

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, August 20, 2017
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Sprague Shope, Vincent DiBernard

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
 Colleen Looby, Peter Stchur, Irma Vidal, Tim Paternostro,
 Bill Regal, Michelle Demeo, Diana Palumbo, Rose DeSantis,
 Edmond DeSantis Jr., Susan DeSantis, Domenick DeFeo, Fr.
 Leo Carey, Pat Leone, Vince Riccio, Beth Courter, Bill
 Hancock, Bruce Hill, Diane Grzymko, Pauline Milone, Chet
 Verdi Sr., Chet Verdi Jr., Jim Rogalo, Doug Ernst, Deborah
 Kelly, Marie Simmons, Marjorie Hancock, Jordyn G., Karlene
 Yapple, Jeanne Rattner, Carolyn Sundheim Nystrom, Mike
 Loretta, Eleanor Sylvester, Samantha Weckter,
 Patrick Devine, Veronica Marks, Katherine Chorun,
 Isabelle Exile

Weekly Memorials
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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sunday
 Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
 Monday
 Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday
 Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday
 Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday
 Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Friday
 Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday
 Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 19, 2017

8:00 a.m. Special Intention, Thomasina Grogan
 5:00 p.m. Jack Sherman, Carol Mary Trapp

Sunday, August 20, 2017

7:00 a.m. Jeannette DiRenzo
 8:45 a.m. Barbara Brown, Anne McMahon
 10:30 a.m. Joseph Dugonjic, Mary Allan
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention
 1:30 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, August 21, 2017

7:00 a.m. Isabella Ronsley

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. Jeanette DiRenzo

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

7:00 a.m. Vincenzo & Vincenza Riccio

Thursday, August 24, 2017

8:00 a.m. Vincenzo Riccio

Friday, August 25, 2017

7:00 a.m. Vincent DiBernard

Saturday, August 26, 2017

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of Isabelle Exile
 5:00 p.m. Jack Sherman

Sunday, August 27, 2017

7:00 a.m. Jeanette DiRenzo
 8:45 a.m. Barbara Brown
 10:30 a.m. Earl & David Weaver
 12:00 p.m. Vincenzo Riccio
 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 -
Sunday 8/13/17 \$6,653.00
Missionary Co-op \$1,821.27
Candles/CD’s \$48.00
Parish pay for July \$3,977.66
PP Repair/Renov \$312.93

*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

Thank you to those who stepped forward to help!



The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will look out for you tomorrow and always.
Saint Francis de Sales

...but ***we still need help*** with Jr. High (alternating Monday night, 7-9pm) ...if you are reading this and feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to call.....***then call!***

With regard to Confirmation prep....The parish always needs to raise up and train catechists for the future. As of this week we have enough catechists for the year to lead our sessions. However, if you have been hesitant to make the commitment to lead a Confirmation group but would like some 'on the job training' we invite you to consider helping at our sessions! This is a great way to discern if you have the gifts to work with teens in the Religious education setting, and it will give you a familiarity with the material that is covered (So many people think they 'do not know enough'----but you will see you know just what you need to know!) Please contact Debbie (973-347-1465) if you would like to pursue this. We welcome any and all to 'Come and See'!

Registration for Gr. K-10 will CLOSE ON AUG. 31 !

- After 8/31, no registrations will be taken until after classes begin.
- 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 and follow the link on the Home page to access the census

Confirmation II (those entering second year): Do not fall behind on monthly service. If you need to catch up, please contact us at the office for possible summer projects.

- PLEASE RETURN THE YELLOW REGISTRATION FORM THAT WAS MAILED TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We will contact ONLY those who are registered (ie. Have returned the yellow form) with information about the coming year.
- RETREAT permission slips, also mailed home recently, are DUE in the Rel. Ed. office Aug. 25 with payment!!! If we do not receive the form, you will lose your place on the retreat and have to find another retreat to attend. Don't delay!!
- *If you did not get a letter please contact the RE office right away!*

Catechist meeting: For Gr. K-6 catechists, Wed., Aug. 23, 6:45 pm in church hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone,

My name is Sarah Cho and I'm St. Michael's newly appointed youth minister. In case you haven't met me yet, do not fret-you're probably in the ninetieth percentile. As a brief background on me, I am currently 23, a biochemistry alumnus of Montclair State University, and I am deathly afraid of spiders.

Father Mike, in his ever-so-charming fashion, told me not to make this too flowery so I'll try my best not to bore you guys too much. I was going about my daily life serving for my previous parish when Father called me one day to offer me a position as youth minister. To be honest, I didn't exactly jump at the opportunity, because putting it bluntly, I didn't see it as much of an opportunity at the time. I knew that I would miss the students of the youth ministry at where I was already located-I had grown up at the specific church since birth, known all the parents and students as well as young adults, I was established with a group of friends-I was comfortable.

