

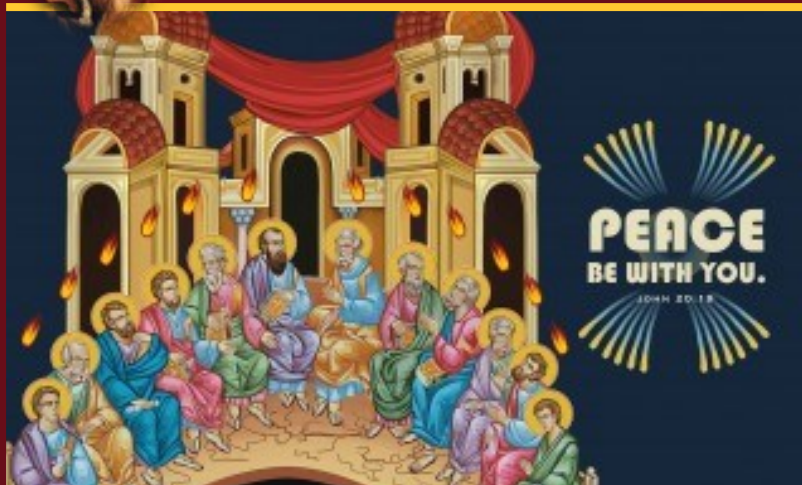


# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

**MAY 23, 2021**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



## 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



## **PENTECOST: A UNITY IN DIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**



On Pentecost day, apart from the tongue of fire that came upon the apostles, the most striking experience of that day was when the people, mesmerized by what they were seeing and experiencing, declared: "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues" (Acts 2:9-11). What an experience in unity in diversity! The

message is simple; when it comes to God and His message of salvation, we all come under one umbrella. Although we are diverse in gender, color, race, culture, ethnicity, origin, and nationality, it is still one baptism, one God, one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, one creator, with justice and equality for all. The truth is that, at the foot of the Cross, there are no hills and valleys, no upstairs and basements, and no Jews and Gentiles. Yet, in one of the darkest moments in our history, the Church reasoned and taught that slavery was a natural deterrent and a Christianizing influence on the people of Sub-Saharan Africa, and therefore encouraged the nations "to invade, search out, capture, vanquish, subdue, and reduce their persons [i.e. Sub-Sahara Africans] to perpetual slavery." To date, this statement, a curse on a people, has not been renounced or recanted, and as we can see, its effects have endured over the ages.

On this Pentecost Day, the Psalmist prays, "Lord send forth your spirit, and renew the face of the earth"; a call for all of us to help create "the new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). As Christians, it is very important that we start giving utmost importance to this Pentecost call. We need an inner conversion; a personal conviction that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed, by their creator, with certain inalienable rights; a personal resolve to respect all peoples as children of God most high. We need to pray that the good Lord will give us the courage to bear witness to the dignity of every human being, to heal the pain of discrimination and prejudice; to uproot the destructive power of systemic racism and bigotry; to raise those who because of their background have their backs on the ground; those whose zip codes, color, race, and gender, inhibit opportunities and possibilities for the development of their God-given talents and abilities. The message of Pentecost is very simple; Only Jesus Christ can save us. None of these acts of man's inhumanity to man can save. None of the privileges we seek in the abode of discrimination, bigotry, racism, isolationism, nationalism, homophobic and xenophobic tendencies can save. The only name that can save is Jesus Christ. Let us focus on Him because He is the author and finisher of our lives. Pentecost is not about speaking in tongues; it is about hearing the same message, that all men are created equal and that Jesus Christ is the only one Lord, no matter who you are, how you are, where you are, and what tongue you speak. Let us reach out and touch somebody with love, with care, with attention, with hope, and with welcome, doing all because we are all children of the same Creator and Father, God Almighty.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Parish Information

### Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Our Goal - **\$46,240**  
Amount Pledged to Date - **\$39,475**  
Number of Donors To Date - **131**  
To Go—**\$6,765**

TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT; [rcan.org/ways-to-give](https://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 **\$6,765** to achieve our goal.

## 6 Ways To DONATE

### ONLINE GIVING:

**Parish Giving**  
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—  
[stmichaelunion.org](https://stmichaelunion.org)

### BANK TRANSFER:

**zelle**  
[stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto: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 QR code indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

Access the May Edition @  
[stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/](https://stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/)



## Stewardship of Treasure

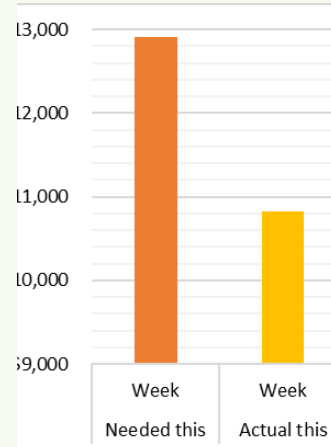
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

5/16/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 13,095	\$ 9,144	(\$3,951)

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](https://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](https://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 **\$13,095**. What we actually received is **\$9,144**, so we are short **\$3,951**.  
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](https://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.





