



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MARCH 08, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## Pastoral Staff

**Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu**, *Pastor*  
**Rev. Camilo Lopez**, *Parochial Vicar*  
**Rev. Charles B. McDermott**, *Pastor Emeritus*  
**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*  
**Ms. Fran Engleman**, *9:00 am Choirmaster*  
**Mr. Patrick B. Phillips**, *12:00 Noon Choirmaster*  
**Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone**, *Principal*

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized or home bound

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm  
Baptism preparation: 2nd Friday evening at 7:30 pm  
Call parish office to register (908-688-1232)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** Contact a priest at the parish at least no less than eight months prior to booking your wedding date.

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church or who are baptized but have not made their First Communion/Confirmation should please contact the parish office for full information and guidance.

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)

Grade 1-8 religious formation for First Penance and First Communion please call the Parish Religious Education office (908-964-0965).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

A comprehensive youth program for all teens from 9th to 12th grade. Our program prepares teens for Confirmation, 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.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All parishioners need to be registered.  
Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.

## Mission Statement

St. Michael the Archangel Parish is dedicated to growing disciples, drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship, the proclamation of the Good News, and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

5:30 pm (Saturday Evening)  
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

### DAILY

**Monday ► Friday:**

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

**Saturday:** 8:30 am

**Holy Days:** Announced in the bulletin

## Address

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

## Telephones

**Rectory/Parish Center:** 908-688-1232  
**Rectory/Parish Center Fax:** 908-810-1076  
**School:** 908-688-1063  
**Religious Education Office:** 908-964-0965  
**Youth Ministry Office:** 908-686-3762  
**Email:** stmichaelunion@comcast.net  
**Stay Connected:**



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[stmichaelchurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelchurch)

## Devotions

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Sunday and 1st Friday 6:30 pm

### DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1st, 2nd and 4th 7:00 pm

### BOLD AND CATHOLIC REFLECTION

3rd Saturdays 9:00 am

### ADVENT REFLECTION

Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

### LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

## Wellness Ministry

### Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

## Masses Intentions and Readings

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
5:30 pm	John & Anna Puschak
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
7:30 am	Ali A. Damestani
9:00 am	Robert Daniel Pfarr
10:30 am	For the Parishioners
12:00 Noon	Thomas Canavan (10th Ann.)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
7:00 am	Felicitas Unday (Living) - Thanksgiving
8:30 am	Hipolito Gajilan
12:00 Noon	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 10</b>
7:00 am	Jennifer L. Salonik
8:30 am	Alix Preval
12:00 Noon	Geraldine Mary Melisse
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
12:00 Noon	Sandra Joseph
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
7:00 am	Elizabeth Scanlon
8:30 am	Winifred Smyth
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
7:00 am	Rosamma Joseph
8:30 am	Fr. Roy Regazpi (Living)
12:00 Noon	Mathilde Ordonez
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
8:30 am	Fid & Katrina Badiola Lim (Living)
	1st Wedding Anniversary
	Jennie Pruszkowski
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Frieda, George & Ann Stinson
10:30 am	Bambina Minicozzi
12:00 Noon	John & Carol Halloran

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp offered for Lucy Scalgione, Family and Friends.**

**The Pascal Candle is donated by Ed & Kathy Izbicki, in remembrance of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.**

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Hymnal # 1019

#### First Reading

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2,4,7-10

God desires obedience.

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

#### Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's

## Message From Our Pastor

### CALLED TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The adoration of the Holy Eucharist is a devotion we have instituted in our parish for the past two and half years. It is a powerful devotion designed to grow us, both as individuals and as a parish, spiritually. I therefore want to reflect on this devotion, as a means of educating our parishioners about Eucharistic Adoration, and thereby encouraging all of us to fall in love with it.

