



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

OCTOBER 25, 2020

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"YOU SHALL
LOVE THE LORD,
YOUR GOD, WITH
ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL, AND WITH
ALL YOUR MIND."

MATTHEW 22:37

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

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Telephones

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Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076

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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 Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Our God is good, and He is a giving God. He gives and gives because it is His character to give; and we, who seek to reflect that same character, embrace gratitude; giving-back, as a way of life.

One way to give back, in gratitude, is through sacrificial offering, the most powerful of which is the "Sacrifices of Thanksgiving"; an expression of thanks and gratitude to God for His blessings upon us. This kind of offering is far more powerful than the "Sin Offering"—offered for the cleansing of sin—or "Burnt Offering"—offered to turn away God's righteous anger (Ref Lev 1 & 4) because these two offerings came as a consequence of sin—the fall of our first parents—but not so with the "Sacrifice of Thanksgiving" (Lev 17:11-16; 22:29-30). Even if Adam and Eve never fell, we would still have been required to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, in gratitude to God for His blessings upon us. So it is an essential part of who we are as children of God.

For the most part of this year, we have been forced to live under the threat and attack of coronavirus, with its devastating effects; effects, from which the Church has not been exempted. For example, our Sunday collection from March through September this year is \$85,389.00 short. Easter collection alone was \$18,605 down. The good news is that our God is good, and by His grace, we will pull through this challenge, triumphantly. I say this with confidence because everything we have agreed and set out to do, we have done and accomplished.

Since this pandemic did not allow us to run any of our planned fundraisers, our response, as a Church, is to declare November 2020 "A Month of Gratitude"; "A Month of Sacrificial Giving"; a month we are, in a very special way, calling upon all our parishioners to graciously and selflessly make a sacrificial offering of thanksgiving (an offering separate from the regular Sunday collection and SOS), in support of our efforts to offset this deficit that is making it difficult for us to meet our obligations.

This "November-Sacrificial-Giving" is designed to be a tangible embodiment of our gratitude to God, for either (a) protecting us against this virus, (for those who have never been infected), or (b) for granting us healing and deliverance (for those who were infected and recovered), or (c) for granting eternal rest to a beloved one who fell victim to this virus; and (d) for continued deliverance from this pandemic and all other iniquities. Yes, we may never be able to repay God exactly for what He has done for us, but we can, through this sacrificial giving reflect and thank Him for His generous gift of grace, healing, and consolation.

So, I step out in faith and with confidence call upon our parishioners to give at these levels: We need, **five "St. Michael-Church-Archangels"** to make a sacrificial donation of **\$2,000+** each; **five "St. Michael Church Patriarchs"** to make a sacrificial donation of **\$1500+** each; **Twelve "St. Michael Church Apostles"** to make a sacrificial donation of **\$1000+** each; **Thirty "St. Michael Church Disciples"** to make a sacrificial donation of **\$500+** each; **Fifty "St. Michael Church Evangelists"** to make a sacrificial donation of **\$250+** each; **One hundred "St. Michael Church Crusaders"** to make a sacrificial donation of **\$200+** each; **One Hundred and Fifty "St. Michael Church Guardian Angels"** to make a sacrificial offering of **\$100+** each. A plaque, to be named **"St. Michael's Church November 2020 Sacrificial Giving Bailout"** will be created to memorialize all donors in their various categories. Please choose a level that would be a true stretch for you since this is a sacrificial giving.

We encourage our parishioners to use, if possible, the "Go Fund Me" or the "Parish Giving" link on our Parish website. Alternatively, 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.

I thank all of you for responding positively to this call. I am sure that by the end of this year, we will recover from this shortfall. May God reward your efforts and multiply your giving according to the abundance of His gracious riches in Christ Jesus, Amen!

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

SATURDAY

8:30 am

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

October 24

Alejandro T. Cruz

October 25

For the Parishioners

Clare Pettesch (4th Ann.)

Anthony Cavallo (Living)

Lucille Sousa Araujo

October 26

Novena of Masses

Roselyn Abraham (Living)-Thanksgiving

Deceased Members of Sapini Family

October 27

Manuel Alvero

Maria Tavares

Maria Amador

October 28

James Ford, Sr.

Ed Stonack

October 29

Novena of Masses

Patricia Malone & Family (Living)

Thanksgiving

Thomas Kachelriess

October 30

Manuel Fazendeiro

Jose Cantillo

Manuel Caram

October 31

Urbano M. Diaz

Roger Boetsch

November 1

For the Parishioners

Maria Amador

Carmen M. Gancia & Teodoro Mendoza

Rosa Mugavero

ALL SAINTS DAY**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for James Ford, Sr.

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

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) 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.

**GO FUND ME UPDATE**

The Archdiocese of Newark parish support initiative using the GoFundMe platform has raised \$775,126 for parishes in the diocese. St. Michael's Parish has received \$3,390 directly from this campaign. **Thank you for contributing to this fundraiser for St. Michael's.** If you want to make a contribution go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Go Fund Me button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.

