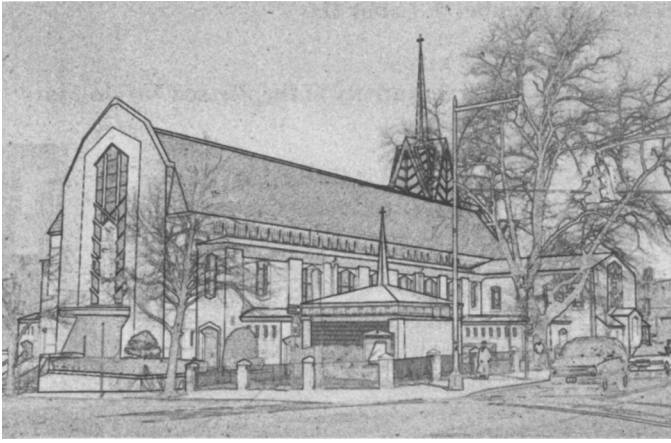


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Saturday

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Sunday

Closed

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Monday-Friday

10AM to 12Noon,

3PM-5PM, 6PM-7:30PM

Saturday

10AM - 12Noon
or by appointment.

Sick Calls

Anytime

Weekend Masses

Saturday

5:15 PM

7:00 PM Español

Sunday

9:00 AM

10:30 AM Español

12 Noon

1:30 PM Español

3:30 PM Mandarin

5:30 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM & 12:10 PM Sat-

Saturday 8:30 AM

Novenario de los Difuntos

Thursday/Jueves 7:30 PM

Holy Days of Obligation

(See inside Mass schedule)

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Saturday 12 Noon-1 PM & Thursday 11:30 AM

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9:30 AM to Noon

Thursday 9:30 AM-1 PM

*Rectory Basement
Entrance*

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New Parishioners are welcome and are asked to register in the Parish Office

Bienvenidos los feligreses nuevos. Pedimos a todos que se registren en la Parroquia.

The Christmas Mystery

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night.

In his Christmas Midnight Homily 2016, Pope Francis said: "In order to meet the newborn Christ, we need to go where he is. We need to bow down, to humble ourselves, to make ourselves small. The newborn Child challenges us. He calls us to leave behind fleeting illusions and to turn to what is essential, to renounce our insatiable cravings, to abandon our endless yearning for things we will never have. We do well to leave such things behind, in order to discover, in the simplicity of the divine Child, peace, joy and the luminous meaning of life."

1. Let our first prayer this Christmas be one of humility. Let us ask God for the strength to do his holy will. Let us ask for the simplicity of the Divine Child and let the peace and the joy and the meaning of life that He gives us touch our daily lives and make us instruments of His peace beginning in our very families.

Pope Francis continues his homily: "The mystery of Christmas, which is light and joy, challenges and unsettles us, because it is at once a *mystery of hope and of sadness*. It has a *taste of sadness*, inasmuch as love is not accepted, and life discarded. Such was the case with Joseph and Mary, who met with closed doors, and placed Jesus in a manger, "because there was no place for them in the inn". Jesus was born rejected by some and regarded by many others with indifference. Today that same indifference can exist, whenever Christmas becomes a holiday with ourselves at the center rather than Jesus."

2. Let us put Christ as the center of our hearts and the life of our families. There are many among us who live on the streets and come to us for help, for food and our support. Mary and Joseph were turned away when they looked for lodging; they only wanted to bring the Saviour of the world to us. In their memory, let us treat others as we would have treated Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus.

Pope Francis finishes his homily by reminding us: "Christmas has above all a *taste of hope* because, for all the darkness in our lives, God's light shines forth. God draws us to himself by being born poor and frail in our midst. He is born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread". In this way, he seems to tell us that he is born as *bread for us*; he enters our life to give us his life; he comes into our world to give us his love."

3. Let us pray together every day so that we be people of hope. Let us never give up in times of difficulty. Let us always remember the poverty and struggles that began in Bethlehem. Let us pray for the grace to be kind, loving, and patient with one another. Let the spirit of Mary and Joseph fill our hearts so that we will sacrifice for the good of our families. Let us pray the Rosary daily so that we may always be united as a family.

