

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, July 2, 2017**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died:**  
James Palatucci Jr., Diane Kimmey

**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, Manuel Medrano, Domenick DeFeo, Fr. Leo Carey, Pat Leone, Vince Riccio, Beth Courter, Bill Hancock, Bruce Hill, Philip Dalbec, Diane Grzymko, Pauline Milone, Chet Verdi Sr., Chet Verdi Jr., Jim Rogalo, Doug Ernst, Deborah Kelly, Marie Simmons, Marjorie Hancock, Margie Kern, Jordyn G., Karlene Yaple, Jeanne Rattner, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom

**Weekly Memorials**  
**Altar Bread: The Flynn Family**

**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**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42  
Monday  
Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
Tuesday  
Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday  
Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday  
Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8  
First Friday  
Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday  
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
5:00 p.m. Anthony Arbolino

**Sunday, July 2, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Protection of babies in the womb  
8:45 a.m. Emil & Laura Normandy  
10:30 a.m. Earl & David Weaver, Pat Buckley  
12:00 p.m. Diane Kimmey  
1:30 p.m. Beatriz Manjares Morales, Maria Della Giraldo

**Monday, July 3, 2017**

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

**Tuesday, July 4, 2017 Independence Day**

9:00 a.m. Anna, Frank & Henry DiBernard, Mark Bolitho, Gladys & Sossio Compagnone

**Wednesday, July 5, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Jeanett Scaperotto

**Thursday, July 6, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Kathrine, Frances, Martin, Mary Faustina

**Friday, July 7, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Bill Rafferty, Jock White, Tom Riley

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
5:00 p.m. Marie Vendola

**Sunday, July 9, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan  
8:45 a.m. Peter Dates  
10:30 a.m. Dominic & Nunziata Togno  
12:00 p.m. James Palatucci Jr.  
1:30 p.m. Enrique Varela

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

Mass attendance last weekend - 688

**Sunday 6/25/17 \$8,253.85**

**Candles/CD’s \$79.00**

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

*Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.*

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

**Next Healing Mass**

Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm,  
Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

## From Fr. Mike

During the Independence Day celebrations on the fourth of July, you will hear all or part of the poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty: *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me."*

May we all pause for a moment, cast all our burdens unto the Lord and thank God for the gifts and freedoms we treasure.

A Prayer for Independence Day Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations. For what has been achieved we give thanks; for the work that still remains we ask your help. Grant that under your providence our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Independence Day!!

A few weeks ago, the Holy Father addressed some young people at a youth rally in Italy. One girl asked him a good question. This is how he responded.

Chiara Parodi's question to the pope

In your Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, you invited the whole Church to go out, to be on mission. You challenged us to a mission of "full joy," to take up Jesus' words in John's Gospel (15:11): "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full." What advice do you have for us on how to be missionaries to our contemporaries who live in difficult situations of pain and who are victims of drugs, alcohol, violence and the deceit of the Evil One?

Pope Francis' response:

You asked me how to be missionaries to our contemporaries, especially those living in difficult situations, who are victims of drugs, alcohol, violence and the deceit of the Evil One? I believe the first thing is to love them. We can't do anything without love – a gesture of love, a look of love. One can make programs to help them, but without love? And love is to give one's life. Jesus says in John 15:13, "No one has greater love than he who gives his life."

Christ gave us the example; he gave his life. If you don't have a heart willing to love, you won't get far with healing the world. The Lord teaches us to love – without Him, you won't be able to do your mission. The mission is an adventure and you prepare for it by having a heart willing to love.

One of the things I ask sometimes in the confessional is this: "But do you help people? Do you give alms?" Many say yes. (Yes, because people are good, people want to help.) But then I go further and say: "And tell me, when

you give alms, do you touch the hand of the person to whom you give alms? Do you look into the eyes of homeless person who asks you for alms or do you pass in a hurry?"

We are all called to love. To really love another is to have the capacity to shake a dirty hand and to look into the eyes of those in a situation of degradation and say: "For me, you are Jesus." And this is the beginning of every mission. Respect the people you serve. If you go out on mission in the name of Jesus but think about those you serve in a negative light – like thinking: "Oh, these stupid people who don't know about religion. I will give them the right stuff. I will teach them how to do things right..." Please! It's better to stay at home and pray a rosary. It will do you more good than to go out on mission with that attitude."