Is comfort the same thing as joy though?

Father Mike wanted a definitive answer fast but regardless of what I had been feeling, I couldn't find myself turning him away just yet. As time went on and I thought of it more and more thoroughly, my desires changed. I didn't have a clear answer from Jesus-actually, the more I asked Him, the more confused I got-but I decided to take a leap of faith and I said yes to the next chapter.

Was it easy saying yes? Not at all. Even after I said the words, I felt queasy-I didn't feel prepared to take on such a huge role in a parish I was unfamiliar with. I still feel unworthy of the task as a minister and question Father Mike's sanity at times when it feels like I'm too small for this job. However, I take these moments of panic to put my trust in Him and remind myself that He chose me to be here for a reason. It helps too that the people of this parish are some of the most honest, genuine, and devout Catholics I have ever met. If all of you are here, then I must be taking a step in the right direction.

I still don't know why Jesus specifically called me to this location at the time that He did. I do know that I want to go forth with full force in allowing Him to use me as His vessel though. Meeting the amazing youth here got me reacquainted with a thirst to show them the incredible, difficult, backbreaking, love-inducing, head-spinning journey that is getting to know and to love Jesus as a friend and family member.

This year will no doubt have its ups and downs, and I'm so excited to go through the roller coaster that's to come. Through formation, classes, events, and service projects amongst other things, I hope to show the students that change, although scary, helps us grow into the people that God originally created us to be. Coming over to St. Michael's is one of many reminders that I have so much

more growing to do myself, and maybe the youth at the parish will be crazy enough to take a leap of faith and travel down this road of growth alongside me.

If you are interested in joining Youth Ministry, you can find registration forms on the parish website at stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry

Tubing Trip

Youth Ministry will be holding a water tubing trip this coming Saturday on the 26th at Kittatinny Canoes for \$27 per person. We will be meeting at the back parking lot of the church at 9:00am and will be returning at 4:00pm. Registration forms are available on the parish website at stmichaelnetcong.org/youth-ministry along with other information regarding the trip.

Other upcoming events:

Youth Ministry's first Mass and meeting on September 11th, 2017 at 7:15pm

LOCK-IN: Recommended to ALL high-school students! Held at Newton Retreat House on September 15th, 2017 (Registration forms and information are available on the parish website)

RCIA

If there is anyone who is in need of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Communion or Confirmation. Our program will begin in September. Please sign up in the parish office.

Next Midnight Run to NY

Saturday, September 9th

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 are M, L, XL, XXL.

Lightly used shoes also.

Please bring items to the parish office Mon – Thurs 9-3.

Thank you!

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

From the time of the Feast of the Annunciation 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. You can still sign up.



SAVE THE DATE
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017
**BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND IN
 LANCASTER, PA
 "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS"**

\$110.00 per person - includes ticket, luncheon at Good & Plenty Restaurant (family style) and bus.
 Seats are limited - contact Andrea Trapper at andratrapp@gmail.com

ADORATION NOTICE

POWER OF ADORATION

You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus. "Our essential commitment in life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist."

Pope John Paul II

Open Adoration Hours

**URGENT: COVERAGE FOR ADORATION
 MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT HOURS NEEDED**

While the middle of the night hours might seem challenging, if you feel called to it, once you try it, you'll find how beautiful it is to have that time with the Lord. Also, there are special graces obtained by taking one of those hours. Please prayerfully consider an hour that would be right for you. Thank you.

OPEN HOURS

Monday 10 am
 Friday 1 pm
 Saturday 12 pm
 Saturday 4 am
 Saturday 9 pm
 Saturday 12pm

Thank you and God bless you.

Marie Francisco 732-895-7972

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...

**BLOOD DRIVE
 Free METS Tickets**

Monday, August 28th
 K of C Hall
 140 Ledgewood Ave., Netcong
 Call ahead for an appointment
 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566)

Community Information

Please Help St. Hubert's Animal Shelter

Zachary Finizio, a St. Mary's Prep 7th Grader and one of our altar servers is running a collection drive for St. Hubert's Animal Centers for his Junior Beta Club Service Project. This collection drive will run from July 5 to August 31. Donations can be dropped off in the blue bin in the back of the church. High priority items are blankets, towels and sheets. A list of other items are on the top of the bin. If you need any information please email Zachary at dfinizio@hotmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support.

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

Lakefront house with full basement, 2 bdrms, 1 bath, kitchen with dining area and living room. Parking for 2 cars. Patio in back with lake views
 Responsible for utilities and oil
 Asking \$1700 monthly
 call [973-347-6972](tel:973-347-6972) ask for Dolores

For Rent, 1 bedroom, 1st floor, Netcong – please call 973-347-1710.

Transportation needed

A parishioner who is legally blind need transportation to doctor appointments. Call Diane 973-527-3136.

