

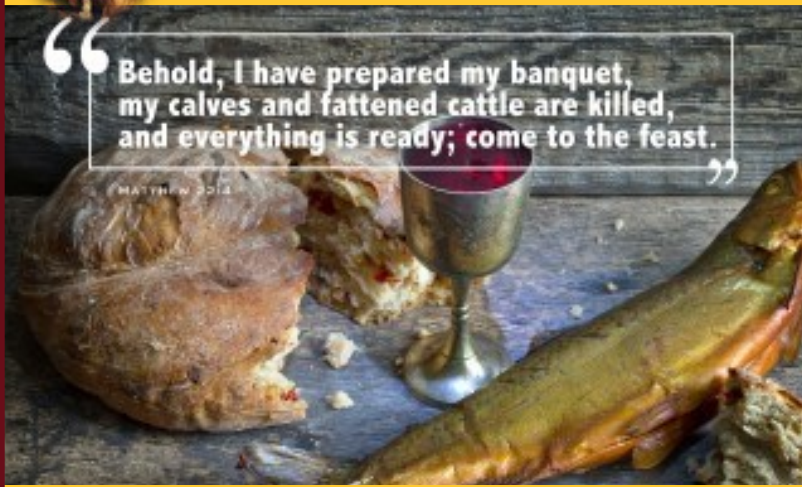


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

OCTOBER 11, 2020

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Behold, I have prepared my banquet,
my calves and fattened cattle are killed,
and everything is ready; come to the feast.”

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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

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Telephones

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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 LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

This week, my attention is drawn to the Responsorial Psalm on this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Times because it is such a powerful prayer of confidence and trust in our God. It is taken from Psalm 23; a psalm that states that we should not be shaken by adversities in this life because we worship a God who is the Lord of deliverance; a God who can save, no matter how desperate the situation may be or how bad things are.

This Psalm states that the Lord is my shepherd (as my shepherd, the responsibility of my safety and my wellbeing is in His hands) and therefore, that there is nothing I shall want, for fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, and that near restful waters (a place with a calming effect, a place of meditative disposition, a place for a spiritual encounter) He leads me to give rest to my wandering spirit.

The Psalmist goes on to state that when it comes to everyday struggles in life, the good Lord will provide me "with guidance for the sake of His name" (notice that this is not for my sake but for His own name sake—so it does not depend on my condition or righteousness). And because God's saving power in my life is for the sake of His Name, the Psalmist is bold to assert that "Even if I walk in the valley of darkness", (that is, those moments when there is trouble everywhere and I can't seem to find my way through the maze of life; those moments when I am worn out and weary and my life looks like it is being overrun by negativities, trials, and tribulations; those moments when sickness strikes and treatment and therapy not only seem terrifying but the healing process does not progress as anticipated and the medications that are given seem to make things even worse; those moments when my friends pull back from me because of my situation and the reliance on others for care and help dissipate, leading to feelings of loneliness, discouragement, despondency, alienation, and abandonment; those moments when the shame of my past sins burden my heart with regrets and life-problems are mistaken for divine punishment; those moments when no one seems to understand how I feel and the strength to go on, to pray, or even to trust in God, becomes overrun my cynicism—in all these moments) "I will still fear no evil because He [God] is there, at my side, with His rod and His staff to give me courage"—the courage to go on; to get through my difficulties and emerge victorious; an overcomer, and a witness to His saving power.

For all these reasons, therefore, the Psalmist concludes that "Only goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come". Let us say "Amen" to that!

I truly recommend that we should add this psalm to our daily prayer routine. I pray that the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to us as His children; I pray that my God may fully supply whatever you need, in accordance with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus! To our God and Father, to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Msgr. Anselm

For more reflections visit www.franselm.com

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

MONDAY

9:00

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

October 10

Frank & Genevieve Karwowski

October 11

For the Parishioners

George Stinson (35th Ann.)

Judy Cantalupo Carpin

Stanley Ozuzu (1st Ann.)

Pablo & Rosario Aurea Galgo

October 12 *Columbus Day*

Juan Antonio Espeleta (Living)

October 13

Judy Cantalupo-Carpini (4th Ann.)

Fernando Quizon

Novena of Masses

October 14

Asuncion Ruiz

Sergio Zafra

Mario Lopez (2nd Ann.)

October 15

Edwin Gonzaga

Fidela Dagat

Novena of Masses

October 16

Michael Jhun Ravago

Thomas Canavan, Jr.

Dorothy Marchitello

October 17

Charles Emeka Onwuka

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October 18

Charles Emeka Onwuka

Donna Hornig

Morris Saverino

For the Parishioners

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and 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.**

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) 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.

