



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

### Saturday

8:30 am

### Sunday

5:30 pm (Saturday Vigil Mass)  
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 Noon

## PASTORAL STAFF

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# TIME IN BETWEEN

## FEB 26 - MAR 4

Monday  
**FEB 26**

**FAMILY ROSARY** *Virtual* **7 PM**  
BRING YOUR FAMILY & WEEK TO MOTHER MARY

Wednesday  
**FEB 28**

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GRP.** **6 PM**  
IN THE LOWER CHURCH - MURPHY ROOM  
**MARIAN DEVOTION** **7:30 PM**  
WITH EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION - IN CHURCH

Friday  
**MAR 3**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** **7 PM**

Saturday  
**MAR 4**

**WELLNESS MINISTRY** **9:30 AM**  
EXERCISE AND DANCE CLASS  
**FAMILY ACTIVITIES** **6:30 PM**  
FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

## Mission

A diverse spiritual community in action, dedicated to drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

## TOMORROW IS NOT A PROMISE



In the past two weeks, we have seen a 7.5 earthquake ravage Turkey and Syria and leave behind its wake over 47,000 people dead. Barely three years ago, we were grounded by a deadly virus, covid-19, which left behind its path over one million brothers and sisters dead. No warnings preceded these disasters, and no one knew who would fall victim to the mayhem. Yet, this is the reality of life as we live it on earth—the uncertainty of what tomorrow will bring.

There is a fable about three apprentice devils about to be sent down to earth for their internship. They were called before Satan, the chief of the devils, to discuss their plans to tempt and ruin people en masse. The first said, "I will tell them there is no God." Satan said, "That will not delude many, for they know there is a God." The second said, "I will tell them there is no hell." Satan answered, "You will not be able to deceive many of them because they know there is hellfire for sin." The third said, "I will tell them there is no need to hurry, to take their time and merry, for there is plenty of time to take care of things." Before he could finish, Satan ordered, "Go; go immediately, for you will ruin them by the thousands."

My dear friends, tomorrow is not a promise, and so, as we embrace this Lenten Season, let us be intentional about it. Let us do what we must to live our lives in watchfulness; that is to say, to consciously keep important things in focus as we go about our daily activities. As the saying goes, "He is free from danger who, even when safe, is still on guard." The most dangerous of all delusions is the belief that there is plenty of time.

I truly believe that the most dangerous day in our lives is when we learn that there is such a word as tomorrow because procrastination is the devil's workshop into which people's dreams are buried.

We need to live constantly with the awareness that time is not on our side. The spirit which leads to disaster is the spirit that says there is plenty of time to make things right. We cannot put off certain things because tomorrow is not a promise. One such thing is our relationship with God, with our neighbor, and with the self.

Scripture says that the things that defile us come from the inside, from the heart. So, during this Lent, let us target our fast on things like procrastination, worrying, anger, unforgiveness, envy, jealousy, feelings of malice, hatred, wrath, slander, gossip, judging others, bearing false witness, feelings of regrets, self-pity, misery, apathy; and all other forms of evil thoughts and immorality.

Let us go on and live life while we can! Let our eyes see the best, our words edify the soul, our hearts forgive the worst, our minds forget the bad, our spirits celebrate the good, our thoughts engaged in gratitude, our attitude lifted in spirit, and our hopes anchored in the Lord. Let us stand up for what is right, for what is just, and for what is fair. We should not allow anyone to drag us into the pit of useless arguments, fights, quarrels, negativity, and debasement. Let us be reconciled with God, with our neighbor, and with ourselves. Let us let go, let God, and get going. Today is all we have. I wish us all a very productive and salvific Lent.

