



St. Michael's Parish Community

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

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 Mrs. Marilyn Dragone,
Coordinator of Religious Education
 Mr. Philip Matrale,
Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry
 Mr. Peter Petrecca, *Music Director*
 Mrs. Antoinette Telle, *Principal*

MASSES:

Sundays: 5:30PM(Saturday Evening)
 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon
 Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00, 8:30AM
 Saturday: 8:30AM
 Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

December 31, 2017
The Feast of the Holy Family

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.

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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every Family in the Parish should be registered. People who need to register, please call the Parish Center for information.

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.

The Feast of the Holy Family

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 5:30 PM	December 30 Francis & Claire Gillick
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	December 31 Feast of the Holy Family For the Parishioners Joseph Coruso Carmela Romano Jose Arnaldo
Monday 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	January 1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord & Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God For the Parishioners Jesus Alvero
Tuesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	January 2 Danny Sanchez Donato, Elizabeth & Joe Pacicco
Wednesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	January 3 Novena of Masses Vivian Punzalan
Thursday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	January 4 Genevieve Martelli Elizabeth G. D'Antico
Friday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	January 5 Novena of Masses Williamina McPherson
Saturday 8:30 AM 5:30 PM	January 6 Antoinette "Ginger" Czapla Special Intentions to the Blessed Mother
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	January 7 Epiphany of the Lord For the Parishioners Alejandro T. Cruz Makayle Joseph (Living) Nbusike Onosike

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for Walter & Irene McMahon, requested by the McMahon Family.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Jose Arnaldo.

Family life is always a challenge, and our religious ancestors had advice about how to make it work. Though many cultural values were different, we realize how family life was interwoven with faith. We don't know much about Jesus' family, but we hear today that they followed traditional Jewish laws. We tend to think of them as different from our own families, but like us, they would have struggled to understand what they were being called to. We are more alike than we think.

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Jewish advice on family relationships.

Ps 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Col 3:12-28 The virtues of a Christian household.

Lk 2:22-40 Jesus is presented in the Temple.

NOVENA OF MASSES—JANUARY 2018

James Ford, Sr.
Alejandro T. Cruz
Jose J. Arnaldo
John Francis Mahon
Cajetan Ezenida
Craig Calix (Living)
Ann L. Corrigan
George Rinehart
Mary Russomanno
Serafina Sauro
Louis Sauro
Carmen Stewart
Joanne Young
John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes
Jurusik & Arner Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami,
Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families
Living & Deceased Members of Joseph
Cicalese Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla,
Leniart & McMahon Families

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Louis Morillo and Maximo Esmejarda.**

**St. Michael's Parish Staff wish you all a very
Happy New Year!**



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday No Religious Education	December 31
Monday Parish Center Closed No Religious Education	January 1
Tuesday 8:00 AM 7:00-8:15 PM No CYO No Bible Class	January 2 Rosary, Church Religious Education
Wednesday 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	January 3 Rosary, Church Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting, Parish Center
Thursday 8:00 AM	January 4 Rosary, Church
Friday 8:00 AM 6:00-8:00 PM	January 5 Rosary, Church First Friday Adoration
Saturday 12:00 Noon 1:00-2:00 PM	January 6 First Communion Blessed Cup Retreat, LC Confession, Church
Sunday 9:00 AM 10:15-11:30 AM	January 7 Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass Religious Education