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

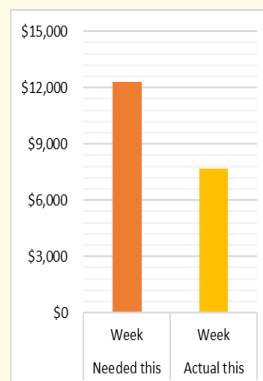
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

10/18/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,296	\$ 7,674	(\$4,622)

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 **\$12,296**. What we actually received is **\$7,674**, so we are short **\$4,622**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY Information

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyouunion@aol.com

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!

TUESDAYS

7-8:30pm

St. Michael's Upstairs Church

CYO is back and off to a great start! We have had 2 general meetings already and both were filled to capacity.

This week at CYO we will have a very special guest speakers, Lisa Athan, MA, the Founder and Executive Director of GriefSpeaks. Lisa will speak to us about dealing with Anxiety, Depression and other important issues to Today's Teens. Don't Miss It!

Due to space limitations members must register to come to the meeting at cyouunion@aol.com. (Include your name and grade in your email). Once all spaces are reserved the meeting will be closed. so don't delay!

In order to attend a CYO meeting members must bring their Signed Covid Liability Form, Registration Form and CYO dues. All forms have been mailed home to Parents of CYO members. If you did not receive them contact CYO by email and we will send them to you. Once you have handed in your papers they will be good for the entire years worth of meetings.

A MASK must be worn by everyone attending the meeting, hands will be sanitized when entering and social distancing will be upheld.

Your continued patience, understanding and prayers are still needed! God Bless you all!

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

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.

UPDATE 2020/2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Our textbooks have arrived. If you missed our pickup dates, you may come to the Religious Education Office, 1211 Orange Avenue on Monday, October 19 through Thursday, October 22 between the hours of 9:30AM and 2:30PM. No appointment is necessary.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only a Parent or Legal Guardian may pick up the child's book as they will be asked to sign a Permission Form that allows their child to participate in St. Michael's Faith Formation Program Sessions through the use of our digital platform. We cannot assign your child to a Google Classroom until we have these documents in hand. Please also remember to observe social distancing and wear a mask at all times when on the premises.

Virtual classes started Sunday, October 4 for Grades 1-5 and Tuesday evening, October 6 for Grades 6-8. Catechists are both posting lessons for completion within the week and live-streaming lessons. Please log in to Google Classroom to check the schedule for your child's class.

We are still in need of a few good catechists – men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children. Enrollment is up and we want to keep the classes small. No 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 Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965 or email her at smccd@comcast.net.

Finally, we are seeking a few volunteers who have Google Classroom, Google Meet, Zoom and/or Flipgrid experience to help us enhance our digital platform. We understand someone came forward at mass to help but we never got their contact information. Please try again. We still need you. Call Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965 or email smccd@comcast.net.

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

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been generously been responding to our call for donations to the ministry.

HUGS Ministry distributes Grace Bags every month to families in our parish. To help us continue our charitable course 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.

Our Drop Box is located behind the Parish Office.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Mas-sicot** (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@patirckphillips.com

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am

Mondays 7:00 pm



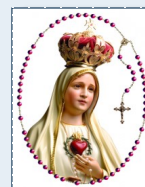
ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses.

Go to our website: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention Parishioners:

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY TO HONOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

Starting October 1 till October 31 we will be praying the Rosary daily at 7:00 pm and it will be streamed online. Sign up via Gotomeeting on the web page at www.stmichaelunion.org

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS' DAY

MASS SCHEDULE:

8:30 AM, 12:00 NOON AND 7:00 PM

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

The **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY OF HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, Union, NJ** will be starting its Christ centered support group sessions to help you cope with the loss of your loved one.

The next session will begin on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 and will meet for 6 weeks through Tuesday, December 15, 2020 from 7:30-8:30 pm in the school cafeteria. There will be a large area for social distancing.

As an alternative to attending in-person group, there will be an option to join a Zoon support group. The in-person group in the school cafeteria will NOT be on the Zoom group, These are two separate individual groups.

There is no fee to participate in this support group, but REGISTRATION is required. Please call the parish office (908)687-3327

Emergency Food Distribution Event at Kean University

100 Morris Ave, Union.

Open to all Union County residents affected by Covid19. **Drive through only**

For more information please call the DHS Action Line: 888-845-3434, 908-558-2288

or email DHSAction@ucnj.org

Dates: October 24, November 7, November 21,
December 19

Time: From 9 am

NOVENA of Masses

OCTOBER 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
Remo Lacson, Sr.	Angelina Echaus
Maria Virginia Moralde	Paulino Cruz
Jaime S. Estrella	Michael Jhun Ravago
Philip & Elizabeth Bober (Living)	-50th Wedding Anniversary
Dominick A. Monteleone	Shela Boulín (Living)
Aname Lourdes Orillandea	Wendelin Orillandea
Joseph & Michelene Kmetz	James S. Estrella
Veana Lim (Living)	
Dorothy Pryzby (Living)	-101 Birthday
Boulín Family Special Intentions	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
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	
Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano 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, 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, Lucy Scalgione, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim and Myra Kebala.

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
Concetta "Connie" Matrale.

Announcements

2021 MASS BOOK

Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions. The book will open starting Thursday, October 15th. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation.

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit 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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51

The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.