

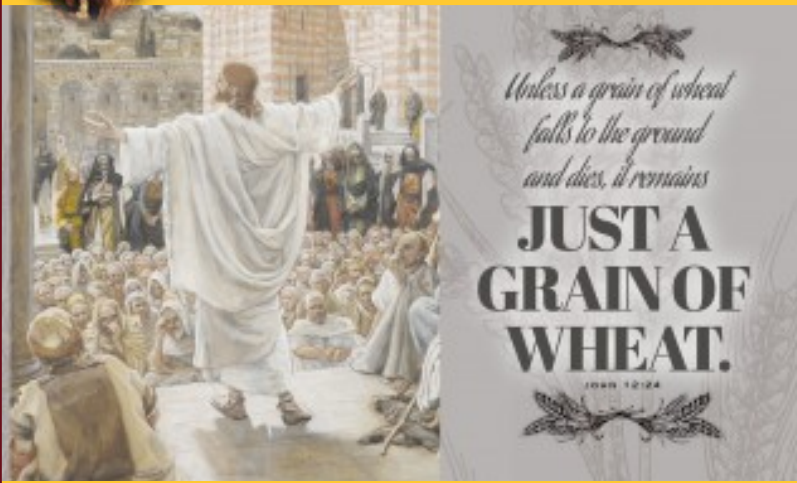


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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

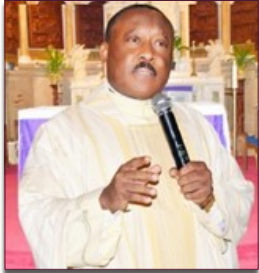
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm
Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk



Disappointed with God?



This past year has been full of ups and downs and many of us may have run into situations where we feel disappointed with God; disappointed with Him for not helping us out with a problem; for not answering a particular prayer; for letting a loved one die from this virus; etc. Even our Lord Jesus Christ had His own moment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:16). It is okay to acknowledge these feelings. For one thing, we wouldn't be disappointed with God if we didn't trust Him to come through for us in our troubled situations.

When we think about it, though, disappointment with God is as a result of our needs and desires not being met by Him. I ask God to do something that I want and how I want it, and He fails to do it. So disappointment with God is a failure of my will not being done by Him. But Scripture says, "My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). In Job 40:8 God asked Job, "Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?"

Is it likely that some of the assumptions we have about life play a big role in our feelings of disappointment toward God and therefore having the right perspective about life and our relationship with God could help in dealing with this matter? Here are some of the hard truths, I believe, we need to consider.

Life is worth more than the things we are disappointed with God about and what, today, we see as a disappointment by God, could easily be tomorrow's blessings.

Things will not always work out the way we want them to, and we need to accept that this is okay, because no matter how I react to life events, life will go on, with or without me. Nothing is indispensable, everything is expendable, and there are things I cannot change nor do anything about. The will of God will always be done.

Whatever I am going through now is not unique to me and is not a question of "Why me". As Scripture says, "Nothing has come to you that is not common to the human race" (1 Cor 10:13). Whatever I am going through now is part of what can happen to any human, and it comes with being alive. So, for all the things I cannot predict or control, I need to "Let go and Let God" or rather, I need to "Trust God and get going".

So, what do I do when I feel disappointed with God? Scripture suggests that we seek after Him even more intensely—to trust that He knows better because He already knows what is in my tomorrow while on the other hand, I do not know what tomorrow will bring; to believe and to trust in His faithfulness to make the best out of my situation; to look back and see what He has done for me in the past and trust that He is able to do it again; to continue to take my situation, in petition and supplication, with thanksgiving, to Him in prayer; to hold unto the hope that, even though "My flesh and my heart may fail, God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Psalm 73:26); and to declare, with Habakkuk that "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength" (Habakkuk 3:17-19). May the good Lord strengthen us in moments of our weakness, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

Parish
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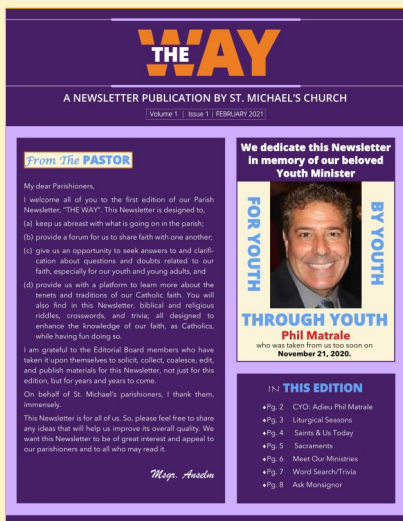
the 2021
Annual Appeal
Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. **Our AAA goal for this year is \$46,240. So far this year we have pledges of \$16,455 or 36% of our goal.** Our response this year is lagging compared to last year. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community. The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; supports retired clergy and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. **Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if we exceed our goal.**