Fr. John

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00AM & 12 Noon—English
10:30AM & 1:30PM—Spanish
3:30PM—Chinese

Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen

8:30 In thanksgiving to God
12:10 Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 27 St. John

8:30 Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena
12:10 Jesus Fulay (birthday)

Thursday, December 28 the Holy Innocents

8:30 Alicia Tapia (living)
12:10 Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena
7:30 Novenario de los Difuntos

Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:30 Hyun Choon Lee
12:10 Ismael Rivera, Jr./Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 30

8:30 Claire Paik (living)
5:15 Those enrolled in St. Michael's Purgatorial Society
7:00 Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family

9:00 Joseph Thu Pham (19th anniversary)
10:30 Maria Lau (living)
12:00 Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena
1:30 People of the Parish
3:30 Theresa Wang (living)

NO 5:30PM MASS TODAY



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL RUEGAN POR LOS ENFERMOS

Aureliano Gutierrez, Ramona Ferrer, James Leung,
Karolyn Sy, Cynthia Ong, Thomas J. Hurlman,
Bro. Joseph Scanlon, Dorothy Matthews,
Armida Centeno de Rugel, Catherine Lynch,
Esperanza Vergel, Marina Gordillo, Rosa Sanchez,
Katty de Rugel, Loly Cevallos de Centeno, Ellen de Booy,
Andres Delgado, Elizabeth Bulding, John Hurlman,
Melchiorre Enea, Robert Ong, Xiomara Bonnet,
Marcelino Bueno.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RUEGAN POR LOS FALLECIDOS

Joan Kane

Weekly Financial Report

Total expense for week 12/4-12/8/17—\$4,817.59

Total collection on 12/3/2017—\$9,123.22

Mission Statement

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, St. Michael's Parish community welcomes all to be united with us through the Eucharist and to share the fruits of a caring Catholic Christian community of faith.

We, the parishioners of St. Michael's, shall proclaim the Gospel of Jesus by being His disciples. We will be inclusive in this diverse community to inspire, renew and serve each other through lively worship, life-long formation, community building, evangelization and the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael's,
May the Lord Jesus, born for us, bless you and your family with His grace and love. May His Mother Mary walk with us as His disciples in the New Year.
Giving thanks to God for you, Blessed Christmas.
Monsignor Edward Wetterer

The Rectory Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th.

THANK YOU

As this year's Annual Catholic Appeal comes to a close on December 31st we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of this campaign as well as the Generations of Faith Campaign. Below are the latest results. We remind everyone who still owes money for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal that the deadline for payments is December 31st. We understand that this deadline has been extended by about 10 days. Please try to complete your pledge as soon as possible. We ask those with balances on their Generations of Faith pledge to please continue to make their payments. Shortly after the first of the year we will bring you up to date on what has been accomplished so far with the money from these two campaigns and what we expect to do next. God has surely blessed St. Michael's Parish with your generosity. May he bless you always.

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

Live in Faith, Give in Love

is this year's Campaign theme.

As of 12/13/17, 379 pledges totaling \$73,771 have been received and of that amount \$64,489.27 has been paid. However we remind you that just because we made our goal does not mean that your participation is not needed. Remember that everything paid over the goal will be returned to St. Michael's Parish to continue the necessary projects here. If you have not yet made a pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal we ask you to please consider doing so now. Pledge envelopes are on the church radiators for anyone who needs one.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

As of 11/16/17 \$451,772.79 has been paid toward pledges of \$1,156,987.78 from 472 donors. We thank all those who continue to pay their pledges according to the arrangements they made. If you have any questions or problems regarding your pledge, please contact Mrs. Joan Demers at the Rectory Office.