You know, one of the most prominent declarations of the Council of Trent (that is the gathering of the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, priests, laity and theologians, to define and clarify Catholic doctrine and teaching) is that "The only-begotten Son of God is to be adored in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist with the worship of "latria" and that the Sacrament is to be publicly exposed for the people's adoration". Explaining this further, the Sacred Congregation on Rites, in their statement on the "Instruction on Eucharistic Worship" on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1967 stated: "The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,...stimulates the faithful to an awareness of the marvelous presence of Christ and is an invitation to spiritual communion with Him. It is therefore an excellent encouragement to offer Him that worship in spirit and truth which is His due."

Pope John Paul II, in his exhortation "[Dominicae Cae-nae](#)" said that "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration". Then speaking to a gathering in Phoenix Park, during a three-day visit to Ireland in 1979, he said, "The visit to the Blessed Sacrament is a great treasure of the Catholic faith. It nourishes social love, gives us opportunities for adoration and thanksgiving, for reparation and supplication."

It used to be customary for Catholics, young and old, on their way home from work or school, on their way to the grocery store or a sports practice, to "stop in for a visit" to the Blessed Sacrament in their local church. Like them, we ought to take to heart what the Church teaches, that by "By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us."

I truly believe that the best time we can ever spend in this world is the time we spend with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical "Mysterium Fide" had this to say: "How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" My friends, it is true that we can pray to God anywhere and that God lives within us. Yet, there is something powerful about adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament because in the presence of the Eucharist, we have before us, truly and substantially, the power of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, and we receive, in a very unique and mysterious way, the incredible spiritual strength and nourishment that is contained therein. Let us continue this reflection next week in this column where I will outline the tremendous benefits of Eucharistic Adoration.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Weekly Calendar & Stewardship of Treasure

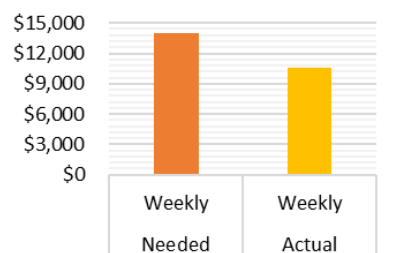
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 - 10:00 am 10:15-11:30 am Girl Scout Cookie Sale, after all Masses	<b>March 8</b> RCIA Class, Murphy Room Religious Education
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am 3:30-4:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>March 9</b> Rosary, Church Religious Education Dance and Wellness Class, LC
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 - 8:15 pm 7:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>March 10</b> Rosary, Church Religious Education Contemporary Choir Practice Bible Class, Rectory CYO, LC
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>March 11</b> Rosary, Church Our Lady Devotion, Church
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am 7:30 pm	<b>March 12</b> Rosary, Church Choir Practice, Church
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>March 13</b> Rosary, Church Stations of the Cross, Lenten Talk
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>March 14</b> Lenten Saturday Morning Reflection Dance & Wellness, LC Confession, Church
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 - 10:00 am 9:00 am  9:00 - 11:30 am Girl Scout Cookie Sale, after all Masses	<b>March 15</b> RCIA Class, Murphy Room Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass, Church Religious Education Extended Session

### 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

3/1/2020	Needed	Actual	Deficit
	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Collection & SOS	\$14,168	\$10,756	(\$3,412)

As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is **\$14,168**. What we actually received is **\$10,756**, so we are short **\$3,412**. Do please consider what you can do to help cover this deficit.



Thank you for your continued generosity!

### "SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated specifically for our utility bills and emergency Church repairs.

The next SOS collection is the weekend of April 4 & 5, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.

## Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

### Adoration

**March 1, 2020** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
1st **Sunday** Eucharistic Adoration

**March 6, 2020** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
1st **Friday** Eucharistic Adoration.  
Mass: 6:30pm. Adoration & Stations of the Cross: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

### Devotions

**March 11, 2020**  
1st Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Our Lady of Fatima 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**March 18, 2020**  
2nd Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**March 25, 2020**  
3rd Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**April 1, 2020**  
4th Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

### Bible Classes

All Bible Classes on Tuesday at 7:00 pm, March 10, 24 and 31 at the Rectory

### Lenten Reflection

On Saturday during Lent at 9:00 am - March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4

## Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





## MINISTRY Information

### ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Time	March 7-8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 14-15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
5:30 pm	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz
7:30 am	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia
9:00 am	Jean Felix Alisha James Justin Gawel Nathan De Guzman	Julian Felix Jewelz Massicot Megan Felix Nicholas Laube Joshua Laube
10:30 am	Johnnuel Magno Aidan Perez Samuel Ilagan Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi	Carmella Mendoza Nwando Melie Ian Galing Kamsi Emeh Ian Galing
12:00 noon	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir

### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Church is in need of people who can help out in the snow shoveling of the church property during major snow storms. Snow shovelers will be paid an hourly rate. For more information, please contact Tiago at [stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com](mailto:stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com)

### CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

[cyouunion@aol.com](mailto:cyouunion@aol.com)



**DON'T MISS IT!!!** We have a very special night planned for Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> as we welcome back World Renowned speaker **JUSTIN FATICA** and his Hard as Nails Ministry Team as our guest! Justin's Topic this year will be "You're Amazing! God Made You Good!" and is sure to have a message for all of us. This special night will run from 7 to 9pm! Doors will open at 6:30.

This is a great night to bring someone new to CYO and everyone is welcome. There will also be Hard As Nails T-Shirts, Caps, books, DVDs etc on sale after the presentation.

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Other hours are available by appointment. Contact Coordinator: Marilynn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.

We can also be reached via e-mail at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net)

**SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:** will have an Extended session on **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. They are to attend the 9:00 am mass and sit with their class. They will go directly to the school for class after mass. Dismissal will be at 11:30 am. **This session counts as two classes.**

### REMINDER FOR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES:

First Reconciliation  
Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am for children with last names A - L  
Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am for children with last names K - Z

**Please be on time.**

If you need to change your date, please contact the Religious Education Office.

**BIBLE STORY PICTURES** are due on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please give to your child's catechist or teacher.

### RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowls are available in the Church. Please consider taking one and donating to the missions that help people throughout the world.

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Any parishioners who have experience running **BINGO AND CARNIVALS** please contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

#### SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating some canned or non-perishable food items so we can help feed those in need. Food may be dropped off at the Church or at the Parish Center. Thank you!

**Our next food pantry day is Tuesday March 17**, at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church offers a variety of musical styles at the following masses:

**Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am**

Traditional and Contemporary Music

**Sunday, 9:00 am and 12 noon**

Gospel/Contemporary Worship Music



The 12:00 Noon Contemporary Band and Choir is looking for volunteers who can play the bass, guitar or sing.

**Rehearsals: 7:30 pm on Tuesdays** in the Church. Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at [patrickphillips96@gmail.com](mailto:patrickphillips96@gmail.com)

## Ministry Information

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

HUGS Ministry would like to thank **INVESTORS BANK** for donating Tote Bags to the ministry.

The Ministry also received "thank you" letters from the following organizations, for receiving Grace Bags in February: Union County Prosecutors Office, Union DCP & P, Plainfield Police Department, Newark Police Special Victims Division, Hillside Police Department, Tainas Guerreras Earthquake Relief in Puerto Rico and the Division of Child Protective & Permanency of Union.

A big thank you to all parishioners who have been donating items and funds to keep this ministry functioning. Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on our website at [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) (Click on the Parish Giving Icon). Thanks also to our parish families who have been at the receiving end of the Grace Bags, and thanks to our ministry members who tirelessly give their time, talent and treasure to the Ministry!

**Our next Grace Bags Distribution Day is Tuesday, March 24th**, at the Parish Center located at 1211 Orange Avenue from **12:00 to 2:00 pm**.



**HUGS Ministry Distribution Members**



## ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

### Upcoming Events:

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** : Luncheon at The Brownstone featuring the Feast of St. Joseph. Reservation and payment can still be made at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives.

Membership extended to those 55 and over.

