

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

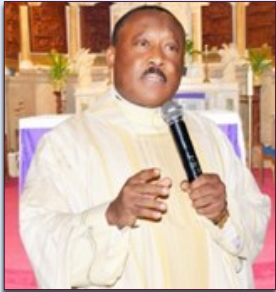
LENTEN REFLECTION

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

Message From The Pastors Desk



LET GO AND LET GOD: THE POWER OF SURRENDERED LIFE.



Deep down inside, we all like to be in control and to take charge of our own circumstances. Unfortunately, the control that we so desperately long for can be a very elusive and frustrating quest. Many a time, circumstances can leave us at the mercy of things we can't control; things that remind us that we are not really in-charge—sickness, accidents, natural disasters, pandemics, even death—creating anxiety, desperation, and even hopelessness.

On this 32nd Sunday, the first reading (1 Kings 17:10-16) tells the story of a woman who had completely lost control of her life due to a three-year drought, in her homeland and was waiting to bake and eat the last piece of bread for her family's last meal. With no one to help her and no government welfare system, she was utterly destitute.

It was to such a woman that God sends Elijah to go and ask her for water and her last bite of food. You know how difficult it is to share bread with others when you don't even have it for your own children. Yet Elijah asked this woman for a portion of that last piece of bread and told her that God had promised that she will not die of starvation; for the jar of flour will not diminish nor will the jar of oil run dry. Was this woman going to trust the word of the Prophet by handing this whole situation over to God and believing God and His promise or should she stick with her own plans? A woman of faith she must have been, she chose to be obedient to God's word; to give to God first (by giving the first piece of the last bread to Elijah); to surrender to God; to trust that God will be faithful to His promises; to let go and let God. So she baked the bread and took it to Elijah. Scripture tells us that when she got back home, she discovered that the jar was overflowing with oil and the pot overflowing with flour. Just at the time when all seemed hopeless, when all seemed lost, when the only certainty was starvation and death, this woman believed God and so witnessed the fulfillment of Divine promise.

The words of Elijah to this widow are no different from God's word and promises to us in Scripture. The question is what do we do? Do we stick to our own plans and reassert our control, or do we trust God and surrender our lives to Him. This widow surrendered to God. Was it easy? No. Was it pleasant at the moment? Absolutely not! Did her obedience pay off? You bet it did, and always does!

Just as God promised this woman so has God promised us when Scripture says: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house; **put me to the test**, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10); "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6:38); "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and **I will give you rest**" (Matt 11:28-30); "But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt 6:33). Do you believe God when you hear these words?

Let us believe God when Scripture says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and **lean not** on your own understanding; in all your ways **submit** to him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverb 3:5-6). Believe God when Scripture says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken" (Proverb 55:22). Believe God when Scripture says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10)

So when times get hard and you get stressed thinking about all the possible things that could go wrong, take it to the Lord in prayer and follow the promptings of His Spirit, for nothing is impossible for the Lord. The Lord God says, "I have promised it and I will do it. Believe it!

Msr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

53 GROUPS
TO RAISE
\$100,000

FUNDS RAISED
\$127,860.75



TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Church invites you to a Volunteer Dinner in appreciation & thank you for all your services to the Parish on **Sunday, November 14th from 4-7PM** at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). Please note that the times have changed from 3-5 pm. All volunteers are encouraged to come. **Please respond by November 10.**

All head of ministries, please compile all the names of who will be attending and submit to the office.

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Msgr. Anselm



6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:



BANK TRANSFER:



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

CONTACT FREE:



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

MAIL IN:



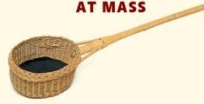
1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

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**

10/31/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$ 8,003	(1,035)

Deficit for last Sunday 10/24 is (1,035). 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) 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



—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 5:30 pm	November 6 Genevieve & Frank Karwowski
SUNDAY 7:30 am	November 7 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B For the Parishioners Dominic Stuart
9:00 am	Anthony John Espeleta (Living)
10:30 am	Manuel Pereira Araujo
12:00 Noon	Sefia Family Benefactors
MONDAY 8:30 am	November 8 Atanacia B. Hernandez Betty Clark
12:00 Noon	Ali Damestani Rodrigo Gancia (Living)
TUESDAY 8:30 am	November 9 All Souls Mary Smith
12:00 Noon	Henrietta & Emil Jasa
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am	November 10 Roger Boetsch
12:00 Noon	All Souls Vieogela Pierrevil
THURSDAY 8:30 am	November 11 Concepcion & Reynaldo Ticzon
12:00 Noon	Nkiru Melie (Living)
FRIDAY 8:30 am	November 12 Agnes Briones Emelio & Basila dePeralta
12:00 Noon	Philip Montalto Dionelo Onde Baring (2nd Ann.)
SATURDAY 8:30 am	November 13 Reynaldo Ticzon Estelita Catabay
5:30 pm	Bertha R. Kulesa Helen Fortunato
SUNDAY 7:30 am	November 14 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B For the Parishioners Alfred Lesniak
9:00 am	Julian & Jennie Pruszkowski
10:30 am	Serapio Dagat
12:00 Noon	Leannie Joyce C. Samson (Living)-Thanksgiving Maria Tavares Morales Family—Thanksgiving

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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

REMINDER: FOR ALL SOUL MASSES

The All Soul Mass envelopes for Mass requests are located in the church vestibule. Please fill out and drop off during Sunday collection or at the Parish Center. The All Souls Masses are for the whole month of November.

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.

Notice of Upcoming Event:

A Morning of Advent Reflection
St. Michael the Archangel Church
Saturday, December 4, 2021
begins at 9AM in the

Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)

Presenter: Barbara La Mort, a retired teacher and member of Holy Spirit Parish since its founding in 1963 will speak to us on "A Time to Savor God's Gift of Grace."

