

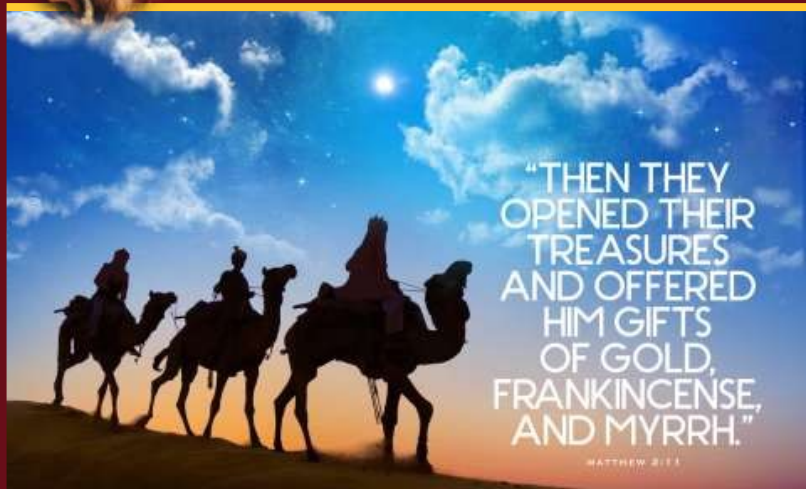


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 3, 2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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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
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Devotions

EUCHARISTIC 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,

Epiphany Strategies: A light unto my path.

The narrative about the journey of the Magi who travelled from the Far East to Bethlehem to see the Child Jesus is a very interesting story. This story uncovers power strategies that can combine to bring about success in any aspect of our lives. How did the Magi come to know that the Child Jesus has been born in Bethlehem when those who lived right there in Bethlehem did not know this fact; not even the wise men in the court of King Herod? This same question can be stated in a different way. What can help one succeed when it comes to life goals and aspirations? The story of the Magi provides deep insights into this question and I would like to explore them as we begin our journey with Year, 2021.

Strategy One: Expectation

The Epiphany story clearly states that the Magi had **Expectation**—what they were looking forward to; what they were hoping for. They had a goal they were working toward—to visit the Child Jesus when He is born. Life goals and aspirations begin with Expectation—seeing something from the end-zone and then working toward it. Scripture says that faith is the evidence of things hoped for. There has to be something we hope for in this life; something we expect to be, something we would want to experience, something we would want to know about, before we can work toward it. Without expectations, without stated goals and objectives, it is difficult to attain success in life. Expectation generates interest, interest generates preparation, preparation leads to readiness, and readiness is what allows us to seize opportunity whenever it arises. It was the expectation of the Magi that got them ready to follow the Star when it appeared. Without expectation, our life will only be a revolving door. No matter where we are in life, having some expectations, something to look forward to, something to work and live for, is a good part of healthy living. Life should not just happen to us; we should make it happen for us, and that journey begins with expectation.

To be continued next week...

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY

5:30 pm

January 2

Antonio Mojal, Sr.

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

January 3

Salvatore Mincoelli

For the Parishioners

Aida Albarracin (Living)

Evan Bernales (Living)-50th Birthday

MONDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

January 4

Marchiano Cruz

Ilona Gerhauser

TUESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

January 5

Renato Marquez

Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

January 6

Nordic Anthony Garcia

Carolina Jacobe

THURSDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

January 7

Mary Miller

Concetta Matrale

FRIDAY

8:30 am

12:00 Noon

January 8

Novena of Masses

Carl Herbert

Sofia A. Gaivoto

SATURDAY

8:30 am

5:30 pm

January 9

Ginger Czapla

Brineon Velasquez

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

January 10

For the Parishioners

Mollie Endler

Bowman & Spinelli Families

Guidance throughout the year

Philip Matrale

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.**

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

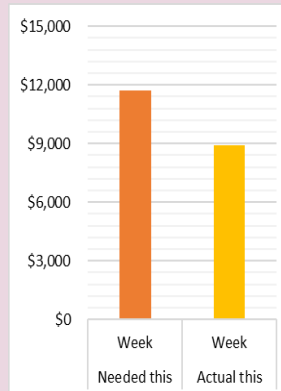
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

