

# 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. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

## MASS

Sundays: 5:30PM (Saturday Evening)

7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00, 8:30AM, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30AM

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.*

**December 2, 2018**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday**      **December 1**  
5:30 PM      Winifred Smyth & The Carr Family

**Sunday**      **December 2**  
7:30 AM      Dagat Family  
9:00 AM      Edward Slezak  
10:30 AM      Ajerico Mendoza (3rd)

**Monday**      **December 3**  
7:00 AM      Novena of Masses  
8:30 AM      Stella Siembida  
12:00 Noon      Erma Ventola

**Tuesday**      **December 4**  
7:00 AM      John McCann  
8:30 AM      Ellen Ty (Living)  
12:00 Noon      Rev. Laurence Murphy, MM (Living)

**Wednesday**      **December 5**  
7:00 AM      Angel Luis Garay  
8:30 AM      Amaury Alfaro (4th Ann.)  
12:00 Noon      Mary & Luke Conneely

**Thursday**      **December 6**  
7:00 AM      Margaret M. Byrnes  
8:30 AM      Krzak Family  
12:00 Noon      Dena Eltouny (Living)

**Friday**      **December 7**  
7:00 AM      Monica Votapek  
8:30 AM      Novena of Masses  
12:00 Noon      Anne Ricca

**Saturday**      **December 8**  
**The Immaculate Conception of Mary**  
8:30 AM      Douglas G. Sipe (Living)  
5:30 PM      Chike Melie, Jr.

**Sunday**      **December 9**  
7:30 AM      For the Parishioners  
9:00 AM      Alejandro T. Cruz  
10:30 AM      Olga Ilurralde  
12:00 Noon      Barbara Regina Dittermer

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary are offered for Chike Melie, Jr., requested by his wife, Chinwe and children.*



# First Sunday of Advent

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*Has there ever been a time when someone has not yearned for God — or anyone — to bring about justice? The signs of the times still clearly reflect the pain of those who suffer. The season calls us to the same awareness as those who walked before us. We demonstrate Christ's presence by courageously advocating for justice, security and peace for all people.*

*Jer 33:14-16 God's promise for justice will be fulfilled.*

*Ps 25 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

*1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Paul offers hope to the waiting Thessalonians.*

*Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Stand ready at all times, redemption is at hand.*

**NOVENA OF MASSES – DECEMBER 2018**

<i>James Ford, Sr.</i>	<i>John Francis Mahon</i>
<i>Jose J. Arnaldo</i>	<i>George Rinehart</i>
<i>Ann L. Corrigan</i>	<i>Alejandro T. Cruz</i>
<i>Giuseppe Terriaca</i>	<i>Mary Russomanno</i>
<i>Serafina Sauro</i>	<i>Luigi Sauro</i>
<i>Rosemary Sauro</i>	<i>Ed Stonack</i>
<i>Medford Penk</i>	<i>Esperanza Rodriguez</i>
<i>Craig Calix (Living)</i>	<i>Clautaire Jean</i>
<i>John McConway</i>	<i>Jurusik &amp; Arner Families</i>
<i>Joseph &amp; Jennie Perna</i>	<i>Ricky Ellis</i>
<i>Frank Rubinetti</i>	<i>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</i>
<i>Micheline &amp; Joseph Kmetz</i>	
<i>John P. Hynes &amp; Irene C. Hynes</i>	
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti &amp; Tobia Families</i>	
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart &amp; McMahon Families</i>	
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Araujo &amp; Torres Families</i>	
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of DiFabrizio &amp; Terriaca Families</i>	
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Ameruso &amp; Scalgione Families</i>	
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Rinaldy &amp; Brenner Families</i>	
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Gesumaria Family</i>	

***Remember loved ones by giving a Flower Offering for Christmas. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church and in your collection envelopes. The funds are used to defray the cost of our Christmas flowers and trees in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.***

**DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *Alton Famarin, Thomas Butler & Robert Duarte.*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE****Sunday****December 2**

9:00-10:15 AM RCIA, Murphy Room  
 10:15-11:30 AM Religious Education  
 Young Adults Group Food Drive, All Masses—Church Vestibule  
 Eucharist Preparation Mass #1—Reception of Candle  
 Columbiettes Jewelry Sale, after all Masses, Church Vestibule  
 CYO Grave Covers & Wreaths Sale

