



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 26, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls."

MATTHEW 13:45

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

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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

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*

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 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

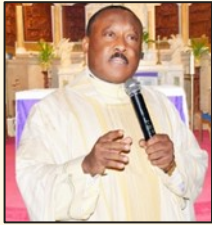
All parishioners need to be registered.

Message From Our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

It is all about Wisdom



A manager went out to lunch with his sales rep and store manager. On their way to the restaurant, they saw an antique oil lamp by the roadside. They picked it up and as they rubbed at it, a Genie jumped out and, looking at the trio, said: "I'll give each of you just one wish, so ask for anything you want". The store manager shouted, "Me first! Me first!" and went on to make his wish. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! He was gone. "I am the next," said the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Colodas, and the love of my life." Poof! He was gone. "OK, says the manager, "I want those two back in the office after lunch." Uhhhh! Those two lacked the wisdom of letting their manager make his wish first. If God gave you one wish to make, what will it be?

Our first reading, this 17th Sunday of the year, had a similar story. Solomon encountered God who tells him to ask for anything that he needs since he is now the king of Israel. Amazingly, Solomon's concern was how to become the best in what God had called him to do. He had just been made the king of Israel; just as God has called each and every one of us to some vocation and position—to be a priest, a husband, a father, a wife, a mother, a parent, a manager, a secretary; you name it. Solomon knew that the satisfaction of present and future responsibilities lie in the possession of wisdom—that quality of having experience, understanding, knowledge, and good judgment in the execution of responsibilities; that ability to organize our life so that we can live in the present while planning for the future and profiting from the past; that capacity to do, not as much as we can, but as much as we should; that self-regulation that prevents us from doing desperate things, from overlooking the simple things that inevitably are the most significant things in life. When it comes to life, **wisdom is to be aware of where God is with you, right here, right now; to pay attention to your life, to accept your position in the universe, and to say "yes" to life on the terms that God is giving it to you at this present moment; to embracing brokenness as an integral part of life because this sets you free to live well, to love well and, in the end, to die well; to be aware of what can't be changed and what can and to be at peace with that.**

So wisdom begins with knowing oneself; to know what your limitations are and where you need help most; to understand that no one has the monopoly of knowledge and that we need heavenly perspectives to deal successfully with the challenges of life. There is a saying, "If you realize that you aren't as wise today as you thought you were yesterday, you're wiser today". Solomon knew he was a very young man and that he lacked the knowledge to rule and judge this vast kingdom, which is Israel. So, he took his role as king and asked for wisdom. The Bible says, "Bring your work unto the Lord and your plans shall be established" (Proverb 16:3).

Here then, is our question: is there any part of my life-vocation that I have not sought wisdom from God for its execution? How often do I pray and ask God for the gift of wisdom to be a good spouse, a good parent, a good worker, a good student, a good priest, a good teacher, or to know what I can change, what I cannot change, and what the difference is? It is important for us to notice that Solomon asked for wisdom to carry out his job; he did not ask God to do the job for him. God is not going to do the job for us for the work that He wants to do in the world through us. That is why, in whatever area of life we find ourselves, we must ask God to give us the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to follow through with it. There are some things that money cannot buy one of which is wisdom. May the good Lord grant us the wisdom to do His work on this earth!

Msr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY	July 25
5:30 pm	Winifred Smyth
SUNDAY	July 26
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Maria Amador
10:30 am	Kenneth Spassione, Sr.
12:00 Noon	Barbara Dittmer (5th Ann.)
MONDAY	July 27
8:30 am	Maria Tavares (5th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Brenda Rumohr
TUESDAY	July 28
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Lino Mier (Living)
WEDNESDAY	July 29
8:30 am	Aris Francisco
12:00 Noon	Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu (Living)
THURSDAY	July 30
8:30 am	Ligaya Jeciel Vergara (1st Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Mary Russomanno
FRIDAY	July 31
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Manuel Fazendeiro
SATURDAY	August 1
8:30 am	Joseph Hrevnack
5:30 pm	Nwando Melie (Living)
SUNDAY	August 2
7:30 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Kevin Appuzzio
12:00 Noon	Lucila Sousa Araujo

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of Stephanie Marie Mejias, requested by Iraida & Hector Mejias and Family.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE (YEAR TO DATE)

"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**

	Week of	Year to Date
	6/28/2020	7/1-6/28/2020
Collections	\$5,536	\$287,844
Online Collections	\$1,890	\$ 61,686
SOS	\$ 920	\$102,480
Online SOS	\$ 70	\$ 31,777
Total	\$8,416	\$483,787
Budget	\$8,017	\$533,110
Difference	\$ 399	(\$ 49,323)

St. Michael's Parish fiscal year end is 6/30/2020. The Church is finishing up this year with a Collection and SOS shortfall of \$49,323.

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

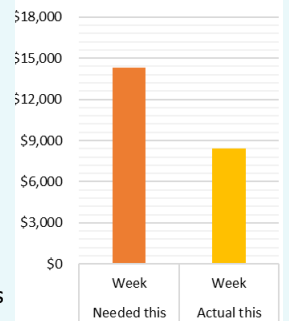
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6/28/2020	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,324	\$ 8,416	(\$5,908)

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 \$14,324. What we actually received is \$8,416, so we are short \$5,908. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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@patirckphillips.com



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Gospel Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

REMINDER

FIRST RECONCILIATION—AUGUST 1 AT 10:00 AM

Please call Religious Education Office (908) 964-0965 to confirm.

If the office has not received your child's Baptismal Certificate, you child cannot receive the Sacrament.

Due to Church guidelines and restrictions, we are only allowed 100 people in the Church at this time. ***This means only the child and both parents can attend the reconciliation service.***

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.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRAM AS SOON AS WE GET INFORMATION FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE.

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 & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	Mollie Endler
John Ciborowski	Tomasa Roque
Joseph Baranello	Stanley Skora
Ann Ledesma Jalandoni	Oscar Bascon
Jean & Ray Perkins (Living) - 50th Wedding Anniversary	
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 & McMahan 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 COVID 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 come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

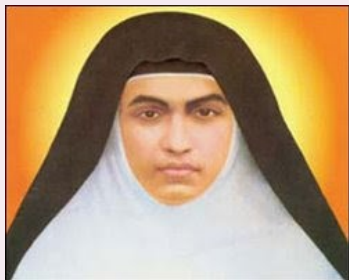
Visit eva.us/stmichael-adults to sign up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us.

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.



We will be celebrating the feast day of St. Alphonsa (the first Saint of India) this Sunday, July 26 at the 12:00 Noon Mass. All are welcome!

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



**THE SEPTEMBER
ST. MICHAEL'S
DINNER DANCE
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**