



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 3, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



LET THE ONE
AMONG YOU WHO
IS WITHOUT SIN
BE THE FIRST
TO THROW A
STONE AT HER.
JOHN 8:17

Mission Statement

St. Michael the Archangel Parish is dedicated to growing disciples, drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship, the proclamation of the Good News, and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

5:30 pm (Saturday Evening)
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

DAILY

Monday ► Friday:

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30 am

Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*
Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*
Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Michael Alfano, *Permanent Deacon*
Mrs. Clare Andriola, *Pastoral Associate for Religious Education*
Ms. Cristina Manochio, *Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry*
Mr. Peter Petrecca, *Music Director*
Ms. Fran Engleman, *9:00 am Choirmaster*
Mr. Patrick B. Phillips, *12:00 Noon Choirmaster*
Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized or home bound

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm
Baptism preparation: 2nd Friday evening at 7:30 pm
Call parish office to register (908-688-1232)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Contact a priest at the parish at least no less than eight months prior to booking your wedding date.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church or who are baptized but have not made their First Communion/Confirmation should please contact the parish office for full information and guidance.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)

Grade 1-8 religious formation for First Penance and First Communion please call the Parish Religious Education office (908-964-0965).

YOUTH MINISTRY

A comprehensive youth program for all teens from 9th to 12th grade. Our program prepares teens for Confirmation, 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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All parishioners need to be registered.





Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.

Address

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephones

Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232
Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076
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Devotions

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Friday and 1st Sunday 6:30 pm

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1st, 2nd and 4th 7:00 pm

BOLD AND CATHOLIC REFLECTION

3rd Saturdays 9:00 am

ADVENT REFLECTION

Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm
Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From *The Pastors Desk*

IN WRATH REMEMBER MERCY



In the Gospel reading of this 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C (John 8:1-11), we are confronted with the story of the woman caught in adultery and how she was treated, with humiliation and condemnation by the crowd—made to be on the ground while everybody else was standing, her sin laid bare for all to see, surrounded by angry accusers willing to stone her to death, and stamped with shame and disgust. Where was the man caught with her in this act? The law required that both parties to adultery be stoned (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22).

So, what we have here is a crowd that was not only unforgiving but also discriminatory and unjust. How easy it is to see others' sins and not our own. How easy it is to seek for forgiveness and yet not forgive others. How easy it is to see the dust in another's eye and not the plank in our own eyes. Many of us Christians go about our lives unforgiven by God because they are unforgiving people. To be forgiven, you must be forgiving. As a Church, we preach forgiveness yet many in our leadership and members find it hard to practice forgiveness. As the saying goes, "To err is human and to forgive is divine" and yet how many of us make it our duty to practice this truth.

When a fellow saint commits a wrong doing it is so easy for us to criticize, point fingers, and to condemn. But our Lord Jesus showed us a different model in this story. He bent down and met that woman where she was, on the ground, while everybody else was standing up. He identifying with her pain and sense of shame and aloneness. My friends, it is hard to be compassionate until you can feel someone's pain. When Christ lifted His face up to answer her accusers, He rescued this woman from her sin, shame, indignity, and death. He reminded us that only a sinless person could cast the first stone thereby highlighting the importance of mercy and forgiveness. No wonder, in the face of His demand, the leaders slipped quietly away, from the oldest to the youngest; possibly, the older men were more aware of their sins than the younger ones because age and experience have a way of tempering youthful self-righteousness. But no matter what our age may be, we should always take a hard and honest look at our lives. As Scripture says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God". It is only when we recognize our sinful nature that we are able to extend mercy to those who are struggling with sin in their lives. Our Christian vocation is to find ways to help the sinner and not to hurt them even more.

My friends, Jesus knows our worst sins, yet, all He does is to offers us compassion and mercy. May His mercy give us courage to face whatever guilt we may have from past sins knowing that His grace is greater than our sin. May His forgiving grace help us to show forgiveness and compassion to others who may have sinned against us, with the full knowledge that it is God's role, alone, to judge, not ours.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

To All Parishioners:

Our beloved pastor, Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu will be celebrating his **30th Anniversary as a priest on May 30, 2022**. To celebrate this beautiful milestone, a Commemorative Journal is being created as a keepsake and lasting memory of his dedicated ministry.

We have been blessed with his ministerial work and this journal marks the time that he has spent at St. Michael's Parish and throughout his 30 years of priesthood touching lives and doing God's work.

PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY.

