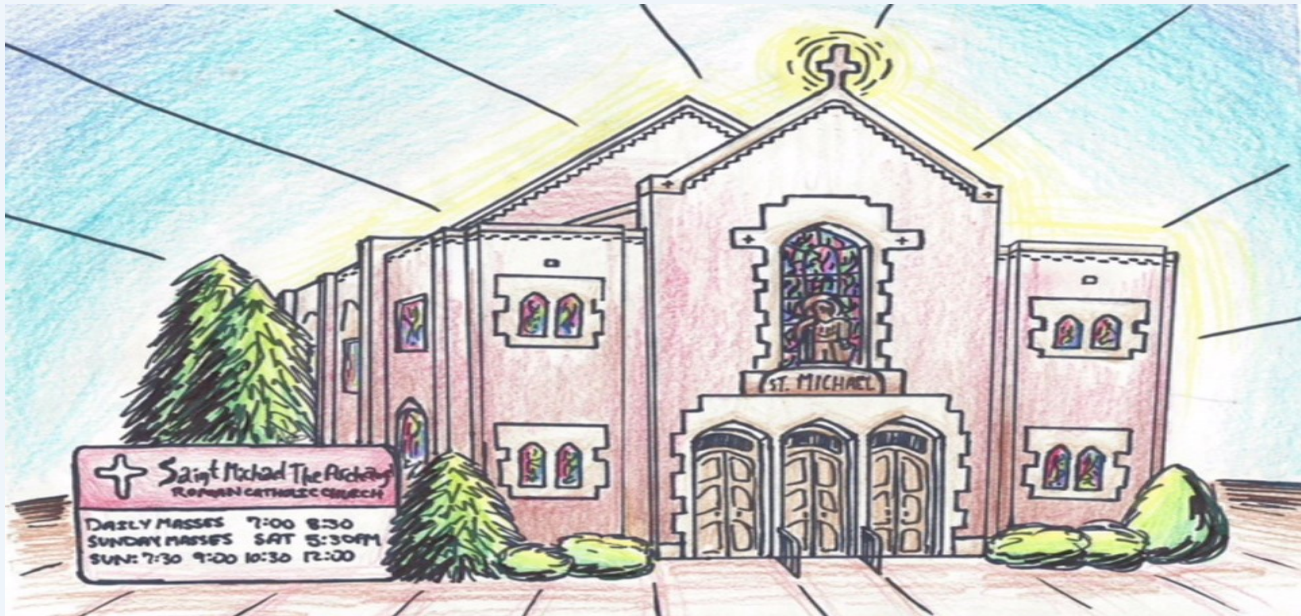


St. Michael's Parish Community

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



ADDRESS:

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Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232

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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. Marilynn 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

April 7, 2019
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



Saturday	April 6
5:30 PM	Ed Stonack
Sunday	April 7
7:30 AM	Kermit Thompson, Sr.
9:00 AM	George & Frieda Stinson (85th Ann.)
10:30 AM	For the Parishioners
12:00 Noon	Elizabeth, Donato & Joe Pacicco
Monday	April 8
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Ali A. Damestani
12:00 Noon	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	April 9
7:00 AM	Sita Kone & Roger Coulibaly
8:30 AM	Chinyere G. Odoemene (Living)- Thanksgiving
12:00 Noon	Dominique Joseph (Living)
Wednesday	April 10
7:00 AM	Purification C. Adan
8:30 AM	Jaison Family
12:00 Noon	Donna Davidson
Thursday	April 11
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Kevin Apuzzio (13th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Mary & Joseph Bernot
Friday	April 12
7:00 AM	Maria Rego
8:30 AM	Anthony Marchitello
12:00 Noon	Special Intention of Kunnath Family
Saturday	April 13
8:30 AM	Nancy Regaspi
5:30 PM	Kalman & Gertude Muller
Sunday	April 14
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Julian Pruszkowski
10:30 AM	Thomas J. Duffy
12:00 Noon	Rose Salzer

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread & Altar Wine are offered for Richard Epifanio & Franca Azoya, requested by Clara & Zenaida.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Chinyere G. Odoemene (Living).

The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.



We want to adorn our Sanctuary with memorial flowers so that our loved ones could join us in celebrating this Easter season. Please donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in gratitude. Our budget for donations this year is \$3,300. Flower envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church and in your collection envelopes. We look forward to the best decoration ever in our Church Sanctuary. Help us make it happen. Thank you.

