

Saint Michael Catholic Church

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Our Mission

We are a community of many cultures united by our Roman Catholic faith. As children of God we seek to know, love and serve Him above all things. Valuing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially His call to unity and holiness, our mission is to strengthen our union with God by celebrating the sacraments, proclaiming the Word, and knowing, loving and serving our neighbor.

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**This ministry operates under the oversight of the pastor.

Stewardship a Way of Life

“Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it in service to one another, like good stewards, dispensing the grace of God in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

Our St. Michael community and each of its ministries strive to fulfill our diverse missions through the practice and pursuit of stewardship.

Stewardship, in its simplest form, acknowledges that all that we have and all that we are come from God. These gifts from God are provided to us as good stewards to use them wisely, justly, and in gratitude. Each of us must place our own gifts, through the Parish and through our ministries, at the service of one another and of those in need.

In the Pastoral Letter of the United States Bishops, titled *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, a Steward is defined as one who...

- Receives God's gifts gratefully,
- Cultivates those gifts in a responsible manner,
- Shares those gifts with all in justice and love,
- Returns gifts to the Lord with increase.

The ministries listed in this booklet recognize their sense of stewardship and serve in joy to live out that stewardship.

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to our parish and Gainesville. It is my pleasure to invite you to grow with us, pray with us and live the sacramental life of the church as followers of Jesus Christ.

This parish directory of the various ministries at Saint Michael is a beautiful example of what is a parish community in the 21st Century. The parish of today is a living body that believes, lives and is celebrated by all its members who are baptized in the Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Our parish is multiethnic as is the expression of Christ's face in our world today. The parish offers itself to men and women as a charitable space, of conversion, of healing and of chance to reach a new life in Christ.

In essences, our parish is Eucharistic. It is important that we understand this. We are born from her, we live for her and we are sent forth in her mission. We are reminded of this important life at the end of each celebration. Our deacon or priest announces, "*The Mass has ended, go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.*" Or, as Canon 211 of the Code of Canon law emphatically states: "*All the Christian faithful have the duty and right to work so that the divine message of salvation more and more reaches all people in every age and in every land.*"

This ministry directory presents itself to all our members, new and old, so we can learn about our areas of mission and together, in a living way, we are integrated into the labor of the Kingdom, enlightened by the dynamic of the Spirit living within us.

As you read the descriptions of our many ministries and organizations, please consider sharing your gifts from God by joining one or more of them. If any member of our pastoral team, or I may be of assistance, please call 770.534.3338.

I wish to thank all who presently minister to our parish community; may God continue to bless our parish and all of our efforts as we work together to further His Kingdom.

Again, welcome to our parish family: May the dynamic Spirit within us continue to guide us as members of the Mystic Body of Christ – the Church

In Christ's Love,

Reverend Fabio Sotelo

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor

Rev. Father Fabio Sotelo

Associate Pastors

Rev. Father William Canales

Rev. Father Kizito Okeke

Rev. Father Thadd Rudd

Deacon Associate

Rev. Mr. Michael Kennedy

Rev. Mr. Gary Roche

Rev. Mr. Gilberto Pérez

Rev. Mr. Luis London

Rev. Mr. Richard Thibodeau

Business Manager

Lynn Kennedy

Administration Assistant

Dolly Matovina

Bookkeeper

Lucia Martin

Youth Ministry

Andy McRoberts

Father Kizito Okeke

School of Religion

Adriana Sargent

Frances Thibodeau

Baptism Preparation

Deacon Mike Kennedy

Diana Mendoza

Christian Formation

Ken Lampert

Juan Carlos Escamilla

Financial Council

Ben Hawkins

Facilities Manager

Jim Beaubien

Music Director

Marilyn Clarkson

Pastoral Council

Lisa Goswick

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Masses/Misas

Saturday/Sabado

5 PM (during daylight savings time)	English
4 PM (standard time – winter hours)	English
7:30 p.m.	Spanish

Sunday/Domingo

7:30 AM, 10 AM	English
12:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 5 PM	Spanish
7 p.m.	Vietnamese

Weekday Liturgy

Monday – Friday	9 AM	English
Lunes & Jueves	7 PM	Spanish
Wednesday	7 PM	English

1st Friday/Primeros Viernes

Bilingual

7:15 PM	English
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Saturday following 1st Friday/Primer Sábado

9 AM	English
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Holy Day Liturgies

Eve of Holy Day	7:00 pm
?Holy Days	9:00 am, 12:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Note the following exceptions:

- If a holy day falls on a Sunday, follow the regular Sunday schedule.
- If a holy day falls on a Saturday, there is no 7:00 pm Mass for the holy day. (The regular 5:00 pm Mass is for the Sunday obligation only)
- If the holy day falls on a Monday, there is no 7:00 pm Mass on Sunday, the eve of the holy day.