It is important for all of us to participate. Please consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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



Stewardship
of Treasure

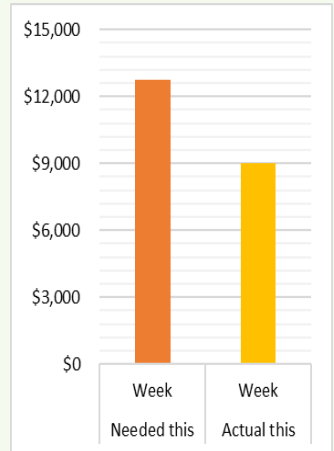
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

3/14/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,781	\$ 9,092	(\$3,689)

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 **\$12,781**. What we actually received is **\$9,092**, so we are short **\$3,689**.

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	March 20 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Shak
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 21 For the Parishioners Frieda, George & Ann Stinson Sybilja Ihediwa Alejandro T. Cruz
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 22 Luis & Manuel Alvero Angie & Jim Simsek (Living) Kehinde Egwaikhide
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 23 Joseph Hrevnack Juan Adon
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 24 Rolando & Matilde Tan Irma Abril (4th Ann.)
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 25 Arthur, Linda & Marge Ericksen Novena of Masses St. Joseph Thanksgiving
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 26 Pedro Murrrieta Novena of Masses
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	March 27 Manuel Fazendeiro Maria Tavares
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 28 Palm Sunday Aurora Pineda Avelino Torres Phil Matrale For the Parishioners

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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

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

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.

LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS

We are pleased to announce that we are reinstating our Lenten Series Speakers following the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays in Lent.

*This will be a virtual presentation projected on the large screens in the church following the Stations of the Cross.

A replay will subsequently be available on our Parish website:

<https://stmichaelunion.org/religious-education/>

Mar. 19	Fr. Charles B. McDermott, Pastor Emeritus, St. Michael's Church	The Year of St. Joseph
Mar. 26	Fr. Jim Worth, St. Joseph Church, Maplewood	A Musical Meditation

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



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. We are currently holding our meetings virtually through Zoom every Tuesday night at 7:00pm. If you are in high school, come join us for faith-based activities, discussions and Covid safe service projects!

Parents and teens, check your mail and emails, as parental consent forms have been sent out. Please have them signed and either dropped off at the Parish Center or emailed. If you choose to email the waiver, make sure you receive a confirmation email back within 48 hours.

If anyone has any questions, send us a message at our updated email: cyouunionnj@gmail.com.

On Tuesday, March 23rd we will be collecting food for our annual Easter Food Drive. If anyone would like to donate, we will be collecting food at the Parish Center from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Virtual CYO will not be held that night.

On the weekends of March 20-21 and 27-28, our CYO Youth Ministry will be selling Palm Crosses and Easter Plants! All Crosses and Plants will be \$10.00 and many colors and varieties will be offered. Please support our CYO by making a purchase! Thank You!

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

Anne Wolff and members of St. Michael's Parish

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES MARCH 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions—VG
Mollie Endler	Phil Matrale
Rev. Matthias Conva	Miguel Rosello
Frank Rubinetti	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Wendelin Orillaneda	Joseph & Michelene Kmetz
Luigi Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomano
George Rinehart	Giuseppe Terriaca
Diane Criado (1st Ann.)	Teresito Javier Alejandro
Rev. Amaro DaRocha Oliveira	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
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 Czapla, 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	
Joseph Furnari and Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano 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, 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 Czapla, Stephen Czapla, 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 and Baby Charlie Boyle.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

All the votive candle stands are now open. Please follow the safety directions on how to light the candles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.



DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 pm. The Chaplet will be recited by prayers. The Divine Mercy Novena, to be started on Good Friday, March 26th, will be available in the vestibule of the Church.

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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ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses in Church.

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

2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – March 26
7:00 pm, Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday, March 27

1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 27 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon
Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week, March 31

Penance Service with Individual Confession
7:00 – 8:30 pm
No Confession on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, April 1

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Vigil & Adoration

Good Friday/First Friday, April 2

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
2:30 pm – Stations of the Cross, Church
3:30 pm – Celebration of the Passion
7:30 pm – CYO Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3

8:30 am – Morning Prayer/Reflections
12:00 noon – Blessing of the Food
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil
No Confession/No 5:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm
Easter Monday, April 5
Mass at 9:00 am

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.