**Monday****December 3**

8:00 AM Rosary, Church  
 11:30 AM St. Michael's Senior Meeting, LC  
 3:30-4:30 PM Religious Education, LC  
 7:00-8:30 PM Parish Council Meeting, Murphy Rm

**Tuesday****December 4**

8:00 AM Rosary, Church  
 7:00 PM Bible Study, Rectory  
 7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education  
 7:00-8:30 PM CYO, LC

**Wednesday****December 5**

8:00 AM Rosary, Church  
 7:30 PM Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting, Parish Center

**Thursday****December 6**

8:00 AM Rosary  
 7:30 PM Choir Practice, Church

**Friday****December 7**

8:00 AM Rosary, Church  
 6:30-8:30 PM First Friday Adoration, Church  
 7:30 PM Baptism Class, LC

**Saturday****December 8**

5:30-9:00 PM Altar Servers Christmas Party, LC  
 CYO Grave Covers & Wreaths Sale

**Sunday****December 9**

9:00-10:15 AM RCIA, Murphy Room  
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass  
 9:00-11:30 AM Religious Education Extended Session  
 1:00 PM Young Adults Group Family Christmas Movie, LC  
 1:30 PM Baptism. Church  
 CYO Grave Covers & Wreaths Sale

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND**  
**FOR RELIGIOUS**

December 1 & 2, 2018  
 December 8 & 9, 2018

Collection envelopes are available in the  
 Church Vestibule



**12 CHANCES TO WIN UP TO**  
**\$12,000 IN 12 WEEKS!**

**St. Michael's Calendar Raffle**

- ◇ Win up to \$12,000 in 12 drawings.
- ◇ \$1,000 every week for 12 consecutive weeks.
- ◇ Winning ticket goes back into the drawing pool.
- ◇ Number of tickets to be sold is 300.
- ◇ Cost is \$120 per ticket for 12 chances.
- ◇ Drawing date is every Sunday from 12/16/18-3/3/19
- ◇ Drawing will take place in the Lower Church at 1:30 PM
- ◇ Winner does not need to be present
- ◇ Proceeds will go to the restoration of the Church's air conditioner

**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*

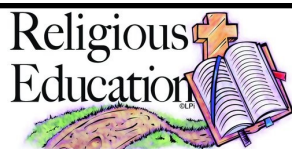
	<u>Week of</u> <u>11/25/2018</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1-11/25/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 7,684	\$ 151,957
Online Collections	\$ 652	\$ 11,093
SOS	\$ 848	\$ 48,079
Online SOS	\$ 20	6,125
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Total	\$ 9,204	\$ 217,254
Budget	\$ 7,209	\$ 219,351
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Difference	\$ 1,995	(\$ 2,097)

*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 this weekend of December 1 & 2, 2018.** SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS**

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Other hours are available by appointment. Contact Coordinator: Marilyn Dragoné at (908) 964-0965. We can also be reached via e-mail at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

**FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS:** RECEPTION OF THE CANDLE MASS is being held this weekend. All children preparing to receive First Eucharist must attend. It will be held at all Masses with the exception of the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

**SUNDAY CCD STUDENTS** will have an extended session on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** December 16th is Baminelli Sunday. There will be a blessing at all Masses of Baby Jesus figurines from your home nativity sets.

**THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

On Tuesday evening, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**, our CYO/ Youth Ministry Program will once again present our Christmastime **Festival of Lights!**

At the Festival our members will reenact the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, Shepherds and other Christmas Characters. The event will also be accompanied by beautiful Christmas Music. It is an event to be experienced by all!

The Festival will begin at **7:00pm** in St. Michael's Church so please arrive by 6:45pm. (Doors will open at 6:30pm).



Everyone is invited including all Parishioners, Families, Friends and Children. Our Festival is a night of Reflection, Music and Prayer to Celebrate the meaning of Christmas. Please make every effort to join us and remember,

*JESUS is the reason for the Season!*

**CYO WREATH & GRAVE COVER SALE**

**DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2018**  
**DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2018**

**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. Practices will be on Thursdays, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> please send this form with them.

**ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS**

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, December 3rd. 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** - Connie Pizarro, Oasis Senior Advisors

**Upcoming Events:**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Luncheon Suburban Golf Club (Bus transportation will be provided.)

Please continue to support our charitable initiatives: Personal items for the homeless and needy. (Gerry Jones) Pennies to support church activities

Membership is extended to those 55 and over.

