

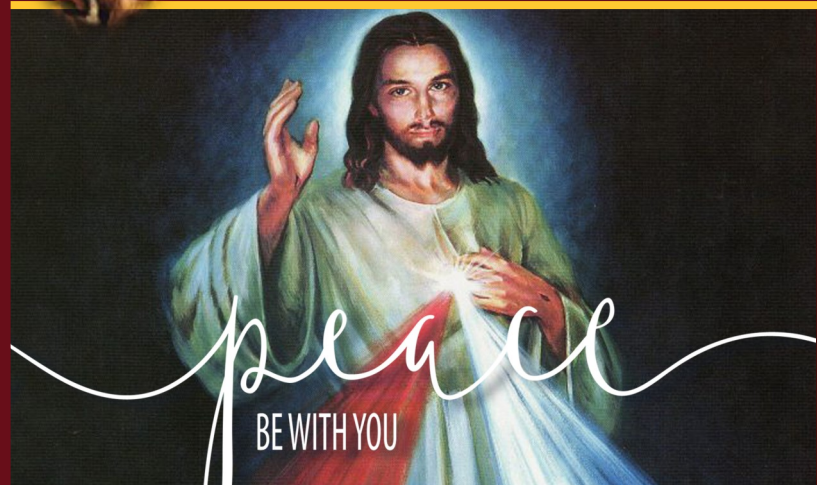


# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 19, 2020

DIVINE MERCY 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*  
**Mrs. Marilynn Dragone**, *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.

## 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 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

## Message From Our Pastor

My beloved parishioners,

I just want to thank God for bringing us this far during this frightening times living in the environment of COVID-19. I thank God that we have been able to continue all our Church programs through livestreaming. This has helped us, at some level to keep the spiritual life of the Church going without disruption. What a wonderful job our media ministry has done.

On behalf of the Church, I want to reach out to those who in very severe ways have borne the pain of this virus through being infected or the death of loved ones. Please know that our Church prays for you in our daily Masses. To all those who may have lost their jobs, I say to you, do not lose hope. There is a tomorrow that will be better than today. Easter Sunday will always have the last word not Good Friday. Please hang in there; keep hope alive; the Lord will see you through.

I also want to ask you to pray for our Church that she may survive and remain viable through this difficult time. The suspension of public Masses has seriously impacted our weekly collections and tithes. Like most parishes, 95% of our revenue comes from the generous support of our parishioners and this is how we are able to maintain our priests, our Church buildings and grounds, the payment of utilities, insurance, payroll and the support of our various ministries. Right now, our Church, more than ever, needs your prayers and your regular donations and tithes. You may donate/tithe through the mail or drop off donations at the Rectory's mailbox slot. You can also donate through the "GoFundMe" or through our electronic Parish Giving platforms on our website—[www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org).

My prayers and blessings are with you all during this difficult times and always.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 18</b> Alejandro T. Cruz Elvia Velez (4th Ann)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 19</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY</b> For the Parishioners, Donna Hornig, Thomas J. Duffy, Kathrynne Jugarap (Thanksgiving)
<b>MONDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 20</b> Franklin Murrieto Rodriguez, Rose Anne Cebulak, Ceferina S. Badiola (5th Ann.)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 21</b> Mattie Ordenez, Teresita Coullahan, Laura De Pinho
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 22</b> Novena of Masses, Mary Ann Canavan, Bassin Rogeste
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 23</b> Samantha Meehan (Living) Godwin Ubanii, Maria Ribeiro
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12:00 Noon	<b>April 24</b> Fidelia Dagat-Thanksgiving, Betty Falcon (Living), Novena of Masses
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 25</b> Joseph & Rose Baduini, Sofia Espana (Living)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 26</b> For the Parishioners, Rodolfo Perez, Elaine Dempsey, Rodrigo Gancia (75th Birthday)

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

\* The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of 4/12-4/18/2020 is offered for Thomas J. Duffy, requested by the Dragone Family.