12/20/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,480	\$ 9,156	(\$3,324)

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 **\$12,480**. What we actually received is **\$9,156**, so we are short **\$3,324**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

NOVEMBER SACRIFICIAL GIVING

DONATED! \$98,000 +

100.00%

90.00%

80.00%

70.00%

60.00%

50.00%

40.00%

30.00%

20.00%

10.00%

0.00%

239 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

cyouunion@aol.com



Happy New Year Everyone!

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. 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."

Let us all look forward to the time when we may be together again. Thank you and God Bless you all.

*Happy New Year
2021*

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



"...and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Matthew 2:9-11

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: Classes will resume on 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.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To our wonderful parishioners who contributed to our Advent Giving Tree to assist 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 surely brightened their holiday season!

In addition, we collected \$300 to benefit the Sisters of Saint Dominic at Caldwell. They will use these funds to purchase gift certificates to various stores depending on the needs of the sisters and enjoy a nice celebration with them!

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

MINISTRY Information

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM HUGS!

Thank you all for your generous donations through the year to the HUGS Ministry. A special thank you to all our members especially our youngest member **Jewelz Massicot** for her tireless dedication to the Ministry! A special thank you also to an anonymous donor who donated 60 tote bags!



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.



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

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JANUARY 2021

Ann L. Corrigan

James Ford, Sr.

Jose Arnaldo

Frank Rubinetti, Sr.

Serafina Sauro

Mollie Endler

Phil Matrale

Milagros Dasmarinias

Christopher Boulin (Living) - Birthday

Boulin Family Special Intentions

Joseph & Michelane Kmetz

Frank & Genevieve Karowski

Living & Deceased Members of the DaSilva & Dittermer Families

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 Czaplá, Leniart & McMahon Families

Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanlon & Matthiack Families

Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaMonna Families

Alejandro T. Cruz

George Rinehart

Special Intentions

Pierre & Rubinetti Families

Mary & Idolo Russomano

Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig

Eriberto D. Arguelles

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 Czaplá, Stephen Czaplá, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Illuminda 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 Ke-bala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Du-enas, Cesar DeJesus, Frances Mechado, & Chet Janusz.

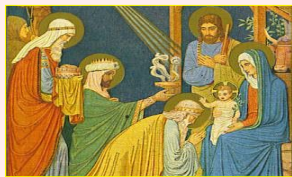
LIGHT A VOTIVE CANDLE FOR YOUR INTENTIONS



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**First Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Virtual **MASSES & DEVOTIONS****DAILY MASSES**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

MARIAN DEVOTIONMONDAYS & FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)
WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)

7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS

8:30AM

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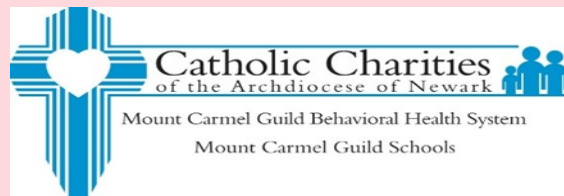
www.stmichaelunion.org**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCOUNTABILITY
WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

Catholic Charities received a payment of \$4,058 as a result of your donations from June 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020. These funds combined with monies from parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 72,685 nights of shelter to 1,342 to homeless individuals and families (FY 19/20).

Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

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.

**NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING****20 + C + M + B + 21**

Heavenly Father, bless our home and those who dwell within its secure walls. Grant that all people who visit will find us honest, just and hospitable. May we live this coming year open to Your grace and mercy, as we walk in your truth.

Please cut up this prayer and place at the top of your front door.