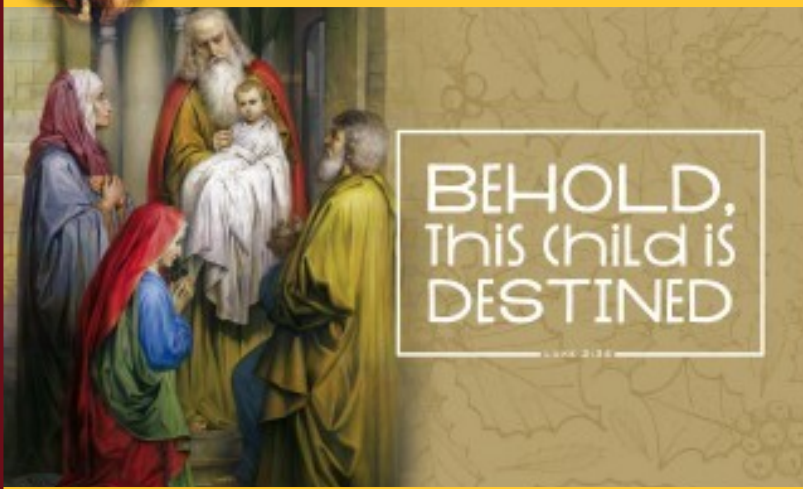


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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*
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 Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Asking God to reveal yourself to you

As I was thinking about what this coming year will look like in my life, I came upon this verse from the Bible : *“You search out my path...and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether”* (Psalm 139:3-4).

I truly believe that the reason why God searches out our path and is acquainted with all our ways is because He cares about what we do; about the details of our lives. In our everyday actions, we may seem to escape human eyes but that does not mean that nobody is watching. We may be suffering and going through pain on the inside, and nobody seems to care or notice, but that does not mean we are alone. Our lonely cries and midnight sighs are noticed and known by God. He sees what you are going through; He knows what is going on with you.

If God knows you so well, then as we begin the journey of this New Year, ask Him for guidance and direction. Ask Him to reveal yourself to you for Scripture says: *“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But ask in faith, never doubting... for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord”* (James 1:5-8).

It may be good practice to add this prayer to the Holy Spirit to your morning-prayer routine throughout year 2021:

“Oh God, who instructs the heart of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant me by the same Spirit, to be truly wise and ever rejoice in your consolation through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY
5:30 pm

December 26
Esneda Cadena (20th Ann.)
Luther & Shela Boulin (Living)
17th Wedding Anniversary
Matthew Boulin (Living) Birthday

SUNDAY
7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 Noon

December 27
For the Parishioners
Jerry Crincoli, Sr. (9th Ann.)
Charlie Tato
Maria Tavares

MONDAY
9:00 am

December 28
Novena of Masses
Robert Neufeld
Mary Ann Campos (Living)

TUESDAY
8:30 am

December 29
Lorna Basila (Living)
Aris Francisco
Aurora Payumo

12:00 Noon
WEDNESDAY
8:30 am

December 30
Maureen Reilly (2nd Ann.)
Harold Gillick
Manuel Fazendeiro

12:00 Noon
THURSDAY
8:30 am

December 31 New Year's Eve
Novena of Masses
Jesus Adrian Duenas (Living)
Grandeza Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
Vigil Mass & Prayer Service

12:00 Noon
7:00 pm (Church)

January 1 New Year's Day
Teofista Oliver

FRIDAY
9:00 am
10:30 am
6:30 pm

January 2
Donato, Elizabeth & Joe Pacicco
Antonio Mojal, Sr.

SATURDAY
8:30 am
5:30 pm

January 3
Salvatore Mincoletti

SUNDAY
7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 Noon

For the Parishioners
Aida Albarrcin (Living)
Evan Bernales (Living)-50th Birthday

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Luther & Shela Boulin (Living) in honor of their 17th Wedding Anniversary.

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

TWO NEW 82 INCH TELEVISIONS DONATED

Ludovico and Jovel Golingan have generously donated two new 82 inch televisions for the church. The televisions will be a significant upgrade to the projector screen that has been used during mass and services to display readings, responses and song lyrics. The installation of the televisions is an exciting improvement that will benefit the St. Michael's Community for years to come.

The parish of St. Michael's is very grateful to Ludovico and Jovel for their generous donation. Thank you!



Stewardship of Treasures

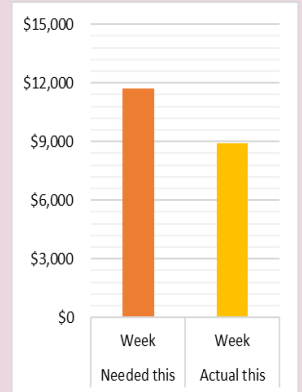
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

12/13/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,483	\$ 9,153	(\$3,330)

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.

