

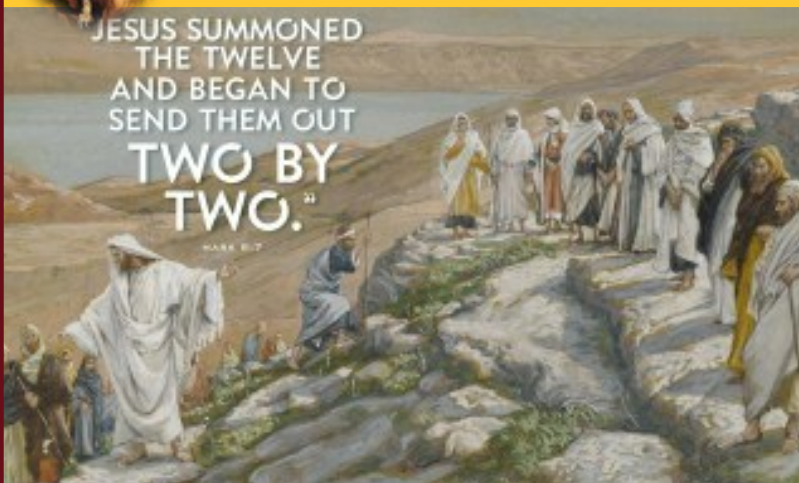


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS SUMMONED
THE TWELVE
AND BEGAN TO
SEND THEM OUT
TWO BY TWO.
MARK 6:7

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:

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

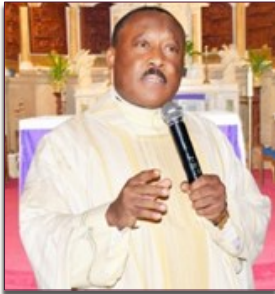
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm
 Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk



TWO BY TWO



In the gospel reading of this 15th Sunday in ordinary times (Mark 6:7-13), Christ sends out His disciples for apostolic work. He sends them out in pairs; two by two. Sent individually, they could have covered more territory in their evangelization. But Christ chose to send them out in twos. His reasoning finds root in biblical wisdom when scripture says: "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). This saying reminds me of the song, "I Need You, You Need Me" which ends with the line, "*You are important to me, I need you to survive*". What a truism! We need each other to survive.

So, by sending His apostles out in pairs, Christ was providing them with conditions that would make their mission successful. (1) We know that dealing with human beings can be very draining. So, being in twos, the Apostles could become a source of strength and encouragement for each other. (2) Human engagement is very unpredictable. Many a time it comes with failures and rejections; two outcomes that can be very hard to bear, especially when there is no one to offer some comfort. So by sending them out in twos, the apostles had the ability to provide solace and comfort to each other during difficult times. (3) There is a saying: "No one knows it all" and that "Two minds are better than one". Being in twos, the apostles could bounce ideas off of each other, sharpen each other's discernment, use each other's skills and abilities to compensate for areas of lack, and develop better strategies for their mission. (4) We also know that people who are engaged in ministry can very easily lose focus, become distracted, and or lose interest. So, sent out in twos, the apostles could stir each other to refocus as a counter measure to distraction, idleness, or indifference.

We know that Christ is the master teacher. His tactic of sending out the disciples in twos is meant to teach us something. The journey of Christian life is not easy. After all Scripture says that the road that leads to life is narrow (cf. Matt. 7:14). So, it is always a good idea to have a like-minded spiritual brother or sister to travel with us on the path of our Christian journey; one who can serve as a prayer partner, or someone with whom we can share the Word of God and our spiritual reflections; someone with whom we share our struggles, especially those struggles that hamper spiritual growth. Do you have such a person in your life?

The power in families lies in their ability to see family members as God's gift to each other so that they can be a source of strength and encouragement for one another, providing comfort and consolation in times of difficulties, helping one another think through stuff when decisions are to be made, use each other's skills and abilities to compensate in the areas of other's lack, and, above all, providing needed support to keep every member moving forward. This is what God expects of us as family members and the reason why He put our brothers and sisters in our lives.

In all, life is a collaborative endeavor. It is the most successful way of producing desired outcomes. While we are individually talented and our strength comes from God, God meets many of our needs through collaboration with others. This is what the Trinity is all about; Unity in Diversity.

Msgn. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Our Goal - **\$46,240**
 Amount Pledged to Date - **\$44,420**
 Number of Donors To Date - **154**
To Go—\$2,820



TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT;
rcan.org/ways-to-give or **scan the QR Code.** Please Note: When making your pledge, please be sure to select 'St. Michael-Union' from the drop down menu.



