

**The Church of Saint Michael
Sunday, May 28, 2017
Seventh Sunday of Easter**



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

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, Doug Ernst, Deborah Kelly, Marie Simmons, Marjorie Hancock, Margie Kern, Jordyn G., Karlene Yapple, Jeanne Rattner

Weekly Memorials
Altar Bread: Martin C. Koert Sr.

Healing Mass
Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm,
Rosary at 6:30pm

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter or
Ascension of the Lord**
Sunday
Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a
Monday
Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday
Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday
Acts 22:30, 23: 6-11; Jn 17:20-26
irst Friday
Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
First Saturday
Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. James Taormina
5:00 p.m. Elwin & Mary Burd, John J. Bauer,
Emilio, Josephine, Sam, Vincent Rea

Sunday, May 28, 2017

7:00 a.m Thomas Chromey & Janet Loudis
8:45 a.m. For World Peace
10:30 a.m. Nancy Riccio
12:00 p.m. Anna Dolack
1:30 p.m. Johnathan Morales

Monday, May 29, 2017 Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. Lucita Sullivan

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

8:00 a.m Andrew Baranik
7:00 p.m. Healing Mass

Wednesday, June 31, 2017

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

Thursday, June 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. David Conklin

Friday, June 2, 2017

7:00 a.m. Martin C. Koert Sr.

Saturday, June 3, 2017

8:00 a.m. Lillian Bruno
5:00 p.m. Thomas J. Dolan

Sunday, June 4, 2017

7:00 a.m Protection of Babies in the Womb & Families
8:45 a.m. Eileen George
10:30 a.m. Gus Rampone Sr., Alfred & Carmella Esposito,
Robert J. Poth
12:00 p.m. Anna Marie Dolack
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 - not available

Sunday 5/21/17 \$7,187.30

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***

From Fr. Michael

Ascension

He had been telling the apostles about his crucifixion and death. The possibility of losing him terrified them. But he rose again.

This too was a shock, a big one. It was “unbelievable” for many of them, in the full sense of the word. We see this when they simply refused to accept it! But in time they got over the resurrection shock. All of them, even Philip, could throw away the sorrows of crucifixion and death and have some real joy for a change.

And then he told them he was going away again, this time forever. Actually, he did not exactly tell them, he let them overhear his great prayer to the Father. (7 Easter Gospel) A really huge jolt. If it were me I would feel whiplash. First, insurmountable sorrow and loss, followed by out-of-your-mind astonishment and joy, followed by goodbye forever.

How does Jesus console them?

Let us drink a lot of (spiritual) coffee so that we will not sleep through it.

His great prayer in the Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is one very helpful way.* There he is praying not for the world but for the ones his Father gave him. His words are not ones of separation but just the opposite: now the disciples are always to be with him, and with the Father as well, even to the end of time.

You and I, just like the disciples, need a lot of time to try to understand this.

But here is what Jesus is saying:

The Father and I are one. When you see me you see the Father. And I will be one with you in the same way the Father is with me.

We all will be present to each other in the oneness of love.

Then a funny thing happens. Instead of Philip breaking in with a clownish “couldn’t you just show us the Father and forget all this talk about unity and oneness,” Philip begins to listen as Jesus prays in a remarkable way. In essence, They have accepted your words, Abba, and they truly understand the fact that I came from you. They believe that you sent me.

What is it that they have accepted and believed? The power of God’s love even amidst departures and loss. And something else—they could not identify it yet—something about Jesus that was so wide open to God that the two were completely at one. “Whoever sees me sees the Father,” he said. That is a very deep description of such love.

How does this make sense to us? I don’t know. We need to have the Holy Spirit of God come to us tenderly and lift us into flight so we can see Christ’s landscape spread out.

From that vantage point, maybe Jesus would say something like the following to us:

I have shown you who God is and who I am. Now I go like all human beings back to the Father—your Father and my Father. But this Holy Spirit of God I have been describing? It is no fantasy. I am going to send it into you, and as often as you accept it you are one with us.

Next week, on Pentecost we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are waiting. Let us drink a lot of (spiritual) coffee so that we will not sleep through it.

Maybe there is no “letdown” at all. Maybe we are lifted up instead.

John Foley, SJ

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

Calendar updates:

There is NO candidate meeting on June 4 and no parent meeting on June 11. We will contact everyone via US mail with registration and retreat information for second year later in the spring.

Grade 8 parent meeting/registration for Confirmation

prep: If you missed the meeting and still want to register your teen, please call the Religious Education office for information.

