



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MAY 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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:

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30 am

Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

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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

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, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education

Ms. Cristina Manochio, 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.

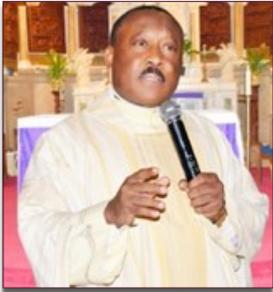
For further information call the Youth Ministry Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All parishioners need to be registered.

Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.

Message From The Pastors Desk



“HER FOOT SHALL CRUSH YOUR HEAD”

This past Monday, I attended the meeting of the Knights of Columbus, and was very impressed by the talk given by the Council Lecturer, Ray Gora, on our Blessed Virgin Mary. Since we are in the Month of May, which is the month of our Lady, I thought it would be nice to share some of those thoughts, that I heard, with our parishioners, especially as they pertain to the power of our Blessed Mother over evil.

As you may have noticed, wherever you see the statue of our Blessed Mother, her foot is always actively crushing the head of a serpent; depicting what God foretold about her, “I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and... she shall crush thy head...” (Gen 3:15). St. Alphonsus Liguori puts it this way, “Mary, then, was the great and valiant woman, who conquered the devil and crushed his head by bringing down his pride, as it was foretold by God Himself”.

Over the centuries, Popes and Exorcists have testified that our Blessed Mother is the “Terror of Demons” and that demons flee at the mention of her name. Fr. Sante Babolin, an Italian exorcist, had this to say: “While I was insistently invoking the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the devil answered me: ‘I can’t stand That One [Mary] anymore and neither can I stand you anymore.’” Furthermore, he noticed that the strongest reactions of the devil, during exorcism, was when he referenced the apparitions of our Blessed Mother—Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, etc. In one of his exorcism activities, another priest, Fr. Amorth, was told by the devil, “She makes me angry because she is the humblest of all creatures, and I am the proudest; because she is the purest of all creatures, and I am not; because of all creatures, she is the most obedient to God, and I am a rebel!” No wonder, in the rite of exorcism, the priest prays, “The glorious Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, commands you; she who by her humility and from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception crushed your proud head.”

My dear friends, I truly believe that to defeat the work of evil in our lives and in the world, we need and should fly to the patronage of our Blessed Mother. As Padre Pio would say, “Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

As your pastor, I invite you to join us, during this month of May, in our nightly rosary, at 7:00 pm, and every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, of the year, held on our online platform—gotomeeting.com, ID: 574150285, except Wednesdays, when we have it, in person, in the Church, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Let us encourage our family members to fly to the patronage of our Blessed Mother, Mary, and teach our children to pray the rosary. Giving a child the rosary and teaching that child how to pray it is to give that child one of the strongest weapons against evil and tribulations. We recall the words of Pope Francis in his homily at St. Mary Major, “Where the Madonna is at home the devil does not enter; where there is the Mother, disturbance does not prevail, and fear does not win.” Our Blessed Mother, Herself, indicated, “The Rosary is the prayer of my predilection”. So I say, “Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us”!

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Our Goal - **\$46,240**
 Amount Pledged to Date - **\$39,175**
 Number of Donors To Date - **129**
To Go—\$7,065

TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT; rcan.org/ways-to-give or scan the QR Code



Please Note: When making your pledge, please be sure to select 'St. Michael-Union' from the drop down menu.
 Thank you for your generosity!
 Our goal is within reach with only **\$7,065** to achieve our goal.

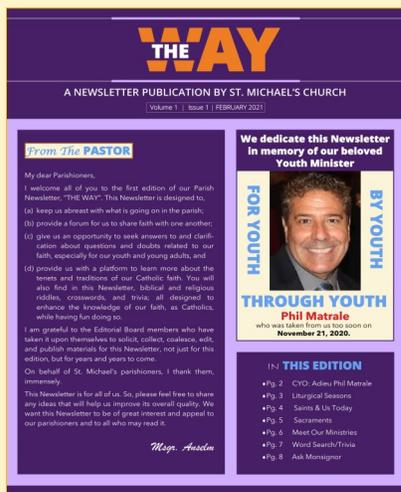
ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

