



St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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**A Community of Prayer,
Love and Fellowship.
We Welcome You!**

“The Eastern Churches are the treasures of the Catholic Church” Saint John XXIII

Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Daily Liturgy Schedule: Tuesday through Friday at -9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Tuesday of Month 6:30 p.m. Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you wish to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church Office.

Mystery of Reconciliation: In order to provide greater availability, the Mystery of Reconciliation is normally celebrated one half hour before Divine Liturgy and by appointment.

Mystery of Crowning: Engaged couples must be registered, active members of the parish. Please make an appointment with the pastor at least six months prior to the requested date of marriage.

Inquiry Sessions: For those interested in finding out more about what it means to be Catholic, or seeking information toward the possibility of becoming members of the Catholic Church, please call the Church Office for more information.

Hospital Calls – If someone is in the hospital, please call the Church Office to inform Father Sam.

Parish Trustees: Chairperson – Lynn Vaughan, **Members:** Eileen Hicks, Dr. John Handley, Mary Joan Fredette-Hahn, and Michael Gamble. Ex-officio: Subdeacons Ron Foster and Chuck VanHuesen.

Knights of Columbus: William Hoadley **Ladies Guild:** Marie Reale

Youth Advisors: Chuck and Marie VanHeusen **Altar Society:** Betty Morgan

Young Adult Advisor: Michael Gamble **Sacristan:** Ray Miller **Organist/Choir Dir:** Francis Younger

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK
SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY
JANUARY 7-8, 2017**

1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Readings: 2 Cor. 10:1-11; John 1:29-34; Liturgy begins on page 107.

Sat. January 7 5:00 p.m. +Grace Jenkins -40 Day Mass.
Sun. January 8 10:30 a.m. Aaron Hughes (BD) by Father Sam.

NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES THIS WEEK

ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT

JANUARY 14-15, 2017

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (LATIN RITE LITURGIES)

Sat. January 14 5:00 p.m. For Vocations.
Sun. January 15 10:30 a.m. +Faithful Departed.

NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES

JANUARY 21-22, 2017

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Readings: Gal. 3:23-29; John 3:1-16; Liturgy begins on page 107.

Sat. January 21 5:00 p.m. Marites Torres-Goulet (BD/H).
Sun. January 22 10:30 a.m. +Alsha Walsh & Sarah Rice by Marie Reale and Lucy Zahran.

Tithes & Offerings \$1,846.00
Fuel 0.00
Candles 50.00
\$1,896.00

Building Fund (Restricted): \$52.00
AC/Heating Unit Campaign: \$6,538.00 (to date)
God Bless You for Your Support

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE – JANUARY

A Special Intention.

VOCATIONS CHALICE

Saturday			Sunday		
Jan	7	Chris Cooper	Jan	8	TBA
Jan	14	MJ & Warren Hahn	Jan	15	TBA
Jan	21	Rick & Lori Criste	Jan	22	TBA

READERS – Contact Subdeacon Ron Foster (910) 818-8682.

Saturday			Sunday		
Jan	7	Chris Cooper	Jan	8	Levi Weiser
Jan	14	Subdeacon	Jan	15	Subdeacon

LOVE LUNCH: First Wednesday at the Salvation Army on Alexander Street. Suspended until January 2017.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: First Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact Grand Knight William Hoadley at (910) 867-1010.

ST. MICHAEL LADIES GUILD MEETING: Second Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact President Marie Reale at (910) 723-1093.

USHERS & GREETERS – JANUARY: TBA.

REFRESHMENTS – JANUARY: The VanHeusens.

ROSARY is prayed every 2nd weekend of the month 30 minutes prior to Liturgy.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY: Timothy Kenny, Paul Farah, Bill Morgan, Allison Gray, Brenda Murray, Mary Rorke, Matt Vaughan, Michael Leaf, Marites Goulet, Jonnie Leaf, Ines Page, Paul Kirwan, Josh Phillips, Shannon Talley, Angelique Comlan, Betty Gurney, and Dylan Vaughan.

ANNIVERSARIES – JANUARY: Ronnie & Kathy Criminger; and Nels & Kim Kinnerup.

+IN MEMORIAM – JANUARY: Ron Kicks, Henry Czubek, Josephine Voller, and Gloria Palmer.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS WHO ARE DEPLOYED& THOSE IN UNIFORM:

Chaplain Tim Meier, Edwin G. Rosales, Austin Miller, and Scott Miller.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, OUR SISTERS, AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND OTHER MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES: St. Michael’s has been asked to contribute 32 oz. jars of jams or jellies and sample size personal toiletry items. Please place your items in the basket located at the entrance to the Church. Month of December 67 lbs. For the year: 667 lbs.

