

# 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:**

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Mrs. Marilynn 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

February 25, 2018 Second 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.

# PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every Family in the Parish should be registered. People who need to register, please call the Parish Center for information.

#### 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.

# Second Sunday of Lent

#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday February 24 5:30 PM Henry Machado

SundayFebruary 257:30 AMFor the Parishioners9:00 AMAvelino Torres10:30 AMThomas Tolwinski12:00 NoonMannelia Caram

Monday February 26 7:00 AM Mireya T. Hernandez 8:30 AM Novena of Masses

TuesdayFebruary 277:00 AMMaria Tavares8:30 AMWanda Kip (25th Ann.)

Wednesday February 28 7:00 AM Novena of Masses

8:30 AM Apolinario & Lopez Families

Thursday March 1

7:00 AM Robert Gechtman

8:30 AM Diamantino da Silva & Santos Families

Friday March 2 7:00 AM Jennie Welenofsky 8:30 AM Anthony Walano

Saturday March 3 8:30 AM Nora & Michael Forde

5:30 PM John & Anna Puschak

SundayMarch 47:30 AMFor the Parishioners9:00 AMCarl Bergel10:30 AMSerapio Dagat12:00 NoonMichael McCurdy

#### ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Theodore & Antoinette Czapla, requested by Czapla Family.

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

# **DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *Barbara Fluor & Sophie Lipira*.

Growing in faith and understanding is a life-long process. It is reflected in each of our personal lives, just as it was reflected within Judaism and Christianity. God's covenant with Israel was expressed in many dramatic ways to increase their understanding; and that disciples and those who followed them learned slowly who Jesus is. Lent is an opportunity to focus slowly who Jesus is. Lent is an opportunity to focus on who Jesus is for each of us.

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 God's covenant with Abraham is affirmed. Ps 116 I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. Rom 8:21b-34 "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Mk 9:2-10 The disciples grow in their understanding of Jesus in the Transfiguration,

#### **NOVENA OF MASSES—FEBRUARY 2018**

James Ford, Sr. Alejandro T. Cruz
Jose J. Arnaldo John Francis Mahon
Ann L. Corrigan George Rinehart
Mary Russomanno Craig Calix (Living)
Yolanda Escudero Mary Ann Mench
Margaret O'Malley Frank Rubinetti
Pierre & Rubinetti Family Remo Lacson
Michalene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz

Michalene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes

Jurusik & Arner Families

Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families

Living & Deceased Members of Joseph Cicalese Family Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families

Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families

Living & Decased Members of the Araujo & Torres
Familes

# 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 19% towards our goal of \$48,395. 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

SundayFebruary 2510:15-11:30 AMReligious Education

1:00-2:00 PM Young Adult Group Meeting, LC

MondayFebruary 268:00 AMRosary, Church3:30-4:30 PMReligious Education

TuesdayFebruary 278:00 AMRosary, Church7:00-8:15 PMReligious Education7:00-8:00 PMBible Class, RectoryNo CYO, LC

Wednesday February 28 8:00 AM Rosary, Church

7:00-8:00 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adora-

tion, Church

Thursday March 1 8:00 AM Rosary, Church 7:30 PM Choir Practice, Church

Friday March 2 8:00 AM Rosary, Church 6:30-7:00 PM First Friday Adoration, Church

7:00-7:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

7:30 PM Lenten Series Talk

Saturday March 3

9:00-10:00 AM Bold & Lenten Coffee, Murphy Room

9:45-10:45 Zumba, LC

1:00-2:00 PM Confession, Church

Sunday March 4

10:15-11:30 AM Religious Education

6:00-7:30 PM First Sunday Adoration with Break

Ministry, Church

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



# **SAVE THE DATE:**

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018 ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH -WELLNESS MINISTRY Hosts FREE Zumba/Line Dance Classes, after the Bold & catholic Morning Session, @ 9:45-10:45 AM, Lower Church

# 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



Bagavero, Salvatore Desimble, Ctalence Roberts, Ellanaet 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 Remo Lacson.

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

	Week of 2/18/2018	Yr. to Date 7/1/-2/18/2018
Collections	\$ 7,366	\$ 253,187
Online Collections	\$ 285	\$ 7,471
SOS	\$ 991	\$ 105,293
Online SOS	\$ 10	\$ 1,947
Total	\$ 8,652	\$ 367,898
Budget	\$ 12,734	\$ 376,295
Difference	(\$ 4,082)	(\$ 8,397)

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 March 3 & 4, 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 <a href="mailto:smccd@comcast.net">smccd@comcast.net</a>.

