

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*
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Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*
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. Antoinette Telle, *Principal*

MASSES:

Sundays: 5:30PM(Saturday Evening)
7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon
Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00, 8:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM
Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every Family in the Parish should be registered. People who need to register, please call the Parish Center for information.

February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

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.

First Sunday of Lent

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 5:30 PM	February 17 Dennis Bonelli
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	February 18 For the Parishioners Alejandro T. Cruz Carmen M. Gancia (19th Ann.) Jose J. Arnaldo
Monday 9:00 AM	February 19 Lucille Arnaldo (Living)
Tuesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	February 20 Ricardo Maria Cantillo Colonna Novena of Masses
Wednesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	February 21 Rodriguez, Diaz & Hormilla Families Teresa Pignio
Thursday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	February 22 Novena of Masses Ed Gorski
Friday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	February 23 Lopez, Yabor & Zeik Families Craig Calix (Living)
Saturday 8:30 AM 5:30 PM	February 24 Novena Of Masses Henry Machado
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	February 25 For the Parishioners Avelino Torres Thomas Tolwinski Mannelia Caram

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Jose Arnaldo.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Ronnie Seibert**.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! The next young adult ministry meeting will be on 2/25 at 1pm in the Lower Church. Please contact **Christina Dziedzic (908) 591-5941** with any questions.

Lent is a time to remember that God first reached out to us. This was not a meagre, one-time gesture like those we often make and withdraw, but a profound, lasting and healing covenant. During this season, we reflect and ask forgiveness for our own alternating, sinful actions. We ponder in deep prayer and silence that God has invested everything, including a beloved Son, into this relationship.

*Gn 9:8-15 God's unconditional covenant with Noah.
Ps 25 Your way, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

*1 Pt 3:18-22 All are saved by Christ, through baptism.
Mk 1:12-15 Jesus is driven into the dessert for 40 days.*

NOVENA OF MASSES—FEBRUARY 2018

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| <i>James Ford, Sr.</i> | <i>Alejandro T. Cruz</i> |
| <i>Jose J. Arnaldo</i> | <i>John Francis Mahon</i> |
| <i>Ann L. Corrigan</i> | <i>George Rinehart</i> |
| <i>Mary Russomanno</i> | <i>Craig Calix (Living)</i> |
| <i>Yolanda Escudero</i> | <i>Mary Ann Mench</i> |
| <i>Margaret O'Malley</i> | <i>Frank Rubinetti</i> |
| <i>Pierre & Rubinetti Family</i> | <i>Remo Lacson</i> |
| <i>Michalene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz</i> | |
| <i>John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes</i> | |
| <i>Jurusik & Arner Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of Joseph Cicalese Family</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahan Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo & Torres Families</i> | |

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. St. Michael's is **19%** towards our goal of **\$48,395**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.

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 the new air-conditioning system.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday No Religious Education	February 18	
Monday 8:30 AM No Religious Education Parish Center Closed for President's Day	February 19 Rosary, Church	President's Day
Tuesday 8:00 AM 7:00-8:15 PM 7:00-8:30 PM 7:00-8:00 PM	February 20 Rosary, Church Religious Education CYO, LC Bible Class, Rectory	
Wednesday 8:00 AM	February 21 Rosary, Church	
Thursday 8:00 AM 7:30 PM	February 22 Rosary, Church Choir Practice, Church	
Friday 8:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	February 23 Rosary, Church Stations of the Cross, Church Lenten Series Talk	
Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM 9:45-10:45 11:00 AM 1:00-2:00 PM 11:00-2:00 PM	February 24 Bold & Lenten Coffee, Murphy Room Zumba, LC Teaching Mass, Church Confession, Church Free Tax Preparation Consultation, LC	
Sunday 10:15-11:30 AM 1:00-2:00 PM	February 25 Religious Education Young Adult Group Meeting, LC	

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2018—11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Lower Church

Free Tax Preparation Service for Form 1040EZ. Available to single or married couple with one W2 only. Discounts will be given to new clients who walk in with additional tax forms.
Jovel Golingan
JCW & Associates

SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH -WELLNESS MINISTRY
Hosts FREE Zumba/Line Dance Classes,
after the Bold & catholic Morning Session,
@ 9:45-10:45 AM, Lower Church

THANK YOU!

Cynthia & Roberto Grandeza, the St. Michael's Seniors and Mary Karowski for your donation towards the Lower Church refrigerator.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially *Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Louise A. Del Russo, Dominick Vellanti, Gail Patania, John Canfield, Frank Egan, Cheryl & Victor Graziano, Dorothy & Henry Sohl, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Marianne Hunt O'Malley, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Leslie Zambrano, Virgie Palencia, John Czap, Joan Malespina, Sebastian DaSilva, Edwardo Salamat, Rosa Mugavero, Salvatore DeSimone, Clarence Roberts, Emanuel DeJesus, Tina Dubas, Alfred DeBeau, Michael Tobia, James Sysko, Ester Anni Ban, Raymond Ottao, Joseph Foster, Lucas Files, Ruth Guido, Blanca Tan, Bellew Family, Kim Treppunti, Rosemary Hunt, Danilo Ipo, Ed Stonack, Irzing Guazon, Rene Romero, Colette Zahodnick, Kathleen Sarno, Vincent Vince, Antoinette Witsch, Flossie Abrigo, Scott Leddy, Manuel Domingo, Sr., Lucy Scalgione, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Rodney Lucas, Pamela D'Amico, Maria Espiritu, Rita Himiak, Dominick Monteleone, Martha Owens, Brian Phillips, Lily Hulsey and Katherine Friedrich VenAcker, Lucille Arnaldo, Fr. Jim Worth, Aname Orillaneda and Remo Lacson.*

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.

