

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**Sunday, September 20, 2015**  
 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Please remember in your prayers those who have died:**  
 Luigi Catizone

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:**  
 Fanny Monsalve, Joan Hall, Pat Leone, Phil Grella,  
 Patricia Heady, Bob Best, Diana Palumbo, Michele Demeo,  
 Hazel and Frank Doran, Nicole Exile, Diane Grzymko, Vincent  
 Dalessandro, Martin Espinosa, Al & Eleanor Yonick, Jeannette  
 DiRenzo, Callan Schaffer, Matthew Schaffer, Patty Casey and  
 Christine Bagniewski, Simon Harvey, Rob Newton, Special  
 Intention, Jeanne Rattner, Nancy Richio, Rose DeSantis,  
 Edmond DeSantis Jr., Emma Jane Fenimore, Rosemarie  
 DiRupo, David Pope, Tracy Burghardt, Jennie Sommer,  
 Joseph Keenan Sr., Larry Faschan,

**Weekly Memorial**

Altar Bread: For Persecuted Christians

**Weekly Devotions**

Monday:..... Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm  
 (not on the last Monday of the month)  
 Wednesday:..... Rosary Group 7:30 pm  
 Friday:..... Divine Mercy 3:00 pm  
 Friday:..... Under Mary's Mantle 7:30 pm  
 Saturday: ..... Rosary (after 8 am Mass) 8:30 am

**Readings for the week**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday**

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Monday**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday**

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday**

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Alfred Ravo  
 5:00 p.m. Josephine & Emilio Rea  
 7:00 p.m. Teresa Ramirez

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Louis J. Esposito, Necelia Polianchik  
 8:45 a.m. Special Intention  
 10:30 a.m. Samuel D. Palumbo Jr. &  
 Adeline & Joseph Bencivenga  
 12:00 p.m. To End Abortion  
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Monday, September 21, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, September 22, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Frank M. & Rose E. Puco,  
 Respect For Life

**Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

7:00 a.m. For All Parishioners of St. Michael's  
 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass with Fr. Bashobora

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**

8:00 a.m. James Mundy

**Friday, September 25, 2015**

7:00 a.m. For The Unborn

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Mary Bias  
 5:00 p.m. John J. Bauer, Josephine Preziosi  
 7:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

7:00 a.m. David Weaver  
 8:45 a.m. For Priests and Deacons  
 10:30 a.m. Fr. Patrick Rice  
 12:00 p.m. Antonia Ruocco  
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention

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

**Sunday 9/13/15                      \$8,990.00**  
*Amount Needed Weekly      \$9,651.00*

*During summer months our collections are low. To run our  
 parish properly we need \$9,651. Please consider helping a  
 little bit more if you can.*

## From The Pastor's Desk

### Tithing – What Is It and Why Should We?

In Deuteronomy Chapter 14, it states in verse 22, “Each year you shall tithe all the produce of your seed that grows in the field” and in verse 25, “you may exchange the tithe for money.” In the Old Testament, a tithe was ten percent of your income - whether that was livestock, vegetables or money. It was the sacrificial offering to God for the blessings He has bestowed on His people. This sacrifice was representative of the trust and faith they had in the fact that God would provide for them.

Luke 6:38 states, “Give and gifts will be given to you.” In giving to God, we certainly receive much in return. It may not be in the monetary sense but He always gives to us, especially when we show Him that we appreciate what He has done for us. Think about it. All God is asking for is 10% of what we have been blessed with. He gave the ultimate sacrifice – His only Son, Jesus who gave the greatest gift of all – His life!

If you are not familiar with tithing, here is an easy way to determine what your tithe should be:

- Take your pre-tax income
- Round it to the nearest thousand
- Take off the last 3 zeros. Ex: 40,000 taking the 3

zeros would make it 40.

- Multiply that by 2 and you have your 10% tithe = \$80

Please seriously pray about tithing! If your family truly cannot tithe, then consider donating \$5 more per week than you currently donate. Even that extra amount, can make a difference in the parish.

I thank you in advance for all you give to St. Michael parish and for your continuous support!

God bless,

Father Adam

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

**Universal:** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Evangelization:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

### Healing Masses

**September 23 at 7pm with Fr. Bashobora  
and our regular Healing Mass with Fr. Francis Kelly  
on September 29 at 7pm, both with Rosary/Chaplet at  
6:30pm**

### St. Michael's Prayer Group

Beginning on Sept. 14th, St. Michael Prayer group has scheduled Monday evenings for Fr. Gaitley's "The One Thing is Three." retreat and will resume their regular prayer meetings on November 9th at 7PM.

