



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

## 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:**

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  
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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

### REJOICING IN THE LORD MUST BE YOUR STRENGTH.



In the first reading of this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nehemiah told the people, "Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!" because "This day is holy to our Lord" (Nehemiah 8:9-10). Yes, every day, every hour, every minute, every second of our lives is holy to our God and so we must rejoice in the Lord.

Sad to say, many a time, we tend to disassociate joy and gladness from holiness; from religion and church. We tend to think of religion the way we think of healthy food—it may not taste good but it is good for you, so endure it. We are more likely to associate joy and gladness with an evening at the local pub than with a morning

in the church. Yet, Scripture says that "In the presence of God is the fullness of joy; at His right hand, happiness forever".

Nehemiah's exultation came as a result of the people weeping and crying, in repentance for their sins, after hearing the Word of God read to them from dawn to noon by Ezra and the Scribes. So, Nehemiah urged them not to mourn or weep on that day, but rather to enjoy and to rejoice for "The joy of the Lord must be their strength".

Joy, here, is not the joy of natural temperament. Yes, many people are by nature disposed to be bouncy "Tiggers" but how about those who are more disposed to be glum "Eeyores" (Remember the pessimistic, gloomy, depressed, anhedonia, old grey stuffed donkey in the "Winnie the Pooh" stories). This joy is not the joy that comes from experiencing happy circumstances, e.g. winning the lottery, getting a promotion, going on a fun trip, or enjoying some good health. Rather, the Joy of the Lord comes from a settled conviction that God is in charge; that He is on the throne; that He is faithful to His Word; and that He cares about me, no matter what. We find this kind of joy expressed in Habakkuk 3:17-19 "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength"

So, the joy of the Lord comes from knowing that no matter what comes my way - whether it's personal or family hardship, the routine ups and downs of life, a failing health or weaning finances, that I have, through it all, a God whose strength is overwhelmingly limitless. It is the joy that comes from knowing that God is more than able to provide me with everything I need if only I will trust in Him and believe that He will do it. It is the joy that comes from trusting that God's grace and strength is sufficient for me in everything. Nehemiah encouraged the people to remember that the power of God is greater than those that threatened them, and, as the apostle Paul puts it, God is greater than what we can offer. It is the joy that comes from knowing and trusting that God's power is stronger than that which can come against me. It is the joy that comes from recognizing that God is with me in all things and by witnessing to others His gracious provisions in my life. It is the joy that comes from appreciating the righteousness that God confers on me, a repentant believer, and the pledge of His covenantal love for me, for all eternity. It is the joy that comes from being able to be part of what builds up the body of Christ by devoting a significant amount of my time to communal worship, bible study, and encouraging and sharing godly fellowship with others.

Rejoicing in the Lord is lifestyle! It gives us the strength to face life's challenges by helping us focus on God instead of our fears. It allows us to put God first in our lives, to be immersed in the things of God, and to love God above all things. The joy of the Lord is the beginning of our peace with the Lord. Let us go ahead and infect ourselves with the joy of the Lord and we will see our lives change for the better.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Announcements



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### SAVE THE DATE:

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the feast of  
Senor Santo Nino de Cebu**  
will be held on January 30, 2022  
at 3:00 p.m.

There will be a daily novena from January 21  
to January 29, 2020. The novena prayer will  
be said after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on week-  
days and before the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun-  
day, January 22, 2022.

Fellowship after Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall.

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish of  
Union, New Jersey**  
was chosen as one of the 12 churches in the  
Archdiocese of Newark to host the  
**Jubilee Cross, the Images of Santo Nino and  
Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag**  
from January 2, 2022 to February 5, 2022

### LECTORS NEEDED

There will be a training class scheduled in  
February. Please contact the Parish Center at  
(908) 688-1232, ext. 100 if you are interested in  
this ministry.

