

St. Michael's Parish Community

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



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

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Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*

Mrs. Marilyn 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

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.

March 24, 2019
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



Saturday	March 23
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
Monday	March 25
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	John Mc Cann
12:00 Noon	Mary Jane Dolor (Living)
Tuesday	March 26
7:00 AM	Special Intentions for Kunnath Family
8:30 AM	Visitation Ravago
12:00 Noon	Sara George
Wednesday	March 27
7:00 AM	Serafin & Porferia Lacson
8:30 AM	Jaison Family
12:00 Noon	Maria Tavares
Thursday	March 28
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Romulo Alferez
12:00 Noon	Sandra Joseph
Friday	March 29
7:00 AM	Charles Ericksen
8:30 AM	Louis Sosa
12:00 Noon	John McMahon (33rd Ann.)
Saturday	March 30
8:30 AM	Manuel Fazendeiro
5:30 PM	Dennis P. Farrell
Sunday	March 31
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Charlotte Redziniak
10:30 AM	Robert Votapek
12:00 Noon	Myra & John Salzer

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for Pamela D'Amico, requested by Gerry Brenner and Florence Montalto.

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

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

As we enter the midpoint of Lent, our readings become more uncompromising and candid about how we are to live our lives. Through our Lenten practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we must continue to cultivate good habits that will last longer after Lent has ended. How is your Lenten journey going?

*Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 I AM sent me to you. This is my name forever.
Ps 103 The Lord is kind and merciful.*

*1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Do not be unaware; take care not to fall.
Lk 13:1-9 If you do not repent, you will perish.*

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
Wieslaw 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 Czapl, 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

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	
Monday	March 25
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:30 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
Tuesday	March 26
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education
7:00-8:30 PM	CYO
7:00 PM	Bible Study, Rectory
Wednesday	March 27
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration, Church
Thursday	March 28
8:00 AM	Rosary
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	March 29
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Lenten Speaker, Church
Saturday	March 30
No Zumba	
9:00 AM	Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi Adoration, Church
9:00-10:00 AM	Gospel Reflections, Rectory Basement
9:00AM-3:00 PM	Grandma's Bread—First Communion Retreat, LC
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
Sunday	March 31
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education

**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>3/17/2018</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1/-3/17/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 9,073	\$ 264,539
Online Collections	\$ 447	\$ 20,987
SOS	\$ 1,182	\$ 94,477
Online SOS	\$ 10	\$ 14,396
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Total	\$ 10,712	\$ 394,399
Budget	\$ 12,392	\$ 395,379
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Difference	(\$ 1,680)	(\$ 980)

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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

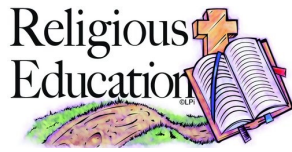
Every Friday during Lent, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Lenten Speakers

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. The plan is to use the sidewalk to walk along, pause for prayer and song to mark each Stations. The route is from Church through Vauxhall Road to Orange Avenue, turn right on Orange Avenue and walk to High Street, turn right on High Street and walk to Stuyvesant Avenue, turn right on Stuyvesant Ave and walk to Morris Ave, turn right on Morris Ave and walk to Pine Ave, turn right on Pine Avenue, cross Vauxhall Road and turn left on Vauxhall Road and walk to Kelly Street, where the procession will end.

**"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:

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

This is a mandatory event.
Children cannot attend alone.

RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH. Please
consider taking one and donating to the missions that
help people throughout the world.

SR. VIRGINIA'S NEWBURGH MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF:

Toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, soap, lotion, deodor-
ant, body powder, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, combs, brushes, mouthwash and dental
floss. Please consider donating any of these items. Dona-
tions can be dropped off at the church or at the Parish
Center on Orange Avenue. Your generosity is greatly ap-
preciated.

ST. MICHAEL'S—PAINT & SIP

June 1, 2019 6:30- 10:00 PM

TICKETS—\$40 per person

Snacks Supplied, BYOB

Evening includes wine glass to be decorated, all
supplies and instructions

For more information contact Tina Spassione
@ tinaya123@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATES: LENTEN SERIES TALKS

Our Lenten Series Talks have begun. They immedi-
ately follow after the Stations of the Cross.

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

March 29: Fr. Jack Martin

April 5: Fr. Albert Holtz

April 12: Seminarian Christopher Hughes



***The FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
will be celebrated at St.
Michael's on Sunday, April 8th
at 3:00 PM.***

SAVE THE DATE: May 4, 2019

HEALING MASS FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM

More Information to follow.

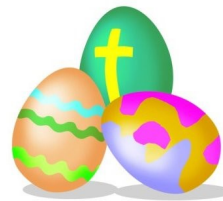
SAVE THE DATE:

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10:30 AM—12:00 Noon

Church & Rectory Grounds



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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

**ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH DANCE
FOR A CAUSE**

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

Lower Church

Donation: \$30 per person, cash or
check payable to St. Michael's Church
Includes food and non alcoholic beverages.



Time	March 23-24 3 rd Sunday of Lent	March 30-31 4 th Sunday of Lent
5:30pm	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Morgan Labranche 4. Salome Oropeza 5. Simone Oropeza	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz
7:30am	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma	1. David Bernot 2. Cherry Vibar 3. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Nathan De Guzman	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Justin N. Gawel 5. Joshua Laube 6. Nicholas Laube
10:30am	1. Lorenz Tangub 2. Aidan Perez 3. Samuel Ilagan	1. Joshua Estoque 2. Rynne Ramah 3. Kamsi Emeh 4. Ian Galing 5. Nwando Melie
12:00 noon	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio 4. Reginald Mondesir

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.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Donna Davidson, Katherine Koehler, Thomas Longo & Dorothy A. Brown.**

**CYO/Youth Ministry News**

cyounion@aol.com



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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, **April 1 2019**. Doors will open at 11:30 for coffee and social time followed by our general meeting at 12 Noon in the lower church.

Guest Speaker - Horizon BC/BS representative will be speaking on the subject of "Brain Games".

Upcoming Events:

April 15th - Lauren DelVecchio, Clear Captions Telephone Technology

May 6th - Dr. Robert Fishberg, Associates in Cardiovascular Diseases.

The topic of discussion "Healthy Living for Seniors."

May 22, 2019 - Wednesday - River Lady Luncheon Cruise

June 3rd - Karen Jason, Adult Librarian, Union Public Library New Programs

June, 10, 2019 - Monday - Hunterdon Hills Lunch and Show - "Over the River and Thru the Woods"

Support our charitable initiatives:

Pennies for our parish initiatives jar

Personal items for the homeless and needy. (Gerry Jones)

Membership is extended to those 55 or over.



*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**

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. St. Michael's is **27%** towards our goal of **\$44721**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community. 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.***

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. Thank you for your continued support of St. Michael's Parish.

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.*