

# St. Michael's Parish Community

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



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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*

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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*

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](mailto: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.

## 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.*

**December 23, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 22</b>	
5:30 PM	Frank Salsano	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 23</b>	
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
9:00 AM	Jerry Crincoli (7th Ann.)	
10:30 AM	Carlos & Carminda Rosa	
12:00 Noon	Angelica Villorente (Living)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
7:00 AM	For the Parishioners	
8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
5:00 PM	Family Liturgy	
10:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
9:00 AM	Vito & Ethel Macaluso	
10:30 AM	Thomas Kip	
12:00 Noon	Jose J. Arnaldo	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 26</b>	
9:00 AM	Dolores & Esteban Bernardo	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 27</b>	
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses	
8:30 AM	Alton Famarin	
12:00 Noon	Lentz Joseph & Mao Gabriel Joseph	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 28</b>	
7:00 AM	Maria Tavares	
8:30 AM	Robert Neufeld	
12:00 Noon	Andrea Camuto	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 29</b>	
8:30 AM	Novena of Masses	
5:30 PM	Harold Gillick	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 30</b>	
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
9:00 AM	Carol & Henry Manzella	
10:30 AM	Angela & Daniel Raimondo	
12:00 Noon	Manuel Fazendeiro	

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Apuzzio & Bernardo Families.



*We want to adorn our Sanctuary with memorial flowers during this Christmas season so that our loved ones could join us in celebrating this Salvation mystery. Please donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in gratitude to God. Our budget for decorating this year is \$3,500. Flower envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church and in your collection envelopes. We look forward to the best decoration ever in our Church Sanctuary. Help us make it happen. Thank you.*

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

*These two short days before Christmas remind us of God's powerful promises on the brink of fulfillment. We are not the only ones waiting and wondering what is yet to come, especially in these uneasy times. We have the perspective of history on how earlier promises bore fruit, as well as our own yearnings. Do we believe that there are promises still to be fulfilled, and if so, how do we demonstrate that?*

*Mi 5:1-4a Hope of a ruler and shepherd who will "be peace".*

*Ps 80 Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face and we shall be saved.*

*Heb 10:5-10 Jesus offered himself to do God's will.*

*Lk 1:39-45 Elizabeth acknowledges Jesus in Mary's visitation.*

**NOVENA OF MASSES – DECEMBER 2018**

James Ford, Sr.	John Francis Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	George Rinehart
Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
Giuseppe Terriaca	Mary Russomanno
Serafina Sauro	Luigi Sauro
Rosemary Sauro	Ed Stonack
Medford Penk	Esperanza Rodriguez
Craig Calix (Living)	Clautaire Jean
John McConway	Jurusik & Arner Families
Joseph & Jennie Perna	Ricky Ellis
Frank Rubinetti	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Harry Vendemia (Living)	
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	Philomena Nwosuh (Living)
Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)	Kosi & Chinedu Akporji (Living)
John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes	
Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo & Torres Families	
Living & Deceased Members of DiFabrizio & Terriaca Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Rinaldy & Brenner Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Gesumaria Family	

**DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE****Sunday****December 23**

No RCIA

No Religious Education

**Monday****December 24****Christmas Eve**

8:00 AM

Rosary, Church

No Religious Education, LC

Parish Center Closed

7:00 PM

Zumba, LC

**Tuesday****December 25****Christmas Day**

8:00 AM

Rosary, Church

No Religious Education, Church

Parish Center Closed

**Wednesday****December 26**

8:00 AM

Rosary, Church

7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Adoration, Church

Parish Center Closed

**Thursday****December 27**

8:00 AM

Rosary

Parish Center Closed

**Friday****December 28**

8:00 AM

Rosary, Church

Parish Center Closed

**Saturday****December 29**

9:00 AM

Zumba, LC

**Sunday****December 30**

No RCIA

No Religious Education

**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

**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.

**Merry Christmas****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*

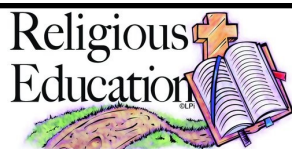
	Week of <u>12/9/2018</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1/-12/9/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 8,385	\$ 165,150
Online Collections	\$ 467	\$ 12,267
SOS	\$ 1,819	\$ 59,259
Online SOS	\$ 1,080	7,705
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Total	\$ 11,751	\$ 244,381
Budget	\$ 13,696	\$ 246,743
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Difference	(\$ 1,945)	(\$ 2,362)

*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.





**PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:** The Blessing Cup Retreat is being held on Saturday, January 5th at 12:00 p.m. in the lower Church. **This is a required event.** 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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:** There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2019.

