



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Up Close and Personal

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1st, 2nd and 4th

BOLD AND CATHOLIC REFLECTION

3rd Saturdays 9:00 am

ADVENT REFLECTION

Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

LENTE 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	December 21	
5:30 pm	Frank Salsano (16th Ann.)	
Sunday	December 22	
7:30 am	For the Parishioners	
9:00 am	Revenee V. Gancia (Living) & Edmon Jison (Living)	
10:30 am	Philip Montalto	
12:00 Noon	Alejandro T. Cruz	
Monday	December 23	
7:00 am	Novena of Masses	
8:30 am	Adam Mosejchuk (47th Ann.)	
12:00 Noon	Maria Ribeiro	
Tuesday	December 24	Christmas Eve
7:00 am	Thanksgiving	
8:30 am	Clarice Engleman	
5:00 pm	Family Liturgy	
10:00 pm	For the Parishioners	
Wednesday	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	
Thursday	December 26	
9:00 am	Vito & Ethel Macaluso	
Friday	December 27	
7:00 am	Novena of Masses	
8:30 am	Maria Tavares	
12:00 Noon	Jerry Crincoli	
Saturday	December 28	
8:30 am	Robert Neufeld	
5:30 am	Harold Gillick	
Sunday	December 29	
7:30 am	Clarita De Leon (Living)	
9:00 am	Rev. Msgr. Francis Seymour	
10:30 am	Manuel Fazendeiro	
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners	

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Apuzzio & Bernardo Families.

Fourth Sunday OF ADVENT

Hymnal # 1002

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

A prayer for God's salvation

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

Message From Our Pastor

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 sometime 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

Weekly Calendar & Stewardship Of Treasure

Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am 10:30 am No Religious Education	December 22 RCIA Class, Murphy Room CYO Mass
Monday Parish Center Closed 8:00 am No Religious Education 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	December 23 Rosary, Church Dance & Wellness, LC Choir Practice, Church
Tuesday Parish Center Closed 8:00 am No Religious Education No CYO	December 24 Christmas Eve Rosary, Church
Wednesday Parish Center Closed	December 25 Christmas Day
Thursday Parish Center Closed 8:30 am	December 26 Rosary, Church
Friday Parish Center Closed 8:00 am	December 27 Rosary, Church
Saturday 9:00 am 1:00 pm	December 28 Dance & Wellness, LC Confession, Church
Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am No Religious Education	December 29 RCIA Class, Murphy Room

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

Reflection

December 21, 2019 3rd Saturday

Bold and Catholic Advent Reflection
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Bible Classes

All Bible Classes will resume in February 2020

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

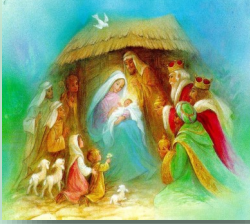
Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Luke 6:38

	Week of <u>12/8/2019</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1/-12/8/2019</u>
Collections	\$ 9,754	\$ 156,717
Online Collections	\$ 1,006	\$ 15,233
SOS	\$ 1,998	\$ 52,965
Online SOS	\$ 1,072	\$ 13,885
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Total	\$ 13,830	\$ 238,800
Budget	\$ 12,139	\$ 234,818
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Difference	\$ 1,691	\$ 3,982

Thank you for your continued generosity!



MINISTRY Information



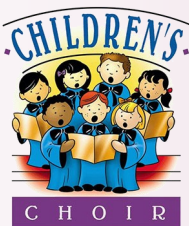
The staff of the Religious Education Office wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas!

Marilynn Dragone and Lois Scanio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 22nd and 29th, Monday, December 23rd and 30th, and Tuesday, December 24th and 31st. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 5, 2020.

