



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

AUGUST 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH 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

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



RESPONDING TO STRESSES IN LIFE



The second reading for this 18th Sunday in ordinary times, which is taken from chapter 16 of the book of Exodus, details how the Israelites responded to the challenges of danger, shortages, and inconvenience on their way to freedom and, in many ways, question how we respond to the challenges of positive change in our lives. The journey of growth rarely happens without obstacles, difficulties, and tribulations. Change and growth involve pain which often leads to stress, so much so that, very often, the temptation is to fall back to where we started, to give up on the effort, to give up on our goals, and to find a quick escape route. Usually, complaining is the common tool of choice; blaming others and things for our woes rather than taking responsibility and facing the challenges before us.

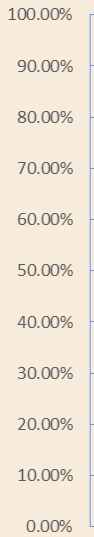
Life has a way of perfecting what we practice. What we do very often, we will also get good at. If we complain and blame people and things about where we are in life, we will, sooner than later, get good at it. In fact, we will get so good at it that we will find something or somebody to blame for every difficult situation in our lives. They Israelites had complained when they were faced with crossing the Red Sea. Then they complained about being in the desert, and in this reading, they complained about not having bread. Next, they will complain about water, then about meat, then about Moses and Aaron, etc. What is lost in this new found spirit of complaining is the goodness of the Lord; all that the Lord had done to set them free from slavery. All they could see was material lack; all they could notice was what was not done; all they were interested in was to complain. No expression of gratitude for blessings received and no expression of trust in the God who was delivering them from slavery into freedom. Complaining kills the spirit of responsibility, gratitude, and appreciation.

It is very easy to negate the efforts of others; to forget the good others have done for us and the blessings we have received from the Lord, and to focus mostly on people's deficiencies, what was not done, and our material lack. Unfortunately, a complainer rarely finds opportunity to be grateful and to express gratitude. There is so much good and blessings around us and so much that God and others have done for us. What we chose to focus on will determine how we respond to life. May the good Lord help us focus our lives on gratitude, for the more we see goodness for which we are grateful, the more good things are likely to come our way and abide with us!

Mmgr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



**52 GROUPS
TO RAISE
\$100,000**

**FUNDS RAISED SO FAR
\$59,320**

THANK YOU

**Not yet in a group?
Call the parish center
office to sign up.**

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021} Catholic Stewardship in Action

Our Goal - **\$46,240**
Amount Pledged to Date - **\$43,520**
Number of Donors To Date - **154**
To Go—**\$2,720**



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 **\$2,720** to
achieve our goal.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

Access the May Edition @
stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



COMING
Soon
NEXT EDITION:
August 15

Stewardship of Treasure

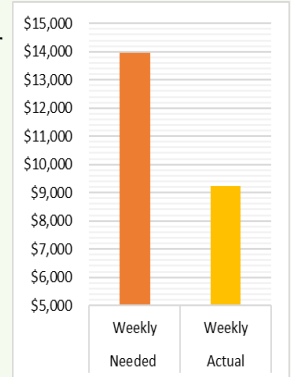
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

6/30/2021 FISCAL YEAR END	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACUTAL WEEKLY	DEFICIT WEEKLY
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 13,963	\$ 9,229	(\$4,734)

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.
- **GoFundMe** The Archdiocese has established a site for contributions, to parishes, due to the current emergency. Go to our parish website (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 **\$13,963**. What we actually received is **\$9,229** so we are short **\$4,734**. 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) 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.



ARE YOU GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER? Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please do not take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to our website, stmichaelunion.org, to sign up for electronic giving. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	July 31
5:30 pm	Rayman & Virginia Boodhoo (Living) 48th Wedding Anniversary
SUNDAY	August 1
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Joseph Hrevnack
10:30 am	Nwando Melie (Living)
12:00 Noon	Jose Isirio Torres
MONDAY	August 2
8:30 am	Kevin Apuzzio
12:00 Noon	Onyekaci Odoemene (Living) - Birthday
TUESDAY	August 3
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Thomas Leddy
WEDNESDAY	August 4
8:30 am	Reynaldo Ticzon
12:00 Noon	Eleanor Schweitzer
THURSDAY	August 5
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
	Wladys Skoczylas
	Shella Boulon (Living) - Birthday
12:00 Noon	Pacita Pena (11th Ann.)
FRIDAY	August 6
8:30 am	Sankiroutiery Quattara & Family (Living)
12:00 Noon	Fr. Lawrence Murphy
6:30 pm	Concepcion Ticzon
SATURDAY	August 7
8:30 am	William Paul Clarke Held
5:30 pm	Dorothy Marchitello
SUNDAY	August 8
7:30 am	Michelle Espeleta (Living)
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
	Sefia Family Benefactors
10:30 am	Robert Gechtman
12:00 Noon	Ginger Czapla

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Espana Family (Living) for thanksgiving.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyounionnj@gmail.com



With the school year coming to an end, the CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year possible, especially in this challenging environment. Through Christ, anything is possible!