## 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**

1/9/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,628	\$ 8,800	(\$1,828)

**Deficit for the Sunday 1/9/2022 is (\$1,828). 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.**

Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by  
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](http://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 collec-  
tions 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*



**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](http://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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>January 22</b> Edwin Magno
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>January 23</b> Maria Perez (Living) - Birthday Jeffrey Alino
9:00 am	For the Parishioners Thomas Sipe (Living) - Birthday
10:30 am	Bruna Briones
12:00 Noon	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 24</b> Novena of Masses Deceased Members of Diaz Family
12:00 Noon	Lorraine Libby
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 25</b> Heidi Sutter-Wright
12:00 Noon	Hector Moya
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 26</b> Rachel Ghiritti
12:00 Noon	Deceased Members of Arnaldo & Lacson Families
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 27</b> Maria Tavares
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses Zully M. Trejo
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 28</b> Sipe Family Thanksgiving
12:00 Noon	Grandeza Family—Thanksgiving
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 29</b> Natividad Allic
5:30 pm	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group Pablo Resurreccion (Living) - 79th Birthday
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>January 30</b> Barbara Dybas
9:00 am	Isagani Edralin
10:30 am	Joseph O'Donnell
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners Josephine Mach
	Michele Chiarella

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

### 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](mailto:jpastewski@aol.com).

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:** Classes are remote to January 23. Your catechist will be in touch with you.

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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

### FOLLOWING JESUS IN CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

The Advent Tree at St. Michael's has become well known in our town. It is a symbol of neighbor helping neighbor. The cheerfully purchased gifts arrive, beautifully wrapped. The Blessed Sacrament children's party sparkles and the children smile!



The gift cards will assist our parishioners who are struggling with day-to-day living during this difficult time.

Those who participate through prayer engage in spiritual gift giving.

In addition, we collected \$225 which we will gift to the **Sisters of Caldwell**. We received a note from Sr. Catherine Waters on behalf of the Sisters which read in part, "How I miss St. Michael's! The parishioners are so generous. . . Thank you so much for the wonderful gift to the Sisters. We are all so grateful. Please know that you are all in our prayers."

Proverbs tells us "**Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.**" Proverbs 11:25

May prosperity refresh you and your families; may you reap rewards and may the grace of God remain with our Parish family throughout the coming year.

God bless all!

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

[cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com)



Our next CYO meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall. An email will be sent out to all members and parents if anything changes.

Stay safe everyone and God Bless!

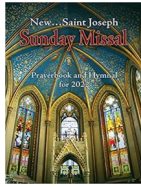


St. Michael Parish School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade position. Applicant must have a teaching certificate. Experience is a plus. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org)

## 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  
**Brian Phillips & Antonio Bastos**

### 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, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claudette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, 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, 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, Henry & Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

#### First Reading

*Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10*

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 19:8,9,10,15*

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord

#### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (or shorter form, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27)*

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

#### Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

## NOVENA of Masses

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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
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	Special Intentions—VG
Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leinart & McMahon Fam	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	

## SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to the generous donations from many parishioners and different organizations that the pantry received. We distributed over 10,000 pounds of food in 2021.

Your weekly and financial donations keep Sister Ann's Pantry going. I am sure she is smiling at us from heaven.



## ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of \$4,673 as a result of your generosity to the Donation Bins at your Church from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to show the compassion of Christ to 48,053 individuals served in 84 programs at 26 sites (FY 20/21). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

## 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](mailto:Albertvp@verizon.net).

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**Return to St. Michael's Church**  
**1211 Orange Ave., Union, NJ 07083**  
**With payment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Seats: \_\_\_\_\_

### *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.



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### **HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)** **AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The Hands of Grace Ministry (HUGS) members would like to express their immense gratitude to the **Knights of Columbus (Union Council 4504)** for supporting the ministry by donating 12 winter coats from the Supreme's "Coats for Kids" program.

We would also like to thank all those who tirelessly dropped gifts under the pink tree. The response was pleasantly overwhelming.

Both gift bag distributions were very successful! The first Christmas Distribution was done on December 24th and the second on January 6th. The families that picked up pre-packed bags were so grateful to St. Michael's Church.

HUGS Ministry distributes **Gift Bags once a month throughout the year.**

We are asking for families with children ages new born to 5 years, interested in being on the monthly **Distribution List**, to please fill out the form at

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

We serve all families with utmost dignity and respect.

Please help spread the word about the ministry.

For more information, about HUGS Ministry, please contact **Bisi Longe (908) 247-4461** or **Tania Massicot (908) 420 8659**

**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)