## NOVENA of Masses

### MARCH 2020

Ann L. Corrigan	Jose J. Arnaldo
Jurusik & Arner Families	Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomano	John & Augusta Mahon
George Rinehart	James Ford Sr.
Roger Boetsch	Special Intentions
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	Craig Calix (Living)
Donna Hornig	Leopold Enwonwu
Pierre & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti, Sr.
Louis Sauro	Luigi Sauro
Jennie "Pat" Pruszkowski	Rev. Matthias Conva
Raizza Jean Gonzales (Living)	Susan De Jesus
Kathleen Turner (Living)	All Souls in Purgatory
Donna Davidson (1st Ann.)	
Felicitas Onday (Living) - For Health	
Victorino Mendoza (Living) - For Health	
Loi Panes (Living) - For Health	
Ann Marie Bentivegna (1st Ann.)	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Deceased Members of the Galgo Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
In thanks for God's blessings on the USA	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Lucila Sousa Araujo and Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

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, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward, Marie Mate, David Randolph, Fr. Roy Regazpi, Junia Perez & Virginia Hernandez.

### DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers our parish, friends and family members who have passed on to the Lord, that they may inherit the promise of everlasting life in heaven. For this week, we especially remember members of St. Michael's Parish.



## Announcements

### 2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 13, 20, 27, April 3  
7:00 pm, Church

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, April 4  
1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confessions

#### HOLY WEEK

##### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 4 at 5:30 pm  
Sunday, April 5 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and  
12:00 noon  
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

**Monday of the Week, April 6** at 8:00 pm  
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart,  
Newark with Archbishop Cardinal Tobin

#### Wednesday of the Week, April 8

Penance Service with Individual Confession  
7:00-8:30 pm

**No confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday  
and Holy Saturday**

#### Holy Thursday, April 9

8:30 am – Morning Prayer  
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by  
Vigil & Adoration

#### Good Friday, April 10

8:30 am – Morning Prayer  
2:00 pm – Walk of Our Lord (Stations of the Cross)  
3:30 pm – Celebration of the Passion  
7:30 pm – CYO Living Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday, April 11

8:30 am – Morning Prayer/Reflections  
12:00 Noon – Blessing of Food  
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

**No Confession/No 5:30 pm Mass**

#### Easter Sunday, April 12

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

### SAVE THE DATE: EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020**

**10:30 am - 12:00 Noon**

**Church Grounds**

**Rain Location: Lower Church**



## Announcements

### LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS

Fridays, immediate following Stations of the Cross,  
Church

March 13th - Fr. John Cryan—"Breaking Open the  
Signs and Symbols of Holy Week"

March 20th—Msgr. Robert Wister: Changes in the  
ethnic composition of the Catholic population in the  
Archdiocese of Newark over the last 50 years.

March 27th—Fr. Colin Kay—"From the Bottom Up: The  
Cross and the Poor."

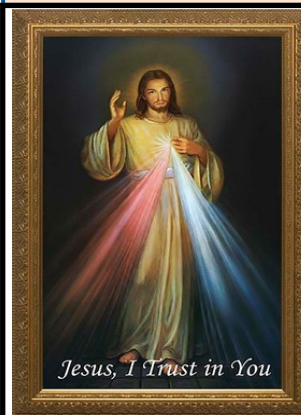
April 3rd—TBA

### ALTAR SERVER CAPES

Dear Parishioners,

We are still in need of donors for  
the new Altar Server Capes.  
Please call the Parish Center  
Office (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 if you are  
interested in donating.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



### THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy  
will be celebrated at  
St. Michael's on  
Sunday, April 19th at  
3:00 PM in Church.

### SAVE THE DATE: 2ND DANCE FOR A CAUSE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020**

**4:00 - 8:00 pm**

**\$30 per person, includes food and drinks**  
**Music provided by: DJ Dano Lumanog**  
**For more information, please contact:**  
**Angie Zoleta — 908-265-2701**  
**Resy Milora-Dilag — 908-416-2732**

