

My Dear parishioners at St. Michael's Church,

Our Cardinal Archbishop of Newark, Joseph Cardinal Tobin, has launched an inspiring initiative to support our parish community in this most trying time, in response to the effects of Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on everyday life and on our parish communities.

The Archdiocese is partnering with the team at GoFundMe, a leading online giving organization, to provide a single online platform for our parishioners to cover the critical needs of our parish community as well as to support the Church's outreach to those most in need, at this time. There is no doubt that the current conditions brought upon our parish by Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, has highly limited the services we can offer to the faithful of our parish, and is seriously hampering our daily operations. Cardinal Tobin, in an active response to helping parishes during this time of grave need, has temporarily waived the usual archdiocesan assessment on parish income in support of this initiative.

I therefore urge you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish via our parish GoFundMe page at <https://charity.gofundme.com/st-michael-union> . A few facts to note:

- All money raised through this effort will come to our parish.
- The Pastor, parishioners, and the public can track how much we were able to raise.
- All money raised through the *Parishes in Need* fund will be distributed to conduct outreach to those in need and to those parish communities unable to meet their critical needs alone.
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and contributors will receive tax receipts automatically.
- You may also continue to give by mailing in your weekly collection or SOS envelopes or by dropping them off at the mail box slot at the rectory.
- For those who give through our existing online giving platform, you may continue to do so at our website: www.stmichaelunion.org.
- Please remember the Archbishops Annual Appeal among your options for contribution.

Announcement:

Our parish will have a livestreamed celebration of Masses, Devotions, Bible Class and Saturday Reflections at the usual times. At the regular time for each gathering, **Please join my meeting room from your computer, tablet or smartphone at:** <https://www.gotomeet.me/StMichaelChurch>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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Thank you for your generosity to our parish and to those parish communities unable to meet their critical needs alone at this time.

For a message from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., the *Parishes in Need* fund, and more on how this initiative will support the critical needs of our parish communities, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/parishsupport>

For more information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the Archdiocese of Newark's response, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/COVID19>

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D.

Pastor

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/st-michael-union>

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