



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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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

April 1, 2018
Easter 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.

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.

Easter Sunday

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Holy Saturday	March 31
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon	Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	For the Parishioners—Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 1
7:30 AM	John McCann
9:00 AM	Jose Isirio Torres
10:30 AM	For the Parishioners
12:00 Noon	Jose Arnaldo
Easter Monday	April 2
9:00 AM	Philip Montalto
Tuesday	April 3
7:00 AM	Antoinette Adase
8:30 AM	Walter Foster, Jr.
Wednesday	April 4
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Walter Foster, Jr.
Thursday	April 5
7:00 AM	Jesus Alvero
8:30 AM	Anthony Walano
Friday	April 6
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Michael J. Scanlon
Saturday	April 7
8:30 AM	Anayah Soufoant
5:30 PM	St. Michael's School Alumni
Sunday	April 8
7:30 AM	Jules Pruszkowski
9:00 AM	Walter Foster, Jr.
10:30 AM	Elizabeth, Donato & Joe Pacicco
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners

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 *members of St. Michael's Parish.*

We have heard this story so often that it may fail to impress us. Our attention may be more on Easter dinner, dyed eggs and baskets of candy. But how would this day be different if we had just discovered there is more to life than we could possibly have imagined? What difference would this discovery make on Monday morning?

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Peter preaches the risen Christ to the Gentiles.
Ps 118 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Col 3:1-4 We who are baptized are bound to Christ.
Mk 16:1-7 The women, coming to anoint Jesus' body, find the empty tomb.*

NOVENA OF MASSES—APRIL 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>Special Intentions</i> |
| <i>Walter Foster, Jr.</i> | <i>Mary Russomanno</i> |
| <i>Serafina Sauro</i> | <i>Rosemary Sauro</i> |
| <i>Frank Rubinetti</i> | <i>Pierre & Rubinetti Family</i> |
| <i>John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes</i> | |
| <i>Jurusik & Arner Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vel-lanti & Tobia Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, Leniart & McMahan Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & 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

Easter Sunday April 1
 No Religious Education
 Fellowship after all Masses, LC

Easter Monday April 2
Parish Center Closed
 8:30 AM Rosary, Church
 3:30-4:30 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Meeting, Parish Center

Tuesday April 3
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church
 7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education
 7:00-8:00 PM Bible Study, LC

Wednesday April 4
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church

Thursday April 5
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church

Friday April 6
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church
 6:30-8:30 PM First Friday Adoration

Saturday April 7
 11:00 AM Eucharist Preparation—First Reconciliation, Church

Sunday April 8
 9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 Mass, Church
 10:15-11:30 Religious Education
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Sunday, LC
 6:30-7:30 PM Sunday Adoration with Break Ministry, Church
 St. Michael’s Girl Scout Cookie Sale—After all Masses

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

	Week of <u>3/18/2018</u>	Yr. to Date <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
Total	\$ 11,430	\$ 411,763
Budget	\$ 12,322	\$ 420,691
Difference	(\$ 892)	(\$ 8,928)

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.

*May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy,
bring you new hope, and bless you with peace.*

*Amen.
Happy Easter!*

On behalf of the Religious Education Office we wish you and your families a

Happy and Joyous Easter.



Marilynn Dragone and Lois Scanio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are **NO** Religious Education classes on Sunday, April 1st. There **IS** class on Monday, April 2nd.

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.

REMINDER FOR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES:

First Reconciliation

Saturday, April 7th at 11:00 a.m. for children with last names A - L

Saturday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m. for children with last names M - Z

Please be on time.

RICE BOWL donations can still 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulation to our First and Second Honor Students, Grades 6-8!

First Honors

Tolu Adesanya	Riley Keegan	Emma Freire
Kevin Arruda	Janai Campbell	Gabryella Bethonico
Alyssa Delacruz	Vincent Espana	Jerome Fernandez
Izaia Gonzalez	Julian Gutierrez	Brianna Hutchinson
Marie Rosa Jeudy	Lia Lonoff	Zaida Massaquoi
Jemima Okoh	Kayla Riley	Cristian Simms
Cristina Freire	Johnnuel Magno	Nicholas Panlilio
Caitlin Wong	Joshua Adesanya	Kailey Barros Dias
Angelina Holandez	Anthony Lopez	Mosopefoluwa OpeyemiAjayi
Aeryn Perez	Jaiden Reid	Drew Riley
Issabella Villanueva		

Second Honors

Julissa Bertot	Olivia DiMenno	Jonathan Semedo Alves
Frاندji Estil	Dayvonne Henry	Gamael Joseph
Samael Joseph	Cyndney Stanton	Christopher Spassione
Storm Beauliere	Aimee Cabatu	Jazmin Delos Santos
Steven Garcia	Alexandra Hyppolite	Ifejika Onyekachku
Ethan Krall	Esther Dorvilus	Jenny Li
Winona Pierre	Jordan Thenor	Alana Aquino
Sophia Cardoso	Abigail Coley	Mayangela Forde
Samuel Nnadi	Chinasa Nwafor	David Ramos
Emery Simolia		

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:

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.

