

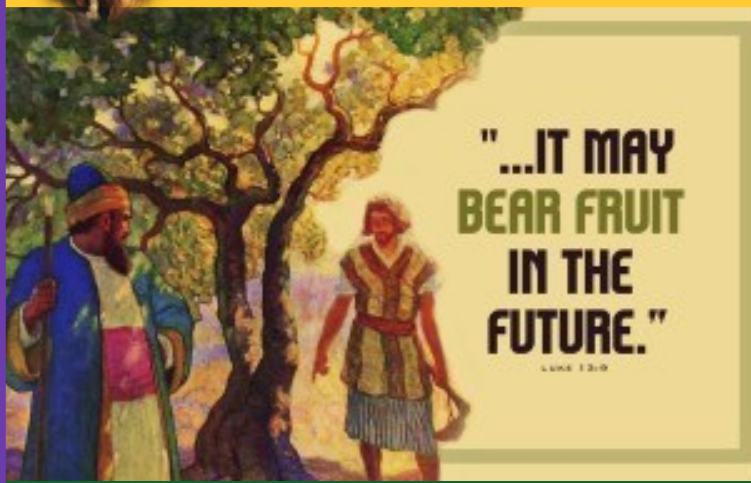


# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MARCH 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*  
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 Mrs. Clare Andriola, *Pastoral Associate for Religious Education*  
 Ms. Cristina Manochio, *Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry*  
 Mr. Peter Petrecca, *Music Director*  
 Ms. Fran Engleman, *9:00 am Choirmaster*  
 Mr. Patrick B. Phillips, *12:00 Noon Choirmaster*  
 Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

**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

## Address

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 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

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## Devotions

### EUCCHARISTIC 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*

### A Jesus Encounter: Overcoming our Resistances



The next three Sundays in our Church will be Scrutiny Sundays as we will be celebrating part of the process of initiating those who are being prepared to come into full communion with the Catholic faith. During the Masses for these Scrutinies, the readings will be taken from Circle A instead of Circle C. The gospel, for this Sunday, therefore, is the story of the Samaritan Woman's encounter with Jesus (John 4:1-42)

What is fascinating about this story is that it reveals the different ways that we resist getting closer to God while showing us what happens when we open ourselves up to this encounter. Many a time, we resist getting close to Jesus because of our sense of sin and unworthiness. We are even tempted to think that God will not discover our sins if we do not get close to Him or even worse, that we can go ahead and do what we want to do because the guilt weighs less on our hearts. The truth of the matter is that Christ did not come for those who are righteous but for those of us sinners. Scripture says that while we were in sin, God sent His only begotten Son so that all who believe in Him might be saved. Because this Samaritan woman didn't want to get close to Jesus, because of her sense of sinfulness and unrighteousness, she used every possible excuse to resist this encounter. She pulled the race card arguing that Jesus was Jewish and she, a Samaritan; just as we sometimes do when we use race, ethnicity, religion, and color as a basis to hate others. She questioned Christ's ability to fulfill His promises, jesting Him with a kind of humorous contempt by saying, "Give me this water so that I will never get thirsty again and do not need to keep coming to this well" thereby making caricature of God's promise. She even attacked His religion as a way of resisting this close encounter just as we sometimes do when we question why the church should teach this or that; why the Church should prohibit this or that; why should the Church dictate what I do or not do, etc. We argue with scriptures and bend facts and history to suit our purpose. Inevitably, we find ourselves moving away from the author of life, Himself.

In the midst of her resistances, Christ simply told her that only if she knew what she would benefit by coming into relationship with Him, she would realize that her excuses pail to nothingness compared to what she will gain and receive; and so it happened. Having run out of excuses, Christ confronted her with her true self. She had no option left than to make a true confession about her true state in life; she got in touch with her inner self; and Christ was right there to walk her through all the way.

What is so powerful to notice in this story is that we never know ourselves or see ourselves truly as we are until we can see ourselves in the presence of Christ. The presence of Christ confronts us with the realization that life, as we are living it, needs redemption. In the presence of Christ, we wake up to ourselves and we wake up to our need for God. Our ability to live fully and freely rests in building a personal relationship with Christ. As Scripture says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in its fullness" and again, it says, draw near to God and He will draw nearer to you. May we continue to be open to encounter the Lord in our everyday activities, 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. The last Listening Sessions is on **Saturday, March 19th at 9am** at the Phil Matrале Hall (LC). Please register 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](http://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](http://StMichaelUnion.org). If you have any questions please reach out to Fr. Miles or Deacon Mike at [DeaconMikeCavallo@gmail.com](mailto:DeaconMikeCavallo@gmail.com).

