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DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY 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:

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 Friday and 1st Sunday 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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Pastor

Rev. Camilo Lopez, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Charles B. McDermott, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Michael Cavallo, Permanent Deacon

Deacon Michael Alfano, Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Clare Andriola, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education

Ms. Cristina Manocchio, Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry

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 2:00 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)

Grade 1-8 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.

Message From *The Pastors Desk*



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14).

The prophecy of Isaiah regarding the birth of Christ came at a time when the Arameans and the rest of Israel were threatening to attack the land of Judah and make it desolate. God sent Isaiah the prophet to go and tell the king of Judah, Ahaz, that this aggression against God’s people “will not stand and shall not be” (Isaiah 7:7). God, therefore, promised the birth of “Immanuel”—God with us, to reassure His people, “Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication” (Isaiah 35:4).

It is important to note that the dangers that faced Judah, for which God promised the birth of Immanuel, symbolizes the many tribulations and iniquities that threaten our lives on daily basis. Our world is filled with many failed hopes and broken promises, failed relationships and broken homes, devastating illnesses, drug abuse, hopelessness, helplessness, depression, joblessness, lost investments, etc. On the other hand, the pursuit of power, wealth, fame, and prestige has replaced the quest for righteousness, dignity, piety, and justice. God’s solution for us in the presence of all these ills is Jesus Christ—the Problem-Solver and the Way-Maker. As Scripture says, “There is no other name given unto man by which he can be saved” (Acts 4:12).

The word “to save” comes from the Greek word “Soteria” which means “to be made whole”, “deliverance”, “restoration”, “healing”, “power to overcome”. The birth of Immanuel, in essence, means that God has established in our midst the power by which every iniquity can be overcome and to whom we can take every issue in our lives. Remember, at the wedding in Cana, when they ran out of wine, Mary took the matter to Jesus. When Jairus was in desperate need of saving her daughter, he took the matter to Jesus. When all medical help failed the woman with the issue of blood, she took the matter to Jesus. When Zacchaeus needed to turn things around in his life, he took the matter to Jesus. When the adulterous woman needed to rediscover herself as a child of God, she took the matter to Jesus. When the thief on the right side of Christ, at crucifixion, needed to save his life, he took the matter to Jesus. When a storm threatened to sink the boat in which the Apostles were traveling, they took the matter to Jesus. When Peter began to sink after daring to walk on water, he took the matter to Jesus. In all these cases and thousands more, Jesus took care of business.

Christmas, therefore, is that period when we remember the name God gave to us as our way-maker and problem solver; the name we can speak into every iniquity and dominion of darkness and overcome them; the Name we can appeal to in moment of adversity, the Name that can bring light and salvation into the darkness of sin and damnation.

How do we prepare for such a great celebration? Get rid from our hearts everything that belongs to Satan—lust, envy, jealousy, anger, wrath, debauchery, pride, lack of compassion, etc. Let us be reconciled with God, with others, and with ourselves. Let us continue to reach out to those on the margins of society and to Christ in suffering humanity. Merry Christmas!

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPE

In your envelope package and at the vestibule of the Church, you will find envelopes for Christmas Flower Offerings. Please be generous in your donations to keep our Church beautifully decorated for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2022

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 17

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, December 21

Rosary & Communal Penance Service with Confession

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24th- 8:30 am

Christmas Eve

5:30 pm Family Liturgy

8:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

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

December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 – 9:00 am Mass

NEW YEAR MASSES

Saturday, December 31st—8:30 am, 5:30 pm

New Year's Eve

8:00 pm Vigil Mass & Prayer Service

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1st

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

January 2 – 9:00 am



Stewardship of Treasure

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**

COLLECTION & SOS

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
December			
Week 1 Collections	\$7,079	\$6,789	\$ 290
Week 2 Collections	\$7,079	\$7,855	\$ 776
Week 3 Collection	\$7,079		
Week 4 Collection	\$7,079		
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$8,551	\$1,489

- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form.

Dear Parishioners,

In order for us to stay in the **GREEN**, it is important that we meet our weekly budget collections and SOS. Please let us continue to support the weekly Sunday collection so that we can achieve our goals of balancing the budget going forward.

Thank you for your support of the parish and your continued generosity.

Msr. Anselm

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Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	December 24 Christmas Eve
8:30 am	Marylu Moraloes (Living)-Birthday Francis & Claire Gillick
5:30 pm	Family Liturgy Dagat Family (Living) - Thanksgiving Emiliana Rogales
8:00 pm	Christmas Midnight Mass Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving For the Parishioners
SUNDAY	December 25 Christmas Day
7:30 am	Sipe Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
9:00 am	Charismatic Group—Spiritual Growth Rosa A. Rendeiro (Living)-Healing
10:30 am	Lamercie Geffrado Nordick Anthony Garcia & Lydia Garcia Emilia Rumohr & Brenda Rumohr
12:00 noon	Christmas Novena of Masses Pablito Antonel For the Parishioners
MONDAY	December 26
9:00 am	Esteban & Dolores Bernardo Tomasia Roque Shella & Luther Boulin (Living)-19th Wedding Ann. Matthew Boulin (Living)-Birthday
TUESDAY	December 27
9:00 am	Novena of Masses Maria Tavares Pauline Ciborowski
WEDNESDAY	December 28
9:00 am	Robert Neufeld Gerardo Crincoli Emmanuel Leon (Living) Paul & Lucy Sefia (Living)-20th Wedding Ann.
THURSDAY	December 29
9:00 am	Novena of Masses Cyril Nwako (9th Ann.) John Mazzuca Paul Bentivegna Marc Calixte (2nd Ann.)
FRIDAY	December 30
9:00 am	Espana Family (Living)-Thanksgiving Harold Gillick Maureen Reilly
SATURDAY	December 31 New Year's Eve
8:30 am	Matthew Becera
5:30 pm	Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
8:00 pm	Vigil Mass & Prayer Service Grandeza Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
SUNDAY	January 1 New Year's Day
7:30 am	Sipe Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
9:00 am	Teofista Oliver For the Parishioners Rosalina SJ DeLa Rosa
10:30 am	Charismatic Prayer Group-Career & Life Partners New Year's Novena of Masses
12:00 noon	Elizabeth Donato Joe Pacicco

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Bernardo & Apuzzio Families.

