

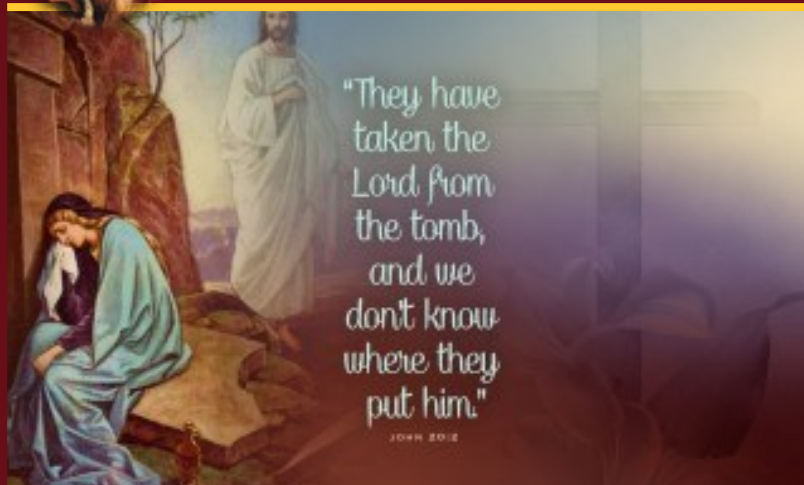


# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY



## 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:**

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  
**Stay Connected:**



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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

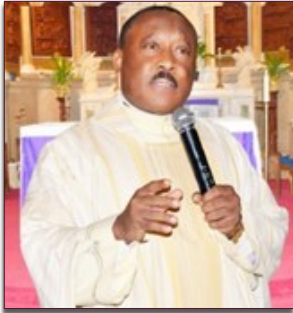
### ADVENT REFLECTION

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



### EASTER, THE STORY OF NEW BEGINNINGS

The Story of Easter is truly the story of new beginnings; of recreation, rebirth, and rejuvenation. Yes, it is the story of Christ resurrected, but it is also the story of a woman, Mary Magdalene—probably the woman caught in adultery, or the one from whom Christ cast out seven demons, or the prostitute who washed the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume—whichever one she is, she became the first person to see the risen Lord and the first preacher of the resurrection story. Yes, we may never be able to go back and make a new beginning in life, but we all can start over and make a new ending. It is never too late to start afresh.

Life is full of turns and twists but there comes a time when we need to declare an end to whatever is holding us down; whatever does not bring joy and peace to our heart; and whatever does not contribute to our growth into the best versions of ourselves. Never accept the version of yourself that others want to create for you. Life is too short for us to live it on edge; to let the voice of nay-sayers live rent-free in our head and direct the course of our life; to keep the key to our joy and happiness in someone else's pocket. If anyone wants to see you only in the light of your past failings if anyone sees you as though you are equal to your mistakes, such people do not deserve your presence and you need to consider giving them the gift of your absence; not to make them realize how worthy you are but to allow yourself the space to understand and acknowledge your own self-worth. Scripture says, "My son, in all your humility, have self-esteem; for if you do not honor yourself, who will honor you"? (Sirach 10:27-28).

Life is not perfect and will never be perfect. As you know, you may have taken a step forward, in the past, only to realize that a step backwards would have been the best choice. You also may have taken a step backward only to realize that a step forward would have been better. At other times, you may have realized, in hind sight, that stepping aside could have been a great choice. The truth is that life is wider than logic. Therefore, let's commit, with St. Paul, when he says, "But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14-15). The glory of Easter is to learn how to see the silver-lining in every dark moment; to notice life lessons in every situation; to feel joy and peace in every circumstance; and to make a difference in my life and the life of others. There is not much to gain looking for the living among the dead.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Parish Information

# the 2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

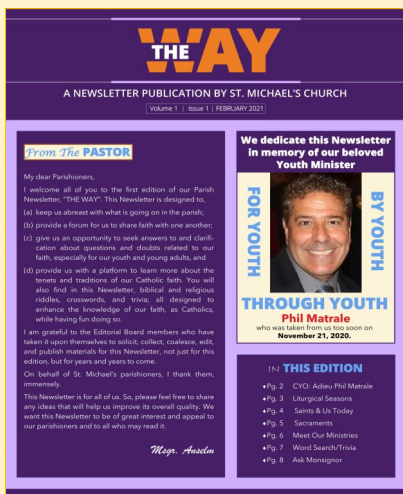
Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Our AAA goal for this year is **\$46,240**. So far this year we have pledges of **\$33,840** or **73%** of our goal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church or visit [rcan.org/ways-to-give](http://rcan.org/ways-to-give) (please note: When making your pledge, be sure to select St. Michael Parish, Union from the drop down menu). Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community. The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; supports retired clergy and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. **Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if we exceed our goal. Our goal is within reach with only \$12,400 to achieve our goal!**

It is important for all of us to participate. Please consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

**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/](http://stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/)



## Stewardship of Treasure

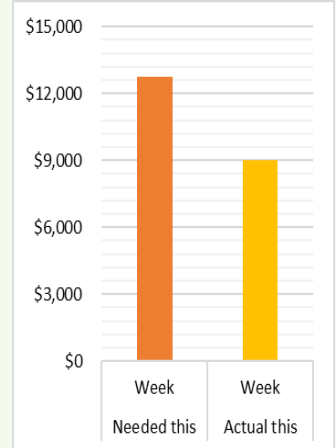
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

4/4/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,915	\$ 9,159	(\$3,756)

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](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 **\$12,915**. What we actually received is **\$9,159**, so we are short **\$3,756**.

Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## 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.



## Mass Intentions & Devotions

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 10</b>
5:30 pm	Genevieve Rygiel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 11</b>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Julian Pruszkowski
10:30 am	Uy Nguyen
12:00 Noon	Kevin Apuzzio
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 12</b>
8:30 am	Aurora Pineda (15th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Anthony Marchitello
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 13</b>
8:30 am	Antonia Condo
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
	Marie & Eutiche Philantrophe
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 14</b>
8:30 am	Nordick Anthony Garcia
12:00 Noon	Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 15</b>
8:30 am	Rose Ann Cebulak
12:00 Noon	Segur Sapini
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 16</b>
8:30 am	Carmen Espeleta (Living)
12:00 Noon	Mattias Ojeawere (Living)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 17</b>
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
5:30 pm	Robin Kandel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 18</b>
7:30 am	Amadea Casia (Living)
9:00 am	Franklin Murrieta Rodriguez
10:30 am	Mary Elizabeth Froustet
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
	Veprek Family (Living)

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

**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](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.

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:** Classes will resume the week of Sunday, April 11.

#### Students Preparing for First Eucharist

Thank you to those who participated in our virtual First Eucharist Retreat (formerly known as Grandma's Bread) where we learned how the Eucharist bread is made, received instructions on how to make a First Holy Communion Banner and saw a slide show of the children's Bible Story Drawings. If you missed the retreat, please contact the Religious Education Office for instructions on how to make it up.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

Practice for First Holy Communion will be **in person** in the church beginning at 6:30PM. Please note these dates.

Practice for April 24 (10AM Mass) is Thursday, April 22.  
Practice for May 1 (10AM Mass) is Wednesday, April 28.  
Practice for May 1 (1PM Mass) is Thursday, April 29.

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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

[cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com)



The CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone for all of their support with our annual Palm Cross, Flower & Candy Sale. It was a huge success, as we sold out multiple times during the two weekends. We would like to especially thank our Core Team members and anyone else who came out to help sell.

Please remember, in person CYO will be cancelled until further notice. We are currently holding our meetings virtually through Zoom every Tuesday night at 7:00pm. If you are in high school, come join us for faith-based activities, discussions and Covid safe service projects!

Parents and teens, check your mail and emails, as parental consent forms have been sent out. Please have them signed and either dropped off at the Parish Center or emailed. If you choose to email the waiver, make sure you receive a confirmation email back within 48 hours.

If anyone has any questions, send us a message at our updated email: [cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com).

God Bless!

## MINISTRY Information

### 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 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@patrickkbphillips.com](mailto: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 for the coming holiday season. 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  
**Steven F. Jacoby & Kim Treppunti**

## NOVENA of Masses

### NOVENA OF MASSES APRIL 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions—VG
Mollie Endler	Phil Matrale
George Rinehart	Barbara Szymczak (1st Ann.)
Serafina Sauro	Rosemary Sauro
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Linda Skoczylas (Living)	Restituta Ong Go
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Fritz Maddy
Migna de la Cruz	David Araujo
Anamaria Pais (Living)	Luis Pais (Living)
Vera Silva (Living)	All Souls in Purgatory
Yvette Meehan (Living)	Arturo Jalandoni
Julian Montano	Honesto Quijano
Teresita Lara LasPinas (Living)	
Joseph & Michelene Kmetz	
Sacred Heart Special Intentions—Boulin Family	
Thanksgiving—Boulin Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In thanks for God's blessings on the U.S.A.	
For God's Assistance with COVID-19	
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)	
Onyekakci 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 and Corazon Erfe-Acebuque.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24*

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

## Second Reading

*1 John 5:1-6*

Those who love God keep his commandments.

## Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated today, in Church on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 pm.

All are invited to attend!

## Virtual MASSES &amp; DEVOTIONS

## DAILY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

## BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

## MARIAN DEVOTION

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)  
WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)  
7:00PM

## SATURDAY MASS

8:30AM

## SUNDAY MASS

\*(On Facebook) 10:30AM

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

**S.O.S. Collection** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills. S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

**Tithing**—This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new church boiler. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs. Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

**Assessment Collection** - the Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the archdiocese a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, to be paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment. All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation.

**National Collections**- the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. Money from the national collections go directly to Newark.

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection** - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!**

## STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit [eva.us/stmichael](http://eva.us/stmichael) 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.

