

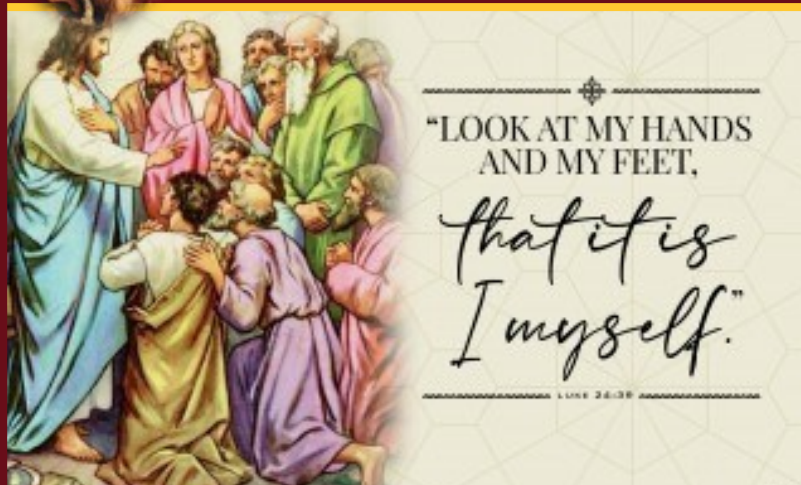


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

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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

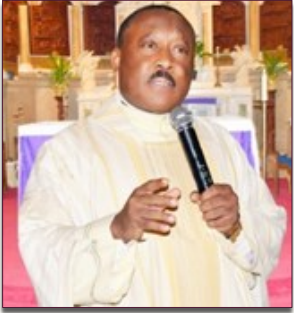
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm
 Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk



Easter Glory and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Bible tells us that God will hold everyone responsible and accountable for their sins. This is both good news and bad news. The bad news is that we cannot blame others and circumstances for our sins; we have to own up to our own failings. The good news is that we are not going to be responsible for anybody else's sins. But there is greater good news. This week's Gospel reading states that the purpose of Christ's death and resurrection is so that "Repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations."

That is to say, sin is no longer able to lead us into hell; what will lead us to damnation is unrepentance. Forgiveness has been guaranteed in the face of repentance. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If only the people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselvesand turn from their sins, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins."

Repentance is the English translation of the Hebrew word, "*teshuvah*" which means "returning"; a process of correcting the destructive actions of sin by returning to one's true self and walking away from the ego-self needs that caused the destructive action. A perfect example is the story of the Prodigal Son where scripture says, "One day, he came to his senses and said, 'I shall return back to my father, and I shall say to him, father, forgive me for I have sinned against heaven and against you'". So, repentance requires a recognition that "I have made a mistake; I have done something wrong; and I have done something that hurt me, another person, or my God. This simple acknowledgment could be very challenging because our natural inclination is to avoid accepting mistakes so as to protect ourselves from being rejected, abandoned, seen as weak, or even being shamed. But, the relief, freedom, and joy we experience from repentance far outweigh these discomforting elements. Repentance is the only way to repair the spiritual, emotional, and human-God relational rupture that sin can cause.

The joy of Easter lies in the fact that the death and resurrection of Christ is a sure banker that we don't have to be condemned for our own past sins; that past sins do not have to control our future; and that we don't have to be trapped in a never-ending cycle of sins. Repentance is taking responsibility for my actions and taking positive action to make sure that I am not condemned for it. Repentance is not meant to be a one-time event. Rather it is an ongoing process of conversion. and God has left at our disposal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation—God's way of constantly offering us the chance to return to him and be forgiven; God's way of giving us a clean heart and a new spirit. So, let us take God up on His offer for His promises are amen unto us in Christ Jesus.

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship in Action

Our Goal - **\$46,240**

Amount Pledged to Date - **\$34,450**

Number of Donors To Date- 119



TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT; rcan.org/ways-to-give

Please Note: When making your pledge, please be sure to select 'St. Michael-Union' from the drop down menu.