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>2/11/2018</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1/-2/11/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 7,291	\$ 245,821
Online Collections	\$ 275	\$ 7,186
SOS	\$ 1,829	\$ 104,267
Online SOS	\$ 367	\$ 1,937

Total	\$ 9,762	\$ 359,211
Budget	\$ 12,734	\$ 363,561

Difference	(\$ 2,972)	(\$ 4,350)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

"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 is the weekend of March 3 & 4, 2018. SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are **NO** Religious Education classes on Sunday, February, 18th and Monday, February 19th. There **IS** class on Tuesday, February 20th.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING TO RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION: The Teaching Mass will be held on Saturday, February 24th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. Fr. Chuck will celebrate Mass and explain the meaning of each part of Mass. This is a mandatory event for our first communicants. It is a learning experience for young and old. **All parishioners are also welcome!**

RICE BOWLS are available in the church. Please consider taking one and donating to the missions that help people throughout the world.

SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY: If you or someone you know is in need of food, please contact Mike at (908) 380-0970. Our next pantry food date is on Tuesday, February 20th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, March 5th. Doors will open at 11:30 for coffee and social time. Our general meeting will begin at 12 Noon in the lower church.

Guest Speaker - Officer Victoria Smith, from the Union County Sheriff's Office, will speak about Identity Theft / Fraud.

Upcoming Event:

March 13th - St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Royal Manor.

April 9th - Guest speaker from the Caring, Sharing Network

Membership is extended to those 55 and over.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

Once again, due to the dedication of our students and faculty St. Michael Parish School was invited to participate in the Newark Archdiocese STEM Fair. Congratulations to all our students and our four teams advancing:

Titanium Industries - Vincent Espana Alyssa Delacruz, Julian Guitierrez, Gabryella Behonico

Nepal Irrigation Associat - Critina Friere, Caitlin Wong, Alyssa Cruz, Nicholas Panlilio, Jazmin De Los Santos

Affordable Clean Energy - Emma Friere, Jemima Okaoh, Brianna Hutchinson, Tolu Adesanya, Kayla Riley

Olive Tree Corp - Aeryn Perez, Alana Aquino, Angelina Hollandez, Isabella Villanueva

Congratulations to our 4th Grade students upon receiving Participation Certificates in the Drug Awareness Poster Contest

Thank you for our HSA parents for the amazing door decorations in celebrating our students and teachers!

Congrats to our Faculty for their victory in our Annual 8th Grade vs Faculty Volleyball game! Our 8th graders played well and it was a fun day for all! Congrats to our Faculty MVP Mrs. Ship!!

Important Date: Feb. 19th School Closed
Feb. 23rd - Dance With My Special Gal
Feb. 26th - School Mass

*Wednesday - Grade 7 volleyball club

*Thursday - Grade 8 volleyball club

Registration for full day PreK, Kindergarten Gr. 1-8 please contact ttelle@smsunion.org

SAVE THE DATES:

We are pleased to announce we have the following **LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS:**

SPEAKER:	TOPIC:
February 16th: Fr. Charles McDermott	<i>History of St. Michael's Church</i>
February 23rd: Fr. John McDermott	<i>Meaning of Suffering</i>
March 2nd: Fr. Tom Iwanowski	<i>Liturgical Year</i>
March 9th: Deacon Sebastian Ovando	<i>Power of Forgiveness</i>
March 15th: Fr. Danny Pabon	TBA
March 23rd: Dr. Julie Burkey	<i>Praying with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane</i>

These talks will begin after the Stations of the Cross.

ARCHDIOCESE ANNIVERSARY MASSES

The Archdiocese of Newark will be celebrating five (5), twenty five (25 and fifty (50) years of Christian marriage in the year 2018. The Liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 29, 2018 3:00 PM 5 years & 25 years (all counties)

Registration due by April 18

May 6, 2018 3:00 PM 50 years (all counties)

Registration due by April 25

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

Time	February 17-18 1 st Sunday of Lent	February 24-25 2 nd Sunday of Lent
5:30pm	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Alexis Artiga
7:30am	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uguchi Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes
9:00am	1. Aidan Perez 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Joshua Laube 4. Megan Felix 5. Julian Felix	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. Alisha James
10:30am	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 3. Jedrek Kumi 4. Johnnuel Magno	1. Julia Durugo 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Daniel Gonzales
12:00nn	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Gabriel Castano	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Lorenz Tangub 4. Gabriel Castano

"BOLD AND CATHOLIC LENTEN MORNING COFFEE SESSIONS"

Every Saturday morning during Lent, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Murphy Room. Coffee will be served.