## 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**

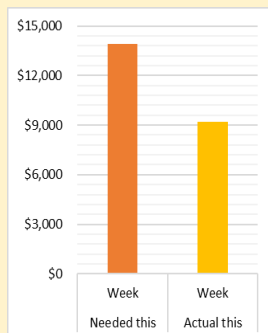
4/12/2020	Needed Weekly	Actual Weekly	Deficit Weekly
Collection & SOS	\$13,905	\$9,208	(\$4,697)

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 Go Fund Me 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 \$13,905. What we actually received is \$9,208, so we are short **\$4,697**. 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**  
**MASS**  
**10:00 AM**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**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**

**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](mailto:cyouunion@aol.com)

**Stay strong everyone and trust in the Lord!**



Our CYO members are staying strong through our connections on social media, group chats and ***especially through prayer!*** Many of us have been able to connect, talk, share and pray even while physically not being together. Be Positive! Keep Strong! Stay Close to Jesus! And PRAY!

"FAITH TELLS US THAT NO MATTER WHAT LIES AHEAD OF US, GOD IS ALREADY THERE!" "GOD WILL CARRY US THROUGH THE STORM!"

#### ***L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N. is a time to:***

***L-isten*** to God's voice and reflect. Let go and let God.

***O-bey*** His Word and His teachings.

***C-all*** on Jesus name and be calm.

***K-now*** what is the purpose of all this.

***D-well*** in His presence. Do not panic.

***O-ffer*** a prayer for everyone's safety.

***W-ait*** and be patient.

***N-urture*** our personal relationship with Him.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

#### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24*

God's love is everlasting.

#### Second Reading

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

#### Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

## 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net) if you would like to leave a message.

#### **PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:**

Please make sure your child continues to work in the religious education books as they need to be completed before the end of the school year.

#### **PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:**

I'm sure many of you are wondering if First Communion dates will be changed. It's too early to say whether or not they will be. Below is the latest statement from the Archdiocese:

*"Under Cardinal Tobin's directive, all public celebrations of the Sacraments and other public forms of worship are also suspended until further notice. This includes, but is not limited to, previously scheduled Confirmations, celebrations of First Communion, penitential services, Communion services, and Liturgies of the Word."*

Unfortunately we don't know how long this will last. As soon as I hear any updates, I will let you know.

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

#### SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who have donated to Sr. Ann's Food Pantry. Unfortunately the Parish Center and the Church is closed till further notice. We will let you know when you can resume the food donation drop off. Thank you for your generosity.

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

### Upcoming Events:

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Attic Treasures shopping and meeting.  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Senator Joseph Cryan will be our guest speaker.

Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives.

Membership extended to those 55 and over.



"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 [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org) or call (908) 688-1063.

**Come tour and explore our amazing school!**

## NOVENA of Masses

### APRIL 2020

Leopold Enwonwu	Alejandro T. Cruz
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Craig Calix (Living)	Serafina Sauro
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Rosemary Sauro
Pierre & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti, Sr.
Roger Boetsch	James Ford, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	George Rinehart
Emmana Dent (Living)	Special Intentions
Dominique Joseph (Living-Birthday)	
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 (Living) & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwoshu & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
Chika & Nnenna Nwosuh (Living)	
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

Save the Date

Friday, September 25th, 2020

7:30 - 11:30 pm

St. Michael's Annual

**DINNER DANCE**

Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ

Celebration details to follow

### HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

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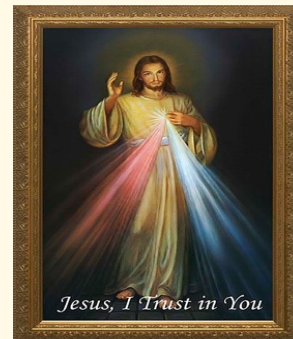
### ALTAR SERVER CAPES

Thank you to Kathleen Boetsch and Ted Czapla for the generous donation towards the purchase of the Altar Server Capes. Your generosity to the Church is greatly appreciated.



### THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 19, 2020



First say one 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'I believe'. Then on the large beads say the following words:

**'Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.'** On the smaller beads you are to say the following words: **'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'**

In conclusion you are to say these words three times:

**'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world'.**

*"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy... When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior."*