SAVE THE DATE

***Feast of the Santo Nino (Child Jesus) on
Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3:30 PM***

***Fellowship follows immediately after the
Mass.***

***Everyone is invited!
More information will follow.***

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Louise A. Del Russo, Dominick Vellanti, Gail Patania, John Canfield, Frank Egan, Cheryl & Victor Graziano, Dorothy & Henry Sohl, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Marianne Hunt O'Malley, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Leslie Zambrano, Virgie Palencia, John Czap, Joan Malespina, Sebastian DaSilva, Eduardo Salamat, Rosa Mugavero, Salvatore DeSimone, Clarence Roberts, Emanuel DeJesus, Tina Dubas, Alfred DeBeau, Michael Tobia, James Sysko, Ester Anni Ban, Raymond Ottao, Joseph Foster, Lucas Files, Ruth Guido, Blanca Tan, Bellew Family, Betty Falcon, Kim Treppunti, Rosemary Hunt, Danilo Ipo, Ed Stonack, Irzing Guazon, Rene Romero, Colette Zahodnick, Kathleen Sarno, Frederico Pajarillo, Vincent Vince, Antoinette Witsch, Flossie Abrigo, Scott Leddy, Manuel Domingo, Sr., Lucy Scalgione, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Rodney Lucas, Pamela D'Amico, Maria Espiritu, Rita Himiak, Dominick Monteleone, Martha Owens, Brian Phillips, Lily Hulsey and Katherine Friedrich VenAcker, Lucille Arnaldo and Fr. Jim Worth.

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.

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 12/17/2017	Yr. to Date 7/1-12/17/2017
Collections	\$ 7,764	\$ 189,228
Online Collections	\$ 350	\$ 4,134
SOS	\$ 1,873	\$ 74,009
Online SOS	\$ 10	\$ 1,270
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Total	\$ 9,997	\$ 268,641
Budget	\$ 14,544	\$ 278,139
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Difference	(\$ 4,547)	(\$ 9,498)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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. This year Christmas Eve is on a Sunday and we request that you give to both the Sunday Collection and the Christmas Collection the week of December 25. 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.

"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 is the weekend of January 6 & 7, 2018.*** SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.

The staff of the Religious Education Office wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas!

Marilynn Dragone and Lois Scanio
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 31st and Monday January 1st. Classes will resume beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Laurie Olson 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.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION: The Blessing Cup Retreat is being held on Saturday, January 6th 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.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dear Lord,

Let this be a year that moves us one step closer to each other. Let this be a year that brings us understanding in our hearts. Let this be a year that fills us with a yearning burning feeling for peace with one another and a oneness, Lord, with You!

FORMATION OF YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Vision: This Program is intended to form an active faith filled group for young adults at St. Michael Church, Union.

Mission: To initiate, build, and sustain an interactive group of young adults that will allow them to deepen their faith as Catholic Christians and serve as a support group to one another.

Attention young adults! St. Michael Church, Union, is forming a young adult group with the mission to initiate, build, and sustain an interactive group of young adults that will allow them to deepen their faith as Catholic Christians and serve as a support group to one another. This young adult group will provide fun, faith-filled activities for parishioners ages 22 & above. We will be having our first meeting on January 20th at 11 am in the Lower Church. During this meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to get to know each other and brainstorm future activities of interest. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by January 15th to Christina Dziedzic at dziedzicc@comcast.net.



NEW YEAR'S HOUSE BLESSING



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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.

Time	December 30-31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	January 6-7 The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30pm	1. Jennele Baul 2. Angel Rodriguez 3. Jonathan Rodriguez 4. Alexis Artiga	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche
7:30am	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uguchi Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia
9:00am	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. Alisha James	1. Aidan Perez 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Joshua Laube 4. Megan Felix 5. Julian Felix
10:30am	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Isabella Fernandes	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 3. Jedrek Kumi 4. Johnnuel Magno
12:00nn	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Gabriel Castano

CYO/Youth Ministry Newscyounion@aol.com

We'd like to thank all our members who donated toys for needy children through the Santa in Blue project. Special thanks to our College helpers William Sabogal and Jon Taborda who delivered the toys to the Police Department.

Our Christmas Cookie Party was a big hit at the Quadriplegic Center (Cheshire Home) last week and we couldn't have done it without our members who baked and served! All who participated made it a special night for the residents! God Bless!

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS NEWS

Monday, **January 15th** is our first meeting of the New Year please join us for our general meeting starting at 12Noon followed by Bingo. Doors will open at 11:30 for our coffee social.

Remember our charitable initiatives:

Pennies for Raphael House. (Carol Furnari)

Personal items for the homeless and needy.