Thank you for your generosity!

Our goal is within reach with only **\$2,820** to achieve our goal.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

Access the May Edition @
stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



Stewardship of Treasure

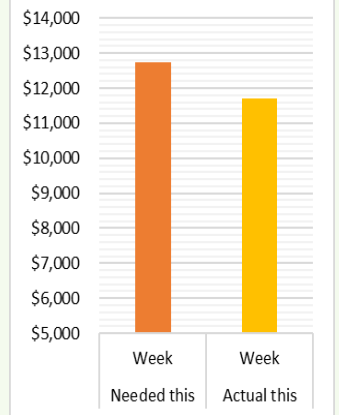
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

6/30/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 13,856	\$11,959	(\$1,897)

Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **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 **\$13,856**. What we actually received is **\$11,959** so we are short **\$1,897**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parish Giving
 —SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Thank you to our parishioners who have started using Parish Giving. Sunday Collections donated online, using Parish Giving, has increased from 9%, in 2019, to currently 30% of our Total Sunday Collections.

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 or **scan the QR Code above**, (with your phone camera) that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during the unprecedented emergency that we are experiencing.



ARE YOU GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER? Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please do not take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to our website, stmichaelunion.org, to sign up for electronic giving. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	July 10
5:30 pm	Serafin Sevileno
SUNDAY	July 11
7:30 am	Mary Visaya
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Richard Birch
12:00 Noon	Thomas Lynch
MONDAY	July 12
8:30 am	Delfin C. Samson (44th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Pacita Pena
TUESDAY	July 13
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Augie & Pat Wittek (58th Wedding Ann.)
WEDNESDAY	July 14
8:30 am	Mulford Herbert
12:00 Noon	Delfin & Amelia Samson (56th Wedding Ann.)
THURSDAY	July 15
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Tomasa Roque, Sr. (3rd Ann.)
FRIDAY	July 16
8:30 am	Fidela Dagat
12:00 Noon	Andrew Binayan
SATURDAY	July 17
8:30 am	Jean Vanzo
5:30 pm	Michael & Nora Forde
SUNDAY	July 18
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Sefia Family Benefactors
10:30 am	Wilfredo Sosa
12:00 Noon	Sybilia Ihediwa

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyounionnj@gmail.com



With the school year coming to an end, the CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year possible, especially in this challenging environment. Through Christ, anything is possible!

Tuesday night meetings have come to an end and will resume back in September. Summer events will be announced. Anyone who is in high school and would like to be a part of next year's confirmation class, please email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com. Emails and mailings are being sent out with registration information and a meeting will be held June 29th at 7:00pm in the Lower Church for all confirmation candidates and their parents.

Have a safe and healthy summer everyone! God Bless!

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:

Thank you for entrusting St. Michael's Church with the formal religious education of your child. We are pleased to return to in-person classes in mid-September. As in the past, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Grade 2 and Sacrament Prep students must attend in-person classes.

For your convenience, you may now complete the registration process and make payment online on our Parish website under the Faith Formation/Religious Education tab. You will also find a printable form if you prefer to mail or drop off your registration form and pay by check; or you can stop by the Religious Education office M-TH between 9:30AM and 2:30PM to register your child. If you return your registration form and payment by August 9, you will be entitled to the "early discount" fee. Registrations received after September 6 will incur a \$25 late fee. Please, however, do not let inability to pay stop you from registering your child. Call or stop by the office and we will work with you.

We are always looking for dedicated men and women who offer their services as a catechist, aide or session helper. Please consider sharing your time and talents in this important ministry. Call or stop by the office for further information.

If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. Also, special two-year Sacrament Preparation classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.



"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 rscicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

St. Michael School has the following positions open: Part-time Advanced Math Teacher, Part-Time Music Teacher and a Part-Time Spanish Teacher. Please send resume and cover letter to rscicolone@smsunion.org.

MINISTRY Information

ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

With the COVID restrictions now lifted in Church, Msgr. Anselm asks that all ministry volunteers return to service. Please contact your ministry leaders for scheduling.

Altar Servers: Please contact Fr. Miles if you want to continue to serve. Any children who have made First Holy Communion can be an Altar Server. Contact Fr. Miles for more information.

Baptism Ministry is looking for new members. Please contact the Parish Center or Deacon Michael Cavallo at deaconmikecavallo@gmail.com.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

If you would like to return to our regular weekend schedule, please email Alberta vp@verizon.net.

