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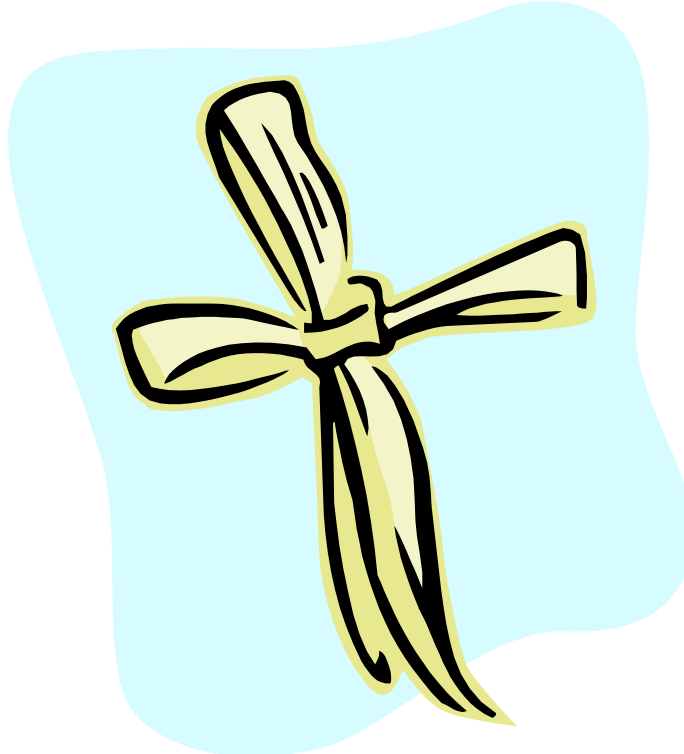
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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION
April 17th., 2011**

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Paduan Ministry



**ROSARY ALTAR
SOCIETY**

"Celebrating Our 125th Year"
1886-2011

Daily Mass is held
Monday thru Friday at 8:00 AM
A Communion Service is held every Saturday at 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00, 5:00, 7:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 AM and 12 Noon, 4:00, 7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS ARE HELD BETWEEN
12 MINUTES AND 5 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS

DURING LENT, STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 PM

WEDDINGS ARE HELD ON FRIDAYS BETWEEN 4 & 6 PM
AND ON SATURDAYS AT 11 AM OR 1:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 17th, 2011

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name

which is above every name.

- *Philippians 2:9*



Dear Regular Attenders:

Easter is for Christians the cause of our hope.

Christ has conquered evil and death finally. But their remains are with us still. Surely they are very visible to us now.

The Church shows evidence of this victory. Again recent horrors within the Church remind us that vanity, carelessness and hard heartedness remain with us.

St. Michael's works hard to allow Christ to move in the world through us. We address the weaknesses our culture brings to family life.

We offer every family little ways that will make families much stronger. Our *HomeLife* initiative touches so many families. It uses the simplest of methods and cutting edge communication.

You will recall that we use our Christmas collection to pay our \$116,628.00 general tax to the diocese.

We look to our Easter collection to pay our \$73,987.92 tax for Catholic education. It is sad to learn that some think St. Michael's neglects Catholic education when, in addition to paying our education tax, we also distribute yearly about \$25,000.00 in scholarships.

We are taking serious stock of our beautiful Church building. Engineers and parishioners skilled in buildings are devoting hours to assessing just what we face and will then set a schedule for dealing with what we discover.

Your Easter gift is especially welcome this year.

As we begin to conclude our 125th Anniversary, we see that, in addition to maintaining an outstanding set of outreach and ministries, we may face some significant challenges in keeping our beloved Church building secure.

