



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass
8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday
8:30 am

Sunday
5:30 pm (Saturday Vigil Mass)
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12:00 Noon

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu
Pastor

Rev. Camilo Lopez
Parochial Vicar

**Deacon Michael Cavallo &
Deacon Michael Alfano**
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Mrs. Lois Scanio**
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Mr. Joseph Santillo**
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"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together"

- Hebrews 10:25

TIME IN BETWEEN SUNDAYS

20 **FAMILY ROSARY** VIRTUAL

MON BRING YOUR FAMILY TO MOTHER MARY 7:00 PM

21 **BIBLE STUDY** VIRTUAL

TUES WITH MGRS. ANSELM 7:00 PM

22 **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

WED LOWER CHURCH—MURPHY ROOM 6:00 PM

MARIAN DEVOTION IN CHURCH

WITH EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION 7:30 PM

24 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRI COME AND BE BLESSED 7:00 PM

25 **WELLNESS MINISTRY**

SAT EXERCISE & DANCE CLASS 9:30 AM

FOR VIRTUAL PRAYERS go to www.stmichaelunion.org

Mission

A diverse spiritual community in action, dedicated to drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Message From *The Pastor's Desk*

THE WAY MAKER



Continued..

Last week we began our reflection on the story of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, an encounter that revealed a Jesus who knows what human

tiredness feels like and how difficult it is to keep going even when the flesh is weak; a Jesus who understands the value of breaking barriers; a Jesus who knows how to empathize with our struggles and tribulations.

Continuing with the story, we learn that the woman came to the well around 12:00 noon; a very odd time for people who lived in those days; a time that suggests that this woman was running from something—probably, the gossiping lips of her neighbors because of her state in life. Here, she was doing the right thing at the wrong time. Isn't it true that when our life is messed up, everything about us gets messed up; that when our priorities are disordered, everything about us becomes disordered?

Our lives are so interconnected that when one area is messed up and we live apart from God, the rest of our life suffers. We begin to avoid going to Church, avoid family members and friends, and we find ourselves hanging out in the wrong places, with the wrong people, and with the wrong things. We develop excuses for things that we used to do. But notice that after the woman encountered Jesus, she became bold enough to go back to the same people she had avoided for years and brought the Good News to them. Where did her fear go? Where did her shame go? What happened to her need to avoid people and to hide? When Jesus takes control of our lives; when we empty ourselves before the Lord in truth and honesty, there is nothing to

fear; no shame, nothing to avoid or hide from, nothing we cannot confront because the spirit in us becomes greater than our opposition.

It is important to notice that Jesus had sent His apostle into the town before He encountered this woman in her place of pain – isolation. I am not sure that the conversation between Jesus and this woman would have gone as well as it did if the apostles were present. She probably would have been more ashamed, embarrassed, and unable to connect with Jesus. My friends, Jesus knows where to meet you, when to meet you, and how to encounter you to bring you to a place of glory. God never leaves us where He meets us. He meets us wherever we are to lead us to where we need to be. We need to be ready to move on when we encounter Jesus. The ability to listen and hear God speaking to us is critical, for it is difficult to hear God when we are consumed with our problems and anxieties; when we are angry with life and are unwilling to be reconciled with Him, self, and others. If we are still as angry as we used to be, still as jealous in our hearts, still rebellious to the commandments of the Lord and the laws of His Church, still a barrier-builder, prejudiced and unforgiving in our hearts, still unwilling to tithe as God has commanded us, still envious of other's blessings and hold contempt in our hearts for others, then we have not moved from where Jesus met us. Lent is a time to make moves to become the best versions of ourselves. The Samaritan woman stands up to us as a model; a woman who suffered real pain and lived in sin as we do, a woman who, in her pain, met Jesus and allowed Him to move her to a place of glory. Jesus will do the same for us if only we can open up to Him and let Him do the work on us. May the good Lord grant us a fruitful Lenten practice!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

**Worship Office Archdiocese of Newark
Post-Pandemic Liturgy Directive
Recovering the Full Celebration of the Liturgy**

The Archdiocese has issued post-pandemic liturgical directives in order to foster a renewed fullness in liturgical celebrations.

- Beginning as early as the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on **Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023**, but no later than **Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023**, all pandemic reductions and accommodations are abrogated. The liturgy thenceforth is to be celebrated in the fullness demanded by its very nature, fostering the full participation of the faithful.

