



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JUNE 14, 2020

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



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 Sunday and 1st Friday 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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*

Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*

Mrs. Marilyn Dragon, *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 1:30 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.

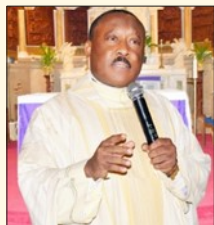
Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.

Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

"That They May All Be One"



This Sunday, we celebrate "Corpus Christi", the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ; the One Bread and the One Cup that we share, even though we are so many—"Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man"—all in the one Lord, Jesus Christ. This is the will of God for humanity. But just as in the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve followed the counsel of Satan, not to worry about what God has said but to be their own gods, man has continued to have issues with God's will, and is filled with the desire to exert his own will upon God's creation. And so, instead of the "One Cup, One Body in which there are no Jews nor Gentiles, Christendom, way back in 1455, decided that slavery was a perfect weapon that will serve as a natural deterrent and a Christianizing influence for the conversion of sub-Sahara Africa, and encouraged Europeans "...to invade, search out, capture, vanquish, subdue... and reduce their persons [Sub-Saharan Africans] to perpetual slavery." The problem with this decision is that, it is nearly impossible to vanquish and subdue another human, in perpetuity, without becoming monstrous at some point in time. Unfortunately, not everything that is faced in life can be changed, but truth be told, nothing in life can be changed until it is faced.

As Americans, the time has come when we face reality and speak truth to conscience, that America is not white, it was never white, and will never be white. It is made up of Caucasians (all those from European nations), Indians, Africans, Spaniards, and many countries in-between. The invention of the words "White" and "Black" was propelled by the desire for class distinction; with "White" being a metaphor of power, dominance, and superiority, and "Black" a metaphor for inferior humans to be vanquished and subdued, in perpetuity. "Black", therefore is a word and color that diminishes and desensitizes the brain as to the quality of humanness in another human. In the creative mind of our Creator, there is no degree of humanness in humanity; what we have is distinctions in heritage and culture and these are not imputable to color; heritage and culture belong to ethnicity. So we have Italian Americans, German Americans, African Americans, etc. not Black Americans, Brown Americans, or White Americans. The time has come for us to truly embrace the words of our constitutions, that "All men are created equal and endowed by their creator with inalienable rights to liberty, self-determination and the pursuit of happiness".

Our role as Christians is to help build, what the Bible calls "The new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). Righteousness will dwell upon our land when we insist that people be held accountable for systemic racism and bigotry; when we fight against any system in which zip codes, color, race, gender, religious affiliation etc., inhibit and prohibit opportunities and possibilities, and create ceilings in the fulfillment of God-given potentials and abilities; when we insist that justice and fairness be for all and that our judicial system hold responsible and accountable all those who perpetuate egregious acts of murder, oppression, repression and subjugation against others; when we cry out every time our legal system shields and hinders prosecution and accountability by collaborating, conniving and colluding to distort, dislodge, and eventually dismiss evidence in the protection of those who commit crimes of "mans-inhumanity-to-man". We need to become the voice of the voiceless; those who are being choked to death because of political greed, economic hardships, and bullying; those whose backgrounds have caused their back to be on the ground, the margins of our society, the most vulnerable among us, and the pushovers of our capitalistic system.

Our journey to creating this world in which righteousness dwells needs to start as an inward conversion; a personal conviction that all men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights; a personal resolve to respect all peoples as children of God most high. It is very hard for us to lead this call if, in our own closets, we are as guilty as society is charged. May the good Lord give us the courage to bear witness to the dignity of every human being, to heal the pains of discrimination and racism, to restore hope to humanity and to uproot this "man's-inhumanity-to-man" from our society! It takes the silence of a few good men and women for evil to thrive.

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY 8:30 am	June 13 Galo Murrieta Vera St. Anthony Intention
SUNDAY 10:00 am	June 14 For the Parishioners, Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague Eddy Preval, Julian Pruszkowski
MONDAY 12:00 Noon	June 15 Maria Chesney, Marylyn Sace. Emmanuel Cosico
TUESDAY 12:00 Noon	June 16 Porfiria Colegio (6th Ann.) Roger Boetsch, Novena of Masses
WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noon	June 17 Antonio Briones
THURSDAY 12:00 Noon	June 18 Ali A. Damestani, Marina Chesney Florencio Roques, Jr. (1st. Ann.)
FRIDAY 12:00 Noon	June 19 Novena of Masses Ogechukwu Chikanwosuh (Living) Thanksgiving
SATURDAY 8:30 am	June 20 Irene Endler, Norma Lao (12th Ann.)
SUNDAY 10:00 am	June 21 Father's Day For the Parishioners Novena of Masses for All Our Fathers Anthony Marchitello

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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**

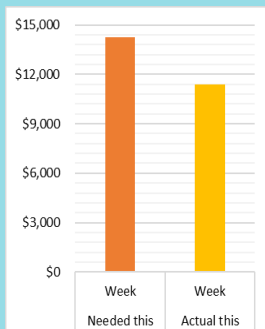
5/24/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,260	\$11,384	(\$2,876)

In the present health emergency, with public celebrations of Mass suspended our weekly collections, of course, are interrupted. Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **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 **\$14,260**. What we actually received is **\$11,384**, so we are short **\$2,876**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL GATEWAY TO PRAYER



SUNDAYS MONDAYS - FRIDAYS

MASS

10:00 AM

DAILY MASS

12:00 NOON

TUESDAYS

BIBLE CLASS

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

ADORATIONS

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - SACRED HEART

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 - 8:00 PM

JOIN US VIRTUALLY

<https://www.gotomeet.me/StMichaelChurch>

OR CALL IN

1 (312) 757-3121

Access Code 574-150-285

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.



