

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

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St. Michael
Netcong, New Jersey

The Church of Saint Michael
March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Nicholas Rafferty, Beth Courter, Loreto Koch, Tim Paternostro, Dick Bland, Jeanne Rattner, Karlene Yaple

Weekly Memorial
Altar Bread & Wine:
All Deceased Parishioners

Readings for the week

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Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Welcome Home Confessions
During Lent
Mondays 7-8:30pm

Stations of the Cross on Fridays
7pm in English
8pm in Spanish

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 20, 2021

10am Intentions of Margaret Pinkerton

5pm Rea Family & Louis Castaldi, Special Intention

Sunday, March 21, 2021

7am Richie DiRenzo

9:30am Craig Chambers, Robert Torgersen

11:30am Biaggio Vaia, Protection of Babies in the womb & their families

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, March 22, 2021

10am William Poisseroux

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

10am Joseph Anthony Cinotti

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

10am John Bauer

Thursday, March 25, 2021

10am Ralph Palatucci

Friday, March 26, 2021

10am Bob Gebhardt

Saturday, March 27, 2021

10am Jean Ghilan

5pm Elwin & Mary Burd, John & Gloria Bauer, Jeanette DeFelice

Sunday, March 28, 2021

7am Special Intention

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Joseph Fenton & Jimmy Johnson

11:30am Doris Hartman, Marcos Gimenez Cotto

1:30pm Special Intention

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
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From Fr. Mike

Someone asked me this past week “Why is the Easter Vigil so long?” To which I asked if they had actually gone to the Easter Vigil Mass and I encouraged them to attend if they haven’t been to one. The simple answer to that question is that there is lot in the Mass that we normally don’t have on Sunday Masses. First it is the Mass where the culmination of those preparing to have the Sacraments of Initiation takes place so that they can be in full communion with the Church. If there are Catechumens they will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion. The Easter Vigil is the proper place for it to take place so the Mass gets extended. For them it is the culmination of many years of prayer and discussion and it should be celebrated with all the proper trimmings. We can make a comparison to a wedding reception, examine the cake cutting and first dance; it is something important to the newlyweds so we should celebrate it with all the “bells and whistles.” While there is no cake cutting, the Church wants to highlight the important aspects of Salvation History.

Typically, during a Sunday Mass, the Liturgy of the Word comprises of an Old Testament reading, Responsorial Psalm, New Testament reading and the Gospel. As we get closer to Easter, some of you may have realized that those readings tend to lengthen a bit. In the Easter Vigil there is the option of doing up to nine readings and having a Psalm Response after each of them. The readings highlight the important aspects of Salvation History and how in one evening we can learn about God’s action in the world and the formation of the Church. Although nine readings are an option, the minimal requirement is two readings from the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament) of which the reading from the Book of Exodus is mandatory since the passage over the Red Sea is a prefiguring of Christ releasing us from our sins; the Epistle from Saint Paul, which accentuates of salvation due to grace; and the Gospel. Coincidentally, all of the Gospels for the Vigil leave us with a cliff hanger – the empty tomb. We never get the Hollywood ending where it will be proclaimed that we see Jesus resurrected.

Some of the other aspects that we don’t see anytime of the year is that we start Mass in complete darkness and bless the Paschal Candle. The chanting of the Easter Exultet, which is essentially a chant praising the Easter Candle and how this one light, Christ coming into the world to dispel the darkness, takes place. From the one light it gets passed on to every person in the congregation preparing our hearts to sing alleluia in praise.

It is a beautiful liturgy and something worth experiencing. If you never have been to the Easter Vigil, this is an encouragement to attend this year as it is the highlight of our Liturgical Year. Please pray for our two young women in RCIA, Alexandra and Kelly, while not receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, are in formation to receive the Sacrament on Pentecost Sunday.

Faith Formation News

Confirmation I and II: service forms for 3 items of service done during Jan, Feb and March are to be handed in ON MARCH 31! Please get these in ON time or contact us if there is a problem. If we do not receive the forms, we assume you did not do the service!

Calendar reminders:

- Next Confirmation I session: 3/21
- Next Confirmation II session: 4/11
- Next in person session for Gr. 7-8 : 3/22
- Next in person session for Gr. 2 and Older Sacramental Prep group: 3/21, 10:30am-12pm

A Family of Faith Parent session to cover April material; choose one:

- March 27 at 10 am or March 29 at 6:30 pm, church hall

~ Thank you for your flexibility when calendar dates and sessions must be changed and modified!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YM meetings Mondays at 7-8:30 p.m.
If you have questions, please email Nicole at youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org

Tax Donation Information

St. Michael Church will not be sending out 2020 tax statements this year.

We are trying to save on costs of paper, envelopes and stamps.

