



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST 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:

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 Friday and 1st Sunday 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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*
Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*
Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Michael Alfano, *Permanent Deacon*
Mrs. Clare Andriola, *Pastoral Associate for Religious Education*
Ms. Cristina Manochio, *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 2:00 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)

Grade 1-8 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.

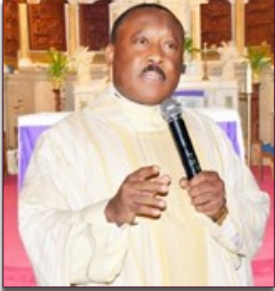
PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All parishioners need to be registered.

Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.



Message From The Pastors Desk



Dear Parishioners,

When President George Washington, in 1789, recommended and assigned Thursday the 26th of November as Thanksgiving Day, and when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November 1863, both presidents, in their declaration, saw the act of thanksgiving as not just limited to giving thanks, but also as a time to seek God's forgiveness for our communal sins, and a call to the responsibility of creating a peaceful, more just and equitable world. This is very interesting because both presidents saw thanking God for our blessings and good fortunes as intrinsically tied into reconciliation with God and to the greater responsibility of being benefactors to a world in great need of our kindness, goodness and mercy.

So, the act of thanksgiving involves the act of reconciliation with God, which involves the act of reconciliation with self and neighbor. No wonder Scripture says that if you are coming to the altar, to bring your gift-offering and remember that you are in enmity with your brother or sister, you should drop your offering, go and get reconciled and then come back and offer your gifts. What this means is that offering thanksgiving to God with an unreconciled heart is not an act acceptable to the Lord. So, let us forgive and be forgiven if we want to celebrate a true thanksgiving.

Also, the act of thanksgiving, according to these two presidents, involves reaching out to suffering humanity. Therefore, as we gather around the tables to eat, drink, and celebrate, let us remember and pray for those with little to eat and commit ourselves to caring for the hungry among us. As we give thanks for our relatives and friends, let us remember and pray for those who are alone and forgotten, and commit ourselves to doing something about it. As we thank God for our freedom and the pursuit of happiness, let us remember and pray for those silenced by the weight of violence, harsh rule, and oppression and commit ourselves to do all in our power to pursue justice, fairness, and equality for all. We can always begin from our families and neighborhoods.

My friends, the greatest act of thanksgiving is to recognize our responsibility to bring positive change in our world and this we can do by initiating little, daily, unexpected, undeserved acts of love, compassion, grace, and forgiveness towards self and others. While emotions like anger, hatred, disappointment, failure, and frustration will always be part of this life, the act of thanksgiving requires that we should never let them become our default emotions. We need to constantly choose to live life from a place of gratitude because this is how we can remain in a state of peace, happiness, and joy.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE: SIMBANG GABI CHRISTMAS EVENING MASS



Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 8:00 pm
St. Michael's Church

SAVE THE DATE: BLESSED CYPRIAN IWENE TANSI MASS



DECEMBER 12, 2021 at 12:00 noon Mass

SAVE THE DATE: BAMBINELLI SUNDAY- DECEMBER 12

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

Remember to bring your Infant Jesus to Mass this weekend.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER EDITION

stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



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.



Stewardship of Treasure

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**

11/14/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$10,598	\$1,560

Thank you to all parishioners. We are **over** the budget this week of 11/7/2021 by **\$1,560**.

Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form.

Dear Parishioners,
In order for us to stay in the GREEN, it is important that we meet our weekly budget collections and SOS. Please let us continue to support the weekly Sunday collection so that we can achieve our goals of balancing the budget going forward. Thank you for your support of the parish and your continued generosity.

Msgr. Anselm

Dear Parishioners,
If you are using Church donation envelopes, the volunteer counters would appreciate if you would consider the following:

- avoid sealing your envelopes with tape or staple
- please record the amount of your donation.

Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

David Bernot



-SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING-

Thank you to our parishioners who have started using Parish Giving. Sunday Collections donated online, using Parish Giving, has increased from 9%, in 2019, to currently 30% of our Total Sunday Collections.

Donating your weekly collections through the **Parish Giving online platform** is helpful now more than ever. Due to health and safety concerns related to the pandemic the number of volunteers that are available to count the collections has significantly diminished. By using online giving you are selecting the safest and easiest method of giving for St. Michael's Parish.

To start using Parish Giving go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Parish Giving button or **scan the QR Code above**, (with your phone camera) that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during the unprecedented emergency that we are experiencing.



Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	November 27 Alejandro T. Cruz Hermelo Verga, Sr.
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	November 28 First Sunday of Advent Arturo Cabatu Jose Isirio Torres George Rinehart For the Parishioners Trifina, Honofre & Cesar Beldua
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	November 29 Anthony Manocchio Lillian Kubritski Salvador V. Antonio
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	November 30 All Souls Jeanne Dolan Manuel Fazendeiro
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 1 Alan Jose (Living) - Thanksgiving Guillermo Alberto Novena of Masses Manuel Veloso
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 2 Florina Gualberto Bob White
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 3 Maria Clara Anolin (Living) Hernan Estrella
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	December 4 Cris Alexander (Living) - Birthday Jesus & Josefina Alvero Barbara Dittmer
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 5 Second Sunday of Advent Rose Bergel Lucila Sousa Araujo Chike Melie, Sr. Sefia Family Benefactors

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7

Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

A prayer for the Lord's protection

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday 9:30AM to 2:30PM (except holidays) or by appointment. We are located in the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Avenue. You can also contact us by phone 908-964-0965 at any time and leave a message or via email at smccd@comcast.net.

