

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

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.

April 28, 2019
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Saturday**

5:30 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:00 Noon

Monday

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

12:00 Noon

Tuesday

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Saturday

8:30 AM

5:30 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:00 Noon

April 27

Alejandro T. Cruz

April 28

Steve Nagy (Living)

For the Parishioners

Rodrigo V. Gancia (Living) &

Liz Gancia (Living)

Manuel Caram

April 29

Special Intentions for Kunnath Family

Thomas Gillick, Sr.

Manuel Caram

April 30

Novena of Masses

Manuel Fazendeiro

Jimmy Doncsec

May 1

Monica Votapek

Mickey Czapl

Angela Barbera

May 2

Novena of Masses

Felina Angeles

Adelaida Palao (1st Ann.)

May 3

Special Intentions for Kunnath Family

Asha Loricka

Vida Gratela Cruz

May 4

Monico Coleman & Louna Enriquez

Alejandro T. Cruz

May 5

For the Parishioners

Adalina Tentin

Regina Mendoza (Living)

Walter McMahon

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Special Intentions.

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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The church teaches that St. Faustina, a 20th-century Polish nun, recorded revelations that she received from Jesus who, as she wrote in her diary, desired that "a Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls." The readings tell the story of God's abundant mercy and love for us. We ask for the grace to more clearly respond to these great signs and wonders of mercy and love that God continues to bestow on us and our world.

*Acts 5:12-16 Many signs and wonders were done among the people.
Ps 118 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 I am the first and the last, the one who lives.
Jn 20:19-31 Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*

NOVENA OF MASSES – April 2019

James Ford, Sr.	Alejandro T. Cruz
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Pamela D'Amico	Mary Russomanno
Serafina Sauro	Rosemary Sauro
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Craig Calix (Living)
Jurusik & Arner Families	John Francis Mahon
Felicitas Tan (Living)	Micheline & Joseph Kmetz
Chike Melie, Jr.	Chinwe Melie & Children (Living)
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Special Intentions	Wieslaw Nnoli
Ernie Badiola	Aurora Antonio
Ariel D. Paronable	
Special Intentions of Kunnath Family	
John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes	
Chinyere G. Odoemene (Living)	
Kosiso & Chinedu Akporji (Living)	
Kachi Odoemene & Family (Living)	
Chisom Odoemene (Living)	
Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Mabalot, Veluz & Tan Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Soares, Cruz, Albuquerque & Matos Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Dibia & Ekeh Families	
Special Intentions for Assumpta & Emmanuel Ekeh	



Thank you to Med Domingo and the Decorating Committee for the beautiful Church decorations during Lent and the Easter.

Thank you to all you have donated for the Easter Flowers.

We have openings in our Monthly Novena Masses (offering \$10) for the upcoming months. We encourage you to make use of these opportunities to offer the Sacrifice of the Masses for different kinds of intentions — birthdays, anniversaries, healing graces, protection, gratitude to God, progress in our children, work, related promotions, traveling mercies, etc. It is a good spiritual practice. Just come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to put in your request.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Divine Mercy Sunday	April 28
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
10:30 AM	First Communion
3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Mass, Church
Monday	April 29
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:40 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
Tuesday	April 30
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	May 1
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	First Communion Practice (5/5- 9:00 AM), Church
Thursday	May 2
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	May 3
7:00 PM	First Communion Practice (5/5—12 Noon), Church
Saturday	May 4
11:00 AM	Healing Mass, LC
1:00 PM	Confession, Church
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive	
Sunday	May 5
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
9:00 AM & 12:00 Noon	First Communion
1:30 PM	Young Adults Group, Murphy Room
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive	

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>Yr. to Date</u>
	<u>4/14/2018</u>	<u>7/1/-4/14/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 7,990	\$ 297,026
Online Collections	\$ 602	\$ 23,430
SOS	\$ 4,624	\$ 103,018
Online SOS	\$ 855	\$ 17,583
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Total	\$ 14,071	\$ 441,057
Budget	\$ 12,126	\$ 435,195
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Difference	\$ 1,945	\$ 5,862

Thank you for your continued generosity!

