



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JUNE 28, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 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.

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,

Rejoice in the Lord

Our Responsorial Psalm, for this Sunday, the 13th Sunday in ordinary times, is: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord". What a beautiful acclamation, and yet, what a difficult time to appreciate it, living, as we are, in this pandemic environment that is marked with racial tensions, sickness and pain, loss of loved ones, anguish, bigotry, desperation, poverty, unemployment, and sorrow.

It is fairly easy to trust in God's love, to rejoice in his salvation, and to sing to His goodness when things are going very well. I can remember plenty of those times in my life, and I am sure many of you do, also. But there are those other times, aren't there?; times when storms hit and sorrow fills the heart; when days are dark and prayers seemingly go unanswered; when hope seems to fail us and we wonder whether God exists; whether He cares, and whether He is even there for us; faith takes a downward spiral, singing forever the goodness of the Lord sounds implausible, and our song is more like "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me".

The Psalmist says, *"I would have lost heart if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living"* (Psalm 27:13). A friend of mine told me, some time ago, that "The greater our memory of how good and gracious God has been to us in the past, the more likely we are to praise Him in the midst of present storms in our lives." Yes, as dark as any hour may be, if we look back, we will always see a number of enduring markers and reminders of God's love and promises that can help us get through present difficulties.

I remember the story of a thirteen-year-old girl who was invited to a revival by her friends, and the theme of the revival was "Rejoice always in the Lord". After the revival, she gave deep thought to what was said. When she got back home, she went to her mum with the question: "Mummy, have you ever found yourself rejoicing and praising the goodness of God, even though you were in big-time trouble?" *Mum thought for a moment and then said, "Hmmm, Yes, I have". "How possible is that, mum, come on be honest", the girl retorted. Her mum replied, "By remembering the many times God has rescued me in the past; the many times He has been good to me; the many times He has been there for me. Those memories give me the confidence to believe that God will rescue me, yet again and again, no matter what, because He never changes. He never stops bringing His power of love and mercy into every human situation of pain and suffering, if only you can trust in Him."* Then reaching out to the kitchen table, she picked up her bible, opens it to Psalm 145, and said to her daughter, "Here is what the Bible says, *'I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your... wondrous works and ... utter the **memory of Your great goodness**, and therefore shall sing of Your righteousness'*" (verse 5-7). *At his juncture, the girl's dad, who was watching a football game, lowered the TV volume and said, "Helena, some things are true about God regardless of what is going on with our lives. When we are in the midst of a storm, it may be hard for us to understand the ways God expresses his love for us. But God never stops being good. I think that many a time, we are the ones that stop being grateful for past blessings just because we are so focused on our present need. Always remember that we are the hands that bring about the goodness of the Lord to others".*

I was so touched by this story that my heart found words in this prayer: "Good and gracious God, sometimes, in the midst of life-storms, You seem so distant, as though you have forgotten me, and I feel like you are looking the other way and not paying attention to what is going on in my life. Please grant me the grace to always trust and to rejoice in your goodness, and to remember how you have been there for me in the past. Let my faith in you be built upon the unshakable foundation that is Jesus Christ, your Son, and let me be an instrument of your healing-hand-and-grace to others, Amen. Forever, let us sing to the goodness of the Lord.

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

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

7:00 am

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

9:00 am

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

June 27

Bert Jones (25th Ann.)

June 28

Paul Endler

Frank Pettesch (6th Ann.)

Maria Amador

For the Parishioners

June 29

Novena of Masses

Lidia Aguiar

June 30

Manuel Fazendeiro

Yvette & Wayne Meehan (Living)

30th Wedding Anniversary

Nwosuh & Odoemene Families

July 1

Thomas Canavan, Jr. (13th Ann.)

Mulford Herbert

July 2

Evangelina Hernandez

Pantaleona I. Magbanua (2nd Ann.)

