



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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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

YOU ARE MIGHTIER THAN YOU THINK



The 1st reading on this 4th Sunday of Advent begins with this statement: "You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel" (Micah 5:2). Bethlehem, an unknown town, a town too small to be counted among the towns of Judah, a town not to border with, is the town to produce a king. Remember when God sent Samuel to go and anoint one of the sons of Jesse, all his big and handsome sons came out and none was chosen. Chosen was the little shepherd-boy who was in the field with the sheep, whom everybody thought of as nobody, the unrecognized, the least thought of, and yet Samuel would have this to say: "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives" (1 Sam 16:11). When Gideon told the angel of the Lord, "My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family" the angel of the lord responded, "[No], You are a mighty warrior. Go in the strength you have and save Israel." (Judges 6:1-11) **"GO IN THE STRENGTH YOU HAVE"**

Have you ever asked, "What does God think of me? Who does God say that I am? Many a time, we tend to care more about what people think of us rather than what God thinks of us. We are not what others think we are; we are what God knows us to be. What God knows us to be is that we are wired with the ability and inner strength to do great things, to stand strong in the face of opposition, to call forth the David within us in the face of life-Goliaths, to go further than we thought we could, and to live a life beyond what limits us. When we focus on what others think of us, we run the risk of not becoming who God knows us to be and who God wants us to be. Focusing on what others think of you can box you into the corner of their judgment, only for you to, consciously or unconsciously, act and behave in ways that line up with their prejudice, and like Gideon, begin to look down on ourselves, doubt your own abilities, and end up living a life that you were not created to live. No wonder Scripture says, "It is dangerous to be concerned with what others think of you" (Proverb 29:25). Using the opinions of others as the measuring stick of our worth is always a losing battle. We could never please God if we are disgusted with the person looking back at us in a mirror

God thinks good thoughts about us and so let us, as well, think good thoughts about ourselves. Never look down on yourself, no matter where you come from, who you are, what your profession is, or whatever imperfections you may have. There is always someone who is looking up to you: God your creator. We know that beliefs are very powerful because it has the power to create and the power to destroy. So believe in yourself, trust in your worth, be full of expectations, and stand with St. Paul when he says, "I am who I am by the grace of God." Remember, also, that because you are who you are by the grace of God, the other person, also, is who they are by the grace of God and so we should never look down on anyone because only God sits up that high.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE: SIMBANG GABI CHRISTMAS EVENING MASS

Please join us tonight for the Simbang Gabi
Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 8:00 pm
St. Michael's Church



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER EDITION

www.stmichaelunion.org/

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.



6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—
stmichaelunion.org

BANK TRANSFER:

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

CONTACT FREE:

QR CODE



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 **QR** 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**

12/5/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,628	\$12,472	\$1,844

Thank you to all parishioners. We are **over** the budget this week of 12/5/2021 by **\$1,844**.

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

Parish Giving
—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	December 18 Kathleen McCarrick
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent Thanksgiving—Sipe & Arnaldo Families Joseph Gabriel Concepcion & Reynaldo Ticzon Irma Abril Salvador V. Antonio
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 20 Novena of Masses Wilfredo Montemayor Wesley Koziol Lise & Ilvert Beauliere
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 21 Cesar Ong Aris Francisco Elizabeth Schweighardt
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 22 Roger Boetsch John Mazzuca Anna Skoczylas
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 23 Adam Mosejchuk (49th Ann.) Joseph J. Catena Novena of Masses Thanksgiving—Joseph Family
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 5:00 pm 8:00 pm	December 24 Christmas Eve Francis & Claire Gillick Cathy Spagnuolo Family Liturgy—For the Parishioners For the Parishioners Marylu Morales (Living)
SATURDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 25 Christmas Day For the Parishioners Christmas Novena of Masses Patrick O'Hara (40th Ann.) Nordick Anthony Garcia
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Luther & Shela Boulin (Living) 18th Wedding Anniversary Matthew Boulin (Living) - Birthday Frank Salsano (18th Ann.) Alejandro T. Cruz Agerico Mendoza Maria Tavares

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Mr. & Mrs. Esteban Bernardo.



MINISTRY Information



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Christmas Blessings from the staff of the Religious Education Office
Clare Andriola and Lois Scanio**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 19th and 26th, Monday, December 20th and 27th, and Tuesday, December 21st and 28th. Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 2, 2021.

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. The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@gmail.com



We would like to congratulate our CYO members on their presentation of the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS for all to enjoy this Christmas season! They presented the true meaning of Christmas for all of us.

