

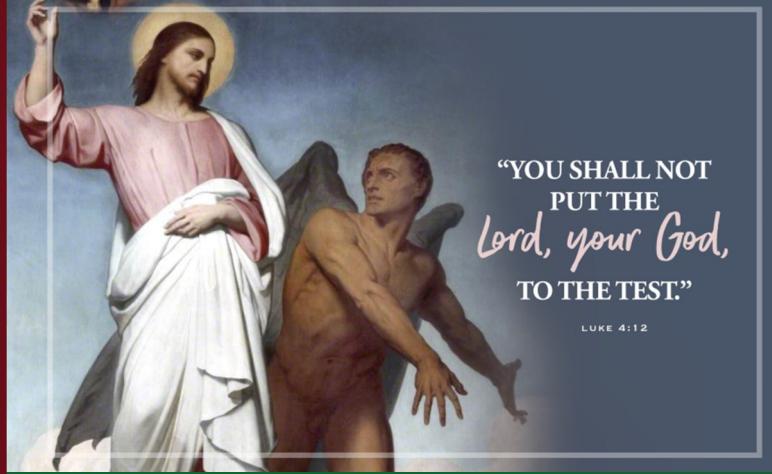


ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MARCH 6, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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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.

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

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Devotions

EUCARISTIC 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

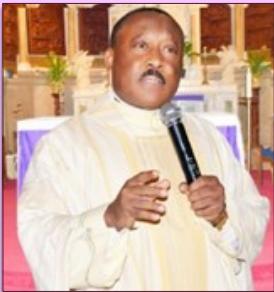
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk

THE OFFERING OF GRATITUDE



Rudyard Kipling is a writer whose books sold so much that words in his books were said to be worth a hundred dollars each. So a journalist once gave Kipling a hundred dollars with the request, "Mr. Kipling, could you please give me one of your one hundred dollar words." Kipling took the money, put it into his pocket, and looking at the reporter said, "Thanks". Yes, thanks—to be grateful and to appreciate blessings in life—is a genuine and gracious way to relate with God. In the first reading of this First Sunday of Lent (Deuteronomy 26:1-11), Moses told the people of Israel that

when they bring their offering to the Lord, the first-fruits of their produce, they should do so with a declaration of all the blessings God has bestowed upon them from years past. In other words, Moses was telling the people that they should not just bring their offering to church but should do so with intentionality; with gratitude in their hearts; with declarations of God's blessings in their lives over the centuries. He wanted them to know that their offertory must be thanksgiving offerings, full of gratitude. No wonder Scripture says, "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil 4:6).

What Moses told the Israelites applies to us today, also. It is easy to come to Church and during offertory drop a note or a few coins into the collection basket without really giving it much thought—what we are doing, how much we are giving, why we are giving what we are giving, etc. It should never be like that. What we give on Sunday, during the offertory, needs to be intentional and that begins at home before we come to Church. The family should come together, remember and declare what the Lord has done in their lives—His mercies unto the family and unto individual members of the family; His divine protection and deliverances over the years; His blessings, provision, and sustenance all these years; His consolations, healing, and restorations given and received; the gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ; the gift of life and wellbeing, etc. Then, in gratitude and thanksgiving for all these blessings, we make a decision of what to offer to the Lord. This is the most appropriate way to make our offerings. It allows us to be thoughtful about what we are giving to God. It gives us an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord and to ask Him for future blessings. It gives us the opportunity to be intentional with our gift and to live with purpose. It makes our giving a true sacrifice of praise, pleasing to the Lord.

The Lord deserves our best; our very best, and so our minds should be into it when we are making an offering to Him. We should be grateful not just for what God is doing today rather it is also about what He has done over the years. This gives us the confidence to know that what God has done in the past, He can also do again and again. It gives us the hope that God will be there when we need Him most. It strengthens our faith in a promise-keeping God. Let us take time today and write down what the Lord has done for us in this past year and to begin from this lent to make thoughtful, intentional, and gratitude-loaded Sunday offerings. May the good Lord take glory in what we give, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

"SYNOD ON SYNODALITY"

Last week we announced the "Synod on Synodality" which Pope Francis opened in October 2021, part of that announcement included a video we showed at each mass as well as Archbishop Cardinal Tobin's Letter which I hope all of you had a chance to read. As mentioned this is an unprecedented event that is happening, the Pope is asking for all Catholics to speak out and be listened to. We are all being asked to pray and discern what the Holy Spirit is telling each of us, as to the direction the Church should be moving to help shape the future of our Universal Church. We are holding two Listening Sessions, the first on Monday, March 14th at 7pm in the lower church and on Saturday, March 19th at 9am. Please register for one of these sessions and invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. We want to hear from everyone, even those who have left the church for one reason or another. Everyone's input is vitally important. Everyone may register at our Parish Website at StMichaelUnion.org, fill out the form below, or pick one up in the church vestibule and drop it into the collection basket or give it to one of the ushers. I cannot stress enough WE need YOU to participate and hear from you.

If you missed the video or want to hear it again, it has been posted to our parish website, StMichaelUnion.org. If you have any questions please reach out to Fr. Miles or Deacon Mike at DeaconMikeCavallo@gmail.com.