Sincerely,

(The Rev.) Charles B. Weiser

Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, APRIL 18th, 2011**

8:00 AM PHILIP KURIAKOSE
r/o wife, Mary Philip & children

TUESDAY, APRIL 19th, 2011

8:00 AM EMMA DAVID
r/o Aida David

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th, 2011

8:00 AM ELIZABETH BOGLIOLI
r/o Audrey and Bernie Boglioli

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21st, 2011**

HOLY THURSDAY
NO 8:00 AM MASS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2011**

GOOD FRIDAY
NO 8:00 AM MASS

**WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BE
HOSPITABLE TO ALL OF OUR
GUESTS OVER THE NEXT FEW
WEEKENDS. THANK YOU**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th, 2011
7:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 21st, 2011

3:15-3:45 - CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM MASS

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR VENERATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS UNTIL 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2011

2:15-2:45 CONFESSIONS

3:00 PM LORD'S PASSION & COMMUNION

4:15-4:45 CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2011

12 NOON BLESSING OF BASKETS

4:00-4:30 CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM **THE GREAT VIGIL MASS**

9:00 PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, 2011

Masses will be held at
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
12:00 Noon and 4:00 PM.

No 7:30 PM Mass today

No New Parishioner Meeting today

No Charlies Angels today.



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HomeLife

“Building Strong Families”

The mission of St. Michael's HomeLife ministry is to encourage and empower parishioners to enrich the quality of family relationships and strengthen family values through the use of excellent resources that enable family life to flourish.

HomeLife's current 120 day campaign The Blessing: Affirming Your Loved One's Value began January 29th and 30th. The campaign materials can be found in the HomeLife Center located near the handicap entrance.

Faith@Home: *Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. The most sacred week on the calendar for Christians and it is an excellent opportunity to incorporate teaching moments into the family routine.*

Family: Attend church services during the Triduum. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, Good Friday is the solemn veneration of the cross, Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil when new adult Catholics are confirmed and Easter Sunday marks the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

Bake **Easter Story Cookies** (the day before Easter)

Ingredients: 3 egg whites, 1 cup whole pecans, 1 tsp. white vinegar, pinch of salt, 1 cup sugar, 1 zipper baggie, a wooden spoon, tape, the Bible
Preheat the oven to 300F.

Place the pecans in a zipper baggie and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break them into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, Roman soldiers beat him. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1tsp of vinegar into the mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs present life. Jesus gave his life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that salt represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sins. Read Luke 23:27.

Add 1 cup of sugar. Explain the sweetest part of the story is Jesus died because he loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read psalms 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with the mixer on high until stiff peaks form. Explain the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:8 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in the broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto a waxed paper lined cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb into which Jesus' body was laid. Read Mathew 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet into the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Mathew 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20-22.

On Resurrection Morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On Easter morning Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Mathew 28:1-9.

(Recipe was found at www.blessingsforlife.com)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses: 4:00, 5:00 and 7:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 AM, 12:00 Noon. 4:00 and 7:30 PM

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM

Saturday Communion Service with Recitation of the Rosary at 9:00 AM

Confessions are held between 12 and 5 minutes before every Mass.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Rectory Office

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STAFF AT RECTORY OFFICE:

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Jennifer L. White, Receptionist, Extension 11

Outreach & Education Office

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Office Fax Number: 732-483-0363

STAFF AT OUTREACH & EDUCATION OFFICE:

Patty Chavez, Religious Education, Ext.10

Debbie Patella, Development, Extension 11

Deacon Eugene Somma, Extension 12

St. Vincent dePaul Society, Extension 13

Youth Ministry, Extension 14

Stephen Ministry/Paduan Ministry, Extension 20

HomeLife Ministry, 908-489-8258

Music Ministry, John Balme 732-495-7993

Baptisms are held every Sunday immediately following the Noon Mass. Call Jen White for information.

Weddings are held on Friday evenings between 4:00 and 6:00 PM, Saturdays at 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM. You must be a registered and active parishioner for at least 18 months before making arrangements for marriage at St. Michael's. If you meet this criteria, call Madeline Jurcisin for information.

CCD Classes are held on Tuesday PM and Sunday AM at The Deal School. Call Patty Chavez for info.

Stephen Ministry/Paduan Ministry is a group of people who are trained to help those who are experiencing difficulty or crisis in their lives. For more information, call the Stephen Ministry.