**The Religious Education Office** will be closed from December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### CYO/Youth Ministry News

[cyounion@aol.com](mailto:cyounion@aol.com)



We would like to thank our members who made our Christmas Presentation of **THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** the beautiful performance it was. God Bless them all!

### FESTIVAL CAST

Mary.....Christina Moran  
Joseph.....Matthew Fazendeiro  
Angel Gabriel.....Jacob Randolph  
Angels.....Natalie Colon, Gabriella Valente  
Elizabeth.....Kathleen Roque  
Inn-Keeper.....Randy Avila  
Servant Girl.....Larra Richeme  
King Herod .....William Sabogal

**Wise Men:** LJ Andres, Rhyan Almonacy, Marc Pereira

**Shepherds:** Dylan Cross, Daniel Keane, Michael Kelly, Kayla Silverio

**Readers:** Aidan Perez, Meghan Gelcius, Paige Scheidemann, Eric Fernandez, Jessica Caggiano, Angelina DaPonte, Justin Novoa, Angelica DeStefano, Sebastian Castano, Kyla Ochotorena, Sophia Fandino, Michael Cross, Isabella Espana

**Lights/Stage:**.....Joseph Kreinberg

**Music:**.....Friends of CYO Choir



**KEVIN APUZZIO**  
**August 2, 1984—April 11, 2006**

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, St. Michael's Church and St. Michael's Parish School came together to dedicate the Lower Church classrooms in honor of East Franklin firefighter, **KEVIN APUZZIO**, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 trying to save a couple from a burning building. Kevin made the ultimate sacrifice for a person he had never met before. He was only 21 years old. Kevin attended St. Michael's School and was an Altar Server for St. Michael's Church.

A plaque was presented by the student council honoring Kevin Apuzzio. In attendance at the dedication ceremony were Dr. Joseph Apuzzio, Mrs. Marili Apuzzio, firefighters from the Union Fire Department and East Franklin Fire Department, Msgr. Anselm, Fr. Chuck, Fr. Miles, staff members of St. Michael's Church, principal, teachers and students.

The plaque and his picture can be found hanging above the door entering the Lower Church. It serves as a reminder that he is always by our side.

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**Eternal God, this joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate my heart and shine in my words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill my life and become part of all that I say and do. May I share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share my humanity. Bless me and the feast that You have provided for me, let me be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son.**

**Amen.**



Time	Dec. 22-23 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Dec. 29-30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
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. Ugochi Adibemma 2. Ifeanyi Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia	1. Chika 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 4. Kamsi Emeh	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo 5. Joshua Omoruyi
12:00 noon	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Gabriel Castano 3. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba

**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 Richard Shemanski, 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 Czaplak & Stephen Czaplak, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Joseph Cantalupo, Francisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez & Adriana DeJesus.*



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.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>*

1:00-2:00 PM

*Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>*

1:00-2:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

*Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM

**Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM (Family Liturgy)

10:00 PM (Christmas Midnight Mass)

**Christmas Day**

*Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

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

**NEW YEAR MASSES**

*Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

**New Year's Eve**

7:00 PM (Vigil Mass & Prayer Service)

**New Year's Day**

*Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

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**The GIVING TREE** is in the Church vestibule. We invite you to take a tag (or two) and purchase the gift items. Please return the items to the Church or Parish Center **as soon as possible**. Please use gift bags only, gifts **must not** be wrapped. Leave gift tags on the bag. Please help us make the Christmas holiday extra special to others.

Angel tags -Nuns at Caldwell

Snow flake tags—Nursing Home

American flag/drum tags—Needy Service People

Candy canes—Blessed Sacrament



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN  
BAPTIZED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2018**

Joseph Thomas Conneely

Jayeoluwa Adelusi

Jolaoluwa Adelusi

Oluwadarasimi Adelusi

Ezra Fuentes

Liam Fuentes



**Music Ministry invites you to it's annual Christmas Eve Concert at 9:30 PM. Come, relax and enjoy the concert as the spirit of song and drama unfolds the Christmas message.**



*Dear Parishioners,*

*Christmas is a special season, and the real reason for this season is the Child Jesus; God's most enduring gift to humanity, a gift like no other. In this birth is our only hope for salvation. In this birth is our hope for lasting peace. In this birth is God's unbounded love for us. Filled with gratitude and praise, let us hasten to the manger of Bethlehem and confide into the hands of our savior all the ponderings of our hearts, our joys and sorrows, our contentment and anxieties, our yearnings and hopes as we seek that peace and joy in our lives that only the spirit of Christ can provide.*

*May the grace of this Christmas fill you and your loved ones with abounding love, fulfilling hope, and security in God's peace.*

*Have a happy blessed Christmas and New Year!*

*Msgr. Anselm*