



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

December 3, 2017
1st Sunday of Advent

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.

1st Sunday of Advent**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Saturday	December 2	
5:30 PM	Anastasio & Lewandowski Families	
Sunday	December 3	
7:30 AM	John Mc Cann (9th Ann.)	
9:00 AM	Edward Slezak	
10:30 AM	Agerico Mendoza (2nd Ann.)	
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners	
Monday	December 4	
7:00 AM	Joseph & Harriett Nevins	
8:30 AM	Barbara Dittmer	
Tuesday	December 5	
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses	
8:30 AM	Joseph & Jennie Perna	
Wednesday	December 6	
7:00 AM	Gunes (Nikki) Marra	
8:30 AM	Krzak Family	
Thursday	December 7	
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses	
8:30 AM	Patsy Scalgione	
Friday	December 8	Immaculate Conception
7:00 AM	Monica Votapek	
8:30 AM	Douglas Sipe (Living)	
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners	
7:00 PM	Luke & Mary Kate Conneely	
Saturday	December 9	
8:30 AM	Novena of Masses	
5:30 PM	Charlie Tato	
Sunday	December 10	
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
9:00 AM	Jose Isirio Torres	
10:30 AM	Olga Iturralde	
12:00 Noon	Gloria Giacona	

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially members of St. Michael's Parish.

In the midst of pre-holiday hyperactivity, we are offered this quiet season of reflection on Christ's coming among us, especially in unexpected moments. As with our ancestors in faith, his final return is unknown to us, so we probably don't think about it very much. But how aware are we of his presence to us now? Have we thought about what our response might be whenever or however he makes himself known to us? Advent is our time to do this.

*Is 63:16b-17, 19b: 64:2-7 A sinful people await God's presence.
Ps 80 Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
1 Cor 1:3-9 God's gifts prepare the Corinthians for Christ's return.
Mk 13:33-37 Be alert for the coming of the Lord.*

NOVENA OF MASSES—DECEMBER 2017

Ann L. Corrigan	Michael Scolamiero
John Francis Mahon	Jose J. Arnaldo
Alejandro T. Cruz	James Ford Sr.
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti
Craig Calix	George Rinehart
Clara Caparro	Special Intentions
Helen Granato	Cajetan Ezenida
Nicholas Clemente	John Moscatiello
Amy Aszman (Living)	Edward L. Shea
Nicholas Lizares (Living)	John W. Martin (Living)
Bernalda Malasaga	Ethel Manibo
Isabel Stichen	Jose Carmona
Soledad De Castro	Patsy Scalgione
Frank Martin	Melissa Mansfield
Chike Melie, Jr.	Joseph & Michelene Kmetz
Craig Calix (Living)	John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes
Jurusik & Arner Families	
Ting-Ting Dingkong Murray	
Louis Sauro & Mary Russomanno	
Thanksgiving From the Furnari Family	
Chinwe, Nkiru, Obie, Chike III, Nwando Melie (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Rinaldy & Brenner Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Cicalese Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo & Torres Families	
Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahon Families	

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

*All Church Volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Friday, December 8th** in the Lower Church after the 7:00 PM Mass.*

Light refreshments will be served. It will be a night for all volunteers to gather and socialize. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the Parish Center Office (908) 688-1232 or email stmichaelunion@comcast.net by December 1st.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	December 3
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
12:00-5:00 PM	Feast of Blessed Michael Iwene Tansi & Fellowship, Church & LC
Mass	Adoration with the Lord with the Break Ministry, Church
6:00-7:30 PM	
Monday	December 4
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
11:30 AM	St. Michael Senior Meeting, LC
3:30-4:30 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting, Parish Center
Tuesday	December 5
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:30 PM	CYO
7:00-8:00 PM	Bible Study, Rectory
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education
Wednesday	December 6
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:15 PM	Children's Christmas Choir Practice, Church
Thursday	December 7
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	December 8
Parish Center Closed for the Feast of Immaculate Conception	
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:30 PM	Baptism Class, Rectory
8:00 PM	Volunteer Appreciation Night, LC
Saturday	December 9
9:00 AM	Adult Advent Retreat, Church
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
7:00-9:00 PM	Altar Servers Christmas Get-together, LC
Sunday	December 10
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass
9:00-11:30 AM	Religious Education Extended Session
1:30 PM	Baptism. Church
1:30 PM	St. Michael's Christmas Party, LC

The new and improved parish website is now launched!

Please visit our new website:

stmichaelunion.org

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, Lucille Arnaldo, 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, Betty Falcon, Kim Treppunti, Rosemary Hunt, Danilo Ipo, Ed Stonack, Irzing Guazon, Rene Romero, Colette Zahodnick, Kathleen Sarno, Frederico Pajarillo, 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 and Brian Phillips.

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>11/19/2017</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1/-11/19/2017</u>
Collections	\$ 7,083	\$ 160,225
Online Collections	\$ 260	\$ 2,889
SOS	\$ 1,058	\$ 59,063
Online SOS	\$ 10	\$ 905
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Total	\$ 8,411	\$ 223,082
Budget	\$ 13,620	\$ 226,099
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Difference	(\$ 5,209)	\$ 3,017

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 this weekend—December 2 & 3. SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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: Marilyn Dragone at
(908) 964-0965.

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

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS: Eucharist Preparation Mass #1 (reception of the candle) is this weekend. Children will be called to the altar at all masses (except the 7:30 a.m. Sunday mass) to receive a candle. All children preparing to receive First Eucharist **must** attend.

