



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

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.

January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord

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 January 6
5:30 PM Special Intentions to the Blessed Mother

Sunday January 7 Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM For the Parishioners
9:00 AM Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 AM Makayle Joseph (Living)
12:00 Noon Nbusike Onosike

Monday January 8
7:00 AM Ricardo Maria Cantillo Colonna
8:00 AM Winifred Smyth

Tuesday January 9
7:00 AM Thomas Gentile
8:30 AM Isabelita Diemen

Wednesday January 10
7:00 AM Novena of Masses
8:30 AM Frederick M. Dittmer

Thursday January 11
7:00 AM Jennie Froustet
8:30 AM Rafael Gonzalez

Friday January 12
7:00 AM Jeanine Joseph (Living)
8:30 AM Carmen Stewart (5th Ann.)

Saturday January 13
8:30 AM Joven Tirados
5:30 PM Special Intentions to St. Jude

Sunday January 14
7:30 AM For the Parishioners
9:00 AM Jose Isirio Torres
10:30 AM Ricardo Maria Cantillo Colonna
12:00 Noon Ruth Ann Bruenig

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Carmen Stewart, requested by her daughter Carmen DiBisceglie, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In this time of increased nationalism, erecting barriers, and labeling others as threats or enemies, this feast calls us to a powerful counter-message. Our field of vision and inclusion must be much larger than that of the status-quo. It must have been shocking to learn that God's love extended not only to the Gentiles, but to the whole world. It may be equally shocking to realize that our boundaries are also too narrow. This feast is an epiphany about God's will for Christ's impact and ours on the world.

*Is 60:1-6 "Nations shall walk by your light."
Ps 72 Lord, every nation will adore you.
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Jews and Gentiles are co-heirs.
Mt 2:1-12 The Magi visit from the east.*

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 Czapl,
Leniart & McMahan Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso &
Scalgione Families*

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially *Dorothy Halpin, Joyce Bel-fiore and Loren Zina.*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00 AM 10:15-11:30 AM	January 7 Children's Liturgy of the Word Religious Education
Monday 3:30-4:30 PM	January 8 Religious Education
Tuesday 8:00 AM 7:00-8:15 PM	January 9 Rosary, Church Religious Education
Wednesday 8:00 AM 7:00-8:00 PM	January 10 Rosary, Church Mother of Perpetual Help Adoration
Thursday 8:00 AM 7:30 PM	January 11 Rosary, Church Choir Practice, Church
Friday 8:00 AM 7:30 PM	January 12 Rosary, Church Baptism Class, Parish Center
Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM 1:00-2:00 PM	January 13 Zumba Class, LC Confession, Church

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:300 a.m. until 2:30 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 smccd@comcast.net.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

There are **NO** classes on Sunday, January 14th and Monday, January 15th due to Martin Luther King Day. There are also **NO** classes on Sunday, January 28th due to Catholic Schools

SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

We would like to thank all of the individuals and organizations who contributed to the pantry during the recent holiday season. Your generosity with food or financial donations is greatly appreciated. **Our main concern in 2018 is to reach more people.** If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Mike at (908) 380-0970. Our next pantry food date is on Tuesday, January 16th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue.

LECTOR TRAINING

There will be new lector training on **Saturday January 20 after the 8:30 am Mass.** Please register your name and telephone number with the parish office. In the event of a funeral or bad weather the training will be postponed and you will be notified. Thank 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

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

WELLNESS MINISTRY

Hosts FREE Zumba/Line Dance Classes, after the 8:30 AM Masses, @ 10:00 to 11:00 am.



Time	January 6-7 The Epiphany of the Lord	January 13-14 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Alexis Artiga
7:30am	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uguchi Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia	1. Chika Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes
9:00am	1. Aidan Perez 2. Jewelz Massicot 3. Joshua Laube 4. Megan Felix 5. Julian Felix	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. Alisha James
10:30am	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 3. Jedrek Kumi 4. Johnnuel Magno	1. Julia Durugo 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Johnnuel Magno 4. Daniel Gonzales
12:00mn	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Gabriel Castano	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Lorenz Tangub 4. Gabriel Castano

CYO/Youth Ministry News

cyunion@aol.com



Welcome back everyone as we resume our weekly CYO meetings this week on Tuesday January 9th! As usual we have a lot planned for you to get involved in including Sandwich Making for the Homeless as well as a visit with the disabled children and at the Quadriplegic Center. Get more information this week at CYO.

Special thanks goes to our Freshmen and Sophomores who helped serve Christmas Dinner at the Nursing Home. Your kindness, smiles and compassion truly made a difference!

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.)

Msgr. Anselm

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

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. 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!



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