



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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, *Coordinator of Religious Education*
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.

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:

7:00 am, 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

Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Helping someone cross over:

I am reminded of a story a friend of mine once told me. It was rush hour on a hot -summer Friday afternoon, on a local road that fed into a major federal highway. Commuters were rushing hoping to beat the traffic headed down the shore. On a cross lane stood a blind man, who because he slept off in the bus, passed his usual stop. Now he was in an unfamiliar territory. He stood there and repetitiously called out: "please someone help me crossover". People were so tuned into their own need to get to where they were going that they either did not hear the plea of the blind man or they did not care about his call for help. My friend came by and said, "Yes, I will help you crossover". He went on to walk the blind man through the busy street as some motorists honked their horn, out of impatience, as though they couldn't see the need that was being fulfilled. It took them some-time to cross over to the other side. He then got into another bus with the blind man, and took him to the bus stop that he had missed and was familiar with its environment. The blind man was now able to get on his way and continued his journey.

This seems to me to be what Christmas is all about; God coming down to us in human form to help us crossover; to help us crossover from darkness into light; from sin to redemption, from death to resurrection and from condemnation to salvation. The true spirit of Christmas, therefore, lies in helping someone crossover. As they say, it takes a village to raise a child. For someone out there, someone who needs to crossover, I am that village. As we prepare for Christmas, let us become the bridge between failure and success, between hopelessness and aspiration, between giving up and being an overcomer, between starvation and having something to eat, between disempowerment and much empowerment, between illiteracy and literacy etc.

Let us become "God with us" for someone in this life. May the good Lord grant us the grace for this action, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

MONDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

TUESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

THURSDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

5:00 pm

5:15 pm (LC)

7:00 pm

7:15 pm (LC)

10:00 pm

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FRIDAY

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12:00 Noon

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5:30 pm

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7:30 am

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12:00 Noon

December 19

Arthur McMahon (52nd Ann.)

December 20

For the Parishioners

Maria Amador

Morales Family-Thanksgiving

Revenee Gancia & Edmon Jison (Living)

December 21

Lorna Basila (Living)

Marylu Morales (Living) - Birthday

Lucilia Sousa Araujo

December 22

Novena of Masses

Fidela Dagat

Maria Ribeiro

December 23

Christopher Morales (Living) &

Marylu Morales (Living)

Adam Mosejchuk (48th Ann.)

Philip Montalto

December 24 Christmas Eve

Francis & Claire Gillick

Manuela Preval

Family Liturgy

Family Liturgy

Lorna Basila (Living)

Horace Brown

For the Parishioners

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December 25 Christmas Day

For the Parishioners

Alejo Catabay

Monica Padmos

Nordick Anthony Garcia

Sipe-Arnaldo Family (Living)

Viergela Pierrevil

Christmas Novena of Masses

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December 26

Esmeda Cadena (20th Ann.)

Luther & Shela Boulton (Living)

17th Wedding Anniversary

Matthew Boulton (Living) Birthday

December 27

For the Parishioners

Jerry Crincoli, Sr. (9th Ann.)

Charlie Tato

Maria Tavares

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for the Morales Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Apuzzio & Bernardo Families.

TWO NEW 82 INCH TELEVISIONS DONATED

Ludovico and Jovel Goligan have generously donated two new 82 inch televisions for the church. The televisions will be a significant upgrade to the projector screen that has been used during mass and services to display readings, responses and song lyrics. The installation of the televisions is an exciting improvement that will benefit the St. Michael's Community for years to come. The parish of St. Michael's is very grateful to Ludovico and Jovel for their generous donation. Thank you!

Stewardship of Treasures

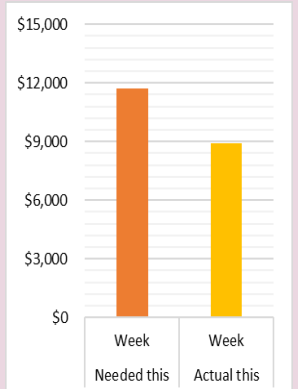
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

12/6/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,569	\$ 9,160	(\$3,409)

In the present health emergency, our weekly collections are interrupted. Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Dropping your envelopes** in the box in the Church vestibule.
- **Mailing your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office.
- **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.
- **GoFundMe** The Archdiocese has established a site for contributions, to parishes, due to the current emergency. Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the GoFundMe button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.



As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is **\$12,569**. What we actually received is **\$9,160**, so we are short **\$3,409**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING

DONATED! \$97,000 +

100.00%

90.00%

80.00%

70.00%

60.00%

50.00%

40.00%

30.00%

20.00%

10.00%

0.00%

190 GIFTS

OUR GOAL

\$85,400

**Thank You!
Thank you!
Thank you!**
Your generous giving helped us exceed our goal and triumphantly meet this challenge

MINISTRY Information

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyouunion@aol.com



The CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone for all of their support with our annual Wreath Sale! It was a huge success, as we sold out multiple times during the past two weekends. We would like to especially thank our alumni for their support in making this event come together.

We also hope that everyone enjoyed our virtual presentation of the Festival of Lights! As you all know, this has been a year with many challenges, and this week was no exception when it came to the production of our Festival of Lights. We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to all involved with particular recognition to our cast. They went above and beyond for this, as communication has been tough through the pandemic, and sent us as many recordings as needed until we got the right cut.

Finally, we want to acknowledge our Co-Presidents, Kyla Ochotorena and Michael Cross, for their outstanding dedication and cooperation with communicating to our members. We would also like to give special thanks to Gabrielle Gutierrez for her contributions in developing our awesome flyers for the Wreath Sale and Festival of Lights.

