



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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 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 17, 2017
3rd 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.

3rd Sunday of Advent**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Saturday	December 16
5:30 PM	Winifred Smyth & The Carr Family
Sunday	December 17
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 AM	Jerry Crincoli (6th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Loretta Kempf (25th Ann.)
Monday	December 18
7:00 AM	Patsy Scalgione
8:30 AM	Robert Emery
Tuesday	December 19
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Manuel Fazendeiro
Wednesday	December 20
7:00 AM	Patsy Scalgione
8:30 AM	Josephine Nevedomsky & Connie Nevedomsky
Thursday	December 21
7:00 AM	Maria Ribeiro
8:30 AM	Edward L. Shea
Friday	December 22
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Carmina Rosa
Saturday	December 23
8:30 AM	Adam Mosejchuk (45th Ann.)
5:30 PM	Frank Salsano
Sunday	December 24 Christmas Eve
7:30 AM	Irene Endler
9:00 AM	Clare Pettesch
10:30 AM	Thomas Kip
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
5:00 PM	Family Liturgy
10:30 PM	For the Parishioners

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Loretta Kempf.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *Eloisa Rivera and Margaret Byrnes.*

Today we are in the rhythm of both gratitude and yearning. Between the two, there is great space for hope. We are learning to be a patient people, continuing on, grateful but also impatient, in hope. We don't give up hoping just because some of the things we long for in God's reign of peace and justice have already happened. We're there, and yet we're not. So much remains unfinished; so many have not yet experienced what has been promised.

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 The prophet announces glad tidings and vindication.

Ps Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 My soul rejoices in my God.

1 Thess 5:16-24 Awaiting Christ's promised return.

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 "There is one coming among you.."

NOVENA OF MASSES—DECEMBER 2017

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



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	December 17
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
Monday	December 18
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:30 PM	Religious Education
Tuesday	December 19
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education
8:00 PM	Simbang Gabi (Advent Evening Mass)
No CYO	
Wednesday	December 20
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:15 PM	Children's Christmas Choir Practice, Church
Thursday	December 21
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	December 22
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
6:30—8:00 PM	Communal Penance Service with Confession
Saturday	December 23
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
11:00 AM	Musicians Practice, Church
Sunday	December 24
No Religious Education	

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, Virgie Palencia, John Czap, Joan Malespina, Sebastian DaSilva, Eduardo 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, Brian Phillips, Lily Hulsey and Katherine Friedrich VenAcker, Lucille Arnaldo and Fr. Jim Worth.

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	Yr. to Date
	12/10/2017	7/1-12/10/2017
Collections	\$ 7,915	\$ 181,464
Online Collections	\$ 265	\$ 3,784
SOS	\$ 3,230	\$ 72,136
Online SOS	\$ 355	\$ 1,260
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Total	\$ 11,765	\$ 258,644
Budget	\$ 14,544	\$ 263,595
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Difference	(\$ 2,779)	(\$ 4,951)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Friday, December 22nd

Communal Penance Service with Confession

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Saturday, December 23rd—1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Saturday, December 30th—1:00-2:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—Sunday, December 24th

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

5:00 PM (Family Liturgy)

10:00 PM (Christmas Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day—Monday, December 25th

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

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

New Year's Eve—Sunday, December 31st

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

New Year's Day—Monday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Collection is very important it gives St. Michael's a chance to catch up on large bills such as employee pensions and insurances that strain the weekly collections. This year Christmas Eve is on a Sunday and we request that you give to both the Sunday Collection and the Christmas Collection the week of December 25. Thank you for your 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 the weekend of January 6 & 7, 2018.** 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: Marilynn Dragone at
(908) 964-0965.

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

LAST DAY OF CLASS FOR CCD STUDENTS:

SUNDAY: December 17th

MONDAY: December 18th

TUESDAY: December 19th



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

SIMBANG GABI

(ADVENT EVENING MASS)

Tuesday, December 19th at 8:00 PM

Fellowship After Mass
Potluck Appreciated

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. 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.

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

The next food pantry distribution will be on
**Tuesday, December 19th from
9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated
to St. Ann's Food Pantry!

*The **ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM** would like to thank those who attended our first program this past Saturday. Despite the snowy weather, over 50 people attended. Thanks to Fr. John Gordon for his inspirational talk about the season of Advent. A special thank you to Joe Furnari for getting up early and making the coffee for the breakfast we served. For more information about our team, please call the Religious Education Office.*

<i>Time</i>	December 16-17 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 23-24 4th 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. Ifeanyi Adibemma 2. Chika 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. Johnnuel Magno 3. Joshua Estoque 4. Jedrek Kumi	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Daniel Gonzales
12:00nn	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Gabriel Castano	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Charles Ozurumba

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 **\$1,000**
St. Joseph Social Service Center **\$1,000**
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.



