



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

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

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

Message From The Pastors Desk



Dear Parishioners,



I bring to you God's blessings and pray that He may shower His graces upon you, your families, and upon your work. I thank God for all of you and for your being a member of this parish community—St. Michael's Church.

I was just reading through the materials sent out to us from the Archdiocese and noticed that many parishes, including those around us, were published as having reached their 2021 Annual Archbishops Appeal goal and our parish was not one of them. Woo! The feeling of our parish not being one of the achievers, in this process, is not good. We cannot be among those who lag behind. We are a beacon of faith and hope, and we are expected to be among the parishes that gracefully take care of our stewardship responsibility to the Archdiocese of Newark. The good news is that we can, and by the grace of God, we will.

I therefore reach out to all our parishioners to please make their contribution to the Annual Archbishops Appeal. We need to take our rightful position among our peers.

May the good Lord continue to bless you and supply all your needs in Christ Jesus!

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Our Goal - **\$46,240**
Amount Pledged to Date - **\$37,500**
Number of Donors To Date - **127**
To Go—\$8,740

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



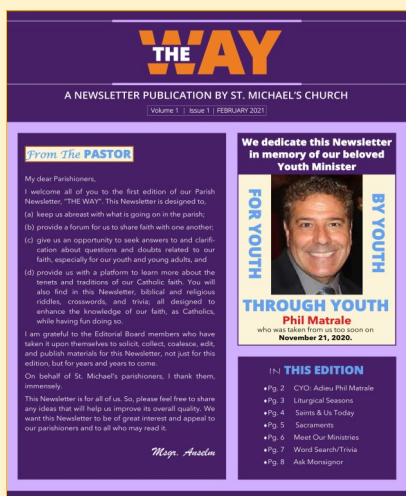
Please Note: When making your pledge, please be sure to select 'St. Michael-Union' from the drop down menu.

Thank you for your generosity!
Our goal is within reach with only **\$8,740** to achieve our goal.

To All Parishioners: It is not too late to mail in or drop off your Easter offering gift to St. Michael's. You can drop it off at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) Thank you for your continued generosity.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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



Stewardship of Treasure

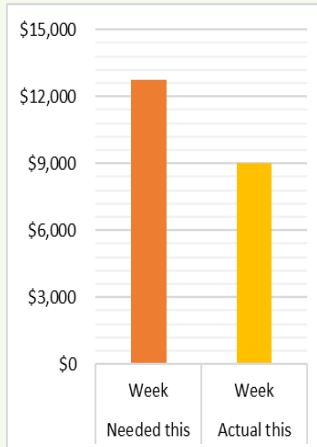
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

4/25/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,728	\$ 9,077	(\$3,651)

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 **\$12,728**. What we actually received is **\$9,077**, so we are short **\$3,651**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC 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 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 1

Emelita & Reynaldo Blaza (Living)
32nd Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 Noon

May 2

For the Parishioners
Espana Family—Thanksgiving
Monica & Marylou Votapek
Manuel Caram
Carl Joseph Gabriel, Sr. (5th Ann.)

MONDAY

8:30 am
12:00 Noon

May 3

Novena of Masses/Thanksgiving-MJS (Living)
Thomas Lynch

TUESDAY

8:30 am
12:00 Noon

May 4

Randall Harris
Rene Knowles

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am
12:00 Noon

May 5

Ramon & Imelda Climaco
Novena of Masses
Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)—Birthday

THURSDAY

8:30 am
12:00 Noon

May 6

Emma Remondelli
Adelaida & Feliciano Palao (Death Ann.)

FRIDAY

8:30 am
12:00 Noon
6:30 pm

May 7

Roger Boetsch
Eva Kosar
Aname Lourdes Orillaneda

SATURDAY

8:30 am
5:30 pm

MAY 8

Alejandro T. Cruz
Walter McMahon

SUNDAY

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 Noon

MAY 9

For the Parishioners
Jennie Pruszkowski
Novena of Masses for All Mothers
Dorothy Marchitello

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for The Espana Family for Thanksgiving.

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

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 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.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Easter Blessings from the staff of the Religious Education Office
Clare Andriola and Lois Scanio**

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 24 and Saturday, May 1! A full list of our First Communicants and all those who contributed their time and talents to make this possible will be published in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on **Wednesday evening, May 12, at 7:00PM** in the Church.

We invite the First Communicants of our Parish to have a special role in our May Crowning. Come, pray the rosary with us as a way to honor our Blessed Mother.

Please wear your First Communion dresses or suits.

If you would like your child to lead one of the decades of the rosary, please contact the Religious Education Office for more information. Thank you.

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

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@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 cyouunionnj@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

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 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@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.



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

Reynaldo Ticzon, Rosario "Charing" Alonzo & Rose Petescia

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 (Living)
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)
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	
Joseph & Michelene Kmetz	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, 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	
Kosiso & Chinedum Akporji (Living)	
Onyekkaci Odoemene (Living)	
Chisom Odoemene (Living)	
Ogechizara Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Kosiso Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	

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, 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 Czaplá, Stephen Czaplá, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

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.

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

SUNDAY MASS

*(On Facebook) 10:30AM

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ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

We are in need of a seamstress who can make our Baptismal bibs. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 for more information.



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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.

