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MAY 1, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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

Address

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

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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

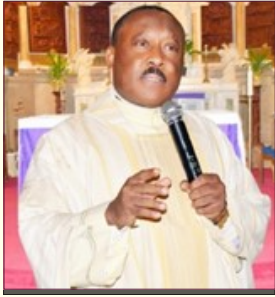
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From *The Pastors Desk*

DO YOU LOVE ME?



The Gospel for this 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C, describes the turning point in the lives of the Apostles. The apostles were apparently lost as to what the future held for them. In the midst of this confusion, Peter declared that he was returning to his former trade—"I am going fishing" and six other apostles eloped with him. They fished all night and caught nothing. Then, at dawn, something happened. Christ appeared to them for the 3rd time and everything changed. He gave them the command to cast their net in a specific direction, and the result was amazingly fruitful; a great catch of about 153 fish and yet the net did not break. It

is amazing what we can accomplish when we work with the grace of God and when we work in obedience to God's word. No wonder Scripture says, "Cursed is the man who finds strength in the flesh; whose hope is in human beings...but blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord; who finds strength in the Lord God our savior" and in another place it says, "But he who obeys me dwells in security, in peace, without fear of harm." (Proverb 1:33)

This event then continues with Christ inviting the apostles to breakfast during which something significant happened. He entrusted them with the ministry of being fishers of men, but before He could entrust them with this ministry, He first of all helped them to deal with their past—abandoning Him in the garden out of fear for their lives, and in the case of Peter, denying Him outright. They needed to be forgiven and to forgive themselves before they could presume to bring Jesus' forgiveness to others, especially Peter. So, Jesus asks Peter, three times, (symbolically erasing the three times Peter denied Him) if he loved Him strong enough to commit his life to the course of the Kingdom of God. When Peter answered in the affirmative, Christ entrusted the care of His sheep to him, "Feed my sheep".

My friends, this task was not only entrusted to Peter but to all of us as Disciples of Christ. We are called to feed His sheep; to bring hope, joy, peace, and forgiveness to those we meet; to work for the salvation of all souls; to bringing down the walls of bigotry, division and hatred; to stand in the breach between humanity and suffering; to defend those on the margins of society and to fight for the course of fairness, equality, and justice for all.

There is something to say about letting our lives be lived in obedience to God's word. It lines us up with God's vision for our lives, God's graces for our wellbeing, God's blessings for our surplus, and divine power for our deliverance and protection. The question for us today is, "Is my love for Jesus stronger than my fears of being His disciple in public life?" May God grant us the grace to answer "Yes" and "Amen" to this question and to mean it with our whole heart and soul! Today our Lord is inviting you to breakfast during which He inquires of you if you love Him enough to deny yourself, to take up your cross, and to follow Him.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

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2022 Goal \$40,214

Total Pledge as of 4/25/2022 \$34,649

Total Collected as of 4/25/2022 \$25,575

Under (\$5,565)

Dear Parishioners:

Many parishes have met their goals and exceeded it. It is sad to say that our church is not listed as exceeding our goal. This is not good for our Church. We need to be among the first in fulfilling our responsibility to the Archdiocese and therefore call upon our parishioners who have not made their contribution to do so. We need to meet our goal before the end of April. May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity to the mission of the Church in our Archdiocese.

Remain very blessed.

Msgr. Anselm

To All Parishioners:

Our beloved pastor,

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

will be celebrating his

30th Anniversary as a priest on

June 5, 2022. There will be a

Thanksgiving Mass at the 12:00 Noon and fellowship celebration after at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC).



To celebrate this beautiful milestone, a **Commemorative Journal** is being created as a keepsake and lasting memory of his dedicated ministry. We have been blessed with his ministerial work and this journal marks the time that he has spent at St. Michael's Parish and throughout his 30 years of priesthood touching lives and doing God's work. **PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY.**

To those who wish to place an ad/send messages/greetings, please go to tinyurl.com/msgranselms30th

For more information, please contact Cynthia Grandeza at **(908) 591-1065.**

Thank you,

The 30th Anniversary Committee

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**

4/23/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 2,692	\$ 3,738	\$1,046
Deficit for the Easter Sunday 4/17/22 is (\$10,527). It is not too late to hand in your Easter contributions. 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.			
Easter Collection	\$27,000	\$16,473	(\$10,527)
Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.			
<i>Msgr. Anselm</i>			
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 5:30 pm	April 30 Teresita De Jesus Hidalgo (1st Ann.) Jimmy Doncsec (25th Ann.)
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 1 For the Parishioners Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving Monica & Marylou Votapek St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group Manuel Caram Jerry Shaw, Jr. James & Helen Materia
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 2 Novena of Masses Marion Bozulus
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 3 Mafe Bernalaes (Living) - Birthday Mary Jo Sipe (Living)
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 4 William Safernak Novena of Masses
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 5 Ifeanyi Odoemena (Living) - Birthday Annie Motichka
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 6:30 pm	May 6 Romel Perez (Living) - Birthday Maureen Hopkins Virginia Theseira & Christopher Mak (Living)
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	May 7 Eva Kosar Julia Ines Benitez Feliciano & Adelaida Palao Walter McMahon Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	May 8 Mother's Day Altagrace Limage For the Parishioners Novena of Masses for All Mothers España Family Thanksgiving Dorothy Marchitello Irma Abril St Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group Regina Mendoza

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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

The Paschal Candle is offered in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki, donated by Ed & Kathy Izbicki.

