

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. 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

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.

December 10, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday	December 9
5:30 PM	Charlie Tato
Sunday	December 10
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Jose Isirio Torres
10:30 AM	Olga Iturralde
12:00 Noon	Gloria Giacona
Monday	December 11
7:00 AM	Judy Carpini
8:30 AM	Robert Purcell, Sr.
Tuesday	December 12
7:00 AM	Luigi Sauro & Mary Russomanno
8:30 AM	Helen Fazio
Wednesday	December 13
7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Lazcano Family
8:30 AM	Novena of Masses
Thursday	December 14
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Lorraine Riley
Friday	December 15
7:00 AM	Emma Remondelli
8:30 AM	Francis & Claire Gillick
Saturday	December 16
8:30 AM	Adelaida Janiola
5:30 PM	Winifred Smyth & The Carr Family
Sunday	December 17
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 AM	Jerry Crincoli (6th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Loretta Kempf (25th Ann.)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Richard Epifanio, requested by his mother Zenaida.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

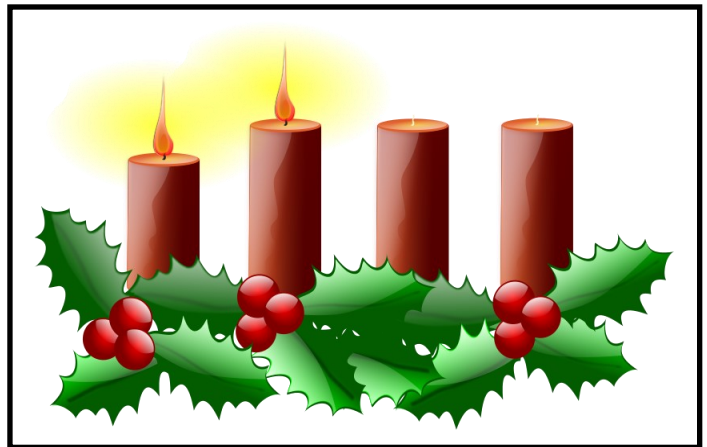
Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Kelly Renda**.

Today's readings urges us to prepare for and be open to God's presence in our lives. We have been taught that this presence is ongoing, yet it doesn't always seem so. We need to work to overcome fear and doubt, especially in challenging times, but the task need not be a frantic effort. These readings carry warnings and longings, but the operative words are comfort, tenderness and hope. We wait and prepare because of the promise.

*Is 40:1-5. 9-11 "Comfort, give comfort to my people."
Ps 85 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
2 Pt 3:8-14 The day of the Lord will be unexpected.
Mk 1:1-8 The Baptist foretells the Messiah's coming.*

NOVENA OF MASSES—DECEMBER 2017

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| <i>Ann L. Corrigan</i> | <i>Michael Scolamiero</i> |
| <i>John Francis Mahon</i> | <i>Jose J. Arnaldo</i> |
| <i>Alejandro T. Cruz</i> | <i>James Ford Sr.</i> |
| <i>Pierre & Rubinetti Families</i> | <i>Frank Rubinetti</i> |
| <i>Craig Calix</i> | <i>George Rinehart</i> |
| <i>Clara Caparro</i> | <i>Special Intentions</i> |
| <i>Helen Granato</i> | <i>Cajetan Ezenida</i> |
| <i>Nicholas Clemente</i> | <i>John Moscatiello</i> |
| <i>Amy Aszman (Living)</i> | <i>Edward L. Shea</i> |
| <i>Nicholas Lizares (Living)</i> | <i>John W. Martin (Living)</i> |
| <i>Bernalda Malasaga</i> | <i>Ethel Manibo</i> |
| <i>Isabel Stchon</i> | <i>Jose Carmona</i> |
| <i>Soledad De Castro</i> | <i>Patsy Scalgione</i> |
| <i>Frank Martin</i> | <i>Melissa Mansfield</i> |
| <i>Chike Melie, Jr.</i> | <i>Joseph & Michelene Kmetz</i> |
| <i>Craig Calix (Living)</i> | <i>John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes</i> |
| <i>Jurusik & Arner Families</i> | |
| <i>Ting-Ting Dingkong Murray</i> | |
| <i>Louis Sauro & Mary Russomanno</i> | |
| <i>Thanksgiving From the Furnari Family</i> | |
| <i>Chinwe, Nkiru, Obie, Chike III, Nwando Melie (Living)</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Family</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Rinaldy & Brenner Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Cicalese Family</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo & Torres Families</i> | |
| <i>Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families</i> | |
| <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahon Families</i> | |