A Morning of Advent Reflection Saturday, December 4, 2021 begins at 9AM in the Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)

Please join us for reflection and discussion on the gift of God's grace in our lives – sometimes in unexpected ways! All are invited! A continental breakfast will be served. Our presenter, Barbara La Mort, will speak to us on "A Time to Savor God's Gift of Grace."

Please R.S.V.P. via email to Clare / Lois at smccd@comcast.net or call the Religious Ed Office.

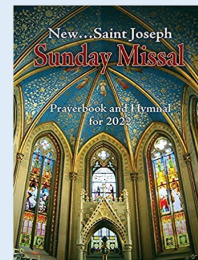


ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Please pick up your new missals in the sacristy, only take the one with your name on it.

Thank you,

Alberta Phillips



ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

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

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE
CHILDREN'S WINTER
OUTER WEAR TREE

HUGS Ministry will be unveiling their First **Giving Christmas Tree** on November 28.
For more information, please contact Bisi (908) 247-4461 or Tania (908) 420 8659



ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

We are in the process of updating the ministries you are involved in. Please contact your ministry leader if you are back on duty. Ministry Leaders, please contact Mary Jo at the Parish Center with your updated volunteer list.

ALTAR SERVERS

Please contact Fr. Miles if you want to continue to serve. Any children who have made First Holy Communion can be an Altar Server. Please contact Fr. Miles for more information.

RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano will be starting the RCIA classes every Saturday morning starting October 2 in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at michaeljalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.

Wellness Ministry
OUTDOOR
Dance & Wellness Classes
Saturdays at **9:30 am**



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
The 12:00 Noon Contemporary Band and Choir is looking for volunteers who can play the bass, guitar or sing.
Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at Patrick@patrickkbphillips.com



NOVENA of Masses

DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NOVEMBER 2020-NOVEMBER 2021

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| Josephine L. Wetzel | Catherine Astone |
| Ann Leone | Philip Matrale |
| Angela E. Walguarnery | Robert Buck |
| Barbara Lilley | Marilyn Senca |
| Alicia Puertollano-Caruga | Luigi Fabiano |
| Dorothy Deo | Carolyn F. Romano |
| Zully M. Trejo | Kim Treppunti |
| Steven F. Jacoby | Marco P. Cruz |
| Anne Wolff | John Liberatore |
| Rose Petescia | Julia Wasowska |
| Thomas Leddy | Rose Fresulone |
| Artemia B. Tan | Joseph J. Tamburro |
| Johanna Ciccone | Eleanor L. Schweitzer |
| Rosemarie Bergel | Anthony Manochio |
| Louis Cerami | Manuel Cid |
| Philip Bozlolus | Rosaira Parziale |
| Joanne Milana Doman | William Pettius |
| Josephine Ruisi | Thomas Cowan |

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward, Marie Mate, David Randolph, Fr. Roy Regaspi, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Lucy Scalgione, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas, Cesar DeJesus, Frances Mechado, Chet Janusz, Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Mary Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Aurora Manochio, Tom Ewing, Tony Zaliwski, Kathleen Kachelriess, Trudy Spinelli, Willa Jackson, John McEvoy, Stephanie Phillips, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid

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"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."
Charles Dickens

Our parish **Giving Tree**, long a tradition of Christian charity at St. Michael's will be greeting you once again during the Advent season.

CANDY CANES will represent the wishes of the children at Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark.

We are expanding our **GIFT CARD PROGRAM** to meet the needs of our many parishioners struggling during these difficult times. Supermarket Gift Cards are a valuable source of assistance. Consider Visa, Walmart, and local businesses.

Please return all gifts and gift cards on Sat/Sun. Dec 4/5 and Sat/Sun. Dec.11/12.

"Love one another as I have loved you." **John 15:12**

If you would like to contribute a gift card or monetary donation to the **SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC - CALDWELL**, we will have a separate collection bin in the vestibule of the Church clearly marked for these donations. Last year the Sisters were able to plan a lovely dinner celebration for their residents and purchase some needed items as a result of your generosity.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

The Holidays are coming, please consider donating food to the Food Pantry. You can drop off the food items at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) Thank you for your generosity.

JOB VACANCY
 Apply Now!

PART-TIME BUSINESS MANAGER

Practicing Catholic; strongly committed to Servant Leadership; Bachelor's degree or above, with 3-5 years of business experience; knowledge of accounting principles and practices; proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Quick books, and ability to use financial reporting programs; demonstrated ability to set priorities and to organize work effectively, including maintaining effective record keeping systems; strong communication skills, ability to compose correspondence and reports; ability to relate well with variety of persons; ability to negotiate and manage contracts with outside ven-

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 18

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, December 22

Communal Penance Service with Confession

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Times with asterisk will be Live Streamed

Friday, December 24th

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Family Liturgy

8:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

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

NEW YEAR MASSES

Friday, December 31st

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

New Year's Eve

7:00 PM Vigil mass & Prayer Service

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

5:30 PM (Sunday Mass)

SANTO NINO (INFANT JESUS)



Thank you to the Multicultural Ministry for donation of the new Santo Nino Statue. It is located in front near Mother Mary. The statue was made by Pema Woodcarvings in Italy.

SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2022

We have a limited quantity available for purchase. **Cost is \$5.00.** Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to pick up your copy.

BRADLY FUNERAL HOME has a free Zoom Webinar on Proactive Planning for all parishioners with Laurie A. Hauptman, Esq., an Elder Law Attorney and Ron Mowad, an Advanced Planning Funeral Director. Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 10:00—11:00 am. For more information, call 973-635-2428, ext. 140.