MINISTRY Information

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

cyouunion@aol.com



Confirmation Registrations for our 2020-2021 Class have been mailed out to all our current 8th Grade Religious Education and Grammar School Students. Please have your registrations in by July 15th.

All those requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation must have completed 8 years of Religious Education and be in High School by September 2020. A make up class is available for those who have not completed all 8 years.

If you did not receive a registration form or have any questions please email the Youth Ministry Office at cyouunion@aol.com

A note to our current Confirmation Class. When we are notified that the Sacrament can be held in Church we will select a new Confirmation Celebration date. Expect it to be before the end of the 2020 year as per our guidelines. All families will be notified when the date is set.

RICE BOWL

Rice Bowls can be sent to the Parish Center. Those monies are given to missions that help people throughout the world.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

Praise God, Jerusalem!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

The **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is currently closed. Email and telephone messages are checked daily. You can contact us by phone (908) 964-0965 or by email at smccd@comcast.net if you would like to leave a message.

PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

CCD Registrations Forms will be mailed out at the end of the week.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

We now have guidelines regarding the gradual reopening of churches. Once First Reconciliation dates and Communion Masses have been decided, you will be notified.



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
patrickphillips96@gmail.com

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

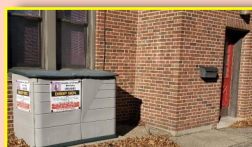
We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on our website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

"Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).

Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe** at (908) 247-4461 if you have any questions.



ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

All meetings are postponed until further notice. Please stay safe.



"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.

Registration is open for St. Michael School, where students come to learn in a faith-filled environment with a strong academic base. St. Michael's offers classes from prek- 8th grade. We have a full day prek-3, prek-4, and kindergarten. Morning and Aftercare until 6:00pm is available as well. If you are interested in enrolling your child at St. Michael School, please email Mrs. Scicolone at rscolone@smsunion.org.

Come tour and explore our amazing school!

NOVENA of Masses

JUNE 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Craig Calix (Living)	Special Intentions
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Angela & Frank Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Roger Boetsch	James Ford, Sr.
Julian "Jules" Pruszkowski	Paul & Irene Endler
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Joseph & Carol Furnari (Living)-66th Wedding Anniversary	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Family	
Living & Decembers of the Santoriello Family	
George Sr, Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Lucila Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwoshu & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with CONVID 19	

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.

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 or

You can also drop off your requests at the Parish Center. Please put your name and telephone number so we can get in touch with you if we have any questions.

PRAYER AGAINST COVID-19

Heavenly Father, we know that we can do nothing without You, and that with You all things are possible. As we thank You and give You praise and worship, we also come to You in desperate need of Your power and healing grace. At this very moment, we acknowledge that we are weak, fearful and intimidated by COVID-19. Yes, even as we believe that You have absolute power over this virus, our flesh is still afraid and our spirit weak. Fill us therefore with Your courage, hope, peace, and joy in this moment of fear and desperation. David, your servant, testified, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Your Word also tells us that, You, Oh God, are close to the brokenhearted; that You save those who are crushed in spirit, and rescue them from all their distress.

Father Almighty, we are highly distressed right now, fearful and in despair and, just like David, we seek your face and implore You to heal our land; to forbid this hand of death and devastation. Come to our aid, forgive our sins, and send forth the rain of deliverance upon the earth, and shower humanity with your healing grace. Protect all healthcare workers as they take care of the sick, strengthen and heal those who have become afflicted and comfort those who have lost loved ones to this virus. Provide wisdom and guidance to scientists and researchers to find a cure for this pandemic, so that this virus may be eradicated faster than it started.

Show forth your saving grace, so that every knee may bow and every tongue may confess that it was nothing short of Your power that delivered us from this mayhem. Father, please save your people; answer this prayer and restore unto us the joy of our salvation. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.

Announcements

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Status: Part Time: 25-28 Hours per week, flexible schedule

Supervisor: Pastor

Position Specific Requirements

- ◆ Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- ◆ Must have vision and a demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement a parish catechetical program within the parameters of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Adequate credentials as a Catechetical leader
- ◆ Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- ◆ Conflict management skills
- ◆ Computer skills
- ◆ Proven ability to work effectively with youth and diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers.
- ◆ Also participation in the Archdiocesan sponsored certification program and the Archdiocesan mentoring process will be an ongoing requirement.

General Purpose of Position

To oversee and direct the entire religious formation program for the Parish from Sacramental preparation—1st Reconciliation through 1st Holy Communion through 8th grade and oversee the Parish Adult Faith Formation.

Interested candidates are invited to send cover letters and resumes to the attention of:

Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu
St. Michael's Parish
1212 Kelly St.
Union, NJ 07083

Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK/ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH **PHASE 1—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days as well as from "Easter duty" (the obligation to receive Holy Communion during Easter season) is in force.

Our Church reopened on Tuesday, May 19th, and will be open from 1pm-3pm, each day of the week, except Sundays, solely for personal prayers. **No gatherings are permitted.**

Confessions will resumed on Saturday, May 23 and will continue from 1pm-2pm every Saturday. **All must wear a mask.**

If you show symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to an infected person, please quarantine for 14 days before you can come to Church.

Wear your mask at all times while in the Church.

Individuals and families must maintain 6 feet of physical distance from each person while in the Church.

Sanitize your hands at the entrance doors as you go in and put of Church.