Ministry Information

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyounionnj@gmail.com



There will be no CYO meetings on Tuesday, December 27th or January 3rd. CYO will resume on Tuesday, January 10th. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year Everyone!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola
Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education
Lois Scanio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 25th and January 1st; Monday, December 26th and January 2nd; and Tuesday, December 27th and January 3rd. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 8, 2023.

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday 9:30AM to 2:30PM (except holidays) or by appointment. We are located in the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Avenue. You can also contact us by phone 908-964-0965 at any time and leave a message or via email at smccd@comcast.net. The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new." **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

December 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and January 2

The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023



Announcements

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CYCLE A**

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

God's salvation is announced to the world.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1-6

A prayer of praise for God's salvation.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

God now speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18 (or shorter form, John 1:1-5, 9-14)

John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, Gregory Ward, David Randolph, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Lucy Scalgione, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas, Cesar DeJesus, Frances Mechado, Chet Janusz, Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Fa-centa, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Tom Ewing, Tony Zaliwski, Kathleen Kachelriess, Trudy Spinelli, Willa Jackson, John McEvoy, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Angelina Amali, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Karen Zabbia, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dom-broski, Byron DelMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana, Ja-cob & Jaxson Rivera, Harry Benbemia, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Rosa A. Rendeiro, Christopher Persaud

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

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NOVENA of Masses

**NOVENA OF MASSES
DECEMBER 2022**

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| Concepcion & Reynaldo Ticzon | Phil Matrale |
| Jose Arnaldo | James Ford, Sr. |
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| Mary & Idolo Russomano | Serafina Sauro |
| Rosemary Sauro | Fritz Maddy |
| Lucilia Sousa Araujo | Manuel Periera Araujo |
| Reme Valentine Blanc | Jorge J. Criado |
| Rosemary Hunt | Georgie Rinehart |
| Matthew Boulin (Living) | Harold Charles Faulk |
| Pierre & Rubineti Familis | Frank Rubineti, Sr. |
| Special Intentions-VG | Louis Solinski (Living) |
| Catherine Mancia | Carlos Family (Living) |
| Aurora Sandoval | Angelito Sandoval |
| Frank Ozimek | Louie Ozimek |
| Brylle Amante | Basiliso Family |
| Marciano Figueroa | Eliseo Siopongco |
| Maruja Poticano | Alfredo Poticano |
| Joseph Cekada | Margaret Cekada |
| Mark Cekada | Serafin Ramirez |
| Gerardo Marasigon | Joyce Sevilla |
| Eileen McNeil | Erlinda Calderon |
| Anastasia Mendiola | Diogracias Malate |
| Norma Ramos | Orlino Ramos |
| Helen & Stanley Skora | Violeta Williams |
| Michelene & Joseph Kmetz | Lara Asoya & Family (Living) |
| Edie, Tom & Scott Leddy | Linda & Oscar Horn |
| Endel & Avi Stafenau | Joanna Young |
| Helmut & Rosalie Kilkas | Harold Charles Faulk |
| Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)-Special Intentions | |
| Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing | |
| Richard Dominic Laudadio (Living)-Peace & Protection | |
| For the Souls in Purgatory | |
| Boulin Family (Living)-Thanksgiving | |
| George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family | |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais, Cadenas Family | |
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HUGS Ministry distributes **Gift Bags once a month throughout the year. We are presently helping 33 families. Please help us replenish our inventory.** Please contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420 8659.**

Announcements

VOLUNTEER DINNER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022



Announcements



THANK YOU for your generous gifts for the **Children's Christmas Party at Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark.** You helped bring many smiles to their faces!

We will continue to collect **GIFT CARDS** to supermarkets and local stores which will be distributed to Parishioners and Veterans in need of assistance. You can leave them under the tree or bring them directly to the Parish Center.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of **Wally and Joan Pikula and their family.** For many years they have coordinated efforts with Blessed Sacrament and other organizations to assess their needs and then decorate the Giving Tree, collect the gifts and get them to the happy recipients. We are so grateful to them!

If you are able, please make a monetary or gift card donation to the **SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC - CALDWELL.** Last year our donations were used to give them a nice luncheon and purchase some needed items. It made them so happy to know they were remembered by our Parish where many of them served before retiring. **The bin for donations is clearly marked and located right next to the pink HUGS tree.**

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AS YOU SUPPORT AND BLESS OTHERS BY YOUR GENEROSITY!

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY CHRISTMAS TREE

This year, we are counting on the generosity of our Parish family to help replenish our very depleted pantry, with much needed inventory. Presently the ministry serves 33 families in our community, distributing Gift Bags to them every month. Please stop by the Pink Tree and pick one or two of our wish-ornaments. God bless you as you stand in the gap as the Hand of God's Grace to these very grateful families.



The Hands of Grace Ministry is a charitable arm of St. Michael's Parish catering to children new born to Five years, and their mothers, in our community. For more information on how you can help the ministry, please reach out to Bisi Longe at (908) 247-4461 or Tania Massicot at (908) 420-8659.



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