



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

September 25, 2022

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**CHARITY**  
is  
**WEALTH**  
*in the eyes of God.*

## Pastoral Staff

**Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu**, *Pastor*  
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**Deacon Michael Alfano**, *Permanent Deacon*  
**Mrs. Clare Andriola**, *Pastoral Associate for Religious Education*  
**Ms. Cristina Manochio**, *Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry*  
**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  
**Email:** stmichaelunion@comcast.net  
**Stay Connected:**

 [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org)

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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

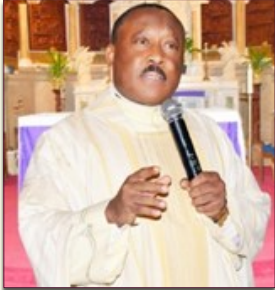
Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

### LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm  
Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

# Message From *The Pastors Desk*

## GATES AND CHASM HERE AND HEREAFTER



In the gospel of this 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary times, year C (Luke 16:19-31), we read about the parable of the rich man (Dives) and Lazarus. The parable begins with a gate separating these two, in this life, and ends with a chasm separating them in eternity. On one side of the gate was Lazarus, a symbol of suffering humanity in need of compassion, love, pity, and care. On the other side of the gate was Dives, a rich man who was a symbol of the man-of-the-flesh for whom the purpose of life is the unabashed satisfaction of the human appetite and lacked the attention, compassion, and pity needed to take care of Christ in suffering humanity and thereby failed to store up treasures in heaven by means of human wealth. The story ends with a chasm separating these two in eternity.

What is important for us to note is that the chasm that separated Lazarus from Davis in eternity is simply a manifestation of the gate that separated them in this world. The gate that separates and divides us in this world is not a condition of circumstances—rich and poor, black or white, gay or straight, Christians and Muslims, etc.—but a condition of the heart and while the chasm in this parable, is described in terms of distance between the righteous and the unrighteous, this distance is not just in terms of space between these two states but in the manner of life lived. Aristotle defined 4 kinds of people, from worst to best, and he labeled them (a) the tyrant, (b) the incontinent man, (c) the continent man, and (d) the virtuous man. The tyrant is the man who gives in completely to his human appetite, vice, and passions (believing we are simply human beings having a human experience on earth, no need to worry about the hereafter). The incontinent man is the man who struggles to live with virtue and very often falls into vice (believing we are human beings trying to have a spiritual experience on earth). The continent man has many virtues but falls occasionally into vice due to human weakness (believing we are spiritual beings having a human experience on earth). Then virtuous man has achieved all the virtues and either never falls to vice or very rarely does so (believing that we are spiritual beings having a spiritual experience on earth).

My friends, as you can see that there is a great distance between the tyrant and the virtuous man. No wonder, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16). St. Paul exhorts Timothy, “But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called”

Let us look deep into our hearts and identify gates that separate us from ourselves, from our neighbors, from our loved ones, and ultimately from our God. It could be fear, greed, pride, loneliness, addiction, indifference, apathy, past hurts, unforgiveness, resentment, envy, cynicism, wrath, you name it. Also, let us evaluate our lifestyles and, speaking truth to our conscience, identify where we fall on the scale between the “tyrant” and the “Virtuous man”. The distance between these two rests on the manner of living. Am I closer to the virtuous man or God forbid, to the tyrant?

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Announcements

### USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

<b>GOAL:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	
<b>8/24-/8/31/22</b>	<b>\$76,775</b>
<b>9/1-9/14/22</b>	<b>\$ 5,425</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$82,200</b>

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>



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: 8:00 am to  
Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 am**

Sign up sheet list is in the vestibule of the Church. We need at least 24 people to sign up for the one (1) hour watch each. We would like to have at least 2 people in charge of each watch hour.  
**Contact Deacon Michael Alfano at michaelalfano@aol.com**

## 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

	<b>NEEDED WEEKLY</b>	<b>ACTUAL WEEKLY</b>	<b>OVER/UNDER</b>
Collection 9/3/22	\$ 9,569	\$12,175	<b>\$2,606</b>
Collection 9/11/22	\$ 9,569	\$ 9,098	<b>(\$471)</b>
Collection 9/18/22	\$ 9,569	\$ 8,081	<b>(\$1,488)</b>
Collection 9/25/22	\$ 9,569		

- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website ([stmichaelunion.org](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 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.

