



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**"THE LORD
HAS TRULY
BEEN RAISED AND
HAS APPEARED
TO SIMON!"**
LUKE 24:34

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 guid-
 ance.

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 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,

I bring the blessings of God to all of you, His comforting presence to those who have lost loved ones to this pandemic, His healing mercy to all who are presently infected by this virus and His gift of the spirit of courage and hope as we go through this war with this invisible enemy called COVID-19. As I continue to offer prayers for all of you, I also ask that you pray continuously for our Church and parish, for sustenance and the financial ability to wade through this crisis. I encourage all of us to add this prayer in our prayer routine so that God, Almighty, may do something about this coronavirus.

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 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.

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY 8:30 am	May 2 Agusta Mahon (1st Ann.) Kalman & Gertrude Muller
SUNDAY 10:00 am	May 3 For the Parishioners, Manuel Caram, For Thanksgiving, Regina Mendoza—Living (84th Birthday)
MONDAY 12:00 Noon	May 4 Goodwin Ubanii, For Thanksgiving
TUESDAY 12:00 Noon	May 5 Roger Boetsch, Anna Rogeste
WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noon	May 6 Aname Orillaneda, Eddy Preval, Ifeyan Odoemene (Living)-Thanksgiving
THURSDAY 12:00 Noon	May 7 Novena of Masses, Eva Kosar, Nicholas Clemente
FRIDAY 12:00 Noon	May 8 Ali A. Damestani, Godwin Ubanii, Mathilde Ordenez
SATURDAY 8:30 am	May 9 Alejandro T. Cruz, Walter McMahon
SUNDAY 10:00 am	May 10 For the Parishioners, Jerry Crincoli Sr. Dorothy Marchitello Novena of Masses For All Mothers

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

To get 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.

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**

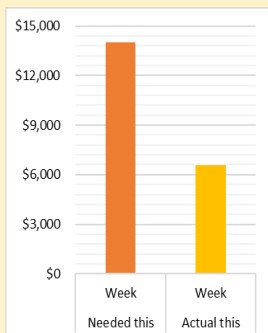
4/12/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,026	\$6,573	(\$7,453)

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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

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 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.

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

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 (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 meeting 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- 8th 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 rscolone@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

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

To get 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 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.

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.