

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
 Colleen Looby, Peter Stchur, Irma Vidal, Tim Paternostro,
 Bill Regal, Jeanette DiRenzo, Michelle Demeo, Diana Palumbo,
 Rose DeSantis, Edmond DeSantis Jr., Susan DeSantis

Weekly Memorials

Sanctuary Lamp: MaryAnn Weldon
Chapel Candle: Alice & William Keenan
Altar Bread & Wine: Mary Brodo

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Monday
 Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday
 Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday
 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday
 Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday
 Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday
 Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Helen Ayers & Joseph DiBernard
 5:00 p.m. Anthony Preziosi, Edward Breuer

Sunday, February 5, 2017

7:00 a.m. Protection of Babies in the Womb & Families
 8:45 a.m. Dominic Cecere
 10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr, Patricia Buckley
 Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga
 12:00 p.m. Veronica Geraghty
 1:30 p.m. Iann Proano

Monday, February 6, 2017

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

8:00 a.m. James Taormina

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

7:00 a.m. Margaret Chromey, Frances Soccio

Thursday, February 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. Elwin & Mary Burd

Friday, February 10, 2017

7:00 a.m. Paul DiRupo

Saturday, February 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 5:00 p.m. Josephine, Emilio, Sam, Vincent Rea,
 Louis Castaldi

Sunday, February 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. Joyce Benvenuto, Andrew Chromey,
 Thomasina Grogan
 8:45 a.m. Charles & Gregory Ross
 10:30 a.m. Dominic & Nunziata Tognio
 12:00 p.m. Scott Danielson
 1:30 p.m. Flor Medranda,
 Teresa Ramirez & Matias Salazar

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

Sunday 1/29/17 \$6,436.85

Parish Pay January-

Regular \$3,103.84

Repair & Renovation \$274.90

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

-Healing Mass

Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm,
 Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

Holy Father's Intentions for 2017 FEBRUARY

Comfort for the Afflicted

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH BASEMENT RENOVATION MEMORIALS

Please call the rectory if you would like a memorial for your family, friend or yourself. You can make payments. If you donate \$100 or more your name will be listed on the plaque.

Baseboard Heating	\$3,500	taken
Insulation	\$4,000	
Pipe Insulation	\$1,000	taken
Drywall System	\$5,000	
Soundproofing	\$10,000	
Drop Ceiling	\$15,000	
Electrical Wiring	\$5,000	
Ceiling Lights	\$5,000	taken
Wall Lights	\$5,000	taken
Sound System	\$3,000	
Tables (20)	\$6,500	
Chairs (200)	\$10,000	
Kitchen Cabinets	\$10,000	
Back Splash	\$1,500	
Granite Countertops	\$2,500	
Refrigerator	\$2,000	
Range/Installation	\$1,700	
Range Hood	\$700	taken
A/C System (TNT Air Donation)		
Tile Floors	\$15,000	
Server's Closet	\$2,000	
Choir's Closet	\$2,000	taken
Stair Covering	\$2,000	
Entrance Door	\$1,500	taken
Side Doors (Rt. #46)	\$2,000	taken
Wall Repair (Rt. #46)	\$3,000	

*Please pray for our Diaconate Candidates –
Russ Raffay and John Meyer*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education session dates reminders

Gr. 7 sessions resume Feb. 6

Gr. 8: meets Feb. 13

There are no Religious Education sessions Feb. 19 & 20

Confirmation Prep:

Confirmation II: **Next large group meeting:** Feb. 12, 1-3pm with your sponsor (or parent stand-in if your sponsor can't come)

Confirmation I:

† **Retreat information** letters have been mailed home. **Permission slip and fee to be returned to Rel. Ed. Office by Feb. 4.** Please call Mrs. Rogalo if there is a problem. Retreat date is 2/25

Catechist meetings:

- Next in-service session in rectory basement: **2/19** (10-11:15 am) and **2/20** (4-5:15 pm)



IMPORTANT MEETING for all interested (Station and Crew leaders) in helping with VBS on Monday, March 13th at 7pm in the rectory basement. There will also be training sessions in April for ALL Crew Leaders. See the VBS page on the website for more information.