It is desired that all parishioners actively participate in weekly liturgies when the parish family gathers for worship in a spirit of togetherness. The more familiar parishioners are with each other and the parish staff, the more meaningful the celebration. Please take time to greet one another and the clergy as you arrive and leave the church.

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SACRAMENTS AT ST. MICHAEL

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

Arrangements to have a child baptized should be made by calling the Office, 770.534.3338. Ideally this should be done prior to the birth of the child. Preparation classes, usually conducted on the 3rd Saturday of the month are required for all parents.

Baptism of infants and children is administered on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 am (in Spanish) and following Sunday's 7:30 am Mass in English.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

The bishop administers the Sacrament of Confirmation each year to youth in the tenth grade and higher who have completed the preparation process. Normally, candidates will have completed eight years of religious education before entering the final preparation for confirmation. The director of religious education should be consulted for special situations

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Confession/Penance)

“Jesus came and stood before them... then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive men’s sins, they are forgiven them, if you hold them bound, they are held bound.”

John 20: 22, 23

Confessions are heard:

Wednesday	6 – 7 pm	English
Thursday	6 – 7 pm	Spanish/English
Friday	6 – 7 pm	Spanish
Saturday	3:30 pm	English/Spanish

Parish penance services are held during Advent and Lent as an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament in a communal setting. Individual confessions, when needed, can be arranged by calling the Office at 770.534.3338.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

“While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, said a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. ‘Take and eat it,’ he said: ‘This is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God, and gave it to them, and said, ‘Drink it, all of you, this is my blood, which seals God’s covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink this wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Matthew 26: 26-28

In addition to receiving communion during liturgies, communion is available for the respite/homebound by contacting Marion Heninger at 770.536.2410.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

"A man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and the two shall become as one."

Genesis 2:24

According to the policy of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia, a couple planning to be married should make arrangements with the church at least six (6) months in advance. They should check on available dates for the church before making any firm commitments of other arrangement for the wedding.

Couples are required to meet periodically with the priest or the deacon they have chosen to officiate at their wedding. The couple will also work with the priest or deacon and the parish music minister in planning the ceremony.

Any question concerning the church's rules and regulations on marriage should be directed only to a priest or deacon of the parish so as to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"Is there anyone sick among you? Let him call for the priests of the church, and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer made in faith, will save the sick person, the Lord will restore his health, and if he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven."

James 5:14,15

The Sacrament of Anointing should be given to the seriously ill, i.e., a person in danger of death from sickness or old age; any sick person even though no illness has been diagnosed; prior to surgery; elderly people even though no illness has been diagnosed; sick children if they have sufficient use of reason to benefit from the strength and consolation of the sacrament.

The Sacrament of Anointing is NOT the Last Rites! Call the Office at 770.534.3338 to obtain the Emergency phone number. The priest on duty will answer 24/7 in case of a life/death emergency.

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Liturgy/Worship Ministry Coordinators-

Russ Du Teau, 1.706.864.0889 Tuan Nguyen, 770.287.1333
Binh Nguyen, 770.531.4430 Ariel Méndez, 770.531.9455

LITURGY

ALTAR SERVERS

Laura Félix 770.287.0301 (*Spanish Speaking*)
Wayne Ward, 770.530.3643, apbward@charter.net
Richard Thibodeau, 770.983.1914,

Altar servers are responsible for assisting the priest and deacon, and at some events, the bishop, as the Christian community celebrates the Eucharist and other liturgical services.

Open to children in the fourth grade or higher and are active members of this parish. All children are encouraged to serve until they have graduated high school.

Altar servers will help in all fundraisers, serve at masses, weddings and Quinceañeras.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST/HOMEBOUND

Alice Schultz, 770.503.9939
Isido Cuevas, 770.503.1139

Men and women of the parish who are 18 years of age or older chosen by the pastor and staff assist in the distribution of Holy Communion, under both species, at Mass. In addition, they may take communion to those parishioners in the hospital, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, as well as those who are homebound.