We are already in compliance with most of the directives in this document. Below are the ones we need to pay attention to.

- While live streaming and broadcasting liturgies is a valuable resource for those who are unable to attend because of sickness or major health concerns, **it does not satisfy the obligation to participate in Mass for those who able to go to Church and have no serious health concern and issues.**
- Every effort is to be made to ensure that, “the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, should receive the Body of Christ from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and...partake of the chalice...” **(Communion will henceforth be offered under both species to give our parishioners the option of receiving both)**
- “The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant”

So, beginning from the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, Holy Communion will be offered in both species as was customary before the pandemic. Although there is no obligation to receive in both species, I do encourage our parishioners to avail themselves of this fullest way of participating in the Mass as a Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for our salvation.

I am grateful to God that the Church has returned to full normality.

Msgr. Anselm

“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**

COLLECTION & SOS

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
MARCH			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,006	\$ 927
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,359	\$1,280
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$	
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$	
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 8,255	\$1,785

Dear Parishioners,

In order for us to stay in the **GREEN**, it is important that we meet our weekly budget collections and SOS. Please let us continue to support the weekly Sunday collection so that we can achieve our goals of balancing the budget going forward.

Thank you for your support of the parish and your continued generosity.

Msgr. Anselm

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL
ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH**

2023 Base Goal:	\$38,962
2023 Stretch Goal:	\$46,240
As of:	3/15/23
Donor Pledge:	\$26,195
Donor Received:	\$19,877

How to Make a Gift to the Annual Appeal

Make a Gift Online. 1. Visit rcan.org/sharing. You can either make a one-time gift or a monthly gift. You are encouraged to fulfill your pledge on or before June 30, 2023. Don’t forget to select our parish name! You can restrict your gift to a specific area of support. 5. For questions regarding online giving, please call (973) 497-4589.

Fill out an Envelope: Pick up an in-pew envelope at the back of the Church and Complete all the necessary information. Drop the envelope at the parish center, offertory box, or mail it in.

Fill out a Pledge Card: Fill out the pledge card you received in the mail and put it in the enclosed return envelope. For questions please call (973) 497-4129.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY March 18
 5:30 pm Joseph McEnroe
 Onyeka Nnoli

SUNDAY March 19
 7:30 am For the Parishioners
 Marianne Catillo Macatangay
 9:00 am St. Joseph Intentions
 Michelle Cuevas Martell (Living)
 10:30 am Teodoro Mendoza & Ajerico N. Mendoza
 Mary Ann Canavan (10th Ann.)
 12:00 noon Carol & John Halloran

MONDAY March 20
 8:30 am Helen Walano
 12:00 Frank, Sandra, Mia & Max Demonte (Living)

TUESDAY March 21
 8:30 am Albert & Wande Shak
 Jose Penalosa Veluz
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY March 22
 8:30 am Maria Dolores Ferreira
 12:00 noon Novena Of Masses

THURSDAY March 23
 8:30 am Joseph Hrevnack
 12:00 noon For the Parishioners

FRIDAY March 24
 8:30 am Joseph Furnari (Living)-Birthday
 Amadere Pinto
 12:00 noon Gloria Ivette Bernier

SATURDAY March 25
 8:30 am Kamelie & Jesu (Living)
 5:30 pm Souls In Purgatory

SUNDAY March 26
 7:30 am For the Parishioners
 Charles Edward Rilliet, Jr.
 9:00 am Bernadette Pierre-Louis
 10:30 am Alejandro Cruz
 12:00 noon Charismatic Group-Sick Members

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.
The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki, in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.

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 Church

NOVENA OF MASSES

MARCH 2023

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Giuseppe Terriaca
Fritz Maddy	Jorge J. Criado
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti
Carolina Liwanag Santangelo	Consuelo Salazar
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Dr. Tomas Nnoli
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz	Craig Calix (Living)
Thartuma Ikeamyonwu	George Rinehart
Michelle Cuevas Martelli (Living)-Healing	
Teresita Kodumal (Living)-Healing	
St. Joseph Special Intentions	
George, Ruth, Barbara Rinehart	
Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)-Special Intentions	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Czapl, Leniart & McMahan Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Dittemer & DaSilva Families	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, David Randolph, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas, Cesar DeJesus, Chet Janusz, Baby Charlie Boyle, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Tom Ewing, Tony Zaliwski, Kathleen Kachelriess, Trudy Spinelli, Willa Jackson, John McEvoy, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Angelina Amali, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Byron DelMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Harry Benbemia, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, Victoria Phillips, James Scholz

