

St. Michael's Parish Community

We are Stewards of God's Gifts, Time and Treasure To Build Up The Kingdom



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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*

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Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*

Mrs. Marilynn Dragone,

Coordinator of Religious Education

Mr. Philip Matrale,

Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry

Mr. Peter Petrecca, *Music Director*

Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

MASS

Sundays: 5:30PM (Saturday Evening)

7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00, 8:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30AM

March 17, 2019
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 1:00-2:00PM

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized or home bound. Emergencies at any time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Parish initiates new members on the 2nd Sunday of the month, at 1:30PM, by arrangement. Instruction is on the Friday evening prior to the baptism, at 7:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations for Christian Marriage begin one year prior to planned date of the wedding. Couples should contact one of the priests.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Contact the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-313-6190 or at NewPriestNJ@gmail.com.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church and Catholics who are in need of the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist are welcome to inquire by calling the Parish Center.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

St. Michael's School: An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge, pre K-8. For further information, call the School Office.

Religious Education: a program of religious instruction, grades 1-8. For further information please call the Religious Education Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A comprehensive youth program for all teens from 9th to 12th grade. Our program promotes growth in Catholic values and morals, provides opportunities for Christian service and offers positive social activities. For further information call the Youth Ministry Office.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, a diverse, spiritual community in action, is dedicated to drawing people to Christ, to growing disciples, and to making church and worship matter. We do this (1) through our liturgical worship as we remember and celebrate in memory of Him; (2) through the proclamation of the Good News, as we believe and profess the message of Jesus Christ not only from the pulpit, but also in the way we live our lives; (3) through living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in the service of the needs of our church, the needs of one another, and the needs of those who seek divine help through our doors.



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| Saturday | March 16 |
| 5:30 PM | Claire Kelly Gillick |
| Sunday | March 17 |
| 7:30 AM | For the Parishioners |
| 9:00 AM | Frieda, George & Ann Stinson |
| 10:30 AM | Marie McMahon (50th Ann.) |
| 12:00 Noon | John & Carol Halloran |
| Monday | March 18 |
| 7:00 AM | Frances Petrick (92nd Birthday) |
| 8:30 AM | Corazon & Wilfredo Sales |
| 12:00 Noon | Bartholomew Ryan |
| Tuesday | March 19 |
| 7:00 AM | Mary Ann Canavan (6th Ann.) |
| 8:30 AM | Giuseppe Terriaca |
| 12:00 Noon | St. Joseph Intentions |
| Wednesday | March 20 |
| 7:00 AM | Novena of Masses |
| 8:30 AM | Albert & Yolanda Shak |
| 12:00 Noon | Delfina Salgado |
| Thursday | March 21 |
| 7:00 AM | Novena of Masses |
| 8:30 AM | Franca Axoya |
| 12:00 Noon | Martima Frederic (Living) |
| Friday | March 22 |
| 7:00 AM | Novena of Masses |
| 8:30 AM | Andalicio Malomay |
| 12:00 Noon | Maria Ribeiro |
| Saturday | March 23 |
| 8:30 AM | Joseph Hrevnack |
| 5:30 PM | Alejandro T. Cruz |
| Sunday | March 24 |
| 7:30 AM | For the Parishioners |
| 9:00 AM | Jose Isirio Torres |
| 10:30 AM | Theodoro Mendoza (19th Ann.) |
| 12:00 Noon | Langton & Linda Salzer |

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Marie Rose Dallemand.

The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.



We want to adorn our Sanctuary with memorial flowers so that our loved ones could join us in celebrating this Easter season. Please donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in gratitude. Our budget for donations this year is \$3,300. Flower envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church and in your collection envelopes. We look forward to the best decoration ever in our Church Sanctuary. Help us make it happen. Thank you.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Our readings today remind us to keep our eyes fixed on heaven. God asks Abram to look up at the sky and count the stars. Philippians reminds us our citizenship is in heaven. Peter, James and John's eyes are fixed heavenward as they climb the mountain and witness Jesus' transfiguration. Where are our eyes fixed? On our electronics, on what others have? Today, let us ask for the grace to fix our eyes and hearts heavenward.

*Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Look at the sky and count the stars.
Ps 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Phil 3:17-4:1 Our citizenship is in heaven.
Lk 9:28b-36 This is my chosen Son; listen to him.*

NOVENA OF MASSES – March 2019

- George Rinehart
- James Ford, Sr.
- Alejandro T. Cruz
- Jose J. Arnaldo
- Ann L. Corrigan
- Mary Russomanno
- Mary & Idolo Russomanno
- Craig Calix (Living)
- Jurusik & Arner Families
- John Francis Mahon
- Frank Rubineti, Sr.
- Pierre & Rubineti Families
- Special Intentions
- Marie Dulce Stevens (Living)
- Patricio Labayen
- Brenda Meehan
- St. Joseph Intentions
- Wieslawa Nnoli
- Micheline & Joseph Kmetz
- Special Intentions of Kunnath Family
- Adriano Lobo De Barros
- Louis Sauro & Luigi Sauro
- John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes
- Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families
- Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families
- Living & Deceased Members of the Del Rosario & Perez Families

