



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

September 13, 2020

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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, *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 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

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

Message From Our Pastor



Dear parishioners,

As we celebrate the 24th Sunday in ordinary times, the readings return to a critical issue Christ often spoke about—Forgiveness. In the book of Sirach 27:30 and 28:1-5 we read: “Anger and unforgiveness are abominations, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will face the Lord’s vengeance; for He will remember all their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Does anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD?” And in Matthew 18:35 we read, “And my Father will do exactly the same to you if you do not forgive each other from your heart”

Forgiveness is not easy! As human beings, we are not wired along the axis of forgiveness; we are wired to be good to those who are kind to us and to deal with those who are bad to us. When we get hurt, our pride kicks in—we want to get even, hold the grudge, be vindictive, fight back, let the offender have it and to do whatever we can to maximize the revenge.

The truth is that your hurt is real and sometimes it hurts so badly! Yes, you may have done nothing to deserve it; it was a wicked act, and the one who hurt you may not be able to make it right again. Yet, holding onto your hurt and living with anger, bitterness, wrath and vindictive spirit only works to poison your life, not the life of your enemy. You are the one who gets more hurt physically, emotionally, spiritually, and eternally. It is not worth it. Nobody is worth the loss of your soul. Your salvation is worth more than your hurt. The Bible says, “No unforgiving spirit shall see God”.

So, find it in your heart to forgive when people hurt you and they ask for forgiveness or find it in your heart to forgive to show the depth of your love for God or find it in your heart to forgive, at least, for your own sake, to save your own soul or find it in your heart to forgive because you yourself, you are a sinner, you have, in one way or the other hurt others and God.

You see, when you forgive others, you become the kind of person God wants to use for a higher purpose because you are showing God that you are grown enough to appreciate His commandments; that He can trust you to do right with His blessings no matter what; that He can trust you not to be blinded by vindictiveness, anger, wrath, and revenge; that He can trust you to move on with life, to be free of the burden of unforgiveness, to be a true servant of the master, and to be a temple of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness has liberating power. Let us do everything we can to be free from the slavery and burden of unforgiveness.

Msgr. Anselm

For more reflections visit www.franselm.com

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

MONDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

TUESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

THURSDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

FRIDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

SATURDAY

8:30 am

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

September 12

Alejandro T. Cruz

September 13

For the Parishioners

Florence Anello

Carmen M. Gancia

Lucilia Sousa Araujo

September 14

Genevieve Ziemiński (1st Ann.)

Giuseppe Pntoriero

Mildred Fiore

September 15

Veronica Gostkowski

Grandeza Family -Thanksgiving

Celso A. Anuada & Rosalia G. Anuada

September 16

Novena of Masses

Policarpio de Leon

Harold "Buster" Rapke

September 17

Edgar Ramos

Albert Phillips (52nd Ann.)

Mary Froustet

September 18

Novena of Masses

Fidela Dagat

Clarita de Leon (Living)-52nd Birthday

September 19

Jean Ronal Antoine

Karminna Espeleta (Living)

September 20

For the Parishioners

Francine Espana (Living)

Philip Montalto

Jose J. Arnaldo

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

***** ALL 7:00 AM DAILY MASS INTENTIONS ARE GOING TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE 8:30 AM MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



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Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL MASSES & DEVOTIONS



MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
DAILY MASSES - 12 NOON

TUESDAYS
BIBLE CLASSES
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

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<https://www.gotomeet.me/StMichaelChurch>

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1 (312) 757-3121 Access Code 574-150-285

SUNDAYS
MASS - 10:30 AM

Facebook Live @StMichaelParishUnion

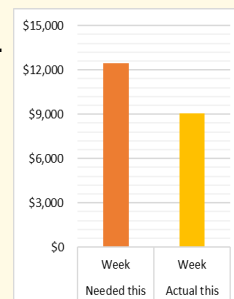
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

8/30/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,438	\$ 9,065	(\$3,373)

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 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 **\$12,438**. What we actually received is **\$9,065**, so we are short **\$3,373**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY Information

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE



We rejoice with the students who received the Eucharist for the first time.

May we keep them in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Sophia Abrantes	Ryan John
Rafaela Aquirre	Kathryn Lopes
Jethro Alba	Summer Lopes-Ferreira
Evan Alves	Daniel Lopez
Matthew Alves	Rehinna Louis
Davien Baez	Brielle Mabalot
Teagan Balkiewicz	Matteo Martinez
Filipe Bastos	Kiana Monterroso
Milania Bellamy	Aliyah Oracius
Aidan Bongat	Dana Pomavilla
Tiago Borges	Joan Pomavilla
Alison Castro	Julian Ramos
Brian Castro	Sophie Reilly
Savannah Correa	Gabriela Rendeiro
Erin Cruz	Maya Resende
Aidan DaSilva	Jasmyn Rodriguez
Elihaj Denis-Dawkins	Massimo Santiago
Sanmisha Denis	Ashley Silva
Amanda Duarte	Jose Silva
Rafael Duarte	Abigail Tavarez
Raphael Dumaua	Gabriella Tavarez
Aleiny Flores	Liliana Tavera
Jameson Gere	Leonel Torrel
Daniel Gomes	Julian Torr
Emily Handel	Bera Uy
Anthony Herrera	Anthony Valderarama
Isabelle Jakubowski	RayVon Weathers

Thank you to the following for making our First Communion Masses a success!