LECTORS

Anne Finlayson, 770.287.3161, ahbird00@aol.com (*English Speaking*)
Ariel & Lidia Méndez, 770.531.9455 (*Spanish Speaking*)

The primary function of the lector is to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly. Men, women and youth (at least 18 years old) are eligible and must meet the diocesan eligibility requirements. Training sessions are held for those who wish to serve in this ministry. After the training they are commissioned by the pastor to be active proclaimers of God's word.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Russ Du Teau, 1.706.864.0889 (English Speaking)

Diana Méndoza, 770.532.2383 (Spanish Speaking)

Francisco Magno, 770.256.6716 (Spanish Speaking)

This committee plans and coordinates liturgies with pastor and deacons. There is training at the Parish level and periodic training at the Archdiocesan level.

MASS TEAM LEADERS

Mass leaders ensure that each mass is celebrated in a solemn, dignified manner as directed by the pastor. As a leader, there are responsibilities/tasks that must be completed at the assigned mass. If interested please check with the Parish Office.

SACRISTANS

Margie Braff, 770.536.6192 margaretbraff@aol.com (English Masses)

Francisco Magno, 770.256.6716 (Spanish Masses)

On a scheduled basis the sacristans set up the sanctuary for all Masses: daily, weekend, funerals, weddings, etc. They prepare all vessels and elements used in the Mass, light the candles, change and launder the altar linens, and the linens used in the Mass proper. The sacristans are responsible to return the items to their proper place.

USHER

Patty Gómez, 770.534.3338(English) chken@bellsouth.net

Fernandez Medrano, 678.316.9384 (Spanish)

The purpose of the ushers is to insure the reverence of the Mass and assist the priests and worshipers. Men and women are welcomed to participate in this ministry, which assists those attending Mass. They greet parishioners on arrival at Mass, seat them as occasion arises, assist all disabled persons, take up collections, direct parishioners at Communion time, and distribute bulletins and information. There are two training sessions per year.

MUSIC MINISTRY

New parishioners at St. Michael can enjoy a variety of musical ensembles that will satisfy their interests. All of the ensembles described below are of voluntary participation. They require a once a week rehearsal during the choir season and they expect that their members will participate with the ensemble at their assigned Mass. The different choirs need cantors, music directors, pianist/organist or parishioners who play other types of instruments.

English Choirs

Contemporary Ensemble

Patti Lewis, 770.932.9784, Lfunnyfarm@netzero.net

The choir is accompanied by organ, piano, guitars, bass, drums, various percussion instruments. They participate at the 10:00 am Mass on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays & at special liturgies.

Folk Choir

Amelia Seid, 770.534.5850

Linda Gneiding, 770.967.4751

The Folk Choir usually performs at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Traditional Choir

Marilyn Clarkson, 706.865.1082, mcflamingo@mac.com

Russ Duteau, 1.706.864.0889, russ.duteau@charter.net

The traditional choir is an ensemble that studies and performs traditional church music repertoire. Works by Mozart, Bach and more as well as spirituals and contemporary works are standard in this ensemble. The traditional choir rehearses on Wednesday evening and participates at the 7:30 am or 10:00 am Masses on Sunday.

Youth/Children Choir

Patti Lewis, 770.932.9784 Lfunnyfarm@netzero.net

Alvaro Hernandez, 678.457.2641(Spanish)

The Youth Choir studies and performs music suitable for children to enjoy and increase their faith. Unison singing as well as rounds and basic harmony are introduced in this ensemble. The Youth Choir rehearses from September to May on Wednesday evenings and participates in 4 to 6 Masses per year.

Spanish Choirs:

Doxa (Domingos 5:00 pm)
Juan Gómez,

Espíritu Santo (Lunes y Jueves)
Porfirio Villalobos, 770.875.5202

Kerigma (Domingos 12:30 pm)
Alvaro Hernández, 678.450.6841
Jose Rivera, 770.912.0502

San Francisco de Asís (Ocasiones Especiales)
Diana Mendoza, 770.532.2383

Santa Cecilia (Sábados 7:30 pm)
Luís Gordillo, 678.450.6864

Santa María del Pueblito (Quinceañeras)
Guillermo Hernández, 678.862.2030

Santa Teresa (Domingos 2:30 pm)
Alex Díaz, 770.530.8209

A variety of instruments that include guitars, piano, drums and singers are featured in the choirs. Traditional music from Mexico and other Latin countries is featured.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT / EVANGELIZATION
MINISTRY**

Coordinators—

John DePalma 770.535.0524
Jose Luis Escamilla 770.572.7352

ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Jeff Jacobs, 770.831.6208

José Luis Escamilla, 770.572.7352 Escamilla@bellsouth.net

Adult Enrichment assists in the catechesis and transformation of our family on matters of faith, both through sacred scriptures and sacred tradition.