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 in the church on Saturday, December 7th, 14th and 21st at 4:00 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 December 7th, 14th and 21st at 4:00 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 Thursday, please send this form with them.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry invites the Parish family to its annual Christmas Eve Concert starting at 9:30 PM. This prelude is a beautiful way to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Peter Petrecca
Music Director



MINISTRY Information

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY
cyounion@aol.com



Our Christmas Service Projects are in full swing and thank you to all our members who have signed up. Those projects include Serving a Christmas Dinner at the Nursing Home, a visit with the disabled children, a Christmas Dessert Party at the Quadriplegic Center, and collecting baby items and toys for the needy.

There is still time to sign up and donate for these Christmas Projects. Be sure to check your Calendars and Text Messages for all dates and times. And remember...."Christmas is the Season of Giving!"



HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

"GRACE BAGS"

The Hands of Grace Ministry whose mission is to assist in providing basic necessities for mothers and their children from birth to 5 years, is ready to serve the church community.

In the spirit of Christmas, HUGS will begin to give out Grace Bags to mothers in need on **December 24th**.

Request forms can be picked up and dropped off at the vestibule.

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



MINISTRY Information

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Time	December 21-22 4 th Sunday of Advent	December 28-29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &
5:30 pm	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz Salome Oropeza Simone Oropeza	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	Julian Felix Jewelz Massicot Megan Felix Nicholas Laube Joshua Laube	Jean Felix Alisha James Aidan Perez Nathan De Guzman
10:30 am	Carmella Mendoza Nwando Melie Ian Galing Kamsi Emeh Ian Galing	Johnuel 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.

Please contact Tiago at stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com for more information.

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 December 17, at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

NOVENA Masses

DECEMBER 2019

Ann L. Corrigan
Jurusik & Arner Families
Mary Russomanno
Mary & Idolo Russomano
Serafina Sauro
Rosemary Sauro
Dr. Vic Tan (Living)
Dr. Theresa Madrid (Living)
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz
Antonio Oliveira Fernandes
Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Leopold Enwonwu
Dominick & Fanny Galante
Hugo & Angela Rinaldy
Cecelia M. Linfante
Isaac Adolf Muchiri
Targelia Penafiel (Living)
Marie Caprio
Thomas Nnoli (Living)
Ursula Lopez Briones
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families
Joseph Doman & Joanne Milana Doman (Living)
Felicitas Onday (Living) - Special Intentions
Living & Deceased Members of the Rinaldy & Brenner Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Gesumaria Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families
In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings on the USA
Deceased Members of the Galante & Romanelli Families
Deceased Members of the Romanelli & Engleman Families
Special Intentions of Kunnath Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, Leniart & McMahon Families
Deceased Members of the DiFabrizio Family
Deceased Members of the Terriaca Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Aarujó & Torres Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Soares, Cruz, Albuquerque & Matos Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Musa & Yago Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Onday, Corria, Santome, Pannes Families
Deceased Members of the Onday, Santome, Cabrera, Almeria Families

Lucia D'Amato
James Ford, Sr.
Alejandro T. Cruz
John & Augusta Mahon
George Rinehart
Jesus Duenas
Luis Carrega
Carmen Stewart
Vincent A. DiBisceglie
Craig Calix (Living)
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Pepita Capela
Julie Clerc
Bertha De Niscia
John H. Young
Mary Wambui Kariuki
Donna Hornig
Special Intentions
Solidad Molido
Kathleen Turner (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.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, December 20

Communal Penance Service with Confession
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, December 21

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Saturday, December 28

1:00 - 2:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th

7:00 am, 8:30 am

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm (Family Liturgy)

10:00 pm (Christmas Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

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

NEW YEAR MASSES

Tuesday, December 31st

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

New Year's Eve

7:00 pm (Vigil Mass & Prayer Service)

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 am, 10:30 am



Announcements



Remember loved ones by giving a Flower Offering for Christmas. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church or in your collection envelopes. Thank you for your 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. 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.

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH

Welcome to our new members who attended the lunch last Sunday.



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, **Ann Bender** and **Michael Alfano**.



"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.