

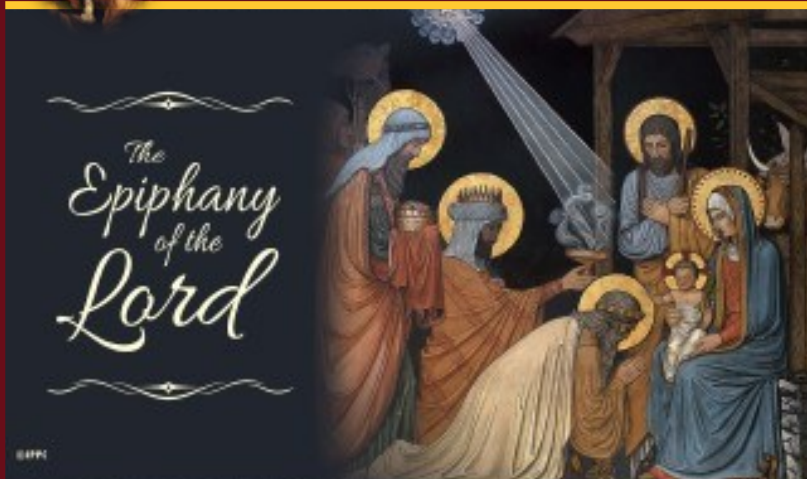


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 2, 2022

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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:

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

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.



Message From The Pastors Desk

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



As we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, one question keeps coming to my mind: "Why did the Magi, these rich and non-Jewish merchants, leave Persia to travel hundreds of miles to Bethlehem in search of a new born king? They apparently had more than enough to live on and so why make this travel? Many a time, in life, we may have enough to live on but not enough to live for. Probably the Magi were in search of someone that could give meaning to their lives. In the Old Testament, there are about 300 prophecies about the birth of the Messiah, all of which were fulfilled, to the letter, in Christ Jesus. George Heron, a French mathematician, calculated the odds of one man fulfilling only 40 of these prophecies and he said it would be 1 in 10 to the power 157; that is, 1 followed by 157 zeros. So, this new-born

king was not an ordinary king; there was something special about Him and the presence of the guiding-Star added to the significance. Remember what Scriptures says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in its fullness" (John 10:10). So, why did the Magi follow this star all the way to Bethlehem?

For one thing, it was a star of hope; hope that points to eternity, to salvation, to forgiveness, to redemption, to being friends with God again, to being reconciled with our creator because the "Reconciler In-Chief" is now here. There is this story of a young man who sent a love letter to his girlfriend saying, "Darling, I will climb the highest mountain, sail the widest ocean, and cross the hottest desert just to see you. I will be over on Saturday night to see you if it doesn't rain". I guess talk is cheap, but these wise men were not all talk and no walk! They were willing to risk everything to follow the star to where it led. How willing am I to do whatever it takes to let my life be drawn to Jesus Christ?

It was also a star of change and challenge; change that brings new direction, purpose and destiny; change that has broken the back of guilt, shame, defeat, feelings of unworthiness and rejection; a challenge that promises newness of life. No wonder Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and tired, and I will give you rest". That is to say, all of you who are tired, worn out, burned out, rejected, dejected, overburdened, and overwhelmed; come to me, walk with me, work with me, get away with me, and I will show you the way to real rest and joy and you will discover and experience the rhythms of grace and recover your life. I promise I will never lay anything heavy on you or that which will over-burden you. Just keep company with me and I guarantee that you will learn to live freely and lightly. My dear friend, the Star of David, Jesus the Christ, is heavens answer to earth's dilemma.

It was also a star of generosity. We are told, "They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then, they opened their luggage and presented Him with gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt 2:11). Scripture says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" (Malachi 3:10-11). "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom" (Luke 6:38).

It was also a star of divine guidance. Scripture says, "After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was". In Isaiah 60 we read: "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." David was wise when he prayed, "Order my steps, oh Lord, by your word, and do not let iniquity overtake me". May the Star of David lead and guide us to the true essence of life and Christian living, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE:

**FEAST OF THE SANTO NINO
(INFANT JESUS) AND THE
CELEBRATION OF THE 500
YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
CHRISTIANITY IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

**January 30, 2022 at 3:00 pm
Mass and Fellowship after
Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall.**



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER EDITION

www.stmichaelunion.org

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.



6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—
stmichaelunion.org

BANK TRANSFER:

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stmichaelunion@comcast.net
In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.

CONTACT FREE:

QR CODE



Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page

MAIL IN:



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



You can use designated envelopes **OR** use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

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**

12/12/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,628	\$ 9,633	(\$ 995)

Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by

Deficit for the Sunday 12/12/2021 is (\$995). Could we please have some parishioners help us cover this deficit this coming weeks, in this way we stay in budget and be in the green. Thank you for your generosity to God's Kingdom on earth.

using one of the following methods:

- **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.

Dear Parishioners,

In order for us to stay in the GREEN, it is important that we meet our weekly budget collections and SOS. Please let us continue to support the weekly Sunday collection so that we can achieve our goals of balancing the budget going forward.

Thank you for your support of the parish and your continued generosity.

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Thank you to our parishioners who have started using Parish Giving. Sunday Collections donated online, using Parish Giving, has increased from 9%, in 2019, to currently 30% of our Total Sunday Collections.

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 or **scan the QR Code above**, (with your phone camera) that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during the unprecedented emergency that we are experiencing.



Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	January 1	New Year's Day
9:00 am	Teofista Oliver	
	Alfredo Canoza	
10:30 am	Nordick Anthony Garcia	
	Jesus Alvero	
5:30 pm	Grandeza Family—Thanksgiving	
	Frank Karwowski	
SUNDAY	January 2	Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group	
	For the Parishioners	
9:00 am	Alejandro T. Cruz	
10:30 am	Donato, Elizabeth, Joe Pacicco	
12:00 Noon	Cornelio Magbanua	
MONDAY	January 3	
8:30 am	Bienvenido Valencia	
12:00 Noon	Aris Francisco	
TUESDAY	January 4	
8:30 am	Jesus & Josefina Alvero	
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses	
WEDNESDAY	January 5	
8:30 am	Avelino Torres	
12:00 Noon	Thelma P. Carbon	
THURSDAY	January 6	
8:30 am	Luis & Manuel Alvero	
12:00 Noon	Adonis Causing	
FRIDAY	January 7	First Friday
8:30 am	Novena of Masses	
12:00 Noon	Lucilia Sousa Araujo	
6:30 pm	Charito De La Cruz	
SATURDAY	January 8	
8:30 am	Jesus Duenas	
5:30 pm	Roger Boetsch	
SUNDAY	January 9	Baptism of the Lord
7:30 am	For the Parishioners	
	Thomas Coullahan	
9:00 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group	
10:30 am	Norma Llamas	
12:00 Noon	Waleria Koziol	

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione, Family & Friends



St. Michael Parish School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher for a 3rd grade position. Applicant must have a teaching certificate. Experience is a plus. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to rsicolone@smsunion.org

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: Please note we have extended the Christmas break by one additional week. There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 19, 26 and January 2, Monday, December 20, 27 and January 3 and Tuesday, December 21, 28 and January 4. **Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 9, 2022.**

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. The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@gmail.com



There will be no CYO meetings on Tuesday, December 28th or January 4th. CYO will resume on Tuesday, January 11th. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year Everyone!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

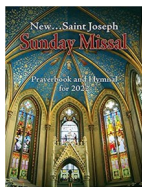
Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry it is a rewarding experience bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass.

At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings at various masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email jpastewski@aol.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS
FOR 2022

We have a limited quantity available for purchase. **Cost is \$5.00.** Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to pick up your copy.



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
St. Michael's Parishioners

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, 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, Kathy Sarno, Baby Charlie Boyle, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Mary Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Aurora Manochio, Tom Ewing, Tony Zaliwski, Kathleen Kachelriess, Trudy Spinelli, Willa Jackson, John McEvoy, Stephanie Phillips, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Eleanor Cachelris, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

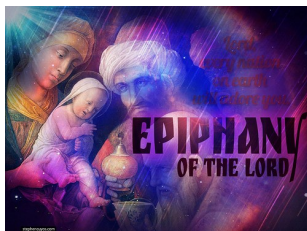
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus
and do him homage.



NOVENA of Masses

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JANUARY 2022

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Alejandro T. Cruz	Jorge J. Criado
Craig Calix (Living)	Alex Micayabas
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Serafina Sauro
Evelyn Phillips Landolfi	Christopher Boulton (Living)
Wladyslaw & Anna Skoczylas	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Manuel Pereira Araujo	Marte Palencia
Audrey Altagrace Royal (Living)	Josefa Agudo Palanca
The Pierre-Lys and Thebaud Family-Special Intention & Thanksgiving	
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	
Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leinart & McMahon Fam	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	

2022 MASS BOOK

THE BOOK IS OPEN! Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation.



The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse to reach out to the prosecutor. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors with the Archdiocese are:

Bergen (201) 646-2300
Essex (973) 621-4700
Hudson (201) 795-6400
Union (908) 527-4500

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TRIP– SIGHT AND SOUND**

Join us on Thursday, March 31, 2022 for a trip to Sight and Sound to see DAVID.

Experience one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand new original stage production.

Bus will leave St. Michael's parking lot at **7:45 am sharp**. After the show we will have lunch at Shady Maple.

Price is \$130.00 which will include lunch at Shady Maple and gratuities. Make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.

Bus seating will be on a first come basis.

Vaccinations are required.

For further information contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 or email Albertvp@verizon.net.

Return to St. Michael's Church

1211 Orange Ave., Union, NJ 07083

With payment.

Name: _____

Telephone No: _____

No of Seats: _____

ATTENTION PARISHONERS:

The Parish Center will be closed the week between Christmas and the New Year Friday, December 24, 2021 to Monday, January 3, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!**NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING**

20 + C + M + B + 22

Heavenly Father, bless our home and those who dwell within its secure walls. Grant that all people who visit will find us honest, just and hospitable. May we live this coming year open to Your grace and mercy, as we walk in your truth.

Please cut up this prayer and place at the top of your front door.

JOB VACANCY
Apply Now!

PART-TIME BUSINESS MANAGER

Practicing Catholic; strongly committed to Servant Leadership; Bachelor's degree or above, with 3-5 years of business experience; knowledge of accounting principles and practices; proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Quick books, and ability to use financial reporting programs; demonstrated ability to set priorities and to organize work effectively, including maintaining effective record keeping systems; strong communication skills; ability to compose correspondence and reports; ability to relate well with variety of persons; ability to negotiate and manage contracts with outside vendors and interface with corporations, maintain confidentiality, prioritize, and be flexible.

For consideration, please send your resume to [**stmichaelunion@comcast.net**](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net)