



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A PROPHET IS  
NOT WITHOUT  
HONOR EXCEPT  
IN HIS NATIVE  
PLACE AND  
AMONG HIS  
OWN KIN  
AND IN HIS  
OWN HOUSE."



## 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

### Stay Connected:

[www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org)

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## Devotions

### EUCHARISTIC 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

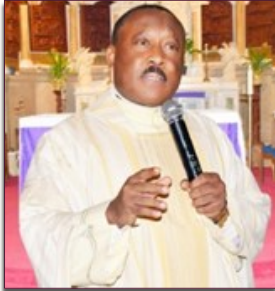
Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

# Message From The Pastors Desk



## THE DESTRUCTIVE POWERS OF BIAS



The gospel of this 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times, tells the story about the rejection of Jesus by His own home people (Mark 6:1-6); a rejection that deprived the whole town of the wonderful works of God's mercy and the power of Jesus to heal and to restore. The reason for this rejection was nothing else but prejudice and bias; "Guilty by Association". By the time of this visit, Jesus was already a celebrity with many miracles under His belt. One would think that His people will be excited and hold a parade of welcome for Him. But that was not to be. While in town, He taught with insight and authority; presenting old truths in new lights, using stories from everyday life to engage the heart, mind, will, and consciences of His listeners. He

taught with such authority and power that one would think his people would have come to faith in Him. But that was not to be either. Rather, they found His wisdom, power, and vision offensive, and rejected Him. This reminds me of an African guy, who arrived here in the United States and got into graduate school. He did so well, (he would carry 27 graduate credit hours—9 graduate-courses—and make all As in each and every one of them), that one of the professors suggested that he be evaluated to make sure that he was psychologically okay. It was the intervention of another professor, who saved the day by arguing that if the guy was white, he would be receiving medals, not a psyche evaluation.

The question is why was Christ rejected? He was rejected because the cultural biases and beliefs of his people prevented them from seeing the truth about Him. He was "Guilty by Association", for the people believed that judging from His background, He couldn't be that good. His family was not a leading religious family: "Isn't this the carpenter"? Nobody knew His father: "Isn't this Mary's Son?" (In Jewish culture, you are not the son of your mother, but the son of your father. So, this way of referencing Jesus implied that He must be an illegitimate son). They associated His family as commoners: "Are his brothers and sisters not here with us"? Sadly, they had judged Jesus on various factors, except the only factor that mattered most: that he was the Son of God. They had denied him this identity all because of their cultural bias and prejudice. So, they treated Him as an upstart who has risen above expectations, and to level Him off and put Him where He belongs, they rejected Him and put Him down as an imposture.

What is so sad is that this dynamics of cynicism and discrimination is presently operative in our society. Many a time people may judge, dismiss, and write you off because of your race, color, creed, ethnicity, gender, etc. You can see this tendency when your color, race, zip code, and gender inhibit and prohibit opportunities for development, upward mobility, and growth; when others refuse to see the wealth of treasure that you can bring to our collective survival as a nation; when systemic conditions hinder accountability by distorting, dislodging, and eventually dismissing evidence in the protection of some members of the society against others; when people think that they are superior to you and that your growth is, somehow, a threat to their identity and control over you. In these situations, remember who you are and do not lose the sense of who God has made and called you to be to this majority scandal.

The truth is that biases and prejudice blind people to the depths, the gifts, the talents, and the dreams that others can bring to this world. But there are depths in each and every one of us which only God knows. When people look at you and despise who you are even before they come to know you, just because of your race and ethnicity, their behavior speaks more about who they are than about who you are; it speaks of jealousy and a, begrudgingly, small heart. It only blinds them to their selfishness and pride. So, never let anyone make you feel less than who God has made you to be. There is a beauty in you that your adversary may refuse to see, but you cannot satisfy this error by not seeing it yourself.