To those who wish to place an ad/send messages/greetings, please go to tinyurl.com/msgranselms30th

Thank you,

The 30th Anniversary Committee

SAVE THE DATE: HEALING MASS

Our Healing Mass will resume again on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 11:00 am.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES **ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five (5), twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022.

These anniversary liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 24, 2022 3:00 pm 5 years & 25 years
May 15, 2022 3:00 pm 50 years

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

Stewardship of Treasure

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**

3/27/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
collection & SOS	\$ 9,116	\$ 8,258	(\$858)

Deficit for the Sunday 3/20/22 is (\$858). Could we please have some parishioners help us cover this deficit this coming weeks, in this way we stay in budget and be in the green. Thank you for your generosity to God's Kingdom on earth.

Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **Online 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.

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



Thank you to our parishioners who have started using Parish Giving. Sunday Collections donated online, using Parish Giving, has increased from 9%, in 2019, to currently 30% of our Total Sunday Collections.

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 has 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 or **scan the QR Code above**, (with your phone camera) that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during the unprecedented emergency that we are experiencing.



Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	April 2
5:30 pm	Brian Phillips
SUNDAY	April 3
7:30 am	Yvette Meehan (Living) Honeylynn, Jianna Fe Fernandez (Living)
9:00 am	Alejandro T. Cruz Manuel Pereira Araujo
10:30 am	Joseph Caggiano Aiden Bernales (Living)
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
MONDAY	April 4
8:30 am	Jean Eddy Domond
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses Paula Sefia (Living) - Birthday
TUESDAY	April 5
8:30 am	Francis & Claire Gillick Jose & Maria Carlos (Living)-25th Wedding Ann Anthony Walano
12:00 Noon	Concepcion Ticzon August Wittek (13th Ann.) Ana Mercedes Torres
WEDNESDAY	April 6
8:30 am	Joseph & Edna Cantalupo Ibrahim Makon/Mr. & Mrs. Anuada
12:00 Noon	Elizabeth, Donato & Joe Pacicco Francisco Gatchalian
THURSDAY	April 7
8:30 am	Novena of Masses Albert (Living)
12:00 Noon	Jose Isirio Torres
FRIDAY	April 8
8:30 am	Madesa Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving Julia Ines Benitez
12:00 Noon	Paul & Andrele Francois
SATURDAY	April 9
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch Alex & Alma Pabololot (Living)-25th Wedding Ann Chinyere Odoemena (Living)-Birthday St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group Shella Magno (Living)-Birthday
5:30 pm	
SUNDAY	April 10
7:30 am	Esteban & Dolores Bernardo
9:00 am	Donna Hornig
10:30 am	For the Parishioners Sybilah Ihediwa
12:00 Noon	Shela Boulin & Family (Living)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione, Family & Friends.

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

Ministry Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Lenten Series Speakers – Please mark your calendars and join us following the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays in Lent.

**April 8 Ray Boswell, Pottery Retreats—
Preparing for Holy Week**

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



cyouionnj@gmail.com

On the weekends of April 2-3 and 9-10, the CYO / Youth Ministry will be selling Palm Crosses, Easter Plants and Candy after all masses! All Crosses and Plants will be \$10.00 and many colors and varieties will be offered. Candy bars will be \$2. Please support our CYO by making a purchase! Thank You!

At our upcoming meeting on April 5th, the CYO / Youth Ministry will be holding its annual Easter Food Drive as well as a Ukraine Item Drive Collection. All donations can be brought to the Phil Matrale Hall from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please email us for a list of items needed.

The CYO / Youth Ministry will also be hosting its first ever Kid's Night Fundraiser next month. All youth of the parish ages K-8 are invited to join us in the Phil Matrale Hall on Saturday, April 9th from 6:00pm-9:00pm for a fun night of games, crafts, movies, pizza, snacks, prayers and more! CYO teens and adults will be chaperoning and it will be \$15 per child. Please email us at cyouionnj@gmail.com for the registration form if interested.

God Bless.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16, 2022

10:30 am—12:00 noon

Games, Prizes, Fun Crafts



Egg Hunt starts at

Ages 1-3 at 11:00-11:15 am

Ages 4-6 at 11:15-11:30

Ages 7-9 at 11:30-11:45

Ages 10-12 at 11:45-12:00 noon



Please bring Your Own Baskets

Volunteers Needed!

