

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. Marilynn 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.

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.

December 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:30 PM	December 15 Carmen "Charlie" Tato
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 16 Deceased Members of the Lazcano Family For the Parishioners Raymond Gillick Thanksgiving—España Family
Monday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 17 Kenihan Family Luis Alvero Patrick Eltouny (Living)
Tuesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 18 Briana Pereira Rosolino Maggio Novena of Masses
Wednesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 19 Arthur McMahon (50th Ann.) Novena Of Masses Jimmy Doncsec
Thursday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 20 Angel Luis Garay Lorenzina Russo Gerard V. O'Neill
Friday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 21 Novena of Masses Adam Mosejchuk (46th Ann.) Deceased Members of the Lime Family
Saturday 8:30 AM 5:30 PM	December 22 Francis & Claire Gillick Frank Salsano
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 23 For the Parishioners Jerry Crincoli (7th Ann.) Carlos & Carminda Rosa Angelica Villorrente (Living)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread , Altar Wine and Sanctuary are offered for parishioners of St. Michael's Church.



We want to adorn our Sanctuary with memorial flowers during this Christmas season so that our loved ones could join us in celebrating this Salvation mystery. Please donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in gratitude to good. Our budget

for decorating this year is \$3,500. Flower envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church and in your collection envelopes. We look forward to the best decoration ever in our Church Sanctuary. Help us make it happen.

Third Sunday of Advent

Today's readings continue the themes of hope and expectation, adding the element of rejoicing — for Israel, for those awaiting the Messiah and for us. But there is also a summons to repentance and reformed conduct. The good news is tempered with a call to responsibility on our part. Like those before us, we are urged to hope and rejoice. In addition, we must ask the question" "What should we do?"

Zep 3:14-18a Repentant, exiled Israel is called to hope and joy. Is 12 - Cry out with joy and gladness, among you is the Holy One of Israel.

Phil 4:4-7 Rejoice; be kind and thankful.

Lk 3:10-18 John teaches repentance and proclaims Christ's coming.

NOVENA OF MASSES – DECEMBER 2018

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| <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 & Arner Families</i> |
| <i>Joseph & Jennie Perna</i> | <i>Ricky Ellis</i> |
| <i>Frank Rubinetti</i> | <i>Pierre & Rubinetti Families</i> |
| <i>Michelene & Joseph Kmetz</i> | <i>Philomena Nwosuh (Living)</i> |
| <i>Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)</i> | <i>Kosi & Chinedu Akporji (Living)</i> |
| <i>John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahon Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo & Torres Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of DiFabrizio & Terriaca Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Rinaldy & Brenner Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Gesumaria Family</i> | |



Third Sunday of Advent

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *Bridgett Ann Piccirillo*.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	December 16
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
12:00 Noon	Cardinal Tobin Mass, Church
Bambinelli Sunday—All Masses	
Monday	December 17
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:30 PM	Religious Education, LC
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
Tuesday	December 18
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education, Church
Wednesday	December 19
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
8:00 PM	Simbang Gabi (Evening Christmas Mass) & Fellowship, Church & LC
Thursday	December 20
8:00 AM	Rosary
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
Friday	December 21
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
8:00 PM	Santa Visit & Parish Christmas Party, LC
Saturday	December 22
9:00 AM	Advent Living the Gospel Morning Reflections, LC
10:00 AM	Zumba, LC
Sunday	December 23
No RCIA	
No Religious Education	



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

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. Parish online giving is available for your convenience, especially if you will not be attending mass at St. Michael's during the holidays. Thank you for your generosity.



Cardinal Tobin, the Archbishop of Newark will celebrate the 12:00 Noon Mass with us on December 16th, 2018. There will be a reception for him immediately after Mass. Please come out and receive the Archbishop. This is the first time he is visiting our Parish. He is our guest; we must be good hosts. Let us celebrate together as a family. We need you and you are specially invited. You are welcome to bring a dish to share. For more information, please call Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

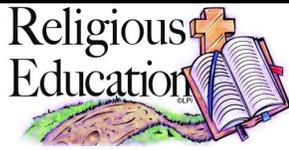
Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Luke 6:38

	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u>
	<u>12/9/2018</u>	<u>7/1/-12/9/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 8,385	\$ 165,150
Online Collections	\$ 467	\$ 12,267
SOS	\$ 1,819	\$ 59,259
Online SOS	\$ 1,080	7,705
Total	\$ 11,751	\$ 244,381
Budget	\$ 13,696	\$ 246,743
Difference	(\$ 1,945)	(\$ 2,362)

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 the weekend of January 5 & 6, 2019. 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.

LAST DAY OF CLASS FOR CCD STUDENTS:

SUNDAY: December 16th
 MONDAY: December 17th
 TUESDAY: December 18th

There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 23rd and 30th, Monday, December 24th and 31st, and Tuesday, December 25th and January 1st. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION: The Blessing Cup Retreat is being held on Saturday, January 5th at 12:00 p.m. in the lower Church. **THIS IS A REQUIRED EVENT.** Child cannot attend alone. You must stay with your child for the entire event. We ask you to bring a non-perishable food item for Sr. Ann's Food Pantry.

