



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 08, 2020

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parable of the
Ten Virgins

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

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephones

Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232

Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076

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Religious Education Office: 908-964-0965

Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762

Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net

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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,

I am so grateful to God for His faithfulness. I am so filled with hope as we begin this first week of our "Sacrifice of Thanksgiving" dedicated to bailing out our parish from the financial crunch of Coronavirus on our Church. As you know, we have committed November 2020 as "The Month of Sacrificial Giving"; a month we are calling upon our parishioners to graciously and selflessly make a sacrificial offering of thanksgiving (an offering separate from the regular Sunday collection and SOS), in support of our efforts to offset this deficit that is making it difficult for us to meet our obligations as a parish. Our hope is that this "November-Sacrificial-Giving" will be a tangible embodiment of our gratitude to God, for either (a) protecting us against this virus, (for those who have never been infected), or (b) for granting us healing and deliverance (for those who were infected and recovered), or (c) for granting eternal rest to a beloved one who fell victim to this virus; and (d) for continued deliverance from this pandemic and all other iniquities. Yes, we may never be able to repay God exactly for what He has done for us, but we can, through this sacrificial giving reflect and thank Him for His generous gift of grace, healing, and consolation. We are calling upon all our parishioners to participate in this saving grace, not just as families, but also as individuals.

To help parishioners make decision on how to give, we have established 7 categories of giving:

- (1) **"St. Michael's Church Archangels"**—those willing to make a sacrificial donation of **\$2,000 plus** each;
- (2) **"St. Michael's Church Patriarchs"**—those willing to make a sacrificial donation of **\$1,500 plus** each;
- (3) **"St. Michael's Church Apostles"**—those willing to make a sacrificial donation of **\$1,000 plus** each;
- (4) **"St. Michael's Church Disciples"**—those willing to make a sacrificial donation of **\$500 plus** each;
- (5) **"St. Michael's Church Evangelists"**—those willing to make a sacrificial donation of **\$250 plus** each;
- (6) **"St. Michael's Church Crusaders"** —those willing to make a sacrificial donation of **\$200 plus** each;
- (7) **"St. Michael's Church Guardian Angels"**—those willing to make a sacrificial donation of **\$100 plus** each.

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.

I thank all of you for responding positively to this call. We shall run this campaign throughout the month of November. May God reward your efforts and multiply your giving according to the abundance of His gracious riches in Christ Jesus, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

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

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

FRIDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

SATURDAY

8:30 am

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

November 7

Roger Boetsch

November 8

Betty Clark

Deceased Member of Knights of Columbus

Anthony John Espeleta (Living)

For the Parishioners/Masses in Gratitude For God's Blessings

November 9

Henrietta & Emil Jasa

Ali A. Damestani

Irene Badiola (Living)-Birthday

November 10

Hal Zino

Matilde Franco Sauro

Roger Boetsch

November 11

Marilyn Briones (Living)

All Souls

Nkiru Melie (Living)

November 12

Deonilo Onde Baring (1st Ann.)

Philip Montalto

Agnes Briones

November 13

All Souls

Rosa Miceli

Estelita Catabay

November 14

Serapio Dagat

Lucilia Sousa Araujo

November 15

For the Parishioners

Jose Isirio Torres

Angelina Fortino (35th Ann.)

Barbara Michalski (1st. Ann.)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione Family & Friends.

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

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

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www.stmichaelunion.org

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**

11/01/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,370	\$ 9,191	(\$3,179)

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 **\$12,370**. What we actually received is **\$9,191**, so we are short **\$3,179**. 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%

0.00%

OUR GOAL

\$85,400

Thank You!

MINISTRY Information

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyouunion@aol.com



Thanksgiving Service Project

This Tuesday, November 10th at CYO

FEEDING THE HOMELESS FOR THANKSGIVING

Every year our Food Pantry feeds homeless and needy families in the Union area for Thanksgiving. I have been told that the food supplies are very low and they are expecting greater numbers of needy families due to Covid. Let's see what our CYO Family can do to help out!

Please try to bring a minimum of 6 donation items. (But if you can try for more! Thanks!) With less teens allowed to attend CYO we will not get as much food as we usually do. If possible, please try to get at least 1 food item from each group to help us make balanced meals.

Group 1 Canned Vegetables

Peas
Carrots
Green Beans
Potatoes
Corn
Pork & Beans
Tomatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Tuna

Group 3 Thanksgiving Foods

Canned Gravy
Stuffing
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Soups
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Potatoes
Yams
Canned Soups

Jelly

Group 2 Dry Foods

Pasta
Tomato sauce
Macaroni & cheese
Rice
Noodles
Cereal

Group 4 Drinks/Dessert

Coffee
Tea/Iced Tea
Powdered Drinks
Canned Milk
Jello-O
Instant Pudding
Cookies/Crackers
Peanut Butter



Thank You!

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.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD: Virtual classes started Sunday, October 4 for Grades 1-5 and Tuesday evening, October 6 for Grades 6-8.

Our dedicated catechists are ready to share their faith with your child. In the younger grades, the catechists are posting weekly lessons via video to view at your convenience during the week and complete the assignments – with an occasional Zoom meeting so that the class and catechists can see each other and interact. We're using the digital platform to its fullest potential – incorporating songs, games, Bible stories, virtual Children's Liturgy of the Word and other interactive content from our publisher. In the older grades, catechists are both posting lessons for completion within the week and live-streaming lessons. They are incorporating interactive games like Kahoot. The CYO is in the process of preparing lessons videotaped by young adults, as well as special presentations such as Living Stations of the Cross for the Lenten season and the Festival of Lights for the Advent season.

We fully recognize that faith formation begins in the home and we could never in our limited time with the children impart the same knowledge and experiences you develop in your homes. However, we can certainly enrich their experiences and open up avenues of discussion to further develop that faith experience.

We are here for you. Please consider giving this gift to your children. We want to support you and give you and your children the tools to hang on to our faith and strong belief that God is alive, present and in control and everything will be okay in these unsettling times.

You can 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 form. We will work with you. Call the office anytime and leave a message at 908-964-0965 or email smccd@comcast.net.

Finally, we are always looking for good catechists to join us – men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children. Enrollment is up and we want to keep the classes small. No experience is necessary. We will provide training and assistance. You simply need a desire to assist our young people in developing a relationship with God and some basic computer skills due to the nature of our program this year. Please call Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965 or email her at smccd@comcast.net.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:

Religious education begins in first grade and continues through grade eight. Children usually receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) in the second grade. Most children are confirmed in the ninth grade, as long as they have completed grades one through eight. If you have a child who needs to make up classes, please contact the Religious Education Office.

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. 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 Mas-sicot** (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, 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, Lucy Scalgione, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano.

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

LIGHT A VOTIVE CANDLE FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

Due to safety measures, parishioners cannot light a candle in the Church.

You can still light a candle for your intentions by going to our website

www.stmichaelunion.org

and clicking on the candle offerings to the various

Saints. Msgr. Anselm or Fr. Miles will light the candle for you in church.



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.



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **St. Michael's Church** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that **Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. Michael's Church in Union, NJ.** Simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Select "**St. Michael's Church, Union, NJ**" to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. **Amazon Smile** will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. **If you have an existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile** you can use the same account.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 MASS BOOK

THE BOOK IS OPEN! Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation.

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit eva.us/stmichael-adults to sign up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us.

Follow the response to update your profile and select email or text messages as your preferred form of contact. You can also indicate if you are part of a ministry or would like to join a ministry (group).

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.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8

Our souls are thirsting for God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13 to receive the Kingdom

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared of Heaven.