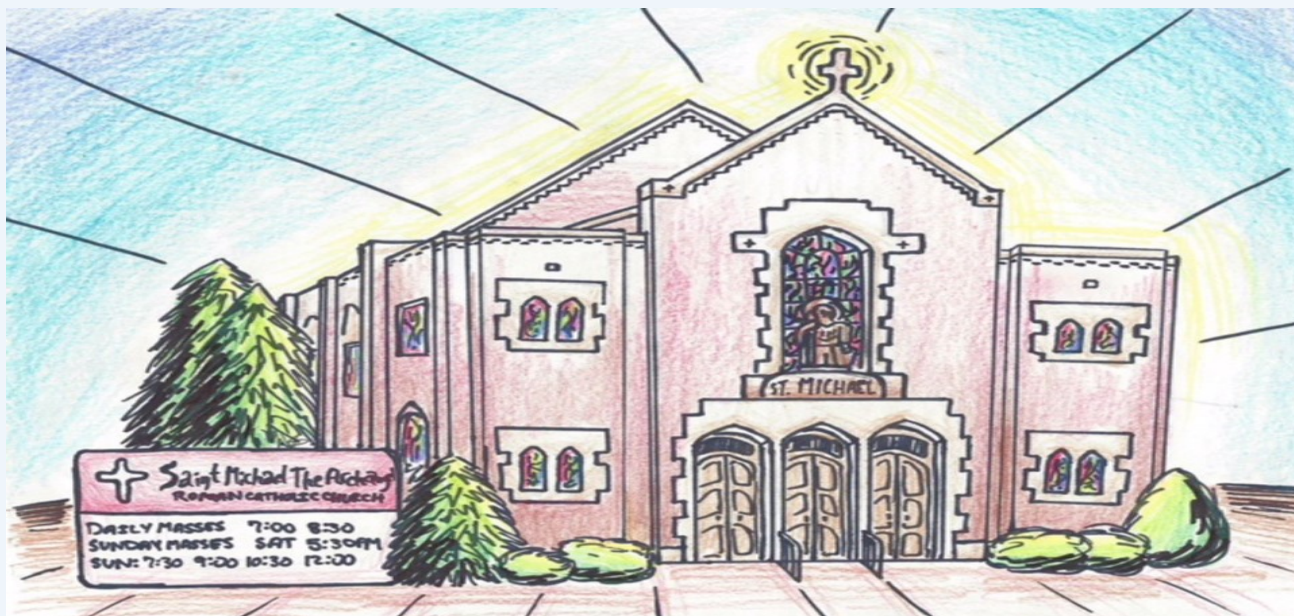


St. Michael's Parish Community

We are Stewards of God's Gifts, Time and Treasure To Build Up The Kingdom



ADDRESS:

1212 Kelly Street • Union, NJ 07083

TELEPHONES:

Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232

Rectory/Parish Center fax: 908-810-1076

School: 908-688-1063

Religious Education Office: 908-964-0965

Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762

Email Address: stmichaelunion@comcast.net

Website: <http://stmichaelunion.org>

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*

Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*

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. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

MASS

Sundays: 5:30PM (Saturday Evening)

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

Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00, 8:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30AM

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.

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.

February 24, 2019
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



Saturday	February 23
5:30 PM	Dennis Gabriel (18th Ann.)
Sunday	February 24
7:30 AM	Richard Shemanski
9:00 AM	For the Parishioners
10:30 AM	Mannelia Karam
12:00 Noon	Sister Margaret & Ellen Conneely
Monday	February 25
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Juan Duyan
12:00 Noon	Catalina Fernandez
Tuesday	February 26
7:00 AM	Christopher Abiakwe
8:30 AM	Jesus Duenas (Living)
12:00 Noon	Bartholome Abaraonye
Wednesday	February 27
7:00 AM	James Sipe (Living)
8:30 AM	Maria Tavares
12:00 Noon	Calistus Akano
Thursday	February 28
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Esther Ode
12:00 Noon	Juana Rodriguez (88th Birthday)
Friday	March 1
7:00 AM	Robert Getchman
8:30 AM	Craig Calix (Living)
12:00 Noon	Concepcion Pilapil
Saturday	March 2
8:30 AM	Cecelia M. Linfante
5:30 PM	Craif Calix (Living)
Sunday	March 3
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Nora & Michael Forde
10:30 AM	Anthony Walano
12:00 Noon	Carl Bergel

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Czapla & McMahon Families.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings seem especially pertinent to us living in a climate of sarcasm and insults, offensiveness and bullying, violence and hatred. Sparing — let alone forgiving and loving — one's perceived enemies, or refusing to judge others is hardly "natural" to most of us. But God sees it differently, and we are faced with the choice of whether we will too. Considering what this requires of us is a good way to enter the immanent season of Lent.

