



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

## 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass: Monday—Friday**  
8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

### Saturday

Mass: 8:30 am  
Confession: 1:00 pm—2:00 pm  
Saturday Vigil Mass—5:30 pm

### Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 Noon

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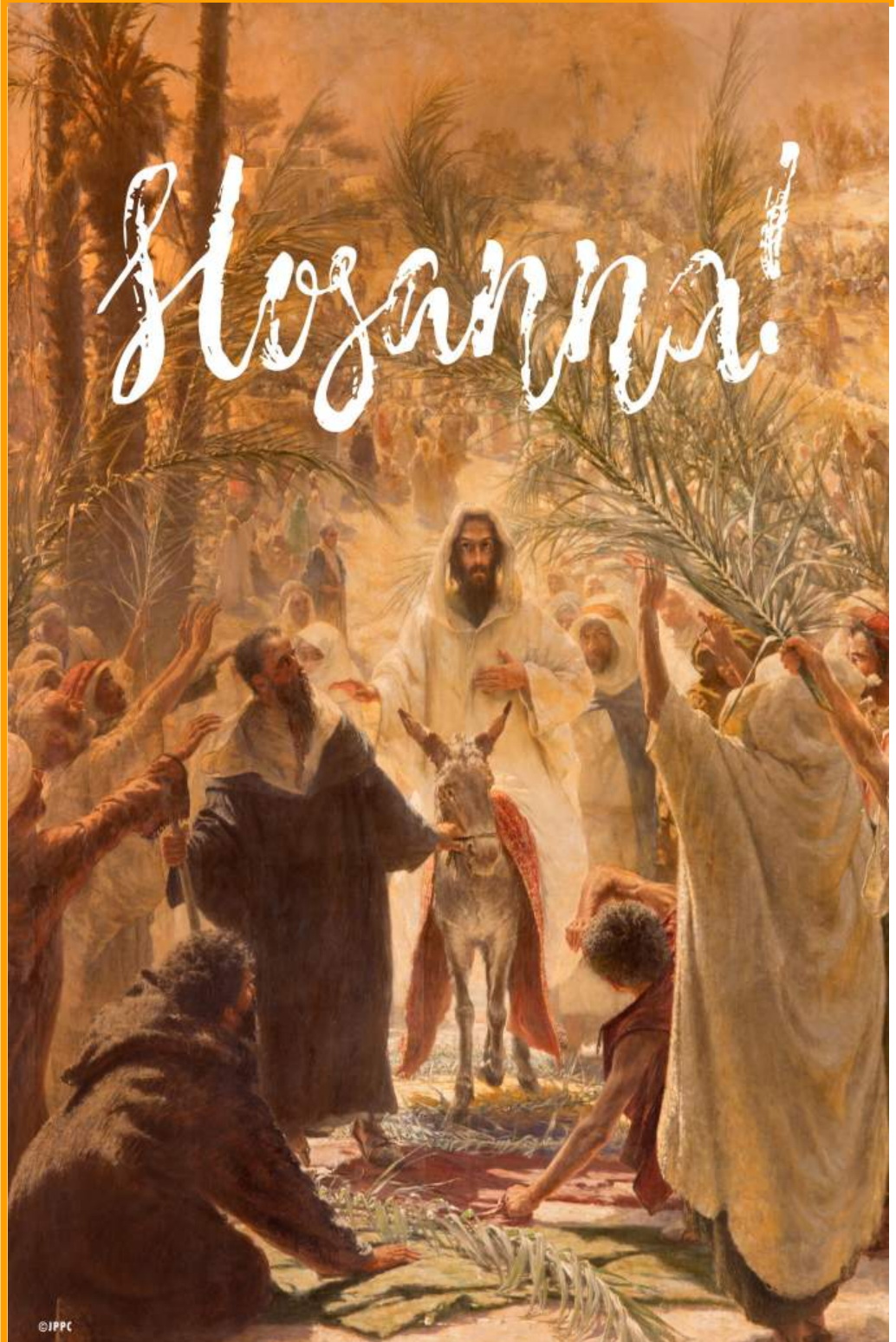
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March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



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## Words Have Power



My friends, today is Palm Sunday; the day we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, with the people singing "Hosanna to the Son of David", only to

change that chant, five days later, to "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" The First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7) has these words to say, "The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them" (Isaiah 50:4).