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

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

Time	Dec. 1-2 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Dec. 8-9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
5:30pm	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Morgan Labranche 4. Salome Oropeza 5. Simone Oropeza	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz
7:30am	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uguchi Adibemma 3. Ifeanyi Adibemma 4. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Aidan Perez 5. Nathan De Guzman	1. Julian Felix 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Megan Felix 4. Justin N. Gawel 5. Joshua Laube
10:30am	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo	1. Joshua Estoque 2. Rynne Ramah 3. Lorenz Tangub
12:00 noon	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio 4. Gabriel Castano	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez

### SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Marianne Hunt O'Malley, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Rosa Mugavero, Kathleen Sarno, Lucy Scalgione, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Pamela D'Amico, Maria Espiritu, Martha Owens, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Fr. Jim Worth, Aname Orillaneda Richard Shemanski, Barbara Lombardi, Mario F. Lopez, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Joanne Willmore, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Barbara Fehr, Alton Famarin. Michael Scalgione, Jean Claude, Robert & Carol Nichnadowcz, Augusta Mahon, Claubette Kalla-been. Carol Czaplak & Stephen Czaplak, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Joseph Cantalupo, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez & Adriana DeJesus.



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.

### COMMUNION CALLS TO THE HOMEBOUND

If anyone is homebound either permanently or temporarily and would like to receive communion, please call the parish center and we will arrange to have someone bring communion to you at a time convenient for you. If you would like to discuss in further detail contact Deacon Michael at 908-377-9713.



### **ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**Time: 1:30-5:30 PM**

**Where: Lower Church**

**Food: Potluck**

### ACCOUNTING STEWARDS NEEDED

These ministers are entrusted with counting the Church's weekly collections, prepare deposit slips and deposit the money into the bank. There are four counting teams that are responsible for counting the collections for three months of the year. Training will be provided. If you are interested in joining the Accounting Stewards Ministry speak to Msgr. Anselm or call the Parish Center Office at 908-688-1232 ext. 100. Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING....**



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **St. Michael's Church** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that **Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. Michael's Church in Union, NJ.**

Simply go to **smile.amazon.com** from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Select "**St. Michael's Church, Union, NJ**" to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. **Amazon Smile** will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at **smile.amazon.com** will result in a donation.



**The GIVING TREE** is in the Church vestibule. We invite you to take a tag (or two) and purchase the gift items. Please return the items to the Church or Parish Center by **December 8th**. Please use gift bags only, gifts **must not** be wrapped. Leave gift tag on the bag. Please help us make the Christmas holiday extra special to others.

#### SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 21ST AT 7:00-8:00 PM

##### Attention Moms & Dads

On Friday evening December 21st, 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 have many surprises for all who attend.

Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232 and give the name of the children attending.



#### DECEMBER ACTIVITIES—SAVE THE DATE

December 1—5:30 PM	Blessed Iwene Tansi Feast – LC
December 9—1:30 PM	Young Adults Group Christmas Movie, LC
December 11—7:00 PM	CYO Festival of Lights, Church
December 14 —6:00 PM	St. Michael School Christmas Concert, Church
December 15—11:00 AM	Wellness Ministry-Shaking the Salt Habit, LC
December 16—12:00 N	Cardinal Tobin Visit & Mass
December 16 (All Masses)	Bambinelli Sunday
December 16 -1:30 PM	St. Michael Parish Christmas Party
December 19-8:00 PM	Simbang Gabi (Christmas Evening Mass)

## PARISH GIVING

### 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 you free of charge. On this giving site, 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 Cards and earn rewards points/mileage
- ◆ Ability to use Bank Transfers
- ◆ Ability to access end of year contribution reports

Online giving funds are transferred directly to the church bank account without the need of counting and deposits by church stewards.

For more information, visit our website at [stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org).

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



St. Michael's Church Decoration Committee is in need of Christmas decorations for the Lower Church use. Any donation of new or unwanted but usable items such as small Christmas Trees, lights, stuff toys, balls, etc will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off next weekend by the Church vestibule or Lower Church. Thank you for your generosity.

### SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 15, 2018

#### WELLNESS MINISTRY

#### SHAKING THE SALT HABIT

**Presented by: Angie Loreti, NDTR**

**Join us and learn how foods high in salt sneak into our diet and effective ways to reduce them.**

**RSVP" Angie (908) 644-8866**

