

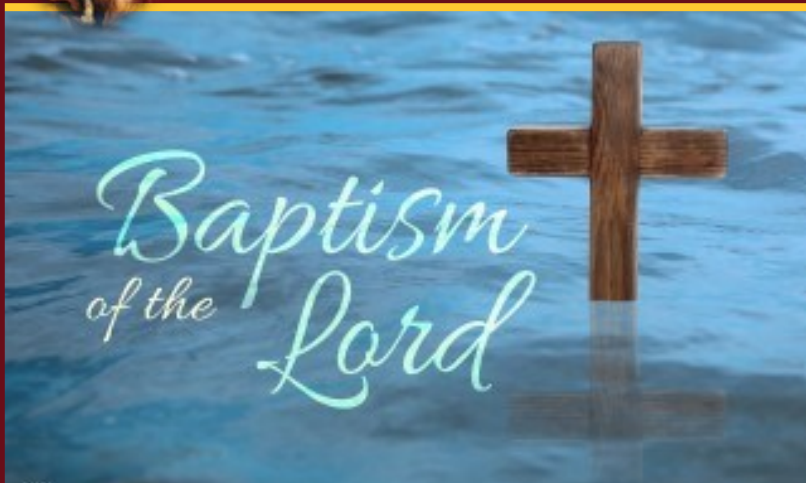


# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 9, 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## 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

## 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 Manocchio, *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.



## Message From The Pastors Desk

### WHY WAS CHRIST BAPTIZED?



The promise of a Messiah was based on the premise that a virgin will bear a son and his name shall be called Immanuel. Having made this promise, God also had to find a way to help us identify the Messiah when He came, because anyone could rise up and make the claim that he is the Messiah. So, among other things, the Baptism of the Lord served to identify Jesus as the Messiah, the Lamb of God, the one who will take away the sins of the world; it was the Epiphany of the Lamb.

According to John the Baptist, “So that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water and He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit’ (John 1:30-33). Matthew, Mark, and Luke testify, “Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.” (Matthew 3:16-17, Mark 1:9-11, Lk 3:21-22). Notice that this phenomenon, as reported by all four Gospels, happened only to Jesus Christ in order to single Him out the Messiah. John the Baptist will have to say, “I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God” (John 1:34).

By being Baptized, Christ was identifying with those he had come to save so that through His righteousness sinners can gain a right place with God again. By being baptized, Jesus took our place—our sin, our guilt, our punishment, our death so that when we are baptized, we can take on His place—his perfect life, his death, his resurrection. Scripture says, “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Cor. 5:21). Again, Scripture says, “Having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:7).

His Baptism also turned the Baptism of John—a baptism of repentance—into a Sacrament of grace, redemption, and salvation; a ticket and admission into the community of God’s people; a gateway and passport into the kingdom of God. It ended the claim of Jewishness and circumcision as the criteria for God’s children. The Bible says, “Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith (those baptized in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit) who are sons of Abraham....in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Galatians 3:7-9, 14).

A very important matter to note, also, is that the Baptism of our Lord served to reveal the true nature of God as Trinity—Three Persons in one God—the Father who spoke of His Son; the Son who was being baptized and on whose behalf the Father testified; and the Spirit who descended on the Son in preparation for the Father’s testimony.

What a rich experience and privilege it is for all of us who are bonded unto the Lord in His Baptism, for His Baptism gave us the reassurance that we are following the Right One, the Savior, the Son of God, the Redeemer, the one who died, once and for all, for my sins and the sins of the world. To Him be praise, honor, and glory for all ages, Amen.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Announcements



**SAVE THE DATE:** FEAST OF THE SANTO NINO (INFANT JESUS) AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE 500 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

January 30, 2022 at 3:00 pm Mass and Fellowship after Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall.

## HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS) AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Hands of Grace Ministry (HUGS) members would like to express their immense gratitude to the **Knights of Columbus (Union Council 4504)** for supporting the ministry by donating 12 winter coats from the Supreme's "Coats for Kids" program.

We would also like to thank all those who tirelessly dropped gifts under the pink tree. The response was pleasantly overwhelming.

Both gift bag distributions were very successful! The first Christmas Distribution was done on December 24th and the second on January 6th. The families that picked up pre-packed bags were so grateful to St. Michael's Church.