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 AM 9:00-11:30 AM 1:30 PM 1:30 PM	December 10 Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass Religious Education Extended Session Baptism. Church St. Michael's Christmas Party, LC
Monday 8:00 AM 3:30-4:30 PM 7:00 PM	December 11 Rosary, Church Religious Education CYO Festival of Light, Holy Spirit Church
Tuesday 8:00 AM 7:00-8:15 PM	December 12 Rosary, Church Religious Education
Wednesday 8:00 AM 3:15 PM 7:00 PM	December 13 Rosary, Church Children's Christmas Choir Practice, Church Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration, Church
Thursday 8:00 AM 7:30 PM	December 14 Rosary, Church Choir Practice, Church
Friday 8:00 AM	December 15 Rosary, Church
Saturday 1:00-2:00 PM	December 16 Confession, Church
Sunday 10:15-11:30 AM	December 17 Religious Education

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Friday, December 22nd

Communal Penance Service with Confession
6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Saturday, December 23rd—1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Saturday, December 30th—1:00-2:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—Sunday, December 24th

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

5:00 PM (Family Liturgy)

10:00 PM (Christmas Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day—Monday, December 25th

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

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

New Year's Eve—Sunday, December 31st

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

New Year's Day—Monday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

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, Edwardo 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 Hulseay and Katherine Friedrich VenAcker and Lucille Arnaldo.*

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 <u>12/3/2017</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1-12/3/2017</u>
Collections	\$ 5,475	\$ 173,549
Online Collections	\$ 285	\$ 3,519
SOS	\$ 8,735	\$ 68,906
Online SOS	\$ 0	\$ 905

Total	\$ 14,495	\$ 246,879
Budget	\$ 14,544	\$ 249,050

Difference	(\$ 49)	(\$ 2,171)

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. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM

Other hours are available by appointment. Contact Coordinator: Marilynn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.

We can also be reached via e-mail at smccd@comcast.net.

SUNDAY CCD STUDENTS will have an extended session on December 10th 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.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

SIMBANG GABI

(ADVENT EVENING MASS)

Tuesday, December 19th at 8:00 PM

Fellowship After Mass
Potluck Appreciated

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. This year we are happy to obtain the services of Ms. Laurie DelGuercio, who will direct the choir. Practices will be on **Wednesdays, Dec. 6th, and 13th and 20th at 3:15 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. 6th, and 13th and 20th at 3:15 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 Wednesday, December 6th please send this form with them.

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

The next food pantry distribution will be on **Tuesday, December 19th from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to St. Ann's Food Pantry

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Through your faithful giving to the St. Vincent de Paul fund we have been able to make the following donations:

- St. John's Soup Kitchen** \$1,000
- St. Joseph Social Service Center** \$1,000
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** \$1,000

All funds donated to St. Vincent de Paul are used for outreach to charitable organizations. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Time	December 9-10 2 nd Sunday of Advent	December 16-17 3 rd Sunday of Advent
5:30pm	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche	1. Jennele Baul 2. Angel Rodriguez 3. Jonathan Rodriguez 4. Alexis Artiga
7:30am	1. Ugochi Adibemma 2. Ifeanyi Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes
9:00am	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Joshua Laube 5. Aidan Perez	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. Alisha James
10:30am	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 3. Michael Durugo 4. Isabella Fernandes	1. Julia Durugo 2. Johnnuel Magno 3. Joshua Estoque 4. Jedrek Kumi
12:00mn	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Gabriel Castano

CYO/Youth Ministry News

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**CHRISTMAS WREATH/
GRAVE COVER SALE!**

Beginning the weekend of Nov. 25TH & 26TH and the 2 weekends to follow, CYO will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Grave Covers after all Masses as a fundraiser.

