



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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  
**Stay Connected:**

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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



### THIS LENTEN SEASON



This past year has been a year of rude awakening—the uncertainty of life, the meaninglessness of material things, the loss of loved ones, with Covid-19 ravaging and claiming lives in hundreds of thousands, just at will. So we cannot but wonder, as part of our Lenten journey, how we should carry on with the business of life in the light of the lessons we have learnt in this pandemic. Here is what I think! I believe that, during this Lenten season, we should commit to live our lives as a people on a time-limited mission and for whom every minute counts.

Therefore, no matter where you are at, in this moment, don't just belong, participate fully; don't just care, give a helping hand; don't just believe, practice; don't just be fair, be generous; don't just forgive, forget; don't just dream, act. My friends, we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Today is all that we have. Bottom line, we are perishable items and life needs to be lived accordingly. Therefore, don't waste time worrying, for that is using your imagination to create things that you don't want! Don't waste time being angry, for you are adding more wrinkles, not dimples, to your face. Don't waste time in unforgiveness, for you don't want God to remember your own sins in detail. Don't waste time being envious, for you cannot attract what you attack. Don't spend time bearing grudges, for you are only increasing the oxidants in your system. Don't waste time in hate, you will never find salvation there. Don't waste time criticizing and hurting others, for what goes around comes around. Don't waste time worrying about death, for you will never begin to live this little life of yours. Don't waste time in regrets, for it will stop you from seeing the blessings of this day. Don't waste time looking back, for it turns you into a bag of salt! Don't waste time procrastinating, for you are simply using the future to escape the present! Don't waste time living in fear, for it creates paralysis for what needs to be done now. Don't waste time looking for people's approval, for you will be living your life for others, not for yourself! Don't waste time in misery, for life is just too short. Don't waste time being lonely, for there is a purpose for you in this life.

My friends, life is too short; let's live it while we can. Let your eyes see the best; let your words edify the soul; let your heart forgive the worst; let your mind forget the bad; and let your spirit never lose hope nor faith. Stand up for what is right, for what is just, and for what is fair. Be sure that you are always reconciled with your God, with your neighbor, and with yourself. Then let go, and let God. May you have a good Lenten season!

*Msr. Anselm*

## "The Way" Our Parish Newsletter

My dear Parishioners,

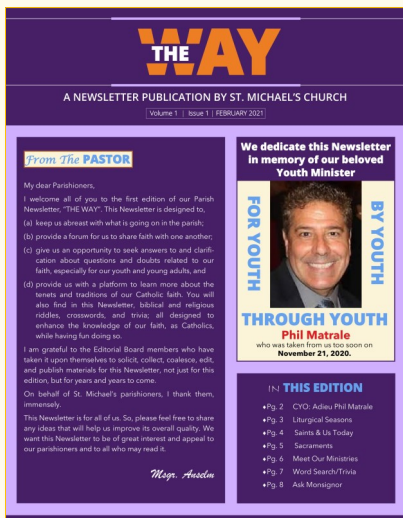
I welcome all of you to the first edition, Volume 1, Issue 1, of our Parish Newsletter, "THE WAY", which is designed to service our church family at multiple levels: (a) keep us abreast with what is going on in the parish, (b) provide a forum for us to share faith with one another, (c) give us an opportunity to seek answers to questions confronting our youth and young adults, (e) and providing us with a platform to learn about the fundamentals of our Catholic faith and traditions.

The Editorial Board is committed to rolling out the production of this Newsletter on a quarterly basis, following as it were, the liturgical seasons of the Church. Our hope is that our youth and young adults will find in this Newsletter an outlet to express their faith, share that faith with their peers, find answers to questions about their faith, and clarify doubts that may be holding them back from the fullest expression of their faith convictions. Inside this Newsletter, you will also find riddles, cross-words, and trivia; all designed to enhance the knowledge of our faith, as Catholics, while having some fun doing so.

I am grateful to the Editorial Board members who have taken it upon themselves to solicit, collect, coalesce, edit, and publish the materials for this Newsletter, not just for this edition, but for years and years to come. On behalf of St. Michael's parishioners, I thank them, immensely. Please be open to letting us know, if you have any ideas, on how we can improve this Newsletter and make it more appealing to our parishioners and to the public.

