

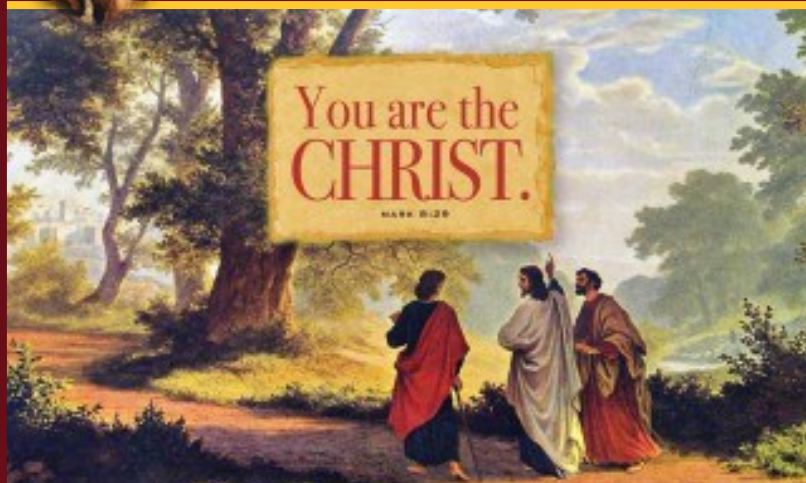


# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

TWENTY FOURTH 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

## 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  
**Stay Connected:**

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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 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.

# Message From The Pastors Desk



## FAITH THAT TRULY SAVES



The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of this 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary times brings to our mind a very important question: Are all spiritual attributes invisible? Can faith stand alone without good works and still save us? This reading, from James, tells us that faith without compassion, forgiveness, and help towards others is dead and cannot save. This is because, while the purpose of faith is salvation, the fruit of that faith is what pleases the Lord. Scripture says, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Faith is not an invisible spiritual attribute and so James asserts, "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works" (James 2:18). In the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), the priest and the Levite were discounted as neighbors because they lacked compassion and the milk of human kindness; they did not take care of a man who was in need. Their faith was self-focused and self-centered. In Matthew 25:33ff, we are told that the ones who will inherit the kingdom of heaven are not just believers, but believers who are compassionate and whose hands are the hand of God for those in need.

It is possible to have works without faith. In Matthew 7:22, Scriptures says, "Many will say to me on that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you, away from me, you evildoers!" Yes, while we can have works without faith, we cannot have genuine faith without works. Christ had this to say about the Pharisees, "They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.....Do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach" (Matthew 23:2-4).

The question is: can faith, devoid of human compassion, good living, and a forgiving spirit, accomplish anything for anyone? One can say, it can make people feel better about themselves or increase their standing in the Christian communities, but one thing is certain; it does not have an eternal value, and it does not and cannot save. It is not the kind of faith that God accepts, for Scripture says: "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world" (James 1:27). Our faith, as Christians, is not invisible; it is measurable. Faith is a life-changing phenomenon. Scripture tells us, in the Acts of the Apostles, that all those who had come to believe were together and shared what they had according to the needs of everyone, and there was not one needy person among them. There is this story told in Matthew 21:18-20, that while Jesus was on His way back to the city, He saw a fig tree by the road that was full of leaves but no fruits on it, and He cursed it to wither. Why, because the fig tree had nothing to show for its promise—profession without practice. A man, walking on a street in London, was asked if he believes in the Savior, Jesus Christ, and his answer was, "I need to see more in the saved for me to believe in their Savior".

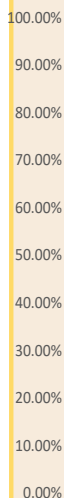
True faith finds expression in doing something about the human condition. There is this story about a missionary group that was ministering in a church, located in a third world country, that was in need of financial help. The solution one of the team members proposed was, "We'll pray that God will provide the money that you need." But instantly, a different member of the group responded, "God has already provided for their need! Please everyone on this mission-team get out your wallet!" This story reminds me of the story of the feeding of the five thousand people, where the apostles asked Jesus to send the people away, early, so that they could get to the villages and buy, for themselves, something to eat and Christ's response was: "You feed them yourselves".

True Christian faith is visible! It finds expression in the way we treat others; it is all about being the face of God to those we meet, the hand of God for those in need, the love of God for those who are suffering, the care of God for the despised and abandoned of the world. As Scripture says, "He defended the cause of the poor and needy. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the Lord" (Jeremiah 22:16). May our faith, in Christ Jesus, find ways to be visible, Amen!

