

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, October 2, 2016
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Frances Pirino

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, Doug Ernst, Czesia Hader, Edith Olivo
 Beth Courter, Sophie Modrzynski, Loda Nerbecki, Valerie
 Matronich, Zach Glut

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread and Sacramental Wine:

Albert Costanzo

Sanctuary Lamp:

Andrew Weaver

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

First Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Peter & Scott Dates

5:00 p.m. Vincent Dalessandro, David Conklin

Sunday, October 2, 2016

7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Netcong Fire
 Department & Surrounding Areas

8:45 a.m. Theresa Pucharellio

10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley

12:00 p.m. For the Poor

1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, October 3, 2016

7:00 a.m. Jean Behren

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rose Soranno

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

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

Thursday, October 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Giuseppe and Lucia Esposito

Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. Nancy Patri

7:00 p.m. Mass for the Consecration to Mary Retreat

Saturday, October 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. David Weaver

5:00 p.m. Louis Castaldi, Rocco & Concetta Madonna

Sunday, October 9, 2016

7:00 a.m. Andrea Murphey

8:45 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. Anthony L. Esposito Jr.,
 Janet, Jennie & Joseph Esposito

12:00 p.m. Special Intention

1:30 p.m. For All Souls

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

Sunday 9/25/16 \$7,669.50

Beacon \$1,263.50

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

-Healing Mass

Tuesday, October 25th at 7pm,

Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The Feast of St. Michael, Our Patron Saint

Behold, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the place I have prepared. ". (Exodus 23.20)

Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Patron of Our Church Saint Michael the Archangel; "Who is like God". He is seen as the great warrior of God against the devil and all evil. St. Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel, in the Book of Revelation and in the Letter of Jude.

In the Gospel reading where Jesus meets Nathanael, Jesus speaks to Nathanael about greater things for him to see, "the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (Jn 1: 51)

Many Saints, for example St. Faustina Kowalska had the visions of Angels. She wrote in her Diary: "Then I saw one of the seven spirits near me, radiant as at other times, under a form of light. I constantly saw him beside me when I was riding on the train. I saw an angel standing on every church we passed, but surrounded by a light which was paler than that of the spirit who was accompanying me on the journey, and each of these spirits who were guarding the churches bowed his head to the spirit who was near me. When I entered the convent gate at Warsaw, the spirit disappeared. I thanked God for His goodness, that He gives us angels for companions. Oh, how little people reflect on the fact that they always have beside them such a guest, and at the same time a witness to everything! Remember, sinners, that you likewise have a witness to all your deeds." (Diary 630)

"[September] 29. On the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, I saw by my side that great Leader, who spoke these words to me:" "The Lord has ordered me to take special care of you. Know that you are hated by evil; but do not fear" "Who is like God!" "And he disappeared. But I feel his presence and assistance." (Diary 706)

Let us pray every day the words from the Opening Prayer from the Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel and Rafael: "Lord God we pray, that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to You in heaven." Amen.

Please remember that the month of October is the month of the Rosary. I encourage you to pray the rosary daily. As you pray especially the Rosary, please pray for me as I will be in Poland from October 3 to 26. On October 15th I am going to perform the wedding for my brother. I am very excited about that.

I promise to remember all of you in prayer especially as I will be Celebrating Masses in Holy places like *Medjugorje*, Czestochowa, Łagiewniki (Divine Mercy place).

God Bless.
Fr. Adam

2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Be Rich in Good Works*

Our Catholic Charities agencies, the largest recipient of funds from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, serve tens of thousands of people each year, from seniors and disabled adults to those with addictions and in need of counseling. In fact, a record number of people have been seeking the services of Catholic Charities over the years. Please be as generous as you are able to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal so we can continue to serve those in desperate situations. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2016appeal.org

Holy Father's Intentions for October

Universal: Journalists

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: World Mission Day

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEWS

Religious Education calendar reminders:

- No sessions for Gr. K-6 week of 10/9 and 10/10. Catechist in-service during regular class time in the rectory basement
- Grade 7 IS IN SESSION 10/10

Confirmation I: Large group meeting: Sun., Oct. 16, 1-3 pm. TYPO last week---there is no parent session for this date!

Confirmation II: ALL outstanding service forms from Dec. 2015 through Sept. 30, 2016 **were due Sept. 30.** SPONSOR PAPERWORK is due by Oct. 30. Small groups start this month—please contact your catechist for a schedule if you have not received one. First meeting: Mr. Monsalve's group: 10/2, 6-8pm. Mr. Harclerode and Mr. LaPelusa's group: 10/16, 8:20-10:20 am.

Religious Education Sessions have started. If you are still interested in registering a child for sessions this year, please contact us at the office: 973-347-1465. Information, forms, etc. are available on line at stmichaelnetcong.org. (Go to the Faith Formation then Religious Education tabs). NOTE: if you drop off your form at the office, you will receive a confirmation phone call before you bring your child to the first class.

Calendars for all programs are also able on the website.

Parent meetings:

† **New Parent Meeting:** for parents of children new to the Rel. Ed. Program **Gr. K-6:** Wed. Oct. 5 at 7 pm in the church basement. We ask at least one parent attend this session as part of the registration process for Religious Education. Please call the Religious Ed office if you have questions (973-347-1465).

† **For Gr. 8 parents:** Oct. 17, 8:15 pm school

† **For Gr. 7 parents:** Nov. 14, 8 pm school

Next Catechist Meetings:

° Oct. 9, 10-11:15 am and Oct. 10, 4-5:15 pm in the school (for all Catechists; all Aides are welcome as well)

St. Michael School Yearbooks, 2016

We have found a number of student yearbooks in the school. This edition is the last one for the parish school which closed in June. If anyone would like a copy as a memento of St. Michael School, please come by the school during Religious Ed time on Sunday (10-11:15am). We thought perhaps there were some alumni who would like a copy. There is no charge and there are a limited number of copies.

