

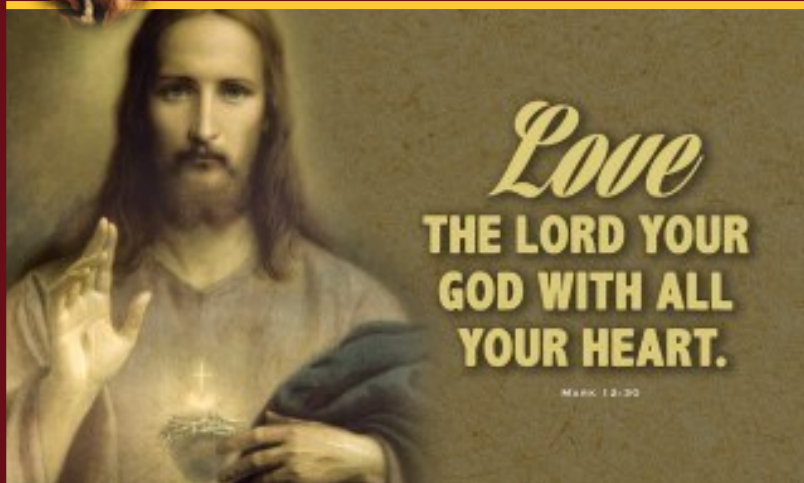


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

OCTOBER 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST 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

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1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephones

Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232
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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



CLOSE BUT NOT IN



In the gospel reading of this 31st Sunday in ordinary times (Mark 12:28b-34), Christ, after listening to a Pharisee's reasoning about what Scriptures says about the commandments, told him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven". The problem here is that not being far from the kingdom of heaven is not the same thing as being in it. What we need is to be inside the kingdom, not close to it. We can know all about God and yet not know God. To know God is to have a personal relationship with Him and to have a personal relationship with Him, we need to love Him the way He wants to be loved—with all four aspects of our humanity—our heart (emotions), our soul (psych), our mind (intellect), and our strength (ability, physicality).

To love God with all our heart means that God wants an emotional commitment in our love for Him; an exciting and expressive love, like the outpouring of emotions we experience when our favorite teams are playing and winning. God wants us to rejoice and be glad by the things that concern Him; to have an appetite for Him; to desire to spend time with Him in adoration, worship, and praise.

Christ also noted that being excited and emotionally committed in our love for God is not enough. God, also, desires our psychological commitment—loving Him with all your soul. God wants our love for Him to govern how we see ourselves, others, and the world; how we interpret events in our lives; and how we see his presence in all of creation. God wants to make our relationship with Him an "All or Nothing Affair"; to make Him the center of our lives. No wonder Scripture says, "Since you are neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out".

But to be excited about God and to make Him the center of our life is almost impossible if we are not clear as to "Who" God is. If we are not clear as to "Who" God is, our love for Him will not be real. Therefore Christ says that our love for God calls for a mental commitment—to love God with your entire mind. Mental commitment involves (a) believing that God is God alone, and He is the God of creation (for if God is not the God of creation, then He has no power over principalities, dominions, authorities, and powers of darkness in the heavenly places, in which case, we are doomed); (b) believing that God is faithful to His promises, for Scripture says, "Faithful is the one that calls you, who will also do it" (If God is not faithful to His promises, we worship and serve Him in vain and our faith is useless); (c) believing that God has a plan for my life and that He will see me through it if I put my trust in Him, for scripture says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future full of hope" (if God has no plans for my life, I am, then, merely, a product of chance); and (d) believing that there is final judgment and a hereafter to which we are accountable (if there is no hereafter, we have all labored in vain).

