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:
  - www.stmichaelunion.org
  - StMichaelParishUnion
  - stmichaelunion
  - Stmichaelchurch

Devotions
EUCHARISTIC 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

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, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mr. Philip Matraile, 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.
Dear Parishioners,

Our God is good, and He is a giving God. He gives and gives because it is His character to give; and we, who seek to reflect that same character, embrace gratitude; giving-back, as a way of life.

One way to give back, in gratitude, is through sacrificial offering, the most powerful of which is the “Sacrifices of Thanksgiving”; an expression of thanks and gratitude to God for His blessings upon us. This kind of offering is far more powerful than the “Sin Offering”—offered for the cleansing of sin—or “Burnt Offering”—offered to turn away God’s righteous anger (Ref Lev 1 & 4) because these two offerings came as a consequence of sin—the fall of our first parents—but not so with the “Sacrifice of Thanksgiving” (Lev 17:11-16; 22:29-30). Even if Adam and Eve never fell, we would still have been required to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, in gratitude to God for His blessings upon us. So it is an essential part of who we are as children of God.

For the most part of this year, we have been forced to live under the threat and attack of coronavirus, with its devastating effects; effects, from which the Church has not been exempted. For example, our Sunday collection from March through September this year is $85,389.00 short. Easter collection alone was $18,605 down. The good news is that our God is good, and by His grace, we will pull through this challenge, triumphantly. I say this with confidence because everything we have agreed and set out to do, we have done and accomplished.

Since this pandemic did not allow us to run any of our planned fundraisers, our response, as a Church, is to declare November 2020 “A Month of Gratitude”; “A Month of Sacrificial Giving”; a month we are, in a very special way, calling upon all our parishioners to graciously and selflessly make a sacrificial offering of thanksgiving (an offering separate from the regular Sunday collection and SOS), in support of our efforts to offset this deficit that is making it difficult for us to meet our obligations.

This “November-Sacrificial-Giving” is designed to be a tangible embodiment of our gratitude to God, for either (a) protecting us against this virus, (for those who have never been infected), or (b) for granting us healing and deliverance (for those who were infected and recovered), or (c) for granting eternal rest to a beloved one who fell victim to this virus; and (d) for continued deliverance from this pandemic and all other iniquities. Yes, we may never be able to repay God exactly for what He has done for us, but we can, through this sacrificial giving reflect and thank Him for His generous gift of grace, healing, and consolation.

So, I step out in faith and with confidence call upon our parishioners to give at these levels: We need, five “St. Michael-Church-Archangels” to make a sacrificial donation of $2,000+ each; five “St. Michael Church Patriarchs” to make a sacrificial donation of $1500+ each; Twelve “St. Michael Church Apostles” to make a sacrificial donation of $1000+ each; Thirty “St. Michael Church Disciples” to make a sacrificial donation of $500+ each; Fifty “St. Michael Church Evangelists” to make a sacrificial donation of $250+ each; One hundred “St. Michael Church Crusaders” to make a sacrificial donation of $200+ each; One Hundred and Fifty “St. Michael Church Guardian Angels” to make a sacrificial offering of $100+ each. A plaque, to be named “St. Michael’s Church November 2020 Sacrificial Giving Bailout” will be created to memorialize all donors in their various categories. Please choose a level that would be a true stretch for you since this is a sacrificial giving.

We encourage our parishioners to use, if possible, the “Go Fund Me” or the “Parish Giving” link on our Parish website. Alternatively, put your offering in an envelope and clearly label it, “November Sacrificial Giving” with your name and envelope number on it. You can mail, drop it in the collection box, or drop it off at the Parish Center or Rectory. Please know that this offering is 100% free from Archdiocesan Assessment.

I thank all of you for responding positively to this call. I am sure that by the end of this year, we will recover from this shortfall. May God reward your efforts and multiply your giving according to the abundance of His gracious riches in Christ Jesus, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm
Mass Intentions &  
Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY October 17  
5:30 pm Charles Emeka Onwuka  
SUNDAY October 18  
7:30 am Charles Emeka Onwuka  
9:00 am Donna Hornig  
10:30 am Morris Saverino  
12:00 Noon For the Parishioners  
MONDAY October 19  
8:30 am Winifred Smyth  
12:00 Noon Salome Tesoro  
TUESDAY October 20  
8:30 am Rolando Gonzalez  
12:00 Noon Rosita Cuizon  
WEDNESDAY October 21  
8:30 am Novena of Masses  
12:00 Noon Carmen Natale (11th Ann.)  
THURSDAY October 22  
8:30 am Jose Joseph & Family (Living)  
12:00 Noon Maria Virginia Moralde  
FRIDAY October 23  
8:30 am Dominick Monteleone  
12:00 Noon Maria Ribeiro  
SATURDAY October 24  
8:30 am Kenneth Spassione, Sr.  
5:30 pm Alejandro T. Cruz  
SUNDAY October 25  
7:30 am For the Parishioners  
9:00 am Clare Pettesch (4th Ann.)  
10:30 am Anthony Cavallo (Living)  
12:00 Noon Lucille Sousa Araujo  

ALTAR OFFERINGS  
The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Thomas & Mary Ann Canavan, requested by the Kip Family.  

