



## *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](mailto: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.

**March 25, 2018**  
**Palm Sunday**

**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.*

**Palm Sunday**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 24</b>
5:30 PM	Anastasio-Lewandowski Families
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>March 25</b>
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 AM	Giovanni Mazza & Sofia Villarreal
12:00 Noon	John & Carol Halloran
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Philip Montalto
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
7:00 AM	Robert Votapek
8:30 AM	Maria Tavares
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	John Mc Mahon (32nd Ann.)
6:00-8:00 PM	Penance Service with Individual Confessions
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>March 29</b>
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
7:00 PM	For the Parishioners Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
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
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon	Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	For the Parishioners—Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
7:30 AM	John McCann
9:00 AM	Jose Isirio Torres
10:30 AM	For the Parishioners
12:00 Noon	Jose Arnaldo

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.*

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

**DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *Pauline Waer, Anne DeFlores and Renee Jarman.*

*We open this most Holy Week continuing the theme of the cost of faithful obedience and the reality of suffering. It is easy to be enamored with the concept of love, but the truth is that love is costly. Revelation is the story of God's great love for us. Today, we remember the cost of the love in Jesus' passion and death, and we ask ourselves where we fit in all of this. The answer is profoundly humbling, no matter who we are.*

*Is 50:4-7 The Lord's servant describes his suffering.  
Ps 22 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
Phil 2:6-11 Jesus is both humiliated and exalted.  
Mk 14:1-15-47 In his suffering and death, Jesus is the suffering Messiah.*

**NOVENA OF MASSES—MARCH 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>Craig Calix (Living)</i>   | <i>Josefina Stuart</i>               |
| <i>Walter Foster, Jr.</i>   | <i>Noel Mercado</i>                  |
| <i>Mary Russomanno</i>  | <i>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomanno</i>   |
| <i>Louis Sauro</i>  | <i>Luigi Sauro</i>                   |
| <i>Frank Rubinetti</i>  | <i>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Family</i> |
| <i>Special Intentions</i>   |                                      |
| <i>Michalene Kmetz &amp; Joseph Kmetz</i>   |                                      |
| <i>Special Intention to St. Joseph</i>  |                                      |
| <i>Michalene Kmetz &amp; Joseph Kmetz</i>   |                                      |
| <i>John P. Hynes &amp; Irene C. Hynes</i>   |                                      |
| <i>Jurusik &amp; Arner Families</i>   |                                      |
| <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti &amp; Tobia Families</i> |                                      |
| <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Joseph Cicalese Family</i>                            |                                      |
| <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart &amp; McMahan Families</i>         |                                      |
| <i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Ameruso &amp; Scalgione 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 44% towards our goal of \$48,000. 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**

<b>Palm Sunday</b> 10:15-11:30 AM CYO Plant/Palm Sale after ALL MASSES	<b>March 25</b> Religious Education
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 AM 3:30-4:30 PM	<b>March 26</b> Rosary, Church Religious Education
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 AM 7:00-8:15 PM 7:00-8:30 PM 7:00-8:00 PM	<b>March 27</b> Rosary, Church Religious Education CYO Stations of the Cross Practice, Church Bible Study, LC
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 AM 6:00-8:00 PM	<b>March 28</b> Rosary, Church Penance Service with Individual Confession, Church
<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>Parish Center Closed</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 29</b> Rosary, Church
<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Parish Center Closed</b> 8:00 AM 7:30 PM	<b>March 30</b> Rosary, Church CYO Living Stations of the Cross, Church
<b>Holy Saturday</b> 9:00-10:00 AM 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon	<b>March 31</b> Bold & Lenten Coffee, LC Easter Egg Hunt, LC
<b>Easter Sunday</b> No Religious Education Fellowship after all Masses, LC	<b>April 1</b>

**EASTER FLOWERS**

*Remember loved ones by giving a Flower Offering for Easter. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.*

Thank you to the St. Michael School Faculty for taking up a special collection to be used for the church Easter Flowers. Easter Flower donations provide the money to decorate the church for the Easter Season. The donations are also a beautiful way to remember loved ones. Thank you for your generosity!

**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 Richard Shemanski.*

**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>3/18/2018</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1-3/18/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 8,192	\$ 282,909
Online Collections	\$ 295	\$ 8,516
SOS	\$ 2,691	\$ 118,074
Online SOS	\$ 252	\$ 2,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,430</b>	<b>\$ 411,763</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 12,322</b>	<b>\$ 420,691</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$ 892)</b>	<b>(\$ 8,928)</b>

**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 April 7 & 8, 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: Marilynn Dragone at (908) 964-0965. We can also be reached via e-mail at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

**FAMILIES PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST:**

If you missed the Grandma's Bread Retreat, please contact the Religious Education Office immediately. Important papers and materials were given out which you need to have.

**RICE BOWL** donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Center. Religious Education students can give their donations to their catechist. The monies collected are donated to the missions which help people throughout the world.

**SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF FOOD!!!** Please consider donating some canned or non-perishable food items so we can help feed those in need. Food may be dropped off at the church or at the Parish Center.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

*The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the Lower Church.*

*The chaplet will be recited followed by prayers.*

*The Divine Mercy Novena, to be started on Good Friday, March 30th, will be available in the vestibule of the Church.*

*All are invited to attend.*

**CYO/Youth Ministry News**

[cyouion@aol.com](mailto:cyouion@aol.com)

There will be no general CYO meeting this Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. In its place we will have our dress rehearsal for our Good Friday "Living Stations of the Cross." All actors and readers need to attend this rehearsal. All our members and their families are encouraged to attend the Stations on Good Friday at 7:30pm.

A special thank you to Alexandra Anton, Matthew Fazendeiro & Christina Moran who all recently gave self-written presentations on their Faith to our Confirmation candidates. Their sharings truly made a difference! We'd also like to thank our Mentors who continue to give their time and faith to our Candidates.

**Good Friday Presentation**

On Good Friday evening, **March 30<sup>th</sup>** our CYO/Youth Ministry Program will present the **Living Stations of the Cross** for our Parish Community, family and friends.

At the Stations, our Youth Ministry members will reenact the final hours of **Jesus**, through the eyes of Mary, the Blessed Mother. This will be a night of **Reflection, Music and Prayer** not to be missed. The Stations will begin at **7:30pm** in St. Michael's Church. Everyone is invited.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

On this weekend, **March 24-25**, our CYO/Youth Ministry will be selling **Palm Crosses and Easter Plants!**

All Crosses and Plants will be \$10.00 and many colors and varieties will be offered. Please support our CYO by making a purchase! Thank You!



**ST.MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS**

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, April 9th. 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** - Lois Schanker from Caring, Sharing Network

**Upcoming Event:**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Family Chiropractic Care in Clark Membership is extended to those 55 and over.

Time	March 24-25 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	March 31 - April 1 Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday
5:30pm	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Alexis Artiga	<b>8:00 pm</b> 1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche
7:30am	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uguchi Adibemma 3. Ifeanyi Adibemma 4. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. Alisha James	1. Aidan Perez 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Joshua Laube 4. Megan Felix 5. Julian Felix
10:30am	1. Julia Durugo 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Isabella Fernandes	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 4. Johnnuel Magno
12:00nn	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 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, Lower Church. Coffee will be served.

To register for free materials go to [stmichaelunion.org](http://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. Materials for discussion are also available in the vestibule of the Church Wednesday and Friday mornings.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**May 5, 2018 - Healing Mass**  
**May 16, 2018 - May Crowning**

**SAVE THE DATE: EASTER EGG HUNT**  
 Saturday, March 31, 2018  
 11:00 AM—12:00 Noon  
 Ages: 12 and below  
 (Parents must be present during Egg Hunt)

**ELECTRONIC GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!**

St. Michaels Parish has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its members with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving.

Parish Giving is being offered to us free of charge. On our website (<http://stmichaelunion.org>) you will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to our parish and other initiatives. Following is an overview of some of the features:

**Ability to make one-time contributions, Ability to make recurring contributions, Ability to contribute to multiple organizations, Ability to select your billing date, Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer, Ability to access end of year contribution reports**

Once again, Welcome to St. Michael's Parish Giving.  
 Create or login to your Parish Giving account

**WE ARE LIVING STONES CAMPAIGN**

The St. Michael's Lower Church Kitchen renovation is complete. \$16,500 was used from the We are Living Stones Campaign Funds to complete this major improvement to the church. Thank you to all the participants in the We Are Living Stones Campaign. Please continue to complete your pledge. Your donations are making a visible difference to St. Michael's Church!

**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.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**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

**THE WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPE AND THE IRS**

Using our weekly offertory envelopes enables the parish to provide a statement of deductions at the end of the year that satisfies the IRS deduction requirements. IRS tax rules forbid tax deductions for charitable donations unless the donor can prove the donation through receipts or other financial records. Contact the Parish Center for more information.

**ST. MICHAEL’S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Congratulations to our March Students of the Month!**

Olivia Vazquez	Emily Morales	Divine Enemu
Kathryn Lopes	Julia Rocha	Sofia Lopez
Luna Lopes	Fisayo Oeyemi-Ajayi	Seth Herrera
Gregory Galante	Kayla Jones	Ashlee Goncalves
Samantha Bongat	Kelly Ann Pham	Alana Aquino
Jianna Fernandez	Brianna Raposo	Julian Gutierrez
Samuel Joseph	Zena Chidozie	Janai Campbell
Zoi Ramirez	Johnuel Magno	

A special thank you to our presenters Mr. James and Mr. Ed, from 4H Youth development group. Their presentations on trees and their importance was entertaining and knowledgeable!

**Important Dates:**

March

26th - Honors Breakfast

28th - 12:00 dismissal, aftercare is NOT available, all students must be picked up at 12:00

29th -6th - School Closed

All students should attend services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Vigil Saturday and Easter Sunday

April:

9th - School reopens

12th - environmental magic show for grades K-8

16th - 20th Book Fair

24th - School Pictures, no sibling pictures

26th - Tricky Tray

27th Progress Reports

**Tricky Tray News** - our tricky tray will take place on **April 26th**, at the Knights of Columbus, tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at <http://smstrickytray.ticketleap.com/2018/great-prizes-and-50/50!!!>

**SAVE THE DATE**

**APRIL 7, 2018**

**5:30 PM MASS**

**ST. MICHAEL’S ALUMNI REUNION MASS**

