St. Michael's Parish

A Diverse Spiritual Community In Action

July 24, 2022 — **SEVENTEENTH 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
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Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762
Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net
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Devotions

EUCHARISTIC 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

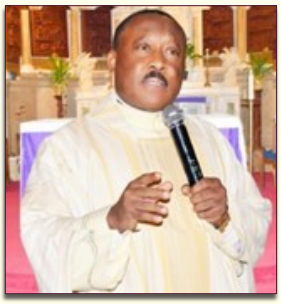
BOLD AND CATHOLIC REFLECTION
3rd Saturdays 9:00 am

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

Investigate Before You Condemn



In the first reading of this 17th Sunday in ordinary times, Year C (Genesis 18:16 -33), the very first paragraph reads, "In those days, the Lord said: 'The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. **I mean to find out**.'"

This statement from God is so instructive about the way we should conduct our affairs under the sun. You might ask, "Why does God have to check things out first. Isn't He an all-knowing God? Here is what I think! When God appeared to Abraham he did so in the form of a man (a Theophany) and therefore had to use human ways to communicate with him. But what is most important, in this conversation, is that God shows Abraham that He does not act out of ignorance, hearsay, gossip, or slander. His relationship with man is not a game of chance. He examines the facts personally, judges fairly, acts justly, and is absolutely fair in His decisions. This is how we should be with one another.

The story has it that one day, Socrates, a Greek philosopher, met one of his acquaintances on his way to meet with his students. The acquaintance said to him, "Sir, do you know what I just heard about your friend, Dio……? Socrates said, "No, but before you tell me, please answer these questions. "Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?" The man said "No" and that he had actually just heard the rumor. Socrates then asked, "Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?" The man said "No, quite on the contrary". Socrates then said, "Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?" The man said, "Not really." "Well then," continued Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither **true**, nor **good**, nor even **useful**, why tell it to me at all?"

My friends, you cannot control the extent to which your gossip can spread and you cannot undo the damage done by it. Therefore, it is absolutely important that we form the habit of vetting gossips before we give them more life. God holds inquest about our moral condition and the complaints about us to Him before He judges, and so should we do to one another.

You see, gossip is generally negatively evaluative, morally laden, and usually concerned with the behavior and report about an absent third party. It is discreet indiscretion, a way of spreading negativities about others. So, as dictated by the behavior of our God, in this first reading, gossips need to be investigated, vetted, and proven before we become unwitting agents of its dissemination. The damage it can do, when false, is irreparable. It is better for us to err on the side of caution than to be the agents of a fellow's destruction. The bible says, "The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna". May the good Lord save us from the damage we can do to others with our tongue.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

GOAL:	**$100,000**
TOTAL COLLECTED	
5/1—6/30, 2022	**$ 41,707**
7/6-7/13, 2022	**$ 3,785**
Total:	**$ 45,492**

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

the 2022 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

2022 Goal	$40,214
Total Pledge as of 7/12/2022	$42,014
Total Collected as of 7/12/2022	$33,320
OVER	**$1,800**
% of Goal	**104.48%**

Thank you to all parishioners who pledged to the 2022 Archbishop Annual Appeal. We made our goal for the year.

Congratulations to the following parishes for reaching and exceeding goal this past week:

Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence - Rev. Francisco Mendonca

St. Andrew Kim Parish, Maplewood - Rev. Kyung Paul Lee

St. Michael Parish, Union - Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark - Rev. Joseph Kwiatkowski

The Parish of St. Bernard & St. Stanislaus, Plainfield - Rev. Fredy Sanchez

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 7/3/22	$10,034	$12,302	$2,268
Collection 7/10/22	$10,034	$ 8,347	($1,687)
Collection 7/17/22	$10,034	$ 7,960	($2,074)
Collection 7/24/22	$10,034		

- **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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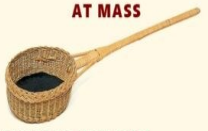

You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	***July 23***
5:30 pm	Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-Families
	Belen Ramos
SUNDAY	***July 24***
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
	Joseph Arnaldo (Living) & Jonas Arnaldo (Living)
9:00 am	Elisio & Elizabeth Pretto
	Robert Pfarr
10:30 am	Lamercie Geffrado
	Eddy & Eki Kadiri (Living)-Thanksgiving
12:00 noon	Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
	Edgardo Espiritu
MONDAY	***July 25***
8:30 am	Dr. Ifediorama Nnoli
12:00 noon	Novena of Masses
TUESDAY	***July 26***
8:30 am	Maria Leticia Morales
12:00 noon	Dorothy Reynolds
WEDNESDAY	***July 27***
8:30 am	Natalie Vital
	Maria Tavares
12:00 noon	Stephanie Marie Mejias
THURSDAY	***July 28***
8:30 am	Joseph Edward Mulligan
12:00 Noon	Randy Izquerdo
FRIDAY	***July 29***
8:30 am	Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon	Novena of Masses
	Lupo Ramos
SATURDAY	***July 30***
8:30 am	Jim Magill
5:30 pm	Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
	Henry Ng
SUNDAY	***July 31***
7:30 am	Charismatic Prayer Group-Protection of Christians
9:00 am	Carmen Suggs
	Cecile & Radje Tupas (Living)-40th Wedding Ann.
10:30 am	For the Parishioners
	Dolores Gruener
12:00 noon	John Clyne & Kathleen Clyne

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of Stephanie Marie Mejias.