For Men and Women Seeking Healing from Divorce

The Sacrament of Marriage was created from the beginning by God, just like life itself. Just look to Genesis 2:24, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body." And because of the fall of man in Genesis 3 (original sin) we broke our perfect union with God...and with one another. The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. We can offer help and support in our weekly, Catholic, guided 12 part program starting weekly on Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Mrs. Debbie Rogalo and Deacon Rich Bias facilitate this 12 part DVD series that will help guide you through the life changing effects of separation and divorce. This will be our third time offering this series in our parish and we have seen amazing change in the men and women who have been through the program. They have grown in understanding of our Church and what it teaches regarding the Sacrament of Marriage and the other Sacraments too. They have found it easier to embrace forgiveness as a process not a one time event. Most of all, they have grown closer to Jesus Christ and His Church. If you or someone you love is looking for help with these difficult matters, please give Debbie ([973-347-1465](tel:973-347-1465)) or Deacon Rich ([973-945-2183](tel:973-945-2183)) a call to find out more information.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We extend an invitation to anyone who is not a Catholic but who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and exploring the possibilities of becoming a Catholic, to join us in the RCIA process. The RCIA is an opportunity not only to learn the beliefs of the Catholic Church but also to integrate the Sacred Scriptures, the Word of God, into one's life and to become a living part of our Catholic Christian Community. The RCIA is also for adults who are baptized Catholics but have never received First Communion.

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please call Deacon Joe within the next two weeks.

New CD's in Vestibule.....

Please remember that there are religious CD's available in the vestibule and they are \$3 each.

Prayer Group Meeting

Mondays at 7pm

Men's Retreat

Loyola Retreat House
Morristown, NJ

October 14, 15, 16, 2016

Contact John Reinbott 973-347-9274

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.

Spiritual Adoption

Please spiritually adopt a baby in danger of abortion. The sign up book gives the baby a name and we ask that you pray for them each day for the entire pregnancy. Take a prayer card because your prayers can save a life. The book is near the statue of Our Blessed Mother. God Bless you.

The Respect Life Committee



*To Megan Ghezzi and Dante Palombaro
Married at St. Michael Church on 9/24/16*

33 Days to Merciful Love Retreat

Beginning on Oct. 28th Friday evening at 7PM at St. Michael, Fr. Gaitley's newest book and retreat "33 Days to Merciful Love" will be presented, ending with consecration to Divine Mercy the first week of December.

To give you a sense of what this retreat is all about the following is an explanation from Fr. Gaitley himself. "This book truly is a consecration to Divine Mercy – but in the style of St. Therese of Lisieux. While the focus of this retreat is Thérèse of Lisieux, we'll deal with different subject matter each week by DVD presentations and group participation. So, for Week One, we'll focus on the backstory to Thérèse's teaching, a backstory that goes way back to the Garden of Eden, to the patriarch Abraham, and to Mary, the Mother of God. Week Two will then get into Thérèse's Little Way. Week Three will treat the Offering to Merciful Love. Then, Week Four will cover the topic of darkness as a bittersweet mystery in our own lives as well as in the life of St. Thérèse. Then, we'll use the last days to prepare ourselves to make the Offering to Merciful Love as a Divine Mercy consecration."

So keep your calendars marked for this amazing retreat and please call the rectory to register and to order the book.

Happiness is singing in a choir

Come, join the choir as we worship and enhance the liturgy! Saint Michael Parish Choir will start rehearsals in September (Thursdays at 7 pm). No need to audition, musicians of any skill levels are welcome. Email Joseph Legaspi at jlegaspt.stmichael@gmail.com.

Outreach Pantry

Thanksgiving is coming and we are in need of all canned vegetables and meat. We are also accepting turkeys and hams. Thank you for your past and future support.

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Diocesan Men's Conference

The Paterson Diocese is holding its first Men's Conference on October 15 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. It is intended for all men and for all boys of high school age or older and will be held at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Speakers will include:

Danny Abramowicz –
former NFL receiver

Peter Herbick –

VP and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries

Pete Burak –

Director of i.d.9:16, the outreach of Renewal Ministries.

The talks will be followed by a Mass with

Bishop Serratelli at noon.

Early registration fees until September 30:

Adults: \$20 per person

Student: \$10 per person

Father with son(s): \$30 total

Registration fees will increase after September 30.

You can register online at:

<https://insidethewalls-org.sites.ecatholic.com/mens-conference>

Community Info

BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE

MERCY, Stockbridge, MA., October 21, 2016: As a fitting close to the Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy, a bus trip to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy is planned for Friday, October 21, 2016. We will be leaving St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Flanders parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and returning at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$43.00 and includes bus fare, donation to the Shrine, bottled water and treats. Meals not included. Suggest you bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way up and another rest stop on the way home. This is the last day that the Shrine will be accepting bus tours until April 2017. Seats are limited. Please call Eileen Finneran, (973) 584-7299 if you have any questions.

P/T Care Taker and Cleaning Help

Are you looking for someone to care for an elderly parent once or twice a week along with light cleaning? Do you need help with doctor appointments and picking up groceries? Flexible days and hours. If interested please call Paula 973-440-0982.

Employment Opportunity: Small law office located in Denville (across from Alexis Diner) on Route 10 looking for full time secretary with excellent typing skills and knowledge of Word. No legal experience required. Sorry no medical insurance offered. victorias@optonline.net