BIBLE STUDY

Fran Thibodeau, 770.534.3338 Ext.223 thibodeau@saintmichael.cc

Everyone is welcome to learn more about the scriptures. This is a wonderful opportunity to make friends in a spiritual way.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Ken Lampert, 770.983.1516 (English speaking adults)

Juan Carlos Escamilla, (Spanish speaking adults)

Any adult who wishes to become Catholic or lacks the Sacrament of Eucharist or Confirmation is invited to participate in the pre-Catechumenate or period of inquiry. This is followed by a time of spiritual formation and reception into the Church usually taking place at the Easter Vigil liturgy.

EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

Felix Acosta, 770.534.8944

We express our praise in songs, prayer, and silence. The Lord is present to those assembled through Scripture teachings, exhortation, charismatic gifts, and sharing. We sponsor both seminars and healing Masses in an effort to help those attending to establish or reestablish and deepen a personal relationship with our Risen Savior. All are welcome to attend these open meetings.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)

Deacon Gilberto Pérez, 678.450.0023

This ministry is also known as “Christ Renew His Parish” (CRHP—sometimes pronounced “Chirp”). CRHP is a spiritual renewal that brings adult parishioners together in small groups in order to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. It is an effective instrument for spiritual growth.

DOOR TO DOOR EVANGELIZATION **

Pablo Perez, 770.374.9037

Andy McRoberts, 770.534.3338

Spreading the Word of God throughout Gainesville's neighborhoods and Hall County.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Genie & Tripp Monaghan, 770.287.0781 jmjig@bellsouth.net

Alvaro Hernandez, 678.450.6841

Natural planning spreads the knowledge to respect the body and the importance of chastity. It offers a method for achieving or postponing pregnancy based on observation of the fertile cycle of the woman. More than a method it is a way of life, obeying God's Law and growing as a couple in faith.

We meet for two hours once a month with a certified NFP teacher.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Dorothy Butler, 770.534.5321

A group of prayerful people who work to promote a culture of life by seeking to expose the truth about abortion in an effort to change people's heart and minds concerning this vital core issue. Specifically it supports pro-life activities including educational efforts, crisis pregnancy center support, political action, and prayer vigils. In addition to abortion, it also supports efforts to end euthanasia, stem cell research, human embryonic research, and assists in other activities that support the sanctity and dignity of human life.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Billie Poon, 770.287.0363

This ministry is center around the Christian virtue which is respect for the human person. The differences among persons belong to God's plan, who wills that we should need one another—*human solidarity*.

*** This ministry operates with the oversight of the pastor.*

VOCATION-ELIJAH CUP

Victor Escamilla, 678.897.8308 escamilla@bellsouth.net

The “Elijah Cup” is a program of prayer in which individuals, couple, and families pray for a week in their home for priests, religious, and vocations. Interested parishioners are scheduled to take home the consecrated chalice in its carrying case.

The “Elijah Cup” should have a place of honor in their home. When daily prayers are said or when prayers at meal time are said, the cup should be present. At the end of the week the chalice is returned to the same Mass in which it was received. It is then given to the next scheduled family.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Coordinators—

Jose Luis Escamillia, 770.572.7352

Natalie Kean, 307.220.3309

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Adriana Sargent, 770.534.3338 Ext. 229, asargent@saintmichael.cc

Frances Thibodeau, 770.534.3338 Ext. 223,

fthibodeau@saintmichael.cc

The Continuing Christian Development program is open to parishioners from ages three through grade eight who attend either public or non-Catholic private school. They receive information and formation in Gospel values, Catholic doctrine, and the traditions and practices of our Church.

The dedicated volunteers of SOR possess a deep love of God and a desire to share their faith coupled with the ability to work lovingly with children. Parishioners may serve as teachers, substitute teachers, or teacher aides. They may also offer their time and talent to SOR as clerical helpers, musicians or arts and crafts people.

Classes usually meet weekly from mid-August through May.