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9. 12-13, 22-23 David spares his enemy.

Ps 103 The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Cor 15:45-49 Live as spiritual, not natural beings.

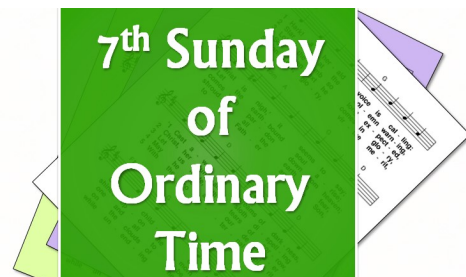
Lk 6:27-38 Jesus' challenge about loving and forgiving.

NOVENA OF MASSES — February 2019

George Rinehart
James Ford, Sr.
Alejandro T. Cruz
Jose J. Arnaldo
Ann L. Corrigan
Mary Russomanno
Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Craig Calix (Living)
Jurisik & Arner Families
John Francis Mahon
Henrietta Torres Arnaldo
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Special Intentions
Illuminada Duyan
Living Members of the Famarin & Duyan Families
John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families
Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families
Mr. & Mrs. Onwuzuligbo (Living)

There are still Masses for intentions, Novena of Masses and the Altar Offerings (Bread—\$25, Wine—\$15 and Sanctuary Lamp—\$10) available in 2019 for your loved ones.

Stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave) and book your Masses.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Saturday	February 23
9:30 AM	Zumba, LC
11:00 AM	First Communion -Teaching Mass, Church
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
Sunday	February 24
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
Monday	February 25
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:30 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
Tuesday	February 26
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education
7:00-8:30 PM	CYO
7:00 PM	Bible Class, Rectory
Wednesday	February 27
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration, Church
Thursday	February 28
8:00 AM	Rosary
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	March 1
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
6:30-8:00 PM	First Friday Adoration, Church
Saturday	March 2
9:30 AM	Zumba, LC
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
Sunday	March 3
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
6:30 PM	First Sunday Adoration, Church

**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>2/17/2018</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1/-2/17/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 7,523	\$ 234,401
Online Collections	\$ 532	\$ 18,804
SOS	\$ 563	\$ 82,034
Online SOS	\$ 510	\$ 12,264
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Total	\$ 9,128	\$ 347,503
Budget	\$ 10,740	\$ 351,433
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Difference	(\$ 1,612)	(\$ 3,930)

Thank you for your continued generosity!



12 CHANCES TO WIN UP TO \$12,000 IN
12 WEEKS!

St. Michael's Calendar Raffle

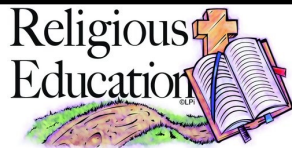
- ◇ Win up to \$12,000 in 12 drawings.
- ◇ \$1,000 every week for 12 consecutive weeks.
- ◇ Winning ticket goes back into the drawing pool.
- ◇ Number of tickets to be sold is 300.
- ◇ Cost is \$120 per ticket for 12 chances.
- ◇ Drawing date is every Sunday from 12/16/18-3/3/19
- ◇ Drawing will take place in the Lower Church at 1:30 PM
- ◇ Winner does not need to be present
- ◇ Proceeds will go to the restoration of the Church's air conditioner

TO THE \$1000 WEEKLY WINNERS

December 16, 2018 — Anna Laudati
December 23, 2018 — Matt Lepaski
December 30, 2018 — William Beute
January 6, 2019 — Donna Faraone
January 13, 2019 — Maria Edmond
January 20, 2019 — Albert & Gina Cruz
January 27, 2019 — Patrick Onyekwusi
February 3, 2019 — Jose Joseph
February 10, 2019 — Jean & Ray Perkins
February 17, 2019 — Chinyere Odoemene

"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 the weekend of March 2 & 3, 2019. SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.



Hours for the Religious Education Office are
Monday through Thursday from
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Bible pictures are
due on March 1st. Please have your child bring it in to
their teacher or catechist. Make sure the name of the bi-
ble story as well as your child's name is on the drawing.

REMINDER FOR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES:

First Reconciliation

Saturday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m. for children with last
names A - L

Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. for children with last
names M - Z

OUR LENTEN SERIES TALKS will begin on
Friday, March 8th. Watch the bulletin for
schedule of speakers. The talks will follow
the Stations of the Cross.

SR. VIRGINIA'S NEWBURGH MINISTRY

is in need of the following items:

Shampoo and conditioner
Soap, lotion, deodorant, body powder
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Mouthwash, dental floss, Q-tips

These items can be brought to the Parish Center located
on Orange Avenue.