### "Synod on Synodality" Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate \_\_\_ Cell or \_\_\_ Land)

I will attend \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

3/13/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,116	\$ 9,816	\$ 700

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](http://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](http://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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 19</b>
5:30 pm	Mary Ann Canavan (9th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 20</b>
7:30 am	Helen Walano
9:00 am	Faustino Sta Maria
10:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
12:00 Noon	Ayssa Monhale-Paragas (Living)-16th Birthday
	Teodoro Mendoza
	Lamercie Geffrard
	Carol & John Halloran
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 21</b>
8:30 am	Albert & Yolanda Shak
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 22</b>
8:30 am	Edilberto Valderama
12:00 Noon	Jose Arnaldo
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 23</b>
8:30 am	Joseph Hrevnack
12:00 Noon	Irma Abril
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 24</b>
8:30 am	Natividad Allic
12:00 Noon	Stanley & Beatrice Sipe
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 25</b>
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
	Fernando & Norma Lopez (1st Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Serafin & Porferia Lacson
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 26</b>
8:30 am	Pedro Murrieta Vera
	Craig Calix (Living)
5:30 pm	Gianna Bambaci
	Bernadette Pierre-Louis
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 27</b>
7:30 am	Mel Villegas
9:00 am	Frances Torlucci
10:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
	Maria Tavares

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

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

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

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY COLLECTION FOR THE UKRAINE**

The Archdiocese of Newark website has a link to Catholic Relief Services where individuals can make online donations for relief in the Ukraine. The link can be found at [www.RCAN.org](http://www.RCAN.org) or by clicking the link below:

**[Urgent Need in Ukraine/Catholic Relief Services \(crs.org\)](http://www.crs.org)**

### 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

**DATE/TIME CHANGE FOR First Reconciliation (First Confession) Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 10:00 am**

The Communion Bread Retreat will follow at 11AM in Phil Matrале Hall (LC). 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.

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

- 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



[cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com)

We welcome all CYO members to join us this Tuesday on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8:30pm in the Phil Matrале Hall where our senior class will share a special presentation with the group. We look forward to seeing everyone then!

The CYO / Youth Ministry will also be hosting its first ever Kid's Night Fundraiser next month. All youth of the parish ages K-8 are invited to join us in the Phil Matrале Hall on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm for a fun night of games, crafts, movies, pizza, snacks, prayers and more! CYO teens and adults will be chaperoning and it will be \$15 per child. Please email us at [cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com) for the registration form if interested.

#### **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**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
CYCLE C**

**First Reading**

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 103:1-4,6-7,8,11

A prayer in praise of God's mercy

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.



**DIVINE MERCY**

The feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on **Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 pm** in Church.

**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 Czaplá, 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 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 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, Angelina Amali

**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 **Marion Bozulus, Joyce Rogers, Kenneth Lumley**

**NOVENA of Masses**

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MARCH 2022**

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|--|-------------------------|
| 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 |
| Elisabeth Hachaspker   | Eunice Ukaegbu          |
| Tamika Joy Domond (Living) - Healing                                 |                         |
| Marie F. Domond  |                         |
| George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Reinhart                                  |                         |
| Czeslawa & Stanislaw Pogorzelski                                     | Krystyna Bartosik       |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members                            |                         |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá,                             |                         |
| Leinart & McMahan 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) |                         |

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 [jpastewski@aol.com](mailto:jpastewski@aol.com).

**WELLNESS MINISTRY**

**Family Dance & Wellness Classes**

Saturdays **9:30—10:30 am**

**Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**



## Announcements

### 2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – March 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

### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The HUGS Ministry would like once again to extend their sincere thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** who have continued to show their love and care for the ministry by donating even more winter coats!

We cannot express in words the gratitude our recipient families exude each time they receive their Grace Bags from the ministry. May God continue to bless those who ensure that the ministry inventory never runs dry.

HUGS Ministry distributes **Gift Bags once a month throughout the year.**

As a reminder, we are asking for families with children ages new born to 5 years, interested in being on the monthly **Distribution List**, to please fill out the form at <https://www.stmichaelunion.org/handsofgraceform> We serve all families with utmost dignity and respect.

**Please help spread the word about the ministry.**

For more information, about HUGS Ministry, please contact **Bisi Longe (908) 247-4461** or **Tania Massicot (908) 420 8659**

### 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.** For further information contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 or email [Albertavp@verizon.net](mailto:Albertavp@verizon.net).

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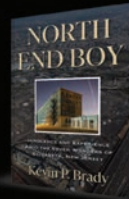
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