



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MAY 10, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*  
Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*  
Mrs. Marilynn Dragone, *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 1:30 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.

## 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  
**Stay Connected:**



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## Devotions

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Sunday and 1st Friday 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

My dear parishioners,

The first reading on this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter touches on something that is so real to life, and to our Church community, that it is worthy of some reflection even as we are dealing with, and living in this pandemic times. The reading brings out a basic truth about life—be it individuals, families, Church, organization, etc.—the more you grow, the greater your challenges and struggles. Unforeseen challenges are part of what we must live with, deal with, and hopefully overcome in this life. Life is never complete. With all the miracles, the sharing and generosity, the fellowship and all that we read about the early Church, one would think it was a perfect Church. Far from it! As the Church began to grow, troubles and challenges were right on their heels, as complaints about racism, discrimination, and favoritism reared up their ugly heads. What is remarkable about this development is that the apostles immediately **ganged up on the problem, rather than on each other**. You see, it is very easy to scapegoat others when we are faced with challenges and tribulations; to take our frustrations out on the weakest members of our family; to exit our anger on loved ones and even sometimes take it out on ourselves. When we are faced with problems as a family, as a Church, as an organization, it is better to gang around that problem and deal with it, and not go about cutting, slicing, shouting, and hating each other. For the Apostles, the solution was collaboration; to seek, invite, and engage the talents of their members; to engage the power we gain when we are willing to sacrifice time and talent to share ideas, work together, integrate efforts and lean on each other with compassion, love, support, and kindness. Collaboration is what solves problems and creates community. As Mother Teresa once said, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

Bringing this down to our parish church family, the question we all need to ask, as we look forward, in hope, to reopening our Church, is this: where can God use me to make St. Michael's parish recover from this pandemic? What can I do to serve her and my fellow parishioners to help her overcome the setbacks created by this COVID-19 environment? For us, as a Church, to grow out of the impact of this pandemic measures, we will need what each other can bring; how each one can plug in; where we are ready and disposed to sacrifice time, talent and treasure in the service of our Church. This is what will make us great again. May the good Lord continue to deliver, protect, heal, sustain, and bless you all, in the name of His Son, Jesus, Amen.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 9</b> Alejandro T. Cruz, Walter McMahon
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 10</b> For the Parishioners, Jerry Crincoli Sr. Dorothy Marchitello Novena of Msses For All Mothers
<b>MONDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>May 11</b> Donald J. Silvey, Marietta M. Gancia Johanna Mulcahy
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>May 12</b> Vincente & Lilia Magno Novena of Masses, Laura DePinho
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>May 13</b> Charlotte Ngarukiye, Goodwin Ubanii, Rosa Mugavero
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>May 14</b> Arthur David, Eugene Fabio, Jr. Anna Rogeste
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>May 15</b> Novena of Masses, Godwin Ubanii, Jeffrey Alino
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 16</b> Marcel Depestre, Eugene Fabio, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 17</b> For the Parishioners, Scott Leddy, Mary Dorothea Pfarr, Thodore Czapla

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

**Mass Intentions.** Novena of Masses, Candle Offerings, 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).

## 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**

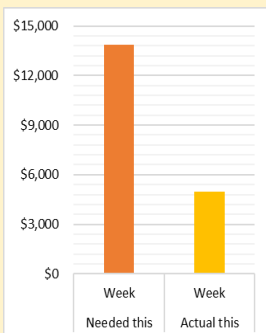
5/3/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$13,940	\$7,245	(\$6,695)

In the present health emergency, with public celebrations of Mass suspended our weekly collections, of course, are interrupted. Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **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 \$13,940. What we actually received is \$7,245, so we are short **\$6,695**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



## Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

### ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL GATEWAY TO PRAYER



#### SUNDAYS MONDAYS - FRIDAYS

MASS

10:00 AM

DAILY MASS

12:00 NOON

#### TUESDAYS

BIBLE CLASS

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

#### ADORATIONS

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - SACRED HEART

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 - 8:00 PM

#### JOIN US VIRTUALLY

<https://www.gotomeet.me/StMichaelChurch>

#### OR CALL IN

1 (312) 757-3121

Access Code 574-150-285

## 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.





## MINISTRY Information

### CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

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



Make sure you test Positive for Faith.  
Keep distant from Doubt,  
and isolate from Fear.  
Trust God Through it all! Amen!

