



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

August 23, 2020

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I WILL
GIVE YOU
THE
KEYS
TO THE
KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN.
MATTHEW 16:19

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*
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 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
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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

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Who do People say that you are?

In reading the lives of some very famous people, I am amazed at how so many of them were told, in their childhood, that they would amount to nothing, simply because they showed no promises earlier in their lives. Take a look at Winston Churchill, who in his junior years seemed so dull that his father thought he might be incapable of earning a living in life. How about Charles Darwin, who did so poorly in school that his father once told him, "You will be a disgrace to yourself and to your family". Look at G.K. Chesterton, who was told by one of his teachers, in his early school years, "If we could open your head we should not find any brain but only a lump of white fat." Thomas Edison was nearly convinced by his father that he was a "dunce", and Albert Einstein did so badly in high school, except in mathematics, that one of his teachers asked him to drop out. The good news is that each and every one of these great men was able to crawl out of the boxes into which they had been relegated.

Who do people say that you are? In life, you need to be careful not to let the pronouncements of others derail your purpose. There is a God-given-place, within each of us, where we have enough graces to excel, enough talents to shine, enough gifts to become what God has purposed us to be. It is not about what other people have said; it is about what you have chosen and decided to be. Therefore make the choice to become the best version of yourself. There is no one else like you. You are the best God has given to you to work with. Therefore, do a very good job with it, because that is all you got.

My friends, when it comes to relating to others and what we say, let us remember the words of Scripture: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (Ephesians 4:29).

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

MONDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

TUESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

THURSDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

FRIDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

SATURDAY

8:30 am

5:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

August 22

Ruth Devine & Albert Muller

August 23

Paul & Irene Endler

A.L. Donor (21st Ann.)

Chike Melie, Jr.

For the Parishioners

August 24

Maria Ribeiro

Rosalia G. Anuada

August 25

Salome Tessoro

Wanda Gostkowski

August 26

Evan & Dickson Dagat (Living)

Thanksgiving

Novena of Mass

August 27

Maria Tavares

Novena of Masses

August 28

Jesus Adrian Duenas (Living)

Michael Espeleta (Living)

August 29

Anthony & Blanche Buniewski

Manuel Fazendeiro

August 30

For the Parishioners

Elizabeth Pretto

Maria Anador

Ramon Gancia Sr. &

Marietta V. Gancia

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE (YEAR-TO-DATE)

"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**

	Week of 6/28/2020	Year to Date 7/1-6/28/2020
Collections	\$5,536	\$287,844
Online Collections	\$1,890	\$ 61,686
SOS	\$ 920	\$102,480
Online SOS	\$ 70	\$ 31,777
Total	\$8,416	\$483,787
Budget	\$8,017	\$533,110
Difference	\$ 399	(\$ 49,323)

St. Michael's Parish fiscal year end is 6/30/2020.

The Church finished up this year with a Collection and SOS shortfall of \$49,323.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL MASSES & DEVOTIONS



MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
DAILY MASSES - 12 NOON

TUESDAYS
BIBLE CLASSES
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

SUNDAYS
MASS - 10:30 AM
Facebook Live @StMichaelParishUnion

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8/16/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,797	\$ 8,499	(\$4,298)

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 **\$12,797**. What we actually received is **\$8,499**, so we are short **\$4,298**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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@patirckphillips.com



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First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

The **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is now open. You can contact us by phone (908) 964-0965 or by email at smccd@comcast.net if you would like to leave a message.

ATTENTION FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS:

Children will receive First Communion on Saturday, August 22 (A-L) and Saturday, August 29 (M-Z) at the 10:00 am Mass.

Because of social distancing, only parents and siblings may attend the Mass.

The Mass will be Live-Streamed.

UPDATE 2020/2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & REMINDER TO REGISTER:

We have received guidance from the Archdiocese Office that Religious Education classes in the fall shall remain virtual, that is digital or remote. In accordance with this guidance and to ensure the safety of our students, families and volunteers, we are in the process of developing a platform for remote learning. A home-based option will continue to be available for families who prefer to teach 1:1 with their child. We are looking to begin the program during the first week of October.

Registration forms have been mailed previously or you can access the form from the St. Michael's website under the tab "Faith Formation/Religious Education." **If you have not done so already, please register your child as soon as possible** so that we can order the appropriate number of books and supplies for the year. Late fees will not be charged provided we receive your registration prior to September 15. Please do not let financial difficulties keep you from registering your child. Call the office to speak to Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965.

We are still in need of a few good catechists – men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children. No catechetical experience is necessary. We will provide training and assistance. You simply need a desire to assist our young people in developing a relationship with God and some basic computer skills due to the nature of our program this year. Please call 908-964-0965 or email Mrs. Andriola at smccd@comcast.net.

Finally, we are seeking a few volunteers who have Google Classroom and Flipgrid experience to help us build our digital platform.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN: Religious education begins in first grade and continues through grade eight. Children usually receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) in the second grade. Most children are confirmed in the ninth grade, as long as they have completed grades one through eight. If you have a child who needs to make up classes, please contact the Religious Education Office.

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY



"Hands of Grace Ministry (HUGS) celebrates its 1 Year Anniversary this August!!

HUGS Ministry is a charitable arm of St. Michael Parish. The Ministry's purpose is to extend the hand of grace to the community with a focus on mothers and young children from birth to age five.

Within the past year, with the help of all those who generously donated to the Ministry, HUGS has distributed about **100 Grace Bags** to families (parishioners and non-parishioners), and various organizations in neighboring areas including the Division of Child Protection & Permanency of Union County; Union County Prosecutor's Office; Hillside Police Department; Plainfield Police Department; Newark Police Department; Special Victims Unit; and Tainas Guerreras Foundation.

In commemoration of our anniversary HUGS will be distributing **100 Back-to-School supplies** to our school age parishioners after the Masses on **August 22 and 23rd**. The supplies will be packed in large Ziplock bags. (In compliance with social distancing rules).

Please consider donating to the HUGS Ministry to help us foster on with our mission. 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).

MINISTRY Information

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 rscicolone@smsunion.org.

Come tour and explore our amazing school!



**THE SEPTEMBER
ST. MICHAEL'S
DINNER DANCE
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

NOVENA of Masses

AUGUST 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
James Ford Sr.	Special Intentions
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Angela & Frank Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	Mollie Endler
Ann Ledesma Jalandoni	Oscar Bascon
Christina Cordero	Fidela Dagat
Florencio Roque, Sr.	Mary Sefia (Living)
Jean Ronal Antoine	Maria Viana
Shela Boulton (Living) - Birthday	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Lucilia Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with COVID 19	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Claudia Torres & Tiago Torres (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Torres & Aaruj Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas 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, 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 come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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).

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO WERE BAPTIZED ON THE MONTHS OF:

JULY 2020—Lorenzo Reniva, Xavier Connor Fong, Kayden Joseph Ruffino, Tesla Michael Pierrevil

AUGUST 2020—Sebastian Nicholas Style, Theodore Edric Opilac, Greyson Pogorzelski

Welcome to the St. Michael's Parish!