*Mmgr. Anselm*

## Parish Information

### USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



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

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

Our Goal - **\$46,240**  
Amount Pledged to Date - **\$44,420**  
Number of Donors To Date - **154**  
To Go—**\$2,820**



**TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT;**

**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 **\$2,820** to achieve our goal.

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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



## Stewardship of Treasure

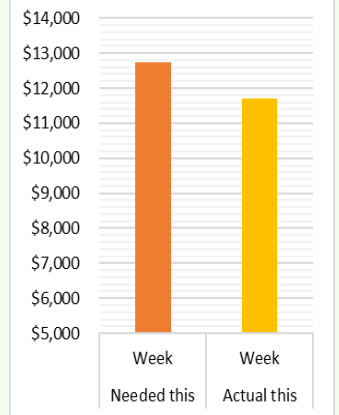
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

6/27/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 13,489	\$ 9,123	(\$4,366)

Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **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 **\$13,489**. What we actually received is **\$9,123** so we are short **\$4,366**. 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](http://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.

**ARE YOU GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER?** Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please do not take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to our website, [stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org), to sign up for electronic giving. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away.



## Mass Intentions & Devotions

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 3</b>
5:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Apuzzio
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Cathy Spagnuolo
10:30 am	Uy Nguyen
12:00 Noon	Baby Phillips
	Marie Terese Tobin
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 5</b>
9:00 am	Pantaleon Magbanua (3rd Ann.)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 6</b>
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Concepcion & Reynaldo Ticzon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 7</b>
8:30 am	Ed Stonack
12:00 Noon	John Mazzuca
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 8</b>
8:30 am	Jerry Crincoli, Jr.
12:00 Noon	Aileen Henry
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 9</b>
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 10</b>
8:30 am	Virgie Palencia (Living)-Birthday & Family
5:30 pm	Serafin Sevilleno
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 11</b>
7:30 am	Mary Visaya
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Richard Birch
12:00 Noon	Thomas Lynch

### 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.*

## STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit [eva.us/stmichael](http://eva.us/stmichael) to sign up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us.

## 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.

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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).

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### COVID-19 Guidance from the Archdiocese of Newark Catechetical Office:

We are looking forward to returning to in-person faith formation programming in the fall of 2021. The Catechetical Office is gathering the latest information and guidance from the CDC and the NJ Department of Education so that parishes will be able to plan in-person opportunities as safely as possible. We will be communicating further guidance to all Pastors, Administrators and Parish Catechetical Leaders in the coming weeks.

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### Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:

As soon as we receive the above-promised guidance from the Archdiocese, we will open Registration for the 2021-2022 CCD Year based on their recommendations.

If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. Also, special classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

[cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com)

With the school year coming to an end, the CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year possible, especially in this challenging environment. Through Christ, anything is possible!

Tuesday night meetings have come to an end and will resume back in September. Summer events will be announced. Anyone who is in high school and would like to be a part of next year's confirmation class, please email us at [cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com). Emails and mailings are being sent out with registration information and a meeting will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Lower Church for all confirmation candidates and their parents.

Have a safe and healthy summer everyone! God Bless!



**"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"**

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ- a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten- 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at [rscicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rscicolone@smsunion.org) or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

St. Michael School has the following positions open: Part-time Advanced Math Teacher, Part-Time Music Teacher and a Part-Time Spanish Teacher. Please send resume and cover letter to [rscicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rscicolone@smsunion.org).

## MINISTRY Information

### ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

With the COVID restrictions now lifted in Church, Msgr. Anselm asks that all ministry volunteers return to service. Please contact your ministry leaders for scheduling.

**Altar Servers:** Please contact Fr. Miles if you want to continue to serve. Any children who have made First Holy Communion can be an Altar Server. Contact Fr. Miles for more information.

**Baptism Ministry** is looking for new members. Please contact the Parish Center or Deacon Michael Cavallo at dea-conmikecavallo@gmail.com.

### ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

If you would like to return to our regular weekend schedule, please email Alberta [vp@verizon.net](mailto:vp@verizon.net).