THERE ARE STILL MASSES FOR INTENTIONS, NOVENA OF MASSES AND THE ALTAR OFFERINGS (BREAD—\$25, WINE—\$15 AND SANCTUARY LAMP—\$10) AVAILABLE IN 2019 FOR YOUR LOVED ONES. STOP BY THE PARISH CENTER (1211 ORANGE AVE) AND BOOK YOUR MASSES.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sunday | March 17 |
| 9:00-10:15 AM | RCIA, Murphy Room |
| 9:00 AM | Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass |
| 9:00-11:30 AM | Extended Session Religious Education |
| Monday | March 18 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 3:30-4:30 PM | Religious Education |
| 7:00 PM | Zumba, LC |
| Tuesday | March 19 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 7:00-8:15 PM | Religious Education |
| 7:00-8:30 PM | CYO |
| 7:00 PM | Finance Council Meeting, Rectory |
| Wednesday | March 20 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| Thursday | March 21 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary |
| 7:30 PM | Choir Practice, Church |
| Friday | March 22 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 7:00 PM | Stations of the Cross & Lenten Speaker, Church |
| Saturday | March 23 |
| 9:00-10:00 AM | Gospel Reflections, LC |
| 10:00 AM | Zumba |
| 11:00 AM | First Reconciliation, Church |
| 1:00-2:00 PM | Confession, Church |
| Sunday | March 24 |
| 9:00-10:15 AM | RCIA, Murphy Room |
| 10:15-11:30 AM | Religious Education |
| 1:30 PM | Young Adults Group Meeting, Murphy Room |

St. Michael's
 Girl Scout Cookie
 Sale after all masses



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Luke 6:38

| | <u>Week of</u> <u>3/10/2018</u> | <u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1/-3/10/2018</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Collections | \$ 7,568 | \$ 255,467 |
| Online Collections | \$ 616 | \$ 20,484 |
| SOS | \$ 942 | \$ 91,522 |
| Online SOS | \$ 483 | \$ 13,777 |
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| Total | \$ 9,609 | \$ 381,250 |
| Budget | \$ 12,392 | \$ 382,987 |
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| Difference | (\$ 2,783) | (\$ 1,737) |

Thank you for your continued generosity!



TO THE \$1000 WEEKLY WINNERS

- December 16, 2018 — Anna Laudati*
- December 23, 2018 — Matt Lepaski*
- December 30, 2018 — William Beute*
- January 6, 2019 — Donna Faraone*
- January 13, 2019 — Maria Edmond*
- January 20, 2019 — Albert & Gina Cruz*
- January 27, 2019 — Patrick Onyekwusi*
- February 3, 2019 — Jose Joseph*
- February 10, 2019 — Jean & Ray Perkins*
- February 17, 2019 — Chinyere Odoemene*
- February 24, 2019 — Elvira Fernandez*
- *Correction: March 3, 2019 — Diane Szalecki*

Congratulations to all the winners! And thank you to all who supported and to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of our first Mega Raffle. We have raised \$16,500 for the Parish.

Our next Mega Raffle tickets sales will begin in May and drawn in July. More information will follow.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

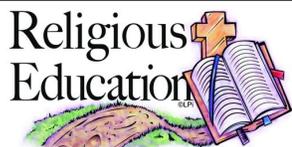
Every Friday during Lent, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Lenten Speakers

Every Saturday from 9:00-10:00 AM during Lent—Bold Lenten Reflections, Lower Church

New: GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019 —Starting at 2:30 PM we will have a Public Stations of the Cross around the neighborhood.

“SOS COLLECTION”

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the “SOS” collection. This collection is dedicated especially for our utility bills. The next SOS collection the weekend of April 6 & 7, 2019. SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.



Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Other hours are available by appointment. Contact Coordinator: Marilyn Dragone at (908) 964-0965. We can also be reached via e-mail at smccd@comcast.net

REMINDER FOR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES:

First Reconciliation

Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. for children with last names M - Z (and for those who missed last week) **Please be on time.**

Grandma's Bread Family Retreat is on Saturday, March 30th. 10:00 a.m. for children with last names A - L 12:00 p.m. for children with last names M - Z

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: will have an extended session on March 17th. They are to attend the 9:00 a.m. mass and sit with their class. They will go directly to the school for class after mass. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. This session counts as two classes.

RICE BOWLS are available in the church. Please consider taking one and donating to the missions that help people throughout the world.

SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY: Our next pantry food date is on Tuesday, March 19th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue.



SAVE THE DATES: LENTEN SERIES TALKS

Our Lenten Series Talks have begun. They immediately follow after the Stations of the Cross.