For more information, please contact Stephanie

Mandy (908) 337-5959 or

stephaniemandy@yahoo.com

Announcements

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
CYCLE C**

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-6

A song in praise of the Lord's marvelous deeds

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

DIVINE MERCY



The feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on **Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 pm** in Church. The Chaplet will be recited by prayers. The Divine Mercy Novena, to be started on Good Friday, April 15th, will be available in the vestibule of the Church.

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claudette Kallabeen, Stephen Czaplá, 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, Fr. Roy Regaspi, 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, Mary Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Aurora Manochio, 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, Charito Palencia, Angelina Amali, Debbie Schaeffer Huggan

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
Olga Weizel & Timothy Connell

NOVENA of Masses

**NOVENA OF MASSES
APRIL 2022**

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|---|----------------------|
| Phil Matrale | Jose Arnaldo |
| James Ford, Sr. | Ann L. Corrigan |
| Alejandro T. Cruz | Jorge J. Criado |
| Craig Calix (Living) | Alex Micayabas |
| Mary & Idolo Russomanno | Lucilia Sousa Araujo |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo | Ibrahim Makson |
| John Francis Caufield | Fritz Maddy |
| Special Intentions—VG | Serafina Sauro |
| Luz Pastor De Mejia (1st Ann) | Rosemary Sauro |
| Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon | George Rinehart |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Family | Frank Rubinetti, Sr. |
| Celso & Rosalia Anuda | Reme Valentine |
| For the Souls of Purgatory | |
| Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz | |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, | |
| Leinart & McMahon Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, | |
| Siciliano & LaManna Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, | |
| Hornig & Macecsko Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais, Cadenas Families | |
| Richard Dominic Laudadio & Family (Living)-Peace & Protection | |
| The Pierre-Lys & Thebaud Family (Living) - For Thanksgiving | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Seibert & Menee Families | |
| Shela Boulin & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families | |

2022 MASS BOOK

There are still Masses open in our 2022 Mass Book. Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry it is a rewarding experience bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass.

At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings at various masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email jpastewski@aol.com.

WELLNESS MINISTRY



**Family
Dance & Wellness Classes**
Saturdays 9:30—10:30 am
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

Announcements

2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – April 8
7:00 pm, Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, April 9
1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 9 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 10 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week, April 13

Penance Service with Individual Confession
7:00 – 8:30 pm

No Confession on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, April 14

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

Good Friday/First Friday, April 15

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 16

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 17

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Easter Monday, April 18

Mass at 9:00 am

*** Walking Stations of the Cross Route**

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

Vauxhall Road left on Caldwell Ave, left on Morris Ave to Pine St. and straight to Barbara Ave. and left on High Street and left on Kelly Street to the Church

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

Kid's Night Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Age: _____ Please circle: Boy Girl

Address: _____

Parent Cell Phone # _____

Parent Name & Signature: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name Phone Relationship

Please circle any of the following your child is allergic to: Peanuts Gluten Dairy

Does your child have any special concerns we should be aware of? This includes any allergies, diabetic, etc.

Pizza will be served for dinner. Please circle "Yes" or "No" if your child would like pizza.

Registration fee is \$15 per child

Total enclosed: _____

Please return this form to the St. Michael's Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave) in person or by mail. If mailed, please write "CYO Kid's Night" on envelope.

Youth Ministry Office: (908) 686-3762 or email us at [cyou-
ionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyou-ionnj@gmail.com)

Pictures for Kid's Night could be used on our website, for advertising or on our Church Bulletin boards. No names or personal information is ever used or given out on any child. If you do not want pictures or your child used, please sign here:

REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. DO NOT DELAY!

ST.MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, **April 18th**. Doors will open at 12noon for coffee and social time. Our general meeting will begin at 12:30 at the Senior Center located at 652 Rahway Ave.

Guest Speaker-Richard Holler- Handyman

Upcoming Event:

May 18th - Luncheon at the Shrimp Box and a stop at Delicious Orchards on the way home. Cost is \$33 per person, payable at April meeting. Bus will depart from the Senior Center at 10:30 am.

Membership extended to those 55 and over.

Next meeting is May 16th

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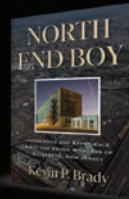
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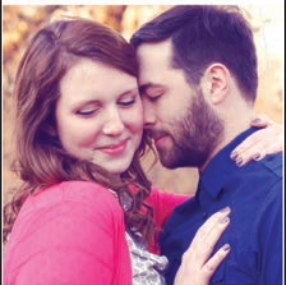
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