Our Celebrants: Monsignor Anselm and Father Miles

Lector: Shella Magno

Media Ministry: Paul and Lucy Sefia and Johnnuel Magno (projector)

Music & Leaders of Song: Peter Petrecca, Donna Faraone and Darlene Coranato

Ushers: Bill McGrath, Dieufort Alexandre, David Bernot, Jim Feehan and Edward Magno

Catechists and all who assisted in preparing the children: Clare Andriola, Kathleen Boetsch, Marianne Browe, Marie Crespo, Fran Engelman, Andrea Jones, Tania Massicot, Aida Mendez-Boud, Florence Montalto, Sandra Perez and Lois Scanio

And a special thanks to our HUGS ministry for their generous gift of Back-to-School bags!

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

The **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is now open. You can contact us by phone (908) 964-0965 or by email at smccd@comcast.net if you would like to leave a message.

UPDATE 2020/2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & REMINDER TO REGISTER:

We have received guidance from the Archdiocese Office that Religious Education classes in the fall shall remain virtual, that is digital or remote. In accordance with this guidance and to ensure the safety of our students, families and volunteers, we are in the process of developing a platform for remote learning. A home-based option will continue to be available for families who prefer to teach 1:1 with their child. We are looking to begin the program during the first week of October.

Registration forms have been mailed previously or you can access the form from the St. Michael's website under the tab "Faith Formation/Religious Education." **If you have not done so already, please register your child as soon as possible** so that we can order the appropriate number of books and supplies for the year. Late fees will not be charged provided we receive your registration prior to September 15. Please do not let financial difficulties keep you from registering your child. Call the office to speak to Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965.

We are still in need of a few good catechists – men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children. No catechetical experience is necessary. We will provide training and assistance. You simply need a desire to assist our young people in developing a relationship with God and some basic computer skills due to the nature of our program this year. Please call 908-964-0965 or email Mrs. Andriola at smccd@comcast.net.

Finally, we are seeking a few volunteers who have Google Classroom and Flipgrid experience to help us build our digital platform.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN: Religious education begins in first grade and continues through grade eight. Children usually receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) in the second grade. Most children are confirmed in the ninth grade, as long as they have completed grades one through eight. If you have a child who needs to make up classes, please contact the Religious Education Office.

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been generously been responding to our call for donations to the ministry.

HUGS Ministry distributes Grace Bags every month to families in our parish. To help us continue our charitable course 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.

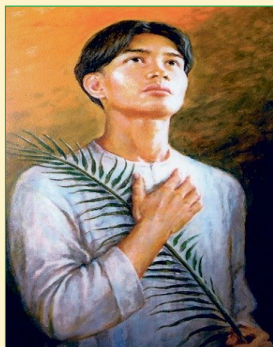
Our Drop Box is located behind the Parish Office.



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 (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST DAY



will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church on **Sunday, September 27th at the 12:00 Noon Mass**. There will be refreshments served outdoors after the Mass.

Everyone is invited!

**THE SEPTEMBER
ST. MICHAEL'S
DINNER DANCE
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



MINISTRY Information

CONGRATULATIONS!

Nakisha Antoine who became a member of our Parish Family this past weekend when she received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. Our Church Family shares in her joy and gladly welcomes her to St. Michael's Parish.

In preparation for becoming a Catholic, Nakisha, was enrolled since last October in our Parish's **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program**, where she studied and learned about the practices of our Catholic Faith, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and the Sacraments.

Please join me in welcoming Nakisha to our Church Community and pray for her as she continues her journey of faith. May God's grace and many blessings be with her.

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyounion@aol.com



Confirmation Registrations for our 2020-2021 Class have been mailed out to all our current 8th Grade Religious Education and Grammar School Students.

All those requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation must have completed 8 years of Religious Education and be in High School by September 2020. A make up class is available for those who have not completed all 8 years.

If you did not receive a registration form or have any questions please email the Youth Ministry Office at cyounion@aol.com

A note to our current Confirmation Class.

The current Confirmation date is Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm.

**You Are Not
Forgotten!
Coming Soon...**

**Details on our
CYO Start-Up Plan!**



"For where 2 or 3 gather in my name there am I with them!" Matthew: 18:20

NOVENA of Masses

SEPTEMBER 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
James Ford Sr.	Special Intentions
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Luigi Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	Mollie Endler
Ann Ledesma Jalandoni	Remo Lacson, Sr.
Helen Skora	Thomas Donohue
Magdalena Moreno Cruz	Donald Rathjens
Dominick A. Monteleone	Tomas Velasquez
Shela Boulín (Living)	Fritz Maddy
Eduardo de Leon	

Boulín Family Special Intentions
 Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family
 Lucilia Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo
 Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families
 Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members
 Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families
 Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families
 In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA
 For God's Assistance with COVID 19
 All Souls in Purgatory
 Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families

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 & Lucy Scalgione

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 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.

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit eva.us/stmichael-adults 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.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 27:30-28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12

A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.