*Msgr. Anselm*

The Newsletter is digital, and can be accessed at [stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/](http://stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/)



## Stewardship of Treasure

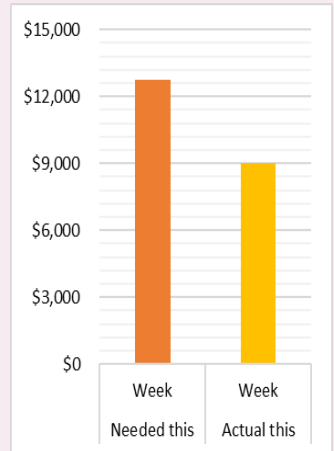
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

2/21/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
<b>Collection &amp; SOS</b>	<b>\$ 12,735</b>	<b>\$ 8,996</b>	<b>(\$3,739)</b>

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 **\$12,735**. What we actually received is **\$8,996**, so we are short **\$3,739**.

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>February 27</b> Maria Tavares
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00	<b>February 28</b> Joseph Yurechko Emiliana B. Rogales Diann Deal & Family (Living) For God's Blessings & Protection For the Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 1</b> Novena of Masses Margaret McGurgan Anna Vitiello
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 2</b> Anthony Walano Mary Caruana
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 3</b> Nora & Michael Forde Kristen Espeleta (Living)
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 4</b> Wendelin Orillaneda (1st Ann.) Salvador Retino, Jr. (Living)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 6:30 pm	<b>March 5 First Friday</b> Novena of Masses Estelita Cataban (4th Ann.) Joel Retino (Living) Eduardo Alvarez
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>March 6</b> Caroline Romano Condorcet & Andre Leroy
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>March 7</b> For the Parishioners Serapio Dagat Juan Espeleta Sofia A. Gaivoto

### 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.

## the 2021 Annual Appeal

### Catholic Stewardship in Action

This past year presented us with extraordinarily difficult challenges and has made the need to ensure that ministries continue and flourish even greater. **This year, our parish goal is \$46,240.**

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 it exceeds its goal.** It is important for all of us to participate. Please consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

## 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).

### Lenten Series Speakers

We are pleased to announce that we are reinstating our Lenten Series Speakers following the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays in Lent.

\*This will be a virtual presentation projected on the large screens in the church following the Stations of the Cross.

A replay will subsequently be available on our Parish website:

<https://stmichaelunion.org/religious-education/>

Feb. 26	Fr. Danny Pabon St. Anastasia, Teaneck, NJ	To be determined *
Mar. 5	Raymond Gora, Knights of Columbus Council #4505, Union	Living as a Catholic in Challenging Times
Mar. 12	Mary F. Brown- Blessed Sacrament/ St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Newark	Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me
Mar. 19	To Be Announced	
Mar. 26	Fr. Jim Worth, St. Joseph Church, Maplewood	A Musical Meditation

### CYO Youth Ministry News

[cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@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 in the process of starting up our weekly meetings virtually through Zoom. Our official startup date was February 9<sup>th</sup>, with meetings recurring weekly on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm.

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

We ask that you continue to keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you and God Bless you all.

## 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

**Gemma Ezpeleta Kodumal & Rev. Amaro DaRocha Oliveira**

## NOVENA of Masses

### NOVENA OF MASSES MARCH 2021

Ann L. Corrigan  
James Ford, Sr.  
Jose Arnaldo  
Mollie Endler  
Rev. Matthias Conva  
Frank Rubinetti  
Wendelin Orillaneda  
Luigi Sauro  
George Rinehart

Alejandro T. Cruz  
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig  
Special Intentions—VG  
Phil Matrale  
Miguel Rosello  
Pierre & Rubinetti Families  
Joseph & Micheline Kmetz  
Mary & Idolo Russomano  
Giuseppe Terriaca

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, Sicilliano & LaMonna 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 Kallaben, 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 and Baby Charlie Boyle.

### 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](http://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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading**

*Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18*

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19*

A prayer of faithfulness to God

**Second Reading**

*Romans 8:31b-34*

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 9:2-10*

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

## *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

**SUNDAY MASS**

\*(On Facebook) 10:30AM

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**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS**

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses in Church.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday – March 5, 12, 19, 26  
7:00 pm, Church

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday, March 27**

1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

**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.