PRAYER CHAIN: Contact for the prayer chain is Lucy Zahran at 910-868-1147.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AT HOME AND IN HOSPITALS: Pray for all who have called in to the prayer chain. May they have a speedy recovery. Please let us know if anyone needs to be taken off the list.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. Adult discussion group continues at the same time.

TEXTING IN CHURCH: You got the message about **TEXTING** during Liturgy. My promise to post names in the bulletin still stands.

RELIGIOUS GOOD STORE: The Ladies Guild has opened a religious goods corner in the parish hall. The inventory is limited but the items have been requested in the past, so they decided to stock on a limited basis. Special orders are also available. Please see any of the ladies or Fr. Sam.

VOCATION CHALICE SIGN UPS: For the Saturday Vocations Chalice please contact Darlene Darling @ 910-483-8845 or Freida Fadel @ 910-484-2280. For the Sunday Vocations Chalice please contact Ingrid Franklin @ 910-867-8090.

PASTOR'S CORNER:

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to thank everyone for your gifts, cards, and your generosity to me this past Christmas Season. Also, a special thanks to all the organizations and committees who made 2016 a fruitful and eventful year. I look forward to 2017 with the same confidence I had last year.

Subdeacon Chuck has put together an analysis of the parish's finances. As chair of the Stewardship Committee, he has given you the status of St. Michael's. Soon you will be receiving a copy of the Financial Report for 2016 which will be forwards to the Chancery Office. Again, I thank you for your support in the past.

Next weekend I will be in Florida following our annual retreat. Please welcome Msgr. Gerald Lewis to our community.

Have A Blessed Week,



PRAISES OF THE MOTHER OF GOD



**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD:
THE DAY OF PEACE**



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



“The Church (like so many other things in life) is not so much something we inherit from generations past or take over from our predecessors as it is something on loan to us from future generations” (Matthew Kelly)

**St. Michael Catholic church
Maronite Rite
Stewardship Appeal 2017**

“Stewardship is the giving of our time, talent, and treasure to our church (local and Universal) in recognition that everything belongs to God.” (July/August 2010, [Lay Witness Archive](#) by [Eric Stoutz](#).)

Dear St. Michael Parishioners;

During this past year, our parish community has experienced turn—over; we said goodbye to too many, but we did welcome many new families—we are grateful to all who are part of our parish family. Also, with the past year, we have experienced an increase in maintenance and administrative expenses, all needing resolution. We need an increase in your generous support for the financial needs of the parish—the current level of regular giving (not including generous irregular gifts) will not sustain our regular parish expenses.

Many of our systems—heating, air, electrical—are at or beyond their service life, with the immediate need to replace the heating and air systems for the church (continuous costs of repairs will quickly outpace the cost of a new system). As most know, we started a campaign some months ago to address the immediate need to replace one of the church systems—now both are failing and need replacing within this year. Throughout the near future, we must be ready to replace the units in the social hall as well.

Also, we have seen a dramatic increase in the cost of health insurance, with other expenses rising modestly. We have managed to barely cover expenses, but are now depleting any contingency money we have saved; at our current rate of spending, we will deplete our contingency funds during this year.

We are asking that all members of our parish community re-examine their level of giving and assess how they can help our parish and the church. As a guideline for giving, we average 75 regular monetary contributors a week. Using this number and given the total amount of our yearly expenses, our target is to average \$40 per week per parishioner (this amounts to \$2,000 per year per parishioner, and is based on yearly expenses totaling \$150,000). This level of support will allow us to cover our expenses and build our contingency fund back to a level needed to cover large unforeseen expenditures without resorting to campaigning or pledges.

Please note: the weekly average target for monetary giving is just that, a target, or goal. Some parishioners can, and do, give more, while some give less but are giving all they can afford. For tracking our level of giving, please look at our weekly offering total in the bulletin—if it does not equal or exceed \$3,000, we are losing money!

The church’s mission is not about money, but we do need to pay the bills to keep the lights on and maintain our beautiful facilities! We ask for your continued support for our parish so we can continue with our church mission now and onto the future.

God Bless all of you for your support of our parish family and the Church!

The Church includes in her list of precepts “the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability” (Catechism, no. 2043)

Questions or comments? Please contact Subdeacon Chuck!