*Msr. Anselm*

## Parish Information

### USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



**52 GROUPS**

**TO RAISE**

**\$100,000**

**FUNDS RAISED**

**\$115,683**

**THANK YOU**

## Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

Our Goal - **\$46,240**

Amount Pledged to Date - **\$43,770**

Number of Donors To Date - **154**

To Go—**\$2,470**



**TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT;**  
**rcan.org/ways-to-give** or **scan the QR Code.** Please Note: When making your pledge, please be sure to select 'St. Michael-Union' from the drop down menu.

Thank you for your generosity!

Our goal is within reach with only **\$2,470** to achieve our goal.

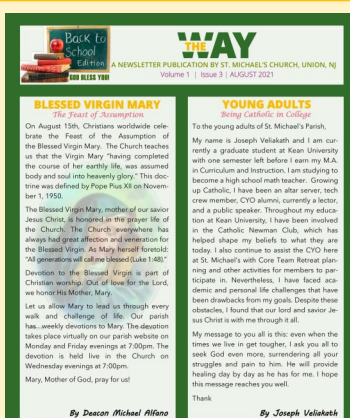


## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST**



[stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/](http://stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/)



## Stewardship of Treasure

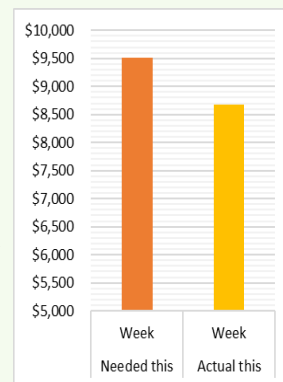
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

	8/15/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACUTAL WEEKLY	DEFICIT WEEKLY
			<b>This Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,022		\$ 8,864	<b>(\$1,158)</b>

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.
- **GoFundMe** The Archdiocese has established a site for contributions, to parishes, due to the current emergency. Go to our parish website ([stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org)) and click on the GoFundMe button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.



As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is **\$10,022**. What we actually received is **\$8,864** so we are short **\$1,158**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## 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](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.

### IMPORTANT GO FUND ME CHANGES

**GO FUND ME has advised the ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK that they will no longer support the program platform that hosts our GO FUND ME WEBSITE. The last day for donations will be September 30, 2021. Parishioners with recurring donations will also cease on September 30, 2021. If you have been donating to ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH using the GO FUND ME PLATFORM thank you for your giving. Before September 30, 2021, please begin to donate using our platform, PARISH 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. THANK YOU for your continued support of ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.**

## Mass Intentions & Devotions

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>September 11</b> Roger Boetsch
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am  10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>September 12</b> Poliparcio de Leon For the Parishioners Novena of Masses for Grandparents Jerry Crincoli, Jr. Carmen M. Gancia Anna Mendoza (Living)-Birthday
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am  12:00 Noon	<b>September 13</b> Novena of Masses Christine Faraone Mannelia Caram
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am  12:00 Noon	<b>September 14</b> Giuseppe Pontoriero Marianna Ferraro Donald Vincent
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>September 15</b> Veronica Gostkowski Alec & Betty Wrafter
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>September 16</b> Fidela Dagat Anthony Manochio
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>September 17</b> Albert Phillips (53rd Ann.) Betty Boetsch
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am  5:30 pm	<b>September 18</b> Novena of Masses Jane Wiatr (Living) Rose Bergel
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>September 19</b> Clarita de Leon (Living) -86th Birthday Paul Ojeawere (Living) For the Parishioners Francine Espana (Living)

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

## CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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



CYO is back! All high schoolers are welcome to join us for weekly meetings on Tuesday nights in the Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church) starting on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-8:15pm. If anyone has any questions or would like to sign up to be a part of the incoming Confirmation class, please email us at [cyounionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyounionnj@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you all soon!

## 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).



**Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:**  
**Don't forget to register your child for the upcoming school year. Classes start the week of September 19!**

We are planning to return to in-person classes in mid-September. As in the past, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Grade 2 and Sacrament Prep students are expected to attend in-person classes. We, of course, will comply with directives from the Archdiocese and other authorities and adjust our plans accordingly.