Annual Catholic Charities Collection

Bishop DiMarzio invites all to join him in this year's Annual Catholic Charities Collection. The collection is the **second collection taken up at all Christmas Masses**. Please return the special Catholic Charities envelope from your envelope packet with your gift. If you did not receive a printed envelope, we ask you to use your own blank envelope and mark it for 'Catholic Charities'. Bishop DiMarzio urges all to join in sharing God's love with families and children in need by giving generously to this year's Charities Christmas collection.

Envelopes for Christmas Gift to Parish, Christmas Novena & Christmas Altar Flowers for those not on our mailing list are available on the Church radiators.

Please note: The **Food Pantry and Parish Concerns Office** will be **CLOSED** from **December 22 to January 9**. They will reopen Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 10AM.

CHARIS SEEKERS' RETREAT for Young Adults (age 20-39) on **Saturday, January 6, 2018** from **9:00am-4:00pm**.

Celebrate the New Year with a New You on Epiphany Weekend. Join with other young adults for a day of conferences, prayer, and fellowship sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph Office of Young Adult Ministry. Retreat will be held at the St. Joseph Worker House in Jamaica Estates – formally, The Mary Louis Academy Convent. Cost is \$30.00/\$20.00 for college students. Financial assistance available. Contact S. Marie Mackey, CSJ at csjmack@gmail.com or call: 718-791-7911.

Catholic Migration Services

If you are a green card holder and interested in applying for citizenship, you can text Catholic Migration Services at **#718 866-3687** to set up an appointment or with any citizenship questions.



**ST. MICHAEL'S
PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
SATURDAY 5:15PM MASS**

**Jason Marcus Valdes, Manuel Olay, Inez Olay,
George Danginis, Eleni Danginis, Robert Morales.**

Intentions listed for this week are those received before the bulletin for this week was printed. Intentions for this week received after that time are published in the following week's bulletin.

El misterio Navideño

Jesús nació en un establo humilde, en una familia pobre. Pastores simples fueron los primeros testigos de este evento. En esta pobreza, la gloria del cielo se manifestó. La iglesia nunca se cansa de cantar la gloria de esta noche.

En su homilía de medianoche de Navidad de 2016, el Papa Francisco dijo: “Para encontrarnos con el Cristo recién nacido, tenemos que ir a donde él está. Tenemos que inclinarnos, humillarnos, hacernos pequeños. El recién nacido nos desafía. Nos llama a dejar atrás las ilusiones fugaces y volvernos hacia lo esencial, a renunciar a nuestros anhelos insaciables, a abandonar nuestro anhelo interminable de cosas que nunca tendremos. Hacemos bien a dejar esas cosas atrás, para descubrir, en la simplicidad, de niño divino, la paz, la alegría y el significado luminoso de la vida.”

1. Que nuestra primera oración esta Navidad sea de humildad. Pidamos a Dios la fuerza para hacer su santa voluntad. Pidamos la sencillez del Niño Divino y dejemos que la paz y los instrumentos de su paz comiencen a nuestras misas familiares.

El Papa Francisco continúa su homilía: “el misterio de la Navidad, que es luz y alegría, nos desafía y nos perturba, porque es a la vez un misterio de esperanza y de tristeza. Tiene un sabor de tristeza, en la medida en que el amor no es aceptado, y la vida descartada. Tal fue el caso de José y María, que se encontraron a puertas cerradas, y colocaron a Jesús en un pesebre, “porque no había lugar para ellos en la posada.” Jesús nació rechazado por algunos y considerado por muchos otros con indiferencia, hoy esa misma indiferencia puede existir, cada vez que la Navidad se convierte en una fiesta con nosotros mismos en el centro en lugar de Jesús

2. Pongamos a Cristo como el centro de nuestros corazones y la vida de nuestras familias. Hay muchos entre nosotros que viven en las calles y vienen a nosotros en busca de ayuda, comida y nuestro apoyo. María y José fueron rechazados cuando buscaban alojamiento; ellos solo querían traernos al salvador del mundo. En su memoria, tratemos a los demás como lo hubiéramos tratado a María, a José, y al bebé Jesús.

