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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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TIME IN BETWEEN

FEBRUARY 4 - 11

Monday
FEB 6

FAMILY ROSARY Virtual **7 PM**
BRING YOUR FAMILY & WEEK TO MOTHER MARY

Tuesday
FEB 7

BIBLE STUDY Virtual **7 PM**
WITH MSGR. ANSELM

Wednesday
FEB 8

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GRP. **6 PM**
IN THE LOWER CHURCH - MURPHY ROOM
MARIAN DEVOTION **7:30 PM**
WITH EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION - IN CHURCH

Friday
FEB 10

FAMILY ROSARY Virtual **7 PM**
THANK GOD FOR THE WEEK WITH MOTHER MARY

Saturday
FEB 11

WELLNESS MINISTRY **9:30 AM**
DANCE AND WELLNESS

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.



the 2023 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

My dear Parishioners,

The 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal has begun! You may have received in the mail or will receive an invitation from Cardinal Tobin to consider making a financial sacrifice to support this year's Annual Appeal. Our Parish and the Archdiocese is so grateful to you for your generosity toward this campaign because it helps us, as a parish, to be part of the wider Church's evangelization, as it supports many essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese—a visible sign of our witness and testimony to our faith. Your support to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps us to accomplish, across the Archdiocese, what we would not be able to do alone, as a parish.

For this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, there is either of two goals we have been assigned to aim for; a **Base Goal** and a **Stretch Goal**.

Our Parish's 2023 Base Goal is \$38,962 (which is 10% of our 2021 Financial Year Offertory Collection) and our Stretch Goal is \$46,240 (which is the sum of our 2021 Annual Appeal Goal divided by our 2022 Stretch Goal). We are obligated to meet our Base Goal.

As a parish, I am encouraging us to shoot for the **Stretch Goal** because we are faith-giants, and moreover, it has two financial benefits for us. First, if we reach this goal, in cash, by June 30th, 2023, we will receive a 2% reduction in our 2024 assessment obligation to the Archdiocese.

Second, all monies pledged above this goal, as of June 30th, will make us eligible for a 50% rebate, which will come back to our Parish, unassessed, to be used at our own discretion. The other 50% will be used to support Archdiocesan parishes in need.

As you may recall, we received a grant from the Archdiocese for the replacement of our convent roof to the tune of \$45,000 and \$9,000 for the installation of security cameras around our Church property. We are not just a local parish but part of a wider Church in the Archdiocese and, as the Marines say, "No one is to be left behind". Our Archdiocese is one Church, and the Annual Appeal is an intentional way to demonstrate our own Stewardship.

I have made my gift to the Appeal. Please consider taking a step with me on this Stewardship journey by responding to Cardinal Tobin's invitation to support the Appeal. You can make your commitment at Mass on February 11-12, which will be our In-Pew Weekend or make a gift online by visiting rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your faith-driven generosity towards this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and I would like you to know that you are in my prayers. Do please pray for the success of our parish in this campaign, and that the Archdiocese may reach and surpass its stated goal for this year's Annual Appeal.

Remain very blessed,

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorqu

Stewardship of Treasure

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

"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
JANUARY			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,196	\$ 177
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,928	\$ 151
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,214	\$ 135
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,297	\$ 1,218
Week 5	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,226	\$ 1,147
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$11,010	\$ 970

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

S.O.S. Collection - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills.** S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

Tithing - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new air conditioner. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs.** Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

Assessment Collection - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the Archdiocese, and a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, is paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment. **All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.**

National Collections - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. **Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.**

St. Vincent De Paul Collection - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!