To register for free materials go to stmichaelunion.org go to Quick Links, Dynamic Catholics, Free Resources, Best Lent Ever and Sign up.

The materials will be emailed to you every day and will be discussed at the Lenten Morning Coffee Sessions every Saturday during Lent.

Archdiocese of Newark

Catholic Women's Commission Day of Reflection
Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:00AM -4:00PM
"Alive in Christ" Renewing our Families
Cost: \$25, register online www.rcan.org/womenscommission
Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ

Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, March 10, 2018. 8:00AM-4:30PM
"Be Not Afraid ... the Victory is Christ"
Cost: \$25, register online—www.njcatholicmen.org
Email:catholicmen@rcan.org, 973-497-4545

For those who are interested to attend, please contact Fr. Miles Lopez (908) 688-1232, ext. 302.

LENTEN SCHDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Friday, March 23
7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24
12:00-2:00 PM – Individual Confessions

Wednesday of the Week - March 28
6:00-8:00 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, March 24 at 5:30 PM
Sunday, March 25 at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week - March 28
Penance Service with Individual Confession—6:00-8:00 PM

Holy Thursday - March 29
8:30 AM – Morning Prayer
7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday – March 30
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, March 31
8:30 AM – Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon – Blessing of Food
8:00 PM – Easter Vigil
No Confessions/No 5:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1
Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon


MUSIC MINISTRY

There is a serious need for more cantors at our liturgies. Please consider sharing your God-given gift of music by becoming a cantor. The song leading will welcome and encourage the congregation to fully participate as we pray through music. Interested parishioners are encourage to contact Peter Petrecca (908) 688-1232 for more information.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

We are in need of members who would like to become part of the Baptismal Ministry. The ministry involves sharing your faith with others with regards to your Baptism, your children's Baptism or a niece , nephew or friend's Baptism. This ministry also entails assisting with the Baptismal Preparation Class as well as assisting the priest or deacon at the Baptism ceremony. To find out more about this ministry and to see how you can get involved, please see or contact Deacon Michael a the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

CYO/Youth Ministry News
cyouion@aol.com



We'd like to thank all those who volunteered last week at the Quadriplegic Center. Your efforts made a difference! This week you can get information on Bingo Night at the Nursing Home and a day with the disabled children.

Any Freshman who is interested in Core Team should let us know (See Amaya or Tyler) and get the needed information. Our election will be coming up soon.



BELL DONATION



Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to the installation of the new church bells. The bells are a beautiful improvement to our parish and it would not have been possible without many donors like you. Donations for the bells are specifically dedicated ***“IN GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED AND YET TO COME.”***

ARCHANGEL

*Mary Karwowski, Jose & Rosalyn Joseph, Susan Ike,
Raymond & Kathleen Pruszkowski, Ligaya Bernardo*

APOSTLE

*James & Deborah Ford, Betty Falcon, Anonymous Benefactor, Frank & Ruth Santangelo, Marie Powell,
Michael Cavallo, Obi & Auril Okeke, Roberto & Linda Demetillo, William & Juliemarie Robles,
Milton Hernandez, Barbara Sibia, Celina Zablocki, Robert & Teresa Reiter,
Theodore & Marlene Czapl, Vicente & Blanca Tan*

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Derrick & Clare Andriola, Emmanuel Egwuonwu, Robert & Susan Rumohr, Sebastiao & Amelia De
Pinho, Stan & Olga Slonski, Edward Cheatam, Louise Fabio, Rachel Emposimato-Laparre,
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Roger & Kathleen Boetsch,*

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*Princess Emeana & Family, Robert & Constance Emery, St. Michael School Student Council,
Joseph & Carol Furnari, Agnes Kozubal, Alberta Phillips, Angela Conti, Anna Doncsec,
Anthony & Josephine Reo, Augusta Mahon, Charles & Christiana Enweonwu, Charles & Joyce Cababe,
Cyriac & Alice Kunnath, David Quinn, Eric & Michaela Lopez, Florencio & Teresa Ratuiste,
Frank & Rosemary Hunt, James Roselle, Joann Russo, Joanne Wolters, John & Anna McKnight,
John & Joann Rullo, Ervelli Family, John Skubon, Lester & Joann Pasteweski, Marciano & Felisa Cruz,
Mario & Marie Rubino, Jose & Elsa Araujo, Patrick & Grace Onuekwusi, Romeo & Maria Quiambao,
Joan Browne-Tucker, Kim Joseph, Linda Solipa, Maria Junia Perez, Pamela Joyce, Natividad Molina,
Paul & Lucy Sefia, Philip & Elizabeth Bober, Theresa Cesaro,
Stephen & Carol Nagy, Steven Freire, William & Shirley Votapek*