



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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, *Pastoral Associate for Religious Education*
Ms. Cristina Manochio, *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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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

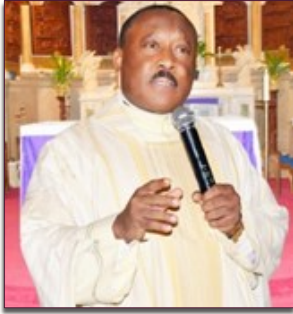
Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk



JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WHY FOLLOW HIM?



In the gospel reading of this 4th Sunday of Easter, Christ calls Himself the Good Shepherd, that His sheep know Him and He knows them, and that they follow His voice (cf. John 10). Isn't it true that who and what we follow can make all the difference in life; both here and hereafter. These days, we follow many celebrities on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc. The question is how much life can these people give? How much help can they render? In what ways can they save? There is the story of a man who got to the wake service of his friend only to see two people there. He turned to the funeral director and said, "I thought there would have been many more people here because he had over 9,000 friends on Facebook". Hmm, welcome to the reality of social media! But there is "#ChristJesus" we

need to follow, as our Shephard, no matter what. Why?

In the first place, this Shepherd has been around forever. The Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God... and nothing was created without the Word... and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:1-14). So "Nothing in all creation is hidden from His sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before His eyes" (Heb. 4:13). This Shepherd knows it all, has seen it all, and nothing surprises Him, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not fall" (Heb. 4:15). Simply put, this Shepherd understands the pains and joys of humanity. He knows the pains of betrayal and abandonment; what makes people cry and what makes them lose it; what loss and bereavement feel like; what fear, anger, wrath, and hatred can do; and what poverty and riches can cause. He also knows the liberating power of love, forgiveness, charity, and care. He knows how things work and how to fix them. No wonder Scripture tells us to "approach the throne of God's grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for needed help". When Christ is your Shepherd, you have hired, so to say, an ever-present help in times of great need. I am not saying He will do everything you ask for; I am saying He can do anything for you.

Secondly, with Jesus the Shepherd, we are never lost to His presence. Most of the celebrities we follow on social media don't even know who we are. Not so with Jesus the Shepherd. He knows you by name; He knows what hurts you and what helps you; He knows what you are good at and what you are struggling with; He knows where you have been and where you are going. You are very special to Him. As Scripture says, "This is what the Lord says—he who created you... He who formed you: 'I have called you by name; you are mine'". This Shepherd knows your thoughts even before you speak (Ref. Matthew 9:4; 12:25; Luke 7:36-39). This is the one Person you do not need to impress and in whose presence you do not need to pretend or be what or who you are not.

Above all, this Shepherd wants the best outcomes for you, as Scripture says, "For I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer. 29:11), and "I have come that [you] may have life and have it in its fullness" (John 10:10). Christ wants the best for us; He wants to turn everyday mundane action, in our lives, into a meaningful experience. He can change mourning into dancing, sorrow into joy, weeping into songs. Let us, therefore, take this Shepherd up, on His word, and make Him our Lord and personal Savior.

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship in Action

Our Goal - **\$46,240**

Amount Pledged to Date - **\$35,590**

Number of Donors To Date - **123**

To Go—**\$10,650**

TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT; rcan.org/ways-to-give

Please Note: When making your pledge, please be sure to select 'St. Michael-Union' from the drop down menu.

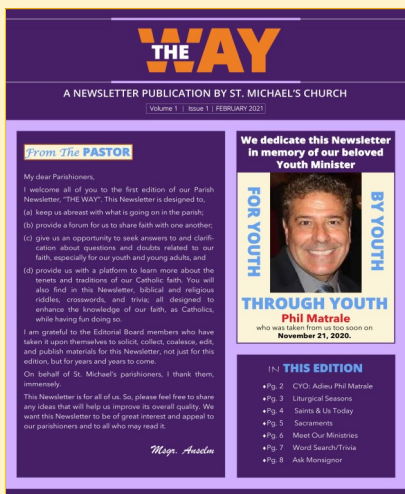
Thank you for your generosity!

Our goal is within reach with only **\$10,650** to achieve our goal.

To All Parishioners: It is not too late to mail in or drop off your Easter offering gift to St. Michael's. You can drop it off at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) Thank you for your continued generosity.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is digital, and can be accessed at stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



Stewardship of Treasure

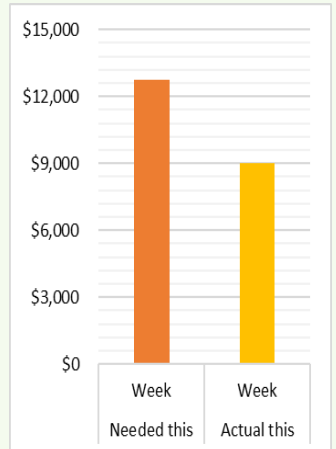
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

4/18/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,963	\$ 9,128	(\$3,835)

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/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **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 **\$12,963**. What we actually received is **\$9,128**, so we are short **\$3,835**.

Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 & Devotions

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	APRIL 24 Manuel Fazendeiro
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 25 Donald Neil Silvey Donna Purszkowski Hornig Avelino Torres The Spinelli Family and For the Parishioners
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 26 Alejandro T. Cruz Elaine Dempsey
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 27 Rodolfo Perez Maria Tavares
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 28 Thomas Gillick, Sr. Cesar & Leticia Nitorreda
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 29 Marissa Matias (Living) Novena of Masses/Randall S. Harris
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	APRIL 30 Novena of Mass Manuel Caram
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	MAY 1 Vincent & Rosario Vibar Emelita & Reynaldo Blaza (Living) 32nd Wedding Anniversary
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	MAY 2 For the Parishioners Espana Family—Thanksgiving Monica & Marylou Votapek Manuel Caram Carl Joseph Gabriel (5th Ann.)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.

MASS INTENTIONS

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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

Easter Blessings from the staff of the Religious Education Office Clare Andriola and Lois Scanio

Students Preparing for First Eucharist

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 24! The remaining students will receive the sacrament on Saturday, May 1 at the 10AM and 1PM masses. A full list of names will be published in the bulletin after all sessions have been completed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Practice for First Holy Communion will be **in person** in the church beginning at 6:30PM. Please note these dates.

Practice for May 1 (10AM Mass) is
Tuesday, April 27. [Please note new date]
Practice for May 1 (1PM Mass) is Thursday, April 29

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.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



The CYO Youth Ministry is excited to announce that on this upcoming Tuesday (4/27) at 7:00pm, we will be having our annual 8th Grader Night! During this event we officially invite and welcome all 8th graders of the community to come and enjoy a fun night of faith based activities with their peers and to show you all what our CYO program is about. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic our 8th Grader Night will not be in person this year and we will be meeting on Zoom instead.

Parents and teens, please check your emails, as a Zoom link with log on instructions has been sent out. If you did not receive one and you would like your child to attend, please email us at cyouunionnj@gmail.com.

We also continue to ask that you all please keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. 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 Mas-sicot** (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).

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

OUTDOOR Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays at **10:00 am**

Registration and MASK **REQUIRED**



Sign up @ <https://signup.com/go/WbCPhhS>
(Space is Limited)

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.



Feeding the Community

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

Marco P. Cruz

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES APRIL 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions—VG
Mollie Endler	Phil Matrale
George Rinehart	Barbara Szymczak (1st Ann.)
Serafina Sauro	Rosemary Sauro
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Linda Skoczylas (Living)	Restituta Ong Go
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Fritz Maddy
Migna de la Cruz	David Araujo
Anamaria Pais (Living)	Luis Pais (Living)
Vera Silva (Living)	All Souls in Purgatory
Yvette Meehan (Living)	Arturo Jalandoni
Julian Montano	Honesto Quijano
Teresita Lara LasPinas (Living)	
Joseph & Michelene Kmetz	
Sacred Heart Special Intentions—Boulin Family	
Thanksgiving—Boulin Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
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 & Mattiack Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo	
Kosiso & Chinedum Akporji (Living)	
Onyekakaci Odoemene (Living)	
Chisom Odoemene (Living)	
Ogechizara Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Kosiso Chika-Nwosuh (Living)	
Terry Piccio	

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, 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, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, 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 Kebala, Alan Cicotte, William Grant, Matteo Piano, Jesus Adrien Duenas, Cesar DeJesus, Frances Mechado, Chet Janusz, Laraine Colucci & Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Danny Bellomo, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, Thomas Leddy, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

You *can* use the Altar Offerings -

Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp can be used for Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

We are in need of a seamstress who can make our Baptismal bibs. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 for more information.



Thank you to Maria Vibar for your contribution for the purchase of the Baptismal bibs. Your support of St. Michael's Church is greatly appreciated.

Virtual MASSES & DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12 NOON

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

MARIAN DEVOTION

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS (VIRTUAL)
WEDNESDAYS (IN CHURCH)

7:00PM

SATURDAY MASS

8:30AM

SUNDAY MASS

*(On Facebook) 10:30AM

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The 2020 November Sacrificial Giving Plaque is here and has been installed. Please take the time to see the plaque. Thank you to all the parishioners who made this fundraising a success.

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit eva.us/stmichael 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.

