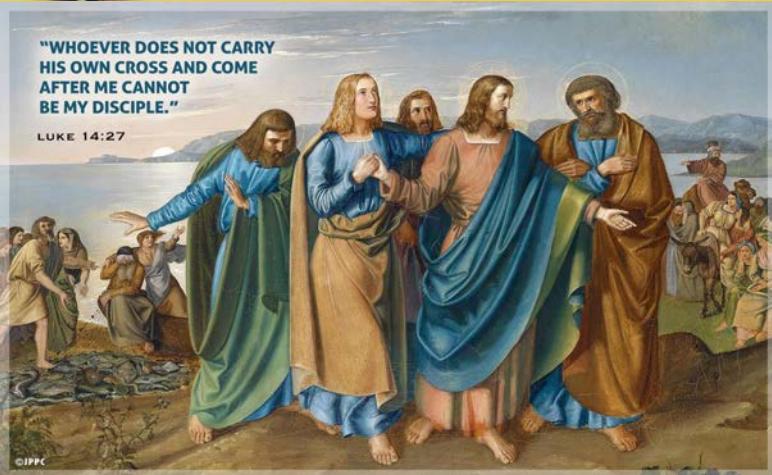


ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

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September 3 & 4, 2022

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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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:

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday:

8:30 am

Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

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Devotions

EUCARISTIC 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

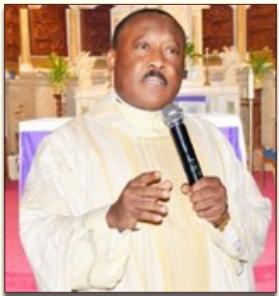
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP



In the 2nd reading of this 23rd Sunday, year C (Philemon 9-10, 12-17), we read a story that is of great significance in our lives as Christians. The story line is that Philemon, a slave owner, had become converted to Christianity by Paul. Onesimus, Philemon's slave, had run away from his master and encountered Paul in Rome, while Paul was in prison, and became converted to Christianity. Now, Paul wants to return Onesimus back to Philemon, but he wants Philemon, to receive Onesimus back, not as a slave but as a dear brother in Christ.

What a challenge this might have been for Philemon. No doubt, he must have struggled with this invitation to Christian charity. Onesimus, very possibly, had stolen from his master, was said to be a useless slave, and had run away, depriving Philemon of the labor that he legally had a right to. And now Paul is challenging him to receive God's grace by welcoming Onesimus back, no longer as a piece of property, no longer as someone who had stolen from him, but as a beloved spiritual sibling. Not easy, is it? It is amazing how God can stretch us beyond our comfort zone just to make us see beyond our prejudices and bitterness. Think about Joseph and how he was able to forgive and reconcile with his brothers who had done so much evil against him? He recognized that the evil done against him was used by God to accomplish so much good. My friends, our ability to forgive others comes from knowing that the great power of God can accomplish good through our suffering and hurt.

Important to note here is that Paul, in this letter, is not just challenging Philemon alone. He is challenging all of us. Just as Philemon's conversion to Christianity called for a revolution in his thinking, decision-making, and relationships, so does our accepting Christ as our Lord and Savior demand a radical change in our lives, in our thinking, our decision-making, and in our relationships with others; with those we dislike so much and even hate, with those we bear prejudice over, with those who differ in their political views from us, with those we can barely stand their sight or even the sound of their voice. Accepting Jesus Christ should provoke in us the very possibility of ending bitterness and hatred, reviling, malice, discrimination, dehumanization, classism, and racism. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. I know that sounds like a cliché but it is truly a radical concept at the very heart of being a Christian. If we cannot accept this, then Christianity is not for us.