\$50
PER TICKET

ST. MICHAEL PARISH CALENDAR RAFFLE



12 WEEKS = 12 CHANCES TO WIN!

\$5,400 IN TOTAL CASH PRIZES!

Drawings on Sundays at 1:30pm

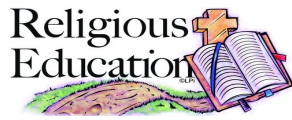
Thank you for supporting St. Michael Parish

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 43% towards our goal of \$44,721. 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.***

"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 May 4 & 5, 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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Patti Milone and her "Alleluia" children for their help at our 9:00 a.m. Easter Mass.

FAMILIES PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST:

Communion banners can be turned in to your child's catechist or teacher, or dropped off at the Parish Center.

PRACTICE DATES FOR COMMUNION

First Communion: Sunday May 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Practice: Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday, May 5th, 12:00 p.m.

Practice: Friday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

You and your child must attend practice. Please be prompt.

RICE BOWLS DONATIONS. Donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Center. Religious Education students can give their donations to their catechist. The monies collected are donated to the missions who help people throughout the world.



SAVE THE DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019, 7:00 PM** **MAY CROWNING**

The month of May is especially dedicated to the Blessed Mother, and here at St. Michael's we honor her in song and prayer at our May Crowning. **Our new first communicants will be present and are asked to wear their Communion apparel.** Parents attending may bring flowers for "Mary's Garden" if they wish, and place them in the urns in front of the altar. Each child will receive a flower as they process into the Church. This is a very special way to celebrate God's gift to us with the children.

The FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



**will be celebrated
today in Church —
Sunday, April 28th
at 3:00 PM.**

SAVE THE DATE: May 4, 2019

ANNUAL HEALING MASS

On Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 AM, St. Michael's Parish will hold its Annual Healing Mass in the Lower Church. The mass will begin promptly at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232 and register so that we may plan accordingly.



ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, May 6, 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 – Dr. Robert Fishberg, Associates in Cardiovascular Diseases.

The topic of discussion "Healthy Living for Seniors."

Upcoming Events:

May 20 – Bingo after general meeting

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

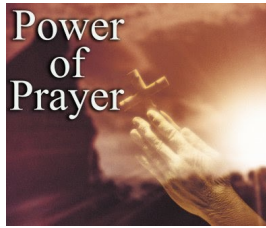
Personal items for the homeless and needy. (Gerry Jones)

Membership is extended to those 55 and over.

Time	April 27-28 2 nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)	May 4-5 3 rd Sunday of Easter
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. Joshua Laube 5. Nicholas Laube	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Nathan De Guzman 5. Justin N. Gawel
10:30am	1. Lorenz Tangub 2. Aidan Perez 3. Samuel Ilagan	1. Joshua Estoque 2. Rynne Ramah 3. Kamsi Emeh 4. Carmella Mendoza 5. Ian Galing
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 4. Lorenz Tangub

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, 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 Czapl, Stephen Czapl, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Illuminda 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 **Angela Seneca Graves & Donna Hornig.**

**CYO/Youth Ministry News**

cyouunion@aol.com



We would like to thank all our members who participated in and were present for our Inspirational "Living Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday Evening. They touched the hearts of many!

Stations Of The Cross

Jesus Christ:..... Jacob Randolph

Mary: Natalie Colon

Soldiers: Rhyann Almonacy Matthew Fazendeiro

Simon: Dylan Perez

Veronica: Wendy Castor

Women of Jerusalem:

Amy Hoang Simone Oropeza Gabriella Valente

Servant: Salome Oropeza

Apostles Dylan Chudzik Nick Mehno Darcy Pedrosa

Voice of Mary Larra Richeme

Readers:

Paula Sefia	Nick SanInocencio	Gabriella Gutierrez
Joseph Matos	Aryanna Perez	Christian Simms
Ava Moran	Josh Moreira	Lorenz Tangub
Angelica DiStefano	Rhanda Almonacy	Isabella Ushak
Eric Fernandez	Janai Campbell	Justin Novoa

Stage/Lights:..... Michael Kelley

Special thanks also goes to the Friends of CYO Choir for their beautiful Music! God Bless them all!