Words, as it is said, have power—the power to build people up or to break them down, to inspire or to castigate, to strengthen or to destroy relationships, to encourage or to denigrate, and to shape the course of other people's destiny. Bottom-line, the words we speak, either to ourselves or to others can make the difference between success and failure; between life and death.

It is therefore imperative that the words we speak to the self be words as we would speak to someone that we love dearly. Our self-talk needs to be positive, encouraging, motivating, uplifting, and capable of instilling belief in ourselves and hope within the self. We need to remember that our words become our world, as Scripture says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". The words we speak to ourselves need to be words that elevate our attitude for our attitude always determines our altitude in life.

When it comes to others, we need to choose our words carefully before we utter them, because our words, which may not have

meant much to us at the time it was spoken, could create a life-time negative memory in the mind and hearts of those who heard it. Our words may be forgiven but they are rarely forgotten and even when people forget our words, they seldom forget how we made them feel. It is important that we strive to leave someone we love with loving words because it could be the last time we may ever see them. Scripture says, "Let every word that comes from your mouth be such that will edify those who hear it". It is never wholesome to tell anyone that their dreams are stupid, foolish, or outlandish because nothing can be more humiliating than this, and it could even be tragic if they begin to believe it. It is important that we avoid mixing our words with our moods because our moods can change but our words, once spoken, cannot be taken back.

So my dear friends, let every word we speak be words that uplift, and never words that tear down! Let our words give others confidence in their abilities and the self-belief required to take risks for success! Let our words lift others off the canvas if they have fallen, encourage them if they are discouraged, help them walk taller if they are beginning to feel short, and give them the driving spirit they need to do things that they couldn't dream of by themselves. Words are powerful, and therefore, let us use them to create and give life.

*Msgr. Anselm*

# Stewardship of Treasure



## SAVE THE DATE

Our parish will be taking a cruise around New York City as part of the celebration of St. Michael's Feast Day 2024.

**Cruise Date:** Friday, September 27, 2024  
**Boarding:** 6:30 pm  
**Cruising:** 7:00 pm—9:30 pm  
**Vessel:** Spirit of New Jersey  
**Departing:** Lincoln Harbor  
 1500 Harbor Blvd. Weehawken, NJ

### COST:

**Option 1:** \$170 per person includes cruise, dinner, round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back. No beer or wine.  
**Option 2:** \$178 per person includes cruise, dinner, drinks (1 glass of wine or bottle of beer), round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back.  
**Option 3:** \$150 per person includes cruise and dinner only. No bus transportation nor wine or beer.

Tickets are first come first serve basis. Only 150 tickets will be sold.  
 Bus boarding at St. Michael's Parking Lot at 5:00 pm sharp.  
 Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

**2024 Base Goal:** \$43,473  
**2024 Stretch Goal:** \$46,240  
**As of:** 3/19/24  
**Donor Pledge:** \$24,588.01  
**Donor Received:** \$18,647.90

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jeff and Theresa Pogorzelski and Ana DiFabrizio for your generous donations for the purchase of the chasubles.

There are still 2 chasubles available for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

"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

	<u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL WEEKLY</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
<b>MARCH</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,383	\$ 1,076
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,763	\$ 456
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,863	\$ 1,556
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 9,524</b>	<b>\$ 516</b>

### 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*

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<b>ONLINE GIVING:</b>  -SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING- <a href="http://stmichaelunion.org">stmichaelunion.org</a>	<b>BANK TRANSFER:</b>  <a href="mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net">stmichaelunion@comcast.net</a> In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.	<b>CONTACT FREE:</b> <b>QR CODE</b>  Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page
<b>MAIL IN:</b>  1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083	<b>DROP OFF:</b> <b>AT THE PARISH CENTER</b>  1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083	<b>DURING OFFERTORY:</b> <b>AT MASS</b>  You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.