*Msr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

# Stewardship of Treasure

**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*

"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**

| <b>COLLECTION &amp; SOS</b> |                          |                          |                   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                             | <b>NEEDED<br/>WEEKLY</b> | <b>ACTUAL<br/>WEEKLY</b> | <b>OVER/UNDER</b> |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>             |                          |                          |                   |
| Week 1                      | \$ 7,079                 | \$ 6,616                 | \$ 463            |
| Week 2                      | \$ 7,079                 | \$ 8,097                 | \$ 1,018          |
| Week 3                      | \$ 7,079                 | \$ 7,540                 | \$ 461            |
| Week 4                      | \$ 7,079                 | \$                       |                   |
| <b>Monthly SOS</b>          | <b>\$10,040</b>          | <b>\$ 9,424</b>          | <b>\$ 616</b>     |

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

**Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:**

**S.O.S. Collection** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. *Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills.* S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

**Tithing** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new air conditioner. *Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs.* Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.



**Assessment Collection** - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the Archdiocese, and a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, is paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment. *All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.*

**National Collections** - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. *Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.*

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection** - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!**

## 6 Ways To DONATE

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Parish Giving<br/>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—<br/>stmichaelunion.org</p> </div> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>zelle®<br/>stmichaelunion@comcast.net</p> <p style="font-size: small;">In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.</p> </div> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONTACT FREE:<br/>QR CODE</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: x-small;">Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</p> </div>                                    |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAIL IN:</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p> </div>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DROP OFF:<br/>AT THE PARISH CENTER</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p> </div>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DURING OFFERTORY:<br/>AT MASS</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: x-small;">You can use designated envelopes <b>OR</b> use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p> </div> |

## ONLINE GIVING

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 have 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 that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during this unprecedented times.

**Mass Intentions & Novenas**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- SATURDAY February 25**  
 5:30 pm Frank Karwowski (25th Ann.)
- SUNDAY February 26**  
 7:30 am For the Parishioners  
 Henry Machado  
 9:00 am Anna & Michael Cebulak  
 10:30 am Alejandro Cruz  
 Angela Calbello  
 12:00 noon Charismatic Group-Spiritual Growth  
 James Leonardis
- MONDAY February 27**  
 8:30 am James Sipe (Living)-Birthday  
 Maria Tavares  
 12:00 Wilma Silvey  
 Wanda Kip (30th Ann.)
- TUESDAY February 28**  
 8:30 am Mikaela Catuncan (Living)-16th Birthday  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses
- WEDNESDAY March 1**  
 8:30 am Margaret McGurgan  
 Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses  
 Robert Getchman
- THURSDAY March 2**  
 8:30 am Anthony Walano  
 12:00 noon Joan Noonan (Living)  
 Nellie Cavallo  
 Michael Fortunato
- FRIDAY March 3**  
 8:30 am Juan Ezpeleta, Sr.  
 Kristen Ezpeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 12:00 noon Chul Bak  
 6:30 pm Aloysus Odoemene (22nd Ann.)  
 Linda Castillo
- SATURDAY March 4**  
 8:30 am Yva Amazan  
 5:30 pm Mark Fredrickson  
 Victor Puentes
- SUNDAY March 5**  
 7:30 am For the Parishioners  
 9:00 am Jose Isirio Torres  
 10:30 am Gino Ianiro  
 12:00 noon Lyelle Ducoy

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp is offered in memory of James Leonardis, requested by the Leonardis Families.*

**NOVENA OF MASSES**

**FEBRUARY 2023**

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Phil Matrale   | Jose Arnaldo      |
| James Ford, Sr.  | Consuelo Salazar  |
| Fritz Maddy  | Jorge J. Criado   |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Families  | Frank Rubinetti   |
| Carolina Liwanag Santangelo  | Bruce Henry       |
| Mary & Idolo Russomano   | Olaolu Ogunbameru |
| Ma. Teresita Acevedo   | Anthony Acevedo   |
| Micheline & Joseph Kmetz   |                   |
| Charlotte & Stanley Skoczylas (Living)-Thanksgiving                              |                   |
| Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing  |                   |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members  |                   |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families |                   |
| Living & Deceased Members of Czapla, Leniart & McMahan Families                  |                   |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Sousa Araujo                                     |                   |
| Living & Deceased Members of St. Michael's Parish                                |                   |
| Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano Families                        |                   |
| Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family                                  |                   |

**PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR**

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, 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, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, David Randolph, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas, Cesar DeJesus, Chet Janusz, Baby Charlie Boyle, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, 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, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Angelina Amali, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Byron DelMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Harry Benbemia, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, Victoria Phillips

## Ministry Happenings

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Clare Andriola**

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education  
**Lois Scanio**

Our First Communion candidates attended a Teaching Mass on Saturday, Feb. 18. Thank you to Fr. Miles who presided. Both the children and adults gained a better understanding of what it means to come to Mass each Sunday. The children each received a copy of the New Testament Bible.

