

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*

Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*

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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.

March 3, 2019

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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|------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday | March 2 | |
| 5:30 PM | Craig Calix (Living) | |
| Sunday | March 3 | |
| 7:30 AM | For the Parishioners | |
| 9:00 AM | Nora & Michael Forde | |
| 10:30 AM | Anthony Walano | |
| 12:00 Noon | Carl Bergel | |
| Monday | March 4 | |
| 7:00 AM | Novena of Masses | |
| 8:30 AM | Carlos Justiniano | |
| 12:00 Noon | Helen Fahey (25th Ann.) | |
| Tuesday | March 5 | |
| 7:00 AM | Victoria Emaghiebo | |
| 8:30 AM | Christiana Oboshi | |
| 12:00 Noon | Mary & Joseph Bernot | |
| Wednesday | March 6 | ASH WEDNESDAY |
| 7:00 AM | Faustino Magno | |
| 8:30 AM | Serapio Dagat (38th Ann.) | |
| 12:00 Noon | Alton Famarin | |
| 4:00 PM Service | | |
| 7:00 PM | Policarpio De Leon | |
| Thursday | March 7 | |
| 7:00 AM | Novena of Masses | |
| 8:30 AM | Joseph Del Mauro | |
| 12:00 Noon | Thomas Canavan (9th Ann.) | |
| Friday | March 8 | |
| 7:00 AM | Ali A. Damestani | |
| 8:30 AM | Deceased Members of Gillick & Kelly Families | |
| 12:00 Noon | Raizza Jean Gonzales (Living) | |
| Saturday | March 9 | |
| 8:30 AM | Ali A. Damestani | |
| 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 | |

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for Juan Ezpeleta, Sr., requested by his family.

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this Sunday before Lent, the readings challenge us to be mindful of our thoughts, words and deeds. They call us to first judge ourselves before we judge others. May God shake us from our sins of apathy and judgement, so as to provide a path to enter more deeply into the Lenten journey before us.

Sir 27:4-7 Tribulation is the test of the just.

Ps 92 Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1 Cor 15:54-58 Where, O death, is your sting?

Lk 6:39-45 Remove the beam from your own eye first.

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)

St. Joseph Intentions

Adriano Lobo De Barros

Louis Sauro & Luigi Sauro

John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes

Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, 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 3 |
| 9:00-10:15 AM | RCIA, Murphy Room |
| 10:15-11:30 AM | Religious Education |
| 6:30 PM | First Sunday Adoration, Church |
| Monday | March 4 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 3:30-4:30 PM | Religious Education |
| 11:30 AM | St. Michael's Senior Meeting, LC |
| 7:00-8:30 PM | Parish Council Meeting, Murphy Room |
| Tuesday | March 5 |
| 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 6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| Thursday | March 7 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary |
| 7:30 PM | Choir Practice, Church |
| Friday | March 8 |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary, Church |
| 7:00 PM | Stations of the Cross & Lenten Speaker, Church |
| Saturday | March 9 |
| 9:00-10:00 AM | Gospel Reflections, LC |
| 10:00 AM | Zumba |
| 11:00 AM | First Reconciliation, Church |
| 1:00-2:00 PM | Confession, Church |
| 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 |

**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>2/24/2018</u> | <u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1/-2/24/2018</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Collections | \$ 7,911 | \$ 242,312 |
| Online Collections | \$ 497 | \$ 19,301 |
| SOS | \$ 173 | \$ 82,207 |
| Online SOS | \$ 0 | \$ 12,264 |
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| Total | \$ 8,581 | \$ 356,084 |
| Budget | \$ 6,769 | \$ 358,202 |
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| Difference | \$ 1,812 | (\$ 2,118) |

Thank you for your continued generosity!



12 CHANCES TO WIN UP TO \$12,000 IN 12 WEEKS!

St. Michael's Calendar Raffle

- ◇ Win up to \$12,000 in 12 drawings.
- ◇ \$1,000 every week for 12 consecutive weeks.
- ◇ Winning ticket goes back into the drawing pool.
- ◇ Number of tickets to be sold is 300.
- ◇ Cost is \$120 per ticket for 12 chances.
- ◇ Drawing date is every Sunday from 12/16/18-3/3/19
- ◇ Drawing will take place in the Lower Church at 1:30 PM
- ◇ Winner does not need to be present
- ◇ Proceeds will go to the restoration of the Church's air conditioner

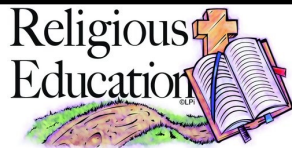
CONGRATULATIONS!

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

"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 this weekend — March 2 & 3, 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 9th at 11:00 a.m. for children with
last names A - L
Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. for children
with last names M - Z
Please be on time.



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 8: Msgr. Paul Bochicchio
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

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.



March 6, 2019 is Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at the following masses:

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM
And the 4:00 pm service

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CENSUS

St. Michael's Parish is in the process of updating our Database, so we can reach out to everyone when we need to:

Please fill out the form below:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

☐ Please send me parish collection envelopes.

Consent Request:

You may contact me regarding parish news and important message _____

Preferred Mode of Contact:

Email: _____

Text Msg: _____

Both: _____

- Use for Census only

If you have not filled out the census form yet please do so. Census forms can also be filled out online at stmichaelunion.org.

If you are not a registered member of St. Michael's you can register online stmichaelunion.org or come by the Parish Center to register.

| Time | March 2-3 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | March 9-10 1 st Sunday of Lent |
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| 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. Chika Adibemma 3. Ifeanyi Adibemma 4. Jarlene Estopia | 1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma |
| 9:00am | 1. Julian Felix 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Megan Felix 4. Nicholas Laube 5. Joshua Laube | 1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Aidan Perez 5. Nathan De Guzman |
| 10:30am | 1. Joshua Estoque 2. Rynne Ramah 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Kamsi Emeh 5. Joshua Omoruyi | 1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo 5. Ian Galing |
| 12:00 noon | 1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio | 1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Jerome Fernandez 4. Jianna Fernandez |

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 Czapl & Stephen Czapl, 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 **Helen Milligan, Felix A. Del Mauro, Owen Dennis, John Martin and Diana Carluccio.**

**CYO/Youth Ministry News**

cyouunion@aol.com

Be sure not to miss CYO this coming Tuesday as our Seniors will be running the lesson and activity! They have been planning for weeks so I am sure it will be powerful and meaningful. And remember... as always...you are God's Masterpiece!

Tuesday March 19th will be **"Bring A Friend!"** night at CYO. This is a great night to introduce a new friend to CYO and what our group is all about. Start looking now for a friend to bring!

Any Freshman who is interested in running for our Leadership Core Team should let Phil know immediately.

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 Schefter 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**ASH WEDNESDAY****March 6, 2019**

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm

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

3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

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

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.***

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.