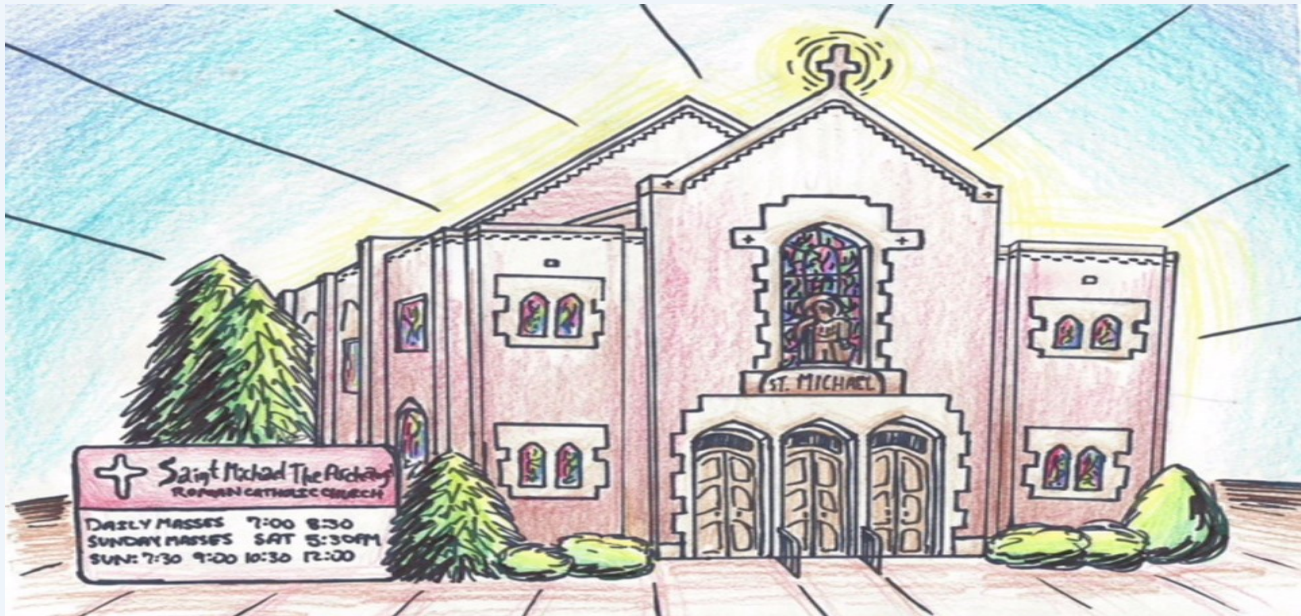


# St. Michael's Parish Community

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



## ADDRESS:

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## 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*

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

**December 9, 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## 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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 PM	<b>December 8</b> Chike Melie, Jr.
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>December 9</b> For the Parishioners Alejandro T. Cruz Olga Ilurralde Barbara Regina Dittermer
<b>Monday</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>December 10</b> Michael Vanacore (Living) Novena of Masses Alfred Lime
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>December 11</b> Maria Ribero Susan S. Prieto Vincent Giblin
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>December 12</b> Novena of Masses Raymond Patrick Gillick Carmen Ledesma
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>December 13</b> Weldon "Guy" Williams Adelaida Janiola Susan McMahon (Living-95th Birthday)
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>December 14</b> For the United States of America Emma Remondelli Juan E. Otero
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 AM 5:30 PM	<b>December 15</b> Francis & Claire Gillick Carmen "Charlie" Tato
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	<b>December 16</b> Deceased Members of the Lazcano Family For the Parishioners Raymond Gillick Thanksgiving—Espana Family

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary are offered for parishioners of St. Michael's Church.



