

# EASTER SUNDAY

## OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



**St. Michael  
Netcong, New Jersey**

**The Church of Saint Michael**  
**April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunday**



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: May Lee, Special Intention, Lucy Pintos, Karlene Yapple, Joseph Conklin, Marysia Hancock, Bev Couter, Kathy Conklin, Charlie Raffay, Beth Couter, Special Intention, Carmen Pina, Paula DiElsi, Avila De La Rama

**Weekly Memorial**

Sanctuary Lamp:

For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Readings for the week**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**Sunday**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;  
 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

**Monday**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday**

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday**

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday**

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday**

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, April 8, 2023 Holy Saturday**

8am Moring Prayer

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass - Bilingual

For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday**

7am For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

9:30am For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:30am For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

1:30pm For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

10am Ronald E. Costanzo, Vincent Tardive

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

10am Matthew Soccio,

Intentions of Margaret Armeno

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

10am Dowd Family

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

10am For All Deceased Parishioners

**Friday, April 14, 2023**

10am Bill Day, John DeRosa

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

10am Sherry Lopez

5pm Louis Castaldi, Alfred & Carmella Esposito

**Sunday, April 16, 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday**

7am Richie DiRenzo, Anthony Ceddia

9:30am Rose DeSantis

11:30am Chet Verdi, Anthony & Natalie Ceddia

1:30pm Special Intention

3pm Divine Mercy Service - Bilingual

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

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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*A Blessed and  
Happy Easter to  
everyone who has joined  
us this day!*

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!

Thank you for gathering with us on Easter Sunday!

It is a joy to have you in our midst and in our church. We welcome all those who attend church regularly and those who only come every once in a while! **Know that all of you are most welcome!**

Today we celebrate the heart and soul of our Catholic Faith – the belief in the Resurrection of Jesus and our own personal resurrection. We rejoice over and over again as we sing: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!” Jesus conquered suffering and death just as He promised as He was raised from the dead by the glory of His heavenly Father.

Yes, the Resurrection of Jesus is something to celebrate indeed! And that is why we gather today and every day here at Saint Michael Church where “**All Are Welcome.**” For together, many though we are, we make up our family of faith which the risen Lord lives within each one of us.

It is important to know that the Resurrection of Jesus is not just about the glorious event which took place some two thousand years ago, but Christ is raised from the dead again today! He lives in each and every one of us, giving us hope for this life and for life eternal. He lives in us so that we may continue His life, His mission and His presence in the world today. Each time we speak and act with mercy, compassion, love, forgiveness, generosity, understanding and joy, we do so because it is Christ who speaks and acts through us. This is the “Good News” that we share with each other and the rest of the world.

For just as Jesus told us: “*By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another*” (John 13:35).

May the joy and peace of the Easter Season, which we proclaim today, fill your lives each and every day. For it is our hope and prayer that you return and join us each and every weekend to celebrate the Eucharist in order to be strengthened by the Lord Himself to live this life of love and compassion. Come and be strengthened by Him who makes us one! Wishing you and your families a blessed Easter and to all visitors who have gathered with us this glorious day. Know that we are united in building up the Kingdom of God.

Please allow me to express my gratitude to all those who make our parish family the warm, welcoming, clean, organized and prayerful place it continues to be. From the many “unsung heroes” who do a lot of work behind the scenes in order to make things run smoothly on a day to day and weekend to weekend basis.

I am truly grateful to our parish deacons, Deacon Rich, Deacon John, Deacon Russ for their sacramental presence and our parish office staff of: Annemarie Bias, Catharine Sabo, Donna Bauer and our Faith Formation staff of Debbie Rogalo and Jodi Suralik and the many catechists who donate their time and talent to their parish and for Nicole Bias for her work in Youth Ministry. For Betty Pinsonault in her work for evangelization, and for Maritza Mojica and Magda Campson for their work with our Spanish speaking ministry. To those who work in our music ministry and cantors and those who work with the altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, ushers, environment and church decorations, R.C.I.A., sacristans, Friday Cleaners, our weekly counters, those who work so hard and selflessly in the Food Pantry, our Knights of Columbus and those who make our parish grounds so neat and appealing.

It is as a team that we are able to accomplish the great work that has begun in our parish. As the old saying goes “There is no ‘I’ in team!”



I am honored, humbled and so appreciative for the many people who assist me in my vocation of service to this community. May the Risen Lord continue to bless your generous and dedicated hearts, so that we may continue with renewed faith to make a difference.

## Praying Through Holy Week

Many people have asked me “Father, since Holy Week is the most sacred of all our celebrations in the Catholic Church, what is the best way to pray, especially during Holy Week?”

To respond to this question, I ask you to please consider the following:

There are a group of Religious Sisters in Duluth, Minnesota called the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. These beloved religious observe Holy Week by giving each day of Holy Week an intention and particular focus.