(Gerry Jones)

Please join us. Membership is extended to those 55 or over.



Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish Hall Kitchenette will be completed by the end of this week. Three Items are needed to equip the kitchenette appropriately. I need people to please consider donating these items as a Christmas gift to the Church. All donated items will be memorialized.

Please call the Parish Center for more information.

A warmer: 120V/60Hz , 1800W, 15 Amps, Non-insulated Economy Heater Proofer Cabinet with a 36- 18" x 26" pan capacity with a 5" heavy duty swivel castors with brakes.

One 30" inch X 64" inch X 28" inch (dept) refrigerator with two horizontal doors, with upper door freezer and lower door refrigerator unit.)

One 54" flat TV for the rectory living room.

Msgr. Anselm

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

May the new year bring many blessings from our Good Lord.

Thank you to our chairs, Mr & Mrs. Spassione, for a wonderful Honors Breakfast!

We are currently providing personal tours for our 2018-2019 registration. Please contact our principal, Mrs. Antoinette Telle at ttelle@smsunion.org or 908 688-1063. Tours are available for Grades Prek - 8.

Important Dates:

Jan. 2nd - School reopens

Jan. 5th - Full Day of School!

Jan. 8th - February 8th re-registration for

Kindergarten to 8th grade and siblings attending PreKindergarten

Jan. 15th - School Closed, professional day

Jan. 19th - Progress Reports

January 28th - Open House for prospective families, meet our faculty! 10:30-12:30

Jan. 29 - Feb.2nd - Catholic Schools Week!



FROM THE PASTOR

With a heart full of joy, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our Church family, and in a very special way, to my staff who have worked so hard, and to our benefactors who have given so much, to bring about the much needed improvement to our Church facility and spiritual enrichment in the spiritual life of our parish. God has been faithful and we have been responsive. May glory and honor belong to His name, Amen!

Within the past few months, we have been able to:

- . Installed new devotional candle platforms for Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Stations.*
- . Renovated the Church's vestibule with new lighting and installation of other structures to make it more dignified and welcoming.*
- . Celebrated the Feast of St. Michael with a successful Dinner Dance that was sold out and made a profit of \$6,700.*
- . Completed renovation of our Church Hall and its vestibule with total replacement of the stage, floor and the vestibule lights to make it more welcoming and well suited for social gatherings.*
- . Renovation of the men's and ladies bathrooms in the Lower Church.*
- . Installed a media system that allows our church members to participate much better during our liturgical celebrations.*
- . Completed reconstruction of our Church's website making it more dynamic, interactive and informative.*
- . Initiated and installed the platform allowing our church members to be able to use the facility of electronic giving.*
- . Digitalized our information systems to include different mass media formats for better dissemination of information.*
- . Taken care of our grounds by cutting all overgrown foliage, lawns well trimmed, and hedges mapped out with mulch.*
- . Installed new fences around the outdoor air conditioner units.*
- . Cleaned out years of unneeded stored items in the Lower Church, Rectory and Parish Center.*
- . Installed a new and highly visible sign for the Church with Mass times and other activities laid out.*
- . Reconstructed the lower Rectory entrance and made it suitable and safe as a viable access to meeting rooms in the basement.*
- . Renovated the kitchenette in the Lower Church Hall and made it well equipped it for church social activities.*
- . Installed a brand new bell system in the Church.*
- . Renovated the interior of the Rectory bringing it to appropriate standards.*

I am so grateful to God for the many spiritual programs we have initiated, including First Sunday and First Friday Communal Adoration with worship and praise songs, devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Eucharistic Adoration, our monthly Stations of the Cross, Advent Retreat, Bible Class and many other spiritually enriching programs that are making our parish much more attractive and welcoming.

Without your involvement and participation, we would not have been able to accomplish this much. When I came to you as your pastor, I asked for only one thing: that you give me a chance. You have and I am grateful for what we have been able to do and the many more things facing us to accomplish. May the good Lord continue to bless our efforts!

Msgr. Anselm and the Staff of St. Michael's Church