

# 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.

**December 30, 2018**

**HOLY FAMILY**

## 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.*



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 29</b>
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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving to St. Jude
8:30 AM	Mark Niemiec (Living)
12:00 Noon	Thanksgiving to St. Monica
7:00 PM	For the Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 1</b> <b>New Year Day</b>
9:00 AM	For the Parishioners
10:30 AM	Estelita Alfaro
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Alton C. Famarin
12:00 Noon	Anna & Wladyslan Skoczylas
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 3</b>
7:00 AM	For the United States of America
8:30 AM	Joao Figueiredo
12:00 Noon	Norma Gonzalez
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 4</b>
7:00 AM	For the Parishioners
8:30 AM	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 5</b>
8:30 AM	Rose Manzione & Gale Tonry
5:30 PM	Ed Stonack
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 6</b>
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	George, Frieda & Ann Stinson
10:30 AM	Antoinette Czapl
12:00 Noon	Donato & Elizabeth & Joe Pacicco

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

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



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. Thank you.

**HOLY FAMILY**

Today's readings speak to us about living as a family and a community. They confirm that both require work, generosity, patience and openness to the unexpected. We look to the Holy Family as a model for ourselves, and we learn — with some relief — that Jesus' parents were as challenged and confounded as we often are. We can be like them because they were like us in so many ways.

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Hannah offers her only child, Samuel as a gift to the Lord.

Ps 84 Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Col 3:12-17 Living as a family and a community.

Lk 2:41-52 Jesus parents find him in the Temple among the teachers.

**NOVENA OF MASSES — JANUARY 2019**

James Ford, Sr.	Alejandro T. Cruz
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Mary Russomanno	Serafina Sauro
Louis Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Craig Calix (Living)	Jurusik & Arner Families
Harry Vendemia (Living)	Micheline & Joseph Kmetz
Chisom Odoemene (Living)	Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)
Martina Ikanionwu (Living)	Kosiso Nwosuh-Chika (Living)
Joanne Young	Yvette Meehan (Living)
John Francis Mahon	
Ogechizara Nwosuh-Chika (Living)	
Chinyere Odoemene (Living)	
Chika & Nunenna Nwosuh (Living)	
Kachi & Funke Odoemene (Living)	
Kosi & Chinedu Akporji (Living)	
John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo & Torres Families	

**DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 30</b>	
No RCIA		
No Religious Education		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church	
No Religious Education, LC		
Parish Center Closed		
7:00 PM	Zumba, LC	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church	
No Religious Education, Church		
Parish Center Closed		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 2</b>	
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 3</b>	
8:00 AM	Rosary	
7:30 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting, Parish Center	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 4</b>	
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church	
6:30-8:30 PM	First Friday Adoration, Church	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 5</b>	
9:00 AM	Zumba, LC	
10:00 AM-2:00 PM	First Communion Blessed Cup Retreat, LC	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 6</b>	
9:00-10:15 AM	RCIA	
10:15-11:30 AM	Religious Education	
6:30-8:30 PM	First Sunday Adoration, Church	

**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

214 tickets have been sold, 86 tickets left!

*"You have to be in it to win it."****Congratulations to the First Winner of the December 16, 2018 drawing: ANNA LAUDATI- \$1000!*****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.



On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank all the members of our Staff, the School Principal and in a very special way the chair of our Parish Social Events Committee Mrs. Cynthia Grandeza and the Decoration Committee Chair, Mr. Med Domingo and all their committee members for making Cardinal Tobin's reception on Sunday, December 16th a complete success. Every detail from the decorations, music, food and table settings were beautiful. We appreciate all the hard work and all your dedication to the parish. We thank our Parishioners for coming down to the Lower Church to receive the cardinal.

***Msrgr. Anselm*****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

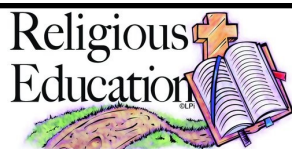
*Thank for your faithful giving to  
St. Michael's Church throughout the year!  
Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year*

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.** Your 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 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Laurie DelGuercio for directing our Children's Christmas Choir at the Family Liturgy on Christmas Eve. Thanks also to Nick Micelli for being our pianist. The children did an amazing job singing songs for all to enjoy.

