



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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 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 24, 2017
4th 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.

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.

4th Sunday of Advent**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Saturday	December 23	
5:30 PM	Frank Salsano	
Sunday	December 24	Christmas Eve
7:30 AM	Irene Endler	
9:00 AM	Clare Pettesch	
10:30 AM	Thomas Kip	
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners	
5:00 PM	Family Liturgy	
10:30 PM	For the Parishioners	
Monday	December 25	Christmas Day
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
9:00 AM	For the Parishioners	
10:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners	
Tuesday	December 26	
9:00 AM	Esteban Bernardo	
Wednesday	December 27	
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses	
8:30 AM	Maria A. Tavares	
Thursday	December 28	
7:00 AM	Vito Macaluso	
8:30 AM	Ralph Confessore	
Friday	December 29	
7:00 AM	Rosemary Sauro & Mary Russomanno	
8:30 AM	Harold Gillick	
Saturday	December 30	
8:30 AM	Selina C. La Mont (25th Ann.)	
5:30 PM	Francis & Claire Gillick	
Sunday	December 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
9:00 AM	Joseph Coruso	
10:30 AM	Carmela Romano	
12:00 Noon	Jose Arnaldo	

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for William E. Taylor, requested by his wife Lillian.

The Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Philip Montalto, requested by Gerry & Paul Brenner.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially **Mary Ann Mench**.

This last week of Advent is brief, but the message is profound. The fulfillment of God's promise is about to happen! This single day places us in a long line of yearning people. Christmas is upon us, yet the task of endless anticipation is a sacred reality we need to embrace. Just as with those who are inches away from relief, rescue or reversal of any kind, still hang on. All of life is like this.

2 Sm 7:15, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Promise of an heir from the house of David.
Ps 89 Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Rom 16:25-27 Everyone is offered salvation through Christ.
Lk 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel announces the prophecy's fulfillment.

NOVENA OF MASSES—DECEMBER 2017

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



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	December 24
No Religious Education	
Monday	December 25
Parish Center Closed	
No Religious Education	
Tuesday	December 26
8:30 AM	Rosary, Church
No Religious Education	
No CYO	
No Bible Class	
Wednesday	December 27
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
7:00-8:00 PM	Mother of Perpetual Help Adoration
Thursday	December 28
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
Friday	December 29
8:00 AM	Rosary, Church
Parish Center Closed	
Saturday	December 30
1:00-2:00 PM	Confession, Church
Sunday	December 31
No 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, 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 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

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 24th and 31st, Monday, December 25th and January 1st and Tuesday, December 26th. Classes will resume beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018.



Christmas Prayer

Child of Bethlehem—house of bread;
Man of Jerusalem—city of peace;
you have loved us
without limit or condition;
in our greatness and in our misery,
in our folly and in our virtue;
may your hand be always upon us
and may your heart be within us,
so that we too may become
bread and peace for one another.

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.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH!**



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Christmas Blessings from St. Michael Parish school Faculty & Staff.

School Re-opens on January 2, 2018

Time	December 23-24 4 th Sunday of Advent	December 30-31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
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. Ifeanyi Adibemma 2. Chika Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia	1. Uguchi 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. Johnnuel Magno 4. Daniel Gonzales	1. Johnnuel Magno 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Isabella Fernandes
12:00nn	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Charles Ozurumba	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio

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!



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 2.2 cubic ft. capacity, Extra-large 16" turntable, 1200-Watts, counter-top Inverter Microwave in Stainless Steel.

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



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