Our CYO/Youth Ministry members continue to keep our Parish, Family and Friends in or prayers!

### L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N. is a time to:

**L-isten** to God's voice and reflect. Let go and let God.

**O-bey** His Word and His teachings.

**C-all** on Jesus name and be calm.

**K-now** what is the purpose of all this.

**D-well** in His presence. Do not panic.

**O-ffer** a prayer for everyone's safety.

**W-ait** and be patient.

**N-urture** our personal relationship with Him.

## RICE BOWL

Rice Bowls can be sent to the Parish Center. Those monies are given to missions that help people throughout the world.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19*

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

### Gospel Reading

*John 14:1-12*

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

The **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is currently closed. Email and telephone messages are checked daily. 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.

### PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Please make sure your child continues to work in the religious education books. We strongly encourage you to help your child with their faith formation. Reciting the Our Father and Hail Mary while washing their hands is one easy way of helping them remember their prayers!

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

With churches remaining closed, all First Communions have been cancelled for the time being. Once a decision has been made regarding the re-opening of church with new guidelines, only then can we discuss the rescheduling of First Communion Masses. As soon as I hear any updates, I will let you know.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to Mike Eger who has worked tirelessly to keep serving the community by delivering food from the food pantry to seniors and those in need during the pandemic. Your service is greatly appreciated.

## 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 [patrickphillips96@gmail.com](mailto:patrickphillips96@gmail.com)

## MINISTRY Information

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (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 our website at [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

### "Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).

Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe** at (908) 247-4461 if you have any questions.



### ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

All meetings are postponed until further notice. Please stay safe.



#### "To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ - a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

Registration is open for St. Michael School, where students come to learn in a faith-filled environment with a strong academic base. St. Michael's offers classes from prek- 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a full day prek-3, prek-4, and kindergarten. Morning and Aftercare until 6:00pm is available as well. If you are interested in enrolling your child at St. Michael School, please email Mrs. Scicolone at [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org).

**Come tour and explore our amazing school!**

## NOVENA of Masses

### MAY 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	Louis Sauro
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Craig Calix (Living)	Serafina Sauro
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Rosemary Sauro
Pierre & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti, Sr.
Roger Boetsch	James Ford, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	George Rinehart
Special Intentions	
St. Rita Special Intentions	
Protection & Special Intentions	
Our Lady of Fatima Special Intentions	
Living & Decembers of the Santoriello Family	
George Sr, Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Lucila Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwoshu & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with CONVID 19	

### 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

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or

You can also drop off your requests at the Parish Center. Please put your name and telephone number so we can get in touch with you if we have any questions.

### Save the Date

Friday, September 25th, 2020

7:30 - 11:30 pm

St. Michael's Annual

## DINNER DANCE

Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ

Celebration details to follow

## Announcements

### A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven....

and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated

on Mother's Day and every day.

happy MOTHER'S Day!

### PRAYER AGAINST COVID-19

Heavenly Father, we know that we can do nothing without You, and that with You all things are possible. As we thank You and give You praise and worship, we also come to You in desperate need of Your power and healing grace. At this very moment, we acknowledge that we are weak, fearful and intimidated by COVID-19. Yes, even as we believe that You have absolute power over this virus, our flesh is still afraid and our spirit weak. Fill us therefore with Your courage, hope, peace, and joy in this moment of fear and desperation. David, your servant, testified, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Your Word also tells us that, You, Oh God, are close to the brokenhearted; that You save those who are crushed in spirit, and rescue them from all their distress.

Father Almighty, we are highly distressed right now, fearful and in despair and, just like David, we seek your face and implore You to heal our land; to forbid this hand of death and devastation. Come to our aid, forgive our sins, and send forth the rain of deliverance upon the earth, and shower humanity with your healing grace. Protect all healthcare workers as they take care of the sick, strengthen and heal those who have become afflicted and comfort those who have lost loved ones to this virus. Provide wisdom and guidance to scientists and researchers to find a cure for this pandemic, so that this virus may be eradicated faster than it started. Show forth your saving grace, so that every knee may bow and every tongue may confess that it was nothing short of Your power that delivered us from this mayhem. Father, please save your people; answer this prayer and restore unto us the joy of our salvation. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.