



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIRD 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*  
*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  
**Stay Connected:**

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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,

My dear friends, welcome to Advent 2020; a time we are called to become fully present and fully awake to the crucial questions about life: "Who am I? "Who is God for me"? "What does life on earth mean"? "Am I happy with where I am in life today"? "Am I happy with where I am with my God"? Am I happy with where I am with others?"

With so many things competing for time in our lives, it is very easy to slide into auto-pilot, where we move on with life by sleep-walking through it, doing what we are doing without much reflection; flowing with the flow on a journey of daily routines without paying attention to who we are, where we are going, and what we are all about. The Gospel readings on the first Sunday of Advent captures this scenario: "As it was in the days of Noah....., they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matt 24:37-41). The remarkable phrase in this statement is: "They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away"—the unconscious and unevaluated way of living everyday life.

The gift of Advent is that it challenges us to wake-up, to stay awake, and to be conscious of the many possibilities that God is giving to us to create moments of grace; to become better versions of ourselves. This involves a process that I call [L.A.M]

- ◆ L = Let go of baggage that is taking glory out of my life—regrets, past painful situations, addictions, negativities, behavioral excesses etc.
- ◆ A = Acquire various virtues that will smoothen rough edges in my life and make me a better reflector of God's grace in the world.
- ◆ M = Maintain and service those aspects of my life that I judge to be good and virtuous.

May God grant us the grace for LAM during this Advent Season.

*Msgr. Anselm*

### **It is not to late to give for NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

#### **GIVING LEVELS**

<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Archangels</b>
<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>Patriarchs</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>\$500 plus</b>	<b>Disciples</b>
<b>\$250 plus</b>	<b>Evangelists</b>
<b>\$200 plus</b>	<b>Crusaders</b>
<b>\$100 plus</b>	<b>Guardian Angels</b>

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>December 12</b> Alejandro T. Cruz
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>December 13</b> Alejandro T. Cruz
9:00 am	Maria Amador
10:30 am	Charlie Tato
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 14</b> Linda Brauer (2nd Ann.)
	Francis & Claire Gillick
12:00 Noon	Ogechukwu Nwosuh (Living) Thanksgiving
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 15</b> Deceased Members of Lazcano Family
	Delfin C. Samson
12:00 Noon	Prudito Camantigue (20th Ann.)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 16</b> Lorna Basila (Living)
	Adelaida Janiola
12:00 Noon	Rosa Mugavero
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 17</b> Novena of Masses
	Teresita Espeleta (Living)
12:00 Noon	Robert Leary
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 18</b> Lorna Basila (Living)
	Roger Boetsch
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 19</b> Helen Fahey
5:30 pm	Arthur McMahon (52nd Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>December 20</b> For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Maria Amador
10:30 am	Morales Family-Thanksgiving
12:00 Noon	Revenee Gancia & Edmon Jison (Living)

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Roger Boetsch.

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

## Stewardship of Treasures

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"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**

12/6/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,569	\$ 9,160	(\$3,409)

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](http://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](http://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 **\$12,569**. What we actually received is **\$9,160**, so we are short **\$3,409**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**DONATED! \$95,000 +**



**175 GIFTS**

**OUR GOAL**

**\$85,400**

**Thank You!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!**  
Your generous giving helped us exceed our goal and triumphantly meet this challenge

## 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](http://www.stmichaelunion.org)

## MINISTRY Information

### CYO Youth Ministry News

[cyounion@aol.com](mailto:cyounion@aol.com)



### In Loving Memory

**Phil Matrale**

June 21, 1960 – November 21, 2020



For over 30 years Phil has worked with the youth of St. Michael's and for the past 16 years he served the youth of Holy Spirit as well. Phil's charisma, compassion, dedication and unwavering faith were an inspiration to the hundred of teenagers who were part of the CYO program. Many of our youth and adults today were a better person due the influence Phil had made in their lives. Phil will always be cherished.

St. Michael's and Holy Spirit parish families extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Phil's wife Dorothy and daughters Lauren, Julie and Carissa in their time of sorrow. Please know that we will keep all of you in our prayers and be sure of this, that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are with all of you at this very moment. Phil lived as a true disciple of Jesus Christ, let us pray that our Lord will have mercy on Phil's soul and that when Phil met Christ face to face, the Lord said, well done my good and faithful servant you did a Great Job at St. Michael's and Holy Spirit and touched so many lives, Come now and enjoy the Heavenly Banquet.

## CYO FUNDRAISER

After all Masses  
December 5 & 6  
December 12 & 13

Christmas Wreath: \$20.00  
Small Grave Cover: \$20.00  
Large Grave Cover: \$35.00



We will be right in front of St. Michael's Church & Rectory.  
We appreciate your support

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### 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 super-market 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**December 13 is Bambinelli Sunday.** There will be a blessing at all Masses that weekend of Baby Jesus figurines. Remember to bring your Infant Jesus to mass that weekend.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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.



Feeding the Community

### 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  
**Robert Buck**

## NOVENA of Masses

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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 Eндler	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
In Thanksgiving	Jose & Carolina Ferol, Jr (Living)
All Souls in Purgatory	Boulin Family Special Intentions
Jaime S. Estrella	Joseph & Michelene 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)
Phil Matrale	Minviluz Imperial
Douglas Sipe (Living)	Viergela & Gerard Pierrevil
Czeslawa & Stanislaw Pogorzelski	
Emilia Rumohr & Brenda Rumohr	
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, Eндler, 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 Czapla, 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 & Dittemer 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, 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, 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, Frances Mechado, & Chet Janusz.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SIMBANG GABI

(Christmas Evening Mass)  
**Saturday, December 19, 2020**  
**8:00 PM**  
**In Church**  
 Please register at our website  
[www.stmichaelunion.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.

### 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](http://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.

## 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.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10*

The Lord will save his people.

#### **Second Reading**

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 11:2-11*

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