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**Stations of the Cross
on Fridays during Lent at 7pm in English**

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on Fridays during Lent at 8pm in Spanish**

**Welcome Home Confessions
Mondays during Lent from 7-8:30pm**

Knights of Columbus 40 Cans for Lent

Please help the Knights of Columbus in our Forty Cans for Lent project. The Knights are collecting nonperishable food items for the parish food pantry. It is a great corporal work of mercy to perform during Lent. The idea is to donate one item for each of the forty days of Lent as part of your Lenten sacrifice. **Personal care items are especially needed.** Donations can be placed by the St. Anthony statue in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus
Monthly In-Person Meetings resume
second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm
Msgr Trapasso Hall
Located on the church's lower level
Video Conferencing options available.



QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 31:31-34

El Señor consoló a su gente, quienes habían sido exilados de Babilonia, y les dijo sobre el nuevo pacto que haría con ellos. El Señor declaró que escribiría su ley en sus corazones y que perdonaría el mal y los pecados que habían cometido en el pasado.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 5:7-9

A pesar de que Dios pudo haber escuchado las oraciones de su Hijo y librarlo del sufrimiento, Jesús aceptó la voluntad de su Padre. A través del sufrimiento aprendió obediencia y se convirtió en la fuente de salvación eterna para toda la gente.

Evangelio: San Juan 12:20-33

Jesús temía el sufrimiento que iba a afrontar. Sin embargo explicó que así como un grano de trigo debe morir al ser cosechado, El tenía que afrontar su hora de sufrimiento para gloria del nombre de su Padre. Jesús explicó que una vez que fuera elevado de la tierra, podría atraer a toda la gente hacia El, elevándolos a la vida eterna.



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Domingo

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Viernes

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Sábado

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

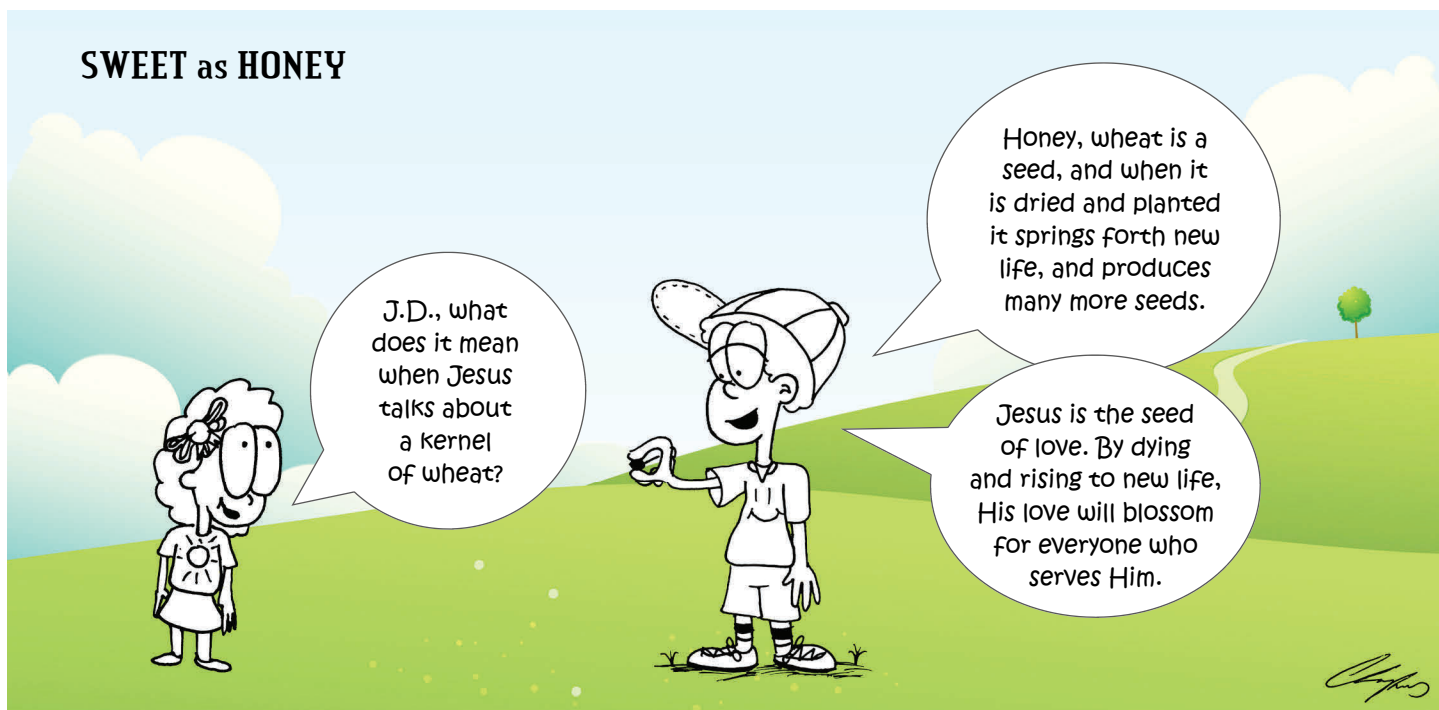
This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

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