And why must I love these people?... In every one of these persons that are victims of difficult situations, there is the image of God that for different reasons has been mistreated, stricken. There is a story of pain, of wounds that we cannot ignore. Jesus is there, and this means to learn to look with Jesus' eyes, as Jesus looks at people. Look at others as he looks at them. We are all dirty. And if Jesus has saved me, I say: "Thank you, Lord!" Any one of us could be the down-and-out person... If you don't end up being the one addicted to drugs – it's thanks to the Lord. If the Lord had let go of your hand, you and I also (all of us), would end up in the same or a similar place. It is love and grace which we must proclaim.

## 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...

## RCIA

If there is anyone who is in need of the Sacraments of Initiation –

Baptism, Communion or Confirmation.

Our program will begin in September and class will be on Tuesdays at 7pm. Please sign up in the parish office by the second week of July.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Religious Education office:** 973-347-1465

The office will be closed for vacation week of July 1-9.

### Registration Information for 2017-18



- Register soon as classes are filling up.
- Children new to the program (Gr. K-8) a copy of baptismal certificate and for transfers, completion letter from prior parish Religious Ed program must be submitted with registration form.
- ALL FAMILIES MUST FILL OUT A NEW CENSUS FORM THIS YEAR (as of Jan 2017). IF YOU DO NOT FILL OUT A CENSUS FORM (on line or paper copy), YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please go to [www.stmichaelnetcong.org](http://www.stmichaelnetcong.org) and follow the link on the Home page to access the census

**Confirmation II (those entering second year):** Next set of service forms was due JUNE 10. Do not fall behind on monthly service. By now you should have handed in forms for Dec. 2016, Jan., Feb, March, April, May, June (if you did it in the first ten days of June) 2017.

If you need to catch up, please contact us at the office for possible summer projects.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

We need catechists for Confirmation and Jr. High. Please contact Debbie (973-347-1465) if you would like more information, especially if the Holy Spirit is nudging you a little bit to try something new!



VBS Registration is OPEN!!!!!! Forms can be found online and in the back of the church.

VBS Singing and Dancing Rehearsal for Crew Leaders and Station Leaders is Monday, July 24th at 7pm.

### 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.

### St. Michael Pilgrimage

Father Mike will lead our parishioners on a two day Pilgrimage starting on Friday, October 20, 2017 that will include stops at The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes in Maryland. We will then travel to our hotel outside of Washington, D.C. On October 21, 2017, we will join the rest of the diocese at the Basilica in Washington, D.C. for a special Mass at 2 pm. Prior to Mass, there will be time for a tour, to walk the grounds and visit the gift shop.

Transportation via deluxe motor coach and overnight accommodations at the AAA approved Springfield Suites Hotel are included in the price. Please consider joining us for this awesome travel and worship opportunity.

All travel arrangements are being made by Liberty Travel's Group Reservation Department. Go to the parish website and click on the Pilgrimage link for information and sign up page. Sign up online or call Rosemarie Douglas at Liberty Travel in Rockaway. Her phone number is 973-343-0353. All this and additional information is on our Pilgrimage web page. Please consider joining us and don't delay, as space is limited to 35 people



## **ADORATION NOTICE**

"On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

Amen"

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**

Monday 2:00 a.m.  
Monday 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 11:00 p.m.  
Thursday 5:00 a.m.  
Saturday 12:00 noon  
Saturday 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 p.m.

*Thank you and God bless you.*

*Marie Francisco 732-895-7972*



## **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2017**

**"Whoever receives you receives me and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me... And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because this little one is a disciple, amen, I say to you he will surely not lose his reward."**

One of the gifts Pope Francis extols, is the gift of hospitality. In our families, in our church, we have the ability to open the door and make others feel welcome. A familiar Irish expression reads "A Hundred Thousand Welcome."

Elisha the prophet in the Book of Kings, was offered hospitality by a wealthy woman, and she was rewarded for her gift. The person ready and willing to give ONLY a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus to a little one will not go without a reward.

In the past it was not common to see people carrying a water bottle in public. Sometimes we looked for a fountain for a drink. Maybe the gift of water and hospitality for us can be welcoming a stranger, assisting someone in need, listening to a person who has suffered a loss or suffering a sickness. Whatever gesture I offer can be the Elisha gesture and the water offering which might seem small, but does not go unrewarded.

### **Community Information**

#### **Boy with terminal illness has a birthday wish**

Jacob is a 14 year old boy who has a special wish.... Before his birthday in August – he would love to reach a goal of 100,000 birthday cards!

Please send to:

Jacob Priestly

P.O. Box 855

Queen Creek, AZ 85142

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