5th Sunday of Lent

Today's readings are filled, not only with examples of God's abundant mercy and love, but of right living. Paul reminds us that everything outside of the pursuit of Christ is rubbish. And if we are to call ourselves followers of Christ, we must keep our focus on what lies ahead. Let us begin by letting go of our judgements and our earthly desires so we may enter into this time with our minds and hearts lifted completely to God.

Is 43:16-21 Remember not the events of the past; I am doing something new!

Ps 126 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Phil 3:8-14 Continue to pursue God's upward calling.

Jn 8:1-11 Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.

NOVENA OF MASSES – April 2019

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| James Ford, Sr. | Alejandro T. Cruz |
| Jose J. Arnaldo | Ann L. Corrigan |
| Pamela D'Amico | Mary Russomanno |
| Serafina Sauro | Rosemary Sauro |
| Mary & Idolo Russomanno | Craig Calix (Living) |
| Jurusik & Arner Families | John Francis Mahon |
| Felicitas Tan (Living) | Micheline & Joseph Kmetz |
| Chike Melie, Jr. | Chinwe Melie & Children (Living) |
| Frank Rubinetti, Sr. | Pierre & Rubinetti Families |
| Special Intentions | Wieslawa Nnoli |
| Ernie Badiola | Aurora Antonio |
| Special Intentions of Kunnath Family | |
| John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes | |
| Chinyere G. Odoemene (Living) | |
| Kosiso & Chinedu Akporji (Living) | |
| Kachi Odoemene & Family (Living) | |
| Chisom Odoemene (Living) | |
| Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living) | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahan Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Mabalot, Veluz & Tan Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Soares, Cruz, Albuquerque & Matos Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Dibia & Ekeh Families | |
| Special Intentions for Assumpta & Emmanuel Ekeh | |

We have openings in our Monthly Novena Masses (offering \$10) for the upcoming months. We encourage you to make use of these opportunities to offer the Sacrifice of the Masses for different kinds of intentions — birthdays, anniversaries, healing graces, protection, gratitude to God, progress in our children, work, related promotions, traveling mercies, etc. It is a good spiritual practice. Just come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to put in your request.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	April 7
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
1:30 PM	Young Adult Group, Murphy Room
6:00-7:00 PM	First Sunday Adoration, Church
St. Michael School Girl Scout Cookie Sale after all Masses	
Monday	April 8
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:30 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
Tuesday	April 9
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education
7:00-9:00 PM	CYO
7:00 PM	Bible Study, Rectory
Wednesday	April 10
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration, Church
Thursday	April 11
8:00 AM	Rosary
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	April 12
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Lenten Speaker, Church
Saturday	April 13
9:00-10:00 AM	Gospel Reflections, LC
10:00 AM	Zumba, LC
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
Sunday	April 14 Palm Sunday
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
No Religious Education	



Congratulations to all the winners! And thank you to all who supported and to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of our first Mega Raffle. We have raised \$16,500 for the Parish.

Our next Mega Raffle tickets sales will begin in May and drawn in July. More information will follow.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Every Friday during Lent, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Lenten Speakers

*Every Saturday from 9:00-10:00 AM during Lent—**Bold Lenten Reflections, Lower Church***

***New: GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019**
Starting at 2:30 PM we will have a Public Stations of the Cross.*

Route of Procession: Start at Church to Orange Avenue, turn right on to High Street to Barbara Avenue, turn right to Vauxhall Road and end back to the Church.

Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM—Penance Service with individual confessions.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

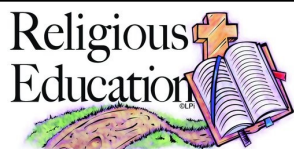
Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Luke 6:38

	<u>Week of</u> <u>3/31/2018</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1/-3/31/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 8,567	\$ 281,746
Online Collections	\$ 582	\$ 22,091
SOS	\$ 580	\$ 95,656
Online SOS	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,896
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Total	\$ 10,729	\$ 415,389
Budget	\$ 7,781	\$ 410,942
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Difference	\$ 2,948	\$ 4,447

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 this weekend of April 6 & 7, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

There are **NO** Religious Education Classes on: Sunday, April 14th, Monday, April 15th, Tuesday, April 16th, Sunday, April 21st and Monday, April 22nd.

Classes resume on Tuesday, April 23rd.