New Parish Census

There is a census form on our website that we would appreciate each family filling out. It is short and takes only a few minutes. It will give us a better idea on how to better serve our parish families. If you need a paper copy, we have one for you in our parish office.

Mission Trip 2017

Registration packets are available. Please submit the deposit to the rectory this week to receive your packet. Please label your envelope "Mission Trip 2017 Deposit". Questions can be directed to Deacon Stu by phone or email at smrcyouthministry@gmail.com

Youth Ministry Mission Trip Fundraiser

St. Michael Mission Trip volunteers have begun selling gift cards after all Masses. You pay face value and your card is worth face value, but the Mission Trip earns a rebate on each card sold. Please help support this fundraiser. Thank you!

Spanish Ministry

Si eres nuevo en la parroquia te invitamos a llenar el formulario de inscripción a nuestra comunidad, estos formularios se encuentran en la sacristía. 973-347-0032 x205

Te invitamos a participar del estudio bíblico a las 7:00 PM (basement de la rectoría).

Muy pronto tendremos en nuestra parroquia el ministerio de parejas. Este ministerio tiene como misión crecer en el dialogo y en la oración como parejas. Para mayor información comunicarse con el padre Jeider Barraza.

New Parish Emails

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Prolife – Thank you

Just a quick and heartfelt thank you from The Knights of Columbus and The Respect Life Committee for all the help we received in coordinating the Rose Sales and Bus Trip Sign Ups for our 2017 "March For Life" bus trip to Washington DC. The money raised helped with the cost of the bus for the day. We are grateful to the people of St. Michael's for all they do to stand and speak up for the preborn. Please consider joining us in January of 2018 for the next "March For Life".

Contact John Hand @ johnphand58@gmail.com or call [973-670-7457](tel:973-670-7457) for more info. Thank you to our new pastor Fr. Mike who joined us this year.

Respect Life Committee



If anyone would like to join us, please call Andrina at 973-609-4012. 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.

Prayer Group Meeting

Mondays at 7pm

ParishPay
Making it Easier to Give™

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!



New CD's in Vestibule.....

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

*If you can't make your Adoration hour
please get a substitute, call your division leader or
call Marie Francisco 732-895-7972.
Please do not call the rectory.*

ADORATION NOTICE

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

Our open hours are posted below. Ideally we would like to fill these hours first but all hours of the day or night are available. Please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour that is convenient for you and help us to reach our goal of at least two adorers for every hour. Hourly coordinators and substitutes are also needed.

Open Hours

SUNDAY	3 AM
MONDAY	12 AM
MONDAY	11 PM
MONDAY	1 AM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	3 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
THURSDAY	9 AM
FRIDAY	1 AM
FRIDAY	1 PM
SATURDAY	12 PM
SATURDAY	3 PM
SATURDAY	9 PM

Thank you and God bless you.

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

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“Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own... you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world.”

It is hard for us to escape the direct teaching of Jesus and the prophet Isaiah. A familiar biblical question ‘what are we to do?’ finds a ready answer in these two scripture sources.

What Christian cannot be moved when we see images of the millions of refugees fleeing the wars in Iraq and Syria, drowning in the Mediterranean. How few Christians respond with compassion and empathy, afraid to take the risk to care for suffering humanity. Do I forget that they too are made in the image and likeness of God? Even if some have less than noble intentions, do we let all suffer?

How is it I live as salt of the earth? How can I be light of the world? Agencies do incredible work aiding those in need. Our church is at the forefront. Consider Jesuit Refugee Services, Catholic Relief Services, Doctors Without Borders, CNEWA and Aid to the Church in Need and countless others responding generously. Why do I sit back as others need the salt and light that we are?

More than the financial aid you might give is the attitude of grave concern in these moments of crisis.

