

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. 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

March 10, 2019
1ST 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 9 |
| 5:30 PM | John & Anna Puszhak |
| Sunday | March 10 |
| 7:30 AM | The United States of America |
| 9:00 AM | Jennie Pruszkowski |
| 10:30 AM | Patrick & Victoria Galgo |
| 12:00 Noon | For the Parishioners |
| Monday | March 11 |
| 7:00 AM | Maria Rego |
| 8:30 AM | All Souls |
| 12:00 Noon | John & Mary Rice |
| Tuesday | March 12 |
| 7:00 AM | Novena of Masses |
| 8:30 AM | Winifred Smyth |
| 12:00 Noon | Francisco Tesoro |
| Wednesday | March 13 |
| 7:00 AM | Angela Barbera |
| 8:30 AM | All Souls |
| 12:00 Noon | Rosa Mugavero |
| Thursday | March 14 |
| 7:00 AM | Novena of Masses |
| 8:30 AM | Edward Argonza |
| 12:00 Noon | John & Ann Rice |
| Friday | March 15 |
| 7:00 AM | Arthur Ericksen |
| 8:30 AM | Maria Dulce Stevens (Living) |
| 12:00 Noon | Richard Birch (2nd Ann.) |
| Saturday | March 16 |
| 8:30 AM | Patrick Hanrahan |
| 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 |

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Craig Calix (Living), requested by his mom Marie.



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.

1st Sunday of Lent

Trust. Trouble. Temptation. The Israelites remembered and trusted God's constant, guiding presence and gave back to God the first fruits of the land. The palmist trusted God would be present in times of trouble. Jesus survived temptation in the desert, only by trusting in God. In whom or what do we place our trust when we are troubled and tempted?

Dt 26:4-10 I have brought you the first fruits of this land flowing with milk and honey.

Ps 91 Be with me, Lord when I am in trouble.

Rom 10:8-13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Lk 4:1-13 You shall not put the Lord God to the test.

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 Rubinetti, Sr.
Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Special Intentions
Marie Dulce Stevens (Living)
Patricio Labayen
Brenda Meehan
St. Joseph Intentions
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

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 10 |
| 9:00-10:15 AM | RCIA, Murphy Room |
| 10:15-11:30 AM | Religious Education |
| 1:30 PM | Young Adults Group Meeting, LC |
| Monday | March 11 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 3:30-4:30 PM | Religious Education |
| 7:30 PM | Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting, Parish Center |
| 7:00 PM | Zumba, LC |
| Tuesday | March 12 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 7:00-8:15 PM | Religious Education |
| 7:00-8:30 PM | CYO |
| 7:00 PM | Bible Class, Rectory |
| Wednesday | March 13 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 7:00 PM | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration, Church |
| Thursday | March 14 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary |
| 7:30 PM | Choir Practice, Church |
| Friday | March 15 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 7:00 PM | Stations of the Cross & Lenten Speaker, Church |
| Saturday | March 16 |
| 9:00-10:00 AM | Gospel Reflections, LC |
| 10:00 AM | Zumba |
| 1:00-2:00 PM | Confession, Church |
| 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 |

**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

| | Week of 3/3/2018 | Yr. to Date 7/1/-3/3/2018 |
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| Collections | \$ 5,587 | \$ 247,899 |
| Online Collections | \$ 567 | \$ 19,868 |
| SOS | \$ 8,373 | \$ 90,580 |
| Online SOS | \$ 1,030 | \$ 13,294 |
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| Total | \$ 15,557 | \$ 371,641 |
| Budget | \$ 12,392 | \$ 370,595 |
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| Difference | \$ 3,165 | \$ 1,046 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!



CONGRATULATIONS!

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
 March 3, 2019 — Yes J. Szalick

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

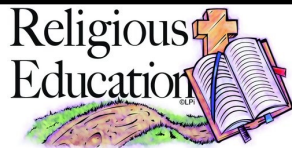
Every Friday during Lent, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Lenten Speakers

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
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.



SAVE THE DATES: LENTEN SERIES TALKS

Our Lenten Series Talks will begin on **Friday, March 8th** immediately following Stations of the Cross.

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

March 15: Fr. Paul Schetelick
March 22: Msgr. John Rodano
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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDRAISER

JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER!

We are having a Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Fundraiser. Catalogs are available in the Church or at the Parish Center. You can also order on-line. Go to www.gertrudehawkfundraising.com. Once you reach the Fundraising Page, scroll down to click on the green box that states "Click here to enter your 6 digit group code for group member sign-up". **Our Group Code is 127970.** Please help support this fundraiser.

10 Miles with Jesus. 10 Mile Stations of the Cross Walking Pilgrimage from the Archdiocesan Shrine of John Paul II in Linden, NJ to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral in Newark, NJ.

The walking Pilgrimage will begin on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II (St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish) 131 E. Edgar Rd., Linden, NJ and conclude at the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral 89 Ridge St., Newark, NJ at around 5 pm with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Very Reverend Bishop Manuel Cruz, Pastor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FREE ADMISSION, however all participants must register. To register and for additional information visit: www.10mileswithJesus.org, email: info@10mileswithJesus.org or call: 201.220.1949

| Time | March 9-10 1 st Sunday of Lent | March 16-17 2 nd Sunday of Lent |
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| 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. Aidan Perez 5. 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. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo 5. Ian Galing | 1. Joshua Estoque 2. RYanne Ramah 3. Lorenz Tanguib 4. Kamsi Emeh 5. Carmella Mendoza |
| 12:00 noon | 1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Jerome Fernandez 4. 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, Barbara Fehr, Jean Claude, Carol Nichnadowcz, Augusta Mahon, Claubette Kallabeen. Carol Czaplak & Stephen Czaplak, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia and Illuminda Duyan.



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 **Patricio Labayen and Brenda Meehan.**

**CYO/Youth Ministry News**

cyouunion@aol.com

This Tuesday, March 12th will be "Bring A Friend!" night at CYO. This is a great night to introduce a friend to CYO and to what our group is all about. We have a great night planned with presentations by Larra Richeme and Justin Novoa to explain what we do at CYO, as well as games, slides and refreshments! Bring a Friend and share your Jesus!

Special thanks go out to our members who volunteered last Saturday in the Snowy weather to help out the disabled kids at the ARC Festival. Your efforts and good will went a long way and know that you will be blessed because of it!

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 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, **March 4, 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- Karen Jason, Adult Services Librarian, will speak about the new programs at the Union Public Library.

Upcoming Events:

March 13th- "My Irish Rose" at the Brownstone. **Please contact Kathy Scheffer before this meeting if you will be joining us at the Brownstone for our St. Patrick event.**

Cost is \$53p/p payment will be accepted at this meeting.

April 1st- Horizon BC/BS representative will be speaking on the subject of "Brain Games".

April 15th- Lauren DelVecchio, Clear Captions Telephone Technology

May 6th -Dr. Robert Fishberg, Associates in Cardiovascular Diseases. His topic is Healthy Living for Seniors.

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.

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.*