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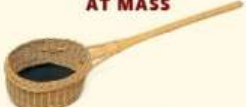
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DURING OFFERTORY:
AT MASS



You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

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 have 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 times.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	February 4
5:30 pm	Vittorio Fazioli
SUNDAY	February 5
7:30 am	For the Parishioners Linda Castillo
9:00 am	Maria Da Cruz Azevedo Carmen Mohamadi
10:30 am	Arthur Bohse
12:00 noon	Carmel Salvatore Marjorie Joseph (Living)
MONDAY	February 6
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 noon	Chul Bak
TUESDAY	February 7
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
12:00 noon	For the Parishioners
WEDNESDAY	February 8
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
12:00 noon	Lito Vibar
THURSDAY	February 9
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
12:00 noon	Carmen Mohamadi
FRIDAY	February 10
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 noon	Matthew Herbert (Living)-Birthday
SATURDAY	February 11
8:30 am	Fred & Babe Pajarillo (Living)-safe travels Patricia Neufeld
5:30 pm	Jesus & Josephina Alvero
SUNDAY	February 12
7:30 am	Irene Endler
9:00 am	Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-irthday
10:30 am	For the Parishioners Carmen M. Gancia
12:00 noon	Sixta Rivera Jose Rodriguez

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for Carmen Salvatore, requested by the Manco & Leonardi's Families.

and Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione Family & Friends.

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 PARISH**

NOVENA OF MASSES

FEBRUARY 2023

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Consuelo Salazar
Fritz Maddy	Jorge J. Criado
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti
Carolina Liwanag Santangelo	Bruce Henry
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Olaolu Ogunbameru
Ma. Teresita Acevedo	Anthony Acevedo
Charlotte & Stanley Skoczylas (Living)-Thanksgiving	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of St. Michael's Parish	
Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, Gregory Ward, David Randolph, 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, Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, 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, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Angelina Amali, Debbie Schaeffer Huggan, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Karen Zabbia, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Byron DelMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Harry Benbemias, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves

Ministry Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education
Lois Scanio



Thank you to our potter, Ray Boswell, who facilitated a Blessing Cup Retreat for our First Communion candidates on Saturday. By using his pottery wheel, clay and a multimedia presentation, the children were called to recognize God as the Divine Potter shaping our lives.

The children had the opportunity to decorate their own blessing cups.

Upcoming Events for 1st Communion Candidates:

Teaching Mass – Saturday, Feb. 18 at 10 am
in St. Michael's Church
[Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Mass is welcome to attend.]

First Reconciliation:

Saturday, Mar. 4 at 10:00 am
[Child's Last Name A thru L]

Saturday, Mar. 11 at 10:00 am
[Child's Last Name M thru Z]

HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry distributes **GRACE Bags** once a month **throughout the year.** We are presently helping **37 families.**

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SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

The holidays are coming, please consider making food or financial donations for Sister Ann's Food Pantry to help out those in need. Your weekly and financial donations keep Sister Ann's Pantry going. I am sure she is smiling at us from heaven.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) **DANCE/EXERCISE**
Class
For the whole Family



Saturdays 9:30–10:30 am

RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano has started the RCIA classes every Saturday morning in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at michaeljalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.

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.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



A big thank you to everyone who participated in our annual sandwich making service project night! We successfully bagged **150 sandwiches** to donate to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. Our next general body meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 7th from 7-8:30 pm** in the Phil Matrale Hall of St. Michael's Church. We will be selling \$2 Valentine's Day Candy Grams through February 14th for anyone who is interested! God Bless!



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **PERSONALLY**

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Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

DAY: Wednesday TIME: 6 PM-7:30 PM

VENUE: Murphy Room, Phil Matreale Hall (LC)

STAY INFORMED ABOUT ST. MICHAEL'S

If you have not been receiving emails from the church via **Evangelus** please visit eva.us/stmichaels to sign up and stay informed about **current happenings in church.**

Announcements

FEAST OF SANTO NINO JANUARY 29, 2023



SAVE THE DATE

HEALING *Mass*

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

11 AM

PHIL MATRALE HALL

More information will follow

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2023. The anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin and the 5th & 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus.

April 16, 2023	3:00 pm	50 years
May 7, 2023	3:00 pm	5 years & 25 years

Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 to register.

Congratulations

on the upcoming wedding of parishioners

Adrian Kabigting and *Sharese Suriel*

on **April 22, 2023**

at the St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church,
Antipolo City, Philippines.

Our prayers go out to the bride
and groom.





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