

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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*
Ms. Fran Engleman, *9:00 am Choirmaster*
Mr. Patrick B. Phillips, *12:00 Noon Choirmaster*
Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized or home bound

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm
Baptism preparation: 2nd Friday evening at 7:30 pm
Call parish office to register (908-688-1232)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact a priest at the parish at least no less than eight months prior to booking your wedding date.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church or who are baptized but have not made their First Communion/Confirmation should please contact the parish office for full information and guidance.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)

Pre K-8 religious formation for First Penance and First Communion please call the Parish Religious Education office (908-964-0965).

YOUTH MINISTRY

A comprehensive youth program for all teens from 9th to 12th grade. Our program prepares teens for Confirmation, 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

All parishioners need to be registered.
Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Michael the Archangel Parish is dedicated to growing disciples, drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this (1) through our liturgical worship, (2) through the proclamation of the Good News, and (3) through living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

DAILY

Monday ► Friday:

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30 am

Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

ADDRESS

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TELEPHONES

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Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762
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Stay Connected:

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DEVOTIONS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Sunday and 1st Friday

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Up Close and Personal

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1st, 2nd and 4th

BOLD AND CATHOLIC REFLECTION

3rd Saturdays 9:00 am

ADVENT REFLECTION

Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm
Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

WELLNESS MINISTRY

Dance & Wellness Classes
Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

MASSES INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Saturday	November 30
5:30 pm	Francis Xavier Gillick
Sunday	December 1
7:30 am	Donna Hornig
9:00 am	Paul & Irene Endler
10:30 am	Agerico Mendoza (4th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioner
Monday	December 2
7:00 am	Jose Abad Baltazar
8:30 am	Winifred Smyth & The Carr Family
12:00 Noon	Anne Pollock (Living)
Tuesday	December 3
7:00 am	Stella Siembida
8:30 am	John McCann (11th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
Wednesday	December 4
7:00 am	Alegria C. Mendoza
8:30 am	Barbara R. Dittemer
12:00 Noon	Agatha Hagy
Thursday	December 5
7:00 am	Miamedes Cortez
8:30 am	Antonio Oliveira Fernandes
12:00 Noon	Virgina J. Troiano
Friday	December 6
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Krzak Family
12:00 Noon	Carol Ann Nichnadowich
Saturday	December 7
8:30 am	Ana Perez Mendez
5:30 am	Thanksgiving
Sunday	December 8
7:30 am	Ali A. Damestani
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Chike Melie, Jr.
12:00 Noon	Luke & Mary Conneely

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread & Altar Wine are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione & family & friends.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Hymnal # 993

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord will fulfill his promises to Israel and Judah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14

The Lord will teach us his paths.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Witnessing Christ our King to the World

In my reflection last week, I indicated that the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted in defense of religious freedom in the face of a cultural revolution that was and is still intent on deposing religion from public and social life. The truth is that Christianity has done so much for the world because true religion is transformative. What the world needs is not to throw religion out of the public arena; what it is longing for, in order to believe in Christ the King; in order to believe in our Redeemer, is to see more in the lives of the redeemed.

Thus the celebration of Christ the King is an opportunity for us to witness, in the public arena, the integrity of our faith convictions, and our moral conscience as Catholics. We do this, not by imposition but by the power of our example—the way we live. By our lives, we can preach to the world that virtuous living, being there for others, seeking the good of all, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, helping migrants and refugees, assisting people affected by the opioid crisis to find the road to recovery, and being the hand of God for those in need, is what the kingship of Christ is about.

We can testify by our lives that making room in my heart for civilized conversations with those I disagree with; that standing up for my convictions and speaking out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity; that encountering others in ways and manners that affirm their human dignity even when they are of a different race, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation etc., and that listening to others with attention, empathy and compassion and doing my best to understand before seeking to be understood, are the ways to lift a culture, to transform it, and ultimately to give it life and glory. What the world needs is an ongoing better version of ourselves as we are being transformed into the glory of Christ the King.