"Synod on Synodality" Registration Form

Name _____
Phone _____ (indicate ____ Cell or ____ Land)

I will attend _____ Monday, March 14th @ 7pm

Saturday, March 19th@ 9am

(Drop in collection basket, or give to one of the ushers)

Or register on the website at
<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/announcements>

SAVE THE DATE: HEALING MASS

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

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**

2/27/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$ 8,822	(\$216)

Deficit for the Sunday 2/27/22 is (\$216). 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	March 5 5:30 pm St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
SUNDAY	March 6 7:30 am Johnthan Estwick (Living) 9:00 am Juan Espeleta, Sr. 10:30 am Honofre & Trifina & Cesar Beldua 12:00 Noon Paula Sanchez For the Parishioners Nellie Cavallo & Michael Fortunato
MONDAY	March 7 8:30 am Joseph Del Mauro Serapio Dagat 12:00 Noon Rosela Josue Thomas Canavan (12th Ann.)
TUESDAY	March 8 8:30 am Julia Ines Benitez Raizza Jean Gonzales (Living)-Birthday 12:00 Noon Ramon Ramos Novena of Masses
WEDNESDAY	March 9 8:30 am Roger Boetsch Teodora Ilagan 12:00 Noon Alta Grace Limage Ibrahim Makson
THURSDAY	March 10 8:30 am Romulo Alfrerez 12:00 Noon Albino Castillo
FRIDAY	March 11 8:30 am Josephine Alferez 12:00 Noon Novena of Masses Winnie Rogales
SATURDAY	March 12 8:30 am Francisco C. Tesoro 5:30 pm Alana Eve Aque
SUNDAY	March 13 7:30 am St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group 9:00 am Alejandro T. Cruz 10:30 am For the Parishioners 12:00 Noon Maryann Scibek

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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

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

The **Archdiocese of Newark Respect for Life Office** will be hosting four upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats in 2022 to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are:

April 22-24 (Spanish) and May 20-22 (English)
September 9-11 (English) and October 21-23 (Spanish)
Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 or
email Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English)
deraqueinfo@rcan.org (Spanish)

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 smcccd@comcast.net.

Reminder for Children Making their First Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, March 12 – 11AM

Note: At least one parent or other adult must accompany the child. Please arrive at the church 10-15 minutes early to sign in and be seated so that we can begin on time.

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

- March 4** **Rev. Msgr. Gerard McCarren, S.T.D.,** Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spiritual Director for the Seminary, Seton Hall University
- March 11** **Barbara La Mort**, Holy Spirit Church, Union, NJ—Praying with the Scriptures through Lent—Reflections on the Seven Penitential Psalms
- March 18** **Nemesio Felix, Jr. Pt.**— Joshua and Me: Seeing Myself in the Bible
- March 25** **Mary F. Brown**, Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark—We Are All On A Spiritual Journey
- April 1** **Cristian Simms**, VP St. Michael's CYO—Living Like You're Loved—Jesus Christ
- April 8** **Ray Boswell**, Pottery Retreats—Preparing for Holy Week

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



cyouunionnj@gmail.com

This upcoming Tuesday March 8th, there will be a general body CYO meeting in the Phil Matrale Hall from 7-8:30pm.

God Bless.



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

Registration for St. Michael Parish School is now open! For individual tours, please email the principal at rscicolone@smsunion.org. Come and explore our amazing school!

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will be held at the NEW Senior Center located at **652 Rahway Ave**, on Monday, March 21. Meeting will begin at 12:30pm with coffee and social time followed by general meeting.

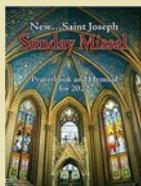
Guest Speaker: Rod Spann from Senior Advisors will speak on Medicare.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2022

Announcements

SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2022

We have a limited quantity available for purchase. **Cost is \$5.00.** Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to pick up your copy.



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

Patsy F. Taglia

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, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Illuminda 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 Mazzotta, 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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT CYCLE C

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's protection

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES MARCH 2022

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
Celso & Rosalia Anuada	Fritz Maddy
Special Intention to St. Joseph	Special Intentions—VG
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	George Rinehart
Pierre & Rubinetti Family	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Luigi Sauro	Rizalina Villar
For the Souls of Purgatory	Reme Valentine
Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz	Neoly Ledesma Montinola
Eunice Ukaegbu	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Reinhart	
Czeslawa & Stanislaw Pogorzelski	Krystyna Bartosik
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla,	
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 Ignatius Nwosuh & Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Abel Ugoezi & Family	
Special Intentions for Family & Friends of Jonathan Estwick (Living)	

EUCARISTIC 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 ipastewski@aol.com.



WELLNESS MINISTRY

Family Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays **9:30–10:30 am**
Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)

Announcements

2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Pascal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022**.

* Canon 920, 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

TRIP – SIGHT AND SOUND



DAVID TRIP IS ALL SOLD OUT!

PLEASE WATCH FOR A NEW TRIP IN JUNE.

Thursday, March 31, 2022 for a trip to Sight and Sound to see DAVID.

Bus will leave St. Michael's parking lot at **7:45 am sharp**. After the show we will have lunch at Shady Maple. Bus seating will be on a first come basis.

Vaccinations are required.

For further information contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 or email Albertvp@verizon.net.



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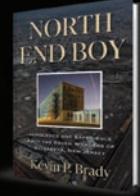
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