Knowing who God is invites us to a commitment of the will—to love Him with all your strength, for Scripture says, "My faithful one shall live by faith alone and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him". Many a time, life situations can conspire to take our eyes off of God and push Him into a secondary position. To love God with all your strength is to love God with every fiber in you; to love Him in very practical ways; to deploy your time, talent, and treasure in the service of His kingdom; to become a distributive agent of His graces to humanity. No wonder, Jesus said, "The second is like the first; you must love your neighbor as yourself". May the good Lord grant us the grace to love Him exclusively and totally, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm



Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	October 30
5:30 pm	Manuel Caram
SUNDAY	October 31
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B	
7:30 am	Urbano Manuel Diaz
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
	Alex & Betty Wrafter
10:30 am	Carmen M. Gancia & Theodore Mendoza
	Louis Cavallo & Annunziata Bitietti
12:00 Noon	Carmelo Valentino
MONDAY	November 1 All Saint's Day
8:30 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
12:00 Noon	Concepcion Ticzon
7:00 pm	Eugene Vibar
TUESDAY	November 2 All Soul's Day
8:30 am	Jose J. Arnaldo
	Marilyn Briones (Living)-Birthday
12:00 Noon	All Souls
	Michael John Ravago
	Visitation & Greg Ravago
7:00 pm	Novena of Masses for All Soul's Departed
WEDNESDAY	November 3
8:30 am	Claire Kelly Gillick
12:00 Noon	Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero
THURSDAY	November 4
8:30 am	Joseph Del Mauro (14th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	Joseh Gabriel (4th Ann.)
FRIDAY	November 5 First Friday
8:30 am	Helen Phillips (16th Ann.)
12:00 Noon	All Souls
	Richard Mayo
6:30 pm	Sophie Mosejchuk (7th Ann.)
SATURDAY	November 6
8:30 am	David & Frances Ericksen
	Fred Pajarillo (Living)-85th Birthday
5:30 pm	Genevieve & Frank Karwowski
SUNDAY	November 7
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B	
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
	Dominic Stuart
9:00 am	Anthony John Espeleta (Living)
10:30 am	Manuel Pereira Araujo
12:00 Noon	Sefia Family Benefactors

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

2021 MASS BOOK

THE BOOK IS OPEN!

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.

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

Thank you and God Bless!



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ- a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten- 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at rscicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

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 michaelalfano@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).

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & 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 Czaplá, 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

NOVENA of Masses

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Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Paulino Cruz
George Rinehart	Craig Calix (Living)
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Remedios Rabano	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Luigi Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Special Intentions-VG	Magdalena Moreno Cruz
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Jorge J. Criado	Jessica Churchward (Living)
Ibrahim Makson	Celso & Rosalia Anuada
Emmett Villa	Lolita Maksom (Living)-Birthday
Teresa Chiera	Maria Carlos (Living)-Birthday
Rufino Ramos	Judith Gumban (Living)-Birthday
Alex Micayabas	Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)
Elizabeth Odoemene	George Mgbeahurike
Peter Petrecca (Living)	Micheline & Joseph Kmetz
All Souls in Purgatory	Hermenegildo Balbutin
Alex Micayabas	Elizabeth Odoemene
Bishop Guy Sansaricq	Chi Pancho (Living)
Rubiela Segura Quintero	Fritz Maddy
Jerome Shaw, Jr.	Claudia Patricia Munoz Segura
Adolfo Aviguetero	Carlos Andres Munoz Segura
Lucy Nwauku (Living)	Vitalis Onyema
Adelina Yulo	Jesusa Jimenez Macatangay
Colum (Living)-for guidance	
Christine Jerome (Living)-Birthday, Gratitude & Thanksgiving	
Marie Jerome (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Dorothy Pryzby Strand (Living) - Birthday	
Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living)	
Fedia, Micard, Kent & Kareema Charlotin (Living)	
Modeste, Darline & Altagrace Royan (Living)	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, Leinart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanlon & Mattiack Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Torres & Araujo Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Landeira & Machado Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemene Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Ignatius Nwosuh Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano 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
Christine (Tina) Leno

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

A prayer of praise to God our strength

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28b-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

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

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 Mario's 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.

6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING -
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In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.

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

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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.

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.

