

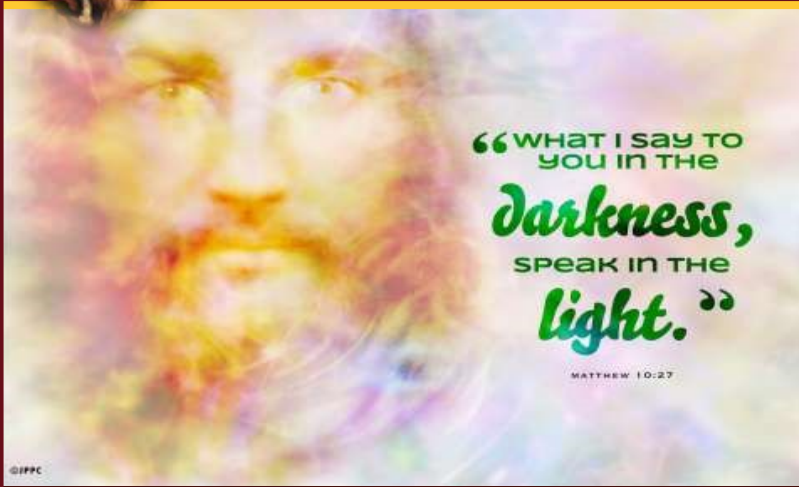


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 5, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*
Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*
Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*
TBA, 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 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,

Prayer and the Declaration of Independence

As we celebrate the fourth of July this year, let us remember the important role that "Prayer" played in the American struggle for independence. On that first day, when The First Continental Congress gathered on September 5th 1774, the suggestion to start the Congress with prayer was met with opposition because (as John Adams reports in his letter to his wife) "we were so divided in religious sentiments—some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists—that we could not join in the same act of worship". The next morning, though, having agreed to start The Congress with prayer, they invited an Episcopalian priest to pray before they would begin Congressional deliberations, and he did, by reading Psalm 85. John Adams reports "I never saw a greater effect produced upon an audience....George Washington was kneeling there, alongside him Patrick Henry, James Madison, and John Hancock. By their side there stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan patriots of New England... They prayed fervently for America, for Congress.... And who can realize the emotions with which they turned imploringly to Heaven for divine help. It was enough to melt a heart of stone. I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, pacifist Quakers of Philadelphia."

As we can see, The First Continental Congress is an inspiring example of what prayer can do; a fraternal unity was forged among a religiously diverse congress after they prayed together. This power of prayer is the same power we need today to heal our ethnically diverse, divided and hurting nation; a power that is also present to us if we can turn to God and seek His face upon our country.

As we know, the 4th of July celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of a nation that believes that all human beings are created equal and are endowed with basic God-given rights, and points to democracy as a noble vehicle for the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness for all, and propagates a notion of freedom that demands rights and respect for others, justice and fairness for all, integrity and responsibility and accountability on the part of government and citizens, and that no one is above the law. So what we are celebrating, on this day, is a democracy that is based on right-heartedness and the sense of common good, demanding that we, as citizens, act in accordance with proper moral character and self-restraint.

This year, as we deal with this 2020 pandemic environment, which is also marked with racial tensions, sickness and pain, loss of loved ones, anguish, bigotry, desperation, poverty, unemployment, and sorrow, it is good for us to remember the final line of the Declaration of Independence which states: **"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."** By this statement, our founding fathers are basically saying to us that we owe to each other the fundamental responsibility of working together to defeat and eliminate all factors that are counter-productive to our national ideal. For us to do this, it is important that we consider prayer as our first weapon in the pursuit of racial integration, racial and gender equality, and justice and fairness for all, just as our founding father did, by believing that "in God we trust".

Therefore, as we celebrate this Independence Day, let us turn to God in prayer that all forms of systemic racism and bigotry may be eradicated from our country. Let us pray for courage and strength to stand and fight against structures that limit, inhibit, prohibit, and hold people back people from rising to their highest potentials and possibilities. Let us pray that justice and fairness may be for all, and that our judicial system will always hold responsible and accountable all those who perpetrate egregious acts of murder, oppression, repression and subjugation against others. Let us pray for courage to become the voice of the voiceless, the down-trodden, the forgotten and abandoned, the poor and the bullied, the margins of our society, the most vulnerable among us, and the pushovers of our capitalistic system. Let us pray that this Independence Day celebration may be a true liberation in freedom, justice, fairness, and happiness for all Americans. May the good Lord hear our prayers, Amen!