*Msr. Anselm*

## 6 Ways To DONATE

#### ONLINE GIVING:



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

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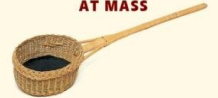
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#### DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



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### STAY INFORMED ABOUT ST. MICHAEL'S

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## Mass Intentions & Devotions

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>September 24</b> Jesus Pena (24th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>September 25</b> For the Parishioners Sunneyrix Garcia Regina & Silvilio Lucas
9:00 am	Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
10:30 am	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
12:00 noon	Charismatic Renewal Group-Destiny Helpers Alec & Betty Wrafter
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 26</b> Mercedes Emma Magbanua (29th Ann.)
12:00 noon	Anthony Marchitello James & Amelia Santoriello
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 27</b> Novena of Masses Rosemary Hunt
12:00 noon	Maria Tavales John Hanarahan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 28</b> Novena of Masses
12:00 noon	Shirley Blanc (Living)-Birthday Chief Onyekaozulu Nnoli
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 29</b> Michelle & Concetta Ianiro
12:00 Noon	Anthony Velanrdi Gennari
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 30</b> Agelito Sandoval
12:00 noon	Donald Jerome Silvey Flossie Abrigo
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>October 1</b> Trifinia Beldua
5:30 pm	Reynaldo Ong Charismatic Renewal Group-Financial Provisions Reme Valentine Blanc
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>October 2</b> Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Carol Furnari (Living)-90th Birthday Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 am	Barbara Dybas Lamercie Geffrado
12:00 noon	Madeline Relano Roxas Rui Miguel Docarmo

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

## 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net)

#### Coordinator of Religious Education

**Clare Andriola**

#### Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education

**Lois Scanio**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** are beginning!

*Sunday, Grades 2-5: September 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Monday, Grades 1-4: September 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Tuesday, Grades 6-8: September 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunday, Grade 1 and Sacrament Prep. Years 1 & 2:  
September 25<sup>th</sup>*

**Class assignments have been emailed to parents of all registered students.**

As in the past, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Grade 2 and Sacrament Prep students are expected to attend in-person classes. We, of course, will comply with directives from the Archdiocese and other authorities and adjust our plans accordingly.

**Late Registrations:** If you haven't registered your child, you may do so at [www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education](http://www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education) or call the Religious Education Office for assistance.

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

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

**(FREE) DANCE Classes**  
For the whole Family

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



### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

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

Please contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420 8659**

**Announcements**

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES  
CYCLE C**

**First Reading**

Amos 6:1,4-7

God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 146:7-10

Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

**Second Reading**

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

**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 Pubehara, 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 DelMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera

**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**

**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 Siwec (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 Pruskowski, 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**

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



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to invite all high school aged teenagers of the community to join us every Tuesday night from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Phil Matrale Hall (lower church) of St. Michael's. We encourage all members to register in order to attend our trips, sporting events, and community service opportunities. Registration forms will be available at all meetings for those interested. Please don't hesitate to contact us at [cyounionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyounionnj@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

God Bless!

**PSAT/SAT PREP**

Are there any teenagers from Grades 9 to 12 in need of PSAT or SAT Prep? Contact Paul Sefia at 973.393.1106 or at [www.sefiatutors.com](http://www.sefiatutors.com)

**Announcements**

**RCIA PROGRAM**

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



“To Teach, To Guide, To Guard”

St. Michael School is looking for substitute teachers. If interested, please email Rebekah Scicolone at [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org)

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With St. Michael's Parish  
 Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group  
**DAY: Wednesday      TIME: 6PM-7.30PM**  
**VENUE: Murphy's Room, Lower Church**

**We are looking for monetary donations to offset the cost of the children's activities for the St. Michael's Feast on September 24, 2022. Please help on whatever amount level you can. You can drop off or mail your donations to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) For more information, please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.**

- \$200—Archangel**
- \$100—Apostles**
- \$50.00—Saints**

**Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish.**

**Announcements**

**16th Year Celebration of the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena, Holy Mass & Fellowship St. Michael's Church Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 3:00 PM**



**Novena starts after the 8:30 am Mass of 9/16 -9/17/22 Before the 12:00 noon Mass of 9/18/22 After the 8:30 am Mass on 9/19-9/24/22**

**Rev. Fr. Manolo Punzalan**  
 Main Celebrant

- Contact Persons:**
- Hermano/Hermana Mayor:**
  - Efren & Chatto Fiesta—973-271-0840**
  - Madesa Espana—908-391-5990**
  - Betty Falcon 908-265-4107**
  - Luz Gonzales—908-774-7368**
  - Resy Millora-Dillag—908-416-2732**
  - Fred Pajarillo—908-244-6335**

On behalf of the **Union Knights of Columbus** we would like to thank Msgr. Anselm and the Parishioners of St. Michael's Church for their generous donations to our Intellectual Disabilities Drive. The funds that were collected on September 17 & 18, 2022 will be going to four worthy organizations, Camp Fatima, Arc of Union County, Inroads to Opportunities and Community Access Unlimited. These organizations care for those with Intellectual Disabilities. A portion of the donations collected will also be used towards Special Olympics of New Jersey.

Heartfelt thanks.

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