## 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.

## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY**

**March 23**

8:30 am Novena of Masses, Lenten Novena  
5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of Boetsch & Gillick Families  
Antonio & Maria Fonseca

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

**March 24**

7:30 am Jose & Lucille Arnaldo  
9:00 am Avelino Torres, For the Parishioners  
10:30 am Alan Cabatigan, Anna Joseph, Carlos James  
12:00 noon Sybilia Ihediwa  
Judy Salazar (Living)-Healing

#### **MONDAY of Holy Week**

**March 25**

8:30 am Florintino Rivera  
12:00 noon Shawana Rumohr (Living)-Birthday

#### **TUESDAY of Holy Week**

**March 26**

8:30 am Roberto Vallejo (Living)-Healing  
12:00 noon

#### **WEDNESDAY of Holy Week**

**March 27**

8:30 am Maria Tavares  
Amoakon Mian  
12:00 noon Alarcon Family  
7:00-8:30 pm Penance Service with Individual Confession

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

**March 28**

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

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**March 29**

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
2:00 pm Walking Stations of the Cross  
3:30 pm Celebration of the Passion  
7:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

**March 30**

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
12:00 noon Blessings of Food  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil  
For Parishioners, Easter Novena of Masses

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**March 31**

7:30 am Gladys Bertrand (Living)-Birthday  
Lucille & Jose Arnaldo  
9:00 am Maria Cruz Azevedo  
Ricardo Gervacio  
10:30 am Robert Votapek  
Dieufort Alexandre (Living)-Thanksgiving  
12:00 noon Pablo Santiago  
Charismatic Group-Blessings for Group Members

#### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

**The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for all St. Michael's Parishioners.**

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

### NOVENA OF MASSES MARCH 2024

<p><b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b> <b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b> <b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b> <b>Jorge &amp; Hilda Criado</b> <b>Maria Leanor Coronel</b> <b>Special Intentions-VG</b> <b>Lourdes Ezpeleta</b> <b>Maureen Kohl (Living)-Healing</b> <b>Rosario Arnaldo (Living)-Healing</b> <b>Nickdy B. Auguste (Living)-Healing</b> <b>Michellene &amp; Joseph Kmetz</b> <b>Special Intentions to St. Joseph</b> <b>John Dittermer (Living) - Healing</b> <b>Antonio Simao DeMelo Madeiros</b> <b>George Sr., Ruth &amp; Barbara Rinehart</b> <b>Chinyere Odoemene &amp; Family (Living)-</b> <b>Special Intentions</b> <b>Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing</b> <b>Manuel Pereira Aarujó &amp; Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo</b> <b>Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando,</b> <b>Landolfi, Siciliano &amp; LaManna Families</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Del Rosario</b> <b>&amp; Perez Families</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members Onyenanu &amp;</b> <b>Durugo Families</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Maddy &amp;</b> <b>Boulin Families</b> <b>Rodrigues, Medeiros &amp; Araujo Families</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Ignatus &amp;</b> <b>Nwosuh Families</b></p>	<p><b>Phil Matrale</b> <b>James Ford, Sr.</b> <b>Frank Rubinetti</b> <b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b> <b>Ramon Valera</b> <b>Amoakon Mian</b> <b>Eugenia M. Hingco</b></p>
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### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Samantha Lopes, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Theresa Ojeaware, Kathy Chavez, John McEvoy, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings, Socorro Dagat, Peter & Cathy Fortunato, Anna Lepski, Nicole Ferlo, Therese Ferlo, Dolly Kramer, Junita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, John Dittermer, Pat Wittek, Sal Dovi, Kathy Doherty, Mary Ann Flynn

### 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.

**Especially, Jean Ford**

## Ministry Happenings

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



On the weekend of March 23-24, 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!



There will be no CYO this upcoming Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be practicing for the Living Stations of the Cross. We invite the entire parish to witness our Living Stations of the Cross presentation on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.



God Bless.

### MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

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Non-therapeutic groups that combine listening support with spiritual reflection. Available to anyone who wants to attend.