## Mass Intentions & Devotions

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>May 22</b> Vicente & Lilia Magno
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>May 23 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> Roxanne Catabay (1st Ann.) Mollie Endler Uy Nguyen For the Parishioners Concepcion Ticzon
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>May 24</b> Novena of Masses Amalia Santoriello
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>May 25</b> Mark McGurgan Fernando Lopez
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>May 26</b> Chester Daniel Larkins & Regina Larkins Novena of Masses
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>May 27</b> Maria Tavares Alejandro T. Cruz
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>May 28</b> Novena of Masses Chicke Melie III (Living)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>MAY 29</b> Edna Gillick Genevieve Rygiel
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>MAY 30</b> For the Parishioners Manuel Preira Manuel Fazendeiro Irma Abri

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Mollie Endler.*

*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.

*You can use the Altar Offerings -*

Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp can be used for Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



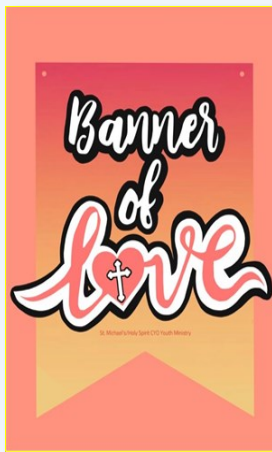
The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary was held on Wednesday evening, May 12. We are so proud of our **1<sup>st</sup> Communicants** and the enthusiasm they displayed as Monsignor engaged them in a prayer of consecration to our Blessed Mother. We especially thank **Caitlin Nagamos**, **Vincent Reilly**, **Jannah Abaya**, **Jordan John** and **Chloie Gabayoyo** who each led a decade of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary; and **Eva** and **Matthew Johnson** who crowned our Blessed Mother.

Thanks, also, to those who contributed their time and talents to make the evening a memorable one: **Fran Engleman**, **Christine Demetillo**, **Cynthia Kolby** and **Gia Simmons** (Music Ministry), **Shella Magno**, **Eric** and **Mihaela Lopez** (Media Ministry), and **Kathleen Boetsch**, **Ivelisse Johnson** and **Lois Scanio** who prepared the children. Finally, a sincere thank you to **Gina** from "More Than A Gift" florist who generously donated Mary's crown and the carnations that the children placed at Mary's feet.

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)



Our Teen Retreat "Banner of Love" is being held this weekend May 21-23. All information regarding departure and arrival times as well as what to bring has been sent home to all Parents. Please keep all of us in your prayers for a successful weekend in Christ!

Our Homecoming will be held virtually this year on May 25<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. All parents, families and friends are invited to attend. A link will be sent out Monday night.

## MINISTRY Information

### ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

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

### 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 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](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**



### 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. 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

**Members of St. Michael's Parish.**

## NOVENA of Masses

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Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions—VG
George Rinehart	Terry Piccio
Serafina Sauro	Teresita Lara Las Pinas
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Honesto Quijano	Dandall Harris, Sr.
Mayo Cueva	Remedios Rabano
James Wolfee	Craig Calix (Living)
Special Intentions—DO	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Godwin Ubanii (50th Death Ann.)
Emiliana B. Ilagan	Marian Orzechowski (Living)
Mafe Bernales (Living)	Carmen Diaz Colon (Living)
Ibrahim Makson	Nenita Rubio
Marco P. Cruz	Jacob Benedicto (Living)
Crispina Valle	Salvador Retino, Sr.
Graciana Retino	Rolando Santino (Living)
Joel Retino (Living)	Salvador Retino (Living)
Fernando Tan	Deceased Members of Tan Family
Sherri Bove	Deceased Members of Veluz Family
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Chisom Odoemene (Living)	
Ogechizara Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Onyekachi Odoemene (Living)	
Kosiso & Chinedum Akporji (Living)	
Thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Joseph	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Thanksgiving-Jeanine Joseph (Living)	
Special Intentions to St. Rita	
Jun & Marianne Felix (Living) - 23rd Wedding Anniversary	
Doug & Mary Jo Sipe (Living) - 35th Wedding Anniversary	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, 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	
Kosiso Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Luigi, Irish and Hailey Pangan (Living)	

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

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, Claudette Kallabeen, Carol Czapl, Stephen Czapl, 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, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, Thomas Leddy, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## USAN FUNDRAISERS

Walk-a-thon and picnic welcomes all parishioners, families, friends, neighbors, communities, or supporters of St. Michael's Church 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 11 a.m. and concluding by late afternoon/early evening, or when everyone is exhausted.

**Where:** Conant Street Park, 320 Conant St, Hillside, NJ 07205, 2.5 miles from St. Michael Church. The covered pavilion has been reserved so 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, beverage, and both adult and youth activities will be included in this event. Additional details to be provided weekly and the cost of donations to be determined soon. **Contact Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 for early information and reservations.**

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, UNION  
UNION OF SAINTS AND NATIONS FUNDRAISER

**DANCE FOR CHRIST**  
(OUTDOOR DANCE-A-THON)

**MAY 29, 2021**  
10:00 AM

**Join the Fun!**  
Support our group online @  
[stmichaelunion.org](https://stmichaelunion.org)  
<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-5893712/>  
**Group 25 - St. Lucy & St. Paul**  
COME WITH A MASK

VENUE:  
ST. MICHAEL'S PARKING LOT  
1212 KELLY STREET, UNION

## STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

## 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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## 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.