#### Upcoming Events for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Candidates:

##### First Reconciliation:

**Saturday, Mar. 4 at 10:00 am**  
[Child's Last Name **A** thru **L**]

**Saturday, Mar. 11 at 10:00 am**  
[Child's Last Name **M** thru **Z**]

The Religious Education Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (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).

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



There will be no CYO this upcoming week on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. CYO will resume on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for our annual Bring A Friend Night run by our CYO seniors! Anyone in grades 8-12 are welcome to join us to see what our program is all about! We will be meeting from 7:00-8:30pm in the Phil Matrале Hall (Lower Church) of St. Michael's Church. Please use the Orange Avenue entrance. We look forward to meeting many new friends!

### SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider making food or financial donations for Sister Ann's Food Pantry to help out those in need. Your weekly and financial donations keep Sister Ann's Pantry going. I am sure she is smiling at us from heaven. You can drop off none perishable food at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave).

### RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano has started the RCIA classes every Saturday morning in the Phil Matrале Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at [michaelalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaelalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.

### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)



The Hands of Grace Ministry had a great packaging event on 2/19, where we prepared **39 Grace Bags** in preparation for distribution on Thursday 2/23. We are so thankful for the dedication of our members in meeting our mission every month and would like to extend a special Thank You to the CYO volunteers who assisted us as well: **Julian Felix, Jewelz Massicot, Ryan Parmenter, Gabrielle Spassione and Ethan Sumiquiab**. Also, a sincere Thank You to the **Knights of Columbus members, Luke Sangiamo** for the donation of 12 cases of baby formula, **Anthony Spona** for the generous cash donation for diapers, **Steve Nagy**, and **Kermit Thompson**.

HUGS Ministry distributes **GRACE Bags** once a month throughout the year. We are presently helping **39 families**.

**Please continue to help us replenish our inventory.**

Contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420-8659** for more information on how you can help.

### 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**

**Holy Spirit / St. Michael's CYO Presents**

**Kids Night**

Saturday, March 18th from 6-9pm  
St. Michael's Lower Church

Looking for a night to relax? Plan your next date night and bring your children to Kids Night to enjoy arts and crafts, games, movies, pizza, snacks, fun and more run by the teen members of our CYO program!

Grades: K-8  
Price: \$20

\*See the sign up sheet on the back for more details\*

SAVE THE DATE

**HEALING Mass**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

11 AM

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*More information will follow*

**KID'S NIGHT REGISTRATION FORM**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle: Boy Girl

Parent Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name & Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Phone Relationship

Please Circle any of the following if your child is allergic to: Peanuts  Gluten  Dairy

Does your child have any special concerns we should be aware of? This includes any allergies, diabetic, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Pizza will be served for dinner. Please circle Yes or No if your child would like Pizza.**

**Registration fee is \$20.00 per child**  
**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to St. Michael's Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave) in person or by mail. If mailed, please write "CYO Kids Night" on the envelope.

Youth Ministry Office: (908)688-1232, ext. 3 or email us at [cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com)

Pictures from Kids Night will be used on our website, for advertising and on our Church bulletin boards. No names or personal information is ever used or given out on any child. If you do not want pictures of your child used, sign here.

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**REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. Do not delay!**

**ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY EDITION**

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

**ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES**

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2023. The anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin and the 5th & 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus.

|                |         |                    |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| April 16, 2023 | 3:00 pm | 50 years           |
| May 7, 2023    | 3:00 pm | 5 years & 25 years |

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





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