



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 5, 2020

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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 Sunday and 1st Friday 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

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Pastor

Rev. Camilo Lopez, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Charles B. McDermott, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Michael Cavallo, Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Marilynn Dragone, Coordinator of Religious Education

Mr. Philip Matrale, 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 1:30 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)

Pre K-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.

Masses Intentions And Readings

Saturday	January 4
5:30 pm	Dominick Monteleone, Sr.
Sunday	January 5
7:30 am	The Pikula Family (Living)
9:00 am	George, Frieda & Ann Stinson
10:30 am	For the Parishioners
12:00 Noon	Deonilo & Vilma Baring
Monday	January 6
7:00 am	Novena of Masses
8:30 am	Leroy Preval
12:00 Noon	Lynn Rubino
Tuesday	January 7
7:00 am	Mary Russomano
8:30 am	Benjamin T. Cabrerros
12:00 Noon	Jose Ramas
Wednesday	January 8
7:00 am	Ali A. Damestani
8:30 am	Winifred Smyth
12:00 Noon	Teofista Oliver
Thursday	January 9
7:00 am	Randy Trinidad
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Marte Palencia (10th Ann.)
Friday	January 10
7:00 am	Ann S. Benedek
8:30 am	Fred Pajarillo (Living) In Thanksgiving
12:00 Noon	Estelita Micu
Saturday	January 11
8:30 am	Jesus Alvero
5:30 am	Frank & Genevieve Karwowski
Sunday	January 12
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary
10:30 am	Jordan Mozia (Living)
12:00 Noon	David Jones

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for Ann S. Benedek.

The Altar Wine is offered in memory of Antoinette Czapl, requested by Ted Czapl and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione, family and friends.

EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

Hymnal # 1011

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Message From Our Pastor

Epiphany Strategies: A light unto my path.

The narrative about the journey of the Magi who travelled from the Far East to Bethlehem to see the Child Jesus is a very interesting story. This story uncovers power strategies that can combine to bring about success in any aspect of our lives. How did the Magi come to know that the Child Jesus has been born in Bethlehem when those who lived right there in Bethlehem did not know this fact; not even the wise men in the court of King Herod? This same question can be stated in a different way. What can help one succeed when it comes to life goals and aspirations? The story of the Magi provides deep insights into this question and I would like to explore them as we begin our journey with Year, 2020.

Strategy One: Expectation

The Epiphany story clearly states that the Magi had **Expectation**—what they were looking forward to; what they were hoping for. They had a goal they were working toward—to visit the Child Jesus when He is born. Life goals and aspirations begin with Expectation—seeing something from the end-zone and then working toward it. Scripture says that faith is the evidence of things hoped for. There has to be something we hope for in this life; something we expect to be, something we would want to experience, something we would want to know about, before we can work toward it. Without expectations, without stated goals and objectives, it is difficult to attain success in life. Expectation generates interest, interest generates preparation, preparation leads to readiness, and readiness is what allows us to seize opportunity whenever it arises. It was the expectation of the Magi that got them ready to follow the Star when it appeared. Without expectation, our life will only be a revolving door. No matter where we are in life, having some expectations, something to look forward to, something to work and live for, is a good part of healthy living. Life should not just happen to us; we should make it happen for us, and that journey begins with expectation.

To be continued next week...

Msgr. Anselm

Weekly Calendar & Stewardship Of Treasure

Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am
9:00 am
10:15-11:30 am
6:30-8:00 pm

January 5

RCIA Class, Murphy Room
Family Mass, Church
Religious Education
First Sunday Adoration, Church

Monday

8:00 am
3:30-4:30 pm
7:00 pm

January 6

Rosary, Church
Religious Education
Dance & Wellness, LC

Tuesday

8:00 am
7:00-8:15 pm
7:00-8:30 pm

January 7

Rosary, Church
Religious Education
CYO, LC

Wednesday

7:00-8:00 pm

January 8

Our Lady Devotion, Chapel

Thursday

8:00 am

January 9

Rosary, Church

Friday

8:00 am
7:30 pm

January 10

Rosary, Church
Baptism Class, LC

Saturday

9:30 am
1:00 pm

January 11

Dance & Wellness, LC
Confession, Church

Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am
9:00 am
10:15-11:30 am
1:30 pm

January 12

RCIA Class, Murphy Room
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Mass, Church
Religious Education
Baptism, Church

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

It's not too late to give to the Christmas Collection. Your continued contribution gives St. Michael's a chance to catch up on bills that strain the weekly collections.

Parish online giving is also available for your convenience, especially if you will not be attending mass at St. Michael's during the holidays.

Thank you for your generosity.

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>12/15/2019</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1/-12/15/2019</u>
Collections	\$ 8,792	\$ 165,509
Online Collections	\$ 924	\$ 16,157
SOS	\$ 1,160	\$ 54,125
Online SOS	\$ 715	\$ 14,600
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Total	\$ 11,591	\$ 250,391
Budget	\$ 12,139	\$ 246,957
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Difference	(\$ 548)	\$ 3,434

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

Adoration

January 3, 2020

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

January 5, 2020

1st Sunday Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Devotions

January 08, 2020

4th Wednesday Marian Devotion

Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January 15, 2020

1st Wednesday Marian Devotion

Our Lady of Fatima 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January 22, 2020

2nd Wednesday Marian Devotion

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January 29, 2020

3rd Wednesday Marian Devotion

Immaculate Heart of Mary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Marian Devotion are now in the
Parish Center (Convent) Chapel on
1211 Orange Avenue.
Please ring the bell to be ushered in.**

Bible Classes

All Bible Classes will resume in February 2020



MINISTRY Information**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

Time	January 4-5 The Epiphany of the Lord	January 11-12 The Baptism of the Lord
5:30 pm	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez
7:30 am	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma
9:00 am	Megan Felix Julian Felix Jewelz Massicot Joshua Laube Nicholas Laube	Jean Felix Alisha James Nathan De Guzman Justin N. Gawel
10:30 am	Joshua Estoque Kamsi Emeh Carmella Mendoza Ian Galing Ryenne Ramah Aidan Perez	Johnnuel Magno Nwando Melie Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Ilagan Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi
12:00 noon	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Church is in need of people who can help out in the snow shoveling of the church property during major snow storms. Snow shovelers will be paid an hourly rate.

