



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

August 30, 2020

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



## 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

## 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,

### **The Best in us Lies Ahead of Us**

Over time, I have come to realize that if you don't climb a mountain, it is very difficult for you to view the plains. Yet climbing a mountain is never easy. There will be challenges to deal with, obstacles to overcome, and stones thrown from left, right and center that must be dodged.

In the past few months, Coronavirus has tried to stop us from our ways of life. It has brought so many disruptions in our social-cultural behaviors, our spirituality and communal worship, our educational systems, and you name it. And yet, when Peter tried to limit the possibility of Christ redeeming us, as we read in today's Gospel, Jesus told him, "Get behind me Satan". It seems to me that time has come for all of us to issue the same command to this pandemic. This virus has thrown so many stones on the path of our planned successes this year. It has disrupted so many programs we had in place to make our Church great, viable, and sustainable; a beacon of faith as a diverse spiritual community in action. You see, whenever life throws stones on the path of your success, life now depends on what you make of them—to build a wall or a bridge.

As we enter into this Fall season, with all the uncertainties surrounding the reopening of schools, our CCD and Youth Ministry programs, etc., I am calling upon all our parishioners to come together and let us use all the stones that this Coronavirus has thrown on our path to build a strong bridge for our parish; to commit ever more strongly to our parish programs; to take greater responsibility for the financial health of our Church; to participate ever more fully in our devotional and spiritual activities; to booster our social and familial activities as a community—when that time comes—and to offer our support, at all levels, to make this parish stronger, more visible, more welcoming, and a Church home. Yes, while challenges are sometimes hard to bear, they do make life interesting, and overcoming them, is what makes life meaningful. This coronavirus has challenged us; we will overcome it and come out of it, healthier, bigger, larger, stronger, and more viable as a parish. I truly believe that we are equal to this challenge and I am grateful to God for it.

*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**

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

**August 29**

Manuel Fazendeiro

**August 30**

For the Parishioners

Elizabeth Pretto

Maria Amador

Ramon Gancia Sr. &amp;

Marietta V. Gancia

**August 31**

Obie Melie (Living)

Novena of Masses

**September 1**

Henrietta Jasa &amp; Jesus Duenas

Renato Perez

**September 2**

Novena of Masses &amp; Marcial Cruz

Celso A. Anuada

**September 3**

Juan Banez, Jr. &amp; Novena of Masses

Louis Fortino (37th Ann.)

**September 4**

David Melchior &amp; Manuela Caram

Maureen K. Reilly

Vicente Tan (Living)

**September 5**

Fredrick Dittermer

Rosaliuo Suico

**September 6**

For the Parishioners

Novena for all Children as they begin

School

Mannelia Caram

Jerry Crincoli, Jr.

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and 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.**



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## 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

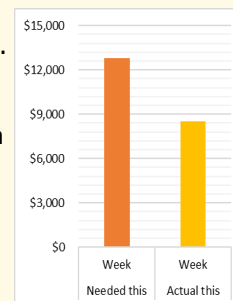
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

8/16/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 11,282	\$ 6,877	(\$4,405)

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](https://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](https://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 **\$11,282**. What we actually received is **\$6,877**, so we are short **\$4,405**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



## MINISTRY Information

### CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

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



Confirmation Registrations for our 2020-2021 Class have been mailed out to all our current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education and Grammar School Students.

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](mailto: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.

### 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@patirckphillips.com](mailto:Patrick@patirckphillips.com)



## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

*Isaiah 22:19-23*

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 138:1-3,6,8*

God's kindness is forever.

### Second Reading

*Romans 11:33-36*

Paul sings praise to God.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 16:13-20*

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

## 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net) if you would like to leave a message.

### ATTENTION FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS:

Children will receive First Communion on Saturday, August 22 (A-L) and Saturday, August 29 (M-Z) at the 10:00 am Mass.

Because of social distancing, only parents and siblings may attend the Mass.

The Mass will be Live-Streamed on **Facebook**.

### UPDATE 2020/2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & REMINDER TO REGISTER:

We have received guidance from the Archdiocese Office that Religious Education classes in the fall shall remain virtual, that is digital or remote. In accordance with this guidance and to ensure the safety of our students, families and volunteers, we are in the process of developing a platform for remote learning. A home-based option will continue to be available for families who prefer to teach 1:1 with their child. We are looking to begin the program during the first week of October.

Registration forms have been mailed previously or you can access the form from the St. Michael's website under the tab "Faith Formation/Religious Education." **If you have not done so already, please register your child as soon as possible** so that we can order the appropriate number of books and supplies for the year. Late fees will not be charged provided we receive your registration prior to September 15. Please do not let financial difficulties keep you from registering your child. Call the office to speak to Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965.

We are still in need of a few good catechists – men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children. No catechetical experience is necessary. We will provide training and assistance. You simply need a desire to assist our young people in developing a relationship with God and some basic computer skills due to the nature of our program this year. Please call 908-964-0965 or email Mrs. Andriola at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

Finally, we are seeking a few volunteers who have Google Classroom and Flipgrid experience to help us build our digital platform.

**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



"Hands of Grace Ministry (HUGS) celebrates its **1 Year Anniversary**

A big thank you to all the members of the HUGS Ministry and parishioners who generously donated to make our 1st year anniversary celebration such a success!

HUGS Ministry distributed **100** pre-packed **Back-to-School supplies** after all Masses on August 22 and 23rd. The immense joy on the faces of our first communicants after their mass and our parish children as they received their bags, cannot be quantified!



To help us continue our charitable course please consider donating to the HUGS 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).

## MINISTRY Information

### ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

REMINDER ....

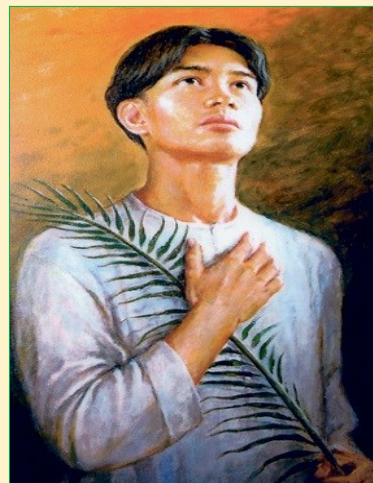
Please join together for the Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 7th at the 9:00 am. The Mass is in memory of all deceased members of the

St. Michael's Senior Club. The Mass will be available online if you prefer to attend from your home.

Due to the Covid-19, we will not have an arranged group breakfast this year.

Please contact Joann Pastewski if you have any questions.

### SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST DAY



will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church on **Sunday, September 27th at the 12:00 Noon Mass**. There will be refreshments served outdoors after the Mass.

Everyone is invited!



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

## NOVENA of Masses

### SEPTEMBER 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	Luigi Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	Mollie Endler
Ann Ledesma Jalandoni	Remo Lacson, Sr.
Helen Skora	Thomas Donohue
Magdalena Moreno Cruz	Donald Rathjens
Shela Boulton (Living) - Birthday	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Lucilia Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
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 Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with COVID 19	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Deceased Members of the DeLigero Family	

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

You can also come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit [eva.us/stmichael-adults](http://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.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO WERE BAPTIZED ON THE MONTHS OF:

**JULY 2020**—Lorenzo Reniva, Xavier Connor Fong, Kayden Joseph Ruffino, Tesla Michael Pierrevil

**AUGUST 2020**—Sebastian Nicholas Style, Theodore Edric Opilac, Greyson Pogorzelski

Welcome to the St. Michael's Parish!