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 23rd - Family Chiropractic Care in Clark
Membership is extended to those 55 and over.

Time	March 31 - April 1 Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday	April 7-8 Divine Mercy Sunday
5:30pm	8:00 pm 1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Alexis Artiga
7:30am	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uguchi Adibemma 3. Ifeanyi Adibemma 4. Jarlene Estopia	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes
9:00am	1. Aidan Perez 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Joshua Laube 4. Megan Felix 5. Julian Felix	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. Alisha James
10:30am	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 4. Johnnuel Magno	1. Julia Durugo 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Daniel Gonzales
12:00mn	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Gabriel Castano	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Lorenz Tangub 4. Gabriel Castano

SAVE THE DATES

May 5, 2018 - Healing Mass

May 16, 2018 - May Crowning

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 7, 2018 5:30 PM MASS

ST. MICHAEL'S ALUMNI REUNION MASS

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.

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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Through your faithful giving to the St. Vincent de Paul fund we have been able to make the following donations:

St. John's Soup Kitchen	\$1,000
St. Joseph Social Service Center	\$ 500
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$ 500

All funds donated to St. Vincent de Paul are used for outreach to charitable organizations. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Two Philips HeartStart Onsite defibrillators have been donated to St. Michael's, anonymously, by a parishioner. Thank you. The defibrillators have been installed in the vestibule of the Upper Church and in the hallway outside of the classrooms in the Lower Church.

The Philips HeartStart Onsite defibrillator allows virtually anyone to treat the most common causes of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) by delivering a shock quickly and effectively. The defibrillator guides the user through a cardiac emergency with step-by-step instructions. It is designed for the ordinary person to use in the extraordinary moment.

Message from Pastor

Easter: Teachable Moments in Dealing with Adversity.

By Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D

The joy of Easter Sunday takes its full force from Good Friday—the day Christ was crucified, because without Good Friday, Easter Sunday will not be as powerful an event in history as it is today in our lives as Christians. Death does not have the last word; life does.

Life is full of ups and downs, sorrows and joys, adversity and prosperity. As Carl Jung, a prominent psychologist, once observed; “Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness and the word ‘happy’ would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by the word, ‘sadness’.” Just like a bed of roses, there are thorns as well as color and beauty. Truth be told, if we did not sometimes taste adversity in life, prosperity would not be so welcome.

This symbiosis between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, teaches us, not how to avoid struggles in life but how to deal with them. Many a time, we attempt to deal with suffering with an attitude of apathy—a defeated acceptance of tribulations in life under the assumption that it is God’s will. This kind of outlook only guarantees more defeat because it kills initiative and creativity, defeats hope and the grace of prayer. It denies one the hope of becoming an “overcomer” under the grace of God. It was not the spirit of apathy that got Christ through the crucifixion and unto the resurrection. It was faith in God that did.

We sometimes also may see hardships as situations to be bulldozed over with defiance; with human power, money and influential connections. Such a mindset does not see any “teachable moment” in human tribulations. “It is not by power and might” as Scripture says, “but by the Spirit of the Lord. Adversity, many a time is a forerunner to prosperity. The experience of tribulation has been known to strengthen the soul, clear up vision, inspire ambition, and lead to greater success.

There is also the temptation to develop an attitude of self-pity in the face of difficult situations. But here is what Scripture says, “No adversity has come to you that is not common to the human race”. All through His journey to the Cross, self-pity was not an option for Christ. An attitude of self-pity drains out the power to overcome, inhibits effort and imagination, stifles hope, compromises initiative, while letting despair, hopelessness, and helplessness run wild.

What the resurrection of Christ teaches us is that, in the face of suffering and tribulations, we need to assure ourselves that God’s hand will never cause His child a needless tear. Believing this, what we need to do is to “Settle our situation in our hearts”. The word “settle” comes from the Greek word “tithemi,” which means, to “set” or “put” something in its place. To settle something in the heart is to have an unshakable confidence in God; to deposit it with God and not let even the total collapse of the entire cosmos interfere with it. As Scripture says: “God is faithful and with every temptation, will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). We need to believe, in the face of tribulation, that God is preparing a window of escape, His faithfulness will have the last word as it had if for Jesus Christ. He is the “Ancient of Days”—He has done it before, is doing it now, and will do it again.