

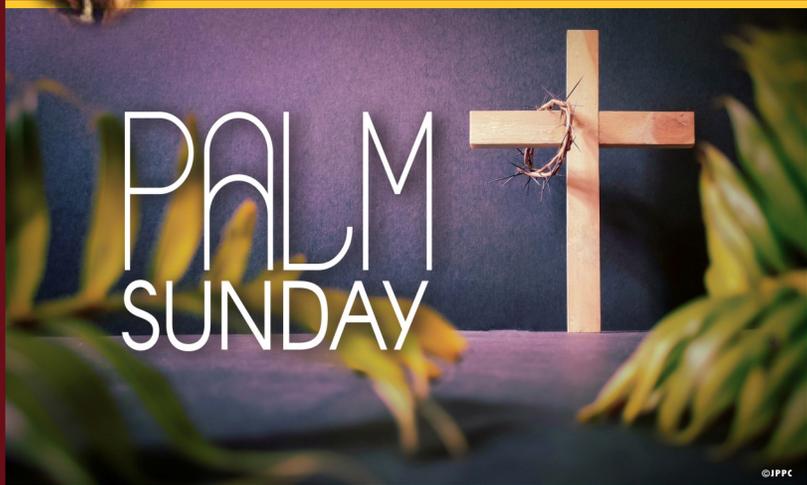


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY



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

Pastoral Staff

- Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*
- Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*
- Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*
- Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*
- Mrs. Marilynn Dragone, *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 1:30 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.

Address

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephones

- Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232
- Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076
- School: 908-688-1063
- Religious Education Office: 908-964-0965
- Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762
- Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net
- Stay Connected:

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Devotions

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Sunday and 1st Friday 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

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

Message From Our Pastor

My dear people of God,

Many measures have been adopted to stop the spread of this deadly virus, COVID-19. These measures are impacting all of us in various ways. Some of that impact is on our spiritual life. We are accustomed to going to Church to pray, for Mass, and to receive Holy Communion. It is important for us to remember at this time the words of Christ spoken to the woman at the well. "The days are coming when true worshipers will worship the Lord neither in Jerusalem nor on this mountain, but in spirit and in truth." God is ever present and present everywhere. He is present at your home, He is present in your car, He is present wherever you are right now. So let us continue to call upon the Lord at all times and in every space.

Since our normal opportunities to receive the Eucharist is at our daily and Sunday Masses, and we cannot gather together in that form at this time, it is important that we know that we can still satisfy the reception of Communion by making an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we make an Act of Faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation for Him to come into our hearts. So I encourage all of you, at this difficult time, when we cannot come together for Mass, to make this Act of Spiritual Communion, every day and as often as you can. Hold onto your faith; we shall get through this.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at this hour, I join Your faithful people at every Altar of the Church, where Your Precious Body and Blood is being offered to the Father, and give You thanks and praise. I believe that nothing can stop me from receiving You spiritually in my heart, from anywhere I am, at any time, day or night. How I long to receive you, right now, in the sacrament of Holy Communion from your Holy Altar. Since I cannot do so at this time, I beseech You to feed me with the manna of Your Holy Spirit and nourish me with Your holy presence. I lovingly embrace You, at this moment, as if I have actually received You. I present to You my body, my soul, my mind and my spirit, with the earnest wish that I may forever be united to You; never permit me to be separated from your love; and let me live and die in Your grace, Amen.

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

Saturday **April 4**
10:00 am Luis & Manuel Alvero, Mario Cadena (1st Ann.)

PALM SUNDAY **April 5**
10:00 am For the Parishioners, Anthony Walano, Anthony Marchitello, Elizabeth, Donato & Joe Pacicco

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK **April 6**
12:00 Noon Novena of Masses, Mattie Ordonez, Joseph Nanchanatt

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK **April 7**
12:00 Noon Ali A. Damestan, Godwin Ubanii, Joseph Nanchanatt

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK **April 8**
12:00 Noon Novena of Masses, Thanksgiving, Chinyere Odoemene (Living)

HOLY THURSDAY **April 9**
12:00 Noon

GOOD FRIDAY **April 10**
12:00 Noon

HOLY SATURDAY **April 11**

EASTER SUNDAY **April 12**
10:00 am For the Parishioners,

ALTAR OFFERINGS
The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.
The Pascal Candle is donated by Ed & Kathy Izbicki, in remembrance of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.

