



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

ADDRESS

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TELEPHONES

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DEVOTIONS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Sunday and 1st Friday

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Up Close and Personal

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1st, 2nd and 4th

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. 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.

MASSES INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Saturday	December 14
5:30 pm	Carmen Tato (18th Ann.)
Sunday	December 15
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Jose Isirio Torres
10:30 am	Teresita Ezpeleta (Living)
12:00 Noon	Lise & Ilvert Beauliere
Monday	December 16
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Philip Thomas (11th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Jean Plantin
Tuesday	December 17
7:00 am	Maria Antoinette Curioso
8:30 am	Vincente Tan (Living)
12:00 Noon	Aris Francisco, Sr.
Wednesday	December 18
7:00 am	Will R. Ford
8:30 am	Gabriel Jaison (Living)-Special Intentions
12:00 Noon	Rosa Mugavero
Thursday	December 19
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Joseph Gabriel
12:00 Noon	Arthur McMahon (51st Ann.)
Friday	December 20
7:00 am	Montilde Neira
8:30 am	Francis & Claire Gillick
12:00 Noon	Sita Kone & Roger Coulibely
Saturday	December 21
8:30 am	Senen N. Yago
5:30 am	Frank Salsano (16th Ann.)
Sunday	December 22
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Revenee V. Gancia (Living) & Edmon Jison (Living)
10:30 am	Philip Montalto
12:00 Noon	Alejandro T. Cruz

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Altar Wine is offered for St. Michael's Breakfast Club.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione & Family & Friends.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Hymnal # 999

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

A savior is promised to Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6

A song of praise to God our savior

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice always because the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"Be joyful always; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and it is usually referred to as "Rejoice Sunday", a day that reminds us to be grateful, to be thankful, to be joyful about life, about our blessings, about the goodness of the Lord. Researchers have found that people who focus daily on what they are grateful for, significantly feel better about their lives, are much happier, have increased goodwill towards others, have better hours of sleep at night, feel more refreshed upon awakening, and are more optimistic about the future than those who focus on hassles and resentment. To be thankful, even for little things is an attitude that changes lives. Today is a new day! This is a new Christmas! We can choose to be angry for what we do not have, and for everything that may be going wrong right now, or to be thankful for what we have, speak more favors into our lives, and let God do the rest. Today, eighty six thousand, four hundred seconds have been deposited into our life bank, using some of it to say "Thank your Lord!" may not be a bad idea.

Msgr. Anselm

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am
9:00 am

10:15 - 11:30 am

Monday

8:00 am
3:30 - 4:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Tuesday

8:00 am
7:00 - 8:15 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:30 pm

Wednesday

8:00 am
6:00 - 10:00 pm

7:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am
8:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Saturday

9:00 am
10:00 am
1:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am
10:30 am
No Religious Education

December 15

RCIA Class, Murphy Room
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Mass, Church
Religious Education
Bambinelli Sunday

December 16

Rosary, Church
Religious Education, LC
Dance & Wellness, LC
Parish Council Meeting,
Murphy Room

December 17

Rosary, Church
Religious Education
CYO, LC
Finance Council Meeting, Rectory
Contemporary Choir Practice, LC

December 18

Rosary, Church
St. Michael's School Concert, Church
& Lower Church
Our Lady Adoration,
*Parish Center Chapel

December 19

Rosary, Church
Simbang Gabi (Christmas Evening
Mass & Fellowship) Church & LC

December 20

Rosary, Church
Communal Penance Service/
Confession, Church

December 21

Saturday Reflection
Dance & Wellness, LC
Confession, Church

December 22

RCIA Class, Murphy Room
CYO Mass

ADORATIONS, DEVOTIONS AND 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

December 18, 2019

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

***Due to St. Michael's School Concert the Our Lady devotion will be at the Parish Center Chapel, 1211 Orange Avenue (Back Entrance)**

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

REFLECTION

December 14, 2019 2nd Saturday

Bold and Catholic Advent Reflection
9:00 am - 10:00 am

December 21, 2019 3rd Saturday

Bold and Catholic Advent Reflection
9:00 am - 10:00 am

BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Classes will resume in February

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>12/8/2019</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1/-12/8/2019</u>
Collections	\$ 9,754	\$ 156,717
Online Collections	\$ 1,006	\$ 15,233
SOS	\$ 1,998	\$ 52,965
Online SOS	\$ 1,072	\$ 13,885
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Total	\$ 13,830	\$ 238,800
Budget	\$ 12,139	\$ 234,818
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Difference	\$ 1,691	\$ 3,982

Thank you for your continued generosity!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ONGOING SCAMS

There is a scam going on in many parishes of the Archdiocese via email or text message where the scam artist requests for some kind of a gift card in the name of the pastor of the church regarding some help to a charity or other organization.

Please **do not** respond to such emails, text messages or WhatsApp messages. They are scams.

This is an important information to note.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hours for the Religious Education Office are
Monday through Thursday from
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Other hours are available by appointment.

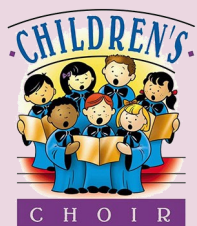
**Contact Coordinator: Marilynn Dragone at
(908) 964-0965.**

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

LAST DAY OF CLASS FOR CCD STUDENTS:

SUNDAY: December 15th
MONDAY: December 16th
TUESDAY: December 17th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 22nd and 29th, Monday, December 23rd and 30th, and Tuesday, December 24th and 31st. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 5, 2020.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

A choir of children from Grades 2 through 8 is being formed to sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. This year we are happy to obtain the services of Ms. Laurie Del-Guercio, who will direct the choir. Practices will be in the church on Saturday, December 7th, 14th and 21st **at 4:00 p.m.** and will last for about one hour. Children from St.

Michael's School and our Religious Education Program are invited to participate. Any questions? Call the Religious Education Office at (908) 964-0965.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child _____ in Grade _____ at _____ School to be part of the children's choir for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. I understand practices will take place on December 7th, 14th and 21st at 4:00 p.m. and will last about one hour.

Parent Name (Print): _____
Signature: _____
Telephone #: _____

Please call the Religious Education Office at (908) 964-0965 if your child will be participating. When your child comes to practice on Thursday, please send this form with them.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry invites the Parish family to its annual Christmas Eve Concert starting at 9:30 PM. This prelude is a beautiful way to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Peter Petrecca
Music Director



MINISTRY INFORMATION

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY

cyouunion@aol.com



Our Christmas Service Projects are in full swing and thank you to all our members who have signed up. Those projects include Serving a Christmas Dinner at the Nursing Home, a visit with the disabled children, a Christmas Dessert Party at the Quadriplegic Center, and collecting baby items and toys for the needy.

There is still time to sign up and donate for these Christmas Projects.

Be sure to check your Calendars and Text Messages for all dates and times. And remember.... "Christmas is the Season of Giving!"



HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

"GRACE BAGS"

The Hands of Grace Ministry whose mission is to assist in providing basic necessities for mothers and their children from birth to 5 years, is ready to serve the church community.

In the spirit of Christmas, HUGS will begin to give out Grace Bags to mothers in need on **December 24th**.

Request forms can be picked up and dropped off at the vestibule.

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



MINISTRY INFORMATION**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

Time	December 14-15 3 rd Sunday of Advent	December 21-22 4 th Sunday of Advent
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 Salome Oropeza Simone Oropeza
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	Carmella Mendoza Nwando Melie Ian Galing Kamsi Emeh 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

Please contact Tiago at stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com for more information.

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!

If you or someone you know is in need of food, please contact Mike at (908) 380-09700970. Our next pantry food date is on Tuesday, December 17th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue.

NOVENA MASSES**DECEMBER 2019**

Ann L. Corrigan
Jurisik & Arner Families
Mary Russomanno
Mary & Idolo Russomano
Serafina Sauro
Rosemary Sauro
Dr. Vic Tan (Living)
Dr. Theresa Madrid (Living)
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz
Antonio Oliveira Fernandes
Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Leopold Enwonwu
Dominick & Fanny Galante
Hugo & Angela Rinaldy
Cecelia M. Linfante
Isaac Adolf Muchiri
Targelia Penafiel (Living)
Marie Caprio
Thomas Nnoli (Living)
Ursula Lopez Briones
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families
Joseph Doman & Joanne Milana Doman (Living)
Felicita 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 Aarajo & 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

Lucia D'Amato
James Ford, Sr.
Alejandro T. Cruz
John & Augusta Mahon
George Rinehart
Jesus Duenas
Luis Carrega
Carmen Stewart
Vincent A. DiBisceglie
Craig Calix (Living)
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Pepita Capela
Julie Clerc
Bertha De Niscia
John H. Young
Mary Wambui Kariuki
Donna Hornig
Special Intentions
Solidad Molineo
Kathleen Turner (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, 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**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION****Friday, December 20**

Communal Penance Service with Confession

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, December 21

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Saturday, December 28

1:00 - 2:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES**Tuesday, December 24th**

7:00 am, 8:30 am

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm (Family Liturgy)

10:00 pm (Christmas Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day**Wednesday, December 25th**

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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!

Thank you to the Multi Cultural Ministry, the San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Group for the purchase of 20 plastic folding tables for the Lower Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE****Bambinelli Sunday****December 15, 2019**

There will be a blessing at all Masses this weekend of Baby Jesus figurines from your home nativity sets.

**Simbang Gabi (Night Mass and Fellowship),
Church & Lower Church**

Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 8:00 pm**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 **Ann S. Benedek, Michael Alfano and Chike Melie, Sr.**

**"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
January 5, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.