

The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died:
 Martin Ferrara

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

Weekly Memorials

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Weaver

Chapel Candle: Jim McCabe

Altar Bread & Wine: Grace Costanzo

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Deceased members – Michael Stabile Family

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Trapasso

Sunday, March 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. Thomasina Grogan, Teddy Barbato

8:45 a.m. Evelyn Paulfen

10:30 a.m. Patricia Buckley

12:00 p.m. Thomas Schneider

1:30 p.m. Special Intentions, Jose Jesus Jaramillo

Monday, March 13, 2017

7:00 a.m. John J. Bauer

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Caroline Bozza

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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

12:15 p.m. Lenten Mass Intentions

Thursday, March 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Angela Noh

Friday, March 17, 2017 St. Patrick's Day

7:00 a.m. Martin & Bridget Grogan Family

Saturday, March 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Dale Lee

5:00 p.m. Grace Costanzo, Jim McCabe

Sunday, March 19, 2017

7:00 a.m. Caroline Bozza

8:45 a.m. For All Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael's

10:30 a.m. Romano Family, Paul & Anna

12:00 p.m. William & Alice Keenan

1:30 p.m. Teresa Ramirez, Matias Salazar

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

Mass attendance last weekend 653

Sunday 3/5/17 \$6,889.00

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

Please consider helping a little bit more if you can.

Mass on Wednesdays at 12:15pm during lent
Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm in English
Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7pm in
Spanish

Healing Mass

Tuesday, March 28th at 7pm,

Rosary/Chaplet at 6:30pm

From Fr. Michael

There Is No Indispensable Man

Sometime when you're feeling important,
Sometime when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted
You're the best qualified in the room.
Sometime when you feel your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in - up to your wrist;
Take it out - the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You can splash all you please as you enter,
You can stir up the water galore,
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.
There's a moral in this quaint example,
Just do the best that you can;
Be proud of yourself but remember,
There is no indispensable man.

- Author Unknown

A message for the youth and those young at heart from the superior of the Salesians for Lent.

Allow Yourself to Be Captivated by Jesus

As I think of you and of a message that could be a reference point for you, I say this to you: **My dear young people, allow yourselves to be captivated by Jesus.** I invite you to let your hearts be "stolen" by the Lord. My dear young people, do not be afraid of letting the Lord become a very important part of your lives. Do not be afraid of letting him penetrate your hearts so deeply that you cannot live without him.

Do not expect many in society, in the city or place where you live, to extend this invitation to you. It is not fashionable. But God's love for each of you, my dear young people, is not a passing fad; it is a reality that reaches all places and persons if they allow his voice to resonate in their hearts.

And here is what I specifically propose to you:

- I propose that you stop as long as you can to listen to yourselves, to enter your own interior world and listen to your inner voice.
- I propose that, once you enter yourselves, you seek the presence of God who is Love, Life, and Newness itself. I invite you to have an experience of discovering and recognizing him.

- I propose that you let yourselves be helped in seeking God so that you learn to look at life as a blessing from God, marvelling at his presence and the imprints he has left in you, and recognizing him as someone who truly seeks you, is with you, and lives in you.
- I propose that you have life experiences that bring you to a personal encounter with Jesus, an encounter that will always fascinate you and give strength to your lives.
- I propose that you continue to let a true friendship with Jesus mature in you, a friendship that you will strengthen in personal and community prayer and in the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- I propose that you ask God the Father to grant you the gift of his Spirit so that he will make you choose to be decisively one of his own, one of those who follow Jesus.
- I propose that you grow in a greater appreciation of family, friendship, brotherhood and solidarity with those who suffer.
- I propose something else that is precious, viz., that you dare to take up the challenge of accepting life as a gift and a service, and this will certainly make you better and give full meaning to your lives.

And I would want all these things to reach the point where they mature into your own plan for your life, turning God's dream into reality for each of you because you know that, come what may, that dream will always be a guarantee of your happiness.

My dear young people, may the Lord Jesus accompany you, captivating your hearts and your lives.

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

Pray for Chelsea Card 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.



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.

Lenten Retreat with Ray Boswell

We are having a Lenten Retreat with Ray Boswell who is a retreat facilitator, potter, teacher, and artist living and working in Sugar Loaf, NY. For 30 years, he has shared his unique merging of creativity and spirituality with thousands of adults and children throughout the tristate area. Don't Miss It! **Friday, March 24th following the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. All are welcome!**
<http://potteryretreat.com/about-retreats/>



Countdown to our Grand Opening of Msgr. Trapasso Hall is this Saturday!

Please join us on Saturday, March 11th after the 5pm Mass in the church hall for the ribbon cutting and coffee/refreshments. On behalf of the St. Michael's Community we want to extend a special thanks to our building committee, Joe Zaccarino, Dan Kearney, John Cubberly, Joe Vaia, Larry DiRenzo, John Meyer, Mario Dugonjic, Jeff Luisi and John Rogalo for organizing and coordinating this big endeavor. Their dedication and commitment to building up St. Michael's (the Kingdom of God) gives true witness to what intentional discipleship should be. May St. Michael protect us and guide us in all that we do.

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

Durante el tiempo de cuaresma celebraremos el Via crucis todos los jueves a partir del 2 de Marzo a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia.