Wreaths \$25.00

Small Grave Covers \$20.00

Large Grave Covers \$35.00

We thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support!

ALTAR SERVER ANNOUNCEMENT

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Place: Lower Church

Please bring non-perishable food items for Sr. Ann's Food Pantry.

Ask Mom and Dad to please

RSVP: hanshella@gmail.com on or before November 30, 2017



CYO/Youth Ministry News

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The Festival of Lights

*On Monday evening, December 11th, 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 **Holy Spirit Church** so please arrive by 6:45pm. (Doors will open at 6:30pm) Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.*

Everyone is invited including all Parishioners, Families, Friends and Children. Our Festival is a night of Reflection, Music and Prayer to Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Please make every effort to join us and remember, JESUS is the reason for the Season!



The GIVING TREE will be in the church vestibule on November 26th. We invite you to take a tag (or two) and purchase the gift items. Items need to be returned to the church or Parish Center by December 10th. Please use gift bags only, gifts **must not be wrapped.** Leave gift tag on the bag. Please help us make the Christmas holiday extra special to others.



It is my promise that our Church Bells will begin to ring again on or before Christmas Day. To make this happen, I need four groups of people to help the Church out:

- (1) **The Archangels**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$1000 each to this project.
- (2) **The Apostles**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$500 to this project.
- (3) **The Elders**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$250 to this project.
- (4) **The Communion of Saints**—those who are willing to make a donation of \$100-\$200 to this project. I have already commissioned the installation of the bells, believing God that this Church will come through with this project.

Please know that Donations for this project are specifically dedicated **“IN GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED AND YET TO COME”**. There will be dedication plaques for the different groups of donors. Please call the Parish Center to make your donations or go to our Church website to use the electronic giving platform. I thank God for the blessings in your lives.

Msgr. Anselm

ELECTRONIC GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!

St. Michaels Parish has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its members with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving.

Parish Giving is being offered to us free of charge. On our website (<http://stmichaelunion.org>) you will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to our parish and other initiatives. Following is an overview of some of the features:

- Ability to make one-time contributions
 - Ability to make recurring contributions
 - Ability to contribute to multiple organizations
 - Ability to select your billing date
 - Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer
 - Ability to access end of year contribution reports
- Once again, Welcome to St. Michael’s Parish Giving.
Create or login to your Parish Giving account



**ST. MICHAEL’S PARISH
Invites you to
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM



Pot Luck

**Feel free to bring a dish representing
your heritage.**

Meet Santa! Play fun games and dance!

ST. MICHAEL’S SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!

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| Kensley Rodriguez PreKA | Sara Herrera PreKB |
| Trent Simon KA | Jose Silva KB |
| Julianna Pellot 1A | Isabella Rivera 1B |
| Logan Concepcion 2A | Bright Nnadi 2B |
| Daniel Hely 3A | Bryanna Cosme 3B |
| Josh Robano 4A | Leah Wong 4B |
| Livia Barbosa 5A | Givens Odoemela 5B |
| Samual Nnadi 6A | |
| Nicholas Panlilio 7A | Jenny Li 7B |
| Emma Freire 8A | Marie Rosa Jeudy 8B |
- Amiee Cabatu Technology**
Gamael Joseph Phys Ed
Addyson Masaquio Phys Ed
Livia Barbosa Spanish
Riley Keegan Music
Gabryella Bethonico Art

Thank you for all our parents for the amazing Thanksgiving Feast, and especially our chair, Ms. Garcia for all your care and efforts!

Important Date: December

- 11th - Honors Breakfast
- 15th - Christmas Concert
- 18th - School Mass
- 21st - Hot Cocoa fundraiser for Church Bells
- 22nd - 12:00 Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE, all students must be picked up at 12:00
- 25th - Merry Christmas!
- 25th - Jan. 1st School Closed
- Jan. 2nd - School reopens