

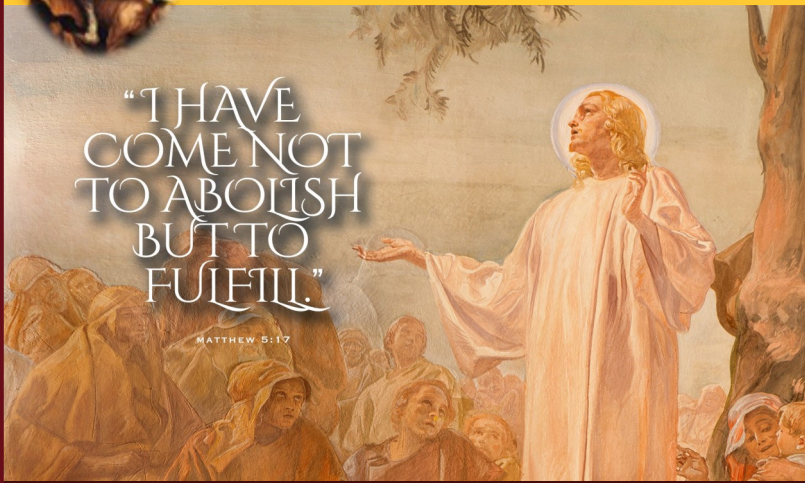


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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. Marilyn 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.

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

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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	February 15
5:30 pm	Mariejo Inoue
Sunday	February 16
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Avelino Torres
10:30 am	Carmen M. Gancia (21st Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Eleanora Capra
Monday	February 17
9:00 am	Roger Boetsch
Tuesday	February 18
7:00 am	Natividad Allic
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
12:00 Noon	Jose Arnaldo
Wednesday	February 19
7:00 am	Edgardo Y. Castro
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Lucille Arnaldo (Living)
Thursday	February 20
7:00 am	Nancy Regaspi
8:30 am	Angel Publico
12:00 Noon	Mary Russomanno
Friday	February 21
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
12:00 Noon	Joseph Bilicska
Saturday	February 22
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
5:30 pm	Emma Melecia (3rd Ann.)
Sunday	February 23
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Frieda Stinson (40th Ann.)
10:30 am	Kathleen McCarrick
12:00 Noon	Michael DePre

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hymnal # 1108

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

The eyes of God see all he has made.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:1-2,4-5, 17-18,33-34

Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17-37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

Message From Our Pastor

THE NEED FOR THE ROSARY

On February 11th this past week, we celebrated the apparition of Our Blessed Lady to St. Bernadette which took place on February 11th, 1858 (3 years following the dogmatic proclamation of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX) which gave birth to the devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. This devotion, like many other apparitions of our Blessed Mother, has become a powerful source of spiritual and corporal healing through the intercession of Mary.

This is why we have established devotions to our Blessed Mother every Wednesday, at 7 pm in our parish so that our parishioners can partake of the glorious blessings and graces that Mary, our Mother is so willing to dispense. In times of difficulties—when sickness ravages on; when things are very rough; when darkness seems to engulf us and no light in sight; when pain and distress becomes overwhelming and the healing process goes slower than hoped; when treatment and therapy seem terrifying and feelings of alienation abound; when worn out and weary and our life is overrun by impatience and negativity; when loneliness adds to anxiety and discouragement and despondency set in; when the disaster of sickness attack our self-esteem; when anger and resentment assail and it becomes hard to rely on others for help and care; when the anguish of the soul is intensified by the need for reconciliation; when our sick conditions is mistaken for divine punishment; when loved ones are far away and sickness causes financial hardship that leads to worry and despair; when our friends draw back from us because they are fearful of disease; when hunted by our sick conditions leading to pessimism and cynicism; when hunted by regret and the shame of past sins; when no one seems to understand; when medication seems to make things worse; when it is hard to find strength to go on or the appetite to pray; when suffering becomes very hard to bear and death draws near—there is a place to go; to our Blessed Mother.

