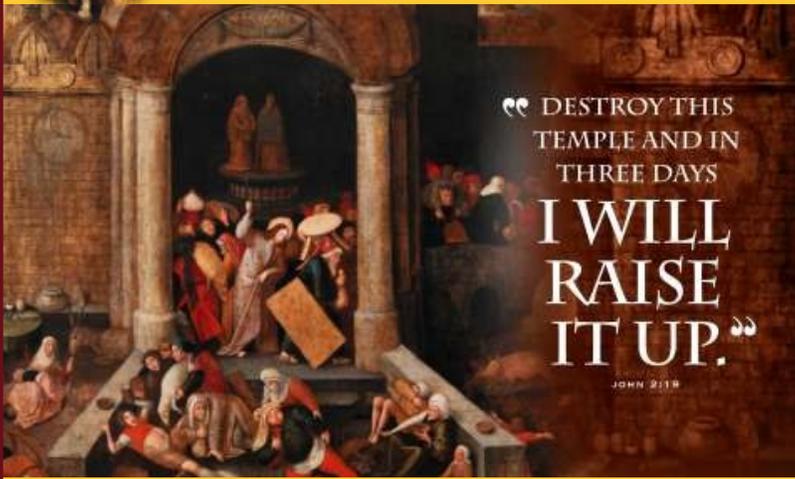


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MARCH 7, 2021

THIRD 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*
Deacon Michael Alfano, *Permanent Deacon*
Mrs. Clare Andriola, *Pastoral Associate for Religious Education*
Ms. Cristina Manochio, *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 2:00 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

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Telephones

Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232
Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076
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Devotions

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Friday and 1st Sunday 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

Message From The Pastors Desk



Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

March 2, 2021

The Clergy, The Religious, and the Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

One of the obligations imposed upon all of us during the season of Lent is the observance of abstinence from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well as on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. The law on abstinence binds all those who have attained the age of fourteen.

Every year our Lenten austerity is interrupted by one or two solemnities, feast days of the highest rank that celebrate a mystery of faith such as the Trinity, an event in the life of Jesus, his mother Mary, or another important saint. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is commemorated on March 19th and, this year, that celebration falls on a Friday. What is more, last December, Pope Francis announced a special “Year of St. Joseph” to be celebrated from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

Some of the faithful have asked me to dispense the Archdiocese from abstinence from meat on Friday, March 19, 2021. I am happy to grant that dispensation to all as part of the celebration of this Solemnity during the Year of St. Joseph.

A most fitting way to celebrate the Solemnity is a festive meal with your household and a gift to one of our food pantries or soup kitchens to ensure that the poor will eat as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Archdiocesan Center

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"The Way" Our Parish Newsletter

My dear Parishioners,

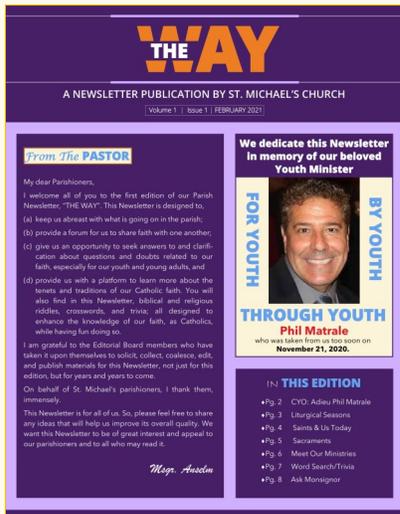
I welcome all of you to the first edition, Volume 1, Issue 1, of our Parish Newsletter, "THE WAY", which is designed to service our church family at multiple levels: (a) keep us abreast with what is going on in the parish, (b) provide a forum for us to share faith with one another, (c) give us an opportunity to seek answers to questions confronting our youth and young adults, (e) and providing us with a platform to learn about the fundamentals of our Catholic faith and traditions.

The Editorial Board is committed to rolling out the production of this Newsletter on a quarterly basis, following as it were, the liturgical seasons of the Church. Our hope is that our youth and young adults will find in this Newsletter an outlet to express their faith, share that faith with their peers, find answers to questions about their faith, and clarify doubts that may be holding them back from the fullest expression of their faith convictions. Inside this Newsletter, you will also find riddles, cross-words, and trivia; all designed to enhance the knowledge of our faith, as Catholics, while having some fun doing so.

I am grateful to the Editorial Board members who have taken it upon themselves to solicit, collect, coalesce, edit, and publish the materials for this Newsletter, not just for this edition, but for years and years to come. On behalf of St. Michael's parishioners, I thank them, immensely. Please be open to letting us know, if you have any ideas, on how we can improve this Newsletter and make it more appealing to our parishioners and to the public.

Msgr. Anselm

The Newsletter is digital, and can be accessed at stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



Stewardship of Treasure

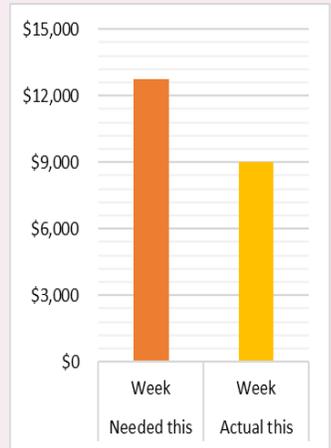
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

2/28/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 13,086	\$ 8,987	(\$4,099)

In the present health emergency, our weekly collections are interrupted. Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Dropping your envelopes** in the box in the Church vestibule.
- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form.
- **GoFundMe** The Archdiocese has established a site for contributions, to parishes, due to the current emergency. Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the GoFundMe button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.