#### Monthly Group Sessions

February 8th 7PM:  
Personal Tribulations

March 14th 7PM:  
Forgiveness of Self & Others

April 11th 7PM:  
Living with Sadness

May 9th 7PM:  
Coping with Fear & Anxiety

June 13th 7PM:  
Building Self-esteem

#### COME AND JOIN US

Contact Ginnie, Jonathan, Ylani and Taisha at  
[ourmindandspirit@gmail.com](mailto:ourmindandspirit@gmail.com)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Reminder:** We will not have Religious Education classes on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday during the weeks of March 24 (Palm Sunday) and March 31 (Easter Sunday). Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7.

#### FIRST COMMUNION:

Over 60 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates received the sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance & Reconciliation on March 2. Each child received a crucifix as a remembrance of this very special day. Thank you Msgr. Anselm, Fr. Miles and our visiting priests. Thanks, also, to our catechists who assisted.

#### Upcoming Events for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Candidates:

**Family Retreat for First Eucharist ("Communion Bread" Retreat): Saturday, Apr. 13 at 10AM in Phil Matrale Hall**

We have fun activity stations planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates. Parents will receive an email with more information in the coming weeks.

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#### Thank You from the Sisters of St. Dominic at Caldwell!

We received a handwritten note from Sr. Catherine Waters which reads: "The generosity of all those at the Parish of St. Michael is a thing to behold! I remember all of you with great fondness and am so grateful to have been among you. The Sisters who have gone before us are smiling, too! Fondly, Sr. Catherine"

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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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE Class  
For the Family



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

### 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)

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

Join the **HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY** in celebrating "Giving Bear Sunday" every 3rd Sunday of the month. Look out for our Purple Bear in the vestibule with a basket of cards for family needs. Please stop by and pick a card or 2 to help ensure the ministries inventory never dries up.



The HUGS Ministry services 50 families in our parish and community by giving out Grace Bags monthly to mothers and children-newborn to age 5.

## Announcements

### 2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – March 1, 8, 15, 22  
7:00 pm, Church

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, March 23  
1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

#### HOLY WEEK

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 23 at 5:30 pm  
Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am,  
10:30 am, 12:00 noon  
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

#### Wednesday of the Week, March 27

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

No Confession on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday

#### Holy Thursday, March 28

8:30 am – Morning Prayer

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Vigil & Adoration

#### Good Friday, March 29

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, March 30

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, March 31

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

#### Easter Monday, April 1

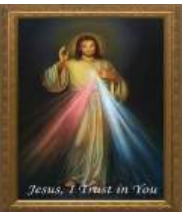
Mass at 9:00 am

### ST. MICHAEL'S GOOD FRIDAY WALKING STATIONS OF THE CROSS ROUTE March 29, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

Start at Church (Kelly St.)  
Right on Vauxhall Road  
Right on Winslow Ave  
Right on Balmoral Ave  
Right on Barbara Ave  
Right on Vauxhall Road  
End at Church

Approximately 1.6 miles

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024



The Divine Mercy Novena, to be started on Good Friday, March 29th, will be available in the vestibule of the Church. The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm in Church. All are invited.

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**EASTER EGG HUNT**

HUNT TIMES  
- ages 6 & under start at 11am  
- ages 7 and up start at 11:30am

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**30 MARCH**  
10:30-1PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [FACSTMICHAELS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FACSTMICHAELS@GMAIL.COM)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

**Status:** Part Time: 25-28 hours per week, flexible schedule

**Supervisor:** Pastor

**Position Summary** - The Director of Religious Education (DRE) oversees and directs the parish religious education program grades 1 through 8, including sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion; recruits, trains and supervises volunteer catechists. The DRE is also the Local Safe Environment Coordinator (LSEC),


#### Position Specific Requirements:

- Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- Must have vision and a demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement a parish catechetical program within the parameters of the Catholic Church
- Current credentials as a Catechetical leader and participation in the Archdiocesan ongoing certification and mentoring process
- An ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with youth, diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers
- Basic computer and technology skills
- As LSEC, to ensure the volunteers (in ministry with minors) and employees in the Parish have the required safe environment documentation on file.

Interested candidates are invited to send cover letters and resumes to the attention of:

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