



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



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, *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 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.

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

Address

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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

Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

The King of the Universe is My King

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. This solemnity was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, in response to the then growing nationalism and secularism that sought to thrust Jesus Christ and religious spirituality out of public life. The Pope was alarmed by this trend, and saw in it, a big threat to human civilization and religious freedom.

Today, that same threat is very much alive. We can see it in the trending idea that religious spirituality is a private thing; that you can believe whatever you want when it comes to religion; but when it comes to everyday life, you need to conform to secularist orthodoxy. In other words, there is no conflict in serving both God and mammon—we can love Jesus in our private lives but we are not supposed to bring that witness into the social arena. Yet there is a way we can bring the kingship of Christ into the social arena— by witnessing its transformative power in my own life.

Many a time, we are tempted to think that making Christ, the King of our lives, somehow takes joy and fun out of living. This is the furthest thing from the truth. Scripture says that when we confess with our lips and know in our hearts that Christ is Lord and King, we come to experience the “glorious freedom of the children of God” (Ref Romans 8). In John 10:10, Christ says, “I have come that they may have life and have it in its fullness”. As St. Irenaeus puts it, “The glory of God is man fully alive.” Yes, man fully alive is what God seeks for us, because God is not just interested in our spiritual activities and our spiritual self; He is interested in every aspect of our being—intellectual, physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual. That is to say, Christ wants to reign in our minds, in our wills, in our hearts, in our spirits, in our souls and in our bodies—so that every faculty in us can be transformed to function optimally as was purposed by the creator. Living a full life is not just about seeking out what I want for myself, but also seeking what I ought to be and what I ought to be doing.

So as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King this year, let us ask ourselves some basic questions: what is life all about and what happens when I die? Who is my creator and how should I respond to Him? How would I make my time on this earth worth it?

It is my prayer that God will guide us in this reflection and bring us to answers that will lead us to eternal life.

Msgr. Anselm

NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING

GIVING LEVELS

\$2,000	Archangels
\$1,500	Patriarchs
\$1,000	Apostles
\$500 plus	Disciples
\$250 plus	Evangelists
\$200 plus	Crusaders
\$100 plus	Guardian Angels

A plaque, to be named ***“St. Michael’s Church November 2020 Sacrificial Giving Bailout”*** will be created to memorialize all donors in the various categories. We encourage our parishioners to use, if possible, the “Go Fund Me” or the “Parish Giving” link on our Parish website. Alternatively, you can put your offering in an envelope and clearly label it, “November Sacrificial Giving” with your name and envelope number on it. You can mail, drop it in the collection box, or drop it off at the parish center or rectory. Please know that this offering is 100% free from Archdiocesan Assessment.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

MONDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

TUESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

THURSDAY

9:00 am

FRIDAY

9:00 am

SATURDAY

8:30 am

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

November 21

Roger Boetsch

November 22

Julian & Jennie Pruszkowski

Rev. John F. Tyks

For the Parishioners

Benjamin I. Magbanua (14th Ann.)

November 23

Maria Ribeiro

Deceased Members of the Poncette Family

November 24

All Souls

Fidela Dagat

Dawn Suarez

November 25

Catalina Campos

Alejandro T. Cruz

November 26 Thanksgiving Day

Patsy Scalgione

November 27

Maria Tavares

November 28

Roger Boetsch

Alejandro T. Cruz

November 29

For the Parishioners

Mary Dorothea & Robert Daniel Pfarr

Maria Amador

Ipo Nwosuh & Chinyere Odoemene

(Living)-Families Special Intentions

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

*** ALL 7:00 AM DAILY MASS INTENTIONS ARE GOING TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE 8:30 AM MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Stewardship of Treasures

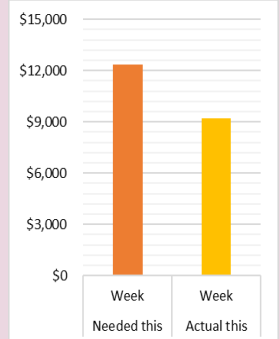
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

11/15/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,889	\$ 8,095	(\$4,794)

In the present health emergency, our weekly collections are interrupted. Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Dropping your envelopes** in the box in the Church vestibule.
- **Mailing your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office.
- **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.
- **GoFundMe** The Archdiocese has established a site for contributions, to parishes, due to the current emergency. Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the GoFundMe button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.



As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is **\$12,889**. What we actually received is **\$8,095**, so we are short **\$4,794**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING

100.00%

90.00%

80.00%

70.00%

60.00%

50.00%

40.00%

30.00%

20.00%

10.00%

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OUR GOAL**\$85,400**

Thank You!

Virtual MASSES & DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

MARIAN DEVOTION

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)

WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)

7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS

8:30AM

LOG INwww.stmichaelunion.org

MINISTRY Information

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyounion@aol.com



CYO FUNDRAISER!



After all Masses on

Nov. 27 & 28

Dec. 4 & 5



Christmas Wreath: \$20.00
Small Grave Cover \$20.00
Large Grave Cover: \$35.00



**We will be right in front of the
 St. Michael's Church & Rectory!
 We appreciate your support!**

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!

Awesome Job everyone! Our Thanksgiving food drive was a big success! We can not thank you enough for going above and beyond our expected donations. Know that your generosity will make Thanksgiving possible for the needy.

We would like to thank the following senior members, Sebastian Castano, Angelica DeStefano, Grace Enderle, & Sophia Fandino, who all gave personal reflections on their Faith to the group last week at CYO. Their open and honest Jesus sharings were inspiring and made all the difference! We are so very blessed by our young people!