**Meet St. Michael's Parish Council
Members. You can find them at our website
stmichaelunion.org/parish-leadership/**

**You can approach them with any suggestions,
concerns and issues regarding
the parish.**

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CENSUS

St. Michael's Parish is in the process of updating our Database, so we can
reach out to everyone when we need to:

Please fill out the form below:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

☐ Please send me parish collection envelopes.

Consent Request:

You may contact me regarding parish news and important message _____

Preferred Mode of Contact:

Email: _____

Text Msg: _____

Both: _____

- Use for Census only

*If you have not filled out the census form yet please do so. Census forms can
also be filled out online at stmichaelunion.org.*

*If you are not a registered member of St. Michael's you can register online
stmichaelunion.org or come by the Parish Center to register.*

**WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPE
AND THE IRS**

Using our weekly offertory envelopes ena-
bles the parish to provide a statement of
deductions at the end of the year that sat-
isfies the IRS deduction requirements. IRS
tax rules forbid tax deductions for charita-
ble donations unless the donor can prove
the donation through receipts or other fi-
nancial records. Donations that are not
given in an envelope with your parish
number are not posted to your account.

Contact the Parish Center for more infor-
mation. (908) 688-1232, ext 101.

Time	Feb. 23-24 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	March 2-3 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Morgan Labranche 4. Salome Oropeza 5. Simone Oropeza	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz
7:30am	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma	1. Chika Adibemma 3. Ifeanyi Adibemma 4. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Justin Gawel 5. Nathan De Guzman	1. Julian Felix 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Megan Felix 4. Nicholas Laube 5. Joshua Laube
10:30am	1. Lorenz Tangub 2. Aidan Perez 3. Samuel Ilagan	1. Joshua Estoque 2. Rynne Ramah 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Kamsi Emeh 5. Joshua Omoruyi
12:00 noon	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Jerome Fernandez 4. Jianna Fernandez	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Lucy Scalgione, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Pamela D'Amico, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Aname Orillaneda, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Barbara Fehr, Jean Claude, Carol Nichnadowcz, Augusta Mahon, Claubette Kallabeen. Carol Czapl & Stephen Czapl, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia and Illuminda Duyan.



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.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Antoinette Padovano, Angela Barbera & Sylvia Abreu.**

thank you!

St. Michael's Parish would like to thank **Butch and Teresa Palencia** for the donation of the new and beautiful Holy Water dispenser. We are very grateful for your generous support of the Church.

CYO/Youth Ministry News



cyouunion@aol.com

This week we will be volunteering at the Quadriplegic Center. See Jake to sign up!

On Saturday March 2nd we will be volunteering with the NJ ARC at their Winter Festival for the disabled. We will be running booths, games, helping with refreshments and walking the disabled around the festival. You can get more information about this event this week at CYO!

Any Freshman who is interested in running for our Leadership Core Team should let Phil know immediately. More information is available at CYO.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, **March 4, 2019**. Doors will open at 11:30 for coffee and social time followed by our general meeting at 12 Noon in the lower church.

Guest Speaker- Karen Jason, Adult Services Librarian, will speak about the new programs at the Union Public Library.

Upcoming Events:

March 13th-"My Irish Rose" at the Brownstone. **Please contact Kathy Scheffer before this meeting if you will be joining us at the Brownstone for our St. Patrick event.**

Cost is \$53p/p payment will be accepted at this meeting.

April 1st- Horizon BC/BS representative will be speaking on the subject of "Brain Games".

April 15th- Lauren DelVecchio, Clear Captions Telephone Technology

May 5th -Dr. Robert Fishberg, Associates in Cardiovascular Diseases. His topic is Healthy Living for Seniors.

Support our charitable initiatives:

Pennies for our parish initiatives jar

Personal items for the homeless and needy. (Gerry Jones)

Membership is extended to those 55 or over.



SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS
ANNUAL APPEAL

March 6, 2019

Friday, April 12

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13

12:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confessions

Wednesday of the Week, April 17

7:00-8:30 pm – Penance Service

With Individual Confession

No confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, April 13 at 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 14 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week, April 17

Penance Service with Individual Confession
6:00-8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 18

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday, April 19

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, April 20

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon - Blessing of Food

8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

No Confession/no 5:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon

ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

We are once again celebrating five (5), twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years of **Christian** marriage in 2019. The anniversary liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 28, 2019 **3:00 PM 50 years**
(All counties)

June 2, 2019 3:00 PM 5 & 25 years
(All counties)

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

Last weekend was our Commitment Weekend for the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. You were asked to complete your commitment card, please prayerfully make your pledge. We would like 100% participation from St. Michael's Parish.

This year, our parish goal is \$44,721. The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. ***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 future projects for the parish.***

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

2019 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 (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 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 10, 2019 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.

** 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.*