Tuesday night meetings have come to an end and will resume back in September. Summer events will be announced. Anyone who is in high school and would like to be a part of next year's confirmation class, please email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com. Emails and mailings are being sent out with registration information and a meeting will be held June 29th at 7:00pm in the Lower Church for all confirmation candidates and their parents.

Have a safe and healthy summer everyone! God Bless!

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.

Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:

Thank you for entrusting St. Michael's Church with the formal religious education of your child. We are pleased 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 must attend in-person classes.

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. If you return your registration form and payment by August 9, you will be entitled to the "early discount" fee. 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.

We are always looking for dedicated men and women who offer their services as a catechist, aide or session helper. 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 or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

St. Michael School has the following positions open: Part-time Advanced Math Teacher, Part-Time Music Teacher and a Part-Time Spanish Teacher. Please send resume and cover letter to rscicolone@smsunion.org.

MINISTRY Information

ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

With the COVID restrictions now lifted in Church, Msgr. Anselm asks that all ministry volunteers return to service. Please contact your ministry leaders for scheduling.

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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of Lectors to proclaim the Word of God at our weekend liturgies. Qualifications are you must be a registered parishioner and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested, please call the parish center or e-mail Albertavp@verizon.net. Training will be provided.

LECTOR TRAINING

There will be a lector training session on Saturday, August 21 at approximately 9:15 a.m. (after the 8:30 mass). If you are interested, please call the parish center or e-mail Albertavp@verizon.net. Thank you.

Wellness Ministry

OUTDOOR
Dance & Wellness Classes
Saturdays at 9:30 am



6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING: Parish Giving -SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING- stmichaelunion.org	BANK TRANSFER: Zelle 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.

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First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."

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

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES AUGUST 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions
George Rinehart	Craig Calix (Living)
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Remedios Rabano	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Angela & Frank Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Special Intentions-VG	Shela Boulin (Living)-Birthday
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Alta Grace Limage	Baby Charlie Esmores (Living)-Healing
Luchie Little (Living)	Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)
Cristita Sindiong	Domingo Raymundo Martin
Ron Piskorz	Aurora Manochio (Living)
Bernice Ukaegbu	Patricia Nduche
Paula Ukaegbu	Eunice Ukaegbu
Edgardo Espiritu	Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)
Elizabeth Odoemene	George Mgbeahurike
Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczylas	
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 Czapl, 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 Czapl, 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, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, 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

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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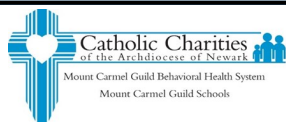


**St. Michael Church's
USAN Fundraiser
San Lorenzo Ruiz—1st Golf Tournament**
Date: September 25, 2021
Registration starts at 8:00 am
The Meadows at Middlesex Golf Course
Plainsboro, New Jersey
Don't delay! Teams are limited
Deadline, August 31, 2021

Individual Player—\$120.00 per person
Sponsorship Packages available.
Fee includes: Green Tee, cart, breakfast and bagged lunch
Please go to www.stmichaelunion.org 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



ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

Catholic Charities received **\$4,013** as a result of the Donation Bin(s) from December 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in the same program throughout the Archdiocese enable us to provide light and hope through the darkness of poverty, sickness, and rejection. [Our food program alone distributed 242,748 pounds of food to 40,459 households \(FY 2019/2020\). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.](#)

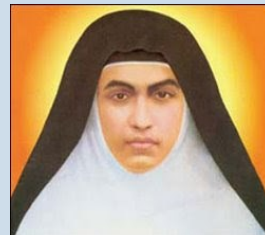
HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Please consider making donations to the Ministry.

Call **Bisi Longe** (908) 247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. ALPHONSA FEAST



The Feast of St. Alphonsa will be celebrated on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 12:00 Noon Mass.

Snacks and refreshments will be distributed after the mass outside of the Church.



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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).

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.

