



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*
Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*
Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*
TBA, *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
School: 908-688-1063
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

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

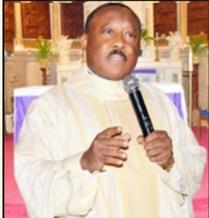
Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

We need You to Serve as a Minister of Hospitality



Sometime last year, I went to Wal-Mart for shopping, and what a welcoming experience it was when I was greeted by a smiling employee at the door who said to me, "Welcome to Wal-Mart and have a great day". As I entered into the shopping area, smiling, I said to myself, how worthy and nice it would be if people who come to our Church to worship could be met and greeted like that as they enter the Church for Eucharistic celebration? Thinking about this and getting buried into my thoughts, I could hear a voice saying to me, "The good news is that you have more than enough people in the Church to make this happen; the bad news, though, is that they have not yet volunteered. Amazingly, at the Parish Council, this past Monday night, the issue of our need for more Ministers of Hospitality came up, and I decided to cry out to the parishioners for help.

As we know, Eucharistic celebration is not a private devotion but a communal act. So, anyone who enters our Church for liturgical celebration needs to feel comfortable and welcome. As the Bible says, "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you" (Rom 15:7).

Ministers of Hospitality are often the first point of contact for people when they enter the church building for Mass. That first greeting (or non-greeting) sets the tone for each individual person. It can either provide a sense of belonging and connection, welcome and acceptance, or it can lead to a feeling of indifference, insignificance, isolation, rejection and detachment, none of which foster unity or reflect our oneness in the body of Christ. Therefore, we need Ministers of Hospitality to welcome people at the door, provide them with all the necessary books and aids, and help them find their places in the worshipping assembly; so that we can communicate one simple message. "You are welcome, and I am happy that you have come to worship with us". There is power in first impressions.

A study-group from the North American Academy of Liturgy visited a parish in Harlem, New York, for a Sunday Eucharist. After Mass, a group of parishioners met the group to discuss their experiences. A member of the group asked the parishioners, "Where in the liturgy do you experience God most?" Without hesitation, several of the parishioners replied: "In the welcoming community."

As you can see, if we want our Church to grow, if we want our Church to become a beacon of light in this world, if we want our Church to become a kingdom of Heaven on earth, then we must all do whatever is necessary to encourage, to empower, to enlarge, to expand, and to enlist our services into our Hospitality Ministry. The fact is that it does not take any more time than you would have spent in Sunday worship. Rather, it takes that same time and turns it into a ministry for your Church, a service to God and neighbor, and a fulfillment of one of the eternal requirements, as Scripture says: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me, come and inherit the kingdom prepared for you by my Father" (Cf. Matt 25:35ff). It is like killing three birds with one stone. You can't beat that.

My beloved parishioners, your parish, St. Michael's Church needs you now more than ever to serve as a minister of Hospitality. In this pandemic environment, we need our able parishioners to sign up and help us serve the needs of this Church in our welcoming ministry. Training and everything you need to excel in this ministry will be provided for you. Please call the Parish office at 908-688-1232 to register. May God bless you as you answer this call to serve His Church!

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY	July 11
5:30 pm	Roger Boetsch
SUNDAY	July 12
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Alix Preval
10:30 am	Pacita Pena
12:00 Noon	Delfin Samson (44th Ann.)
MONDAY	July 13
8:30 am	Diana Marsh
12:00 Noon	John Cryan
TUESDAY	July 14
8:30 am	Tomasa Roque (2nd Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Nene Silveiro
WEDNESDAY	July 15
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Fidela Dagat
THURSDAY	July 16
8:30 am	Thomas Mukalel
12:00 Noon	Carmencita Dagat (Living)-Thanksgiving
FRIDAY	July 17
8:30 am	Mike & Nora Forde
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
SATURDAY	July 18
8:30 am	Eric Smith
5:30 pm	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
SUNDAY	July 19
7:30 am	Eileen & Russell Eklund
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
12:00 Noon	David Jones

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL MASSES & DEVOTIONS



MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
DAILY MASSES - 12 NOON

TUESDAYS
BIBLE CLASSES
7:00 - 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS
MARIAN DEVOTION
7:00 - 8:00 PM

SATURDAYS
MORNING MASS - 8:30 AM

MORNING REFLECTION - 3RD SATURDAYS
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

SUNDAYS
MASS - 10:30 AM

Facebook Live @StMichaelParishUnion

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE (YEAR TO DATE)