*** ALL 7:00 AM DAILY MASS INTENTIONS ARE GOING TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE 8:30 AM MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  

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  

10/11/2020 Needed Actual Deficit  
This Week This Week This Week  
Collection & SOS $ 11,898 $ 8,884 $ 3,014  

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 $11,898. What we actually received is $8,884, so we are short $3,014. Do please continue to support St. Michael’s Parish.  

Thank you for your continued generosity!
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MINISTRY Information

CYO Youth Ministry News
cyounion@aol.com

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!

TUESDAYs
7-8:30pm

St. Michael’s Upstairs Church

Due to space limitations members must register to come to the meeting at cyounion@aol.com. (Include your name and grade in your email). Once all spaces are reserved the meeting will be closed so don’t delay!

In order to attend a CYO meeting members must bring their Signed Covid Liability Form, Registration Form and CYO dues. All forms have been mailed home to Parents of CYO members. If you did not receive them contact CYO by email and we will send them to you.

A MASK must be worn by everyone attending the meeting, hands will be sanitized when entering and social distancing will be upheld.

Your continued patience, understanding and prayers are still needed! God Bless you all!

WE'RE BACK!
Space is limited: You must Reserve a spot at cyounion@aol.com

CYO begins
Tuesday,
October 13th!

You must bring your Covid Liability Form, Registration Form and Dues! All info was sent to your Parents!

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 now open. You can contact us by phone (908) 964-0965 or by email at smcccd@comcast.net if you would like to leave a message.

UPDATE 2020/2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Our textbooks have arrived. If you missed our pickup dates, you may come to the Religious Education Office, 1211 Orange Avenue on Monday, October 19 through Thursday, October 22 between the hours of 9:30AM and 2:30PM. No appointment is necessary.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only a Parent or Legal Guardian may pick up the child’s book as they will be asked to sign a Permission Form that allows their child to participate in St. Michael’s Faith Formation Program Sessions through the use of our digital platform. We cannot assign your child to a Google Classroom until we have these documents in hand. Please also remember to observe social distancing and wear a mask at all times when on the premises.

Virtual classes started Sunday, October 4 for Grades 1-5 and Tuesday evening, October 6 for Grades 6-8. Catechists are both posting lessons for completion within the week and live-streaming lessons. Please log in to Google Classroom to check the schedule for your child’s class.

We are still in need of a few good catechists – men and women who are willing to share their faith with the children. Enrollment is up and we want to keep the classes small. No experience is necessary. We will provide training and assistance. You simply need a desire to assist our young people in developing a relationship with God and some basic computer skills due to the nature of our program this year. Please call Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965 or email her at smcccd@comcast.net.

Finally, we are seeking a few volunteers who have Google Classroom, Google Meet, Zoom and/or Flipgrid experience to help us enhance our digital platform. Please try again. We still need you. Call Mrs. Andriola at 908-964-0965 or email smcccd@comcast.net.

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.

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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

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes
Saturdays 9:30 am
Mondays 7:00 pm

Attention Parishioners:

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please register if you want to attend our Sunday Masses.

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

Attention Parishioners:

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY TO HONOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

Starting October 1 till October 31 we will be praying the Rosary daily at 7:00 pm and it will be streamed online. Sign up via Gotomeeting on the web page at www.stmichaelunion.org

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

Emergency Food Distribution Event at Kean University
100 Morris Ave, Union.
Open to all Union County residents affected by Covid19.
Drive through only
For more information please call the DHS Action Line: 888-845-3434, 908-558-2288
or email DHSAction@ucnj.org
Dates: October 24, November 7, November 21, December 19
Time: From 9 am

THANK YOU!

To the organizers and the donors for our joint Saint Michael and San Lorenzo Ruiz feasts celebration. The Feast collection was $861.00. Thank you for your support.

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been generously been responding to our call for donations to the ministry.

HUGS Ministry distributes Grace Bags every month to families in our parish. To help us continue our charitable course 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.

Our Drop Box is located behind the Parish Office. Please call Bisi Longe (908)247-4461 or Tania Massicot (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).

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NOVENA of Masses

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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 Luigi Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig Mollie Endler
Remo Lacson, Sr. Angelina Echaus
Maria Virginia Moralde Paulino Cruz
Jaime S. Estrella Michael Jhun Ravago
Philip & Elizabeth Bober (Living)-50th Wedding Anniversary
Dominick A. Monteone Shella Boulin (Living)
Aname Lourdes Orillandea Wendelin Orillandea
Joseph & Micheline Kmetz James S. Estrella
Veana Lim (Living)
Dorothy Pryzby (Living)-101 Birthday
Boulin Family Special Intentions
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart
Lucilia Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families
Patsy J. Scaligione & Deceased Family Members
Special Intentions for the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecko Families
In Thanks for God’s Blessings on the USA
For God’s Assistance with COVID 19
All Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families
Living & Deceased Members of 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, Rakoczcy Family, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudso, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D’Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Clabette Kallabeen, Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Illuminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santago, 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, Lucy Scaligione, Doug Heinzer, Veana Lim and Myra Kebala.

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
Concetta “Connie” Matrale.

Announcements

2021 MASS BOOK

Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions. The book will open starting Thursday, October 15th. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

TENNY NINE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading
Isaiah 45:1,4-6
The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 96:1,3-10
Sing praise to the Lord.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:15-21
The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.