Wellness Ministry

OUTDOOR Dance & Wellness Classes



6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:



BANK TRANSFER:



stmichaelunion@comcast.net
In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.

CONTACT FREE: QR CODE



Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page

MAIL IN:



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

A prayer for the Lord's salvation

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10)

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

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

**Domingo Raymundo Martin,
Anthony Manochio & Betty Boetsch**

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES JULY 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions
George Rinehart	Emma Jean Williams
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Remedios Rabano	Craig Calix (Living)
Lucia Aviguetero	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Angela & Frank Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomano
Elena Jara	Celso & Rosalia Anuada
Ibrahim Maksom	Luther Boulton (Living)-Birthday
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Helen McCann	Baby Charlie Esmores (Living)-Healing
Alex Micayabas	Artemia Tan
Fritz Maddy	Michael V. Aves
Angelica Tanglao	Roberto Escanlar
Eusebio Espeleta	Cynthia Tortillas
Aurora Papera	Judenique Auguste (Living)-Birthday
Special Intentions-VG	Domingo Raymundo Martin
Jorge J. Criado	Sammi Pearson (Living) - Healing
Herman Estrella	Guillermo Alberto
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Ben & Marivic Del Rosario & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruskowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, 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	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Landeira & Machado Families	
Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapl, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, 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, Kathy Sarano, Baby Charlie Boyle, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Mary Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Aurora Manochio.

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USAN FUNDRAISERS



**SUNDAY
JULY
25**

UNITY OF SAINTS AND NATIONS!
You can find unity in our extended community

FAMILY PICNIC

Our walk-a-thon and picnic welcomes all parishioners, families, friends, neighbors, communities, and nationalities to participate in a fundraising effort for St. Michael the Archangel Church in Union, organized by the "UNION OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE PORTUGUESE NATION" (USAN).

Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021. Beginning 1:00 pm and concluding by late afternoon/evening (when everyone is either exhausted or no food remains).

Where: Conant Street Park, 320 Conant St, Hillside, NJ, 2.5 miles from St. Michael Church. The covered pavilion has been reserved so the effects of inclement weather should be minimized.

Visit <https://exploreunioncounty.com/places/new-jersey/hillside/parks-1/conant-park/> to see the general walkway, playground, soccer fields, and public bathrooms, etc.

Food, beverages, and youth activities are included in your donation to this event. Food will include typical picnic fare (e.g., chicken, beef, pork, rice/beans, potato fries, pasta & vegetable salads, etc.) plus specials (e.g., blue claw crabs). Wine and beer available for purchase.

Cost: \$30 per adult, \$50 per couple, \$20 per teenager (ages 13-19), \$100 per family of 4 adults (a bargain!), \$5 for each youth (ages 5-12) and children under 5 yr. are free.

Contact Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 for reservations or additional information.



**St. Michael Church's
USAN Fundraiser
San Lorenzo Ruiz—1st Golf Tournament**
Date: September 25, 2021
Registration starts at 8:00 am
The Meadows at Middlesex Golf Course
Plainsboro, New Jersey
Don't delay! Teams are limited
Deadline, August 31, 2021

Individual Player—\$120.00 per person
Sponsorship Packages available.
Fee includes: Green Tee, cart, breakfast and bagged lunch
Please go to www.stmichaelunion.org to register.

For more information, please contact the following:
Arnold & Cristy Yanto—(908) 242-8758
Archie & Carol De la Cruz—(732) 874-3375
Butch & Malou Morales—(908) 577-1800
Resy Millora-Dilag—(908) 416-2732
Nick & Island Raagas—(732) 874-3375

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**USAN FUNDRAISER
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CYO MINISTRY**

Save the date! The CYO Youth Ministry will be hosting two viewings of the musical *Godspell*, commemorating its 50th anniversary. The movie is a re-telling of Jesus' ministry structured around parables with songs interspersed. To learn more about the original play and movie, access: <https://apnews.com/article/lifestyle-music-entertainment-health-coronavirus-pandemic-dddb208b32f1863b8981332a776fd1b>



Join us in the Lower Church for a night out of fun! All parishioners, families, friends and neighbors are welcome!

Dates: The first viewing will be on **Sunday, July 11th at 7:00 pm** for all youth. The second viewing will be on **Saturday, July 17th at 7:00 pm** following the 5:30pm Mass for all adults.

Cost: \$10 for teens and adults (13 and older), \$5 for each child (ages 6-12) and children under 6 are free. Popcorn, candy, soda and water can also be purchased for an additional cost.

Contact Cristina Manochio 908-347-9617 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 if you have any questions or for additional information.

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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 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.