St. Francis of Assisi was noted as saying: "Preach always and only when necessary use words". We are much more powerful with our testimony when we can testify to the truth of the kingship of Jesus Christ by the way we live. We must always remember the nature of this King, who is Christ the King. He is a King who stoops to wash others' feet, who turns the other cheek, who reigns with a mighty scepter of love, and who wields the powers of mercy and forgiveness even as He lays down His life for us.

Long live Christ our King! Long live His kingship in our lives! To Him be praise, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday	December 1
9:00 - 10:00 am	RCIA Class, Murphy Room
No Religious Education	
9:00 am	Family Mass
1:30 pm	New Parishioner Reception, LC
Columbiettes Jewelry Sale	After all Masses
Monday	December 2
8:00 am	Rosary, Church
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Religious Education, LC
12:00 Noon	St. Michael's Senior Meeting, LC
7:00 pm	Dance & Wellness, LC
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting, Murphy Room
Tuesday	December 3
8:00 am	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 AM	Religious Education
7:00 - 8:30 pm	CYO, LC
7:00 pm	Bible Study, Rectory Basement
7:30 pm	Contemporary Choir Practice, Church
Wednesday	December 4
8:00 am	Rosary, Church
7:00 pm	Our Lady Adoration
7:00 pm	Eucharist Training, LC
Thursday	December 5
8:30 am	Rosary, Church
7:30 pm	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	December 6
8:30 am	Rosary, Church
7:30 pm	Baptism Class, Parish Center
Saturday	December 7
9:00 am	Saturday Reflection
10:00 am	Dance & Wellness, LC
1:00 pm	Confession, Church
6:30 pm	Altar Servers Party, LC
Knights of Columbus Drive	after 5:30 Mass
Sunday	December 8
9:00 - 10:00 am	RCIA Class, Murphy Room
10:15-11:30 am	Religious Education
1:30 pm	Baptism, Church
Knights of Columbus Drive	after all Masses
Eucharist Preparation Mass—	Reception of Candle at all masses (except 7:30 am Mass)

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	Yr. to Date
	<u>11/17/2019</u>	<u>7/1/-11/17/2019</u>
Collections	\$ 7,164	\$ 137,002
Online Collections	\$ 600	\$ 12,832
SOS	\$ 631	\$ 42,660
Online SOS	\$ 510	\$ 11,813
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Total	\$ 8,905	\$ 204,307
Budget	\$ 11,547	\$ 202,842
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Difference	(\$ 2,642)	\$ 1,465

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ADORATIONS, DEVOTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

ADORATION

December 1, 2019

1st Sunday Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

December 6, 2019

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

DEVOTIONS

November 27, 2019

4th Wednesday Marian Devotion
Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 4, 2019

1st Wednesday Marian Devotion
Our Lady of Fatima 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 11, 2019

2nd Wednesday Marian Devotion
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 18, 2019

3rd Wednesday Marian Devotion
Immaculate Heart of Mary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

REFLECTION

December 7, 2019 1st Saturday

Bold and Catholic Advent Reflection
9:00 am - 10:00 am

December 14, 2019 2nd Saturday

Bold and Catholic Advent Reflection
9:00 am - 10:00 am

December 21, 2019 3rd Saturday

Bold and Catholic Advent Reflection
9:00 am - 10:00 am

BIBLE CLASSES

December 3, 10, 17

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Rectory Basement

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ONGOING SCAMS

There is a scam going on in many parishes of the Archdiocese via email or text message where the scam artist requests for some kind of a gift card in the name of the pastor of the church regarding some help to a charity or other organization.

Please **do not** respond to such emails, text messages or WhatsApp messages. They are scams.

This is an important information to note.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hours for the Religious Education Office are
Monday through Thursday from
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Other hours are available by appointment.