(973-347-1465)

Registration Information for 2017-18



- Forms have been 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)
- **ALL FAMILIES MUST FILL OUT A NEW CENSUS FORM THIS YEAR. IF YOU DO NOT FILL OUT A CENSUS FORM, YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Please go to www.stmichaelnetcong.org and follow the link on the Home page to access the census (unless you already completed a paper copy and mailed it in SINCE JAN. 2017)

CATECHISTS NEEDED

In order for the parish to provide Religious Ed sessions on Monday afternoon, we need a number of catechists! Please call the office if you are interested in becoming a catechist for gr. 1-6 on Mondays, 4-5:15pm.

We also have openings for other grade levels, especially *middle school and high school*. Please contact Debbie (973-347-1465) if you would like more information!



**Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed
May 23, 2017**

Brendan Abiskaroon	James
Molly Clawson	Genevieve
Amanda Cubberly	Catherine
Nicolle Fekete	Anne
David Magrini	Maximillian
Nancy Togna	Catherine
Robert Winegar	Patrick
Richard Berger	Nicholas
Liv Charette	Grace
Eva Gergatsoulis	Maria
Zachary Glut	Anthony
Jerome Hernandez	Jerome
Arkael Kernizan	Paul
Dylan Kuncken	Bartholomew
Shannon McGearly	Francis
Owen Mosher	Owen
Eoin Murphy	Patrick
Hailey Restuccia	Sarah
Elizabeth Tarsitano	Juliana



VBS Registration is OPEN!!!! Forms can be found online and in the back of the church. Any questions, feel free to call 973-347-1465 or email karen.cubberly@stmichaelnetcong.org.

VBS Giving Gear is here! Please take a tag, purchase the item and bring it back and leave it by the St. Anthony statue by June 4th. THANK YOU for your generosity! Any questions, feel free to call 973-347-1465 or email

karen.cubberly@stmichaelnetcong.org.

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!

Spanish Ministry

La comunidad de St. Michael le da la mas cordial bienvenida a todos ustedes por acompañarnos cada semana. Si usted es nuevo o no se ha registrado a nuestra comunidad le invitamos a llenar el formulario de registraci3n que se encuentra en nuestro website <http://stmichaelnetcong.org>, o comuníquese con el Padre Jeider Barraza al [973-347-0032](tel:973-347-0032) Ext. 205, o con el Seminarista Carlos Penagos a la Ext. 208.

El grupo de estudio Bíblico *Effetá* te invita a orar y conocer tu fe y sus fundamentos Bíblicos. Nos reunimos todos los Jueves a las 7:00 PM en el basement de la rectoría hasta el día 8 de Junio donde iniciaremos nuestro descanso de verano. Te esperamos!

RICA

No pierdas la oportunidad de inscribirte al programa de Rito de Iniciaci3n Cristiana para Adultos. Este programa esta diseñado para aquellas personas que no hallan recibido ninguno a algunos de los siguientes sacramentos (bautismo, comuni3n y confirmaci3n).

Interesados por favor acercarse a la oficina parroquial para inscribirse o comunicarse con el Seminarista Carlos Penagos a la Ext. 208.

Daremos inicio en Septiembre.

Sacramentos:

Las inscripciones para el programa de educaci3n religiosa para ni1os est1n abiertas, por favor llenar el formulario de la aplicaci3n lo antes posible.

En la parte de atr1s de la iglesia encontrar1n folletos de informaci3n y requisitos para bautizos, matrimonios y RICA (Rito de Iniciaci3n Cristiana para Adultos).



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

"He always forgives us, He is our advocate, He always defends us. We must never forget this. The Ascension of Jesus into heaven then reveals to us this reality that is so comforting for our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was brought to God; He has opened the passage up for us. If we entrust our lives to Him, if we let ourselves be guided by Him we are sure to be in safe hands. In the hands of our Savior, our advocate." Pope Francis

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.
Thursday	5:00 a.m.
Friday	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

St. Michael Knights of Columbus

June is Men's Health Awareness Month!

Netcong Knights Hall

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

By appointment only - \$149

Please call 888-814-0416 to register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount or visit

www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners

Take me out to the Ballgame

The KofC is planning to organize a family outing to a Sussex Miners baseball game at Skylands Stadium on some Saturday or Sunday this summer if there is enough interest in the parish. If you would be interested call John Hompesch at 973-432-6647. The cost will be about \$12. A lot cheaper and more convenient than Yankee or Mets games!

"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.

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

Congratulations to Fr. Nicholas Bozza

Fr. Nicholas Bozza has served as a priest for 40 years! You are invited to join Fr. Nick in thanking God for these 40 years. The Mass will take place at St. Lawrence Church, 375 Main Street, Chester, NJ on June 4th at 11am.

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