



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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.

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
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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*

THE ANCHOR OF MY HOPE



The first reading on this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Times, year C, (Jeremiah 7:5-8) presents us with a scenario that could easily prompt an essay requiring us to compare and contrast between a person whose trust is in human beings and their abilities and a person whose trust is in the Lord; between a brown lifeless shrub in the desert and a green fruitful tree planted by the bay; between a person who is cursed by God and a person who is blessed by God. Life always requires an anchor; a pillar of trust that can hold us in place, just in case; a pillar we can hold unto when everything else fails. Such a pillar could be God, a person, or a thing. In this reading, Jeremiah reduces this choice to two—person or God—and then goes on to explain the consequences associated with each choice.

There is a natural tendency for us to rely on each other for many things; for everyday life engagement. Yet, our daily dealings with fellow humans, both corporately and individually, has shown that the flesh is feeble, sinful, and, many a time, unreliable. As humans, even when we do not mean to fail, we often do and in many cases, we do not have the power not to be so. We get overwhelmed by forces and circumstances beyond our control or forces driven by our self-centered needs and appetite. No wonder, Jeremiah, in this reading likens those who put their trust in human strength to a desert-plant that is small, malnourished, dry, and condemned to a hard and unfruitful existence; wasted and living life on the margins. What this means is that the one whose trust is in human flesh is going to be spent fighting for survival all the time; unable to display the beauty and the holiness of Christ in their lives; unable to benefit from God's graces and blessings because of being adapted to living on their own resources. Yet, we know that man could be alive today and dead the next minute.

On the other hand, there are those who have chosen to put their hope and trust in the Lord; the God of unfailing grace; a promise-keeping God. Jeremiah describes these people as 'blessed' or 'happy', unlike the previous ones who were described as 'cursed'. For those whose hope is in the Lord, God, according to Jeremiah, provides an endless source of blessing and strength to the extent that, even though the times of draught come, they will not experience distress or unfruitfulness because the channels of God's grace will be in constant flow to provide windows of opportunity for every needed escape; sustenance for every needed help, forgiveness for needed reconciliation, power to overcome every tribulation and adversity, and blessings for needed abundance.

So, how do we want to choose? To be cursed or to be blessed; to let the Word of God order our steps, direct our path, form our consciences, dictate our actions, and direct our everyday living, or to let Hollywood, the social media, and liberal outlets to dictate the foundation of our human choices. We need to be careful how we make this choice because it has the power to determine our destiny. "Blessed is the man whose hope is in the Lord".

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements



Archdiocese of Newark

January 26, 2022

Reverend Monsignor Anselm I. Nwaorgu
 Saint Michael Parish
 1212 Kelly Street
 Union, NJ 07083-3897

Dear Monsignor Nwaorgu,

Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of Saint Michael Parish for their generous response to the 2021 Annual Appeal. With pledge payments totaling \$47,135, your parish surpassed its goal. Enclosed is a \$295 rebate check to be used for local needs at your discretion. This check represents 100% of the amount collected over goal as of January 20, 2022.

I am particularly grateful to you, your parish staff and Appeal coordinators for the outstanding effort. Through your hard work, and that of pastors, parish teams and generous parishioners across our Archdiocese, the 2021 Annual Appeal raised over \$9 million enabling us to continue advancing the mission of Jesus Christ throughout our four counties.

The sacrificial response to the 2021 Annual Appeal is a testament to the collective commitment we have as an Archdiocesan family to serve our ministries and mission. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Smith
 Director, Office of Development and Stewardship

LECTORS NEEDED

There will be a training class scheduled in February. Please contact the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 if you are interested in this ministry.

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**

1/30/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$12,847	\$3,809

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



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	February 12 Claire Martins Robillard
SUNDAY 7:30 am	February 13 For the Parishioners Hector Moya
9:00 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
10:30 am	Glenda Ledesma
12:00 Noon	John McKnight
MONDAY 8:30 am	February 14 Divina Esteban Urbano M. Diaz (7th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Philip Montalto Barbara Mandell
TUESDAY 8:30 am	February 15 Marie Jo Inouie (Living) - Birthday
12:00 Noon	Harold McLean
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am	February 16 Novena of Masses Fidela Dagat
12:00 Noon	Maura C. De los Reyes
THURSDAY 8:30 am	February 17 Ana Mercedes Torres
12:00 Noon	Richard Abrigo
FRIDAY 8:30 am	February 18 Novena of Masses Gerry Maher (21st. Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Jose J. Arnaldo
SATURDAY 8:30 am	February 19 Lucille L. Arnaldo (Living)-89th Birthday
5:30 pm	Johnnuel Magno (Living)-Birthday Ofelia Espana
SUNDAY 7:30 am	February 20 For the Parishioners Richard Ferrer
9:00 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
12:00 Noon	Francisco C. Valderama Carmen M. Gancia

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for Clodualdo Campos, requested by her daughter Mary Ann.

The Altar Wine is offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Jose J. Arnaldo

WELLNESS MINISTRY

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays at **9:30—10:30 am**

**Phil Matrale Hall
(Lower Church)**



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.



Thank you to our potter, **Ray Boswell**, who facilitated a **Blessing Cup Retreat** for our First Communion candidates last Saturday. By using his pottery wheel, clay and a multimedia presentation, the children were called to recognize God as the divine potter shaping our lives.

The children had the opportunity to decorate their own blessing cups.

Upcoming Events for 1st Communion Candidates:

Teaching Mass – Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 AM in St. Michael's Church

[Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Mass is welcome to attend.]

First Reconciliation – Saturday, Mar. 12 at 11 AM in the Church.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@gmail.com



The CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in our Valentine's Day Service Project. The items collected for the HUGS Ministry and the Valentine's Day cards that were decorated were very much appreciated! This upcoming Tuesday on February 15th, there will be a general body CYO meeting in the Phil Matrale Hall from 7-8:30pm. The following Tuesday, February 22nd, we will be off for President's Day Weekend.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!



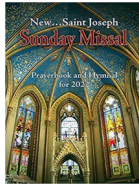
"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

Registration for St. Michael Parish School is now open! For individual tours, please email the principal at rsicolone@smsunion.org. Come and explore our amazing school!

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**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.



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

Agatha “Stephanie” Boyle, Salvatore Leonetti, Shirley Lipari

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, 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, Henry & Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Charito Palencia

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE C**

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

NOVENA of Masses

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FEBRUARY 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 Russomano | Lucilia Sousa Araujo |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo | Ibrahim Makson |
| Celso & Rosalia Anuada | Giuseppe Terriaca |
| Modeste Royal (Living) | Darline Royal (Living) |
| Harrriet Divino | Special Intentions—VG |
| Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon | Fritz Maddy |
| Daisy T. Edrada | Veronica E. Escribano |
| Mariet E. Gepuela | Artemio C. Agreda |
| George Rinehart | Richard Ballway |
| Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz | Betty Veluz (Living) |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Family | Frank Rubinetti, Sr. |
| Maria Antonia DeCastro & Ramon DeCastro (Living) | |
| 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 | |
| For the Souls of Purgatory | |
| 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 | |
| Luis Cantillo & Aura Reina (Living) - For health | |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry it is a rewarding experience bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass.

At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings at various masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email jpastewski@aol.com.

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. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation.

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TRIP- SIGHT 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**. After the show we will have lunch at Shady Maple.

Price is \$130.00 which will include lunch at Shady Maple 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.



Announcements

HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry (A charitable arm of our parish), distributes Grace Bags **every month** to families in our parish. Help spread the word.

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

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).

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Is searching for 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