### **2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal Serving Christ Among Us**

As you consider your pledge to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, it is important to know that the Partners in Faith campaign conducted in 2013 and the Bishop's Annual Appeal are different drives serving different needs. The Partners in Faith campaign raised funds for ministries outside the Diocese's general operating funds and included some endowments with an eye toward future needs. The Bishop's Annual Appeal, on the other hand, helps fund immediate, day-to-day operations of four important ministries and programs: Catholic Charities, seminarian education, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our inner-city schools.

A parish would not suspend its Sunday collection after conducting a major parish capital campaign because it is needed to fund the day-to-day operations of the parish. Similarly, the Diocese cannot suspend the Bishop's Annual Appeal since it helps fund the annual operations of important ministries and programs.

With this in mind, please be as generous as possible to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have received the Bishop's letter, please prayerfully respond today.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### NEWS

#### Religious Education Sessions begin:

- † Grades K-6: Sunday 9/20, 10-11:15 am and Monday 9/21, 4-5:15 pm, school
- † Grade 8: Monday 9/21, 7-9 pm, church
- † Confirmation I (freshmen): Sunday 9/20, 1- 3 pm church basement. Parent meeting 2:30 pm in the church

#### Registration Information for 2015-16

If you still need to register your child for Religious Education, please contact the office. We will have another late registration day on Sept. 22. Children not currently registered will be able to attend class NEXT week, beginning 9/27.

Thank you! Phone: 973-347-1465



## Catechetical Sunday

"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person."

This weekend during the Masses, the catechists of St. Michael Parish will be commissioned and blessed in the name of the Church to teach others what it means to follow Christ. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith

This year's theme reminds us that the dignity of each human person rests in the biblical teaching (Gen 1:26-27) that he or she is made in God's image and likeness. It also reminds us that we the baptized may need to actively support and protect others from all sorts of harm, cherishing human life from the moment of conception to a natural death. ~ USCCB.org

There is a basket with prayer cards in the vestibule; **we invite you to take a card and to pray for that Catechist by name each week during the year.**

Every year the Diocese recognizes catechists who have reached significant milestones in their work of sharing God's Word with the young people of our Church. **Congratulations** to the following catechists:

(As of the spring of 2015)

Completed 5 years of service: Trish Santi, Soraya Hernandez

Completed 10 years of service: Karen Cubberly

Completed 20 years of service: Olivia Nametko

The following have achieved Basic Certification:

Dolores Bollinger, Karen Cubberly, Kate Mosher, Trish Santi, Soraya Hernandez

The following have validated their previously acquired certification: Olivia Nametko, Joanne Dates, Denise Magrini, Carmel Mulroy, Kelly Swiencki, John Monsalve, April Dickerson, Deborah Rogalo

**Need for an aide in Gr. 4 on Sunday** for a special needs child...please call Debbie at the Religious Ed office if you can help: 973-347-1465

Teens are welcome to apply for the position!

## Women's Retreat

Loyola Retreat House

Morristown, NJ

October 2, 3, 4, 2015

Contact Maureen 973-347-1826

## Men's Retreat

Loyola Retreat House

Morristown, NJ

October 16, 17, 18, 2015

Contact John Reinbott 973-347-9274

## Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide ...

We will be starting a new group in the fall, Thursday evenings starting Oct. 22. Please contact Debbie Rogalo (973-347-1465) or Deacon Rich (973-691-1321) for more information and to sign up. You can also sign up by calling Annemarie in the rectory office: (973)347-0032. The video based discussion program is published by Ascension Press. Here are a few testimonials from members of the session completed earlier this year...

"When I saw the bulletin advising a course for divorced Catholics I immediately knew this was for me. Called first thing Monday to join the course & I know God was guiding me to this special group of people who opened their hearts & helped me answer questions about my faith. Completing this course has helped me to have a better understanding of myself as a divorced Catholic & to have faith in the Lord & my future. I now have a new family of friends that I know will be there for me if I need any spiritual guidance. Would strongly recommend this class to anyone who has gone thru the struggles of divorce."

"I have completed The Catholic's Divorce Survival course. I can say without a doubt because of this course I am able to move forward with my life as a Divorced Catholic. Deb Rogalo, Deacon Rich and the five members helped me to work through (and therefore better understand) some issues caused by my own misunderstandings. Misunderstandings about where I stood as a Divorced Catholic, Annulments, and what GOD and the Catholic Church thought of me now that I am divorced. By the end of our confidential group sessions I walked away not only with a better understanding of my life but a better person. – Forever grateful for the experience and friendships I made..."

