

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

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 TOUCH OF THE MASTER



One of the beautiful things about Gospel stories is that it allows us to see the humanity of Christ and how He engages people who are in trouble and challenged. This is exemplified in the Gospel story of this 23^{rd} Sunday in Ordinary Times (Mark 7:31-37) where we see, how the heart of Jesus played out in the midst of human need. In this story, the people brought a man who was deaf and dumb to Jesus and begged Him to heal him. I was struck by how Jesus took this man away from the crowd for a one-on-one encounter with Him. This man was not going to be a sideshow. No! Jesus was going to make this man feel like he was the only person on the planet—

so personal. It is amazing how this contrasts with the way we deal with people with disabilities. It is amazing how much respect the Lord accords to each and every one of us who come to Him for rescue. He sees the need, yes, but he also sees the human being. He does not see a disability— a problem—he sees a person.

In healing this man, Jesus puts His fingers into the man's ears and spat and touched his tongue, thereby dealing with his specific needs. This man didn't need his eyes to be opened, or his legs to be made strong, or some kind of healing from leprosy. This man was deaf and dumb; what he needed was a touch on his ears and tongue, and that was what he got; a personal touch tailored to his needs. The touch of Jesus is not one size fits all; it is tailored to individual needs. This is how the Lord deals with us! He knows every need of our heart and His touch is laser-focused on those needs. Jesus knows exactly where we are and what we need. He has the power to calm seas, open blinded eyes and deaf ears, heal leprosy, cast out demons, raise the dead, multiply loaves, transform a life of sin and reconcile us unto God, etc. As Scripture says, "For nothing shall be impossible for God". We will never have a need that is beyond God's ability to meet.

Before Christ spoke healing into this man, He sighed. His sigh was a way of identifying with the pain, the sorrow, and the struggle this man had gone through. This is Emotional Intelligence at its best—empathic identification with tender attention. When we make Jesus Christ our personal Lord and Savior, we are never alone again. He will always stand before us, with knowledge of everything about us, including our pains and sorrows, joys and tribulations. He will never be indifferent or unfeeling but rather, sighs and feels our pain before bringing healing, joy, and peace. So, no matter what is going on in your life right now, whatever you may be facing a this moment, no matter what the struggle is, bring it to Jesus. Scripture says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses but one who has been through it all but did not fall. Let us, therefore, come with confidence before the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace for needed help" (Hebrews 4:15-16). We must always guard against the spirit of unbelief that says, "God doesn't know or that He doesn't care, or that He doesn't see me." My dear friends, Christ knows, He sees, and He cares. As Scripture says, "Draw near to God, and He will draw nearer to you."

Above all, we should never be silent about what the Lord has done in our lives. Scripture says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so". Notice that the people couldn't keep quiet about this marvelous work of the Lord even though Christ had instructed them not to talk about it. The deeds of the Lord must always be proclaimed. The more we count our blessings, the more we can see what the Lord has done in our lives. May the good Lord touch each and every one of us in all the places, in our lives, that need healing, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

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USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

52 GROUPS TO RAISE \$100,000

FUNDS RAISED \$110,000



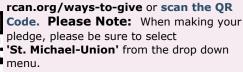
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Annual Appeal

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;



hank you for your generosity!

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

ST. MICHAEL'S **HEWSLETTER**





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 ACUTAL DEFICIT** WEEKLY WEEKLY **WEEKLY**

This Week This Week This Week Collection & SOS \$ 10,022 \$ 8,864 (\$1,158)

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 (<u>stmichaelunion.org</u>) 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

Needed this Actual this 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.

\$10,000

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\$5,000

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!



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 cur-rently 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.

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) 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

SATURDAY September 4

8:30 am Mannelia Caram (5th Ann.) Fred & Babe Pajarillo (Living)

55th Wedding Anniversary

5:30 pm Maureen Reilly

SUNDAY

September 5 :30 am For the Parishioners 9:00 am Rosalie Foschini 10:30 am Mannelia Caram 12:00 Noon Fredrick Dittemer

MONDAY

September 6 Labor Dav

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of St. Michael's

Seniors Group September 7

TUESDAY

Concepcion Ticzon 8:30 am 12:00 Noon Novena of Masses Ruel Estopia

WEDNESDAY

September 8 Vincent Espana (Living) 8:30 am 12:00 Noon Anthony Manochio

THURSDAY

September 9

8:30 am Kosiso Akporji (Living)-Birthday Nickdy Auguste (Living)-Birthday 12:00 Noon

FRIDAY

September 10 Novena of Masses 8:30 am 12:00 Noon Anthony Manochio

SATURDAY

September 11 8:30 am Roger Boetsch Roger Boetsch 5:30 pm

SUNDAY

September 12 Poliparcio de Leon 7:30 am 9:00 am For the Parishioners

Novena of Masses for Grandparents

10:30 am Jerry Crincoli, Jr. 12:00 Noon Carmen M. Gancia

Anna Mendoza (Living)-Birthday

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered to Lucy Scalgione, family & friends.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS 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 14th 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 cyounionni@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.

Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:

Don't forget to register your child for the upcoming school year. 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 teachers for Grades 1-5 on Monday afternoons and Grade 6 on Tuesday eve**nings**. Please consider sharing your time and talents in this important ministry. Call or stop by the office for further infor-

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

LECTOR Ministry

Congratulations to our newly commissioned lectors, Rosa Rendeiro, Megan Rendeiro da Cruz, Anthony Barca, Mary Maturi 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

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10 A song of praise to God

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Gospel Reading Mark 7:31-37

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

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

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Ann L. Corrigan James Ford, Sr. Jose Arnaldo George Rinehart Frank Rubinetti, Sr. Remedios Rabano

Luigi Sauro Special Intentions-VG

All Souls in Purgatory Jorge J. Criado

Ibrahim Makson Alex Micavabas

Elizabeth Odoemene Fritz Maddy

Ruel Estopia

Alejandro T. Cruz Phil Matrale Tom Donohue Craig Calix (Living) Pierre & Rubinetti Families Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon Mary & Idolo Russomanno

Magdalena Moreno Cruz Ana Rodrigues (Living) Sr. Juvenia Joseph (Living)-Birthday

Celso & Rosalia Anuada

Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)

George Mgbeahurike

Raymond Dua

Jessica Churchward (Living)

Barbara Marszalek Eric Elechicon

Michelene & 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 Czapla, 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,

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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 Czapla, Stephen Czapla, 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 Kachelriess

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

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 to register.

Nick & Island Raagas—(732) 874-3375

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



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

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

STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

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).

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

ONLINE GIVING

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Ways To DONATE



where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.



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



MAIL IN:

DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



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.

