



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MAY 31, 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY



## 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

## 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.

## 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



### CREATED FOR A PURPOSE

One the most beautiful statements in the readings of this Pentecost Sunday, is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading which is taken from 1 Corinthians 12:7 where Paul says: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good". This passage reveals a beautiful truth—that God did not send us into this world empty handed but rather, equipped us for the work we need to do so that creation may be completed. That is to say, God sent us here fully equipped and in decrees determined by Him for what He wants us to accomplish for His purpose. In the book of Genesis 2:5, we are told that the reason why God created man was so that His investment on the earth He had just created, could be managed; God will not create the earth without managers—you and I. So it was for the management of His creation that God endowed each and every one of us with gifts and talents—the manifestation of His Spirit.

This has tremendous implications for all of us. (a) Whatever gift or talent, i.e. the manifestation of the spirit that God has given to us, is given to us because God believes we can manage it for the good of all, and to the extent that we mismanage it, we will lose it (cf Luke 12:13-20). (b) We always need to give others a break in the areas we are talented and powerful, for no one has it all. No one's gift alone can do the work of serving God in humanity; we need others and their gifts, and they need us and our gifts. Our strength may be someone's weakness and our weakness may be someone's strength. So, we always ought to be thankful for people whose gifts are completely different from ours. Let their strengths balance our weakness; let our strength balance their weakness; and let our weakness balance their strength. (c) God may not give us what we ask for but He will always give us what we can manage for the good of humanity. (d) All our gifts and abilities come from God and these differ in nature, effectiveness and duration, not according to our faith, but according to His wisdom, graciousness and power. (e) We ought therefore to be willing to utilize our gifts wholeheartedly, not holding back anything from God's service but remaining faithful in seeking ways to serve others and our Church. (f) We should always give glory to God for how well we have managed His gifts, and seek reconciliation during moments of mismanagement.

Bottom-line, we are the tool God has equipped for his work on earth, let us do our best with it, for that is, ultimately, what we are accountable for. May God grant us the wisdom, understanding and knowledge, to know our destiny secret and to fulfill it to the glory of God. Amen.

Happy Pentecost Sunday!

*Mmgr. Anselm*

## Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am

**May 30**Manuel Fazendeiro,  
Genevieve Karwowski**SUNDAY**

10:00 am

**May 31**For the Parishioners, Lynn Rubino,  
Lucila Sousa Araugo,  
Johanna Smith (24th Ann.)**MONDAY**

12:00 Noon

**June 1**Novena of Masses  
June & Marianne Felix (Living)-  
22nd Wedding Ann.  
Loretta (Bobo) Lee Matthews**TUESDAY**

12:00 Noon

**June 2**

Carl Preval, Renato &amp; Renee Garcia

**WEDNESDAY**

12:00 Noon

**June 3**

Mary Herbert, William Hahn

**THURSDAY**

12:00 Noon

**June 4**Novena of Masses  
Luiz Marcos Shoroeder**FRIDAY**

12:00 Noon

**June 5**Glenn Martilino Ruiz,  
Renato & Renee Garcia**SATURDAY**

8:30 am

**June 6**

Jane Muchiri (Living), Roger Boetsch

**SUNDAY**

10:00 am

**June 7**For the Parishioners,  
Irene McMahon,  
Rey V. Garcia (2nd Ann)  
Alejandro T. Cruz**ALTAR OFFERINGS***The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp for St. Michael's Parishioners.*

## Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

### ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL GATEWAY TO PRAYER



#### SUNDAYS MONDAYS - FRIDAYS

**MASS**

10:00 AM

**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

**ADORATIONS****FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - SACRED HEART****FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

6:30 - 8:00 PM

**JOIN US VIRTUALLY**<https://www.gotomeet.me/StMichaelChurch>**OR CALL IN**

1 (312) 757-3121

Access Code 574-150-285

## 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**

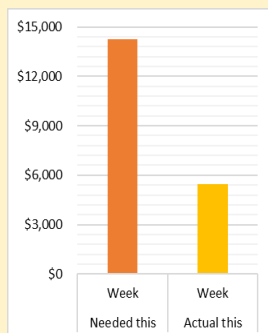
5/24/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,233	\$5,466	(\$8,767)

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](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 \$14,233. What we actually received is \$5,466, so we are short **\$8,767**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



## 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](mailto: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.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## 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 book. We strongly encourage you to help your child with their faith formation. Review the book with them. Reciting the Our Father and Hail Mary while washing their hands is one easy way of helping them remember their prayers!

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

We now have guidelines regarding the gradual reopening of churches. Once First Reconciliation dates and Communion Masses have been decided, you will be notified.

### 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](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

All meetings 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- 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org).

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

## NOVENA of Masses

### JUNE 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Craig Calix (Living)	Special Intentions
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Angela & Frank Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Roger Boetsch	James Ford, Sr.
Julian "Jules" Pruszkowski	Paul & Irene Endler
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Joseph & Carol Furnari (Living)-66th Wedding Anniversary	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Family	
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

### 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 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.

### VIRTUAL MASS IN MEMORY OF PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PANDEMIC PERIOD

#### TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

Please email—[stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net)

The names of your loved ones, relatives and friends who have passed away during the pandemic period of our lock down.

We will be having a Virtual Memorial Mass on **First Friday, June 5, 2020** at 6:30 PM to honor them.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK/ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

#### PHASE 1—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days as well as from "Easter duty" (the obligation to receive Holy Communion during Easter season) is in force.

Our Church reopened on Tuesday, May 19th, and will be open from 1pm-3pm, each day of the week, except Sundays, solely for personal prayers. **No gatherings are permitted.**

Confessions will resumed on Saturday, May 23 and will continue from 1pm-2pm every Saturday. **All must wear a mask.**

If you show symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to an infected person, please quarantine for 14 days before you can come to Church.

Wear your mask at all times while in the Church.

Individuals and families must maintain 6 feet of physical distance from each person while in the Church.

Sanitize your hands at the entrance doors as you go in and put of Church.

## Announcements

### 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 for 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.