GO FUND ME UPDATE

The Archdiocese of Newark parish support initiative using the GoFundMe platform has raised \$775,126 for parishes in the diocese. St. Michael's Parish has received \$3,390 directly from this campaign. **Thank you for contributing to this fundraiser for St. Michael's.** If you want to make a contribution go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Go Fund Me button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.

Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL MASSES & DEVOTIONS



MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
DAILY MASSES - 12 NOON

TUESDAYS**BIBLE CLASSES****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****SUNDAYS****MASS - 10:30 AM****Facebook Live @StMichaelParishUnion****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**

10/4/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 11,765	\$ 9,284	(\$2,481)

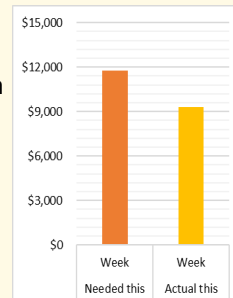
In the present health emergency, our weekly collections are interrupted. Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **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) 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 **\$11,765**. What we actually received is **\$9,284**, so we are short **\$2,481**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY Information

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyouunion@aol.com

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!

The waiting is over and we are ready to restart our weekly CYO meetings!

Things will be a bit different, especially in the beginning, but it is important now to get our teens back and continue on their Faith Journey! We have many challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic but we have put together a Task Force, discussed with the Archdiocese and have come up with a plan that will put the safety of our members as the top priority. Our 1st meeting will be...

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th

7-8:30pm

St. Michael's Upstairs Church

Due to space limitations members must register to come to the meeting at 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.

A MASK must be worn by everyone attending the meeting, hands will be sanitized when entering and social distancing will be upheld.

Your continued patience, understanding and prayers are still needed! God Bless you all!

WE'RE BACK!

**Masks, Hand Sanitizing,
& Social Distancing**

CYO begins

Tuesday,

October 13th!

You must bring your Covid Liability Form, Registration Form and Dues! All info was sent to your Parents!

**Space is limited: You must
Reserve a spot at
cyouunion@aol.com**



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 if you would like to leave a message.

UPDATE 2020/2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Our textbooks have arrived. If you missed our pickup dates, you may come to the Religious Education Office, 1211 Orange Avenue on Tuesday, October 13 through Thursday, October 15 between the hours of 9:30AM and 2:30PM. No appointment is necessary.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only a Parent or Legal Guardian may pick up the child's book as they will be asked to sign a Permission Form that allows their child to participate in St. Michael's Faith Formation Program Sessions through the use of our digital platform. We cannot assign your child to a Google Classroom until we have these documents in hand. Please also remember to observe social distancing and wear a mask at all times when on the premises.

Virtual classes started Sunday, October 4 for Grades 1-5 and Tuesday evening, October 6 for Grades 6-8. Lessons are not "live" digital but rather the teacher will post a lesson and the child will have until the next scheduled class date to complete any assignments. Occasionally, the teacher will host a "live" digital session and you will receive notice in advance of when and how to join.

We are still in need of a few good catechists – men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children, particularly Grade 8 and Sacrament Prep 1 (very small group for children who have not had any religious education to date). 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.

Finally, we are seeking a few volunteers who have Google Classroom, Google Meet, Zoom and/or Flipgrid experience to help us enhance our digital platform.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:

Religious education begins in first grade and continues through grade eight. Children usually receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) in the second grade. Most children are confirmed in the ninth grade, as long as they have completed grades one through eight. If you have a child who needs to make up classes, please contact the Religious Education Office.

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been generously been responding to our call for donations to the ministry.

HUGS Ministry distributes Grace Bags every month to families in our parish. To help us continue our charitable course 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.

Our Drop Box is located behind the Parish Office.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (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 (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



Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am

Mondays 7:00 pm



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses.

Go to our website: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention Parishioners:

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY TO HONOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

Starting October 1 till October 31 we will be praying the Rosary daily at 7:00 pm and it will be streamed online. Sign up via Gotomeeting on the web page at www.stmichaelunion.org

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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 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.

NOVENA of Masses

OCTOBER 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
James Ford Sr.	Special Intentions
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Luigi Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	Mollie Endler
Remo Lacson, Sr.	Angelina Echaus
Maria Virginia Moralde	Paulino Cruz
Jaime S. Estrella	Michael Jhun Ravago
Philip & Elizabeth Bober (Living)	-50th Wedding Anniversary
Dominick A. Monteleone	Shela Boulín (Living)
Aname Lourdes Orillandea	Wendelin Orillandea
Joseph & Michelene Kmetz	James S. Estrella
Veana Lim (Living)	
Dorothy Pryzby (Living)	-101 Birthday
Boulín Family Special Intentions	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Lucilia Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with COVID 19	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano Families	

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 and Myra Kebala.

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
Ilona Gerhauser.

Announcements

2021 MASS BOOK

Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions. The book will open starting Thursday, October 15th. 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 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.

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.