



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND 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. Marilyn 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 through our liturgical worship, the proclamation of the Good News, and 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

Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232

Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076

School: 908-688-1063

Religious Education Office: 908-964-0965

Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762

Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net

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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	December 7
5:30 pm	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
Monday	December 9
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary	
7:00 am	Monica Votapek
8:30 am	Thanksgiving
12:00 Noon	Jaroslaw Balaban
Tuesday	December 10
7:00 am	Olga Iturralde
8:30 am	Adelaida Janiola
12:00 Noon	Juana De Sagon Villuga
Wednesday	December 11
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Judy Cantalupo Cardini
12:00 Noon	Amado Musa Sr. & Dolores Musa
Thursday	December 12
7:00 am	Sophia Madrid (1st Ann.)
8:30 am	Hesus Duenas
12:00 Noon	Amparo Tayag & Salvador Tayag
Friday	December 13
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Francis & Claire Gillick
12:00 Noon	Veronica Mian & Adele Adjoua Kouame
Saturday	December 14
8:30 am	Fernand Prosper
5:30 am	Carmen Tato (18th Ann.)
Sunday	December 15
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Jose Isirio Torres
10:30 am	Teresita Ezpeleta (Living)
12:00 Noon	Lise & Ilvert Beauliere

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Douglas Sipe (Living).

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Hymnal # 996

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

A song of praise for God's great deeds

Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Paul prays for the Philippians.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

My dear friends, welcome to Advent 2019; a time we are called to become fully present and fully awake to the crucial questions about life: "Who am I? "Who is God for me"? "What does life on earth mean"? "Am I happy with where I am in life today"? "Am I happy with where I am with my God"? Am I happy with where I am with others?"

With so many things competing for time in our lives, it is very easy to slide into auto-pilot, where we move on with life by sleep-walking through it, doing what we are doing without much reflection; flowing with the flow on a journey of daily routines without paying attention to who we are, where we are going, and what we are all about. The Gospel readings on the first Sunday of Advent captures this scenario: "As it was in the days of Noah....., they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matt 24:37-41). The remarkable phrase in this statement is: "They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away"—the unconscious and unevaluated way of living everyday life.

The gift of Advent is that it challenges us to wake-up, to stay awake, and to be conscious of the many possibilities that God is giving to us to create moments of grace; to become better versions of ourselves. This involves a process that I call [L.A.M]

- ♦ L = Let go of baggage that is taking glory out of my live—regrets, past painful situations, addictions, negativities, behavioral excesses etc.
- ♦ A = Acquire various virtues that will smoothen rough edges in my life and make me a better reflector of God's grace in the world.
- ♦ M = Maintain and service those aspects of my life that I judge to be good and virtuous.

May God grant us the grace for LAM during this Advent Season.

Msgr. Anselm

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday

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)

Monday

8:00 am Rosary, Church
 3:30 - 4:30 pm Religious Education, LC
 7:00 pm Dance & Wellness, LC

Tuesday

8:00 am Rosary, Church
 7:00-8:15 pm Religious Education
 7:00 pm CYO Festival of Lights, Church
 7:30 pm Contemporary Choir Practice, LC

Wednesday

8:00 am Rosary, Church
 7:00 pm Our Lady Adoration

Thursday

8:00 am Rosary, Church
 7:30 pm Choir Practice, Church

Friday

8:30 am Rosary, Church
 7:00-9:00 pm Children's Christmas Party, LC

Saturday

9:00 am Saturday Reflection
 10:00 am Dance & Wellness, LC
 1:00 pm Confession, Church

Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am RCIA Class, Murphy Room
 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Mass, Church
 10:15-11:30 am Religious Education
 Bambanelli Sunday

December 8

RCIA Class, Murphy Room

Religious Education

Baptism, Church

Knights of Columbus Drive after all Masses

Eucharist Preparation Mass—Reception of Candle at all masses (except 7:30 am Mass)

December 9

Rosary, Church

Religious Education, LC

Dance & Wellness, LC

December 10

Rosary, Church

Religious Education

CYO Festival of Lights, Church

Contemporary Choir Practice, LC

December 11

Rosary, Church

Our Lady Adoration

December 12

Rosary, Church

Choir Practice, Church

December 13

Rosary, Church

Children's Christmas Party, LC

December 14

Saturday Reflection

Dance & Wellness, LC

Confession, Church

December 15

RCIA Class, Murphy Room

Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Mass, Church

Religious Education

Bambanelli Sunday

ADORATIONS, DEVOTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

ADORATION

January 3, 2020

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

January 5, 2020

1st Sunday Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

DEVOTIONS

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

January 08, 2020

4th Wednesday Marian Devotion

Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January 15, 2020

1st Wednesday Marian Devotion

Our Lady of Fatima 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

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>11/24/2019</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1/-11/24/2019</u>
Collections	\$ 7,254	\$ 144,256
Online Collections	\$ 785	\$ 13,617
SOS	\$ 405	\$ 43,065
Online SOS	\$ 500	\$ 12,313
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Total	\$ 8,944	\$ 213,251
Budget	\$ 7,699	\$ 210,541
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Difference	\$ 1,245	\$ 2,710