In the Gospel of John, we read of the wedding in Cana when they ran out of wine. It was our Lady who noticed the situation and brought the matter to her Son, Jesus. Christ's response was, "what is this concern of yours to me?" Even though Christ did not initially think this situation warranted divine intervention, because mom made the request, He obliged. This is the power of a mother! Mary still holds that power in heaven. We lose out when we do not keep our Blessed Mother close to our affairs and homes. Remember it was because the groom invited our Lady to the wedding that brought about this miracle. Let us keep the Blessed Virgin Mary close to our needs, to our homes, to our relationships, to our situations. She is known to do something about it. Join us for communal intercessory rosary every Wednesday, 7:00pm in the Church. It is powerful, fruitful, and very spiritually fulfilling.

Msgr. Anselm

Weekly Calendar & Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am No Religious Education	February 16 RCIA Class, Murphy Room
Monday Parish Center Closed -	February 17 President's Day Rosary, Church
8:30 am No Religious Education	Dance & Wellness, LC
7:00 pm	February 18 Rosary, Church
Tuesday 8:00 am 7:00 - 8:15 pm 7:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Religious Education Contemporary Choir Practice Finance Council Meeting, Rectory CYO, LC
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm	February 19 Our Lady Devotion, Church
Thursday 8:00 am 7:30 pm	February 20 Rosary, Church Choir Practice, Church
Friday 8:00 am	February 21 Rosary, Church
Saturday 9:30 am 1:00 pm	February 22 Dance & Wellness, LC Confession, Church
Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am 10:15-11:00 am	February 23 RCIA Class, Murphy Room Religious Education
Eucharistic Preparation Mass - Reception of Bible at all Masses	

"SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated specifically for our utility bills and emergency Church repairs.

The next SOS collection is the weekend of March 7 & 8, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.

Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

Adoration

March 6, 2020

1st **Friday** Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

March 8, 2020

1st **Sunday** Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Devotions

February 19, 2020

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

February 26, 2020

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

March 4, 2020

4th Wednesday Marian Devotion
Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

March 11, 2020

1st Wednesday Marian Devotion
Our Lady of Fatima 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Marian Devotions are back in the

Main Church

Bible Classes

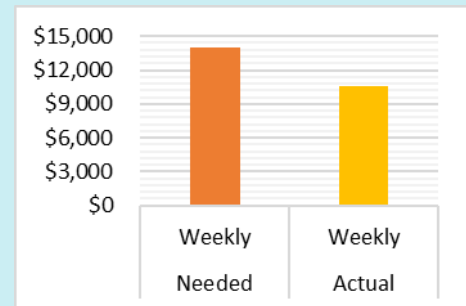
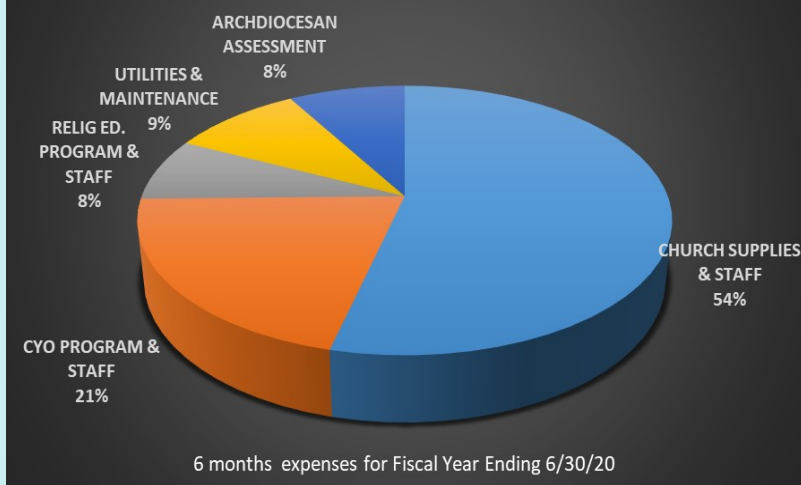
All Bible Classes on Tuesday, February 4, 11, and 25 at the Rectory

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

2/9/2020	Needed Weekly	Actual Weekly	Deficit Weekly
Collection & SOS	\$13,842	\$10,629	(\$3,213)

St. Michael's Church Operating Expenses July 1-December 31, 2019



The Stewardship of Treasure report has been revised to show the collections amount needed weekly to cover the operating expenses of the Church. Currently the Collection & SOS cover about 77% of the operating expenses. The deficit is the amount that the collections need to increase per week to cover the Church operating expenses. Do please in your generosity help us cover this deficit.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY Information**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