## Youth Ministry News

**Fr. Leonardo 973-224-6693 or 973-347-0032**

## Beating for believing in Jesus

When Batima was invited by her family for a visit, she could never have guessed what awaited her. Intent on forcing her to renounce her newfound faith, her own brothers and sister brutally beat her until she sustained a concussion and lost consciousness. They then tied her up and took her phone and personal documents. She somehow found the strength to escape, and is now in hiding, where she has received basic treatment for her wounds.

Pray that she would find strength in her Savior both physically and spiritually – especially as she is persecuted for His sake. Finally, pray for her brothers and sister, that they might repent of their sins against God and Batima and come to know Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Many other Christians like Batima are forced to enter into hiding for their faith, usually without any protection.

**Mission Trip 2016 meeting** – For all those interested in going on the 2016 Mission Trip, there will be a meeting on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the church basement. Please bring \$100 check for a deposit to hold your spot. All information (dates, place and materials) will all be given out at that meeting.

**Youth Ministry is having a Self Defense/Karate Class** on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The class is at the Isshinryu Traditional Karate Do dojo at 106 Route 183 in Stanhope. If interested in attending, please let Father Leonardo know so we know who will be attending. Please wear comfortable clothing.

**Come sing with Father Leonardo!** Youth Ministry will be having a Karaoke night on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Start thinking about what song you want to sing. There could be some guest appearances! More details to follow.

## **Youth Holy Hour Reflection.....**

**with Seminarian Luke**

**by Mark Bias**

I cannot remember my grandfather's face. It has been seven years since his passing. But I had gotten to spend nearly fourteen great years with him. I remember sitting in his old red truck with a cooler of sandwiches and some cold sodas. We would drive up to Cedar Lake and catch bass until the sun rested behind the mountains. Sometimes at night, I will still dream about those summer evenings and find my grandfather standing at the water's edge, waiting for me to cast my line. Now when I go to any lake, I think of my grandfather. During holy hour, I asked God if I could just see my grandfather from time to time; if I could just remember his face. I believe now that God is showing me the importance of the soul and the mortality of the body. I believe the gift is not in the memories, but in the time that the memories begin to recede- when we begin to forget the faces of the ones we love and are left only with the joy in which they had brought us. In that time, we are reminded of the loving impact we can have on one another but also are reminded of the everlasting belief that those who have passed are still with us.

## **St. Michael School**

### **Murder Mystery Dinner**

St. Michael School is hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. The *Crime Scene....Zeris Inn* 372 US Route 46 East, Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046, *Murder is on the menu & everyone is a suspect...* Appetizer, Entrée, Dessert, Soda Included; \$50.00 per person, Cash Bar. *To Purchase Tickets*, Contact St. Michael School office at 973-347-0039 x10. Limited Seats Available, Get Your Tickets Today! Must be 18 years old or older to attend.



## **Respect Life Committee**

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.

***All life is sacred from conception to natural death.*** Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of our Respect Life Committee. Any questions please call Andrina at 973-347-9418. (Crisis Pregnancy Hotline – 800-848-5683)

## **Spiritual Adoption**

Please spiritually adopt, name and pray for an unborn child somewhere at the risk of being aborted. You can sign the book by the statue of the Blessed Mother and take a prayer or use your own prayer for the next nine months.

*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.*

*Join us for the 40 Days of Life Prayer Vigil near Planned Parenthood on Speedwell Ave. in Morristown beginning on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

## **Knights of Columbus Events and News**

### **Support for the Sanctity of Life**

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners to show support for the sanctity of life by providing much needed newborn and infant supplies. We are holding a "Diaper Drop" at all the Masses during September. Donations of diapers, infant wipes and baby formula are welcome. Please bring your offering to Mass and place it beneath the statue of St. Anthony. The Knights will collect and deliver your donations to local pro-life shelters. This is a wonderful way you can help remove this obstacle to the choice for life by providing much needed economic assistance in the form of newborn and infant supplies. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Comedy Night with John Pizzi**

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Doors open at 6:30pm

Opening Act at 7:30pm

Pre-sale \$25 per person

At door \$30 per person

Cash Bar

Price includes show, tap beer, wine & soda

Bring your own snacks

Must be 18 years old

Call Mike Rosa 201-841-3989

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