*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 good. 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.*

***Second Sunday of Advent***

*God's word is a message of hope, and it has long been proclaimed in difficult times of exile, imprisonment and political turmoil. For those of us weary of dark news, the message may be a momentary relief on this Sunday. But do we believe it? What will it take for this word to settle deep in our hearts and even motivate us to take hopeful action on behalf of those for whom hope is meaningless? If not us, then who?*

*Br 5:1-9 A message of hope to those in exile.  
Ps 126 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 The imprisoned Paul writes of hope for Christians.  
Lk 3:1-6 John proclaims hope for the coming of a savior.*

**NOVENA OF MASSES – DECEMBER 2018**

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



**DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *Maria Pedrosa & Phillip Sefia, Sr.*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass
9:00-11:30 AM	Religious Education Extended Session
1:00 PM	Young Adults Group Family Christ mas Movie, LC
1:30 PM	Baptism. Church
CYO Grave Covers & Wreaths Sale	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
3:30-4:30 PM	Religious Education, LC
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:15 PM	Religious Education, Church
7:00-8:30 PM	CYO—Festival of Lights, Church
7:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting, Rectory
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00 PM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adora- tion, Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary
7:30 PM	Choir Practice, Church
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 14</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
6:00-10:00 PM	St. Michael's School Concert, Church
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
9:00 AM	Living the Gospel Morning Reflec- tions, LC
11:00 AM	Wellness Ministry—"Shaking the Salt Habit" , LC
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA, Murphy Room
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education
12:00 Noon	Cardinal Tobin Mass, Church
Bambinelli Sunday—All Masses	



*Cardinal Tobin, the Archbishop of Newark will celebrate the 12:00 Noon Mass with us on December 16th, 2018. There will be a reception for him immediately after Mass. Please come out and receive the Archbishop. This is the first time he is visiting our Parish. He is our guest; we must be good hosts. Let us celebrate together as a family. We need you and you are specially invited. You are welcome to bring a dish to share. For more information, please call Parish Center (908) 688-1232.*



**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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

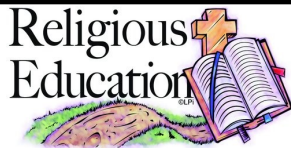
*Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Luke 6:38*

	<u>Week of</u> <u>12/2/2018</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u> <u>7/1/-12/2/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 4,808	\$ 156,765
Online Collections	\$ 707	\$ 11,800
SOS	\$ 9,361	\$ 57,440
Online SOS	\$ 500	6,625
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,376</b>	<b>\$ 232,630</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 13,696</b>	<b>\$ 233,047</b>
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<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 1,680</b>	<b>(\$ 417)</b>

*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.**



**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: Marilyn Dragoné at (908) 964-0965. We can also be reached via e-mail at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

**THANK YOU** to those who attended our retreat this past Saturday. Fr. Tom Iwanowski gave an enlightening talk on the liturgical calendar and the season of Advent.

**TUESDAY CCD STUDENTS** are to go directly to the Church for the Festival of Lights.

**SUNDAY CCD STUDENTS** will have an extended session on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** December 16<sup>th</sup> is Bambinelli Sunday. There will be a blessing at all Masses of Baby Jesus figurines from your home nativity sets.

**THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**



On Tuesday evening, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**, our CYO/Youth Ministry Program will once again present our Christmastime **Festival of Lights!**

At the Festival our members will reenact the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, Shepherds and other Christmas Characters. The event will also be accompanied by beautiful Christmas Music. It is an event to be experienced by all!

The Festival will begin at **7:00pm** in St. Michael's Church so please arrive by 6:45pm. (Doors will open at 6:30pm). Everyone is invited including all Parishioners, Families, Friends and Children. Our Festival is a night of Reflection, Music and Prayer to Celebrate the meaning of Christmas. Please make every effort to join us and remember, **JESUS** is the reason for the Season!



**CYO WREATH \$25**  
**GRAVE COVER**  
**SMALL-\$20, LARGE-\$35**

**DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2018**

**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. Practices will be on Thursdays, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> please send this form with them.

**CYO/Youth Ministry News**  
[cyounion@aol.com](mailto:cyounion@aol.com)



Our Teen Retreat "MASTERPIECE!" was a huge success in Christ Jesus and we thank those members who gave self-written presentations on their Faith to make that happen.