CYO/Youth Ministry News

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A special thank you to all who participated in our **Christmastime Festival of Lights**. Especially our members who brought the Christmas Characters to life and read at our presentation.

Festival of Lights Characters

Mary.....Alexandra Anton
Joseph.....Andrew Kelley
Angel Gabriel.....Max Cuenca
Angels.....Julia Nobre-Portela
Fernanda Ordas
Elizabeth.....Gabriella Valente
Inn-Keeper.....Matthew Fazendeiro
Servant Girl.....Paige Scheidemann
King HerodJoseph Fox

Wise Men

Tiago Almedia
Tiago Lima
John Matos

Shepherds

Rhyan Alamancy Lenard Andres
Meghan Gelcius Jake Randolph

Readers

Jon Krienberg Bethany Tamayo
Jerik Brual Jessica Caggiano
John Matos Grace Enderle
Kathleen Rouge Angelica DeStefano
Marc Pereira Angelina DePonte
Tyler Moreira Christina Moran
Isabella Uschak Amaya Rivera

God Bless them all for touching our hearts at Christmastime!



FORMATION OF YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Vision: This Program is intended to form an active faith filled young adults at St. Michael Church, Union.

Mission: To initiate, build, and sustain an interactive group of young adults that will allow them to deepen their faith as Catholic Christians and serve as a support group to one another.

Attention young adults! St. Michael Church, Union, is forming a young adult group with the mission to initiate, build, and sustain an interactive group of young adults that will allow them to deepen their faith as Catholic Christians and serve as a support group to one another. This young adult group will provide fun, faith-filled activities for parishioners ages 22 & above. We will be having our first meeting on January 20th at 11 am in the Lower Church. During this meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to get to know each other and brainstorm future activities of interest. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by January 15th to Christina Dziedzic at dziedzicc@comcast.net.

Msgr. Anselm

Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish Hall Kitchenette will be completed by the end of this week. Three Items are needed to equip the kitchenette appropriately. I need people to please consider donating these items as a Christmas gift to the Church. All donated items will be memorialized.

Please call the Parish Center for more information.

A wormer: 120V/60Hz , 1800W, 15 Amps, Non-insulated Economy Heater Proofer Cabinet with a 36- 18" x 26" pan capacity with a 5" heavy duty swivel castors with brakes.

One 2.2 cubic ft. capacity, Extra-large 16" turntable, 1200-Watts, countertop Inverter Microwave in Stainless Steel.

One 30" inch X 64" inch X 28" inch (dept) refrigerator with two horizontal doors, with upper door freezer and lower door refrigerator unit.)

One 54" flat TV for the rectory living room.

Msgr. Anselm



The Music Ministry will have its annual Christmas Concert on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 9:30 PM. This is a beautiful prelude to prepare for the Mass.



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!

<i>Kensley Rodriguez PreKA</i>	<i>Sara Herrera PreKB</i>
<i>Trent Simon KA</i>	<i>Jose Silva KB</i>
<i>Julianna Pellot 1A</i>	<i>Isabella Rivera 1B</i>
<i>Logan Concepcion 2A</i>	<i>Bright Nnadi 2B</i>
<i>Daniel Hely 3A</i>	<i>Bryanna Cosme 3B</i>
<i>Josh Robano 4A</i>	<i>Leah Wong 4B</i>
<i>Livia Barbosa 5A</i>	<i>Givens Odoemela 5B</i>
<i>Samual Nnadi 6A</i>	
<i>Nicholas Panlilio 7A</i>	<i>Jenny Li 7B</i>
<i>Emma Freire 8A</i>	<i>Marie Rosa Jeudy 8B</i>
<i>Amiee Cabatu Technology</i>	
<i>Gamael Joseph Phys Ed</i>	
<i>Addyson Masaquio Phys Ed</i>	
<i>Livia Barbosa Spanish</i>	
<i>Riley Keegan Music</i>	
<i>Gabryella Bethonico Art</i>	

Important Date: December

18th - School Mass

21st - Hot Cocoa fundraiser for Church Bells

22nd - 12:00 Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE, all students must be picked up at 12:00

25th - Merry Christmas!

25th - Jan. 1st School Closed

Jan. 2nd - School reopens