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

July 4

Joseph D. Bilicska

July 5

Melecio & Anatolia Deligero

Manuel Pereira Araujo

For the Parishioners

Lucila Sousa Araujo

July 6

Novena of Masses

Joseph Baranello

July 7

Ed Stonak

Serafin & Porferia Lacson

July 8

Ali A. Damestani

Riney DeLuca

July 9

Jerry Crincoli, Jr. (24th Ann.)

Joan Arato

July 10

Mr. & Mrs. Esteban Bernardo

Novena of Masses

July 11

Virginia Palencia (Living)

Roger Boetsch

July 12

For the Parishioners

Alix Preval

Pacita Pena

Delfin Samson (44th Ann.)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione (Living), Family & Friends.

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**

6/21/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,070	\$ 8,418	(\$5,652)

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 **\$14,070**. What we actually received is **\$8,418**, so we are short **\$5,652**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

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

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.

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First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Second Reading

Romans 8:9,11-13

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

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.

Contact Coordinator: (908) 964-0965.

We can also be reached via e-mail at smccd@comcast.net

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

REGISTRATION PAPERS FOR THE 2020-2021 CCD YEAR have been mailed. Please register your child for religious education classes. If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. We will send registration papers to them. Special classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.

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.

JOVEL GOLINGAN— CATECHIST OF THE YEAR!

Jovel has been a catechist for over ten years. She teaches a special two year sacramental preparation classes for children whose ages vary from 9 to 14. These children have not had any religious teaching at all which makes teaching it more of a challenge. Jovel introduces them to our faith as well as prepares them for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. She was presented with a plaque of appreciation at the Knights of Columbus. Jovel is truly a valuable asset to the Religious Education Program at St. Michael's Church.

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

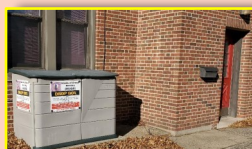
We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

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 rscicolone@smsunion.org.

Come tour and explore our amazing school!

NOVENA of Masses

JULY 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 & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	Mollie Endler
John Ciborowski	Tomasa Roque
Joseph Baranello	
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Lucilia 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 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 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.

From the Pastor's Desk: **Installation of Our New Boiler**

Next week, we will be replacing one of our original furnaces, which was built in 1955 and now broken beyond repair, with a more reliable, efficient furnace. It will be a long, major process involving different companies and will take several days to complete.

The first phase in this project will involve removing the old furnace which is a two-step process; (a) the abatement of any asbestos that wraps the furnace with stringent measures to monitor the air quality in the whole Church environment to ensure the safety of all during this work; (b) the removal of the old furnace and installation of a new one. Each step may take approximately one week to complete.

During the first step, we will unfortunately be required to close the church building from Monday, June 29th - Saturday, July 4th, 2020 in order to satisfy the safety protocols required by the State and the Township of Union. So daily Masses, from Monday, June 29th to Saturday, July 4th, will be held in the Gym at St. Michael's School, with entrance from the parking lot. The company hopes to finish the asbestos abatement by July 4th 2020. We truly regret any inconvenience this closure may cause our parishioners. We tried very hard to have this done during the shutdown but couldn't pull it off due to measures beyond our control.

We thank you for your understanding and patience throughout this process, and we will do everything we can to make sure that the work is done right, done well, and as quickly as possible.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu
Pastor

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

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

We have adopted a new way of communicating with all parishioners. We will be using a new platform called **Evangelus**.

Please expect a welcoming email from Evangelus. This is not spam. We encourage you to open the message and follow the link to create a profile and select your preferred form of contact.

Please indicate if you are part of a ministry or would like to join a ministry (group).

Visit eva.us/stmichael-adults to sign up.