All the votive candle stands are now open. Please follow the safety directions on how to light the candles.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is digital, and can be accessed at stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



Stewardship of Treasure

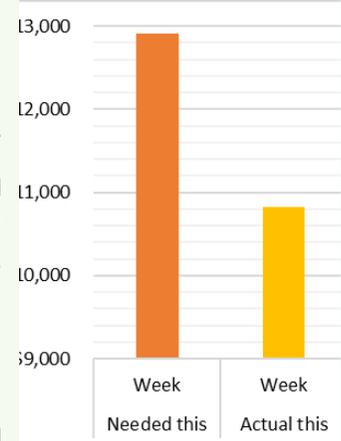
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

5/9/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,657	\$ 10,523	(\$2,134)

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/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **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 **\$12,657**. What we actually received is **\$10,523**, so we are short **\$2,134**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parish Giving

—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—



Thank you to our parishioners who have started using Parish Giving. Sunday Collections donated online, using Parish Giving, has increased from 9%, in 2019, to currently 30% of our Total Sunday Collections.

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 or **scan the QR Code above**, (with your phone camera) that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during the unprecedented emergency that we are experiencing.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	May 15 Vicente & Lilia Magno
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 16 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Carmelo Casia For the Parishioners Sefia Family Benefactors Fidela Dagat Giuseppe Terriaca
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 17 Joseph Cebulak Novena of Masses
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 18 Novena of Masses Eugene Fabio, Sr. (30th Ann.) Jose Arnaldo (12th Ann.)
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 19 Philip Montalto Theodore Czaplak
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 20 Stephen & Rise Gostkowski Teresa & Nicola Vanni
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 21 Francis Xavier Gillick Thomas Canavan
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	MAY 22 Special Intentions to St. Rita Vicente & Lilia Magno
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	MAY 23 Roxanne Catabay (1st Ann.) Mollie Endler Uy Nguyen For the Parishioners Concepcion Ticzon

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Donna Hornig.

The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@gmail.com



The CYO Youth Ministry is excited to announce that on the weekend of **May 21st-23rd**, we will be hosting our annual **CYO Teen Retreat** here at St. Michael's! The theme of this year's retreat is "**Banner of Love**" and we would like to invite all high schoolers of the parish to join us for a special faith-based weekend. It is no secret that our retreat is the most anticipated event that we have all year, and this year will be no different.

Parents and teens, please check your emails, as all forms and instructions have been sent out. If you did not receive one and you would like your child to attend, please email us at cyouionnj@gmail.com.

We also continue to ask that you all please keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We rejoice with the students who received the Eucharist for the first time. May we keep them in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Jannah Abaya Jayeoluwa Adelusi Jolaoluwa Adelusi Alyssa Alvarado Alexander Branco Lea Ciaccio Jace Concepcion Giselle Cruz Adrian Escoto Anjali Escoto Christian Escoto Laisha Eugene Sofia Fernandes Chloie Gabayoyo Brianna Galati Zachary Galati Catalina Gomez-Rios Reese Javate Jordan John Eva Johnson Matthew Johnson Erin Lanip Gillian Leddy-Plath Micah Loiseau Tina Ly David Marques Valentina Masciale Amalia Morales Caitlin Nagamos Christian Neto	Emily Neto Sarah Nunez Taneisha Oracius Marly Orleans Olivia Pagan Hannah Parmenter Juliana Pascal Leandro Picado Wayden Pierre Ariana M. Pinto Robert Ramirez Vincent Reilly Hailey Rodrigues Kensley Rodriguez Jocelyn Rojas Viktor Salvado Myorha Samson Dillon San Diego Naomi San Diego Daniel Sasieta Vincenzo Ship Laila Toledo Kailani Torres Adela Tubio Natalie Vallejo Katiana Villacis Jaxon Webb Kayla West Jayson Witter Matthew Yeager
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Thank you to the following for making our First Communion Masses a success!