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# **CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:**

Bible pictures are due on March 1st. Please bring it in to your teacher or catechist.

<u>RICE BOWLS</u> are available in the church. Please consider taking one and donating 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 nonperishable food items so we can help feed those in
need. Thank you!

# **SAVE THE DATES:**

We are pleased to announce we have the following **LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS:** 

SPEAKER: TOPIC:

March 2nd:

Fr. Tom Iwanowski Liturgical Year

March 9th:

Deacon Sebastian Obando Power of Forgiveness

March 15th:

Fr. Danny Pabon TBA

March 23rd:

*Dr. Julie Burkey Praying with Jesus in the* 

Garden of Gethsemane

These talks will begin after the Stations of the Cross.

#### 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.

# **ST.MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS**

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, March 5th. 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** – Officer Victoria Smith, from the Union County Sheriff's Office, will speak about Identity Theft / Fraud.

# **Upcoming Event:**

March  $13^{th}$  - St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Royal Manor.

April  $9^{\rm th}$  – Guest speaker from the Caring, Sharing Network

Membership is extended to those 55 and over.

# ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

Once again, due to the dedication of our students and faculty St. Michael Parish School was invited to participate in the Newark Archdiocese STEM Fair. Congratulations to all our students and our four teams advancing:

Titanium Industries - Vincent Espana Alyssa Delacruz, Julian Guitierrez, Gabryella Behonico

Nepal Irrigation Associat - Critina Friere, Caitlin Wong, Alyssa Cruz, Nicholas Panlilio, Jazmin De Los Santos

Affordable Clean Energy - Emma Friere, Jemima Okaoh, Brianna Hutchinson, Tolu Adesanya, Kayla Riley

Olive Tree Corp - Aeryn Perez, Alana Aquino, Angelina Hollandez, Isabella Villanueva

Congratulations to our 4th Grade students upon receiving Participation Certificates in the Drug Awareness Poster Contest

Thank you for our HSA parents for the amazing door decorations in celebrating our students and teachers!

Congrats to our Faculty for their victory in our Annual 8th Grade vs Faculty Volleyball game! Our 8th graders played well and it was a fun day for all! Congrats to our Faculty MVP Mrs. Ship!!

Important Date: Feb. 26th - School Mass \*Wednesday - Grade 7 volleyball club \*Thursday - Grade 8 volleyball club

Registration for full day PreK, Kindergarten Gr. 1-8 please contact ttelle@smsunion.org

Time	February 24-25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 3-4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
5:30pm	Angel Rodriguez     Jonathan Rodriguez     Alexis Artiga	<ol> <li>Alyssa De la Cruz</li> <li>Simone Oropeza</li> <li>Salome Oropeza</li> <li>Morgan Labranche</li> </ol>
7:30am	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes	1. Ugochi Adibemma 2. Ifeanyi Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	Desi Garcia     Nathan Felix     Jean Felix     Alisha James	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Joshua Laube 5. Aidan Perez
10:30am	1. Julia Durugo 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Daniel Gonzales	Jerome Fernandez     Jianna Fernandez     Michael Durugo     Isabella Fernandes
12:00nn	Ginika Ozurumba     Charles Ozurumba     Lorenz Tangub     Gabriel Castano	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio

# LENTEN SCHDULE

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, March 23

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

#### 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

#### "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 <u>stmichaelunion.org</u> 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.

#### **Archdiocese of Newark**

#### Catholic Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:00AM -4:00PM "Alive in Christ" Renewing our Families
Cost: \$25, register online www.rcan.org/womenscommission

Cost: \$25, register online www.rcan.org/womenscommission Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ

#### Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 10, 2018. 8:00AM-4:30PM
"Be Not Afraid ... the Victory is Christ"
Cost: \$25, register online—www.njcatholicmen.org
Email:catholicmen@rcan.org, 973-497-4545

For those who are interested to attend, please contact Fr. Miles Lopez (908) 688-1232, ext. 302.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

There is a serious need for more cantors at our liturgies. Please consider sharing your God-given gift of music by becoming a cantor. The song leading will welcome and encourage the congregation to fully participate as we pray through music. Interested parishioners are encourage to contact Peter Petrecca (908) 688-1232 for more information.