The St. Michael's St. Vincent de Paul Society helps people in need of food, clothing or monetary assistance. For more information, call the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Pathway To Heal ~ A support group for divorced, separated and widowed of Monmouth County. Structured discussions are held twice a month on Thursdays at 7:00 PM at St. Michael's Living Room, 6 West End Court, West End, NJ. Information call 732-0483-0360, Ext. 12.



Parish School
of Religion

**Please watch your mail for your
Re Registration Form for 2011/2012.
Please fill it out ASAP!! Read your**

**cover letter carefully for any questions on
Financial Situations.**

Attention Parents:

If your child will be entering First Grade in the Fall it is now time to register for Religious Education classes starting in September. Please call Patty at 732-483-0360 ext.10 and I will mail you out a registration form.

Faith Direct.

The people we serve in our area, and the ministries, programs and services we provide are what make St. Michael's Church truly special!

Your financial support makes all of this work possible. Please consider enrolling in our electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Using Faith Direct is a simple way that your financial support can further benefit not only our parish, but those in the surrounding community.

Faith Direct offers efficiency and simplicity: you can make all of your contributions to St. Michael's Church via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card.

Please visit www.faithdirect.net to securely enroll online by using our church code: NJ319.

Thank you



Put on the
attitude of Christ

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PADUAN MINISTRY

"I will be with you"

What a comfort it can be to have a concerned person willing to stay with you through troubled times. What comfort it can also be to have someone spent time with a person who is sick or elderly and needs a 'caring touch' from another. A Stephen Minister or Paduan Minister can be that person.

Last week, your Stephen Ministers made 12 communion calls, 6 visits and 9 telephone calls. We pray that we have helped to bring God's love and peace to His people in need.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

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THE ROSARIAN PRAYER GROUP will remember your intentions at the 9AM Communion Service on Saturday

Antonio Bevacqui, John J. Murray, Jr., Michael Meyer, Josephine Mosca, Olga De Sieno, Tiffany Patella Mc Cahill, Ed Keegan, Angelo Boniello, Mary Alterio, Anne Breen, Anthony Califano, Jr., John and Margaret Dwyer, Jason Komisar, Louise Saccaro, Dennis Ferri, Esterina Lione, baby Adam Lenci, Joe Saker, Laura & baby, Louis Bevacqui, Lila Rose Krocck, Careese Rose Kratzer, Matt Williams, Angela R. Valentino, Mary Leslie, Hope Durkin, Tino Rodriguez, Baby Austin, Baby Lila Rose Mincielli, Doris La Corte, baby Makayla Basile, the Komisar family, Sal Mirabito, Jim Breen, Joan Brickley, Thomas Lione, Domenick Vincelli, Patricia Sarcoma Reavy, baby Jack Richard, Tony Ceri, Baby Parker Shorie, John Friscia, William Lindhardt, Louise Lindhardt, Melissa Lindhardt, Jeanette Lindhardt, Andrew Bertorelli, Lila, Kathy Capotosta, Nancy Vecchione, Patrick Joyce, Lauren Esposito, Elizbieta Napierala, Pat Roppoli, Gertrude Triacca, Courtney Talbot, Charles A. Valentino, Jr., Joe Olivadoti, Sr., Tori Lee, Kelly Gonzales, Charles Martino, Jesse Brown, Helen Camoosa, Loretta Bubunko, A. Fred Maffeo, Katelyn Anderson, Madison Anderson and Emily Anderson, Rose Marie Buono, Diogenes Finamori, Sr., Paul Beutell, Ryan Fritz, Robert De Sarno, Amanda Johnson, Mary Sweeney, Jason Fazio, Al Keubler, Yvonne Lashley, Denise Schulz-Nick, baby Abbaigail Alexa Nick, Jen Arlea, for a happy death for Dr. William A. Orlacchio, for the safe return home of Michael Valenti from Afghanistan, Sonny La Morte, Lottie Colagouri



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BLESSING OF FOOD

The Blessing of Easter Food will take place at 12:00 Noon on Holy Saturday, April 23rd, 2011.