**Vacation
Bible
School**

SAVE THE DATES:

July 22—26, 2019
July 29— August 2, 2019

**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.

Message from Pastor



Easter: Teachable Moments in Dealing with Adversity.

By: Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D.

The joy of Easter Sunday takes its full force from Good Friday — the day Christ was crucified, because without Good Friday, Easter Sunday will not be as powerful an event in history as it is today in our lives as Christians. Death does not have the last word; life does.

Life is full of ups and downs, sorrows and joys, adversity and prosperity. As Carl Jung, a prominent psychologist, once observed; "Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness and the word 'happy' would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by the word, 'sadness'." Just like a bed of roses, there are thorns as well as color and beauty. Truth be told, if we did not sometimes taste adversity in life, prosperity would not be so welcome.

This symbiosis between Good Friday and Easter Sunday teaches us not how to avoid struggles in life but how to deal with them. Many a time, we attempt to deal with suffering with an attitude of apathy — a defeated acceptance of tribulations in life under the assumption that it is God's will. This kind of outlook only guarantees more defeat because it kills initiative and creativity, defeats hope and the grace of prayer. It denies one the hope of becoming an "overcomer" under the grace of God. It was not the spirit of apathy that got Christ through the crucifixion and unto the resurrection. It was faith in God that did.

We sometimes also may see hardships as situations to be bulldozed over with defiance; with human power, money and influential connections. Such a mindset does not see any "teachable moment" in human tribulations. "It is not by power and might" as Scripture says, "but by the Spirit of the Lord". Adversity, many a time is a forerunner to prosperity. The experience of tribulation has been known to strengthen the soul, clear up vision, inspire ambition, and lead to greater success.

There is also the temptation to develop an attitude of self-pity in the face of difficult situations. But here is what Scripture says, "No adversity has come to you that is not common to the human race". All through His journey to the Cross, self-pity was not option for Christ. An attitude of self-pity drains out the power to overcome, inhibits effort and imagination, stifles hope, compromises initiative, while letting despair, hopelessness, and helplessness run wild.

What the resurrection of Christ teaches us is that, in the face of suffering and tribulations, we need to assure ourselves that God's hand will never cause His child a needless tear. Believing this, what we need to do is to "Settle our situation in our hearts". The word "Settle" from the Greek word "tithemi," which means to "set" or "put" something in its place. To settle something in the heart is to have an unshakable confidence in God; to deposit it with God and not let even the total collapse of the entire cosmos interfere with it. As Scripture says: "God is faithful and with every temptation, we also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). We need to believe in the face of tribulations, that God is preparing a window of escape; His faithfulness will have the last word as it had for Jesus Christ. He is the "Ancient of Days" — He has done it before, is doing it now, and will do it again.

St. Michael's Parish Community

Cordially invites you to

St. Michael's "FIRST" DANCE For A Cause

Sunday, May 19, 2019 • 4PM–8PM

St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey
(908) 688-1232

- Donation -

\$30.00 per person

includes admission, food, non-alcoholic beverage
(Cash or Check payable to St. Michael's Church)

"Proceeds will go to the restoration of the Church's heating"
Thank you so much for your support!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

1212 KELLY STREET, UNION, NJ 07083

Paint and Sip



TICKETS

\$40

Snacks
Supplied

[BYOB]

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

June 1st 6:30pm–10:00pm

Tickets can be purchased Online
@ stmichaelunion.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TINA SPASSIONE @ TINYA123@YAHOO.COM

COME CELEBRATE

St. Michael's FEAST DAY

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

@

Knights of Columbus

7:00 – 11:00 PM

TICKETS: \$60 PER PERSON