We are pleased to announce we have the following LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS:

March 22: Msgr. John Rodano
"Pope St. Paul VI: Pioneer in Promoting Christian Unity"

March 29: Fr. Jack Martin

April 5: Fr. Albert Holtz

April 12: Seminarian Christopher Hughes

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY 19, 2019, 4:00-8:00 PM

LOWER CHURCH

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH DANCE FOR A CAUSE

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



ST MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Friday, April 5th 2019

The Elks Lodge

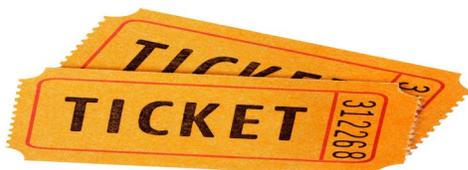
281 Chestnut Street,
Union, NJ, 07083

Doors Open at 6:00pm

To purchase your ticket, go to

www.ticketor.com/smstrickytray

Tickets Cost \$20.00 plus fees



SAVE THE DATE: May 4, 2019
HEALING MASS FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM

More Information to follow

| Time | March 16-17 2 nd Sunday of Lent | March 23-24 3 rd Sunday of Lent |
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| 5:30pm | 1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz | 1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Morgan Labranche 4. Salome Oropeza 5. Simone Oropeza |
| 7:30am | 1. David Bernot 2. Cherry Vibar 3. Jarlene Estopia | 1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma |
| 9:00am | 1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Justin N. Gawel 5. Joshua Laube 6. Nicholas Laube | 1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Nathan De Guzman |
| 10:30am | 1. Joshua Estoque 2. RYANNE RAMAH 3. Lorenz Tangub 4. Kamsi Emeh 5. Carmella Mendoza | 1. Lorenz Tangub 2. Aidan Perez 3. Samuel Ilagan |
| 12:00 noon | 1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio 4. Reginald Mondesir | 1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez |

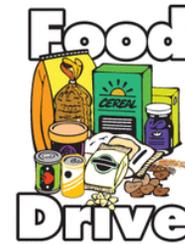
CYO/Youth Ministry News

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A lot is going on this month so be sure to get all the information this week at CYO. Upcoming activities include our visits to the Quadriplegic Center and with the disabled children. We will also be playing Bingo at the Nursing Home this month and holding our Easter Food Drive.

Anyone who would like to read at our Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross should let Phil know. Spots will first go to those who did not read at the Festival of Lights.



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially *Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Lucy Scalgione, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Pamela D'Amico, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Aname Orillaneda, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Carol Nichnadowcz, Augusta Mahon, Claubette Kallabeen. Carol Czapla & Stephen Czapla, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan and Ruth Guido.*



Anyone who would like someone to be put on the sick list, please contact the parish center. The names will be left on for one month, unless notified otherwise.

**THANK YOU!
AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT SUCCESS!**

Two replacement air conditioning units were installed in the church last spring. This was a major project that was long overdue and will benefit the church for generations to come.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for your generous support of the air conditioning project. Funds raised from the dinner dance, concert, We Are Living Stones campaign and tithing have paid for the air conditioning units. Your support of this project has truly made a difference.

Our work continues! Tithing donations will now be directed to repairing the church heating system.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Michael Mahon and members of St. Michael's Church.**



The Wellness Ministry would like to thank **Investors Bank** and **Cheryl Thompson** for donating Stainless Steel Water Bottles and Shopping Bags to our Zumba Class Members.

Zumba/Yoga classes during Lent are Saturdays at 10:00 AM and Mondays at 7:00 PM.

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, April 12

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13

12:00-2:00 pm - Individual Confessions

Wednesday of the Week, April 17

7:00-8:30 pm - Penance Service

With Individual Confession

No confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 13 at 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 14 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon

Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week, April 17

Penance Service with Individual Confession

7:00-8:30 pm

Holy Thursday, April 18

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday, April 19

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

2:30 pm—Public Stations of the Cross around neighborhood

3:30 pm - Celebration of the Passion

7:30 pm - CYO Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon - Blessing of Food

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

No Confession/no 5:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon

New: GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019 —Starting at 2:30 PM we will have a Public Stations of the Cross around the neighborhood.

2019 CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

We are once again celebrating five (5), twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years of **Christian** marriage in 2019. The anniversary liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 28, 2019 **3:00 PM 50 years**
(All counties)

June 2, 2019 **3:00 PM 5 & 25 years**
(All counties)

Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext 100 to register for the Anniversary Masses.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

ANNUAL APPEAL

You are asked to complete your commitment card, please prayerfully make your pledge. We would like 100% participation from St. Michael's Parish.

This year, our parish goal is \$44,721. The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. *Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal. If we exceed the goal, we will use the rebate towards future projects for the parish.*

STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The revelations of clergy sexual abuse of minors throughout the past year have provoked feelings of shock, anger, and deep sorrow throughout our Catholic community. In an effort to do what is right and just, the Archdiocese of Newark published the names of diocesan clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors in the Archdiocese of Newark. You can visit www.rcan.org for a letter from Cardinal Tobin, the list of names, and other relevant information.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
2019 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Pascal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.

* Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*