### **Register Online, by Mail or In Person:**

For your convenience, you may now complete the registration process and make payment online on our Parish website under the Faith Formation/Religious Education tab. You will also find a printable form if you prefer to mail or drop off your registration form and pay by check; or you can stop by the Religious Education office M-TH between 9:30AM and 2:30PM to register your child. Registrations received after September 6 will incur a \$25 late fee. Please, however, do not let inability to pay stop you from registering your child. Call or stop by the office and we will work with you.

**Can You Help?** We are always looking for dedicated men and women who offer their services as a catechist, aide or session helper. **We are particularly in need of a teacher for Grade 3 on Monday afternoons.** Please consider sharing your time and talents in this important ministry. Call or stop by the office for further information.

If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. Also, special two-year Sacrament Preparation classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.



### ***"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](mailto:rscicolone@smsunion.org) or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

## MINISTRY Information

### LECTOR Ministry

Congratulations to our newly commissioned lectors, **Rosa Rendeiro, Megan Rendeiro da Cruz, Anthony Barca, Mary Maturí and Jun Felix**. We welcome them to this ministry.

### ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

Reminder: Please join together for the Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 6th at 9:00 am. This mass is in memory of all deceased members of the St. Michael's Senior Club.

Due to Covid-19, we will not have an arranged group breakfast this year.

Please contact Joann if you have any questions (908-688-8844).

### ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

**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. Contact Fr. Miles for more information.

**Baptism Ministry** is looking for new members. Please contact the Parish Center or Deacon Michael Cavallo at [deaconmikecavallo@gmail.com](mailto:deaconmikecavallo@gmail.com)

### Wellness Ministry

**OUTDOOR**  
**Dance & Wellness Classes**  
Saturdays at **9:30 am**



### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. Call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for more information.

### TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation

#### Second Reading

James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

#### Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

### 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**

## NOVENA of Masses

### NOVENA OF MASSES SEPTEMBER 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Tom Donohue
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	Sr. Juvenia Joseph (Living)-Birthday
Ibrahim Makson	Celso & Rosalia Anuada
Alex Micayabas	Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)
Elizabeth Odoemene	George Mgbeahurike
Fritz Maddy	Raymond Dua
Ruel Estopia	Jessica Churchward (Living)
Barbara Marszalek	Eric Elechicon
Peter Petrecca (Living)	Olivia Oasan
Terry Malloy	Shella Boulton (Living)-Thanksgiving
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Claudia Torres & Tiago Torres (Living)	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	
Ben & Marivic Del Rosario & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving	
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 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	

### 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, Carol Czaplá, 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 Sarano, 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## USAN FUNDRAISERS



**St. Michael Church's  
USAN Fundraiser  
San Lorenzo Ruiz—1st Golf Tournament**  
**Date: September 25, 2021**  
**Registration starts at 8:00 am**  
**The Meadows at Middlesex Golf Course**  
**Plainsboro, New Jersey**  
**Don't delay! Teams are limited**  
**Deadline, August 31, 2021**

**Individual Player—\$120.00 per person**  
**Sponsorship Packages available.**  
**Fee includes: Green Tee, cart, breakfast and bagged lunch**

Please go to [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) to register.

**For more information, please contact the following:**

Arnold & Cristy Yanto—(908) 242-8758  
Archie & Carol De la Cruz—(732) 874-3375  
Butch & Malou Morales—(908) 577-1800  
Resy Millora-Dilag—(908) 416-2732  
Nick & Island Raagas—(732) 874-3375

**JOB VACANCY**  
**Apply Now!**

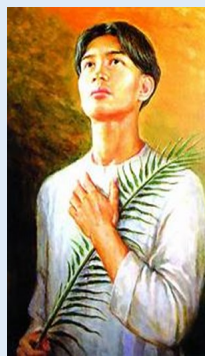
We have a vacancy at St. Michael's Parish Office for a part-time Business Manager and Bookkeeper. The position requires very good background in Accounting and Finance and very good knowledge of QuickBooks.

Please call the Parish Office at (908) 688-1232 and send in your resume at [stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net).

**STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

Visit [eva.us/stmichael](http://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).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SAVE THE DATE**  
for the celebration of the feast of  
***San Lorenzo Ruiz,***  
***the first Filipino Saint***  
**Sunday, September 26, 2021**  
**at 3:00 pm**  
Daily Novena will start on Friday,  
Sept. 17, 2021

**2022 MASS BOOK**

The 2022 Mass Book will be open starting **October 6, 2021**. 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.

**6 Ways To DONATE****ONLINE GIVING:**

**Parish Giving**  
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—  
[stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org)

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[stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto: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 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.