"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**

	Week of	Year to Date
	6/28/2020	7/1-6/28/2020
Collections	\$5,536	\$287,844
Online Collections	\$1,890	\$ 61,686
SOS	\$ 920	\$102,480
Online SOS	\$ 70	\$ 31,777
Total	\$8,416	\$483,787
Budget	\$8,017	\$533,110
Difference	\$ 399	(\$ 49,323)

St. Michael's Parish fiscal year end is 6/30/2020. The Church is finishing up this year with a Collection and SOS shortfall of \$49,323.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,324	\$ 8,416	(\$5,908)

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 **\$14,324**. What we actually received is **\$8,416**, so we are short **\$5,908**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY Information

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

cyounion@aol.com



Confirmation Registrations for our 2020-2021 Class have been mailed out to all our current 8th Grade Religious Education and Grammar School Students. Please have your registrations in by July 15th.

All those requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation must have completed 8 years of Religious Education and be in High School by September 2020. A make up class is available for those who have not completed all 8 years.

If you did not receive a registration form or have any questions please email the Youth Ministry Office at cyounion@aol.com

A note to our current Confirmation Class.

When we are notified that the Sacrament can be held in Church we will select a new Confirmation Celebration date. Expect it to be before the end of the 2020 year as per our guidelines. All families will be notified when the date is set.

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



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First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:10-14

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

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.

Contact Coordinator: (908) 964-0965.
We can also be reached via e-mail at
smccd@comcast.net

FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Dates for your child's First Reconciliation have been scheduled. There will be two services and they will begin at 10:00 am in the Church.

Children whose last names begin with A-L will attend on SATURDAY, JULY 18TH.

Children whose last names begin with M-Z will attend on SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST.

Due to Church guidelines and restrictions, we are only allowed 100 people in the Church at this time. ***This means only one parent and one child can attend the reconciliation service.***

Your child can receive this sacrament ONLY IF we have received proof of their Baptism. If you have received a letter asking for proof and have yet to provide it, please do so immediately. Letters were only sent to those who have not provided proof.

If you need to change the date of the reconciliation, please call the office as soon as possible. Please call or email the office once you have received the letter packet.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

REGISTRATION PAPERS FOR THE 2020-2021 CCD YEAR have been mailed. Please register your child for religious education classes. If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. We will send registration papers to them. Special classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.

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

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

All meetings are postponed until further notice. Please stay safe.



"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.

Registration is open for St. Michael School, where students come to learn in a faith-filled environment with a strong academic base. St. Michael's offers classes from prek- 8th grade. We have a full day prek-3, prek-4, and kindergarten. Morning and Aftercare until 6:00pm is available as well. If you are interested in enrolling your child at St. Michael School, please email Mrs. Scicolone at rscicolone@smsunion.org.

Come tour and explore our amazing school!

NOVENA of Masses

JULY 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
James Ford Sr.	Special Intentions
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Angela & Frank Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	Mollie Endler
John Ciborowski	Tomasa Roque
Joseph Baranello	Stanley Skora
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Lucilia Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahan Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with COVID 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions, Novena of Masses, Candle Offerings to the Saints in Church, Altar Offerings (Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp) and St. Vincent de Paul Donations can be done online through Parish Giving.

Please go to our website www.stmichaelunion.org or

You can also drop off your requests at the Parish Center. Please put your name and telephone number so we can get in touch with you if we have any questions.

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.



Announcements

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Status: Part Time: 25-28 Hours per week, flexible schedule

Supervisor: Pastor

Position Specific Requirements

- ◆ Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- ◆ Must have vision and a demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement a parish catechetical program within the parameters of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Adequate credentials as a Catechetical leader
- ◆ Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- ◆ Conflict management skills
- ◆ Computer skills
- ◆ Proven ability to work effectively with youth and diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers.
- ◆ Also participation in the Archdiocesan sponsored certification program and the Archdiocesan mentoring process will be an ongoing requirement.

General Purpose of Position

To oversee and direct the entire religious formation program for the Parish from Sacramental preparation—1st Reconciliation through 1st Holy Communion through 8th grade and oversee the Parish Adult Faith Formation.

Interested candidates are invited to send cover letters and resumes to the attention of:

Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu
St. Michael's Parish
1212 Kelly St.
Union, NJ 07083

Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net



**THE SEPTEMBER
ST. MICHAEL'S
DINNER DANCE
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**