Please remember, in person CYO will be cancelled until further notice. Until then we ask that you continue to keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, as we all continue to keep the Matrale family in our prayers and hearts. While Phil will be deeply missed, we know that he will always be watching over CYO. May his beautiful soul rest in eternal peace and paradise with our Lord and Savior up in his "Big House."

ONLINE GIVING



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 that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during this unprecedented emergency that we are all experiencing.

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS, NOVENA OF MASSES, CANDLE OFFERINGS TO THE SAINTS IN CHURCH, ALTAR OFFERINGS (BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP) AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS CAN BE DONE ONLINE THROUGH PARISH GIVING.

Please go to our website www.stmichaelunion.org or

You can also come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Christmas Blessings from the staff of the

Religious Education Office

Clare Andriola and Lois Scanio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 20th and 27th, Monday, December 21st and 28th, and Tuesday, December 22nd and 29th. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 3, 2020.

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. The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.



"Christmas Bells"

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

LIGHT A VOTIVE CANDLE FOR YOUR INTENTIONS



Due to safety measures, parishioners cannot light a candle in the Church. You can still light a candle for your intentions by going to our website www.stmichaelunion.org and clicking on the candle offerings to the various Saints. Msgr. Anselm or Fr. Miles will light the candle for you in church.

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

HUGS Ministry (A charitable arm of our parish), distributes Grace Bags **every month** to families in our parish. Help spread the word. Our next distribution will be in December.

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.



Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry will present "Echoes of Christmas Eve" at 9:30 pm on December 24th.

This prelude to Mass will reflect beautiful memories of our choir from the recorded Christmas Concert of 2015. Enjoy the carols, the narrations, and the many photos of our choir from over the years. Listen, watch and be spiritually lifted by coming to "Echoes of Christmas Eve."



Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am
Mondays 7:00 pm



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating food to the Food Pantry for the coming holiday season. You can drop off the food items at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.)

Thank you for your generosity.



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
Genevieve Beninati & Barbara Lilley

NOVENA of Masses

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Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	George Rinehart
Jose Arnaldo	John & Augusta Mahon
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Shela Boulin (Living)	Mary & Idolo Russomano
Serafina Sauro	Rosemary Sauro
Mollie Endler	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
In Thanksgiving	Jose & Carolina Ferol, Jr (Living)
All Souls in Purgatory	Boulin Family Special Intentions
Jaime S. Estrella	Joseph & Michelene Kmetz
Concetta Matrale	Alton Famarin
Lucia D'Amato	Nick Lizarez
Wanda Conneely	Roger Boetsch
Robert Stibler	Ramon Castro
Lorna Basila (Living)	Matthew Boulin (Living)-Birthday
Fely C. Samson (Living)	Leanna Joyce C. Samson (Living)
Amelia Samson (Living)	Mario & Maria Geloni
Jurusik & Arner Families	Wayne Meehan (Living)
Phil Matrale	Joseph Paulose Veliakath (50th Ann.)
Minviluz Imperial	Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczylas
Douglas Sipe (Living)	Viergela & Gerard Pierrevil
Czeslawa & Stanislaw Pogorzelski	
Emilia Rumohr & Brenda Rumohr	
Ray & Kathleen Pruszkowski (Living)-Wedding Anniversary	
Luther & Shela Boulin (Living) - 17th Wedding Anniversary	
Tweet Lizares & Linda Cosculuela (Living)	
Nick & Cheryl Samson (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Jessica C. Samson & Matthew Won (Living)	
Romel & Maria Perez & Family (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In thanks for God's blessings on the U.S.A.	
For God's Assistance with COVID-19	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo & Torres Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Lucila Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Special Intentions of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Living & Deceased Members of de Silva & Dittmer Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the DiFabrizio Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Terriaca Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanon & Matthiack Families	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapl, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, 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 Ciotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas, Cesar DeJesus, Frances Mechado, & Chet Janusz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 19

1:00-2:00 PM

Wednesday, December 23
Communal Penance Service

7:00-8:30 PM

Saturday, December 26

No Confession

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses.

Go to our website: www.stmichaelunion.org.

It is important to register to protect all parishioners in case there is an outbreak of the virus. We will be able to reach out and contact and inform those who have attended. Thank you.

Virtual MASSES & DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

MARIAN DEVOTION

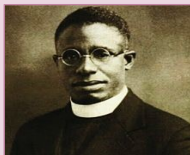
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)
WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)
7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS

8:30AM

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Mass celebration for **CYPRIAN MICHAEL IWENE TANSI** on Sunday, December 20th at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Please register at our website www.stmichaelunion.org if you are attending.

Refreshments will be given out at the Church plaza.

Father Cyprian was an Igbo Nigerian ordained a Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria on 19 December 1937. He worked in the parishes of Nnewi, Dunukofia, Akpu/Ajalli and Aguleri. He was later a Trappist Monk at Mount Saint Bernard Monastery in England. Father Cyprian was declared "Blessed" by Pope John Paul II in 1998 in ceremonies in Nigeria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2020

Thursday, December 24th

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM-Family Liturgy (Church), 5:15 PM, (LC)

7:00 PM (Church), 7:15 PM (LC)

10:00 PM-Christmas Midnight Mass (Church)

10:15 PM-Christmas Midnight Mass (LC)

Christmas Day

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon (Church)

7:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM (LC)

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Thursday, December 31st

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon (Church)

New Year's Eve

7:00 PM-Vigil Mass & Prayer Service (Church)

7:15 PM-Vigil Mass & Prayer Service (LC)

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church)



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24 and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

