

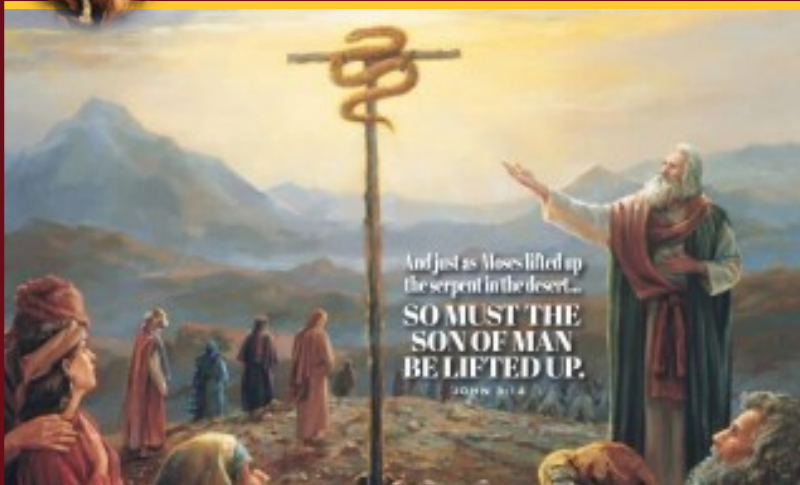


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH 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

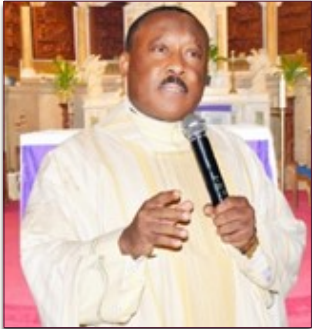
ADVENT REFLECTION

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



To all our parishioners and especially to our Seniors,

I bless you all in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

As the months of struggle with the ravages of the Covid-19 virus continue, it is evident that our parish community has experienced significant disruption, especially, the unexpected separation from one another that none of us could have anticipated or imagined.

For so many, and especially for our seniors, the physical presence and participation in our usual liturgical worships and devotional practices have become challenged and totally disrupted as has many of our family social gatherings. This new reality can be exceedingly difficult and isolating. At this moment, we must all take comfort in the words of our Savior, Jesus Christ, "I will be with you always even unto the end of time". That verse reminds us that we are truly never alone. Yet, we are aware that the monotony of coping with Covid-19 can surely be very disheartening.

This note is just to remind and assure all of you that our Church family, St. Michael's Parish is also here for you. We care about you, and we pray for your health and welfare daily. Be assured that the love of Jesus Christ will continue to offer you strength and sustain you as we pray together for safety. Your spiritual welfare remains important to us and we encourage all, who are not able to join us physically, to try and participate virtually in the weekly Masses and Devotions.

Please know that if any assistance is needed or desired, all you have to do is to call the Parish Center at 908-688-1232, and we will make every effort to help and be there for you. Further, if you would appreciate an occasional social phone call, please indicate that to us and we will do everything we can to oblige you.

May God continue to bless us all as we stand together in faith, as a parish family, during these difficult times.

Msgr. Anselm

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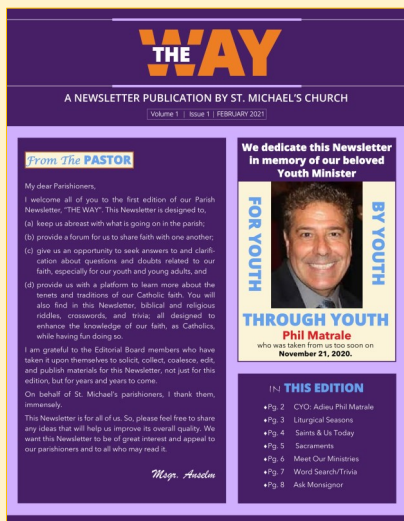
the 2021
Annual Appeal
Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

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 \$9970 or 22% of our goal. Last year at this time we had pledges of \$22,240 or 46% 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

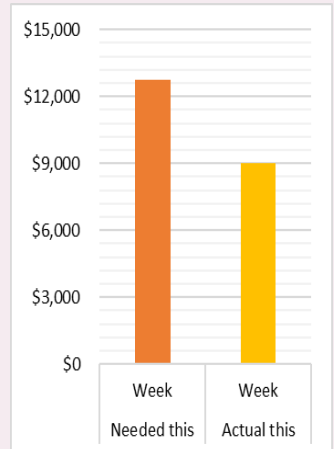
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

3/7/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 12,796	\$ 9,069	(\$3,727)

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 **\$12,796**. What we actually received is **\$9,069**, so we are short **\$3,727**.

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 13 Marie Carmella Erwin (Living) Thanksgiving
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 14 Rafael Vibar For the Parishioners Teodoro Mendoza Jose Isirio Torres
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 15 Maximillian Ekpeni (1st Ann.) Donald Neil Silvey
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 16 Novena of Masses/Fidela Dagat Joselito Espana (Living)
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 17 Claire Kelly Gillick Gisan Lambago
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 18 Novena of Masses Jesus & Josephina Alvero Frances Petrick (94th Birthday)
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	March 19 Mary Ann Canavan (8th Ann.) Special Intentions to St. Joseph
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	March 20 Helen Walano 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

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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



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.

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN MAKING THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, March 13-11:00am-For children whose last names begin with A thru M
Saturday, March 20- 11:00am-For children whose last names begin with N to Z
Note: Only parents should accompany the child. Please arrive at the Church 10-15 minutes early to sign in and be seated so that we can begin on time.

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. 12	Mary F. Brown-Blessed Sacrament/ St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Newark	Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me
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

cyouionnj@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: cyouionnj@gmail.com. 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 Masicot** (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.



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

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 Czapl, Leniart & McMahan 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 Czapl, Stephen Czapl, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6

A lament from exile for the loss of Jerusalem

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.



DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 pm in 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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www.stmichaelunion.org

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 19, 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.