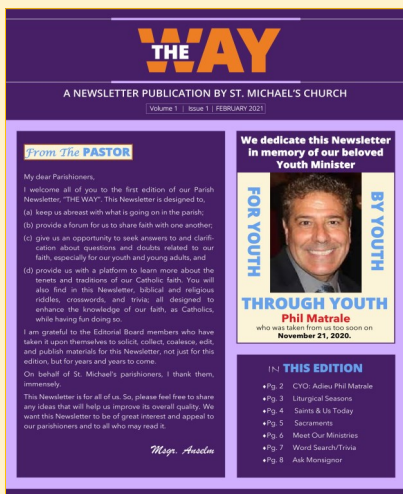
Thank you for your generosity!

Our goal is within reach with only **\$11,790** to achieve our goal.

To All Parishioners: It is not too late to mail in or drop off your Easter offering gift to St. Michael's. You can drop it off at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) Thank you for your continued generosity.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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



Stewardship of Treasure

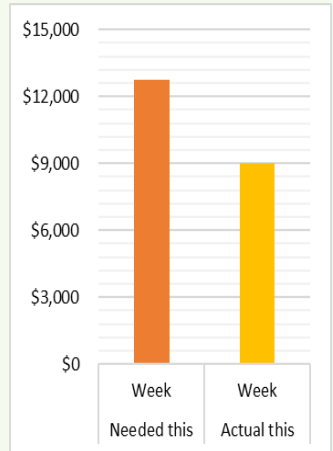
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

4/11/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,695	\$ 9,151	(\$3,544)

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 **\$12,695**. What we actually received is **\$9,151**, so we are short **\$3,544**.

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 5:30 pm	April 17 Robin Kandel
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 18 Amadea Casia (Living) Franklin Murrieta Rodriguez Mary Elizabeth Froustet For the Parishioners Veprek Family (Living)
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 19 Novena of Masses/Craig Calix (Living) Kathrynne Jugarap (Living)
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 20 Isabel Barcena (23rd Ann.) Linda Merlucci
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 21 Teresita Coullahan Lucia Sapini
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 22 Novena of Masses Mary Ann Canavan
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 23 Porfiria Colegio Andres Gutierrez
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	APRIL 24 Fidela Dagat Manuel Fazendeiro
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 25 Donald Neil Silvey Donna Purszkowski Hornig Avelino Torres For the Parishioners/Spinelli Family

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Craig Calix (Living), requested by his mom Marie Alexandre.

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 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.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: Classes will resumed the week of Sunday, April 11.

Students Preparing for First Eucharist

Thank you to those who participated in our virtual First Eucharist Retreat (formerly known as Grandma's Bread) where we learned how the Eucharist bread is made, received instructions on how to make a First Holy Communion Banner and saw a slide show of the children's Bible Story Drawings. If you missed the retreat, please contact the Religious Education Office for instructions on how to make it up.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Practice for First Holy Communion will be **in person** in the church beginning at 6:30PM. Please note these dates.

Practice for April 24 (10AM Mass) is Thursday, April 22.

Practice for May 1 (10AM Mass) is **Tuesday, April 27.***

*(Please note new date.)

Practice for May 1 (1PM Mass) is Thursday, April 29.

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.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnnj@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: cyouionnnj@gmail.com.

We ask that you continue to keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless you all.

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
Steven F. Jacoby & Kim Treppunti

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
Yvette Meehan (Living)	Arturo Jalandoni
Julian Montano	Honesto Quijano
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	
Kosiso & Chinedum Akporji (Living)	
Onyekakaci Odoemene (Living)	
Chisom Odoemene (Living)	
Ogechizara Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Kosiso Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Terry Piccio	

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 Machado, Chet Janusz, Laraine Colucci & Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Danny Bellomo and Corazon Erfe-Acebuque.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

A prayer seeking God's favor

Second Reading

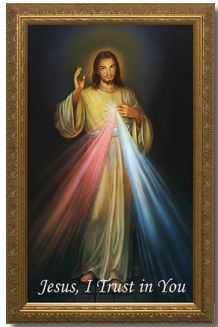
1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Thank you to all who attended the Divine Mercy Celebration last Sunday. Special thank you to Fran Engleman for playing the piano and Lori Del Guerico for singing.

God Bless,
Lois Scanio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

We are in need of a seamstress who can make our Baptismal bibs. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 for more information.



Thank you to Maria Vibar for your contribution for the purchase of the Baptismal bibs. Your support of St. Michael's Church is greatly appreciated.



The 2020 November Sacrificial Giving Plaque is here and has been installed. Please take the time to see the plaque. Thank you to all the parishioners who made this fundraising a success.

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.



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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