HUGS Ministry distributes **Gift Bags once a month throughout the year.**

We are asking for families with children ages new born to 5 years, interested in being on the monthly **Distribution List**, to please fill out the form at <https://www.stmichaelunion.org/handsofgraceform>  
We serve all families with utmost dignity and respect.

Please help spread the word about the ministry.

For more information, about HUGS Ministry, please contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420 8659**

## 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**

12/19/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,628	\$ 7,337	(\$3,291)

**Deficit for the Sunday 12/19/2021 is (3,291).** 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](http://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](http://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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>January 8</b> Roger Boetsch Matthias Ojeawere (47th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>January 9</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> For the Parishioners Thomas Coullahan
9:00 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
10:30 am	Norma Llamas
12:00 Noon	Waleria Koziol
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 10</b> Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Amelia Ronquillo
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 11</b> Antoinette & Gerard Scalgione
12:00 Noon	Sefia Family Thanksgiving
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 12</b> Jose J. Arnaldo
12:00 Noon	Raymond & Helen Williamson
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 13</b> Juan Espeleta, Jr. (Living) - Birthday
12:00 Noon	Paula Wojtczak
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 14</b> Jose J. Arnaldo
	Alicia & Fernando Arnaldo
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 15</b> Serafin & Porferia Lacson
	Natividad Alic
5:30 pm	Claire Kelly Gillick
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>January 16</b> Fidela Dagat
9:00 am	Yvonne Lacson (Living) - Birthday
10:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Jose Arnaldo.**

### 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](mailto:jpastewski@aol.com).

## 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

### FOLLOWING JESUS IN CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER



The **Advent Tree** at St. Michael's has become well known in our town. It is a symbol of neighbor helping neighbor. The cheerfully purchased gifts arrive, beautifully rapped. The Blessed Sacrament children's party sparkles and the children smile!

The **gift cards** will assist our parishioners who are struggling with day-to-day living during this difficult time.

Those who participate through **prayer** engage in spiritual gift giving.

In addition, we collected **\$225** which we will gift to the **Sisters of Caldwell**.

Proverbs tells us "**Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.**" **Proverbs 11:25**

May prosperity refresh you and your families; may you reap rewards and may the grace of God remain with our Parish family throughout the coming year.

God bless all!

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

[cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com)



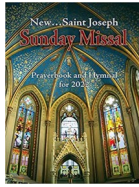
There will be no CYO meetings on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> or January 4<sup>th</sup>. CYO will resume on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year Everyone!



St. Michael Parish School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade position. Applicant must have a teaching certificate. Experience is a plus. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to [rscicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rscicolone@smsunion.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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  
**St. Michael's Parishioners**

**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, Claudette 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, Eleanor Cachelris, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Henry & Marlene Cababe

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 (The first reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7.)

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30 (The psalm from Cycle A may also be chosen, Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10.)

A prayer praising God's greatness

**Second Reading**

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 (The second reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38.)

Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Jesus is baptized by John.

**NOVENA of Masses**

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JANUARY 2022**

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Alejandro T. Cruz	Jorge J. Criado
Craig Calix (Living)	Alex Micayabas
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Serafina Sauro
Evelyn Phillips Landolfi	Christopher Boulin (Living)
Wladyslaw & Anna Skoczylas	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Manuel Pereira Araujo	Marte Palencia
Audrey Altagrace Royal (Living)	Josefa Agudo Palanca
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	Special Intentions—VG
Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leinart & McMahon Fam	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruskowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	

**2022 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.

**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](mailto:davidbernot1876@gmail.com)** with your interest or questions in participating in and supporting this new committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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](mailto:Albertvp@verizon.net).

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**Return to St. Michael's Church**  
**1211 Orange Ave., Union, NJ 07083**  
**With payment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Seats: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING

**20 + C + M + B + 22**

*Heavenly Father, bless our home and those who dwell within its secure walls. Grant that all people who visit will find us honest, just and hospitable. May we live this coming year open to Your grace and mercy, as we walk in your truth.*

*Please cut up this prayer and place at the top of your front door.*



### 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](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net)

### 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.



**Starting January 1, the prayer to St. Michael's will be prayed after every Mass.**