

St. Michael's Parish Community

We are Stewards of God's Gifts, Time and Treasure To Build Up The Kingdom



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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.

January 6, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.



Saturday 5:30 PM	January 5 Ed Stonack
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 6 For the Parishioners George, Frieda & Ann Stinson Antoinette Czaplá Donato & Elizabeth & Joe Pacicco
Monday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 7 Novena of Masses Dorothy Gabriel For the Parishioners
Tuesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 8 Ali A. Damestani Winifred Smyth Makayla Joseph (Living)
Wednesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 9 Joseph Nanchanatt Fernando & Alicia Arnaldo For the Parishioners
Thursday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 10 Jose Arnaldo Novena of Masses Serafin & Porferia Lacson
Friday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 11 Maria Rego Stanley & Beatrice Sipe Jeanine Joseph (Living)
Saturday 8:30 AM 5:30 PM	January 12 Mary Cryan Frank Karwowski
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 13 For the Parishioners Leoncia Lacanlale Giovanna Martorana Frederick M. Dittemer

ALTAR OFFERINGS
The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's feast is filled with ironies for us. It celebrates those from afar who early acknowledged that Christ child and reminds us of those nearby who were threatened by him. Living in a current political climate that debunks globalism and challenges the meaning of Christianity, we must ask: "How do we make Christ's presence known?" Who do we accept into our communities and our lives regardless of their origins? Christ's coming has always turned things upside down.

*Is 60:1-6 The new Jerusalem will shine in glory.
Ps 72 Every nation on earth will adore you.
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 The Gentiles are co-heirs in Christ.*

NOVENA OF MASSES – JANUARY 2019

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| <i>James Ford, Sr.</i> | <i>Alejandro T. Cruz</i> |
| <i>Jose J. Arnaldo</i> | <i>Ann L. Corrigan</i> |
| <i>Mary Russomanno</i> | <i>Serafina Sauro</i> |
| <i>Louis Sauro</i> | <i>Mary & Idolo Russomanno</i> |
| <i>Craig Calix (Living)</i> | <i>Jurusik & Arner Families</i> |
| <i>Harry Vendemia (Living)</i> | <i>Micheline & Joseph Kmetz</i> |
| <i>Chisom Odoemene (Living)</i> | <i>Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)</i> |
| <i>Martina Ikanionwu (Living)</i> | <i>Kosiso Nwosuh-Chika (Living)</i> |
| <i>Joanne Young</i> | <i>Yvette Meehan (Living)</i> |
| <i>John Francis Mahon</i> | |
| <i>Ogechizara Nwosuh-Chika (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Chinyere Odoemene (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Chika & Nunenna Nwosuh (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Kachi & Funke Odoemene (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Kosi & Chinedu Akporji (Living)</i> | |
| <i>John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, Leniart & McMahon Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo & Torres Families</i> | |



DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *members of St. Michael's Parish.*



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	January 6
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
6:30-8:30 PM	First Sunday Adoration, Church
Monday	January 7
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:30	Religious Education, LC
7:00-8:30 PM	Parish Council Meeting, Murphy Room
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
Tuesday	January 8
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education
Wednesday	January 9
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration, Church
Thursday	January 10
8:00 AM	Rosary
Friday	January 11
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:30 PM	Baptism Class, LC
Saturday	January 12
9:00 AM	Zumba, LC
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
Sunday	January 13
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass, Church
1:30 PM	Baptism, Church



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

Congratulations to the Winner of the December 16, 2018 Drawing: ANNA LAUDATI.

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.



On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank all the members of our Staff, the School Principal and in a very special way the chair of our Parish Social Events Committee Mrs. Cynthia Grandeza and the Decoration Committee Chair, Mr. Med Domingo and all their committee members for making Cardinal Tobin's reception on Sunday, December 16th a complete success. Every detail from the decorations, music, food and table settings were beautiful. We appreciate all the hard work and all your dedication to the parish. We thank our Parishioners for coming down to the Lower Church to receive the cardinal.

Msgr. Anselm

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

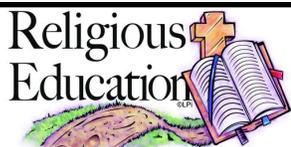
*Thank for your faithful giving to
St. Michael's Church throughout the year!*

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*

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.



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 Dragone at (908) 964-0965. We can also be reached via e-mail at smccd@comcast.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019.

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

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION: The Blessing Cup Retreat is being held on Saturday, January 6th at 12:00 p.m. in the lower Church. **This is a required event.** Your 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.



Thank you to everyone for your generosity to the nursing home residents at **South Mountain Healthcare Center**. Your gifts from the Giving Tree put a smile on many faces for the Christmas celebration! May God continue to bless you. A special thank you to Fr. Miles, Carol and Joe Furnari and Maureen McGee for their special help.

St. Joseph Social Service Center—Many thanks to all at St. Michael's for your generous support. Peace and blessing from *Bernadette Murphy, Director*

St. John's Church Soup Kitchen—Thanks to all of you who faithfully support us throughout the year. "Without you, there would be no St. John's Soup Kitchen." Our best gift to you this Christmas is our prayers. May the Lord who became flesh to share in our humanity bless you. May He who emptied himself for us be your inspiration to give of yourselves completely to those most in need. With your generous giving, you reenact the greatest story ever told, the story of first Christmas.
Fr. Bismarck

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRAULATIONS TO THE FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL!

6th Grade

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| <u>First Honors</u>
Alexander, Sean
Bongat, Samantha
Cartey, Katelyn
Henriques, Joanna
Henry, Jaeden
Panciello, Natalia
Thampi, Alex | <u>Second Honors</u>
Accimeus, Sarah Jane
Barbosa, Livia
Bautista, Klarissa
Biar, Jordan
Ceus, Grace
Clay-Green, Asiyah
Conway, Stephen
Cruz, Alexis
DeSousa, Lucas
Elan, Isabella
Gonzalez, Daniel
Gwozdowski, Abigail
Harvard, Jeremiah
Hoang, Alena
Hoyes, Haley
LaBranche, Morgan
Lopez, Alden
Mark, Kady
Melie, Nwando
Nnadi, Kingston
Pham, Kelly Ann
Suklall, Kevin |
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7th Grade

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| <u>First Honors</u>
Adesanya, Joshua
Holandez, Angelina
Lopez, Anthony
Perez, Aeryn
Reid, Jaiden
Riley, Drew
Villanueva, Isabella | <u>Second Honors</u>
Aquino, Alana
Barros-Dias, Kailey
Cardoso, Sophia
Coley, Abigail
Forde, Mayangela
Nnadi, Samuel
Opeyemi-Ajayi, Mosopefoluwa
Ramos, David
Simolia, Emery
Voltaire, RoyMickelha |
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8th Grade

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| <u>First Honors</u>
Cruz Alyssa
Delos Santos, Jazmin
Fernandez, Jianna
Freire, Cristina
Magno, Johnnuel
Panlilio, Nicholas
Rodriguez, Jonathan
Wong, Caitlin | <u>Second Honors</u>
Beauliere, Storm
Cabatu-Panlilio, Amiee
Castano, Gabriel
Ceus, Alan
Garcia, Steven
Harrell, Jhay
Hyppolite, Alexandra
Ifejika, Onyekachukwu
Krall, Ethan
Li, Jenny
Raposo, Brianna
Stubbs, Shakira |
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Time	Jan. 5-6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord	Jan. 12-13 The Baptism of the Lord
5:30pm	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Morgan Labranche 4. Salome Oropeza 5. Simone Oropeza
7:30am	1. Ifeanyi Adibemma 2. Chika Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike
9:00am	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Justin N. Gawel 5. Joshua Laube 6. Nicholas Laube	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Aidan Perez 5. Nathan De Guzman
10:30am	1. Joshua Estoque 2. RYANNE RAMAH 3. Lorenz Tangub	1. Johnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo
12:00 noon	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio 4. Gabriel Castano

SAVE THE DATE



Feast of the Santo Nino (Child Jesus) on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 3:30 PM Fellowship follows immediately after the Mass.

Everyone is invited!

More information will follow.

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, 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 Czaplá & Stephen Czaplá, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Joseph Cantalupo, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez & Adriana DeJesus and Harry Vendemia.



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.



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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should as each day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty. Help me fill it with good things.
Each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings.
Amen.

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.



SPECIAL NEW YEAR MESSAGE

As we celebrate Christmas and enter into the blessings of the New Year, I just want to share this simple reflection about the mystery of life. The seed for this thought was planted in me while I was watching the beautiful fireworks displayed by the township of union this past July 4th independence Day celebration. We were all sitting in the parking lot of the church and you could hear the shots go off, then the fireworks rising and shining, and finally blasting into the air scattering its beautiful colors. For a few seconds, it looked awesomely beautiful and then suddenly it faded out into the thin air with no imprints left. After a few minutes, it dawned on me that life could just be exactly like that – a beam of light, so present today but that can suddenly fade out and die.

I then thought to myself, if this is how life could be, we should then be in the business of using every single opportunity we have to live it out loud; to make the best use of it while it lasts; to commit to life – to commit not just to belong but to participate; not just to care but to stretch out our hands and help; not just to believe but to practice; not just to be fair but to be just, not just to give but to be generous; not just to forgive but to forget; not just to dream but to act. Many a time, we are too focused on yesterday and on tomorrow that we forget to live out today. Yet, yesterday is gone forever and we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Today is all that we have. Bottom line, we are perishable items and life needs to be lived accordingly.

Therefore, as this New Year dawns upon us, let's not waste time worrying, otherwise you will be using your imagination to magnify the negative and create unwarranted nightmares. Let's not waste time being angry, otherwise you will only be adding more wrinkles to your face instead of dimples. Let's not waste time harboring grudges and unforgiveness, for you do not want God to remember all your sins in detail. Let's not waste time being envious of others, for you cannot attract what you attack! Let's not spend time cursing and reviling, for you will only be telling others how low you have gotten. Let's not waste time hurting people in word and deed, for whatever you bring into existence will eventually come back to you as experience. Let's not waste time gossiping and sowing seeds of discord, for what goes around comes around. Let's not waste time sitting around with scoffers and detractors, for one day your name will be on their list. Let's not waste time worrying that we will one day die, for then you will never begin to live life anyway. Let's not waste time in regrets and reliving yesterday's problems, for you are simply ruining today's joy. Let's not waste time procrastinating, for you are simply using the future to escape the task at hand. Let's not waste time living in fear, for you will only be frustrating the energy needed for good living. Let's not waste time waiting upon destiny and good luck, for you will only be hoping for things to happen to you instead of making them happen for you. Let's not waste time looking for people's approval, for you will only be living your life for others and not for yourself and your God. Let's not waste time living in misery, for misery loves miserable company. Let's not waste time in hate and bigotry, for you will only be draining joy and peace out of your life. Let's not waste time being lonely, for loneliness is not lack of company but lack of purpose.

My dear friends, the New Year is a blessing and one more opportunity to live out our destiny with the unfailing recognition that life is too short and that we need to live it while we can. As we embrace the New Year therefore, let our eyes see the best; let our hearts forgive the worst; let our minds think good thoughts; let our souls never lose faith and let our spirits rejoice in the Lord God our Savior. Happy New Year!

Msgr. Anslem