Ministry Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education
Lois Scanio

Upcoming Events for 1st Communion Candidates

Family Retreat for First Eucharist ("Communion Bread")
Retreat

Saturday, April 1 in 2 sessions as follows:

- 10:00 am (Child's Last name A thru L)
- 1:00 pm (Child's Last name M thru Z)

Thank you from Sister of St. Dominic at Caldwell:

We received a handwritten note from Sr. Catherine which reads in part as follows: *"...the people of St. Michael's are so, so generous! When I opened your Christmas card and saw your gift to the Sisters, I could only sit and smile. I could picture many days I prayed in the Church there and imagined the faces of those around me. Good, beautiful people. Thank you – to all! You are making a difference for the Sisters. Sincerely, Sr. Catherine Waters, O.P."*

The Religious Education Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (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.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



This upcoming Tuesday, March 21st, CYO will be having its first ever charity sporting collaboration event with Roselle Catholic High School's Campus Ministry! Join us at the Roselle Catholic High School Gym from 7:00pm-9:00pm for a fun tournament of Volleyball! All teens are welcome to play for \$20 and the cost will be \$5 for spectators. The doors will open at 6:30pm for warmup. Snacks and soft drinks will be sold separately. If anyone wishes to play, please email us at cyouionnj@gmail.com.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE Class
For the Family

Saturdays 9:30–10:30 am Phil
Matrale Hall (LC)



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

We posted an announcement at end of summer 2022 to introduce Mental Health Ministry to St. Michael's Church. Further to the announcement we hosted an evening in December called "Blue Christmas" to support mental well-being over the holiday period with the commencement of the support group service scheduled to arrive in early 2023.

While we are keen to commence with Mental Health Ministry, we are currently waiting for the Archdiocese of Newark to give the go-ahead before we announce a start date for the group service. We will update you with a further announcement in due course.

HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry distributes GRACE Bags **once a month throughout the year**. We are presently helping **39 families**.

Please continue to help us replenish our inventory.

Contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420-8659** for more information on how you can help.



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **PERSONALLY** WITH ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

DAY: Wednesday TIME: 6 PM-7:30 PM
VENUE: Murphy Room, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

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.

Announcements

2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday – February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
7:00 pm, Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday, April 1
1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday, April 1 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 2 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week, April 5
Penance Service with Individual Confession
7:00 – 8:30 pm
No Confession on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, April 6
8:30 am – Morning Prayer
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Vigil & Adoration

Good Friday/First Friday, April 7
8:30 am – Morning Prayer
2:00 pm – Walking Stations of the Cross, around town
3:30 pm – Celebration of the Passion
7:30 pm – CYO Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8
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 9
Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Easter Monday, April 10
Mass at 9:00 am



Congratulations to our 7th & 8th grade boys and 4th grade girls winning the Union County CYO Championship. Our 5 & 6th grade boys finished in 2nd place. Thank you to the players and coaches for a great job. Thank you also to our parents and school community for their support.

Connie Foster
Athletic Director

UNION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Cost: \$15 per person

Fried or baked fish with French fries, cole slaw, dessert, coffee and soft drinks.

Tickets available at the Columbia Club Lounge. When purchasing tickets please state your **name and preference of meal.**

Any questions please call **Mike Peter** @ mikepeter4275@gmail.com or 908-357-5673.



DIVINE MERCY

The **Feast of Divine Mercy** will be celebrated at St. Michael’s on **Sunday, April 16th at 3:00 pm** in church. The Chaplet will be recited followed by prayers.

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
EASTER EGG HUNT
ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH
1212 KELLY ST, UNION, NJ 07083
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2023
10:30 AM- 1 PM
MAD HATTER WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE!
FUN CRAFTS • GAMES • PRIZES • BRING YOUR OWN BASKETS!
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: FACSTMICHAELS@GMAIL.COM

AGE	Hunts Start Promptly
1-3 years	@ 11am
4-5 years	@11:25am
6-7 years	@11:50am
8-10 years	@12:05pm
11-12 years	@12:30pm

EGG HUNT TIMES

SAVE THE DATE

HEALING Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

11 AM

PHIL MATRALE HALL

More information will follow