And remember.....Due to space limitations members must register to come to a CYO meeting at cyounion@aol.com. (Include your name and grade in your email). Once all spaces are reserved the meeting will be closed, so don't delay!

In order to attend a CYO meeting members must bring their Signed Covid Liability Form, Registration Form and CYO dues. All forms have been mailed home to Parents of CYO members. If you did not receive them contact CYO by email and we will send them to you. Once you have handed in your papers they will be good for the entire years worth of meetings.

A MASK must be worn by everyone attending the meeting, hands will be sanitized when entering and social distancing will be upheld.

Your continued patience, understanding and prayers are still needed! God Bless you all!

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is now open. You can contact us by phone (908) 964-0965 or by email at smccd@comcast.net if you would like to leave a message.

ADVENT: PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD



This year our **Advent Giving Tree** will continue to assist the children of Blessed Sacrament Church, as we focus our efforts to brighten their holiday season.

In addition, we will be collecting gift cards to local stores (Target for example) and supermarket cards to help meet the needs of those families who have faced the worst of the pandemic and continue to deal with challenges daily.

May our efforts at St. Michael's lead us in following the example of Jesus Christ.

*All tags on the tree will be given to the children and families of Blessed Sacrament Church

*Tags will be available beginning the weekend of November 28-29

*Donations and gifts will be collected at Mass on the following two weekends: December 5-6 and December 12-13

If you would like to contribute a monetary gift to the **Sisters of Caldwell**, please drop off your donation at the Parish Center in a clearly marked envelope. We would like to present them with a gift card to treat them to a special meal or purchase something for the facility.

"God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3:12

Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2021 - We have a limited quantity available for purchase. Cost is \$4. Please stop by the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Avenue to pick up your copy.

Religious Education Classes - Our virtual program began last month, but you can still register and make payment online at stmichaelunion.org, Faith Formation tab, Religious Education or stop by our office M-TH between 9:30AM to 2:30PM to pick up a registration form. If you cannot make those days/hours, we will work with you. Call the office anytime and leave a message at 908-964-0965 or email smccd@comcast.net.



MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

HUGS Ministry (A charitable arm of our parish), distributes Grace Bags **every month** to families in our parish. Help spread the word. Our next distribution will be in December.

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children

(New born to Age 5) and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church offers a variety of musical styles at the following masses:

Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am

Traditional and Contemporary Music

Sunday, 9:00 am and 12 noon

Gospel/Contemporary Worship Music

The 12:00 Noon Contemporary Band and Choir is looking for volunteers who can play the bass, guitar or sing.

Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at
Patrick@patirckphillips.com



Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am

Mondays 7:00 pm



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating food to the Food Pantry for the coming holiday season. You can drop off the food items at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) Thank you for your generosity.



NOVENA of Masses

DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NOVEMBER 2019-NOVEMBER 2020

Michael Evans
Rona O'Shea
Thomas Clarke
Angelo Casale
Ann S. Benedek
Michele Anthony
Carol Foehner
Kimberly Glassen
Geraldine M. Melisse
Theodore Banaszewski
Antonia Aguanno
Elizabeth Scanlon
Mathilde Ordonez
Rosina Dotro
Steven Ligenza
Dyonizja Tarapata
Dulce Perpetua
Edgar Ramos
Elmer Olmedo
Barbara Disko
Ilona Gerhauser
Theodora Vitolo
Carol Miller
Mary Ann Rettino
Virgela Pierrevil

Alfred Richard Lime
Beverly Lamberti
Helen Duran
Florence Anello
Michael Angelo Alfano
Robert Lima
Elena Umih
George Roger Boetsch
Kenneth Spassione, Sr.
Margaret Mirynowski
Martha Mencia
Delitta Ann Michael
Angela Calvello
Jonnah A. Abaya
Ernesto Dy
Mary Elizabeth Froustet
Patrick J. Scanlon
Mary Spillane
Herbert Bentz
Frank S. Paiva
Concetta Matrale
Georgine N. Bellerio
Maria Araujo
Maria Mende

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

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, 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, Claudette Kallabeen, Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward, Marie Mate, David Randolph, Fr. Roy Regaspi, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Lucy Scalgione, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas & Cesar DeJesus.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SIMBANG GABI

(Christmas Evening Mass)
Sunday, December 19, 2020
8:00 PM

In Church
 Please register at our website
www.stmichaelunion.org
 if you are attending.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 19
1:00-2:00 PM

Wednesday, December 23
 Communal Penance Service
7:00-8:30 PM

Saturday, December 26
No Confession

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses.

Go to our website: www.stmichaelunion.org.

It is important to register to protect all parishioners in case there is an outbreak of the virus. We will be able to reach out and contact and inform those who have attended. Thank you.

ONLINE GIVING

Donating your weekly collections through the Parish Giving online platform is helpful now more than ever. Due to health and safety concerns related to the pandemic the number of volunteers that are available to count the collections has significantly diminished. By using online giving you are selecting the safest and easiest method of giving for St. Michael's Parish. To start using Parish 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. Thank you for sustaining the parish during this unprecedented emergency that we are all experiencing.

**PARISH CENTER CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th and
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 AM, Church

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2020

Thursday, December 24th

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM-Family Liturgy (Church), 5:15 PM, (LC)

7:00 PM (Church), 7:15 PM (LC)

10:00 PM-Christmas Midnight Mass (Church)

10:15 PM-Christmas Midnight Mass (LC)

Christmas Day

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon (Church)

7:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM (LC)

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Thursday, December 31st

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon (Church)

New Year's Eve

7:00 PM-Vigil Mass & Prayer Service (Church)

7:15 PM-Vigil Mass & Prayer Service (LC)

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church)

6:30 PM—First Friday Mass & Adoration



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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.