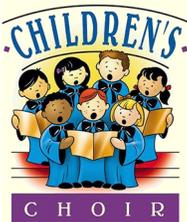
Contact Coordinator: **Marilynn Dragone at
(908) 964-0965.**

We can also be reached via e-mail at
smccd@comcast.net

SUNDAY CCD STUDENTS:

There are no Religious Education Classes on
Sunday, December 1.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR



A choir of children from Grades 2 through 8 is being formed to sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. This year we are happy to obtain the services of Ms. Laurie DelGuercio, who will direct the choir. Practices will be in the church on Saturday, December 7th, 14th and 21st at **4:00 p.m.** and will last for about one hour. Children from St. Michael's School and our Religious Education Program are invited to participate. Any questions? Call the Religious Education Office at (908) 964-0965.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child _____ in
Grade _____ at _____ School to be part of the
children's choir for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.
I understand practices will take place on December 7th, 14th
and 21st at 4:00 p.m. and will last about one hour.

Parent Name (Print): _____
Signature: _____
Telephone #: _____

Please call the Religious Education Office at (908) 964-0965 if your child will be participating. When your child comes to practice on Thursday, please send this form with them.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Michael's church is looking for volunteers for the various choirs as we offer a variety of musical styles at the following masses:

Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am
Traditional and Contemporary Music

Sunday, 9:00 am and 12 noon
Gospel/Contemporary Worship Music



We are currently looking for guitarist, drummers and keyboardist who are interested in joining the 12 noon mass ensemble. Please contact Mr. Peter Petrecca at the parish office or Mr. Phillips at patrickbphillips96@gmail.com for the 12 noon mass

Peter Petrecca
Music Director

MINISTRY INFORMATION

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY

cyounion@aol.com



Our Teen Retreat "**Parachute!**" was a huge success for the Lord and we have many to thank for that. We will start with the young people who made it happen. Those listed below prepared for months writing and sharing about their Catholic Faith. They presented their speeches on retreat and they opened many hearts to the Lord. They are listed here with their topics in order of presentation.

Isabella España
James Simms
Justin Novoa
Aidan Perez
Eric Fernandez
Alyzza Ocampo
Paige Scheidemann
Wendie Castor
Joseph Kreinberg
Meghan Gelcius

Parachute!
Free Will
Relationships
Jesus Christ
Family
Forgiveness
Prayer
Gift of Life
Leap of Faith
Everyday Christian

We were also extremely blessed to have **Rhyan Almonacy Natalie Colon, Alexis Cudilla, Matt Fazendeiro Amy Hoang, Christina Moran, Brendan Opilac, Mary Grace Morales, Marc Periera, Larra Richeme & Lorenz Tangub** run discussion groups on retreat. God Bless them all for their great works for Jesus!

HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY

Thank you to the generous donors who have been sending items in for the Hands of Grace Ministry. The following items are still needed:

Diapers (newborn to 5T), Milk Storage Containers, Baby Clothing (onesies with mitten, bibs, burp cloths, saddle cotton blankets, socks, hooded towels, booties, jackets, undershirts-newborn to age 5), feeding bottles, water, baby food, baby lotion, shampoo, oil, small toys teddy bears, teething rings, back packs (ages 3-5), pencils cases (with pencils, erasers and sharpeners), crayons and markers.

For Mothers: Diaper bag, toiletries (sanitary towel, shampoo, lotion, etc.), detergent and softener, etc. Please label items - "HANDS OF GRACE". Drop off will be in the bin placed behind the parish office. Please make checks payable to **St. Michael's Church** and include the description "*For the Hands of Grace Ministry.*"

One-time or recurring donations can also be made on our website at www.stmichaelunion.org via "Parish Giving."
Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe at (908) 247-4461** if you have any questions.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Time	Nov 30-Dec 1 1st Sunday of Advent	December 7-8 2nd Sunday of Advent
5:30 pm	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz Salome Oropeza Simone Oropeza
7:30 am	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia
9:00 am	Jean Felix Alisha James Nathan De Guzman Justin N. Gawel	Megan Felix Aidan Perez Jewelz Massicot Joshua Laube Nicholas Laube
10:30 am	Johnnuel Magno Nwando Melie Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Ilagan Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi	Joshua Estoque Ryanne Ramah Kamsi Emeh Carmella Mendoza Ian Galing
12:00 noon	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St. Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, December 2th. 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 - Carol Brush from Horizon BC/BS will take us through game of Senior Jeopardy that emphasizes topics in regard to preventative health.

