



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 12, 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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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

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.

Masses Intentions And Readings

Saturday	January 11
5:30 pm	Frank & Genevieve Karwowski
Sunday	January 12
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary
10:30 am	Jordan Mozia (Living)
12:00 Noon	David Jones
Monday	January 13
7:00 am	Michelle Rose Iacone
8:30 am	Juan Ezpeleta, Jr.
12:00 Noon	Kathleen McCarrick
Tuesday	January 14
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Aris Francisco, Sr.
12:00 Noon	Rosalina M. Reyes
Wednesday	January 15
7:00 am	Redemption Renee Canlas
8:30 am	Claire Kelly Gillick
12:00 Noon	Silvia Abreu
Thursday	January 16
7:00 am	Felicitation Regala
8:30 am	Nido Valencia
12:00 Noon	Family Ferreira & Figueiredo
Friday	January 17
7:00 am	Ramona Quintero & Mariana Quintero
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Reggie Malabanan
Saturday	January 18
8:30 am	Michaelle Ben Yehuda (Living)
5:30 am	Winifred Smyth
Sunday	January 19
7:30 am	Elseo Fernando (3rd Ann.)
9:00 am	For the Parishioner
10:30 am	Chinwe Melie (Living)
12:00 Noon	Alejandro T. Cruz

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Jordan Mozia (Living), requested by Josephine and Michael Mozia.

Baptism of the Lord **Hymnal # 1014**

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

The servant of the Lord shall bring justice to all.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10

The Lord will give peace to the people.

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

Message From Our Pastor

*Epiphany Strategies:
A light unto my path.*

Strategy Two: Noticeability

Expectation goes with the ability to notice things that matter to our expectations. While everyone else saw stars in the heavens, the Magi saw in the midst of a zillion stars, the Star of David. Many a time opportunities abound around us but our inability to notice them can impair our dreams and goals. Two people can easily come upon a heap of scrapped iron; one sees a heap of garbage while the other sees materials for spare parts. Scripture says that in all circumstances, God does provide windows of opportunity to help us out (Ref. 1 Cor. 10:13). The ability to keep eyes and ears open to relevant facts and materials relative to expectations is a key ingredient in any successful endeavor. A mad man once said that he makes the sign of the Cross both in his frontal and in his backside directions, so that no matter which way the kingdom comes, he will be in it. It is important to develop the ability to pay attention to our environment, to notice the pain around us, and to be aware of the impact of our behavior on others. Paying attention to notice little details, little important things that matter, is truly important. Attention to detail is a key component in giving life to our dreams.

Strategy Three: Action

When the Magi saw the Star of David, they immediately swung into action; they headed out to Bethlehem. No matter what ideas, goals and dreams we have in life; no matter how many opportunities we encounter, without action, those ideas, goals and dreams will never grow bigger than the brain cells they occupy in our minds. It is at the level of action; at the level of doing, not words, that life happens. One of my friends once said that the difference between those who get rich and those who are poor is that the poor man has an idea and does nothing about it while the rich man gets a small idea and pursues it with passion. Procrastination is a grave into which dreams are buried, and when married to excuses, constitutes the deadliest tool in the devil's arsenal for the annihilation of human dreams and aspirations. There is always something we can do today about our dream; something that can get us going toward a desired goal. The Magi mounted on their camels and set out toward Bethlehem. As the saying goes, visions succeed when followed by ventures. It is never about big steps in the future as it is about small steps taken just now. I truly believe that none of us has gotten to where we are today by great deeds planned; rather we are where we are today because of small deeds done. May the good Lord grant us the zeal for action.

To be continued next week (Part 3)...

Msgr. Anselm

Weekly Calendar & Stewardship Of Treasure

<p>Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am 9:00 am</p> <p>10:15 - 11:30 am 1:30 pm</p> <p>Monday 8:00 am 3:30 - 4:30 pm 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday 8:00 am 7:00 - 8:15 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Thursday 8:00 am 7:30 pm</p> <p>Friday 8:00 am 7:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday 9:30 am 1:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am No Religious Education</p>	<p>January 12 RCIA Class, Murphy Room Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass, Church Religious Education Baptism, Church</p> <p>January 13 Rosary, Church Religious Education Dance & Wellness, LC</p> <p>January 14 Rosary, Church Religious Education CYO, LC</p> <p>January 15 Our Lady Devotion, Chapel</p> <p>January 16 Rosary, Church Choir Practice, Church</p> <p>January 17 Rosary, Church Baptism Class, LC</p> <p>January 18 Dance & Wellness, LC Confession, Church</p> <p>January 19 RCIA Class, Murphy Room</p>
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"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 February 1 & 2, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.

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

1/5/2020	Needed	Actual	Deficit
Collection & SOS	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
	\$13,242	\$10,594	(\$2,648)

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 80% of the operating expenses. The deficit is the amount that the collections needed to increase per week to cover the Church operating expenses.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

Adoration

February 2, 2020

1st **Sunday** Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

February 7, 2020

1st **Friday** Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Devotions

February 5, 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

Marian Devotion are now in the Parish Center (Convent) Chapel on 1211 Orange Avenue. Please ring the bell to be ushered in.

Bible Classes

All Bible Classes will resume in February 2020

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.

MINISTRY Information

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Time	January 11-12 The Baptism of the Lord	January 18-19 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 Nathan De Guzman Justin N. Gawel	Megan Felix Aidan Perez Jewelz Massicot Joshua Laube Nicholas Laube
10:30 am	Johnnel Magno Nwando Melie Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Ilagan Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi	Joshua Estoque Ryenne Ramah Kamsi Emeh Carmella Mendoza Ian Galing
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

We, at SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY would like to thank the following groups for their generous donations over this past year and especially during the holidays:

St. Michael's Religious Education Program
St. Michael's CYO
St. Michael's School
Battle Hill School
Knights of Columbus 4504
Columbiettes – Knights of Columbus 4504
Affiliated Monitoring

Special thanks to all of our parishioners who donate at the weekend masses all year round.

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

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** classes on Sunday, January 19th and Monday, January 20th due to Martin Luther King Day. There are also **NO** classes on Sunday, January 26th due to Catholic Schools Week.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Will be held on Sunday, **January 12th** at the 9:00 a.m. mass. The children are taken to the lower Church to hear the gospel in words they can understand. An activity may follow. The children are taken upstairs afterwards for the rest of the mass. Students in grades 1 through 5 are welcome. Please join us!

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News



cyouunion@aol.com

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our members and their families for the tremendous amount of Baby Items they donated for our Christmas Service Project to benefit the Hands of Grace Ministry (HUGS). Your generosity will go far and help many in need! God Bless!

Special thanks also go to our Freshman and Sophomore members who served family dinner to the elderly at the Nursing Home the week before Christmas and to our older members who held a Christmas Dessert Party for those at the Quadriplegic Center and collected Toys for needy children. Great examples of putting your Faith into action! Be sure to sign up for January's Service Projects at CYO!



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School will be having an open house on Sunday, January 26th from 10:30am-12:00pm. We offer Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten through 8th grade.

To set up an individual tour, please contact Mrs. Scicolone at rscicolone@smsunion.org. All prospective families are welcomed to come tour and explore our amazing school! Don't forget to check out our website at smsunion.org

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

DEBUT "Grace Bags" GIVE AWAY

In the spirit of Christmas, HUGS Ministry held their first "Grace Bags" give away. Thank you to all ministry members, who diligently gave their time, talent and treasure in ensuring a successful debut. Thank you also to all the families who showed up to be graced by St. Michael's Grace Bags. And a special thank you to Detective Johnson for connecting the ministry with the Special Victims Division. The division sent a note, which read,

"The officers and detectives are very grateful and send their sincere thanks to all the hands that helped make it possible for victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes to receive donations from the ministry at St. Michael's Church. You have helped put a little bright light in the lives of these victims. Thank you very much."

A total of **28 Bags** were given out.

A big thank you also goes to all donors, who generously help to keep the ministries inventory buoyant.



ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St. Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, January 20th (weather permitting). Doors will open at 11:30 for coffee and social time. Our general meeting will begin at 12 Noon in the lower church followed by Bingo. Reminder: Membership fees are due.

Upcoming Event:

March 16th Luncheon at The Brownstone featuring the Feast of St. Joseph
Remember the 'Penny Jar' to support parish initiatives.
Membership extended to those 55 and over.

NOVENA OF MASSES

JANUARY 2020

Ann L. Corrigan	Jose J. Arnaldo
Jurusik & Arner Families	Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomano	John & Augusta Mahon
Serafina Sauro	Louis Sauro
Leopold Enwonwu	Luis Carrega
Michael DeGregio	Scott Leddy
Avi Stefanan	Joanne Young
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz	Craig Calix (Living)
Alfred Pruskowski	Donna Hornig
Ricardo Araujo (Living)	Helena Araujo (Living)
Anamaria Pais (Living)	Luis Pais (Living)
Jorge Cadenas (Living)	Grace Cadenas (Living)
Gregory Ward (Living)	Eddy Leddy
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour	
In thanks for God's blessings on the USA	
Ambrose Ngwa Akonteh & Elva Muneton (Living)	
Joseph Doman & Joanne Milana Doman (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruskowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Lucilia Araujo & Maria Cruz (Living)	

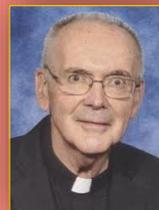
SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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, Claudette Kallabeen, Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, 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, Gregory Ward & Marie Mate.

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, **Rev. Ward Moore.**



Parish Event Memories

SIMBANG GABI
(CHRISTMAS EVENING MASS)
DECEMBER 19, 2019



Parish Event Memories

CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT & MASS
DECEMBER 24, 2019



Announcements

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

You can use the Altar Offerings -
Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp can be used for **Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.**