



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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Telephones

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School: 908-688-1063

Religious Education Office: 908-964-0965

Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762

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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,

Witnessing Christ our King to the World

In my reflection last week, I indicated that the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted in defense of religious freedom in the face of a cultural revolution that was and is still intent on deposing religion from public and social life. The truth is that Christianity has done so much for the world because true religion is transformative. What the world needs is not to throw religion out of the public arena; what it is longing for, in order to believe in Christ the King; in order to believe in our Redeemer, is to see more in the lives of the redeemed.

Thus the celebration of Christ the King is an opportunity for us to witness, in the public arena, the integrity of our faith convictions, and our moral conscience as Catholics. We do this, not by imposition but by the power of our example—the way we live. By our lives, we can preach to the world that virtuous living, being there for others, seeking the good of all, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, helping migrants and refugees, assisting people affected by the opioid crisis to find the road to recovery, and being the hand of God for those in need, is what the kingship of Christ is about.

We can testify by our lives that making room in my heart for civilized conversations with those I disagree with; that standing up for my convictions and speaking out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity; that encountering others in ways and manners that affirm their human dignity even when they are of a different race, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation etc., and that listening to others with attention, empathy and compassion and doing my best to understand before seeking to be understood, are the ways to lift a culture, to transform it, and ultimately to give it life and glory. What the world needs is an on-going better version of ourselves as we are being transformed into the glory of Christ the King.

St. Francis of Assisi was noted as saying: "Preach always and only when necessary use words". We are much more powerful with our testimony when we can testify to the truth of the kingship of Jesus Christ by the way we live. We must always remember the nature of this King, who is Christ the King. He is a King who stoops to wash others' feet, who turns the other cheek, who reigns with a mighty scepter of love, and who wields the powers of mercy and forgiveness even as He lays down His life for us.

Long live Christ our King! Long live His kingship in our lives! To Him be praise, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen!

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

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

FRIDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

6:30 pm

SATURDAY

8:30 am

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

November 28

Alejandro T. Cruz

November 29

For the Parishioners

Mary Dorothea & Robert Daniel Pfarr

Maria Amador

Ipo Nwosuh & Chinyere Odoemene

Families Special Intentions

November 30

Manuel Fazendeiro

Roger Boetsch

Aril & Alexita Samson (Living)

31st Wedding Anniversary

December 1

Novena of Masses

Estellita Catabay

Jean Colt Joseph

December 2

Lorna Basila (Living)

Winifred Smyth & The Carr Family

Armand Joseph (Living)-Thanksgiving

December 3

Novena of Masses

Stella Siembida (10th Ann.)

Bert Eustaquio

December 4

Jurusik & Arner Families

Matilde Neira

Barbara Dittermer

Marilou Magno

December 5

Nicholas Hovanek

Lucilia Sousa Araujo

December 6

For the Parishioners

Manuel Pereira Araujo

Ajerico Mendoza (5th Ann.)

Krzak Family

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.

VIRTUAL MASSES & DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

MARIAN DEVOTIONMONDAYS & FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)
WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)

7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS

8:30AM

LOG IN

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Stewardship of Treasures

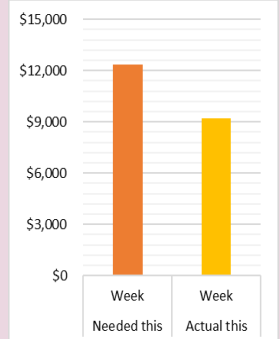
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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%

0.00%

OUR GOAL

\$85,400

Thank You!

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 sharing 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.

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday 9:30AM to 2:30 PM (except holidays) or by appointment. We are located in the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Ave. You can also contact us by phone 908-964-0965 at any time and leave a message or via email at smccd@comcast.net.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

You *can* use the Altar Offerings -

Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp can be used for Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.

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@patrickkphillips.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.



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

Ramon Castro

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES DECEMBER 2020

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	George Rinehart
Jose Arnaldo	John & Augusta Mahon
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Shela Boulin (Living)	Mary & Idolo Russomano
Serafina Sauro	Rosemary Sauro
Mollie Endler	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
In Thanksgiving	Jose & Carolina Ferol, Jr (Living)
All Souls in Purgatory	Boulin Family Special Intentions
Jaime S. Estrella	Joseph & Micheline Kmetz
Concetta Matrale	Alton Famarin
Lucia D'Amato	Nick Lizarez
Wanda Conneely	Roger Boetsch
Robert Stibler	Ramon Castro
Lorna Basila (Living)	Matthew Boulin (Living)-Birthday
Fely C. Samson (Living)	Leanna Joyce C. Samson (Living)
Amelia Samson (Living)	Mario & Maria Geloni
Jurusik & Arner Families	Wayne Meehan (Living)
Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczylas	
Ray & Kathleen Pruszkowski (Living)-Wedding Anniversary	
Luther & Shela Boulin (Living) - 17th Wedding Anniversary	
Tweet Lizares & Linda Cosculuela (Living)	
Nick & Cheryl Samson (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Jessica C. Samson & Matthew Won (Living)	
Romel & Maria Perez & Family (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In thanks for God's blessings on the U.S.A.	
For God's Assistance with COVID-19	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo & Torres Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Lucila Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Special Intentions of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Living & Deceased Members of de Silva & Dittmer Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the DiFabrizio Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Terriaca Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanon & Matthiack Families	

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 Czaplá, Stephen Czaplá, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SIMBANG GABI****(Christmas Evening Mass)****Saturday, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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)****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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**First Reading***Isaiah 11:1-10**A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.***Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17**The Messiah will bring justice and peace to the nations.***Second Reading***Romans 15:4-9**Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.***Gospel Reading***Matthew 3:1-12**John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.*