



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

**MARCH 28, 2021**

**PALM 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

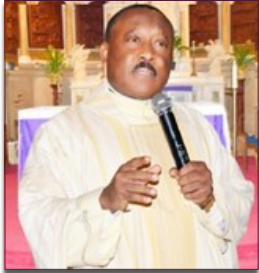
Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

### 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,

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday; the day we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the people singing "Hosanna to the Son of David", only to change that chant, five days later, to "Crucify Him, Crucify Him. The First Reading has these words to say, "The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them" (Isaiah 50:4).

My friends, words have power—the power to build people up or to break people down, power to tear or to reconcile relationships, power to degrade and to confine people to their state in life or to inspire and lift them up, power to shape and cause emotions that create actions that shape the course of one's destiny. Bottom-line, what we say to

ourselves and others can make the difference between life and death.

Therefore, in your self-talk, speak to yourself like someone that you love. Let your words be positive, encouraging, motivating, uplifting, and capable of instilling belief in and hope within yourself. Remember that your words will become your world, for the "Word was made flesh and dwelt among us". Always let your words elevate your altitude to the heights of greatness for your altitude will determine your attitude.

When it comes to others, choose your words carefully before you utter them, because your words, which may not mean much to you at the time you spoke them, could create a life-time negative memory in the mind and hearts of those who heard them. The words you have spoken can be forgiven, but they are rarely forgotten; and even when people forget your words, they seldom forget how you made them feel. Therefore, always leave someone you love with loving words because it may be the last time you see them. Never tell anyone that their dreams are stupid, foolish, or outlandish

because nothing can be more humiliating than this, and it could even be tragic if they believe it. Do not mix your words with your moods because your moods can change but your words, once spoken, cannot be taken back.

My friends, let us make the effort to make sure that every word we speak be words that uplift, and never words that tear down! Let our words give others confidence in their abilities and the self-belief required to take risks, let our words lift others off the canvas if they have fallen, build them up by encouraging them, help them walk taller, and give them the capacity to do things that they couldn't dream of by themselves. Words are powerful; let us use them to create and give life.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Parish Information

# the 2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

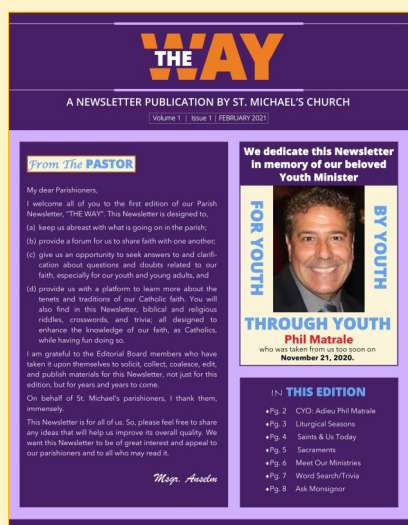
Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. **Our AAA goal for this year is \$46,240. So far this year we have pledges of \$26,040 or 56% of our goal.** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church.

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/](http://stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/)



## Stewardship of Treasure

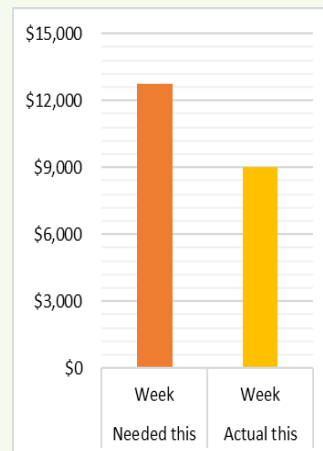
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

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](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 **\$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](http://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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>March 27</b> Maria Tavares
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 28 PALM SUNDAY</b> Aurora Pineda Avelino Torres Phil Matrale For the Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 29 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b> Novena of Masses/Roger Boetsch Frank & Stephanie Caponegro
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 30 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b> Charles A. Erickson Robert Leary
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 7:00 pm	<b>March 31 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b> Dorothy Gabriel (30th Ann.) Robert Votapek Penance Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 7:00 pm	<b>APRIL 1 HOLY THURSDAY</b> Morning Prayer For the Parishioners—Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 2:00 pm 3:30 pm 7:30 pm	<b>APRIL 2 GOOD FRIDAY</b> Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion CYO Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 8:00 pm	<b>APRIL 3 HOLY SATURDAY</b> Morning Prayer Blessing of Food For the Parishioners/Easter Novena of Masses—Easter Vigil
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY</b> For the Parishioners/Easter Novena of Masses Anthony Walano Paula Sefia (Living) Elizabeth, Donato & Joe Pacicco

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

**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 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com).

We would like to thank anyone who donated to our Easter Food Drive Service Project. It was a big success and many in need from the community will benefit from your donations. God Bless!

### Good Friday Presentation

On Good Friday evening, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, our CYO/Youth Ministry Program will virtually present the Stations of the Cross for our Parish Community, family and friends. At the Stations, our Youth Ministry members will voice the final hours of Jesus, through the eyes of Mary, the Blessed Mother. This will be a night of Reflection, Music and Prayer not to be missed. The Stations will begin at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Church. Everyone is invited and the presentation will also be livestreamed.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

On this weekend, March 27-28, our CYO/Youth Ministry will be selling Palm Crosses and Easter Plants! All Crosses and Plants will be \$10.00 and many colors and varieties will be offered. We will also be selling candy bars and cookies for 2\$ a piece or 8 pieces for 5\$. Please support our CYO by making a purchase! Thank You!

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

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Ann L. Corrigan  
James Ford, Sr.  
Jose Arnaldo  
Mollie Endler  
Rev. Matthias Conva  
Frank Rubinetti  
Wendelin Orillaneda  
Luigi Sauro  
George Rinehart  
Diane Criado (1st Ann.)

Alejandro T. Cruz  
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig  
Special Intentions—VG  
Phil Matrale  
Miguel Rosello  
Pierre & Rubinetti Families  
Joseph & Michelene Kmetz  
Mary & Idolo Russomano  
Giuseppe Terriaca  
Teresita Javier Alejandro  
Rev. Amaro DaRocha Oliveira  
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart  
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 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

Joseph Furnari and Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano 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, 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 Czapl, Stephen Czapl, 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

## PALM SUNDAY

Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowds shout, "Hosanna!"

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47 (shorter form: Mark 15:1-39)

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."



## DIVINE MERCY

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## HOLY WEEK

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 27 at 5:30 pm  
Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon  
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

## Wednesday of the Week, March 31

Penance Service with Individual Confession  
7:00 – 8:30 pm  
No Confession on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

## Holy Thursday, April 1

8:30 am – Morning Prayer  
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Vigil & Adoration

## Good Friday/First Friday, April 2

8:30 am – Morning Prayer  
2:30 pm – Stations of the Cross, Church  
3:30 pm – Celebration of the Passion  
7:30 pm – CYO Stations of the Cross

## Holy Saturday, April 3

8:30 am – Morning Prayer/Reflections  
12:00 noon – Blessing of the Food  
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

No Confession/No 5:30 pm Mass

## Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

## Easter Monday, April 5

Mass at 9:00 am



## 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. 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 &amp; 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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