El Papa Francisco termina su homilía recordándonos: “la Navidad tiene sobre todo un sabor de esperanza porque, a pesar de la oscuridad en nuestras vidas, la luz de Dios brilla. Dios nos atrae a sí mismo al nacer pobre y frágil en medio de nosotros. Nació en Bethlehem, que significa “casa de pan”, de esta manera, parece decirnos que ha nacido como pan para nosotros, que entra en nuestra vida para darnos su vida, que viene a nuestro mundo para darnos su amor.”

3. Recemos juntos todos los días para que seamos personas de esperanza. No nos rindamos nunca en tiempos de dificultad. Recordemos siempre la pobreza y las luchas que comenzaron en Bethlehem. Recemos por la gracia de ser amables, amorosos y pacientes con los demás. Deja que el espíritu de María y José llenen nuestros corazones para que podamos sacrificar por el bien de nuestras familias. Recemos el rosario diariamente para que siempre estemos unidos como familia.

Fr. John

IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 24 DE DICIEMBRE 2017

Colecta Anual de Caridades Católicas

El Obispo DiMarzio invita a todos a unirse a él en la Colecta Anual de Caridades Católicas de este año. La colecta es la segunda recogida en todas las Misas de Navidad. Por favor, devolver el sobre especial de Caridades Católicas con su ofrenda. Si usted no recibió un sobre impreso, le pedimos que use uno en blanco y lo marque “Catholic Charities”. El Obispo DiMarzio insta a todos a unirse a compartir el amor de Dios con las familias y niños en necesidad dando generosamente en la Colecta de Navidad de Caridades de este año.

La Oficina Rectoría está cerrada el Lunes 26 de Diciembre.

La inscripción para el Pre-kindergarten de día completo gratis en nuestra escuela ahora se está llevando a cabo. Para más información llame #718 961-0246; visite www.mhrca-nyc.org; email kherreramhrca@prek@gmail.com

Deseamos agradecer a la Casa Funeraria Quinn-Fogarty ubicada en 192-15 Northern Blvd. porque una vez más proveyó a nuestra Parroquia **los hermosos calendarios** en Inglés y Español.

2017 Apelación Católica Anual

Vivir en la Fe, Da en Amor

Es el tema de la Campaña de este año.

Hasta el 12/13/17, se han recibido 379 promesas por un total de \$73,771 y de esa cantidad \$64,489.27 han sido pagadas, sin embargo, le recordamos que sólo porque logramos nuestro objetivo no significa que su participación no es necesaria. Recuerde que todos los pagos por la meta será devuelto a la Parroquia de San Miguel para continuar los proyectos necesarios aquí. Si todavía no ha hecho una promesa a la Campaña Católica Anual de este año, le pedimos que considere hacerlo ahora. Los sobres de la promesa están en los radiadores de la iglesia para cualquier persona que necesite uno.

CAMPAÑA DE GENERACIONES DE FE

A partir del 11/16/17 \$451,772.79 han sido pagadas las promesas de \$1,156,987.78 de 472 donantes. Agradecemos a todos a que continúen pagando sus promesas de acuerdo con los compromisos que hicieron. Si tienen alguna pregunta o problema con respecto a su compromiso, comuníquese con Mrs. Joan Demers en la oficina de la rectoría.



NOVENARIO DE DIFUNTOS JUEVES A LAS 7:30PM

**Alvaro Vargas, Jr., Maria Cristina Rodriguez,
Cecilio Bravo, Juana Maria Polanco, Ruben Sanchez .**

Intenciones alistadas son los que hemos recibido antes de imprimir el boletín. Las intenciones recibidas después de este momento se publicarán en la semana siguiente.



Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24
7:00 P.M. – Novena al Infante Jesus
8:00 P.M. - Mass (trilingual)

Christmas Day
Masses: 12:00 Midnight (trilingual)
(beginning at 11:30 - Christmas Carols)
9:00 A.M. & 12:00 Noon
Spanish Mass: 10:30A.M. & 1:30 P.M.
Mandarin Mass: 3:30 P.M.