2022 MASS BOOK

There are still Masses available in the 2022 Book. Please come to the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to offer your Mass Intentions.

Ministry Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 23, Sunday, April 24 and Sunday, May 1! A full list of our First Communicants and all those who contributed their time and talents to make this possible will be published in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on **Wednesday evening, May 11, at 7:00PM** in the Church.

We invite the First Communicants of our Parish to have a special role in our May Crowning. Come, pray the rosary with us as a way to honor our Blessed Mother. **Please wear your First Communion dresses or suits.**

Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information and to register your child if you have not done so already. Thank 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.

CYO Youth Ministry News

cyouionnj@gmail.com



All CYO members are welcome to join us this upcoming Tuesday, May 3rd for our annual Bring a Pillow Night! We will be watching a faith-based film for the duration of the meeting so bring your pillows, blankets and wear your favorite pajamas! The meeting will be held from 7:00-8:30pm in the Phil Matrale Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone then!

God Bless!



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

Registration for St. Michael Parish School is now open! For individual tours, please email the principal at

rscicolone@smsunion.org.

Come and explore our amazing school!

Announcements

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40b-41

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13

A song of praise to God who rescues us.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19 (short form: *John 21:1-14*)

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

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 Czapl, 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, 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, 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 Pogorzolski

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
John Rutledge, Ida Fortunato, Bernard Hess

NOVENA of Masses

**NOVENA OF MASSES
MAY 2022**

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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 Russomanno | Lucilia Sousa Araujo |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo | Ibrahim Makson |
| Altagrace Limage | Fritz Maddy |
| Special Intentions—VG | Serafina Sauro |
| St. Rita Special Intentions | Rosemary Sauro |
| Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon | George Rinehart |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Family | Frank Rubinetti, Sr. |
| Celso & Rosalia Anuda | Conrad Manalac |
| Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) | For the Souls of Purgatory |
| George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart | |
| Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz | |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, | |
| Leinart & McMahan 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 | |
| The Pierre-Lys & Thebaud Family (Living) - For Thanksgiving | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Seibert & Menee Families | |
| Shela Boulin & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families | |
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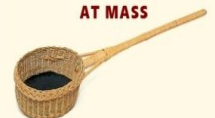
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Announcements

ST.MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will meet on Monday, **May 16th** at 12:30 PM at the Senior Center located at 652 Rahway Avenue. We will be having our **Attic Treasures** please be sure to bring your items for sale.

Upcoming Event: Center at 10:30 AM.

Next meeting is June 20th

EASTER EGG HUNT

With much gratitude and appreciation to all our generous donors:

- 1) Tony and Daiandra Rendeiro
- 2) Kermit & Cheryl Thompson
- 3) Narciso Santocildes
- 4) Christine Spassione
- 5) Christine Parmenter
- 6) Michelle Concepcion
- 7) Rachel Fernandez
- 8) Joann Alarcon

Thank you to the Family Activities Committee and the CYO volunteers and to all those who helped us. Your generosity and kindness made our Easter Egg Hunt a successful one bringing joy to God's children and their families.

May God reward you abundantly!

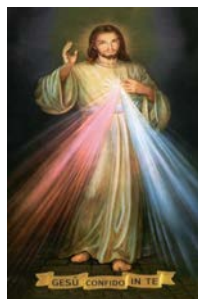
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Thank you to all who attended our Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday. Special thanks to Fran Engelmann and Laurie Del Guercio for the beautiful music and singing.

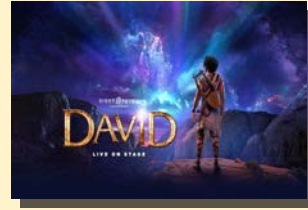
A big thank you to Marylu Morales, who spoke to us from St. Faustina's diary.

God bless you.

Lois Scanio



TRIP- SIGHT AND SOUND



2nd TRIP- SIGHT AND SOUND

Join us on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 for another 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 **7:30 am sharp**. Please be on time, the bus leaves at 7:30 am sharp to make the show on time. After the show we will have lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant.

Price is \$130.00 which will include lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant 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: _____

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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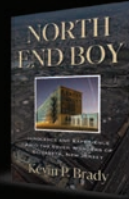
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