SR. VIRGINIA'S NEWBURGH MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF:

Toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, soap, lotion, deodorant, body powder, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, mouthwash and dental floss. Please consider donating any of these items. Donations can be dropped off at the church or at the Parish Center on Orange Avenue. Your gen-

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



SAVE THE DATE:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019, 7:00 PM
MAY CROWNING**

The month of May is especially dedicated to the Blessed Mother, and here at St. Michael's we honor her in song and prayer at our May Crowning. *Our new first communicants will be present and are asked to wear their Communion apparel.* Parents attending may bring flowers for "Mary's Garden" if they wish, and place them in the urns in front of the altar. Each child will receive a flower as they process into the Church. This is a very special way to celebrate God's gift to us with the children.



OUR FINAL: LENTEN SERIES TALKS

The talk immediately follows after the Stations of the Cross.

April 12: Seminarian Christopher Hughes

"Entering Holy Week: Walking through the Darkness Into the Light"

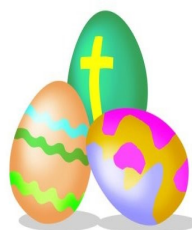
SAVE THE DATE:

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10:30 AM—12:00 Noon

Church & Rectory Grounds



The FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 PM in Church.

SAVE THE DATE: May 4, 2019

HEALING MASS FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM

More Information to follow.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH DANCE FOR A CAUSE

May 19, 2019, 4:00-8:00 PM, Lower Church

A time for St. Michael's Church family to come together for dance, food and get together. Casual attire.



Donation: \$30 per person, includes admission, food and non alcoholic beverages. Tickets are now available for sale in the vestibule.

Time	April 6-7 5 th Sunday of Lent	April 13-14 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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. David Bernot 3. Cherry Vibar 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. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Michael Durugo 4. Joshua Omoruyi 5. Carmella Mendoza	1. Joshua Estoque 2. RYanne Ramah 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Kamsi Emeh 5. Joshua Omoruyi
12:00 noon	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio 4. Reginald Mondesir

CYO/Youth Ministry News

cyounion@aol.com



This week CYO will run from 7-9pm as our presentation tonight includes a film. Be sure to be aware of the extended time. You will be able to sign up for April Service Projects this week at CYO.

Anyone who would like to read at our Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross should let Phil know. Spots will first go to those who did not read at the Festival of Lights.

The weekend of

April 6 & 7 & April 13 & 14

Our CYO will be selling Decorated Palm Crosses and Easter Plants outside of Church.

Only \$10.00!

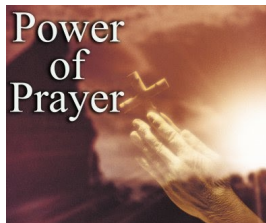
Please support our efforts!

Thank You!



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, 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, Jean Claude, Carol Nichnadowcz, Augusta Mahon, Claubette Kallabeen. Carol Czapl, Stephen Czapl, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan and Ruth Guido.



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 **Robert Klier & members of St. Michael's Parish.**



ST. MICHAEL'S—PAINT & SIP

June 1, 2019 6:30- 10:00 PM

TICKETS—\$40 per person

Snacks Supplied, BYOB

Evening includes wine glass to be decorated, all supplies and instructions

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-47186571>

For more information contact

Tina Spassione
@ tinya123@yahoo.com



2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, April 12

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13

1:00-2:00 pm - Individual Confessions

Wednesday of the Week, April 17

7:00 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, 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

7:00pm

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

2:30 pm—Public Stations of the Cross around neighborhood

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/Reflections

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

New: GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019 —Starting at 2:30 PM we will have a Public Stations of the Cross around the neighborhood.

2019 CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. St. Michael's is **27%** towards our goal of **\$44,721**. 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. 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.***

THANK YOU!

AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT SUCCESS!

Two replacement air conditioning units were installed in the church last spring. This was a major project that was long overdue and will benefit the church for generations to come.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for your generous support of the air conditioning project. Funds raised from the dinner dance, concert, We Are Living Stones campaign and tithing have paid for the air conditioning units. Your support of this project has truly made a difference.

Our work continues! Tithing donations will now be directed to repairing the church heating system. Thank you for your continued support of St. Michael's Parish.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, **April 15 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 - April 15th - Lauren DelVecchio, Clear Captions Telephone Technology

Upcoming Events:

May 6th - Dr. Robert Fishberg, Associates in Cardiovascular Diseases.

The topic of discussion "Healthy Living for Seniors."

May 22, 2019 - Wednesday - River Lady Luncheon Cruise

June 3rd - Karen Jason, Adult Librarian, Union Public Library New Programs

June, 10, 2019 - Monday - Hunterdon Hills Lunch and Show - "Over the River and Thru the Woods

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 and over.