# BAPTISM MINISTRY

We are in need of members who would like to become part of the Baptismal Ministry. The ministry involves sharing your faith with others with regards to your Baptism, your children's Baptism or a niece, nephew or friend's Baptism. This ministry also entails assisting with the Baptismal Preparation Class as well as assisting the priest or deacon at the Baptism ceremony. To find out more about this ministry and to see how you can get involved, please see or contact Deacon Michael a the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

# CYO/Youth Ministry News

#### cyounion@aol.com

Last weeks CYO "Bring A Friend Night!" was a great success and a very large group attended. The success of the night goes to Justin Novoa, Fernanda Ordas, & Larra Richeme who gave self written presentations on their Faith and involvements with CYO. They made all the difference! We'd also like to thank our Co-Presidents, Amaya Rivera & Tyler Moreira who also shared on their Faith and ran the evening for us! Lets continue to invite our "Bring A Friend" friends back every week.

Any Freshman who is interested in Core Team should let us know (See Amaya or Tyler) and get the needed information. Our election and freshman meeting will be coming up soon.

# **BELL DONATION**

Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to the installation of the new church bells. The bells are a beautiful improvement to our parish and it would not have been possible without many donors like you. Donations for the bells are specifically dedicated "IN GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED AND YET TO COME."



#### ARCHANGEL

Mary Karwowski, Jose & Rosalyn Joseph, Susan Ike, Raymond & Kathleen Pruszkowski, Ligaya Bernardo

# **APOSTLE**

James & Deborah Ford, Betty Falcon, Anonymous Benefactor, Frank & Ruth Santangelo, Marie Powell, Michael Cavallo, Obi & Auril Okeke, Roberto & Linda Demetillo, William & Juliemarie Robles, Milton Hernandez, Barbara Sibilia, Celina Zablocki, Robert & Teresa Reiter,

Theodore & Marlene Czapla, Vicente & Blanca Tan

#### **ELDER**

Michelle & Melissa Famarin, Benjamin & Victoria Del Rosario, Chinwe Irene Melie, David Corona, Elvira Fernandez, Emmanuel Ekeh, Federico & Alegria Pajarillo, James & Alma Cabanatan, Jorge & Kattia Fonseca, Joselito & Madesa Espana, Kermit & Cheryl Thompson, Lucy Scalgione, Derrick & Clare Andriola, Emmanuel Egwuonwu, Robert & Susan Rumohr, Sebastiao & Amelia De Pinho, Stan & Olga Slonski, Edward Cheatam, Louise Fabio, Rachel Emposimato-Laparre, Carolyn Dela Cruz, Liliana Apolinario-Pinto. Patricia Diaz, Salvatore & Patricia Milone, Roger & Kathleen Boetsch,

#### COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Princess Emeana & Family, Robert & Constance Emery, St. Michael School Student Council, Joseph & Carol Furnari, Agnes Kozubal, Alberta Phillips,
Angela Conti, Anna Doncsec, Anthony & Josephine Reo, Augusta Mahon, Charles & Christiana Enweonwu, Charles & Joyce Cababe,
Cyriac & Alice Kunnath, David Quinn, Eric & Michaela Lopez, Florencio & Teresa Ratuiste, Frank & Rosemary Hunt, James Roselle, Joann Russo,
Joanne Wolters, John & Anna McKnight, John & Joann Rullo, Ervelli Family, John Skubon, Lester & Joann Pasteweski, Marciano & Felisa Cruz, Mario
& Marie Rubino, Jose & Elsa Araujo, Patrick & Grace Onuekwusi, Romeo & Maria Quiambao, Joan Browne-Tucker, Kim Joseph, Linda Solipa, Maria
Junia Perez, Pamela Joyce, Natividad Molina, Paul & Lucy Sefia, Philip & Elizabeth Bober, Theresa Cesaro, Stephen & Carol Nagy, Steven Freire,
William & Shirley Votapek

#### **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 (<a href="http://stmichaelunion.org">http://stmichaelunion.org</a>) 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.

# **PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

New members are invited to register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various ministries, programs and activities. Registration is our only means of recognizing anyone as a supporting and practicing member of our parish. It is also important for sponsorship certificates for the sacraments, recommendations for positions, school and character references. Please take the time to register at the Parish Center, 1211 Orange Avenue or our website: <a href="www.stmichaelunion.org">www:stmichaelunion.org</a>. It is also important to notify the Parish Center of any change of address or phone number.