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

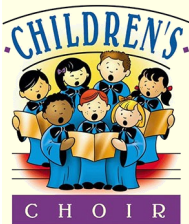
Other hours are available by appointment.

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! December 15th is
Bambinelli Sunday. There will be a blessing at all
Masses that weekend of Baby Jesus figurines.
Remember to bring your Infant Jesus to mass that
weekend.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR



A choir of children from Grades 2 through 8 is
being formed to sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christ-
mas 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 keyboard-
ist 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



SPECIAL CYO Christmas Presentation!

The Festival of Lights

Once again our CYO/Youth Ministry Program will pre-
sent our Christmas **Festival of Lights!**

On Tuesday, December 10th in St. Michael's Church,
7pm for the entire Parish!

Our Festival is a night of Reflection, Music and Prayer
to Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Our
members will reenact the roles of Mary, Joseph, the
Angel Gabriel, Shepherds and other Christmas Story
Characters. It is an event to be experienced by all!
Everyone is invited including all CYO Families, Parish-
ioners, Friends and especially Children. The Festival
will begin at 7:00pm so please arrive by 6:45. (Doors
will open at 6:30pm)

Come see, hear and experience
the beauty of Christmas! Please
make every effort to join us.



HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

"GRACE BAGS"

The Hands of Grace Ministry whose mission is to assist
in providing basic necessities for mothers and their
children from birth to 5 years, is ready to serve the
church community.

In the spirit of Christmas, HUGS will begin to give out
Grace Bags to mothers in need on **December 24th.**

Request forms can be picked up and dropped off at
the vestibule.

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	December 7-8 2 nd Sunday of Advent	December 14-15 3 rd Sunday of Advent
5:30 pm	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz Salome Oropeza Simone Oropeza	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez
7:30 am	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma
9:00 am	Megan Felix Aidan Perez Jewelz Massicot Joshua Laube Nicholas Laube	Jean Felix Alisha James Justin Gawel Nathan De Guzman
10:30 am	Joshua Estoque Ryenne Ramah Kamsi Emeh Carmella Mendoza Ian Galing	Johnnuel Magno Aidan Perez Samuel Ilagan Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi
12:00 noon	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

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	Lucia D'Amato
Jurusik & Arner Families	James Ford, Sr.
Mary Russomanno	Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	John & Augusta Mahon
Serafina Sauro	George Rinehart
Rosemary Sauro	Jesus Duenas
Dr. Vic Tan (Living)	Luis Carrega
Dr. Theresa Madrid (Living)	Carmen Stewart
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	Vincent A. DiBisceglie
Antonio Oliveira Fernandes	Craig Calix (Living)
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Leopold Enwonwu	Pepita Capela
Dominick & Fanny Galante	Julie Clerc
Hugo & Angela Rinaldy	Bertha De Niscia
Cecelia M. Linfante	John H. Young
Isaac Adolf Muchiri	Mary Wambui Kariuki
Targelia Penafiel (Living)	Donna Hornig
Marie Caprio	Special Intentions
Thomas Nnoli (Living)	Solidad Molineo
Ursula Lopez Briones	Kathleen Turner (Living)
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 Aarajo & 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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Special thank you to the Social Events Committee for making the party a success!



DECEMBER 13, 2019 AT 7:00-9:00 PM, At the Lower Church CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY For Children through age 8

On Friday evening December 13th, we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus in the Lower Church. Msgr. Anselm heard from Santa and he promised to attend. We ask that each child attending bring an unbreakable ornament to place on our Christmas Tree. We will have hot chocolate, cookies and a snow ball fight. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232 and give the name of the children attending. Any questions, please call Kathleen (908) 964-1715. Hope to see you all on December 13th with happy faces!



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, **Angelo Casale, Florence Anello, Nelia Jacinto.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Multi Cultural Ministry, the San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Group for the purchase of 20 plastic folding tables for the Lower Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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 January 5, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.