SUNDAY CCD STUDENTS will have an extended session on December 10th. They are to attend the 9:00 a.m. mass and sit with their class. They will go directly to the school for class after mass. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. **This session counts as two classes.**

ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, December 9, 2017

From 8:30 AM—1:30 PM

(Retreat will start by all attending the 8:30 AM Mass)

Speaker: Fr. John Gordon

Associate to the Vicar for Pastoral Life
Coordinator, Office of Evangelization
Coordinator, Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Coordinator, Multi-Cultural Affairs
Archdiocese of Newark

Talk 1—What Are We Waiting For?

Exploring what we are waiting for, both in terms of the Christmas Story and in our lives.

Talk 2—How Can This Be?

Ponder the question that Mary posed to Gabriel and connect it to times at questioning in our own lives.

Continental Breakfast will be provided.

Goodwill offering will be accepted.

To register: email to Deacon Michael at cavallom1104@gmail.com or call and leave message to the Religious Education Office (908) 964-0965.



***Feast of Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi,
Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 12:00 Noon Mass.
Fellowship and Reception at the Lower Church
after Mass.***

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, December 4th. Doors will open at 11:30 for coffee and social time. Our general meeting will begin at 12 Noon in the lower church.

Reminder: Membership fees are due and will be collected at this meeting.

Guest Speaker – Deacon Michael Cavallo

Upcoming Event:

December 13 – Christmas Luncheon at the Suburban Golf Club. Payment is due at this meeting the price is \$42 p/p. Bus service from St. Michael's parking lot is available. Bus will leave parking lot at 12 Noon.

Membership is extended to those 55 and over.

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 on **Wednesdays, Dec. 6th, and 13th and 20th at 3:15 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 Dec. 6th, and 13th and 20th at 3:15 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 Wednesday, December 6th please send this form with them.

Time	December 2-3 1 st Sunday of Advent	December 9-10 2 nd Sunday of Advent
5:30pm	1. Jennele Baul 2. Angel Rodriguez 3. Jonathan Rodriguez 4. Alexis Artiga	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche
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	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. 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	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 3. Michael Durugo 4. Isabella Fernandes
12:00mn	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Lorenz Tangub 4. Gabriel Castano	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio

ALTAR SERVER ANNOUNCEMENT**CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER****Date: Saturday, December 9, 2017****Time: 7:00-9:00 PM****Place: Lower Church**

**Please bring non-perishable food items for Sr.
Ann's Food Pantry.**

Ask Mom and Dad to please

**RSVP: hanshella@gmail.com on or before Novem-
ber 30, 2017**



The GIVING TREE will be in the church vestibule on November 26th. 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 10th. Please use gift bags only, gifts **must not be wrapped**. Leave gift tag on the bag. Please help us make the Christmas holi-day extra special to others.

CYO/Youth Ministry Newscyounion@aol.com**CHRISTMAS WREATH/
GRAVE COVER SALE!**

Beginning the weekend of Nov. 25TH & 26TH and the 2 weekends to follow, CYO will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Grave Covers after all Masses as a fundraiser.

Wreaths \$25.00**Small Grave Covers \$20.00****Large Grave Covers \$35.00**

We thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support!

CYO/Youth Ministry Newscyounion@aol.com

Our Teen Retreat FEARLESS! Was a huge success thanks to the following who gave Self-written Presentations about their faith and relationships with Jesus. They also were table leaders and ran discussions. God Bless them for all their good works. They're listed in order with their topics:

Xavier Santos (Fearless)
Sienna Bucu (Lost Get Found)
Caitlin Creegan (Gift of Life/Self-Image)
Max Cuenca (Positive Relationships)
Erin McTernan (Family)
Amaya Rivera (Jesus Christ)
Jessica Vargas (Prayer)
Tyler Moreira (Peer Pressure/Morality)
John Matos (Free-Will)
Julia Nobre Portela (Armored by Faith)
Andrew Kelley (Everyday Christian)

We are also grateful to the following who ran discussion groups: Miguel Almosa, Alexandra Anton, Phillip Fonseca, Maria Fonseca, Jon Krienberg, Amanda Olquin, Fernanda Ordas, Nicole Periera, Lyndsay Recheme. They all made a difference!



It is my promise that our Church Bells will begin to ring again on or before Christmas Day. To make this happen, I need four groups of people to help the Church out:

- (1) **The Archangels**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$1000 each to this project.
- (2) **The Apostles**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$500 to this project.
- (3) **The Elders**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$250 to this project.
- (4) **The Communion of Saints**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$100-\$200 to this project. I have already commissioned the installation of the bells, believing God that this Church will come through with this project.

Please know that Donations for this project are specifically dedicated ***“IN GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED AND YET TO COME”***. There will be dedication plaques for the different groups of donors. Please call the Parish Center to make your donations or go to our Church website to use the electronic giving platform. I thank God for the blessings in your lives.

Msgr. Anselm

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 (<http://stmichaelunion.org>) 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.
Create or login to your Parish Giving account



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH Invites you CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM



Pot Luck

***Feel free to bring a dish representing
your heritage.***

Meet Santa! Play fun games and dance!

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

We are so proud of our students and grateful to our parents, the amount of food donated to the food pantry was beyond our expectations. The outpouring of love is a true representation of how we live Jesus' message in our everyday lives.

The students with the most donations are being treated to a pizza party, class KB.

Important Dates:

Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception, School Closed

**Dec. 11th - Honors Breakfast for Honor Students
Grades 6-8, in school building**

Dec. 15th - Christmas Concert 7:00 PM Church

Dec. 18th -School Mass

Dec. 21st - Hot Chocolate Fund Raiser

Dec. 22nd - 12:00 dismissal Aftercare is not available, all students must be picked up at 12:00.

Dec. 24th - Jan.1st - School Closed

Jan. 2nd - School re-opens

Jan. 5th - Full Day of School