



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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

## Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

The gospel of this Sunday speaks about the inevitability of suffering in the life of a Christian. So, I would like to turn my radar on the role of suffering and adversity in our lives. Sir Edmund Hillary made several unsuccessful attempts to climb Mount Everest and failed. After one of those failed attempts, he stood at the base of the mountain, shook his fist at it, and shouted: "I will defeat you, because you are as big as you are going to get, but I am still growing." Yes, he eventually did; he eventually got to the top of the mountain. The fact is that each time that Edmund climbed that mountain and failed, he learned something new about it and used that knowledge to construct new attempts until he eventually overcame the mountain's adversities.

Life is just like that. Adversities, sufferings, difficulties, and failures are likely to get into the mix of things in our lives and it is what we say to these adversities, to ourselves, and how we choose to act and react, that will make all the difference. Some people react by rejecting God, because they cannot believe that God would be so mean as to give them a bad lot in life. Some others choose to resign to adversity and wallow in self-pity. However, some others choose to be strengthened by adversity, learn something from it, grow stronger by it, and with determination overcome it. They learn something about being dependent upon God and trusting Him to carry them through. They learn something that will help them help others who may be going through their own lot in life.

Scripture says: "Blessed be God..; who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God" (2 Cor 1:4). We must always remember that there is a spirit within us that is greater than our opposition. Scripture says: "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to the human race. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it:" (1 Cor 10:13).

We can overcome all things by the grace of Him, who strengthens us.

*Msgr. Anselm*

### **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

**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

**November 14**

Lucilia Sousa Araujo

**November 15**

For the Parishioners

Jose Isirio Torres

Angelina Fortino (35th Ann.)

Barbara Michalski (1st. Ann.)

**November 16**

Viola Ericksen

All Souls

Felisa Cruz (Living)-Birthday

**November 17**

Maria Tavares

Helen Phillips

Chisom Odoemene (Living)-Thanksgiving

**November 18**

Francis Xavier Gillick

All Souls

**November 19**

George Rinehart

Alton Famarin

**November 20**

Antonio Gamboa

Roselyn Moreno Cruz (19th Ann.)

**November 21**

All Souls

Roger Boetsch

**November 22**

Julian &amp; Jennie Pruszkowski

Rev. John F. Tyks

For the Parishioners

Benjamin I. Magbanua (14th Ann.)

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and the 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.

## Virtual MASSES & DEVOTIONS

**DAILY MASSES**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

**BIBLE STUDY**

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

**MARIAN DEVOTION**

MONDAYS &amp; FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)

WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)

7:00PM

**SATURDAY MASS**

8:30AM

**LOG IN**[www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org)

## Stewardship of Treasures

**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**

11/08/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,364	\$ 9,225	(\$3,139)

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:

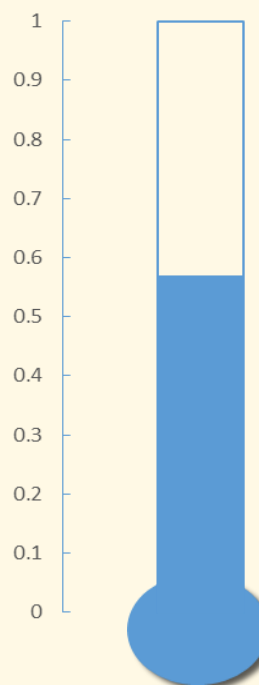
- **Dropping your envelopes** in the box in the Church vestibule.
- **Mailing your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office.
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website ([stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org)) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form.
- **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 **\$12,364**. What we actually received is **\$9,225**, so we are short **\$3,139**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING



OUR GOAL

**\$85,400**

Thank You!



## MINISTRY Information

### CYO Youth Ministry News

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

**CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!  
TUESDAYS**

**7-8:30pm**

**St. Michael's Upstairs Church**



Due to space limitations members must register to come to the meeting at [cyouunion@aol.com](mailto: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.**

## 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.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH!**

# COAT DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council #4504 will be collecting coats for St. Joseph Social Service Center. Gently used coats can be placed in the marked collection box at the Council Hall.

**DROP OFF LOCATION**

1034 Jeanette Ave.  
Union, NJ

**COLLECTING**

- \* hoodies
- \* jackets
- \* pullovers ...

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

**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 GIVING TREE** will be set up in the Church vestibule beginning Wednesday, November 25. Due to Covid-19 restrictions in place at nursing homes and senior facilities, our tags this year will be limited to gifts for the children of Blessed Sacrament ranging in age from infants to early teens. Please take a tag (or two) and purchase the gift items so we can make some wishes come true for the children this Christmas. Gifts must be new and can be placed in gift bags or wrapped. Please be sure to leave the gift tag on the bag or box. Please return all gifts to the church vestibule by December 11.

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.

**Religious Education Classes** - We're six weeks into our virtual program, but you can still register and make payment online at [stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org), Faith Formation tab, Religious Education or stop by our office M-TH between 9:30AM to 2:30PM to pick up a registration form. If you cannot make those days/hours, we will work with you. Call the office anytime and leave a message at 908-964-0965 or email [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

Finally, we are always looking for good catechists to join us - 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

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



## NOVENA of Masses

### DECEASED PARISHIONERS

#### NOVEMBER 2019-NOVEMBER 2020

Michael Evans  
Rona O'Shea  
Thomas Clarke  
Angelo Casale  
Ann S. Benedek  
Michele Anthony  
Carol Foehner  
Kimberly Glassen  
Geraldine M. Melisse  
Theodore Banaszewski  
Antonia Aguanno  
Elizabeth Scanlon  
Mathilde Ordonez  
Rosina Dotro  
Steven Ligenza  
Dyonizja Tarapata  
Dulce Perpetua  
Edgar Ramos  
Elmer Olmedo  
Barbara Disko  
Ilona Gerhauser  
Theodora Vitolo  
Carol Miller  
Mary Ann Rettino  
Virgela Pierrevil

Alfred Richard Lime  
Beverly Lamberti  
Helen Duran  
Florence Anello  
Michael Angelo Alfano  
Robert Lima  
Elena Umih  
George Roger Boetsch  
Kenneth Spassione, Sr.  
Margaret Mirynowski  
Martha Mencia  
Delitta Ann Michael  
Angela Calvello  
Jonnah A. Abaya  
Ernesto Dy  
Mary Elizabeth Froustet  
Patrick J. Scanlon  
Mary Spillane  
Herbert Bentz  
Frank S. Paiva  
Concetta Matrale  
Georgine N. Bellerio  
Maria Araujo  
Maria Mende

*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.*

### 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, Myra Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano.

### 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

### 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.



### 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.



**AmazonSmile** is a simple and automatic way for you to support **St. Michael's Church** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that **Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. Michael's Church in Union, NJ.** Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Select "**St. Michael's Church, Union, NJ**" to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. **Amazon Smile** will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. **If you have an existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile** you can use the same account.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2021 MASS BOOK

**THE BOOK IS OPEN!** Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions. 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](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.**

### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

*Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31*

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5*

Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

#### Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

#### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.