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

Friday 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday 6 pm

Sunday 8:45am, 11:15am, 3:30pm

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Diana Mendoza, 770.532.2383

Deacon Michael Kennedy, 770.534.3338

Parents and Godparents are invited to participate in Baptism Preparation for the child. Classes are held monthly. Beyond the event of Baptism, the team provides opportunity for the parents of the newly baptized to continue their child's faith development.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

Adriana Sargent, 770.534.3338 Ext. 229

Fran Thibodeau, 770.534.3338 Ext.223

Christian Initiation is a journey of conversion that transforms children as well as their families. Through sacramental initiation, children become active members of the Body of Christ. This program is for children 2nd through 12th grade who wish to be baptized or would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. The group meets regularly during the 10:00 am Mass from September through April.

Any active member of the parish who would like to guide a child on their faith journey as a sponsor is also welcome to join the program. Teaching is not required for sponsors.

Training is available.

CATECHIST PREPARATION

Adriana Sargent, 770.534.3338 Ext. 229

Fran Thibodeau, 770.534.3338 Ext.223

NURSERY

Maria Reyes, 770.534.3338

Caring for Children—The purpose of the nursery is to provide quality childcare so that parents of young children may fully participate in Mass. Babysitting may also be offered at other classes, discussions and events at the parish, allowing parents to enhance and deepen their Catholic faith and enjoy social happenings of the church community.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Andy McRoberts, 770.534.3338

Father Kizito Okeke, 770.534.3338, kokeke@saintmichael.cc

Empowering young people to become witnesses for Christ's love by living their faith and working for peace and social justice.

Engaging them to participate in the life, mission and works of the greater community faith. In our youth group, we foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person through a variety of activities – Drama, Service, Sunday Night Live, Urban Plunge & Vacation Bible School.

Youth Ministry meeting are held every Wednesday at 7:30 pm

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Coordinators—

Jerry Frady, 770.718.1444

Lisa Goswick, 770.718.1444

Maggie Garriott, 770.538.0782

Emmanuel Flore, 678.886.8101

CARE ACTIVITIES

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT/FUNERAL LUNCHEON

Deacon Gary Roche, 770.983.9971

Deacon Gilberto Pérez 770.534.3338 (Spanish Community)

Marian Gentile, 770.536.4235

Margie Braff, 770.536.6192, margaretbraff@aol.com

Volunteers work with members of the clergy to assist the family with preparations for the Wake and Funeral Mass and will also follow-up with family members as needed.

FOOD BANK

Deacon Mike Kennedy, 770.718.1815

GOOD NEWS AT NOON

Margie Braff, 770.536.6192 margaretbraff@aol.com

Richard Landy, 770.536.8218

To “feed the hungry” – people who might not be able to have a meal. Our church is involved in this outreach to our community. We have been doing this since 1988.

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, we cook and serve a meal at the Good News Center for the homeless. We prepare the meal and bring it to the center. No training is required

MINISTRY TO THE HOME BOUND

Marian Heninger, 770.536.2410

Rafael Covarrubias, 770.718.5352

A team of volunteers are ready to assist fellow parishioners in need of help with rides to Mass, and doctor appointments, grocery shopping, respite for caregivers, friendly visits and phone calls to brighten someone's day.

JAIL MINISTRY

Deacon Gary Roche, 770.983.9971 roche2003@bellsouth.net

Deacon Luis Londoño, 770.534.3338

We bring the word of God and the sacraments of the Catholic Church to men, women and juveniles who are incarcerated. This is a diocesan wide ministry. Deacons and lay ministers assist at Mass, bring the Eucharist to inmates, conduct para-liturgies and prayer meetings, facilitate bible discussion sessions and provide spiritual companionship. On the average, ministers visit institutions about twice a month.

Training is provided.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP)**

Lisa Goswick, 770.983.9379 Lgoswick@bellsouth.net

St. Vincent de Paul has been active at St. Michael for 35 years. Our purpose is to respond to people in need with compassion and without judgment. We provide direct aid to help with food, rent, utilities, medicine, etc., never forgetting that giving our love, talents and time is more important than giving money. Many of our volunteers work behind the scenes taking phone calls, making call backs to clients, organizing and stocking the food pantry, performing clerical duties and many other responsibilities.

STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Rita Craven, 770.538.0171 cravenrita@hotmail.com

Every individual at some time in life needs someone to be present to listen and care. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to be compassionate listeners to persons experiencing life's struggles, such as, separation or divorce, terminal illness, bereavement, job crisis, loneliness, depression, hospitalization or spiritual crisis.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Maggie Garriott, 770.538.0782, cgo782@bellsouth.net, (English)

Francisca Mondragon, 678.450.4286(Spanish)

If you have the following disabilities: hearing, mobility, sight, speech and if you need help such as with transportation, *please call the parish office – 770.534.3338*

*** This ministry operates with the oversight of the pastor.*

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY

Coordinators—

Julio Cruz, 770.287.0885

Terry Link, 706.265.4512

ACTIVITIES-SERVICES

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Bob Belladonna, 770.536.4341 (English)

Indalesio Salazar, 770.869.3096(Spanish)

Father Fabio, 770.534.3338, fsotelo@saintmichael.cc

Program for boys ages 10-17 to develop character, moral strengths and leadership through skills training and outdoor activities.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CENTER

Margie Braff, 770.536.6192 margaretbraff@aol.com

This ministry helps high school students at Johnson High School and Gainesville High School study the Old and New Testament. Students received high school credits through this study. Also, mentoring and family counseling are offered to the students.

A licensed counselor is available for counseling.

COOKING FOR THE PRIESTS

Este Fuchs, 678.450.9929

If you enjoy cooking and making meals for our priests, this ministry is for you. Usually, just one meal per month is requested.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. ANN

Josephine Atem, 404.384.6524, atemjn@yahoo.com
Father Kizito. 770.534.3338, kokeke@saintmichael.cc

Daughters of St. Ann unite the women of the parish by doing community service such as, making the banners that are hung in the sanctuary, making the “ugly quilts” for the homeless, and the “white alb” for the priests. We also prepare special meals for our priests when they are hosting visiting priests or other special visitors.

GOLDEN GENERATION

Marian Heninger, 770.536.2410

Men and women over the age of 50 are welcomed to participate in this social club that meets five times a year at 11 AM in the main sanctuary with lunch (covered dish) and some type of entertainment following.

HOSPITALITY

Marian & Byrne Heninger, 770.536.2410

We are better known as the “Coffee and Donut” Ministry. We welcome all in the social hall with juice, coffee & donuts.
To join our ministry, you must be dependable, eager to meet parishioners and bring a smile to their face.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Grand Knight Gabriel Mayberry, 706.367.1229 gfm6920gk@yahoo.com

Our purpose is to promote the development of the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism and to provide, on a voluntary basis, insurance to protect family members and/or resources for retirement.

***This ministry operates until the oversight of the pastor.*

WEDDING COORDINATORS

Margie Braff, 770.536.6192 margaretbraff@aol.com
Jose Saldierra, 770.561.7083

Coordinators prepares the wedding party for the Sacrament of Matrimony. This requires instructing the participants on the wedding guidelines at St. Michael, organize and supervise the rehearsals and on the day of the wedding, coordinates the wedding Mass.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY - YAM of Atlanta (HUMBLE HEARTS)

John DePalma, 770.535.0524 j500dep@yahoo.com

Marilu Ortiz, 770.532.0775

We, as a community seek to learn, love and live out our beliefs of the Catholic faith through spiritual formation, intellectual growth, social interactions, and pastoral works. We invite all young adults in our parish to join Humble Hearts and enjoy a variety of activities and gatherings. This ongoing ministry receives training through YAM of Atlanta.

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS

CHURCH DECORATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Lynn Kennedy, 770.534.3338 ex. 239 lkennedy@saintmichael.cc

The purpose of this ministry is to prepare and enhance our church and sanctuary for liturgical events. This ministry makes banners, does remodeling projects for the church and decorates for special events. Meetings are occasional and help is needed prior to liturgical seasons.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Victor Escamilla, 770.374.0670

We honor Our Lady every year on December 11 and 12. Our ministry organizes and prepares for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Diana Mendoza, 770.532.2383

Every year brings different special events and they require parishioners to help organize and execute the event. One example is the parish picnic in the month of October. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at 770.534.3338.

PRAYER

CURSILLO

Laurie Macias, 770.983.2416 Spanish Speaking

murphy_macias2@bellsouth.net

This is a lay movement of the Catholic Church that helps those involved focus on how to live their Baptismal call in all of their environments - at home, at work, at play. Cursillo weekends, for men and women, are held twice a year.