July 3

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Apuzzo

Novena of Masses

Grandeza Family—Thanksgiving

July 4

Baby Phillips

Joseph D. Bilicka

July 5

Melecio & Anatolia Deligero

Manuel Pereira Araujo

For the Parishioners

Lucila Sousa Araujo

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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**

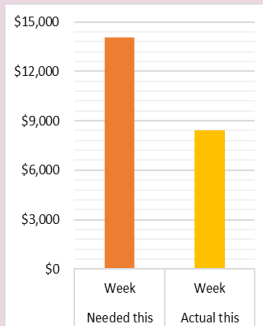
6/21/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,070	\$ 8,418	(\$5,652)

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 **\$14,070**. What we actually received is **\$8,418**, so we are short **\$5,652**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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**

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



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 cyouunion@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.

RICE BOWL

Rice Bowls can be sent to the Parish Center. Those monies are given to missions that help people throughout the world.

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First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3,16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

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

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.

JOVEL GOLINGAN – CATECHIST OF THE YEAR!

Jovel has been a catechist for over ten years. She teaches a special two year sacramental preparation classes for children whose ages vary from 9 to 14. These children have not had any religious teaching at all which makes teaching it more of a challenge.

Jovel introduces them to our faith as well as prepares them for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

She was presented with a plaque of appreciation at the Knights of Columbus. Jovel is truly a valuable asset to the Religious Education Program at St. Michael's Church.

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 UPDATE

Thanks to all our donors and dedicated committee members HUGS Ministry remained active even during the lockdown, distributing 12 Grace Bags to parishioners in need.

St. Michael's Church also received an Appreciation Letter and Certificate from the Department of Children and Families, Cranford for donations they received from HUGS.

Thanks to all the families that have been donating to the Ministry, even during the lockdown. Please keep the donations coming. We are still 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**.

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).

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



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
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CRANFORD NJ 07016

PHILIP MURPHY
Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER
Lt. Governor

CHRISTINE NORBUT BEYER, MSW
Commissioner

March 9, 2020

St Michael Church
Hands of Grace Ministry
1212 Kelly Street
Union, NJ 07083

Appreciation Letter

In appreciation for your wonderful donations to the Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, the Union Central Local Office would like to take this opportunity to thank you.

Your generosity and kindness to our needy families are really appreciated.

On behalf of the children and their families, we want to personally commend you despite the difficult economic times.

With the help of supporters such as you and other community groups, we will continue to make the lives of the children and families we serve a little brighter.

Thanks again for your generous support.

Chinelo Shote, RDS

Seana Murphy
Local Office Manager

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

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

NOVENA of Masses

JUNE 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Craig Calix (Living)	Special Intentions
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Angela & Frank Sauro
Pierre & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti, Sr.
Roger Boetsch	James Ford, Sr.
Julian "Jules" Pruszkowski	Paul & Irene Endler
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	Florencio Roque, Jr.
Joseph & Carol Furnari (Living)-66th Wedding Anniversary	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Family	
Living & Deceased of the Santoriello Family	
George Sr, Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
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 & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
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 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 & CANDLE OFFERING

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW BOILER

Next week, we will be replacing one of our original furnaces, which was built in 1955 and now broken beyond repair, with a more reliable, efficient furnace. It will be a long, major process involving different companies and will take several days to complete.

The first phase in this project will involve removing the old furnace which is a two-step process; (a) the abatement of any asbestos that wraps the furnace with stringent measures to monitor the air quality in the whole Church environment to ensure the safety of all during this work; (b) the removal of the old furnace and installation of a new one. Each step may take approximately one week to complete.

During the first step, we will unfortunately be required to close the church building from Monday, June 29th - Saturday, July 4th, 2020 in order to satisfy the safety protocols required by the State and the Township of Union. So daily Masses, from Monday, June 29th to Saturday, July 4th, will be held in the Gym at St. Michael's School, with entrance from the parking lot. The company hopes to finish the asbestos abatement by July 4th 2020. We truly regret any inconvenience this closure may cause our parishioners. We tried very hard to have this done during the shutdown but couldn't pull it off due to measures beyond our control.

We thank you for your understanding and patience throughout this process, and we will do everything we can to make sure that the work is done right, done well, and as quickly as possible.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu
Pastor

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:

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St. Michael's Parish
1212 Kelly St.
Union, NJ 07083

Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) **is now open** Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am—4:00 pm.

Masks are required when you come to the office. Please practice physical distancing.

You can now schedule for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.