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| <b>Gabriella Valente</b>  | Masterpiece               |
| <b>LJ Andres</b>          | Relationships             |
| <b>Matthew Fazendeiro</b> | Jesus Christ              |
| <b>Natalie Colon</b>      | Prayer                    |
| <b>Christina Moran</b>    | Family                    |
| <b>Marc Pereira</b>       | Canvas                    |
| <b>Kathleen Roque</b>     | Forgiveness               |
| <b>Rhyan Almonacy</b>     | Free Will                 |
| <b>Larra Richeme</b>      | Gift of Life              |
| <b>Jacob Randolph</b>     | Bringing Christ to Others |

We also are grateful to the following who were discussion leaders:

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Nick Angebrandt | Russel Ayala      | Emily Blum    |
| Sienna Bucu     | Maria Fonseca     | Andrew Kelley |
| Josh Medina     | Nixon Puertollano | Amaya Rivera  |
| James Sipe      |                   |               |

"For we are God's Masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10

Time	Dec. 8-9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Dec. 15-16 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
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. Chika Adibemma 2. Uguchi Adibemma 3. Ifeanyi Adibemma 4. Jarlene Estopia	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike
9:00am	1. Julian Felix 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Megan Felix 4. Justin N. Gawel 5. Joshua 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	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo 5. Ian Galing
12:00 noon	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Jerome Fernandez 4. Jianna Fernandez

*We will have our "Bold and Catholic" reflections every Saturday during the Advent Season so that we can fully prepare for Christmas Come and enrich yourself. Sunday service is not enough for your spiritual growth. Just an hour: 9:00 to 10:00 AM*

**ACCOUNTING STEWARDS NEEDED**  
 These ministers are entrusted with counting the Church's weekly collections, prepare deposit slips and deposit the money into the bank. There are four counting teams that are responsible for counting the collections for three months of the year. Training will be provided. If you are interested in joining the Accounting Stewards Ministry speak to Msgr. Anselm or call the Parish Center Office at 908 -688-1232 ext. 100. Thank you.


**CHRISTMAS IS COMING....**

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 You shop. Amazon gives.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **St. Michael's Church** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that **Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. Michael's Church in Union, NJ.** Simply go to **smile.amazon.com** from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Select "**St. Michael's Church, Union, NJ**" to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. **Amazon Smile** will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at **smile.amazon.com** will result in a donation.

**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 Czapl & Stephen Czapl, 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.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE HOMEBOUND**

If anyone is homebound either permanently or temporarily and would like to receive communion, please call the parish center and we will arrange to have someone bring communion to you at a time convenient for you. If you would like to discuss in further detail contact Deacon Michael at 908-377-9713.





**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 by **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.



**DECEMBER 21ST AT 7:00-8:30 PM  
PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On Friday evening December 21st, we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus in the Lower Church. Msgr. Anselm heard from Santa and he promised to attend. We ask that each child attending bring an unbreakable ornament to place on our Christmas Tree. We have many surprises for all who attend. Photo opportunity with Santa, games and light refreshments. Hope to see you all on December 21st with happy faces.

For more information, please call Kathleen (908) 964-1715.



Music Ministry invites you to its 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.

**ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS**

**December 12th** – Christmas Luncheon Suburban Golf Club (Bus transportation will be provided.)

Please continue to support our charitable initiatives: Personal items for the homeless and needy. (Gerry Jones) Pennies to support church activities

Membership is extended to those 55 and over.



Young Adults Ministry  
Presents  
Christmas Movie Afternoon

**"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"**

Sunday, December 9th at 1:30 PM  
Lower Church

Parishioners of all ages are welcome

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**



St. Michael's Church Decoration Committee is in need of Christmas decorations for the Lower Church use. Any donation of new or unwanted but usable items such as small Christmas Trees, lights, stuff toys, balls, etc will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off next weekend by the Church vestibule or Lower Church. Thank you for your generosity.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 15, 2018**

**WELLNESS MINISTRY**

**SHAKING THE SALT HABIT**

**Presented by: Angie Loreti, NDTR**

**Join us and learn how foods high in salt sneak into our diet and effective ways to reduce them.**

**RSVP—Angie (908) 644-8866**

