



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 26, 2020

THIRD 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

## 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](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net)

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[stmichaelunion](https://twitter.com/stmichaelunion)



[stmichaelchurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelchurch)

## 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

## 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. Marilyn 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.

## Message From Our Pastor

My beloved parishioners,

As days go into weeks, living in this environment of COVID-19, the impact of the safety measures put in place to mitigate the spread of this virus may begin to bite harder and deeper. People may begin to lose their patience, develop negative attitudes, frustration, anxiety, fear, anger, and resentment. Truth be told, everyone is hurting—from the drastic changes to how we live and work to illness, death and bereavement; not to talk about the spiritual, psychological and sociological impact of these pandemic measures.

There is hurt everywhere and so what do we do? How do we march forward with faith, hope and total resolve to weather this storm? Are there any behavioral antidotes, attitudes that can help us maintain a high altitude in this COVID-19 environment? For those who have lost dear ones or their jobs, this could be very hard. For the rest of us, getting involved with positive, heartwarming, laughter inducing, and stress reducing behaviors could be very helpful.

These are tough days, and yet we might have, in the past, weathered life-disrupters. Therefore find hope from your past resilience. The God, who brought you through then, still lives, and can also bring you through now. Make it a duty to constantly remind yourself that this too shall pass.

What you see and hear impacts what you think and feel. Regulate your intake of COVID-19 bad news. Spend more time watching funny videos and comedies. Let your heart find some laughter. It is good for the soul.

Find ways to practice random acts of kindness. Who could be a recipient of thoughtfulness and generosity in these tough times? Reaching out to others is a source of healing for the soul, not just for the recipient of your grace, but for yourself also. Find ways to put a smile on someone's face and uplift their spirit.

The time we have right now is a gift; a tremendous opportunity to focus on some things we never had time for, and to learn new things and improve ourselves. Find ways to end each day with a positive acknowledgment of what you have accomplished, learnt or are grateful for.

Above all, keep faith alive. God is greater than what we are facing, and He will not abandon us in these difficult times. We may have many questions unanswered, but we know that God's understanding is greater than what we can perceive. This is why, instead of worrying, let's surrender to Him and stand strong. This is not a time to doubt but a time to increase our faith in the Lord knowing that we are not alone in this battle. Be sure of this much, "This too shall pass."

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 25</b> Joseph & Rose Baduini, Sofia Espana (Living)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 26</b> For the Parishioners, Rodolfo Perez, Elaine Dempsey, Rodrigo Gancia—Living (75th Birthday)
<b>MONDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 27</b> Novena of Masses, Maria Tavares, Maria Amador
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 28</b> Thomas Gillick, Sr., Mary Ann Campos (Living)-Thanksgiving
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 29</b> Roger Boetsch, Manuel Caram
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 30</b> Manuel Fazendeiro, Jesus Duenas, Novena of Masses
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>May 1 First Friday</b> Monica Votapek, Brigitte & Christopher Emeka Okafor, Oglie Altidort Novena of Masses
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 2</b> Agusta Mahon (1st Ann.) Kalman & Gertrude Muller
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 3</b> For the Parishioners, Manuel Caram, Thanksgiving, Regina Mendoza—Living (84th Birthday)

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione & Family & Friends.

## 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**

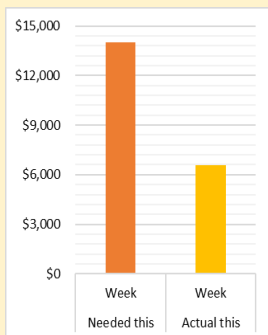
4/12/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,026	\$6,573	(\$7,453)

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) 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 \$14,026. What we actually received is \$6,573, so we are short **\$7,453**. 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** **MASS** 10:00 AM  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY** **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

**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

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

Stay strong everyone and trust in the

Lord!



Although our visits at the Quadriplegic Center, Nursing Home, disabled children and with the homeless are on hold for now, let's not forget to keep them in our daily prayers! They miss us as much as we miss them and we can stay connected through Prayer! It's the best thing we can do to keep our relationships strong! ...and know we will see them again!

*"Prayers don't have to be long and eloquent. They need only come from a sincere and humble heart!"*

### 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.

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### First Reading

*Acts 2:14,22-33*

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11*

God will show us the path of life.

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 1:17-21*

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 24:13-35*

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

## 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 as they need to be completed before the end of the school year.

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR

#### FIRST COMMUNION:

I'm sure many of you are wondering if First Communion dates will be changed. It's too early to say whether or not they will be. Below is the latest statement from the Archdiocese:

*"Under Cardinal Tobin's directive, all public celebrations of the Sacraments and other public forms of worship are also suspended until further notice. This includes, but is not limited to, previously scheduled Confirmations, celebrations of First Communion, penitential services, Communion services, and Liturgies of the Word."*

Unfortunately we don't know how long this will last. As soon as I hear any updates, I will let you know.

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

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who have donated to Sr. Ann's Food Pantry. Unfortunately the Parish Center and the Church is closed till further notice. We will let you know when you can resume the food donation drop off. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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

### Upcoming Events:

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Attic Treasures shopping and meeting.  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Senator Joseph Cryan will be our guest speaker.

Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives.

Membership extended to those 55 and over.



"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.

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten - 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org) or call (908) 688-1063.

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

## NOVENA of Masses

### APRIL 2020

Leopold Enwonwu	Alejandro T. Cruz
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
Emmana Dent (Living)	Special Intentions
Dominique Joseph (Living-Birthday)	
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 (Living) & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwoshu & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Chika & Nnenna Nwosuh (Living)	
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

*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

### HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

## Announcements

### ALTAR SERVER CAPES

Thank you to Kathleen Boetsch and Ted Czapla for the generous donation towards the purchase of the Altar Server Capes. Your generosity to the Church is greatly appreciated.



### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are invited to register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various ministries, programs and activities. Registration is our only means of recognizing anyone as a supporting and practicing member of our parish. It is also important for sponsorship certificates for the sacraments, recommendations for positions, school and character references. Please take the time to register at the Parish Center, 1211 Orange Avenue. It is also important to notify the Parish Center of any change of address or phone number.

### INVITATIONS TO VALIDATE MARRIAGES

Is Your Marriage Valid?

If you are married civilly, that is not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.