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**

3/29/2020	Needed Weekly	Actual Weekly	Deficit Weekly
Collection & SOS	\$13,740	\$3,621	(\$10,119)

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

- **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 Go Fund Me 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 \$13,740. What we actually received is \$3,621, so we are short **\$10,119**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL GATEWAY TO PRAYER



SUNDAYS

MASS
10:00 AM

MONDAY - FRIDAY
DAILY MASS
12:00 NOON

TUESDAYS
BIBLE CLASS
7:00 - 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS
MARIAN DEVOTION
7:00 - 8:00 PM

FRIDAYS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 - 8:00 PM

SATURDAYS
LENTE REFLECTION
9:00 - 10:00 AM

JOIN US VIRTUALLY
<https://www.gotomeet.me/StMichaelChurch>

OR CALL IN

1 (312) 757-3121
Access Code 574-150-285

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.



MINISTRY Information

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

cyouunion@aol.com



Stay strong everyone and trust in the Lord!

Our CYO members are staying strong through our connections on social media, group chats and **especially through prayer!** Many of us have been able to connect, talk, share and pray even while physically not being together.

We've been in contact with our friends at the Cheshire Home (Quadriplegic Center) and the ARC (Disabled Children) as well. Let's continue special prayers for them and as soon as this passes we will restart our monthly visits. God Bless you all!

L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N. is a time to:

L-isten to God's voice and reflect. Let go and let God.

O-bey His Word and His teachings.

C-all on Jesus name and be calm.

K-now what is the purpose of all this.

D-well in His presence. Do not panic.

O-ffer a prayer for everyone's safety.

W-ait and be patient.

N-urture our personal relationship with Him.

PALM SUNDAY

#1030

Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.
(shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Other hours are available by appointment.
Contact Coordinator: Marilyn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.

We can also be reached via e-mail at smccd@comcast.net

PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Please make sure your child continues to work in the religious education books as they need to be completed before the end of the school year.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

I'm sure many of you are wondering if First Communion dates will be changed. It's too early to say whether or not they will be. Below is the latest statement from the Archdiocese:

"Under Cardinal Tobin's directive, all public celebrations of the Sacraments and other public forms of worship are also suspended until further notice. This includes, but is not limited to, previously scheduled Confirmations, celebrations of First Communion, penitential services, Communion services, and Liturgies of the Word."

Unfortunately we don't know how long this will last. As soon as I hear any updates, I will let you know.

RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowls are available in the Church. Please consider taking one and donating to the missions that help people throughout the world.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating some canned or non-perishable food items so we can help feed those in need. Food may be dropped off at the Church or at the Parish Center. Thank you!

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 patrickphillips96@gmail.com

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (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 our website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

"Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).

Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe** at (908) 247-4461 if you have any questions.



ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, **April 20th**. Doors will open at 11:30 for coffee and social time. Our general meeting will begin at 12 Noon in the lower church.

Guest Speaker- Terri Maranda from the Union Tax Office. Ms. Maranda will speak on the Senior Freeze.

Upcoming Events:

May 4th- Attic Treasures shopping and meeting.

May 18th Senator Joseph Cryan will be our guest speaker.

Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives.



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ - a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten - 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at rsicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063.

Come tour and explore our amazing school!

NOVENA of Masses

APRIL 2020

Leopold Enwonwu	Alejandro T. Cruz
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Craig Calix (Living)	Serafina Sauro
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Rosemary Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Roger Boetsch	James Ford, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	George Rinehart
Emmana Dent (Living)	Special Intentions
Dominique Joseph (Living-Birthday)	
Lucila Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione (Living) & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwoshu & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Chika & Nnenna Nwosuh (Living)	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with CONVID 19	

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, Claubette 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, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward, Marie Mate, David Randolph, Fr. Roy Regaspi, Junia Perez & Virginia Hernandez.

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

2020 VIRTUAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 13, 20, 27, April 3

7:00 pm, Church

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 am

Distribution of Palms will be at a later date

Monday of the Holy Week, April 6

12:00 Noon Mass

Tuesday of the Holy Week, April 7

12:00 Noon Mass

Wednesday of the Holy Week, April 8

12:00 Noon Mass

Holy Thursday, April 9

9:00 am Morning Prayer & Devotion Reflection

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 10

9:00 am Morning Prayer & Devotion Reflection

3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross and

Celebration of the Passion

Holy Saturday, April 11

9:00 am Morning Prayer & Devotion Reflection

8:30 pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 12

Virtual Masses at 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon



Announcements

LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS

Our Friday night **LENTEN TALKS** have been cancelled.

ALTAR SERVER CAPES

Dear Parishioners,

We are still in need of donors for the new Altar Server Capes. Please call the Parish Center Office (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 if you are interested in donating.



Thank you for your continued generosity!

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 19, 2020



First say one 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'I believe'. Then on the large beads say the following words:

'Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.' On the smaller beads you are to say the following words: **'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'**

In conclusion you are to say these words three times:

'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world'.

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy... When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior."