



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 29, 2019

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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

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. Marilynn 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.

Address

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephones

Rector/Parish Center: 908-688-1232

Rector/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 6:30 pm

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1st, 2nd and 4th 7:00 pm

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 28
5:30 pm	Harold Gillick
Sunday	December 29
7:30 am	Clarita De Leon (Living)
9:00 am	Rev. Msgr. Francis Seymour
10:30 am	Manuel Fazendeiro
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
Monday	December 30
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Thanksgiving
12:00 Noon	Maureen Reilly (1st Ann.)
Tuesday	December 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>
7:00 am	Targelia Penafiel (Living)
8:30 am	Rona O'Shea
12:00 Noon	Jose Arnaldo
7:00 pm	Vigil Mass & Prayer Service
Wednesday	January 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Odoemene Family in Thanksgiving
Thursday	January 2
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Josefina Pazcoquin
12:00 Noon	Donato, Elizabeth & Joe Pacicco
Friday	January 3
7:00 am	Wayne Raffo
8:30 am	Asha Loricka
12:00 Noon	Cornelio C. Magbanua (15th Ann.)
Saturday	January 4
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
5:30 am	Dominick Monteleone, Sr.
Sunday	January 5
7:30 am	The Pikula Family (Living)
9:00 am	George, Frieda & Ann Stinson
10:30 am	For the Parishioners
12:00 Noon	Deonilo & Vilma Baring

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp are offered in Thanksgiving.

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Hymnal # 1009

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 (The first reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.)
Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (The psalm from Cycle A may also be chosen, Psalm 128:1-5.)
Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 (The second reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, Colossians 3:12-21)
We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

Message From Our Pastor

Asking God to reveal yourself to you

As I was thinking about what this coming year will look like in my life, I came upon this verse from the Bible : *"You search out my path...and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether"* (Psalm 139:3-4).

I truly believe that the reason why God searches out our path and is acquainted with all our ways is because He cares about what we do; about the details of our lives. In our everyday actions, we may seem to escape human eyes but that does not mean that nobody is watching. We may be suffering and going through pain on the inside, and nobody seems to care or notice, but that does not mean we are alone. Our lonely cries and midnight sighs are noticed and known by God. He sees what you are going through; He knows what is going on with you.

If God knows you so well, then as we begin the journey of this New Year, ask Him for guidance and direction. Ask Him to reveal yourself to you for Scripture says: *"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But ask in faith, never doubting... for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord"* (James 1:5-8).

It may be good practice to add this prayer to the Holy Spirit to your morning-prayer routine throughout year 2020:

"Oh God, who instructs the heart of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant me by the same Spirit, to be truly wise and ever rejoice in your consolation through Christ our Lord, Amen."

Msgr. Anselm

Weekly Calendar & Stewardship Of Treasure

Sunday

No RCIA Class
No Religious Education

December 29

Monday

Parish Center Closed
8:00 am
No Religious Education
7:00 pm

December 30

Rosary, Church
Dance & Wellness, LC

Tuesday

Parish Center Closed
8:00 am
No Religious Education
No CYO

December 31 New Year's Eve

Rosary, Church

Wednesday

Parish Center Closed

January 1 New Year's Day

Thursday

8:00 am

January 2

Rosary, Church

Friday

8:00 am
6:30-8:30 pm

January 3

Rosary, Church
First Friday Adoration, Church

Saturday

9:30 am
1:00 pm

January 4

Dance & Wellness, LC
Confession, Church

Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am
9:00 am
10:15-11:30 am
6:30-8:00 pm

January 5

RCIA Class, Murphy Room
Family Mass, Church
Religious Education
First Sunday Adoration, Church

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Collection is very important. Your continued contribution gives St. Michael's a chance to catch up on bills that strain the weekly collections.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

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>12/15/2019</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1-12/15/2019</u>
Collections	\$ 8,792	\$ 165,509
Online Collections	\$ 924	\$ 16,157
SOS	\$ 1,160	\$ 54,125
Online SOS	\$ 715	\$ 14,600
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Total	\$ 11,591	\$ 250,391
Budget	\$ 12,139	\$ 246,957
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Difference	(\$ 548)	\$ 3,434

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Adorations, Devotions & 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

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

January 22, 2020

2nd Wednesday Marian Devotion
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January 29, 2020

3rd Wednesday Marian Devotion
Immaculate Heart of Mary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bible Classes

All Bible Classes will resume in February 2020



MINISTRY Information

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Time	December 28-29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	January 4-5 The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 pm	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz
7:30 am	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia
9:00 am	Jean Felix Alisha James Aidan Perez Nathan De Guzman	Megan Felix Julian Felix Jewelz Massicot Joshua Laube Nicholas Laube
10:30 am	Johnnuel Magno Nwando Melie Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Ilagan Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi	Joshua Estoque Kamsi Emeh Carmella Mendoza Ian Galing Ryenne Ramah Aidan Perez
12:00 noon	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Church is in need of people who can help out in the snow shoveling of the church property during major snow storms. Snow shovelers will be paid an hourly rate.