Please join us for reflection and discussion on the gift of God's grace in our lives – sometimes in unexpected ways!

All are invited! A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Clare/Lois at smccd@comcast.net. Please R.S.V.P. via email to Clare / Lois at smccd@comcast.net

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



We are excited to announce that our annual St. Michael's CYO teen retreat will be held on November 19th-21st! If you are a teen or chaperone who is interested in attending, or if you are looking to sponsor someone who is attending, please contact us at cyouunionnj@gmail.com

Our **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive** will be this **Tuesday, November 9th, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm.**

All donations can be dropped off in the Phil Matrale Hall (lower church) during the above time frame.

Thank you and God Bless!



MINISTRY Information

ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

We are in the process of updating the ministries you are involved in. Please contact your ministry leader if you are back on duty. Ministry Leaders, please contact Mary Jo at the Parish Center with your updated volunteer list.

ALTAR SERVERS

Please contact Fr. Miles if you want to continue to serve. Any children who have made First Holy Communion can be an Altar Server. Please contact Fr. Miles for more information.

RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano will be starting the RCIA classes every Saturday morning starting October 2 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.

Wellness Ministry OUTDOOR Dance & Wellness Classes Saturdays at 9:30 am



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church offers a variety of musical styles at the following masses:

Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am
Traditional and Contemporary Music

Sunday, 9:00 am and 12 noon
Gospel/Contemporary Worship Music
The 12:00 Noon Contemporary Band and Choir is looking for volunteers who can play the bass, guitar or sing.
Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at Patrick@patrickkbphillips.com



HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

NEW! We will be collecting **winter coats and accessories** from November through December 5th from ages 3-14.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**. Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

NOVENA of Masses

DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NOVEMBER 2020-NOVEMBER 2021

Josephine L. Wetzel	Catherine Astone
Ann Leone	Philip Matrale
Angela E. Walguarnery	Robert Buck
Barbara Lilley	Marilyn Senca
Alicia Puertollano-Caruga	Luigi Fabiano
Dorothy Deo	Carolyn F. Romano
Zully M. Trejo	Kim Treppunti
Steven F. Jacoby	Marco P. Cruz
Anne Wolff	John Liberatore
Rose Petescia	Julia Wasowska
Thomas Leddy	Rose Fresulone
Artemia B. Tan	Joseph J. Tamburro
Johanna Ciccone	Eleanor L. Schweitzer
Rosemarie Bergel	Anthony Manochio
Louis Cerami	Manuel Cid
Philip Bozlolus	Rosaira Parziale
Joanne Milana Doman	William Pettius

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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
**Rosaria Parziale, Joanne Milana Doman,
William Pettius**

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, Iuminda 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16
Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7,8-9 9-10
A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28
Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44 (shorter form, Mark 12:41-44)
Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Is searching for Committee Chair(s) and Members

Our mission: The Family Activities Committee of St. Michael's Parish mission is to strive to engage St. Michael's Parish families through activities, community outreach, and social gatherings throughout the year. These are designed to strengthen our faith in God, the parish community and our families. The Family Activities Committee is here to further the goals and overall mission of St. Michael's Church by being a parish of hospitality. Some FAC Events are School Supply Collection, Family Movie Night, Soldier Collection, Parish Socials, Family Game Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Parish Christmas Party and more

Looking for a way to become more involved with our Parish and School? Want to meet with other Parish or School Families? Our members meet approximately once per month to plan and to hold activities design to involve the families of our Parish and School as part of the greater Parish Social Committee. We welcome chairs for both the Parish and School communities to foster collaboration and community.

St. Michael's School Activity Hours will be given to those who chair the committee. The FAC Chair(s) will represent the FAC at the monthly Parish Council Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

If interested: Please contact Christine Parmenter at caparmenter23@gmail.com or 201-407-3397.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST.MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

CORRECTION

St Michael's Senior Club will be held at the Senior Center at 968 Bonnel Court, on Monday, November 15th. Meeting will begin at 12:30pm with coffee and social time followed by general meeting.

Guest Speaker: Ellen Steinberg from the Senior Council, who will talk about the Senior Council.

Upcoming Event: Christmas Luncheon at **Suburban Golf Club** on December 3rd. If you are planning to join us please see Kathy Schefter at this meeting for you reservation.

Next Meeting: January 17th is Martin Luther King Day and a holiday, therefore our meeting will be on **Monday, January 10, 2022**, weather permitting.

ST. MICHAEL'S MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH, RECTORY, SCHOOL, PARISH CENTER, PARKING LOT
WHO MAINTAINS THE PROPERTY

Are you a homeowner? Do you rent? Regardless of ownership, your residence requires maintenance as does our Parish physical property. Tiago Rodrigues, Supervisor of Maintenance at St. Michael's, is the single individual responsible for the Parish. Yes, one person. The church is cleaned daily by another single individual and the school cleaned daily by a small crew. That's it. Snow removal and lawn mowing are contracted.

Volunteers from the parish are sought to assist with the upkeep of all 4 parish buildings, grounds and general repairs as needed. We desire a **Parish Maintenance Committee** that can both identify various maintenance initiatives and participate in opportunities to address those initiatives. Attending to your Parish, as directed by the Supervisor of Maintenance or Chairperson of the Parish Maintenance Committee, is a "time" and "talent" volunteer opportunity.

Frequency of service is dependent upon the total number of volunteers. Signing up for this Committee will put you on a distribution list that will be alerted when particular needs may arise. This Committee is open to all parishioners, CYO through retirees. Take pride in your parish and contact **David Bernot at 908-472-8858 or davidbernot1876@gmail.com** with your interest or questions in participating in and supporting this new committee.

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.