For more information, please contact Tiago at stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com

SOCIAL MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY**SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF FOOD!!!**

Please consider donating some canned or non-perishable food items so we can help feed those in need. Food may be dropped off at the Church or at the Parish Center. Thank you!

Our next food pantry day is Tuesday January 21, at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.

MINISTRY Information**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS**

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Other hours are available by appointment.

Contact Coordinator: Marilyn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.

We can also be reached via e-mail at

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 5, 2020.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held on Sunday, January 12th at the 9:00 a.m. mass. The children are taken to the lower Church to hear the gospel in words they can understand. An activity may follow. The children are taken upstairs afterwards for the rest of the mass. Students in grades 1 through 5 are welcome. Please join us!

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

cyouunion@aol.com



We'd like to congratulate our CYO members on their presentation of the **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** for all of us to enjoy this Christmas Season! They presented the true meaning of Christmas for all of us!

FESTIVAL CAST

Mary.....Paige Scheidemann
JosephEric Fernandez
Angel Gabriel.....Brendon Opilac
Elizabeth.....Amy Hoang
Angels.....Wendie Castor & Meghan Gelcius
Inn-Keeper.....Aidan Perez
Servant Girl.....Angelica DeStefano
(King Herod)Rhyan Almonacy

WISE MEN

Michael Cross , Zack Samila, Luke Zawacki

SHEPHERDS

Sebastian Castano, Tristen Hernandez, Daniel Keane, Joseph Matos

READERS

Justin Novoa, Sophia Fandino, Michael Kelley, Kayla Silverio, Grace Enderle, Christian Simms, Bethany Tamayo, Ava Moran, Dylan Cross, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Jessica Caggiano. Joseph Kreinberg, Isabella Espana

LIGHTS/STAGEGabriel Castano

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who shared their musical talents with us! The music shared was Beautiful and Inspira-tional!

MINISTRY Information

NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING



20 + C + M + B + 20

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 up this prayer and place at the top of your front door.

A prayer for the New Year

Lord, whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties, I pause to *give thanks*. Thank you for being with me every day and every year. Thank you for making all things *new* and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and *new beginnings*. Remind me of your presence in the days to come even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

"Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).



Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe** at (908) 247-4461 if you have any questions.

"SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated specifically for our utility bills and emergency Church repairs.

The next SOS collection is this weekend of January 5, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.

MINISTRY Information

THANK YOU TO THE CYO!

The Hands of Grace Ministry would like to thank Phil Matrale and the CYO families who generously answered "the call to give" to the families in need of basic necessities. With your generous donations, we were able to extend helping hands and Grace Bags to the families in our community.

By your actions you are giving these families a good start in life and blessing them with St. Michael's love.



SAVE THE DATE

FEAST SANTO NINO (CHILD JESUS)

on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Fellowship follows

immediately after the Mass.

Everyone is invited!

**Weekday daily Novena from Friday
1/17/2020 to 1/25/2020**

Starts after the 8:30 AM Mass

**Sunday 1/19/2019 Novena after the
10:30 AM Mass**



NOVENA Masses & Announcements

JANUARY 2020

Ann L. Corrigan
 Jurusik & Arner Families
 Mary & Idolo Russomano
 Serafina Sauro
 Leopold Enwonwu
 Michael DeGregio
 Avi Stefanan
 Michelene & Joseph Kmetz
 Joseph Doman & Joanne Milana Doman (Living)
 Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families
 Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, Leniart & McMahon Families
 Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members
 Living & Deceased Members of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families
 Lucilia Araujo & Maria Cruz (Living)

Jose J. Arnaldo
 Alejandro T. Cruz
 John & Augusta Mahon
 Louis Sauro
 Luis Carrega
 Scott Leddy
 Joann Young
 Craig Calix (Living)

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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, Peggy Gehrig, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czaplá, Stephen Czaplá, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Virginia Troiano, Joseph Mulligan, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo & Anthony Reo.

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, **members of St. Michael's Parish.**



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Any parishioners who have experience running **bingo and carnivals** please contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: You can use the **Altar Offerings—Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp** can be used for **Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.**

Parish Event Memories

ALTAR SERVER'S PARTY



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



THANK YOU ALL!

Our Children's Christmas Party, celebrating the birth of Jesus, was a huge success. The children had lots of fun throwing snow balls at Frosty, the Christmas Grinch and Santa Clause.

A special thank you to all parents for coming with their children. The weather wasn't the best, but the turnout awesome.

To all my helpers, too many to mention, I am so blessed—thanks.

I have to mention my godson Brian who came home from college a few hours before the party to be Frosty. He had a blast and the children enjoyed bombing him with snowballs. Thank you Brian, I love you.

God's Blessings to All & Merry Christmas,

Kathleen Boetsch