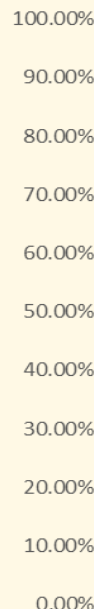


As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is **\$12,483**. What we actually received is **\$9,153**, so we are short **\$3,330**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING

DONATED! \$98,000 +



237 GIFTS

OUR GOAL

\$85,400

**Thank You!
Thank you!
Thank you!**
Your generous giving helped us exceed our goal and triumphantly meet this challenge

MINISTRY Information

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyounion@aol.com



We'd like to congratulate our CYO members on their presentation of the **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** for all of us to enjoy this Christmas Season! This has been a year with many challenges, which was no exception when it came to the virtual production of our Festival of Lights. We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to all involved with particular recognition to our cast: Kyla Ochoterena, Michael Cross, Gabriel Gutierrez, Sebastian Castano, Kayla Silverio, Isabella Uschak, Ava Moran, Vincent Espana, Isabella Espana, Wendy Castor, Joseph Kreinberg, Aidan Perez, and Eric Fernandez. They presented the true meaning of Christmas for all of us!

Please remember, in person CYO will be cancelled until further notice. Until then we ask that you continue to keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, as we all continue to keep the Matrale family in our prayers and hearts. While Phil will be deeply missed, we know that he will always be watching over CYO. May his beautiful soul rest in eternal peace and paradise with our Lord and Savior up in his "Big House."

We hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. Let us all look forward to the time of when we may be together again. Thank you and God Bless you all.

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

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



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 20th and 27th, Monday, December 21st and 28th, and Tuesday, December 22nd and 29th. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 3, 2020.

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. The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To our wonderful parishioners who contributed to our Advent Giving Tree. As you know, this year we focused on assisting the children of Blessed Sacrament Church.

We collected gift cards to local stores, supermarket cards, toys and clothing items to help meet the needs of families who have faced the worst of the pandemic and continue to deal with challenges daily. Your generosity will surely brighten their holiday season.

In addition, we collected \$300 which we will gift to the Sisters of Caldwell.

May God continue to bless you and your families!

"Whatever you do for any of my people... you do it for me."

Matthew 25:40

LIGHT A VOTIVE CANDLE FOR YOUR INTENTIONS



Due to safety measures, parishioners cannot light a candle in the Church. You can still light a candle for your intentions by going to our website www.stmichaelunion.org and clicking on the candle offerings to the various Saints. Msgr. Anselm or Fr. Miles will light the candle for you in church.

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

HUGS Ministry (A charitable arm of our parish), distributes Grace Bags **every month** to families in our parish. Help spread the word. Our next distribution will be in December.

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 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).

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

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am

Mondays 7:00 pm



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.



Feeding the Community

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

NOVENA OF MASSES DECEMBER 2020

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	George Rinehart
Jose Arnaldo	John & Augusta Mahon
Frank Rubineti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubineti Families
Shela Boulin (Living)	Mary & Idolo Russomano
Serafina Sauro	Rosemary Sauro
Mollie Endler	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
In Thanksgiving	Jose & Carolina Ferol, Jr (Living)
All Souls in Purgatory	Boulin Family Special Intentions
Jaime S. Estrella	Joseph & Michelene Kmetz
Concetta Matrale	Alton Famarin
Lucia D'Amato	Nick Lizarez
Wanda Conneely	Roger Boetsch
Robert Stibler	Ramon Castro
Lorna Basila (Living)	Matthew Boulin (Living)-Birthday
Fely C. Samson (Living)	Leanna Joyce C. Samson (Living)
Amelia Samson (Living)	Mario & Maria Geloni
Jurusik & Arner Families	Wayne Meehan (Living)
Phil Matrale	Joseph Paulose Veliakath (50th Ann.)
Minviluz Imperial	Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczylas
Douglas Sipe (Living)	Viergela & Gerard Pierrevil
Czeslawa & Stanislaw Pogorzelski	
Emilia Rumohr & Brenda Rumohr	
Ray & Kathleen Pruszkowski (Living)-Wedding Anniversary	
Luther & Shela Boulin (Living) - 17th Wedding Anniversary	
Tweet Lizares & Linda Cosculuela (Living)	
Nick & Cheryl Samson (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Jessica C. Samson & Matthew Won (Living)	
Romel & Maria Perez & Family (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
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 Araujo & Torres Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Lucila Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Special Intentions of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Living & Deceased Members of de Silva & Dittmer Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the DiFabrizio Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Terriaca Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanon & Matthiack 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, 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, Salve Ching, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-7,12-14

Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5

Happy are those who follow the Lord's ways.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21 (or shorter form, Colossians 3:12-17)

Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

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

LOG IN

www.stmichaelunion.org

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

You *can* use the Altar Offerings -

Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp can be used for Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Thursday, December 31st

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon (Church)

New Year's Eve

7:00 PM-Vigil Mass & Prayer Service (Church)

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Church)

6:30 PM—First Friday Mass & Adoration

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 26

No Confession

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



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses.

Go to our website: 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.

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).