In the Gospel reading, Christ was very clear that being a faithful disciple will cost us and will cost us big time. That is why He asked that we weigh the cost of discipleship before we accept Him as our Lord and Savior. The good news is that the grace of God is ever present to make all things possible, only if we believe. Accepting the challenge of our Christian faith, in this story, begins with a deep conviction that we can find our way out of bitterness and hatred. Then, we prayerfully seek the grace of God and, with humility, work for it in our own lives. Nothing is impossible for God to do, in us, only if we can believe and submit to his power and grace.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

GOAL: **\$100,000**

TOTAL COLLECTED

8/17-/8/24/22 **\$73,916**

8/24-8/31/22 **\$ 2,859**

Total: **\$76,775**

Our annual fundraiser **USAN (Union of Saints and Nations)** is off to a good start! Please note that donations online are made through Parish Giving. If you do not have a Parish Giving Account for your regular tithe, you can still give by clicking the "Give Now" Button or "Give As Guest", which gives the one time opportunity to donate without having an account with Parish Giving. If you have any issues please call the office at 908-688-1232.

<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/usan>

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

S.O.S. Collection - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills. S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

Tithing—This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new air conditioner. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs. Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

Assessment Collection - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the archdiocese a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, to be paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment. All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.

National Collections - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.

St. Vincent De Paul Collection - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!

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**

COLLECTION & SOS

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
Collection 8/28/22	\$10,034	\$ 8,673	\$1,361
Collection 9/3/22	\$ 9,569		

- **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

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If you have not been receiving emails from the church via **Evangelus** please visit eva.us/stmichaels to sign up in order to receive messages and stay informed about current happenings in church.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	September 3
5:30 pm	Edison Magno Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
SUNDAY	September 4
7:30 am	Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-Protection of Children
9:00 am	Babe & Fred Pajarillo (Living)-56th Wedding Ann
10:30 am	Alejandro T. Cruz Maureen Reilly Mannelia Caram (6th Ann.)
12:00 noon	Brian Phillips For the Parishioners
MONDAY	September 5 Labor Day
9:00 am	Deceased Members of the St. Michael's Seniors Marc Frederick Pajarrillo (Living)-Birthday
TUESDAY	September 6
8:30 am	Jerry Crincoli, Jr.
12:00 noon	Novena of Masses
WEDNESDAY	September 7
8:30 am	Rosalyn Abraham (Living)
12:00 noon	Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero
THURSDAY	September 8
8:30 am	Julia Ines Benitez
12:00 Noon	Vincent Espana (Living) Nickdy Auguste (Living) - Birthday
FRIDAY	September 9
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
12:00 noon	Lucas Ilagan
SATURDAY	September 10
8:30 am	Danilo V. Palomares
5:30 pm	Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving Maria Jose Farinha
SUNDAY	September 11
7:30 am	Arturo Mori
9:00 am	Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-
10:30 am	Expectant Mothers Sabinus Aron Ihediwa Carlos Favaro
12:00 noon	Carmen M. Gancia

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) SUMMER Dance Classes For the whole Family

Saturdays 9:30—10:30 am
Phil Matrale Church Hall (LC)

Ministry Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday from 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

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education – Lois Scanio

2022-23 Religious Education Classes will begin the week of September 18

If you have not done so, please register your child(ren). Classes are available for Grades 1-5 on Sunday mornings, Grades 1-4 on Monday afternoons, and Grades 6-8 on Tuesday evenings. If needed, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. **Grade 2 and Sacrament Prep students must attend in person.**

You will find everything you need to register your child and make payment on our website at: www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education including links to the online forms, a registration fee sheet, Policies & Procedures, and a calendar setting out the schedule for the year. You will also find a printable registration form if you prefer to mail or drop off your registration and pay by check (payable to St. Michael's Religious Education) or stop by the Religious Education Office (days/times above) and register in person.

IMPORTANT:

Registrations received after September 5 will incur a \$25 late fee. Please, however, do not let the inability to pay stop you from registering your child. Call or stop by the office and we will work with you.

If you know someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. Special classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.

Volunteers – We are always looking for dedicated men and women to share their time and talents as a catechist, aide or session helper. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to this vital ministry? Call or stop by the office for further information.

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 after having completed two years of preparation. Upon completion of Religious Education Grades 1-8, most children receive the sacrament of Confirmation in ninth grade. Please contact the Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator Cristina Manochio for further information at cyouunionnj@gmail.com.

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES CYCLE C

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, Gregory Ward, 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, 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, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubebara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Charito Palencia, Angelina Amali, Debbie Schaeffer Huggan, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Karen Zabbia, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Byron DellMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana

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
Mary T. Capriglione & Marie Hannon

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.



NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES SEPTEMBER 2022

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Alejandro T. Cruz	Jorge J. Criado
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Luigi Sauro
Manuel Pereira Araujo	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Reme Valentine Blanc	Fritz Maddy
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	George Rinehart
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Magdalena Moreno Cruz	Thomas Donohue
Special Intentions—VG	For the Souls in Purgatory
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	Violeta Williams
Paul Espeleta	Mary Minni
Czeslaw Pogorzelska (30th Ann.)	Zofia Siwiec (22nd Ann.)
Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leinart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais, Cadenas Families	
Richard Dominic Laudadio & Family (Living)-Peace & Protection	
Shela Boulin & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families	
Family of Assumpta & Emmanuel Ekeh (Living)-Private Intentions)	

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to welcome all high school teens to our first meeting of the school year on September 13th at 7:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall.

We would also like to congratulate our new Senior Executive Board Members on their positions and pray for their success this upcoming year!

President: Laila Tomlinson

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DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 6PM-7.30PM

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RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano will be starting the RCIA classes every Saturday morning starting - **September 17, 2022** in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at michaeljalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten- 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at rscicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

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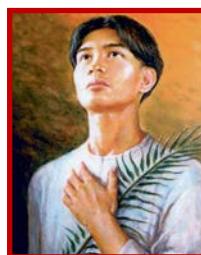
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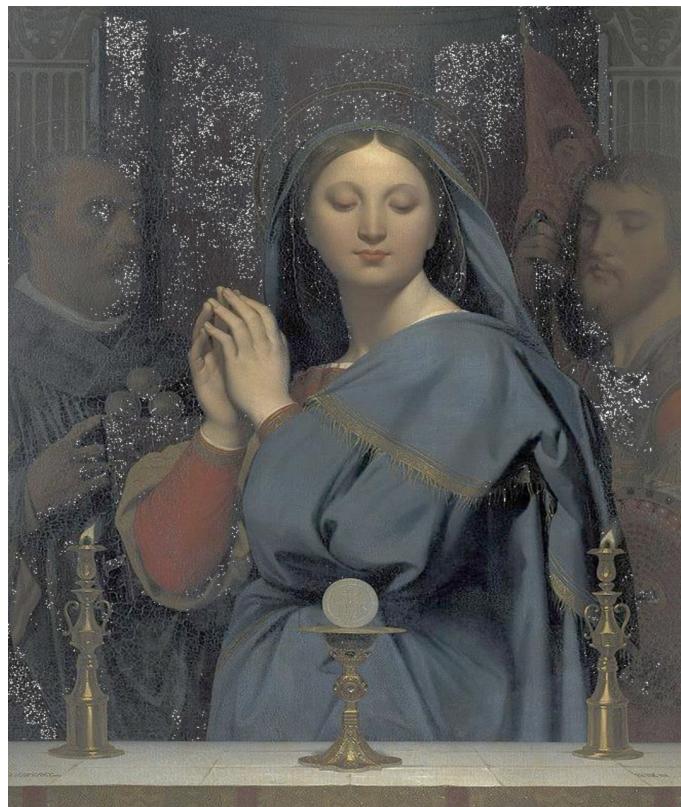


**SAVE THE DATE:
SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST
September 25, 2022 @ 3:00 pm
Mass**
**Fellowship after Mass at
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

**Mary, Mother of the Eucharist,
Lead us to Him!**

**ROSARY CONGRESS
OCTOBER 7-13, 2022**
Eucharistic Adoration (Around the Clock)

St. Michael's Church—24 Hours with Our Lord
Friday, October 7: 8:30 am to
Saturday, October 8 at 8:30 am
Sign up for an hour or just show up
Contact Deacon Michael Alfano at
michaelalfano @aol.com



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