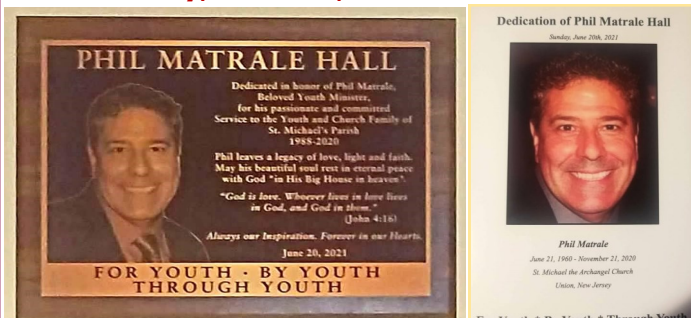
## DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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

*Rosemarie Bergel*

## PHIL MATRALE HALL DEDICATION Sunday, June 20, 2021



## NOVENA of Masses

### NOVENA OF MASSES JULY 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions
George Rinehart	Emma Jean Williams
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Remedios Rabano	Craig Calix (Living)
Lucia Aviguetero	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Angela & Frank Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomano
Elena Jara	Celso & Rosalia Anuada
Ibrahim Maksom	Luther Boulton (Living)-Birthday
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Helen McCann	Baby Charlie Esmores (Living)-Healing
Alex Micayabas	Artemia Tan
Fritz Maddy	Michael V. Aves
Angelica Tanglao	Roberto Escanlar
Eusebio Espeleta	Cynthia Tortillas
Aurora Papera	Judenique Auguste (Living)-Birthday
Special Intentions-VG	
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Ben & Marivic Del Rosario & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving	
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	
Living & Deceased Members of the Landeira & Machado Families	
Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	

## PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapl, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, 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, Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Mary Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino

### Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances. In Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## USAN FUNDRAISERS

SUNDAY  
JULY  
25

UNITY OF SAINTS AND NATIONS!  
You can find unity in our extended community

# FAMILY PICNIC

Our walk-a-thon and picnic welcomes all parishioners, families, friends, neighbors, communities, and nationalities 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 1:00 pm and concluding by late afternoon/evening (when everyone is either exhausted or no food remains).

Where: Conant Street Park, 320 Conant St, Hillside, NJ, 2.5 miles from St. Michael Church. The covered pavilion has been reserved so the effects of 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, beverages, and youth activities are included in your donation to this event.

Food will include typical picnic fare (e.g., chicken, beef, pork, rice/beans, potato fries, pasta & vegetable salads, etc.) plus specials (e.g., blue claw crabs).

Wine and beer available for purchase.

Cost: \$30 per adult, \$50 per couple, \$20 per teenager (ages 13-19), \$100 per family of 4 adults (a bargain!), \$5 for each youth (ages 5-12) and children under 5 yr. are free.

Contact Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 for reservations or additional information.



## St. Michael Church's USAN Fundraiser

### San Lorenzo Ruiz—1st Golf Tournament

**Date: September 25, 2021**

**Registration starts at 8:00 am**

**The Meadows at Middlesex Golf Course**

**Plainsboro, New Jersey**

**Don't delay! Teams are limited**

**Deadline, August 31, 2021**

**Individual Player—\$120.00 per person**

**Sponsorship Packages available.**

**Fee includes: Green Tee, cart, breakfast and bagged lunch**

Please go to [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) to register.

**For more information, please contact the following:**

Arnold & Cristy Yanto—(908) 242-8758

Archie & Carol De la Cruz—(732) 874-3375

Butch & Malou Morales—(908) 577-1800

Resy Millora-Dilag—(908) 416-2732

Nick & Island Raagas—(732) 874-3375

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## USAN FUNDRAISERS

## USAN FUNDRAISER ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CYO MINISTRY

**Save the date!** The CYO Youth Ministry will be hosting two viewings of the musical *Godspell*, commemorating its 50th anniversary. The movie is a re-telling of Jesus' ministry structured around parables with songs interspersed. To learn more about the original play and movie, access:



<https://apnews.com/article/lifestyle-music-entertainment-health-coronavirus-pandemic-dddb208b32f1863b8981332a776fd1b>

Join us in the Lower Church for a night out of fun! All parishioners, families, friends and neighbors are welcome!

**Dates:** The first viewing will be on **Sunday, July 11th at 7:00 pm** for all youth. The second viewing will be on **Saturday, July 17th at 7:00 pm** following the 5:30pm Mass for all adults.

**Cost:** \$10 for teens and adults (13 and older), \$5 for each child (ages 6-12) and children under 6 are free. Popcorn, candy, soda and water can also be purchased for an additional cost.

Contact Cristina Manochio 908-347-9617 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 if you have any questions or for additional information.

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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 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.**