As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is **\$13,086**. What we actually received is **\$8,987**, so we are short **\$4,099**.

Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ONLINE GIVING



Donating your weekly collections through the Parish Giving online platform is helpful now more than ever. Due to health and safety concerns related to the pandemic the number of volunteers that are available to count the collections has significantly diminished.

By using online giving you are selecting the safest and easiest method of giving for St. Michael's Parish.

To start using Parish Giving go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during this unprecedented emergency that we are all experiencing.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	March 6 Condorcet & Andre Leroy
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 7 For the Parishioners Serapio Dagat Juan Espeleta Sofia A. Gaivoto
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 8 Aris Francisco Thomas Canavan (11th Ann.)
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 9 Bienvenido Valencia Francis Purdue
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 10 Novena of Masses/Tomas Bagon Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 11 Novena of Masses Sebastiano Centorino
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 12 Jesus M. Duenas Cesar Ong
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	March 13 Jesus Adrian Duenas (Living) Marie Carmella Erwin (Living) Thanksgiving
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 14 Rafael Vibar For the Parishioners Teodoro Mendoza Jose Isirio Torres

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione, family and friends.

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021} Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. St. Michael's is 11% towards our goal of \$46,240. 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; supports retired clergy 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 we exceed our goal.** It is important for all of us to participate.

Please consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:30AM to 2:30PM (except holidays) or by appointment. We are located in the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Avenue. You can also contact us by phone 908-964-0965 at any time and leave a message or via email at smccd@comcast.net.

Lenten Series Speakers

We are pleased to announce that we are reinstating our Lenten Series Speakers following the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays in Lent.

*This will be a virtual presentation projected on the large screens in the church following the Stations of the Cross.

A replay will subsequently be available on our Parish website:

<https://stmichaelunion.org/religious-education/>

Mar. 5	Raymond Gora, Knights of Columbus Council #4505, Union	<i>Living as a Catholic in Challenging Times</i>
Mar. 12	Mary F. Brown-Blessed Sacrament/ St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Newark	<i>Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me</i>
Mar. 19	To Be Announced	
Mar. 26	Fr. Jim Worth, St. Joseph Church, Maplewood	<i>A Musical Meditation</i>

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyouionnj@gmail.com



The CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who has continued to support our program. Please remember, in person CYO will be cancelled until further notice. We are currently in the process of starting up our weekly meetings virtually through Zoom. Our official startup date was February 9th, with meetings recurring weekly on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm.

Parents and teens, check your mail and emails, as parental consent forms have been sent out. Please have them signed and either dropped off at the Parish Center or emailed. If you choose to email the waiver, make sure you receive a confirmation email back within 48 hours.

If anyone has any questions, send us a message at our updated email: cyouionnj@gmail.com.

We ask that you continue to keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you and God Bless you all.

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Mas-sicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

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.

Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at Patrick@patrickkbphillips.com



Wellness Ministry

OUTDOOR Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays at **10:00 am**

Registration and MASK **REQUIRED**



Sign up @ <https://signup.com/go/WbCPhhS>
(Space is Limited)

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating food to the Food Pantry for the coming holiday season. You can drop off the food items at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) Thank you for your generosity.



Feeding the Community

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

Gemma Ezpeleta Kodumal & Rev. Amaro DaRocha Oliveira

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES MARCH 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions—VG
Mollie Endler	Phil Matrale
Rev. Matthias Conva	Miguel Rosello
Frank Rubinetti	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Wendelin Orillaneda	Joseph & Michelene Kmetz
Luigi Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomano
George Rinehart	Giuseppe Terriaca
Diane Criado (1st Ann.)	Teresita Javier Alejandro
Rev. Amaro DaRocha Oliveira	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In thanks for God's blessings on the U.S.A.	
For God's Assistance with COVID-19	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahan Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanlon & Mattiack Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo	
Joseph Furnari and Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano 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, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claudette Kallabeen, Carol Czapl, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward, Marie Mate, David Randolph, Fr. Roy Regaspi, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Lucy Scalgione, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas, Cesar DeJesus, Frances Mechado, Chet Janusz, Laraine Colucci & Kathy Sarno and Baby Charlie Boyle.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

All the votive candle stands are now open. Please follow the safety directions on how to light the candles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17 (or shorter form, *Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17*)
Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11
A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25
Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.



DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 om in Church.

VIRTUAL MASSES & DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

MARIAN DEVOTION

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)
WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)
7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS

8:30AM

SUNDAY MASS

*(On Facebook) 10:30AM

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www.stmichaelunion.org

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses in Church.

Go to our website: www.stmichaelunion.org.

It is important to register to protect all parishioners in case there is an outbreak of the virus. We will be able to reach out and contact and inform those who have attended. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – March 12, 19, 26
7:00 pm, Church

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday, March 27**

1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 27 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week, March 31

Penance Service with Individual Confession
7:00 – 8:30 pm
No Confession on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, April 1

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

Good Friday/First Friday, April 2

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
2:30 pm – Stations of the Cross, Church
3:30 pm – Celebration of the Passion
7:30 pm – CYO Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3

8:30 am – Morning Prayer/Reflections
12:00 noon – Blessing of the Food
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil
No Confession/No 5:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm
Easter Monday, April 5
Mass at 9:00 am

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit eva.us/stmichael to sign up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us. Follow the response to update your profile and select email or text messages as your preferred form of contact. You can also indicate if you are part of a ministry or would like to join a ministry (group).

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.

