



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

September 20, 2020

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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

## 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

## Wellness Ministry

### Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

## Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

### **PERSISTENCE: THE VEHICLE TO SUCCESS**

The gospel reading for this 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time is about a master who went out to the market place, at different hours of the day, to hire laborers for his vineyard. What struck me, in that story, is the fact that when the master went out around 5:00pm, an hour before the end of the workday, he saw some laborers still standing and waiting to be hired. Guess what? They were hired and they got a full day's pay.

Isn't it amazing what a persistent and an unyielding spirit—refusing to give up, hanging in there in faith, believing God for His grace, and determined to succeed—can do for us in life? Scripture says, "My faithful one shall live by faith and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him" and in another place, it says: "whoever puts his hand on the plough and keeps looking back is not worthy of the kingdom of heaven". I truly believe that in order to be successful in our endeavors, our hunger and desire for success must be greater than our fear of failure and willingness to give up. One of my friends once told me that failure is nothing but postponed success as long as we allow commitment, courage and persistence to coach our ambition and efforts.

Our aspirations in life will inevitably be met with resistance; pullbacks that can dampen and discourage our enthusiasm, deem the light of ambition, and push us into the willingness to quit. It takes grace and believing faith to cross the breaking line; the divide between success and failure. The question is: how do we react in the face of seeming failure? Do we quit or do we find detours to get to our goal? What do we do with the bricks and stones that life and others throw on the path of our goals and dreams? Do we use them to build bridges to crossover the huddles and build ladders to climb higher and higher, or do we use them to build walls that keep us down and cause us to sink deeper and deeper into failure?

May God grant us the grace to persevere in our endeavors! May He bless and grant success to our efforts in this life! May He reward our faith and hope in Him, Amen.

*Msgr. Anselm*

For more reflections visit [www.franselm.com](http://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 19**

Karminna Espeleta (Living)

**September 20**

For the Parishioners

Francine Espana (Living)

Philip Montalto

Jose J. Arnaldo &amp; Natividad Allie

**September 21**

Artemio, Sr. &amp; Rufina Fausto

Seibert Family

Lucy Wang (Living) - Birthday

**September 22**

George Rinehart

Remigio Badiola

**September 23**

Lordis &amp; Socorro Dagat (Living)

Novena of Masses

Maria Ribeiro

**September 24**

Mercedes Emma I. Magbanua-27th Ann

Josette Monsanto

Jesus Pena (22nd Ann)

**September 25**

Michael Saavedra

Pasquale Pontoriero

**September 26**

Anthony Marchitello

Winifred Smyth

**September 27**

For the Parishioners

Maria Amador

Rosaliuo Suico (1st. Ann.)

Maria Tavares

**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.**

**Attention All Parishioners**

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses.

Go to our website: [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org).

It is important to register to protect all parishioners in case there is an outbreak of the virus. We will be able to reach out and contact and inform those who have attended. Thank you.



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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**

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

**OR CALL IN**  
**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**

9/13/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 11,030	\$ 9,028	(\$2,002)

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](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 **\$11,030**. What we actually received is **\$9,028**, so we are short **\$2,002**. 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  
Rafaela Aquirre  
Jethro Alba  
Evan Alves  
Matthew Alves  
Davien Baez  
Teagan Balkiewicz  
Filipe Bastos  
Milania Bellamy  
Aidan Bongat  
Tiago Borges  
Alison Castro  
Brian Castro  
Savannah Correa  
Erin Cruz  
Aidan DaSilva  
Elijah Denis-Dawkins  
Sanmisha Denis  
Amanda Duarte  
Rafael Duarte  
Raphael Dumaua  
Aleiny Flores  
Jameson Gere  
Daniel Gomes  
Emily Handel  
Anthony Herrera  
Isabelle Jakubowski

Ryan John  
Kathryn Lopes  
Summer Lopes-Ferreira  
Daniel Lopez  
Rehinna Louis  
Brielle Mabalot  
Matteo Martinez  
Kiana Monterroso  
Aliyah Oracius  
Dana Pomavilla  
Joan Pomavilla  
Julian Ramos  
Sophie Reilly  
Gabriela Rendeiro  
Maya Resende  
Jasmyn Rodriguez  
Massimo Santiago  
Ashley Silva  
Jose Silva  
Abigail Tavarez  
Gabriella Tavarez  
Liliana Tavera  
Leonel Torral  
Julian Torr  
Berna Uy  
Anthony Valderrama  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

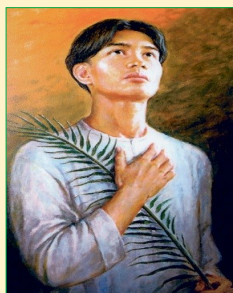
**Our Drop Box is located behind the Parish Office.**



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](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

## ST. MICHAEL AND 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!

**To all the children Baptized on the month of September**

**Andrew Edward Anciano  
Mila Angela Fulco  
Kaylee Lasin  
Keyla K. Obioma  
Adalyn Hope Sosa  
Victoria Gioia Valentino**

**Welcome to our Parish!**



## CYO Youth Ministry News

[cyounion@aol.com](mailto:cyounion@aol.com)



### CONFIRMATION REMINDER

**Our Confirmation Celebrations will be this coming Saturday, September 26, 2020. Our Confirming Bishop will be the Most Reverend Michael A. Saporito.**

#### Celebrations:

**10:00am Group 1: Last Names A-K  
1:30pm Group 2: Last Names L-Z**

**Practices will be Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**6:00am Group 1: Last Names A-K  
7:30pm Group 2: Last Names L-Z**

**Masks and Social distancing rules must be followed at both the practices and celebrations.**

**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

**Sending Prayers and  
Positive Thoughts  
as you begin your  
new School Year!**



"The Lord your God is with you!"  
Joshua 1:19

## 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 & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti, 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](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.**

### STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit [eva.us/stmichael-adults](http://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 FIFTH 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.