Time	February 15 - 16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 22-23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 pm	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez
7:30 am	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma
9:00 am	Julian Felix Jewelz Massicot Megan Felix Nicholas Laube Joshua Laube	Jean Felix Alisha James Nathan De Guzman Justin N. Gawel
10:30 am	Joshua Estoque Kamsi Emeh Carmella Mendoza Ian Galing Ryenne Ramah Aidan Perez	Johnnuel Magno Nwando Melie Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Ilagan Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi
12:00 noon	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan

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

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

cyounion@aol.com



God Bless Isabella Uschak and Joseph Matos who gave self written presentations on their Faith and relationship with Jesus at a recent Mentoring Night. All present were touched by their open and honest sharing.

Soon we will be adding Freshman to our governing Core Team of CYO Officers. Any freshman interested should see Phil.

Be sure to sign up for Service! You can get information on our upcoming Nursing Home Bingo, Quadriplegic Center visit and our day with the disabled Children.and remember, every night is a great night to bring a friend to CYO!

MINISTRY Information**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: Marilynn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are **NO** Religious Education classes on Sunday, February, 16th and Monday, February 17th. There **IS** class on Tuesday, February 18th.

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS REMINDER: Eucharist Preparation Mass #2 is the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd at all Masses with the exception of the 7:30 a.m. Mass. **This is a required event.**

Children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be called to the altar to receive a bible

SOCIAL MINISTRY**SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY**

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 February 18, at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ - a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten - 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at rscicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on our website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

Our next Grace Bags Outreach day is Tuesday February 25th, at the Parish Center located at 1211 Orange Avenue from **12:00 to 2:00 pm**.

Request forms can be picked up and filled forms dropped off at the Church vestibule by **Friday, February 21st**.

"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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St. Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, March 2nd. 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

Vincent Smith, Health Educator, Horizon BCBS.

Topic Senior Jeopardy.

Upcoming Events:

March 18th- Luncheon at The Brownstone featuring the Feast of St. Joseph. Reservation and payment will be collected at this meeting.

Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives.

Membership extended to those 55 and over.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church offers a variety of musical styles at the following masses:

Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am

Traditional and Contemporary Music

Sunday, 9:00 am and 12 noon

Gospel/Contemporary Worship Music

The 12:00 Noon Contemporary Band and Choir is looking for volunteers who can play the bass, guitar or sing.

Rehearsals: 7:30 pm on Tuesdays in the Church. Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at patrickphillips96@gmail.com



NOVENA of Masses

FEBRUARY 2020

Ann L. Corrigan	Jose J. Arnaldo
Jurusik & Arner Families	Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomano	John & Augusta Mahon
Leopold Enwonwu	James Ford Sr.
Deonilo & Vilma Baring	Roger Boetsch
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	Craig Calix (Living)
Donna Hornig	Maryann Hutchinson
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Gregory Ward (Living)	Adele & Bud Lynn
Avi & Endel Stafanau	Linda & Oscar Horn
Helen & Stanley Skora	Rosalie & Helmut Kikas
Special Intentions	George Rinehart
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
In thanks for God's blessings on the USA	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living Members of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Torres & Araujo Families	
Lucilia Susa Araujo and Manuel Pereira Araujo	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

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, 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 Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward, Marie Mate & David Randolph.

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

Jean Gattuso and Antonia Aguanno.



Announcements

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Any parishioners who have experience running **BINGO AND CARNIVALS** please contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS

Our **LENTEN SERIES** will begin on Friday, February 28th.

We will have guest speakers on Friday nights following Stations of the Cross.

More information will follow.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Seton Hall University

400 South Mountain Ave, South Orange,
NJ 07079

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Alive in Christ

The Eucharist...His Heart in My Heart

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Seton Hall University

400 South Mountain Ave, South Orange,
NJ 07079

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

2020 ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

The Archdiocese of Newark will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of CHRISTIAN marriage in the year 2020.

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark:

April 19, 2020 3:00 pm 5 & 25 years
(all counties)

May 3, 2020 3:00 pm 50 years
(all counties)

Please call Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 to register.

Parish Event Memories

"God is the Potter, we are the clay."

On Saturday, February 8th, our First Communicants enjoyed a presentation by Ray Boswell where he taught them about prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each child decorated their own blessing cup.



Prayer to St. Michael



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.