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

REGISTRATION for 2022/2023 Religious Education classes is now open!

Thank you for entrusting St. Michael's Church with the formal religious education of your child. Once again, we are offering in-person classes for Grades 1 through 8, beginning in mid-September. If needed, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. **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:

Register and make payment before Saturday, August 6 to take advantage of the EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT (a savings of $35).

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 cyounionnj@gmail.com.

Announcements

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading
Genesis 18:20-32
Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-3,6-8
Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading
Colossians 2:12-14
You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

Gospel Reading
Luke 11:1-13
Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

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, lluminda 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, Janet Eng-Wong, Amy Dombroski, Byron DelMonte

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

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JULY 2022

Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.
Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomano
Manuel Pereira Araujo
Reme Valentine Blanc
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Luther Boulin (Living)-Birthday
Tiago & Claudia Torres (Living)
Honorata Ezpeleta Odulio
For the Souls in Purgatory
Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Special Intentions—VG
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing
Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz
Jose Arnaldo
Ann L. Corrigan
Jorge J. Criado
Angela & Frank Sauro
Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Fritz Maddy
George Rinehart
Gerry Pangan
Harold Charles Faulk
Richard Adinaro
Francis Tongco (Living)
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Sister Mary Elza Vallery

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
Sr. Juvenia Joseph (Living) - Thanksgiving
Joseph & Royal Family (Living) - Thanksgiving
Deceased Members of the Joseph & Royal Family
Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Archangel

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyounionnj@gmail.com

The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank all of its members for an amazing year! Congratulations to all of our seniors who are graduating, and we wish you the best of luck!

We are also excited to announce that Bible School will be from August 1st-August 5th this year. Please see the flyer for more information. Any CYO member interested in being a Bible School Counselor, please email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com.

God Bless.

Announcements

REGISTER NOW FOR .....ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
DATE: AUGUST 1–AUGUST 5, 2022
PRICE: $60 PER CHILD
(3RD CHILD AND ON IN A FAMILY IS HALF PRICE)
OUR PROGRAM IS FOR CHILDREN
AGES PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

OUR WEEK WILL INCLUDE: BIBLE STORIES, PRAYERS, ARTS & CRAFT, SNACKS, PLAYGROUND TIME, MUSIC, MOVIES AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

GROUPS WILL BE RUN BY THE TEEN MEMBERS OF OUR CYO YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

THIS WILL BE A KID-FRIENDLY, SPIRITUAL AND FUN WEEK NOT TO BE MISSED

DO NOT DELAY!

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CHILD'S NAME:_____
AGE:_____ PLEASE CIRCLE: BOY GIRL
ADDRESS:_____
_____
SCHOOL CHILD ATTENDS:_____
GRADE CHILD WILL START IN SEPTEMBER:_____
PARENTS NAME & SIGNITURE:_____
EMERGENCY CONTACT:_____
(NAME) (PHONE) (RELATIONS)
PLEASE CIRCLE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING YOUR CHILD IS ALLERGIC TO: DAIRY PEANUTS BEE STINGS
DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY SPECIAL CONCERNS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF? THIS INCLUDES ANY ALLERGIES, DIABETES, ETC.
_____
IF YOU DO NOT WANT PICTURES OF YOUR CHILD USED SIGN HERE.
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TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A BIBLE SCHOOL T-SHIRT
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PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF THIS FORM TO ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CENTER (1211 ORANGE AVE, UNION, NJ 07083.

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Apply Now!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael Parish School is seeking a full-time pre-k teacher. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree in education. Experience is a plus!
If interested, please email *rscicolone@smsunion.org* with cover letter and resume.

Announcements

Feast of St. Alphonsa Celebration

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Mass at 12 noon
Msgr. Anselm

Fellowship after mass at Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

All are welcome!

USAN FUNDRAISERS
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Union, NJ

Invites you to our Union of Saints and Nations (USAN) Fundraiser to be held at Vinhus Restaurant, Roselle Park, NJ

Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

This USAN fundraiser celebrates the Apostles and their personal mission to support the Church. Group 33 - The Apostles

Blue claw crabs and locally caught fish donated to support the dinner and the Church.

$60 per adult includes a menu of appetizers, tossed green salad, soup, blue claw crabs, single choice among 3 entrees, sangria or wine, coffee, and dessert.

Reservations are required and tickets purchased in advance. Contact David Bernot 908-472-8858 or Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 for tickets and questions.

Vinhus Restaurant generously supports this fundraiser & is located 157 E Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204

USAN FUNDRAISER CASINO TRIP

When: Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Cost: $35.00, $25 back from Wind Creek Casino to play

Where: Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA

Bus leaves 9:30 sharp at the St. Michael's parking lot

For reservations, please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100

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**

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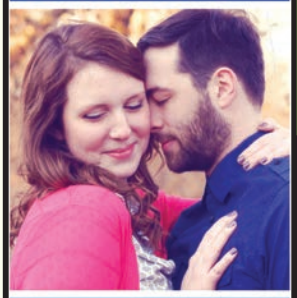

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