

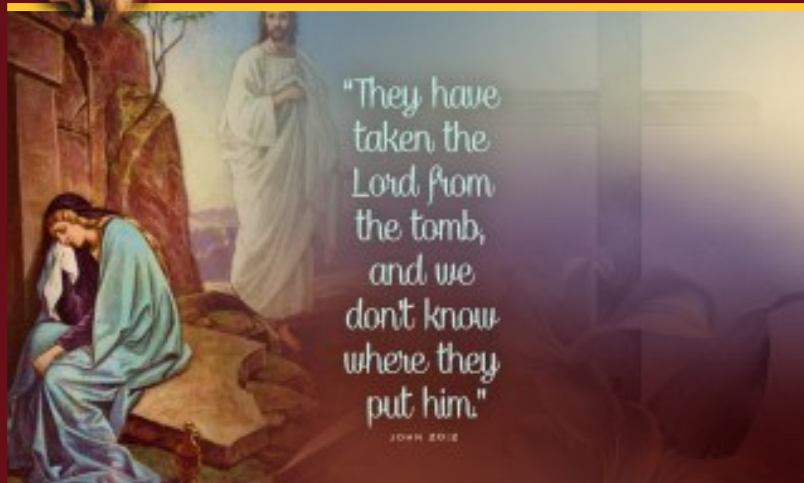


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER 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:

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

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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



My beloved in Christ,

I would like to share with you and invite you into my Easter world; a season that is now upon us. You see, every year, when Easter is celebrated, my mind meditates on the thought of this incredible love that God showed to me when He turned His back and allowed His Son, Christ Jesus, to pour out his blood upon the Cross for the forgiveness of my sins.

My spirit ruminates about how death was defeated, the grave conquered, and the empty tomb, is now celebrated. My heart fills up with hope as I think about God's promise of eternal life; a promise that even if I should fall, He, God, will lend me a hand to help me stand up again. My soul confirms within me that I should never lose hope, no matter how dark the road may seem, for there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. My spirit reminds me that God is faithful; that I am His and He is mine.

Needless therefore to say that Easter always moves me to gratitude; to thank God for His unfailing grace and provision, for His mercy and forgiveness, for His guidance and protection, and for His friendship and everlasting love. This is my Easter world. I invite you into it, as we take God at His word.

Wishing all of you and your loved ones the wonderful blessings of Easter!

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

the 2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

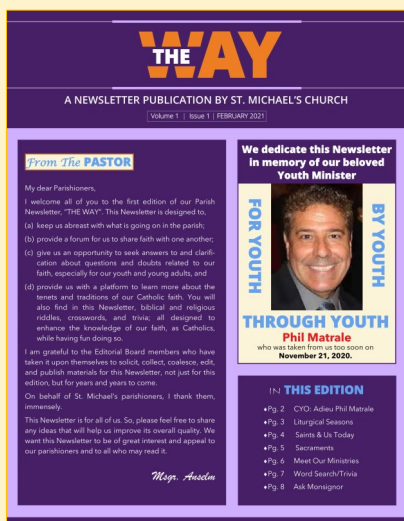
Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. **Our AAA goal for this year is \$46,240. So far this year we have pledges of \$26,040 or 56% of our goal.** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church.

Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community. The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; supports retired clergy and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. **Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if we exceed our goal.**

It is important for all of us to participate. Please consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is digital, and can be accessed at stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



Stewardship of Treasure

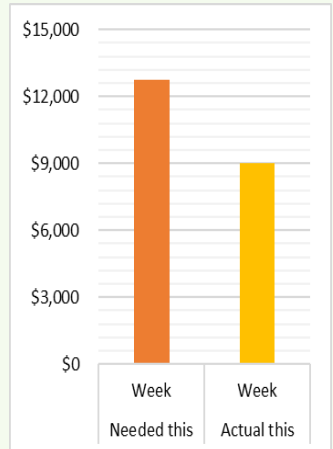
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

3/21/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,915	\$ 9,045	(\$3,870)

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) 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 **\$12,915**. What we actually received is **\$9,045**, so we are short **\$3,870**.

Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 8:00 pm	April 3 HOLY SATURDAY Morning Prayer Blessing of Food For the Parishioners/Easter Novena of Masses—Easter Vigil
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY For the Parishioners/Easter Novena of Masses Anthony Walano Paula Sefia (Living) Elizabeth, Donato & Joe Pacicco
MONDAY 9:00 am	APRIL 5 EASTER MONDAY Francis & Claire Gillick Jose & Maria Carlos (Living) 24th Wedding Anniversary
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 6 Joseph & Edna Cantalupo Monica Badiola (Living) - Thanksgiving
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 7 Novena of Masses Phil Matrale
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 8 Manuel Pacheco Madesa Espana (Living) - Birthday
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 9 Roger Boetsch George Rinehart
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	APRIL 10 Novena of Masses Genevieve Rygiel
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 11 For the Parishioners Julian Pruszkowski Uy Nguyen Kevin Apuzzio

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione, family and friends.

The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.



MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are no religious education classes on Palm Sunday, March 28th and April 4th, Monday, March 29th and April 5th, and Tuesday, March 30th and April 6th. Enjoy your Spring Recess! Classes will resume the week of Sunday, April 11.

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.



The office will be closed Holy Thursday (April 1) through Easter Monday (April 5). We'll return on Tuesday, April 6.

**Easter Blessings from the staff
of the
Religious Education Office
Clare Andriola and Lois Scanio**

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



The CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who has continued to support our program. Please remember, in person CYO will be cancelled until further notice. We are currently holding our meetings virtually through Zoom every Tuesday night at 7:00pm. If you are in high school, come join us for faith-based activities, discussions and Covid safe service projects!

Parents and teens, check your mail and emails, as parental consent forms have been sent out. Please have them signed and either dropped off at the Parish Center or emailed. If you choose to email the waiver, make sure you receive a confirmation email back within 48 hours.

If anyone has any questions, send us a message at our updated email: cyouunionnj@gmail.com.

We would like to thank all those who participated in our Good Friday, Virtual Stations of the Cross. Your beautiful presentation touched our hearts and helped us to recognize the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us.

Voice of Mary: Kyla Ochoterena

Station Readers: Vincent España, Kayla Silverio, Bella Uschak, Emma Freire, Cristina Freire, Frank Manzo, Jenna Brual, Bethany Tamayo

Remember that there will be no virtual CYO on April 6th. We will resume on April 13th.

Happy Easter and God Bless!



MINISTRY Information

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 Mas-sicot** (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@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 for the coming holiday season. 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

NOVENA OF MASSES APRIL 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions—VG
Mollie Endler	Phil Matrale
George Rinehart	Barbara Szymczak (1st Ann.)
Serafina Sauro	Rosemary Sauro
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Linda Skoczylas (Living)	Restituta Ong Go
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Fritz Maddy
Migna de la Cruz	David Araujo
Anamaria Pais (Living)	Luis Pais (Living)
Vera Silva (Living)	All Souls in Purgatory
Teresita Lara LasPinas (Living)	
Joseph & Michelene Kmetz	
Sacred Heart Special Intentions—Boulin Family	
Thanksgiving—Boulin Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In thanks for God's blessings on the U.S.A.	
For God's Assistance with COVID-19	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, 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	

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, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czaplá, Stephen Czaplá, 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 and Danny Bellomo.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

All the votive candle stands are now open. Please follow the safety directions on how to light the candles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

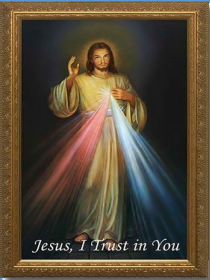
Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.



DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 pm.

All are invited to attend!

Virtual MASSES & 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

S.O.S. Collection - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills. S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

Tithing—This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new church boiler. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs. Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

Assessment Collection - the Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the archdiocese a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, to be paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment. All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation.

National Collections- the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. Money from the national collections go directly to Newark.

St. Vincent De Paul Collection - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit 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).

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.

