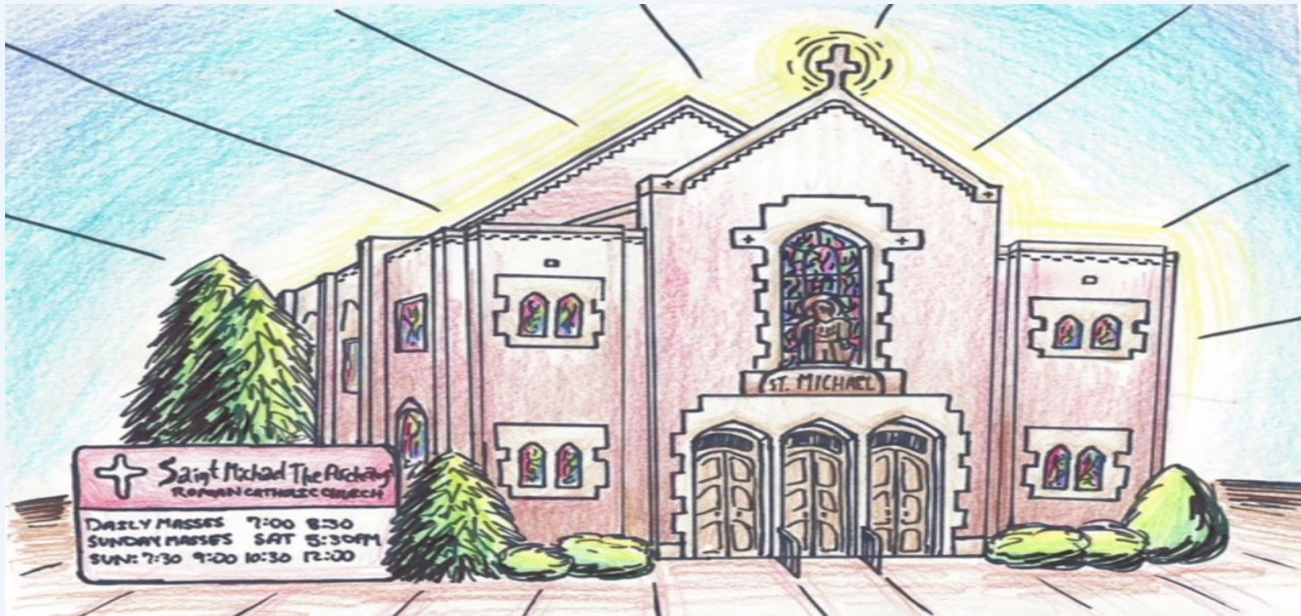


St. Michael's Parish Community

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*

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 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

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 5:30 PM	April 13 Kalman & Gertrude Muller
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	April 14 For the Parishioners Julian Pruszkowski Thomas J. Duffy Rose Salzer
Monday of Holy Week 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	April 15 Franklin Murrieta Rose Ann Cebulak Thanksgiving
Tuesday of Holy Week 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	April 16 Novena of Masses Amadea Casia (Living) Thanksgiving
Wednesday of Holy Week 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	April 17 Corazon & Wilfredo Sales Winifred Smyth & The Carr Family Rosa Mugavero
Holy Thursday 8:30 AM 7:00 PM	April 18 Morning Prayer For the Parishioners—Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by Adoration
Good Friday 8:30 AM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM 7:30 PM	April 19 Morning Prayer Stations of Cross Around Neighborhood Celebration of Passion CYO Living Stations of Cross
Holy Saturday 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon 8:00 PM No 5:30 PM Mass	April 20 Morning Prayer/Reflections Blessing of Food Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	April 21 For the Parishioners For the Parishioners For the Parishioners For the Parishioners

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread & Altar Wine are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.
The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Thomas J. Duffy, requested by the Dragone Family.
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.

PALM SUNDAY

"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." We know well the story of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. While we proclaim these words with heartfelt sincerity, today, we must consider how we use our words and actions to crucify church and political leaders, who are not like us, and even ourselves. Today, let us ask for the grace to enter into Holy Week with the desire to more intimately understand Jesus' humanity and his journey to the cross.

Procession: LK 19:28-40 Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Is 50:4-7 God has given me a well-trained tongue.

Ps 22 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Phil 2:6-11 He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.