There has been a custom for many years that food for the first meal of Easter was brought to the Church to be blessed. This practice found particular favor in European and Slavic countries. The custom arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent and the special Easter fast during the Easter Triduum. Easter was the first day when meat, eggs, and other foods could again be eaten. Festive baskets with ornately decorated eggs and fancy breads make up many of the baskets to be blessed and are long-standing traditions. Americans continue the custom of bringing their baskets to be blessed.

The Blessing asks God to be present in our homes and always nurture us with His love. It reminds us that, throughout Lent, we have been preparing for the Resurrection by prayers, almsgiving and fasting. We also ask God to find us cleansed of our sin and ready to live anew our Christian faith.



It's Raffle Time!

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now on sale before and after Mass. Please stop by and take a chance! Tickets are \$5.00 each. Half the proceeds will be used for St. Michael's Scholarship and Tuition Aid Fund and the other half goes to one winner! Please support our students. Good luck!

PROPAGATION OF FAITH MASSES:

Walter & Veronica Skowrenski, r/o Skowrenski family
 Neil A. Tantum, Sr. & Neil A. Tantum, Jr.,
 r/o Helen Tantum
 Frank Di Maggio, r/o family
 Millie & Butch Celli, r/o daughter, Fran Ebert
 John Francis Hoffmann, r/o Mom and Dad
 John Liston, r/o Carroll Friscia
 Dorothy Brady, r/o daughter, Dee Celli
 Ronald Lubischer, r/o wife Joyce & children,
 Ronnie & Randy
 Parents, relatives, loved ones and friends, living and
 deceased, of the Trigani & Drummond families
 James A. Mazza, Jr., r/o family
 John C. Manna, r/o family
 John Henry Hoffman, beloved husband & father, from wife
 William F. Kiss, r/o wife and family
 The Ardolino family
 Rev. Ralph V. Townsend, O.P., r/o your sister,
 Charlotte De Vita
 Lois De Fazio (Birthday Remembrance), r/o Theresa and
 Glenn Montague and family
 In loving memory of Robert Cavallo (11 year Anniversary),
 r/o wife, Eva

HOSANNA!

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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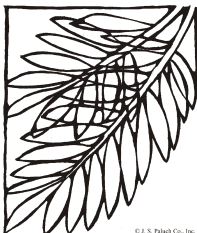
DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MINISTRY

This group meets to help those who have been divorced, widowed, or separated. The pain can linger for years and it often helps to meet with other who have similar experiences. Our group meets at the Outreach Center, 6 West End Court, Long Branch at 7pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

During April, we will take a look at how we look at other people and our expectations of others and ourselves. People are human and vulnerable. We can expect appropriate, responsible behavior from ourselves and others. We can experience anger toward others and ourselves. We can accept our anger for protecting us, but we can set another goal: taking our freedom. Come and explore these topics:

April 28: Anger at Family Members

Contact Deacon Somma at 732-483-0360 ext 12



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NJ Marathon Traffic Information

The Long Branch Police have advised us of the following:

On Sunday, May 1st, the NJ Marathan will be held. The race will be held in the morning and will affect our morning Masses. In order to attend St. Michael's Church, you will have to enter from the following directions:

- 1) Cedar Avenue to Greens Avenue to Lake Avenue to the Church or
- 2) Park Avenue to Elberon Avenue to Lake Avenue to the Church.

There will be no traffic allowed on Ocean Avenue. The route will take the runners going southbound around Takanassee Lake, however, we have been assured that they will have one lane open for traffic.

Please allow extra time on Sunday, May 1st when leaving for Mass.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Debbie in St. Michael's Development Office at 732-483-0360, ext. 11.



From the diary of Sister Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930's. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition ~ that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness.

With the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone.

The Lord revealed a powerful prayer which He wanted everyone to pray ~~ THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY ~~ and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it.

Join us on Sunday, May 1st, 2011, at 2:30 PM at St. Michael's Church for this special devotion on

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY