

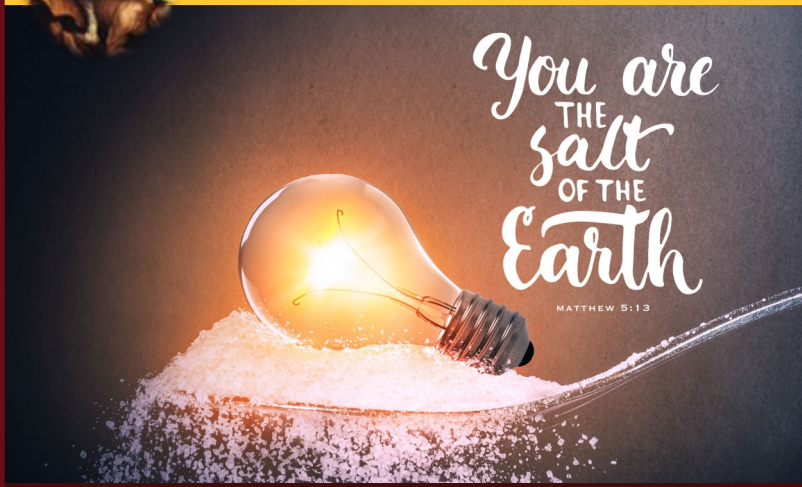


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 09, 2020

FIFTH 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 Dragoné, *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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School: 908-688-1063
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Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762
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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 8
5:30 pm	Patricia Galanti
Sunday	February 9
7:30 am	Wilfredo Berrio
9:00 am	Irene Endler
10:30 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
Monday	February 10
7:00 am	Natalie C. Vital
8:30 am	Mary Russomanno
12:00 Noon	Marcel Depestre
Tuesday	February 11
7:00 am	Allen J. Mench
8:30 am	Patricia Neufeld
12:00 Noon	Silvia Abreu
Wednesday	February 12
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Josefina Alvero
12:00 Noon	Raymond Scurko
Thursday	February 13
7:00 am	Alton Famarin
8:30 am	Serafin & Porferia Lacson
12:00 Noon	Kent Charlottin (Living) - Thanksgiving
Friday	February 14
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Philip Montalto
12:00 Noon	Vito & Ethel Macaluso
Saturday	February 15
8:30 am	Harold McLean (1st Ann.)
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

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hymnal # 1104

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:4-9

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Message From Our Pastor

Charity: The Power of True Faith

A mother and her two kids had just arrived at Penn Station, Newark to board their train to Philadelphia. While they were waiting for the train to arrive, the boys wanted to buy some candy from the candy nearby. Mum gave them some money and off they went. Within a short time, the younger of the two boys came back to mummy asking for money to buy candy. Mum was furious and demanded to know what happened to the money she gave to him. The young boy told her: "I gave it to Jesus"! Mum looked at him with a stern look and dragging him by the hand, said: "You better show me that Jesus right now"! The kid took her to the side of the candy store and pointing to a homeless man sitting on the floor, said, "I gave it to him".

Today's readings make a clear statement: true worship is more than religious ritual, going to Church every Sunday, fasting, and reading the Word of God. God doesn't want us getting all pious when we have unforgiven sins in our heart, when we feel wrath and rage against others, when we look down upon others and steal joy from their lives. In the book of Tobit, we read about Archangel Raphael who said: "Praying and fasting are good, but better than both is charity with righteousness". The truth is that genuine compassion for the oppressed, the marginalized, and the helpless is very pleasing to God. It wipes out a multitude of sins, keeps the face of God focused on us, opens the gates of heaven for salvation and keeps our relationship with God on the right path. While it is true that we cannot be saved without faith in Christ Jesus, our faith will lack sincerity and authenticity if it doesn't reach out to others. What God wants of us is that our fasting and prayer must go beyond our own personal growth and reach out to acts of kindness, charity, justice, and generosity. Acts of kindness go beyond giving money. We can give joy, happiness, edification, upliftment, encouragement, time, talent, presence, listening ear, compassion, etc. to others. As Scripture says, we are the hand of God for those in need.

Msgr. Anselm

Thank you

St. Michael's Parish would like to thank the following people who donated our new Nativity Set used during Christmas: Med Domingo, Madessa Espina, Betty Falcone, Mari-to Go, Cynthia Grandeza, Olive Lenon and Resy Mil-lora-Dilag. For providing transportation: Noy Lopez, Jack & Vanessa Gutierrez For the purchase of additional Christmas lights: Delia Famarin.



Thank you for your generosity to our Parish!

Weekly Calendar & Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am 9:00 am	February 9 RCIA Class, Murphy Room Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass, Church
9:00 - 11:30 am 1:30 PM	Religious Education (Extended Session) Baptism, Church
Monday 8:00 am	February 10 Rosary, Church
3:30 - 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Religious Education Dance & Wellness, LC
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 11 Rosary, Church
7:00 - 8:15 pm 7:30 pm	Religious Education Contemporary Choir Practice
7:00 - 8:00 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Bible Class, Rectory CYO, LC
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm	February 12 Our Lady Devotion, Church
Thursday 8:00 am	February 13 Rosary, Church
7:30 pm	Choir Practice, Church
Friday 8:00 am	February 14 Rosary, Church
Saturday 9:00 am	February 15 Morning Reflections, LC
10:00 am	Dance & Wellness, LC
1:00 pm	Confession, Church
Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am	February 16 RCIA Class, Murphy Room
No Religious Education	

"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 12, 2020

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

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

Marian Devotions are back in the
Main Church

Bible Classes

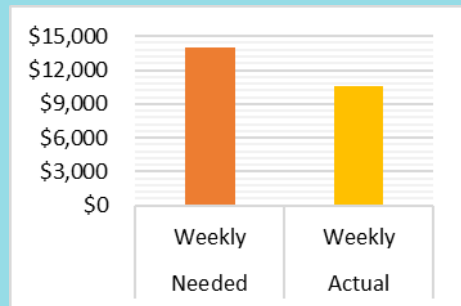
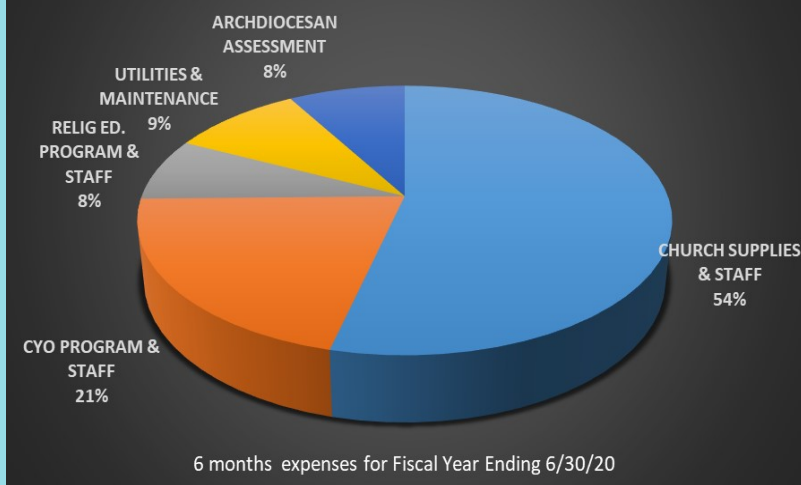
All Bible Classes on Tuesday, February 4, 11, and 25 at the Rectory

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

2/2/2020	Needed Weekly	Actual Weekly	Deficit Weekly
Collection & SOS	\$13,995	\$10,620	(\$3,375)

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 76% 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 8-9 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 15 - 16 6 th 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 Justin Gawel Nathan De Guzman	Julian Felix Jewelz Massicot Megan Felix Nicholas Laube Joshua Laube
10:30 am	Johnnuel Magno Aidan Perez Samuel Ilagan Joshua Omoruyi 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

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

SUNDAY CCD STUDENTS will have an extended session on February 9th. They are to attend the 9:00 a.m. mass and sit with their class. They will go directly to the school for class after mass. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. **This session counts as two classes. 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

Our **LENTEN SERIES** will begin on **Friday, February 26th**. We will have guest speakers on Friday nights following Stations of the Cross. More information will follow.

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 rsicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

UPDATE

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).

On **Tuesday, January 28th**, 9 Big Boxes and 3 Family Bags were distributed.

We are also proud to announce that we have established affiliation with the following Distribution Outlets:

- *Tainas Guerreras (Relief organization for the recent earthquake in P.R.)
- *Hillside Police Department
- *Plainfield Police Department
- *Division of Child Protection and Permanency of Union
- *Newark Police Dept., Special Victims Division
- *Union County Prosecutors Office

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**.

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

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



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

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

St. Michael's Parish.



Announcements

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

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

THANK YOU

To my brothers and sisters in Christ,

There are no words to express what is in my heart. The outpouring of love, support and friendship received to my family upon the death of my beloved husband was amazing. To all of St. Michael's parish "the best parish ever" — my family and I thank you for sharing your time with us, for your kindness, and for your many gifts of food, flowers, masses and etc. My dear husband, Roger, in his own way would have been touched.

Please know that I love you all and shall always remember each of you in a special way in my heart and in my prayers. Hugs and smiles,

Kathleen Boetsch and Family

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.

Upcoming Events

LIVING THE GOSPEL MORNING REFLECTION

(BEING BOLD & CATHOLIC)

Every **THIRD** Saturday of the Month



9:00 - 10:00 AM

In the Lower Church Hall

→ **FEBRUARY 15TH** ←

Save the Date

Friday, September 25th, 2020

7:30 - 11:30 pm

St. Michael's Annual

DINNER DANCE

Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ

Celebration details to follow

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.