New Year's Eve
Sunday, December 31
5:30 P.M. - Mass
Followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 P.M

New Year's Day – Mary, Mother of God – January 1
Masses: 9:00 A.M. & 12:00 Noon
Spanish Mass: 10:30A.M. & 1:30 P.M.
Mandarin Mass: 3:30 P.M.



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Monday, December 18
10:30 A.M.—School Children
3:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Every Thursday 11:30AM to 12 Noon
Every Saturday 12:00 Noon to 1 P.M.
Saturday, December 23 – 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Weekly Gospel Readings

Monday/Lunes	John/Juan	1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday, Martes	Matthew/Mateo	10:17-22
Wednesday/Miercoles	John/Juan	20:1a, 2-8
Thursday/Jueves	Matthew/Mateo	2:13-18
Friday/Viernes	Luke/Lucas	2:22-35
Saturday/Sabado	Luke/Lucas	2:36-40
Sunday/Domingo	Luke/Lucas	2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Weekly Gospel Readings

Monday/Lunes	Matthew/Mateo	1:18-25
Tuesday, Martes	Luke/Lucas	1:5-25
Wednesday/Miercoles	Luke/Lucas	1:26-38
Thursday/Jueves	Luke/Lucas	1:38-45
Friday/Viernes	Luke/Lucas	1:46-56
Saturday/Sabado	Luke/Lucas	1:57-66
Sunday/Domingo	Luke/Lucas	1:26-38

BAPTISM



The sponsors or godparents chosen for baptism should be fully-initiated, practicing Catholics who have received baptism, confirmation and holy communion and participate in the Sunday Eucharist in their own parish. Both the parents and God parents must participate in the pre Baptism class. When the parents arrange for the baptism of their child they will receive a form for the Godparents which they must bring to their own pastor so that he can certify that the Godparents are faithful members of their parish. The priest who interviews the parents arranging for baptism will provide you with a form of this letter.

Baptisms (**for children 2nd grade & younger**) are usually celebrated in English one Saturday each month at 12:45 PM. Mandatory instructions for both parents and Godparents are on the Wednesday before the Baptism at 7:15PM in the Rectory Basement. Make arrangements with one of the priests at least **ONE MONTH** before the Baptism.

BAUTISMO

Los patrocinadores o padrinos escogidos para bautismo deberán estar completamente iniciados en la Iglesia. Esto significa que ellos están bautizados, confirmados y han recibido la primera comunión y que participan en la Eucaristía Dominical. Los padres y los padrinos deben participar en el cursillo Bautismal. Cuando los padres vienen para fijar la fecha del bautismo de su hijo/a recibirán un formulario que los padrinos deben llevar a su cura párroco. El sacerdote debe certificar que los padrinos son practicantes. El sacerdote que entrevista a los padres que solicitan bautismo les proveerá el formulario para los padrinos.

Los Bautismos (**para niños de Segundo grado y más pequeños**) **usualmente son celebrado dos Sábados cada mes a las 12:45 PM.** Es necesario que inscriban al niño/niña **UN MES** antes de la fecha del Bautismo. La familia deberá estar registrada o presentar permiso de su parroquia. Los Padres y los padrinos deben acudir a la instrucción el Miércoles antes del Bautismo en el Salón Padre Mooney. (sótano—la entrada de 41st Ave) a las 7 PM.

Acontecimientos de adviento en St. Michael's

La novena aguinaldo tendrá lugar del viernes 16 de diciembre al sábado 24 de diciembre. Con la participación de todos los grupos de la iglesia.

Comida a domicilio disponibles para mayores de 60 años y que viven en el noreste de Queens, incluidas comidas kosher, non-kosher, coreanas y chinas. Para ver si sabe que puede calificar, llame a servicios de vecindad de caridades católicas NE Queens a **(718) 357-4903**.

Servicios Católico de Migración

Si usted tiene la residencia y está interesado en solicitar la ciudadanía puede mandar un mensaje de texto a Servicios Católico de Migración al **#718 866-3687** para una consulta o con cualquier pregunta sobre la naturalización.