

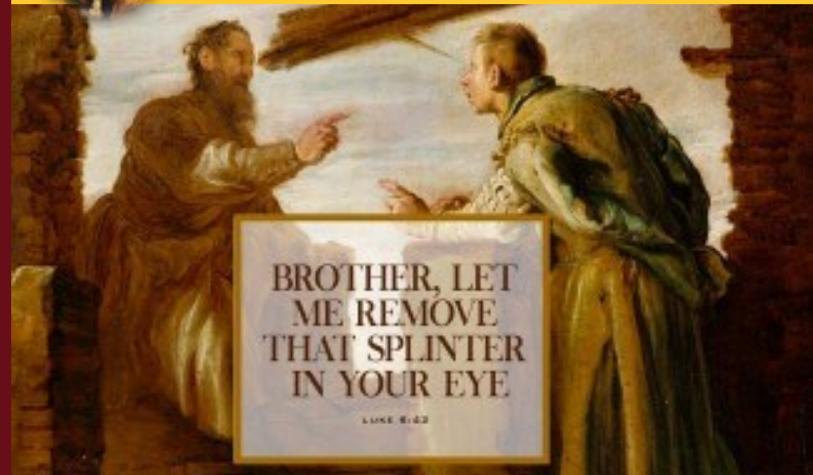


ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

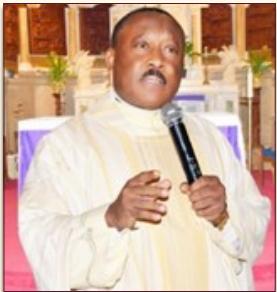
Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am



Message From The Pastors Desk

GUARD YOUR HEART



In the 1st reading of this 8th Sunday in Ordinary Times (Sirach 27:4-7) we read: “The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind”. Again, it says, “When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one’s faults when one speaks”. So if we ever want to get a glimpse of what our heart is full of, all we have to do is to listen to the words that proceed from our mouth. Our speech always betrays us, and what our heart is full of, in many ways, determines the altitude of our relationship with God. So, it is important for us to listen to the dominant content in our conversations with others.

If in our conversations, we are constantly talking negatively about other people, judging their actions and behavior and castigating them in the light of our own biases, then it is most probable that our heart is filled with gossip, slander, and maybe, hate. If the content of my conversations are centered on bemoaning my problems and struggles, constantly complaining about things I don’t have and things I would like to have, and being jealous of others and their possessions, then my heart is most probably filled with ingratitude, lack of contentment, and greed. If the dominant content in my conversations is earthly-bound—pleasure, money, women, men, sex, gambling, material things, etc., then my heart is most probably filled with lust, promiscuity, licentiousness, and flesh-driven appetites. When the content of my conversations is filled with reviling, shouting, belittling words, castigation, and all forms of malice, then it is most probable that my heart is full of anger and resentment.

It is also important to evaluate whether the topics of our conversation during the day is ever turned to speaking about God, about Church, and spiritual matters? To be all flesh and no spirit is to be, according to Scriptures, “Cursed... and like a bush in the wastelands that does not see prosperity when it comes”. Our conversations reveal whether God holds a prominent place in your heart or not. It is also important that we listen to the content of our prayers and judge whether we are always focused on our problems, what we want, what we need, etc., and seldom focused on magnifying God, praising His name, and thanking Him for all that He has done? It is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks and this is why Scripture says, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it”. So, we need to guard what we read, what we listen to, what we look at, what we sit around with, and whom we have conversations with. What we see, hear, and constantly around with feeds our heart and can determine our destiny. May the good Lord help us!

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**

2/20/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$ 9,512	\$474

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



SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

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	February 26
5:30 pm	Josephine Mach
SUNDAY	February 27
7:30 am	James Sipe (Living) - Birthday Lito Vibar
9:00 am	Beatrice Eluwa (Living) - Birthday Maria Tavares
10:30 am	Ophelia November Crespo Family (Living)
12:00 Noon	James Leonardis St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group For the Parishioners
MONDAY	February 28
8:30 am	Mikaela Catuncan (Living) - Birthday Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	
TUESDAY	March 1
8:30 am	Margaret McGurgan
12:00 Noon	Robert Gechtman
WEDNESDAY	March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30 am	Anthony Walano
12:00 Noon	Joan Noonan (Living)
4:00 pm	
7:00 pm	Maria de Cruz Azevedo
THURSDAY	March 3
8:30 am	Kristen Espeleta (Living) Aloysius Odoemena (21st Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
FRIDAY	March 4 First Friday
8:30 am	Rosario dela Rosa
12:00 Noon	Our Lady of Fatima
6:30 pm	Adoracion Veluz Richard Abrigo
SATURDAY	March 5
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
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	For the Parishioners Nellie Cavallo & Michael Fortunato

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for James Leonardis, requested by Leonardis Family.

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.

Upcoming Events for 1st Communion Candidates:

Teaching Mass – Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10AM in St. Michael's Church. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Mass is welcome to attend. It will also be live-streamed on our parish Facebook page – StMichaelParishUnion.

First Reconciliation – Saturday, Mar. 12 at 11AM in the Church.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Lenten Speaker Series will begin on Friday evening, March 4, and every Friday in Lent following the Stations of the Cross. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



cyouunionnj@gmail.com

The CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in our Valentine's Day Service Project. The items collected for the HUGS Ministry and the Valentine's Day cards that were decorated were very much appreciated! This upcoming Tuesday March 1st, 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.

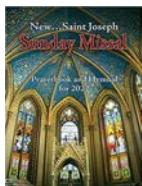
Guest Speaker: Rod Spann from Senior Advisors will speak on Medicare.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2022

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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

**Henry Cababe, Shirley Lipari,
Bernadette Lynch & Lourdes Manguera**

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, 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 Heinzler, 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

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92: 2-3,13-16

The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:39-45

Each tree is known by its yield.

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	
Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz	
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 Ugozi & Family	

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 ipastew-ski@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 Cadwell 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.

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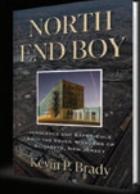
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