

**The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday**



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
Ashley Marie Castro

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, Vince
Richio, Nancy Richio, Manuel Medrano, Domenick DeFeo,
Fr. Leo Carey, Frank Demeo, Pat Leone, Beth Courter,
Bill Hancock, Bruce Hill, Philip Dalbec, Diane Grzymko,
Pauline Milone, Chet Verdi Sr., Chet Verdi Jr., Jim Rogalo

Weekly Memorials

Sanctuary Lamp: Anne T. Keenan
Chapel Candle: MaryAnn Weldon
Altar Bread & Wine: Veronica Geraghty

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

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
or
Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 15, 2017 Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Food Blessing
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Emilio, Josephine, Sam, Vincent Rea and
Louis Castaldi
8:45 a.m. David Weaver
10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr, Adeline &
Joseph Bencivenga, Alfred & Carmella Esposito
12:00 p.m. Anna Dolack
1:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, April 17, 2017

9:00 a.m. Carolina Bozza

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Orlando & Anna DiBernard, Jack Norgard

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

7:00 a.m. Elayne Black

Thursday, April 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. William & Alice Keenan

Friday, April 21, 2017

7:00 a.m. Barbara & Nicholas Bias

Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. Pauline Robinson
5:00 p.m. Thomas J. Dolan

Sunday, April 23, 2017 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:00 a.m. Nancy Rosa
8:45 a.m. Rosita Hernandez
10:30 a.m. Rose Barbaccia
12:00 p.m. Theresa Granato
1:30 p.m. Special Intention

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

Mass attendance last weekend - 1,064

Sunday 4/9/17 Palm Sunday \$10,220.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

Monday, April 17th

Mass at 9am
Parish Office Closed
No Confessions

From Fr. Michael

Happy Easter!!!

Easter greetings and prayers.

We have to accept that life is going to be a series of dyings. It is essentially a dying to self – dying to our pride and ego; dying and letting go of perfectionism; dying and letting go of the need of praise.

We use in our common language “dying to” as a regular part of our vocabulary, “I am dying to sleep, I am dying for some time off, I am dying to get some peace and quiet, I am dying to get away from this person.”

This Easter Season the invitation is to say “I am dying to live” and mean it. The Risen Lord is calling us who are baptized to accept our dying, so that we can truly go on living. Because we believe that Christ is risen, we can truly say, we are dying to live. We can be assured of all this because Jesus Christ rose from the dead to save us and to fulfill God's promise of salvation for us.

Dying to live means that we want to share this Good news with everyone we meet.

Dying to live means putting Christ's resurrection into action.

Dying to live means taking care of the poor and the sick.

Dying to live means being a part of a faith community, Christ's Church.

Dying to live means looking at life with hope and cheerfulness.

May the Risen Lord be a living experience to you, pervading every aspect of your life, blessing you, inspiring you and strengthening you in your journey of discipleship.

Greatest Comebacks of History

In its November 12, 2001 issue, *Sports Illustrated* ranked the 10 greatest comebacks in world history.

10—Elvis Presley reviving his sagging career as a result of his TV special in 1968.

9—Ludwig Wittgenstein, who in 1929 after quitting academia to teach primary school and to labor as a gardener, returns to Cambridge University to begin *Philosophical Investigations*, the seminal work of 20th-century Anglo-American philosophy.

8—Go-Go boots, which in 2000, three decades after their kicky heyday, staged a surprising fashion revival.

7—Harry Truman's 1948 victory over Thomas Dewey when all the polls had him losing by a large margin.

6—The recovery of humanity from the Black Plague of the 14th century when 25 million Europeans died.

5—Mohammad Ali returning from his forced seven-year exile from boxing, to KO George Foreman in Zaire and reclaim the heavyweight championship.

4—John Travolta, reviving his movie career in 1994 by starring in *Pulp Fiction*.

3—Michael Jordan giving up his attempt to play baseball and returning to his first love—basketball.

2—among the all-time comebacks was a tie between Japan and Germany, devastated in the Second World War but becoming world economic powers within a generation.

1—named by the editors of *Sports Illustrated* magazine in the November 12, 2001, issue—the greatest comeback of all time ... Jesus Christ. AD 33. Stuns Romans and defies critics by his resurrection from the grave.

Spanish Ministry

Nos alegramos junto con toda la Iglesia en la celebración de la gloriosa resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Junto con el Padre Mike y los empleados le extendemos nuestras sinceras oraciones por usted y sus seres amados. Felices Pascuas! Cordialmente, Padre Jeider B. Que Dios Padre, que por la resurrección de su Unigénito los ha redimido y les ha dado la gracia de la adopción filial los colme con el gozo de su bendición.

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

***Pray for Chelsea our catechumen as she prepares
herself for the sacrament of initiation and becomes
part of St. Michael's family.***

***Pray for Rosie on her path to ongoing conversion and
communion.***

Healing Mass
Tuesday, April 25th at 7pm,
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

Eat at Adams Restaurant!