They actually begin the day before Palm Sunday which they call **Commitment Saturday.** This day commemorates how Jesus, knowing that He was going to suffer, die and rise from the dead, had to reaffirm this huge commitment to His heavenly Father, by freely and without reservation, giving His own life for us all. So we are left with the question “How committed am I to my faith? How committed am I to suffering? How committed am I to dying to myself? How committed am I to following the Lord and doing His Will and the Will of His Heavenly Father in my life?”

Palm Sunday they call “**Procession Sunday.**” We are left with the question: will I willingly and without reservation walk with Jesus on His road to Calvary?

Monday they name **Extravagance Monday.** This is the day in which the woman took the aromatic nard, cracked open the flask and poured it all out on the Lord. This was a sign and symbol of her sharing an abundance of gifts with the Lord, who in turn, shares with her and all of us, an abundance of gifts which we call grace.

Tuesday they designate as “**Compulsion to Completion.**” Again, Jesus is compelled to do the Will of His Heavenly Father. He is working from being committed to completing the task that is put before Him; suffering death and Resurrection.

Wednesday they call the “**Day of Aloneness;**” which is not only for Jesus, but for Judas Iscariot as well.

The following day at the Last Supper, Jesus gives everything He has to give in the Eucharist. A festive meal which He shares with His closest friends. But this day’s aloneness also includes Judas’ knowledge of what he was going to do. There is an aloneness which sin brings to us when we know we are doing something wrong, unhealthy, not whole, unholy.

Thursday they call “**The Body Given.**” This not only refers to Jesus’ physical body which was given to the guards in the Garden of Gethsemane, but also Jesus’ body, soul and divinity which is given at the Last Supper. A meal that He commends us to continue in His Name and in His memory.

Friday they mark as “**Impotence;**” meaning that the all-powerful God humbles Himself to become man, a slave, to become powerless and become a sacrifice for all of us. They also designate Friday as “**There is no law Day**” because how can there be any law if you are able to kill your God? How is there ever any right or wrong again?

Saturday they call the “**Night;**” which encompasses the darkness of the tomb and the coldness of death.

And finally, Sunday is “**Miracles Sunday;**” all of Christ’s accomplishments, deeds and miracles which He performed while on earth, all point to the fact that today, He conquers death. Yes, our God becomes powerless to become a sacrifice for us and conquers death. The Lord, henceforth transforms suffering and redeems the world.

Maybe each of us can walk each day in the path that has been laid out by the Franciscans of the Eucharist by praying and entering into the way of Jesus so that when Easter Sunday arrives we may have a better understanding of what the Lord, who without sin, became sin so that we can become more like He.

I pray that this Holy Week and celebration of the Lord's Resurrection will bring you His peace and joy. Please know that you and your families are in my prayers and will be especially remembered at the Altar of the Lord this special week, this Holy Week.



## FAITH FORMATION



There are no Faith Formation Class Sessions this week after Mass.

- Classes resume 4/16 with 9:30 am Mass and class for Levels K-7, Class and 11:30 am Mass for NET and Confirmation II.

### Confirmation I, II and NET:

Service forms due:

- For Confirmation I: forms for service completed in *Jan, Feb, March* due 3/31
- For Confirmation II and NET: forms for service completed monthly through Feb.28 are due now. *Form for March* is due 3/31 and for April is due 4/30
- Signed Mass forms for March are due

### First Communion Retreat

The retreat has been rescheduled for April 29 at 9:30 am-12 pm in the Parish hall. Children should be dropped off by 9:15 am.

## Adoration Chapel

If you're looking for something to "give" — not "give up" for Lent, consider giving an hour of peace to yourself by signing up for an adoration hour. We have the following hours in need:

Monday - 3:00 p.m. Partner

Of course, any hour can be taken. Contact:

Andrea 201-874-8769; Marie 732-885-7972



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry meetings are on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Youth Ministry room.

*No YM on Monday, April 10th*

If you would like to join or if you have any questions, please email me at

[youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org)

-Nicole

## Divine Mercy Service April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm Bilingual





## DOMINGO DE PASCUA DE LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR

### Domingo

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 o, en una tarde o  
misa vespertina, Lk 24:13-35

### Lunes

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

### Martes

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

### Miércoles

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

### Jueves

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

### Viernes

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

### Sábado

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15





# Believe... Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choose a date and an Alpha and Omega... color the flame and choose a cross to color. Cut and glue all to the candle.

## The Paschal or Easter Candle



Each year at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, a new fire is built and blessed. From this fire, a new Paschal Candle is lit for the first time and will be used for one year. Candle designs vary, but they are always white, the largest in the worship space and contain certain symbols - a cross, the Alpha and Omega and the date. Let's design our own candle by choosing, coloring and gluing on the designs you like. *Do you see the Paschal Candle in your church?*

- (1) **THE CROSS** - Always the central symbol
- (2) **THE ALPHA AND OMEGA** - Tells us God is the beginning and the end
- (3) **THE CURRENT YEAR** - Says God is with us here and now
- (4) **THE FLAME** - Reminds us Jesus is the Light of the World
- (5) Use **RED** to make 5 points on the cross to represent the 5 wounds of Jesus

HAPPY &  
BLESSED  
EASTER  
TO ALL!



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