For more information go to www.atlcatholicursillo.org

DAILY ADORATION

Marilyn Kennedy, 770.718.815

At St. Michael, we do the original four hours a day. We do Adoration from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Right now, time commitment is one day a week for one hour of devotion between 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. No training is required.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Marilyn Kennedy, 770.718.1815

Alberto Castillo, 678.858.6804 © 678.865.1205 (h)

Eucharistic Adoration (EA) is a Eucharistic devotion wherein members of a parish unite in making continuous adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament throughout the twenty-four hours of the day.

At St. Michael, we do the Eucharistic Adoration on the first and third Friday of every month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 am.

Ministers of prayer are committed to an assigned day and hour to be spent with the Lord in the Holy of Holies where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the ostensorium.

ROSARY

Teresa Escamilla, 770.374.0670

The living rosary is prayed three times a year, during Lent, and the months of May and October. Individuals participate as leaders, by praying the prayers of the rosary. This is a beautiful devotion as a family to honor life.

This ministry includes the Traveling Madonna, Rosary Makers, Medjugore prayer/study group, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY
Coordinators-
Maggie Garriott, 770.538.0782
Natalie Kean, 770.220.3309

PARISH OFFICE

If you are interested in helping in the Parish office, there is a variety of jobs to do. The jobs include working at the front desk, telephoning, computer expertise, technology, receptionist, data entering, money counting/deposit preparation, etc.
Please call the Parish Office at 770.534.3338

BOOK/GIFT SHOP

Cathy Lampert, 770.983.3516

We make available religious items, books, bibles and catechisms. We open the store after each weekend mass for approximately 30 minutes. We need volunteers to work in the store. We need both English speaking and Spanish speaking volunteers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lynn Kennedy, 770.534.3338 ex: 239, lkennedy@saintmichael.cc

In the Communication Ministry, we need parishioners who are photographers, can create videos, can help with developing and maintaining the web site or helping to produce mailings.
Contact the Parish Office at 770.534.338.

BULLETIN PREPARATION

Jeannie Burke, 770.967.2654

Doris Peirce, 770.561.6481

Pablo Pérez, 770.374.9037

Compose and type each weekly church bulletin. Usually requires two days to complete. Computer skills are required.

PARISH CALENDAR

Charles O'Connor, 770.531.9060

In this ministry, the Calendar of Events is maintained.

PARISH PHOTOGRAPHER

Parish Office, 770.534.3338

Available to photograph church events or memorable moments.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Charles O'Connor, 770.534.3338

Develops and maintains our website.

MAINTENANCE

Jim Beaubien, 770.533.3338 EXT. 229, jbeaubien@saintmichael.cc

Use your special skills to help with computers (IT), gardening, painting, clean up, electrical and other repair jobs.

PARISH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Coordinators—

Diana Mendoza, 770.532.2383

Julio Cruz, 770.287.0885

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

This campaign is organized when the membership desires to build a new church building or enter into a large renovation of the present building.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The construction committee is formed when we decide to build a new church building.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Lynn Kennedy 770.534.3338 ex:239 lkennedy@SaintMichael.cc

The purpose of this ministry is to prepare and enhance our church. If you are interested in interior decorating, *please contact Lynn Kennedy.*

PARISH COUNCIL

Lisa Goswick, 770.983.9379

The council is comprised of the heads of our major ministries, elected and appointed by the pastor. The council facilitates better communication between the many organizations, plans and organizes major parish events, as well as advising the pastor. We meet once a month for about two hours.

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PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ben Hawkins, 770.534.1894 blhawkins@gmail.com

The Committee is responsible for reviewing monthly financial information pertaining to the operation of our church and approves annual budgets for both. The Committee also approves all major capital expenditures. The Pastor appoints members of the Finance Committee.

STEWARDSHIP

Diana Mendoza, 770.532.2383

The mission of the Stewardship Committee is to promote and foster Christian stewardship in our homes, in our Parish, in our community, and in our Archdiocese. To fulfill our mission we provide resources for worship, prayer, education, administration, outreach and witness. The Committee meets monthly. Members of the Committee continue to study about stewardship as well as attend workshops and seminars dealing with stewardship.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Suzie Hawkins, 770.534.1894

The Welcoming Committee strives to create a warm inviting atmosphere to help enhance a family environment. Volunteers serve as the initial greeter to all new parish members, host fellowship various hospitality gatherings.