Just mention that you are with St. Michael's Church when you are at the register and we will receive 10% of every order. Thank you...

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education office: 973-347-1465

Calendar Reminders-

- NO sessions Easter Week, 4/16
- Gr. 7 sessions: final test April 24
- Gr. 8 sessions: May 1 (review); final test May 8.
- Gr. 1-6: Week of April 23 and 30
- Next Kindergarten sessions: April 23 and 30
- The office will be closed Friday 4/14 through Monday 4/17.

Confirmation II:

- † **Next set of service forms due 4/10.** Remember—if you don't hand in your forms *we* have to assume you are not doing service, so *you* have to assume your Confirmation will be delayed...Please call Mrs. Rogalo if you have any questions or problems with service ☺
- † **Confirmation II parent meeting:** if you missed the meeting, please contact Mrs. Rogalo for important information you need for Confirmation.
- † **Candidate Letter to the pastor** is due by April 23 and **MUST BE BROUGHT TO YOUR INTERVIEW WITH FATHER**

Confirmation I:

- † **Service is to be done monthly!** By now each first year candidate should have completed a work of Christian service for Dec (or earlier month), Jan., Feb. and March. **Forms were due in the office by 3/10!**
- † Please keep in mind the small group attendance policy: *no more than 2 sessions per year can be missed.*

Confirmation Service Opportunity: ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR SERVICE WORK and are supposed to be confirmed this May!

--- Help us clean out the Vacation Bible School storage room! Sunday, May 7, 4-7 pm in the gym.

To sign up or if you have questions, contact MaryAnn at 862-266-5906 or email mcctrm@ptd.net

Grade 8 parent meeting/registration for Confirmation

prep: as per the letter sent home, May 8, 7:30 pm in the church hall

*****Special note for Parish families with an 8th grader

at a Catholic school: Please contact the Rel.Ed. office if your teen will be participating in the St. Michael Confirmation program. We have important information to share with you before the parent session in May. All 8th graders must take and pass the doctrine test before registrations are finalized. Please call Mrs. Rogalo for information (973-347-1465)

Registration Information for 2017-18



- On or about 4/11, forms were mailed to all families with children *currently* in gr. K-7 as long as tuition account is current. Children in **YOUR** family who will be **NEW** to the program must be registered on a separate form which will be available in the church vestibule, the Religious Ed office and on the website (go to Faith Formation / Religious Education)
- Registration will be opened to all families (**current and new**) through May 5. Forms must be received or postmarked by 5 PM
- *If you need a particular day*, register **ASAP** as class assignments are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Half of the fee is due with registration unless you contact the Rel. Ed office to make other arrangements (973-347-1465).
- Those with outstanding tuition accounts are encouraged to contact Mrs. Rogalo for more information.
- **Current grade 8** teens will be registered for Confirmation Preparation at May 8 parent meeting, 7:30 pm, church hall.



There will be **MANDATORY** training sessions in April (April 24, 26 or 28) for **ALL** Crew Leaders (**new AND veteran**). See the **VBS** page on the website (under Faith Formation) for more information.

Next Midnight Run to NY

Saturday, June 3rd

Items needed – thin sleeping bags, blankets, mens white and colored tshirts, mens boxers, womans underwear along with socks, pants, shirts and sweatshirts for all. Sizes needed for both are M, L, XL, XXL. Please bring items to the parish office Mon – Thurs 9-3.

Thank you!

**"Thirteen Tuesdays
Novena to St. Anthony"**

3:30pm – 4:00pm

St. Michael Church, Netcong, NJ

March 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

June 6, 13

No sign-up required – just show up!

**If you can't do all dates, we will give you a copy of prayers
to take home.**

Questions – call Maureen at 973-347-1826.

**Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people, and testify that he is the one appointed by God to judge the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The resurrection accounts of Jesus' appearances, following the empty tomb scene, are familiar and the source of hope and joy. The words of Peter in the sermon from the Acts of the Apostles, brings the meaning of His resurrection to us in 2017. Jesus' redeeming sacrifice earns forgiveness and new life for us today.

Remember, this is the same Peter who shortly before denied knowing the Lord because of fear and intimidation. This sermon of Peter, and others he spoke, as did Paul, summon us to let Easter speak to us today. The Risen Lord offers us the gift of new life, won at Calvary, and generously given if we sincerely turn to Him.

May we let the grace of this day bring the richness of God's grace to us all.

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.

Spiritual Adoption

Now at the time of the Feast of the Annunciation it is also the time for us to begin our Spiritual Adoption through December. 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.

ADORATION NOTICE

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." – 1 Peter 1:3

Happy Easter!

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	3:00 a.m.
Monda	2:00 a.m.
Monday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	11:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 a.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.
Friday	5:00 a.m.
Saturday	9:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 p.m.

Thank you and God bless you.

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

EASTER TRIDUUM NOTICE

DUE TO THE EASTER TRIDUUM PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL WILL END ON HOLY THURSDAY AT 12:00 NOON AND WILL RESUME ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 12:00 P.M. MASS.

THANK YOU. HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.