Upcoming Events:

December 11th Christmas Luncheon the Suburban Golf Club

Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives.

Membership extended to those 55 and over.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY

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. Thank you!

Our next food pantry day is Tuesday December 17, at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

NOVENA MASSES

DECEMBER 2019

Ann L. Corrigan
Jurusik & Arner Families
Mary Russomanno
Mary & Idolo Russomano
Serafina Sauro
Rosemary Sauro
Dr. Vic Tan (Living)
Dr. Theresa Madrid (Living)
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz
Antonio Oliveira Fernandes
Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Leopold Enwonwu
Dominick & Fanny Galante
Hugo & Angela Rinaldy
Cecelia M. Linfante
Isaac Adolf Muchiri
Targelia Penafiel (Living)
Marie Caprio
Thomas Nnoli (Living)
Ursula Lopez Briones
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families
Joseph Doman & Joanne Milana Doman (Living)
Felicitas Onday (Living) - Special Intentions
Living & Deceased Members of the Rinaldy & Brenner Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Gesumaria Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families
In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings on the USA
Deceased Members of the Galante & Romanelli Families
Deceased Members of the Romanelli & Engleman Families
Special Intentions of Kunnath Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, Leniart & McMahon Families
Deceased Members of the DiFabrizio Family
Deceased Members of the Terriaca Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Aarujó & Torres Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Soares, Cruz, Albuquerque & Matos Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Musa & Yago Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Onday, Corria, Santome, Pannes Families
Deceased Members of the Onday, Santome, Cabrera, Almeria Families

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, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czaplá, Stephen Czaplá, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Virginia Troiano, Joseph Mulligan, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo & Anthony Reo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE:

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

To all New Parishioners we say a hearty welcome! We invite you to attend the **Noon Mass on Sunday, December 1st** which will be followed by a welcome reception at the Lower Church. We look forward to meeting all of you, to welcome you to our Church family and to introduce the ministries of our parish to you.



TO THE CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

Grand Prize per week: **\$500.00**

Sept 1, 2019	Jocelyn Absarulislam
Sept 8, 2019	Jackie Mann
Sept 15, 2019	Jinesh Thampi
Sept 22, 2019	Mariam Joy Onday
Sept 29, 2019	Luis Ballon
Oct 6, 2019	Jose Joseph
Oct 13, 2019	Matt Lepski
Oct 20, 2019	St. Michael's Church
Oct 27, 2019	Jim & Marge Martorano
Nov 3, 2019	Rosalyn Abraham
Nov 10, 2019	Edith Melie
Nov 17, 2019	Maria Vibar

Thank your for your support to St. Michael's Parish!

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers our parish, friends and family members who have passed on to the Lord, that they may inherit the promise of everlasting life in heaven.

For this week, we especially remember, **Thomas Clarke, Helen Duran & Scott Leddy.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!

- Masses & Novena Masses - \$10
- Eucharistic Bread - \$25,
- Wine - \$15
- Sanctuary Lamp - \$10



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



UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE

Altar Server's Party, Lower Church
Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm

CYO Festival of Lights, Church
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Children's Christmas Party
Friday, December 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Bambinelli Sunday
December 15, 2019

There will be a blessing at all Masses that weekend of Baby Jesus figurines from your home nativity sets.

Simbang Gabi (Night Mass and Fellowship), Church & Lower Church
Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 8:00 pm



The **GIVING TREE** has been set up in the Church vestibule. We invite you to take a tag (or two) and purchase the gift items.

Items need to be returned to the Church or Parish Center by **December 9th**. Please use gift bags only, gifts must not be wrapped. Leave the gift tag on the bag. Please help us make the Christmas holiday extra special to others.

"SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated specifically for our utility bills and emergency Church repairs.

The next SOS collection is this weekend of **November 30th & December 1st 2019.**

Thank you for blessing our Church.