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, Dec. 20th 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 Dec. 20th 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. 29th please send this form with them.



KEVIN APUZZIO
August 2, 1984—April 11, 2006

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, St. Michael's Church and St. Michael's Parish School came together to dedicate the Lower Church classrooms in honor of East Franklin firefighter, **KEVIN APUZZIO**, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 trying to save a couple from a burning building. Kevin made the ultimate sacrifice for a person he had never met before. He was only 21 years old. Kevin attended St. Michael's School and was an Altar Server for St. Michael's Church.

A plaque was presented by the student council honoring Kevin Apuzzio. In attendance at the dedication ceremony were Dr. Joseph Apuzzio, Mrs. Marili Apuzzio, firefighters from the Union Fire Department and East Franklin Fire Department, Msgr. Anselm, Fr. Chuck, Fr. Miles, staff members of St. Michael's Church, principal, teachers and students.

The plaque and his picture can be found hanging above the door entering the Lower Church. It serves as a reminder that he is always by our side.

CYO/Youth Ministry News
cyunion@aol.com



We would like to thank our members who made our Christmas Presentation of **THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** the beautiful performance it was. God Bless them all!

FESTIVAL CAST

- Mary.....Christina Moran
- Joseph.....Matthew Fazendeiro
- Angel Gabriel.....Jacob Randolph
- Angels:.....Natalie Colon, Gabriella Valente
- Elizabeth.....Kathleen Roque
- Inn-Keeper.....Randy Avila
- Servant Girl.....Larra Richeme
- King HerodWilliam Sabogal
- Wise Men:** LJ Andres, Rhyan Almonacy, Marc Pereira
- Shepherds:** Dylan Cross, Daniel Keane, Michael Kelly, Kayla Silverio
- Readers:** Aidan Perez, Meghan Gelcius, Paige Scheidemann, Eric Fernandez, Jessica Caggiano, Angelina DaPonte, Justin Novoa, Angelica DeStefano, Sebastian Castano, Kyla Ochotorena, Sophia Fandino, Michael Cross, Isabella Espana
- Lights/Stage:**.....Joseph Kreinberg
- Music:**.....Friends of CYO Choir

Time	Dec. 15-16 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Dec. 22-23 4 th 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. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike	1. Ugochi Adibemma 2. Ifeanyi Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Aidan Perez 5. Nathan De Guzman	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Justin N. Gawel 5. Joshua Laube 6. Nicholas Laube
10:30am	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo 5. Ian Galing	1. Joshua Estoque 2. RYanne Ramah 3. Lorenz Tangub 4. Kamsi Emeh
12:00 noon	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Jerome Fernandez 4. Jianna Fernandez	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio

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 Kallabeen. Carol Czapla & Stephen Czapla, 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

Monday, January 21, 2019 is our first meeting of the New Year please join us for our general meeting starting at 12Noon.

Remember our charitable initiatives:

- Pennies for our parish initiatives jar
- Personal items for the homeless and needy. (Gerry Jones)

Membership is extended to those 55 or over.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, December 21st

Communal Penance Service with Confession - 7:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, December 22nd

1:00-2:00 PM

Saturday, December 29th

1:00-2:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 24th

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM (Family Liturgy)

10:00 PM (Christmas Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

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

NEW YEAR MASSES

Monday, December 31st

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

New Year's Eve

7:00 PM (Vigil Mass & Prayer Service)

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM



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.

If you have an existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile you can use the same account.



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 **as soon as possible**. Please use gift bags only, gifts **must not** be wrapped. Leave gift tags on the bag. Please help us make the Christmas holiday extra special to others.



**DECEMBER 21ST AT 8:00 PM
(After Penance Service)
PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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. Photo opportunity with Santa, games and light refreshments. Hope to see you all on December 21st with happy faces.



Music Ministry invites you to it's annual Christmas Eve Concert at 9:30 PM. Come, relax and enjoy the concert as the spirit of song and drama unfolds the Christmas message.



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a special season, and the real reason for this season is the Child Jesus; God's most enduring gift to humanity, a gift like no other. In this birth is our only hope for salvation. In this birth is our hope for lasting peace. In this birth is God's unbounded love for us. Filled with gratitude and praise, let us hasten to the manger of Bethlehem and confide into the hands of our savior all the ponderings of our hearts, our joys and sorrows, our contentment and anxieties, our yearnings and hopes as we seek that peace and joy in our lives that only the spirit of Christ can provide.

May the grace of this Christmas fill you and your loved ones with abounding love, fulfilling hope, and security in God's peace.

Have a happy blessed Christmas and New Year!

Msgr. Anselm



**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
SIMBANG GABI**

(ADVENT EVENING MASS)

Tuesday, December 19th at 8:00 PM
Fellowship After Mass
Potluck Appreciated