Lk 22:14-23:56 This is my body, which will be given for you.

NOVENA OF MASSES – April 2019

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

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	April 14
Palm Distribution at all Masses	
No Religious Education	
Monday of the Holy Week	April 15
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
11:30 AM	St. Michael's Senior Meeting, LC
No Religious Education	
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
Tuesday of the Holy Week	April 16
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
No Religious Education	
No CYO	
7:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting, Rectory
7:00 PM	CYO Practice for Living Stations, Church
Wednesday of the Holy Week	April 17
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Penance Service & Confessions, Church
Holy Thursday	April 18
Parish Center Closed at 12:00 Noon	
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration, Church
Good Friday	April 19
Parish Center Closed	
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
2:00 PM	Public Stations of Cross Around Neighborhood, meet at Church
3:30 PM	Celebration of Passion, Church
7:30 PM	CYO Living Stations of Cross, Church
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
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.



New: GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019

Starting at 2:00 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

Total	\$ 10,729	\$ 415,389
Budget	\$ 7,781	\$ 410,942

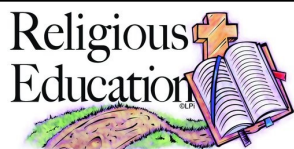
Difference	\$ 2,948	\$ 4,447

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 the weekend of May 4 & 5, 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.

PRACTICE DATES FOR COMMUNION

First Communion: Saturday, April 27th, 5:30 p.m.
Practice: Wednesday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday, April 28th, 10:30 a.m.
Practice: Friday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday May 5th, 9:00 a.m.
Practice: Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday, May 5th, 12:00 p.m.
Practice: Friday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

You and your child must attend practice. Please be prompt.

RICE BOWLS donations can be placed in the collection basket & children could give bowls to their catechist.



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.



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. The Chaplet will be recited followed by prayers. The Divine Mercy Novena, to be started on Good Friday, April 19th, will be available in the vestibule of the 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.



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

Time	April 13-14 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	April 20-21 Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday
5:30pm	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz	Easter Vigil will be at 8pm. A Signed Up Schedule is at the Bulletin Board in the Sacristy.
7:30am	1. David Bernot 3. Cherry Vibar 4. Jarlene Estopia	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma
9:00am	1. Julian Felix 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Megan Felix 4. Nicholas Laube 5. Joshua Laube	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Aidan Perez 5. Nathan De Guzman
10:30am	1. Joshua Estoque 2. RYANNE RAMAH 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Kamsi Emeh 5. Joshua Omoruyi	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Ian Galing 4. Michael Durugo 5. Joshua Omoruyi
12:00 noon	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio 4. Reginald Mondesir	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez 4. Lorenz Tangub

CYO/Youth Ministry News

cyunion@aol.com



This Good Friday evening, April 19th our Youth Group 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 also be a night of Reflection, Music and Prayer not to be missed. The Stations will begin at 7:30 PM at St. Michael's Church.

The weekend of April 13 & 14

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

Only \$10.00!

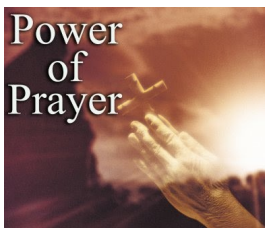
Please support our efforts!

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 Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Illuminda 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 **Paul Fonseca & members of St. Michael's Parish.**



SAVE THE DATE:



July 22—26, 2019
July 29— August 2, 2019

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.

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

2:00 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 2:00 PM we will have a Public Stations of the Cross around the neighborhood.

SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY: Our next food pantry is on Tuesday, April 16th from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Parish Center, 1211 Orange Avenue.

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.

Message from Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On that first Easter Sunday morning, the disciples of Jesus Christ journeyed from grief, despair and confusion to faith, hope and joy because of the victory won by Christ - a journey we often make in our own lives and a victory that can be ours if our lives find their model in Jesus.

We therefore invite you, and your family and friends to make this journey and celebrate this victory with us during this special season by joining us in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations, both to receive the Sacrament of God's mercy, and to re-dedicate yourself and your family to the Risen Lord. We would also like you to know that we are always blessed when you are with us. May the joys and peace of Easter be always with you and your loved ones! Happy Easter!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu
Pastor



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.**