FESTIVAL CAST:

Mary Ava Moran
Joseph Cristian Simms
Angel Gabriel Gabriel Castano
Elizabeth Kailey McDonough
Angels Janai Campbell & Emma Freire
Inn Keeper Andrew Rabanal
Servant Girl Bianca Salas
King Herod Rhyan Almonacy

WISE MEN

Michael Kelley, Joe Matos, John Moreira

SHEPHERDS

Jerome Fernandez, Julian Gutierrez, Nick Gonzalez, Jason Novoa

READERS

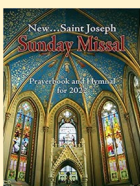
Vincent Espana, Kaitlyn Laverty, Clarence Royandoyan, Jewelz Massicot, Laila Tomlinson, Ana Ruiz, Michelle Torres, Samantha Torres, Amelia Rabanal, Jazlyn Hernandez, Aeryn Perez, Angelina Holandez, Jenna Brual

LIGHTS/STAGE Ryu Javate

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who shared their musical talents with us! The music shares was beautiful and inspirational.

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.



ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

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

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit eva.us/stmichael to sign up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us. Follow the response to update your profile and select email or text messages as your preferred form of contact. You can also indicate if you are part of a ministry or would like to join a ministry (group).

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, Iluminda 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, Judy Reid

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE C)

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

A prayer for God's salvation

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

NOVENA of Masses

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Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Fritz Maddy	Jerome Shaw, Jr.
Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Artemia Tan	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Ibrahim Makson	Alex Micayabas
Celso & Rosalia Anuada	Emmett Villa
Jorge J. Criado	Craig Calix (Living)
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Special Intentions (VG)	Rosemary Sauro
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Serafina Sauro
Christopher Albarracin (Living)	All Souls in Purgatory
George Mgbeahurike	Elizabeth Odoemene
Micard Charlotin (Living)	Kent Charlotin (Living)
Dorothy Pryzby Stand (Living)	Lorna Basila
Aida Dela Sierra Necio	Jose Noel Banaban
Jessica Church Ward (Living)	Clautaire Jean
Lorna Basila	Aida Necio
Frantzy Petit Homme	Claudy Duclervil
Helen & Stanley Skora	Edie, Tom & Scott Leddy
Stanislaw & Czeslawa Pogorzelski	Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczlas
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	Cecile Abraham (Living)
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	Marie Civil Maddy (Living)
Endel & Avi Stefanau	Oscar & Linda Horn
Helmut & Rosalie Kikas	Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)
Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)	Roger Michaud (Living)
	Peter Petrecca (Living)
Marie Jean Panes (Living)-Thanksgiving & Health	
Shella Boulon (Living)-Thanksgiving	
Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leinart & McMahon Fam	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaMonna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanlon & Matthiack Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Torres & Araujo Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph & Royal Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Landeira & Machado Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemene Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Ignatius Nwosuh Family	
Living & Deceased Membes of the Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Beldua, Veloso & Narciso Families	
Deceased Members of the Terriaca & Di Fabrizio Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."

Charles Dickens

Our parish **Giving Tree**, long a tradition of Christian charity at St. Michael's, will be greeting you once again during the Advent season. Thank you to all who have given gift and gift cards. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

If you would like to contribute a gift card or monetary donation to the **SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC - CALDWELL**, we will have a separate collection bin in the vestibule of the Church clearly marked for these donations. Last year the Sisters were able to plan a lovely dinner celebration for their residents and purchase some needed items as a result of your generosity.

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY **GIVING TREE**

A Big Thank You to the **HUGS** and **Family Activities Committee** Members for coming together to decorate the HUGS Giving Tree, and to **Cheryl and Kerm Thompson** for donating the tree and ornaments! We are so blessed to belong to such a loving church family! Please stop by the vestibule to pick up a candy cane or two and keep a family warm and clothed for the season.

The ministry is also asking for families interested in being on the **Distribution List**, to please reach out. We serve our families with the utmost dignity and respect. HUGS Ministry distributes Gift Bags once a month throughout the year. Please help spread the word about the ministry.

For more information, about the project or the HUGS Ministry, please contact

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

TRIP- SIGHTS 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. **Price is \$130.00** which will include lunch at Shady Maple and gratuities. For further information contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 or email Albertvp@verizon.net.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 18

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

CORRECTIONS: Wednesday, December 22

Communal Penance Service with Confession

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Times with asterisk will be Live Streamed

Friday, December 24th

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Family Liturgy

8:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, *10:30 AM*, 12:00 Noon

NEW YEAR MASSES

Friday, December 31st

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

New Year's Eve

7:00 PM Vigil mass & Prayer Service

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

5:30 PM (Sunday Mass)

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