#### **A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

**Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead.**

**Help me live the way I should as each day I tread.**

**Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend,**

**Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.**

**The year ahead is empty. Help me fill it with good things.**

**Each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings.**

**Amen.**

The **Columbiettes of Union** would like to thank the parishioners of St. Michael's for their support at our recent angel pin sale. With your help we were able to raise \$405.00 which along with other state chapter sales will be presented to seminarians and postulates at our convention in 2019. In 2018 we were able to award over \$18,000 from all sales. Pat Wittek

#### **SAVE THE DATE**



**Feast of the Santo Nino (Child Jesus) on  
Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 3:30 PM  
Fellowship follows immediately after the Mass.  
Everyone is invited!  
More information will follow.**

#### **CARDINAL TOBIN'S MASS AND RECEPTION** **Sunday, December 16, 2018**



Time	Dec. 29-30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Jan. 5-6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30pm	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Morgan Labranche 4. Salome Oropeza 5. Simone Oropeza	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Alexis Artiga 3. Blanca Salas 4. Ana Ruiz
7:30am	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike	1. Ifeanyi Adibemma 2. Chika Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Jean Felix 3. Alisha James 4. Aidan Perez 5. Nathan De Guzman	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Justin N. Gawel 5. Joshua Laube 6. Nicholas Laube
10:30am	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Nwando Melie 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Michael Durugo 5. Joshua Omoruyi	1. Joshua Estoque 2. RYANNE Ramah 3. Lorenz Tangub
12:00 noon	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba	1. Lance Fernandez 2. Jerome Fernandez 3. Jianna Fernandez

**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, 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, Augus-  
 ta Mahon, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapl &  
 Stephen Czapl, Louis Houmis, Clarence Roberts, Joseph Cantalupo, Fran-  
 cisco Cruz, Jr., Thomasina Rodriguez & Adriana DeJesus and Harry Ven-  
 demia.



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 noti-  
 fied otherwise.

**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 &amp; Prayer Service)

**New Year's Day****Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

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 ion, NJ.**

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**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.

**NEW YEAR'S HOUSE BLESSING**

20 + C + M + B + 19

**Heavenly Father, bless our home and those who dwell within its secure walls. Grant that  
 all people who visit will find us honest, just and hospitable. May we live this coming year  
 open to Your grace and mercy, as we walk in your truth.**

*Please cut and place the prayer above your front door and say the prayer.*



### SPECIAL NEW YEAR MESSAGE

*As we celebrate Christmas and enter into the blessings of the New Year, I just want to share this simple reflection about the mystery of life. The seed for this thought was planted in me while I was watching the beautiful fireworks displayed by the township of union this past July 4th independence Day celebration. We were all sitting in the parking lot of the church and you could hear the shots go off, then the fireworks rising and shining, and finally blasting into the air scattering its beautiful colors. For a few seconds, it looked awesomely beautiful and then suddenly it faded out into the thin air with no imprints left. After a few minutes, it dawned on me that life could just be exactly like that – a beam of light, so present today but that can suddenly fade out and die.*

*I then thought to myself, if this is how life could be, we should then be in the business of using every single opportunity we have to live it out loud; to make the best use of it while it lasts; to commit to life – to commit not just to belong but to participate; not just to care but to stretch out our hands and help; not just to believe but to practice; not just to be fair but to be just, not just to give but to be generous; not just to forgive but to forget; not just to dream but to act. Many a time, we are too focused on yesterday and on tomorrow that we forget to live out today. Yet, yesterday is gone forever and we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Today is all that we have. Bottom line, we are perishable items and life needs to be lived accordingly.*

*Therefore, as this New Year dawns upon us, let's not waste time worrying, otherwise you will be using your imagination to magnify the negative and create unwarranted nightmares. Let's not waste time being angry, otherwise you will only be adding more wrinkles to your face instead of dimples. Let's not waste time harboring grudges and unforgiveness, for you do not want God to remember all your sins in detail. Let's not waste time being envious of others, for you cannot attract what you attack! Let's not spend time cursing and reviling, for you will only be telling others how low you have gotten. Let's not waste time hurting people in word and deed, for whatever you bring into existence will eventually come back to you as experience. Let's not waste time gossiping and sowing seeds of discord, for what goes around comes around. Let's not waste time sitting around with scoffers and detractors, for one day your name will be on their list. Let's not waste time worrying that we will one day die, for then you will never begin to live life anyway. Let's not waste time in regrets and reliving yesterday's problems, for you are simply ruining today's joy. Let's not waste time procrastinating, for you are simply using the future to escape the task at hand. Let's not waste time living in fear, for you will only be frustrating the energy needed for good living. Let's not waste time waiting upon destiny and good luck, for you will only be hoping for things to happen to you instead of making them happen for you. Let's not waste time looking for people's approval, for you will only be living your life for others and not for yourself and your God. Let's not waste time living in misery, for misery loves miserable company. Let's not waste time in hate and bigotry, for you will only be draining joy and peace out of your life. Let's not waste time being lonely, for loneliness is not lack of company but lack of purpose.*

*My dear friends, the New Year is a blessing and one more opportunity to live out our destiny with the unfailing recognition that life is too short and that we need to live it while we can. As we embrace the New Year therefore, let our eyes see the best; let our hearts forgive the worst; let our minds think good thoughts; let our souls never lose faith and let our spirits rejoice in the Lord God our Savior. Happy New Year!*

**Msgr. Anslem**