because your donations help the children experience God in VBS!

VBS Registration IS STILL OPEN! Forms can be found on the website under Faith Formation tab and VBS.

There will be a Singing and Dancing rehearsal on Wednesday, July 6th at 6pm for ALL VBS staff!

ADORATION NOTICE

On Sunday May 29th we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi. This is a special feast for the parishioners of St. Michael because on Corpus Christi back in 1997 we opened the first Perpetual Eucharistic Chapel in northern New Jersey. We have faithfully adored Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for 19 years. As blessed as I feel for being a part of this endeavor I am also sad that we still have 12 open hours to fill and many open slots that need an hourly coordinator. We have also been operating without a division leader for the afternoon hours. At times this creates great difficulty for those scrambling to find substitutes to fill the open hours especially in the middle of the night. The words of St. John Paul II always echo in the heart, “May our adoration never cease”. Please read these words from the Diary of St. Faustina as you ponder your part in helping our adoration to never cease.

My heart is drawn there where my God is hidden,

Where He dwells with us day and night,

Clothed in the White Host;

He governs the whole world, He communes with souls.

My heart is drawn there where my God is hiding,

Where His love is immolated.

But my heart senses that the living water is here;

It is my living God, though a veil hides Him.

OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY	3 AM
MONDAY	12 AM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	8 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
MONDAY	2 PM
TUESDAY	11 AM
TUESDAY	1 PM
FRIDAY	1 AM
SATURDAY	4 AM
SATURDAY	11 AM
SATURDAY	9 PM

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

Called to serve

We are called for a holy and noble purpose! You were put on earth to make a contribution. You were not created just to consume resources, to eat, breathe, and take up space. God designed us to make a difference with our lives. You were created to serve God. God has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do. These good deeds are your service. Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God. When most people hear ministry they think of pastors, priests, and sisters or missionaries, but God says every member of His family is a minister. In the Bible, the words servant and minister are synonyms, as are service and ministry. If you were baptized you are a minister, and when you are serving, you are ministering. One reason why you need to be connected to a church family is to fulfill your calling to serve other believers in practical ways. The Bible says "All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it" (1 Cor. 12:27). Remember, there are no insignificant ministries in the church. Saint Matthew tell us when I was hungry you fed me, when I was thirsty etc. Whenever you did this for the least etc. Some are visible and some are behind the picture, but all are valuable.

St. Michael School

Madeline O'Sullivan, Principal of Saint Michael School, is pleased to announce the following students have achieved Honors for the Fourth Marking period of the school year:

Grade Four:

Principal's List:

Jaysen Lim

First Honors:

Ella LaPlace

Second Honors:

Ellison Coakley

Jannelle Esguerra

Natalie Kelso

Mia Reyes

Grade Five:

Principal's List:

Michael Eannone III

First Honors:

Gabrielle Labrada

Second Honors:

Thaddeus Bauml

Grade Six:

Principal's List:

Christine Hruby

First Honors:

Isabella Formica

Second Honors:

Sarah Moore

Zoe Rizzo

Grade Seven:

Principal's List:

Catherine Cha

Second Honors:

Renzo Ramirez