Our Celebrants: Monsignor Anselm and Father Miles

Lectors: Shella Magno and Johnnuel Magno

Media Ministry: Paul and Lucy Sefia

Music & Leaders of Song: Peter Petrecca, Donna Faraone, Darlene Coranato and Mihaela Lopez

Ushers: Bill McGrath, Dieufort Alexandre, Eric Lopez, Edward Magno, Tony Rendeiro and Pierre Vital

Catechists and all who assisted in preparing the children: Clare Andriola, Marie Crespo, Jovel Gollingan, Adaeze Ihuoma, Cathy Kopec, Aida Mendez-Boud and Lois Scanio

MINISTRY Information

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

If you would like to return to our regular weekend schedule, please email Alberta vp@verizon.net. Thank you.

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

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 Mascicot** (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@patrickkbphillips.com



Wellness Ministry OUTDOOR Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays at **10:00 am**

Registration and MASK **REQUIRED**

Sign up @ <https://signup.com/go/WbCPhhS>

(Space is Limited)



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating food to the Food Pantry. 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

Members of St. Michael's Parish.

NOVENA of Masses

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Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions—VG
George Rinehart	Terry Piccio
Serafina Sauro	Teresita Lara Las Pinas
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Honesto Quijano	Dandall Harris, Sr.
Mayo Cueva	Remedios Rabano
James Wolfee	Craig Calix (Living)
Special Intentions—DO	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Godwin Ubanii (50th Death Ann.)
Emiliana B. Ilagan	Marian Orzechowski (Living)
Mafe Bernales (Living)	Carmen Diaz Colon (Living)
Ibrahim Makson	Nenita Rubio
Marco P. Cruz	Jacob Benedicto (Living)
Crispina Valle	Salvador Retino, Sr.
Graciana Retino	Rolando Santino (Living)
Joel Retino (Living)	Salvador Retino (Living)
Fernando Tan	Deceased Members of Tan Family
Sherri Bove	Deceased Members of Veluz Family
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Chisom Odoemene (Living)	
Ogechizara Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Onyekachi Odoemene (Living)	
Kosiso & Chinedum Akporji (Living)	
Thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Joseph	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Thanksgiving-Jeanine Joseph (Living)	
Special Intentions to St. Rita	
Jun & Marianne Felix (Living) - 23rd Wedding Anniversary	
Doug & Mary Jo Sipe (Living) - 35th Wedding Anniversary	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruskowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanlon & Mattiack Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Families	
Kosiso Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Luigi, Irish and Hailey Pangan (Living)	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Mary Ann Flynn, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claudette Kalla-been, Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Jose Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, 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, Laraine Colucci, Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Danny Bellomo, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, Thomas Leddy, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USAN FUNDRAISERS

Walk-a-thon and picnic welcomes all parishioners, families, friends, neighbors, communities, or supporters of St. Michael's Church to participate in a fundraising effort for St. Michael the Archangel Church in Union, organized by the "**Union of Saint Thomas Aquinas and the Portuguese Nation**" (USAN).

Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021. Beginning 11 a.m. and concluding by late afternoon/early evening, or when everyone is exhausted.

Where: Conant Street Park, 320 Conant St, Hillside, NJ 07205, 2.5 miles from St. Michael Church.

The covered pavilion has been reserved so inclement weather should be minimized. Visit <https://exploreunioncounty.com/places/new-jersey/hillside/parks-1/conant-park/> to see the general walkway, playground, soccer fields, and public bathrooms, etc. Food, beverage, and both adult and youth activities will be included in this event. Additional details to be provided weekly and the cost of donations to be determined soon. **Contact Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 for early information and reservations.**

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, UNION
UNION OF SAINTS AND NATIONS FUNDRAISER



DANCE FOR CHRIST

(OUTDOOR DANCE-A-THON)

MAY 29, 2021
10:00 AM

Join the Fun!
Support our group online @
stmichaelunion.org
<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-5893712/>

Group 25 - St. Lucy & St. Paul

COME WITH A MASK

VENUE:
ST. MICHAEL'S PARKING LOT
1212 KELLY STREET, UNION

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit eva.us/stmichael 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).

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 (shorter form: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13)

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

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

SUNDAY MASS

*(On Facebook) 10:30AM

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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.