El Grupo de estudio Bíblico *Effetá* se reunirá en su horario regular Viernes a las 7:00 PM (Marzo 17, 24, y 31) en el sotano de la rectoria.

Se extiende una invitación a toda la comunidad el Viernes 31 de Marzo compartir con toda la parroquia una deliciosa sopa. Te esperamos!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Calendar Reminders-

Family Faith session for gr. K-2 today...On Sunday report to the gym, not the school.
 On Monday, report to the school
 All other grades report to regular classes at the school.

Confirmation II:

Next set of service forms due 4/10. However, outstanding forms prior to Jan. 2017 should be handed in by March 10 please!

Confirmation I:

- † **Service forms due March 10** for all service work done since December
- † Please keep in mind the small group attendance policy: no more than 2 sessions per year can be missed.

First Communion:

If you missed either of the First Communion parent meetings, please contact Mrs. Rogalo at the Religious Ed office for important information about First Communion Day...there are details of which you must be aware!

JESUS DAY: Sat., March 18 at 9-11:30 am in the church hall; for all children (and at least one parent/guardian) celebrating First Communion this year

Upcoming Family Faith Sessions

Spring Family Faith sessions will be by grade level!

Gr. K-2 March 12

Gr. 3-4 March 26

Gr. 5-6 March 19 (**NOTE: THIS IS a change from the calendar**)

Each child is asked to invite a parent(s) to attend; siblings who are in different grade levels will stay in their own classes that day.



Grade 8 Retreat:

As per the letter sent home: _
 Retreat April 7, **6:30-11 pm** here at St. Michael. Permission slips were sent home and are available on the website (stmichaelnetcong.org;

go to Faith Formation then to Religious Ed). You may bring a guest but we ask that all forms be returned in advance so we have enough food and other supplies. Charge for the event: 2 donations for the food pantry. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office for details.

NOTE: This is a scheduled 'class' and the only class we will have in April. In addition, attendance at the retreat will count as make up for those who have more than the 3 allowable absences.

Lenten Book Club

Please join us for a reading/discussion of *Rediscover Jesus* By Matthew Kelly. We will meet the following Fridays after Stations of the Cross (about 7:30-7:40) in the rectory basement: March 10, 17, 31 and April 7. Our host will be Deacon Stu. IF YOU ARE interested, we ask that you call the Religious Ed office to reserve your copy of the book (about \$3): 973-347-1465

Wouldn't you like to serve at the altar?

All boys or girls entering the fourth grade or higher who would like to serve at the altar are invited to come forward and do so. If you are interested in this special ministry of service please call Deacon Joe within the next week so he can arrange to train you in time for the April schedule. His telephone number is 973-229-6959. Or email at: Deacon.Joe@stmichaelnetcong.org



St. Michael's Church will be going on its first Run Saturday, March 25. After sorting out clothes and preparing sandwiches in Msgr. Trapasso Hall, a caravan of five cars will depart for NYC in the evening. This is a program that goes on seven days a week throughout the year. We will be given an assigned route (with 4 or 5 stops) the week of the Run.

In order to distribute supplies, we are in need of used clothing (hats, jackets, shirts, pants, sweaters, blankets...); new socks and underwear; and travel size toiletry items (soap, toothpaste ...).

If you have any in the house and would like to donate, please bring in all items to the Parish Office. Thank You.

40 Days for Life

Is prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach.

Join Morris County Right to Life at:
Planned Parenthood

196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ
8am to 8pm, 7 days a week

Begins Wednesday, March 1 and ends Sunday, April 9

An estimated average of 3 chemical abortions per day begin at this facility killing about 1,000 fully formed, pain capable, heart beating, brainwave active unborn babies each year.

Please visit www.morriscountyrighttolife.org or info@morriscountyrighttolife.org for more information.

All You Can Eat...

And For a Worthy Cause

The next Knights of Columbus breakfast will be on **Sunday, March 19, in the Knights' hall**. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the youth mission trip this coming summer. The breakfast choices are varied and cooked to your exacting specifications...and you can even come back for seconds. Breakfast is available from 7:00 AM to noon. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mission Trip M & M Sweet Success Fundraiser

Please Support St. Michaels young people as they prepare to serve those in need once again this summer. The week long Mission Trip is successful because of your support. The M&M fundraiser is important as it provides significant financial support thanks to your generosity. We hope you enjoyed the candy. Please return the tubes with quarters this weekend.

Thank you.
Deacon Stu

Forty Cans for Lent

Join the Knights of Columbus in making this project part of your Lenten preparation this year. Please consider donating over the next five weeks 40 items of canned goods or nonperishable food, representing one for each day of Lent. You may drop off your items in the rear of the Church by the St. Anthony statue. All donations will be given to the parish food pantry to assist the needy.

"Thirteen Tuesdays

Novena to St. Anthony"

Starting on March 21, ending on St. Anthony's Feast, June 13, 3:30 – 4:00pm in church.

ADORATION NOTICE

Lenten Prayer

*"God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.*

*By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit..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	1 PM
MONDAY	2 AM
MONDAY	10 AM
THURSDAY	9 AM
FRIDAY	1 PM
FRIDAY	5 AM
SATURDAY	12 PM
SATURDAY	3 PM
SATURDAY	9 PM

Thank you and God bless you.

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