For more information, please contact Tiago at stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com

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 January 21, at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.

MINISTRY Information



The staff of the Religious Education Office wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!

Marilynn Dragone
and Lois Scanio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 29th, Monday, December 30th and Tuesday, December 31st. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 5, 2020.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Laurie Delguercio for directing our Children's Christmas Choir at the Family Liturgy on Christmas Eve. Thanks also to Peter Petrecca for being our accompanist. The children did an amazing job singing songs for all to enjoy.

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

cyouunion@aol.com



We'd like to congratulate our CYO members on their presentation of the **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** for all of us to enjoy this Christmas Season! They presented the true meaning of Christmas for all of us!

FESTIVAL CAST

Mary.....Paige Scheidemann
JosephEric Fernandez
Angel Gabriel.....Brendon Opilac
Elizabeth.....Amy Hoang
Angels.....Wendie Castor & Meghan Gelcius
Inn-Keeper.....Aidan Perez
Servant Girl.....Angelica DeStefano
(King Herod)Rhyan Almonacy

WISE MEN

Michael Cross , Zack Samila, Luke Zawacki

SHEPHERDS

Sebastian Castano, Tristen Hernandez, Daniel Keane, Joseph Matos

READERS

Justin Novoa, Sophia Fandino, Michael Kelley, Kayla Silverio, Grace Enderle, Christian Simms, Bethany Tamayo, Ava Moran, Dylan Cross, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Jessica Caggiano. Joseph Kreinberg, Isabella Espana

LIGHTS/STAGEGabriel Castano

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who shared their musical talents with us! The music shared was Beautiful and Inspira-tional!

MINISTRY Information

NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING



20 + C + M + B + 20

Heavenly Father, bless our home and those who dwell within its secure walls. Grant that all people who visit will find us honest, just and hospitable. May we live this coming year open to Your grace and mercy, as we walk in your truth.

Please cut up this prayer and place at the top of your front door.

A prayer for the New Year

Lord, whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties, I pause to *give thanks*. Thank you for being with me every day and every year. Thank you for making all things *new* and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and *new beginnings*. Remind me of your presence in the days to come even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

"Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).

Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe at (908) 247-4461** if you have any questions.



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NOVENA Masses

DECEMBER 2019

Ann L. Corrigan	Lucia D'Amato
Jurusik & Arner Families	James Ford, Sr.
Mary Russomanno	Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomano	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 & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti, 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 Molinedo
Ursula Lopez Briones	Kathleen Turner (Living)
Jose J. Arnaldo	
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 Aarujo & 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

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2019/2020

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 28

1:00 - 2:00 pm

NEW YEAR MASSES

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 am, 10:30 am



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 to everyone for your generosity to the nursing home residents at South Mountain Healthcare Center. Your gifts from our Giving Tree put a smile on many faces for the Christmas celebration! May God continue to bless you.

A special thanks to Father Miles, Carol and Joe Furnari and Maureen McGee for their special help in helping make it all possible.

Ellie Fernandez

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Any parishioners who have experience running **bingo and carnivals** please contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

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, **members of St. Michael's Parish.**



Parish Event Memories

ALTAR SERVER'S PARTY



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



THANK YOU ALL!

Our Children's Christmas Party, celebrating the birth of Jesus, was a huge success. The children had lots of fun throwing snow balls at Frosty, the Christmas Grinch and Santa Clause.

A special thank you to all parents for coming with their children. The weather wasn't the best, but the turnout awesome.

To all my helpers, too many to mention, I am so blessed—thanks.

I have to mention my godson Brian who came home from college a few hours before the party to be Frosty. He had a blast and the children enjoyed bombing him with snowballs. Thank you Brian, I love you.

God's Blessings to All & Merry Christmas,

Kathleen Boetsch