

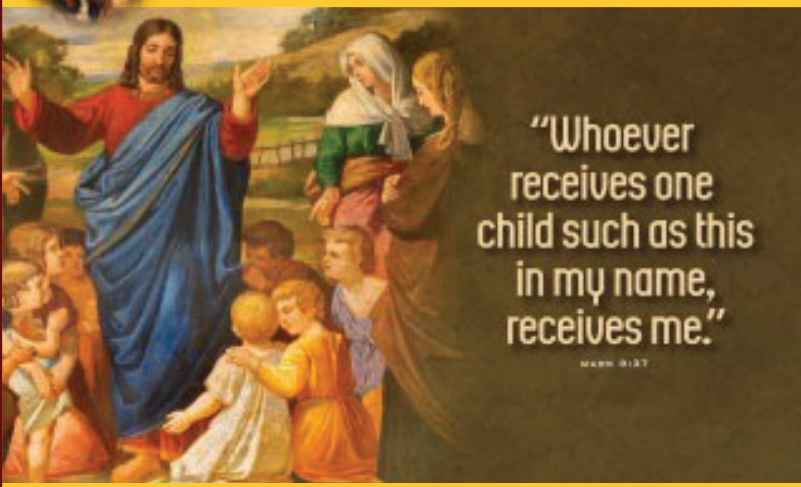


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY FIFTH 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

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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



THE GREATEST IS THE LAST AND THE SERVANT OF ALL



In the Gospel reading of this 25th Sunday in Ordinary times, we read: “Whoever wants to be first must be the last and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35-36). Now, let’s be honest, being last and the servant of all is not the greatness we are groomed to strive for nor is it the greatness we aspire to. Greatness, for most of us, means to be number one, a winner, a success. It’s about power, control, wealth, fame, reputation, status, and position. I can’t imagine anyone encouraging their child to be last or the servant of others. Yet, in this Scriptural passage, Christ tells us that being great, holding the number one position, means being last and being the servant of all, and He went on to exemplify it by taking a little child in his arms and saying to His disciples, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me”. So, greatness, according to Christ, lies in “welcoming a child” which, He says, is equal to welcoming God Himself—the ultimate greatness. So, our question then is, “What does welcoming a child mean?”

A child is a symbol of vulnerability, powerlessness, and dependency. In the days of Jesus, a child had no rights, no status, and no economic value. A child is deemed to be a consumer, not a producer. So, what Christ is saying is that greatness lies in welcoming and receiving the “symbolic” children of the world. What a radical shift in concept. Greatness is no longer about me or about my superiority over others. It is no longer about what I have accomplished and gained for myself. Greatness is said to consist in what I have done for and given to “the least of these little ones”—a distributive channel of God’s grace to humanity.

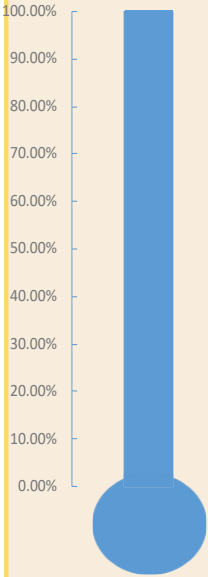
So, when Scripture says, love those who don’t even love you, or do good to those who do not do good to you, or lend to those who cannot repay you back, or invite to supper those who cannot invite you back, or forgive those who neither have asked for your forgiveness nor changed their behavior, it is inviting us to true greatness. We are truly great when we refuse to carry bitterness, jealousy, or envy toward another, when we reject thoughts and actions of hatred and prejudice, when we refuse to participate in jokes about immigrants and minorities, when we work to tear down walls of division, make room for others who are different, vulnerable, and in need, and strive, in our own little way, to alleviate the pains of humanity. Can you imagine how great our world would be if we all worked to be great in this sense—exercising the option for the poor, the downtrodden, the weakest among us, the stranger, the immigrant, the widow, the defenseless, the unborn, and the elderly vulnerable.

This is the greatness that we saw in Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It is the greatness we discover when we step into our better selves. It is the choice that we make when we encounter humanity in need; when we reach out to touch, to comfort, to console, to edify, to nourish, to protect, to provide, to clothe, and to care for that which is created in the image and likeness of God. May God grant us the grace to choose this type of greatness—the “Greatness of the last” and the “Greatness of the servant of all”—in our daily encounters with fellow human beings, Amen!

Msr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



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

**FUNDS RAISED
\$117,683**



Annual Appeal ^{the 2021} 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

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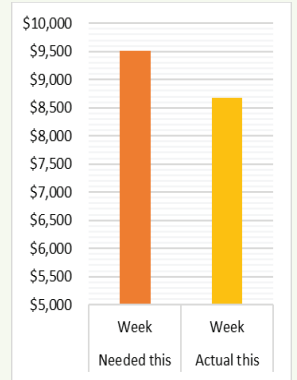
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
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 (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 **\$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) 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 5:30 pm	September 18 Rose Bergel
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 19 Clarita de Leon (Living) -86th Birthday Paul Ojeawere (Living) For the Parishioners Victorino Dsouza (Living) Francine Espana (Living)
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 20 Novena of Masses June Johnson Jaime S. Estrella (1st Ann.)
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 21 Karminne Espeleta (Living) Vincent Tan (Living) - Birthday
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 22 George Rinehart Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 23 Aris Francisco Novena of Masses Dominick Monteleone, Sr.
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 24 Michael Saavedra Jesus Pena (23rd Ann.)
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	September 25 Mercedes Emma Magbanua (28th Ann.) Concepcion & Reynaldo Ticzon
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	September 26 Sefia Family Benefactors Alejandro T. Cruz Anthony Marchitello For the Parishioners Anthony Manochio

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp offered for George Rinehart, requested by his wife and children.

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) from 7:00pm-8:30pm. If anyone has any questions about how to register or would like to sign up to be a part of the incoming Confirmation class, please email us at 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES are beginning!

Sunday, Grades 2-5: September 19th

Monday, Grades 1-3: September 20th

Tuesday, Grades 6-8: September 21st

Sunday, Grade 1 and Sacrament Prep. Year 1: September 26th

Class assignments have been emailed to parents of all registered students.

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.

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.

September 19th is Catechetical Sunday! All catechists, substitutes and helpers will be given a special blessing at all the masses.



"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

ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

The kick off meeting for St. Michael's Senior Club will be held at the Senior Center at 968 Bonnel Court on Monday, September 20th. The meeting will begin at 12:30 pm with coffee and social time. Our general meeting will begin at 12:45 followed by bingo.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be a Children Liturgy Mass on Sunday, September 26th at the 9:00 am Mass. The children will be escorted to the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). The children will be social distance and are required to wear a mask.

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

The just one is put to the test.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 54: 3-4, 5, 6 & 8

A prayer for God's protection.

Second Reading

James 3: 16—4: 3

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

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 Boulin (Living)-Thanksgiving
Arturo Mori	Cesar Jalandoni
Elijah Vines (Living)	Brittany Dorsonne (Living)
Henrikka Niemi (Living)	Tamika Joy Domond (Living)-Healing
Kareema Fatima Charlotin (Living)-Birthday	
Simon David Wiedmer (Living)	
Raphael Marc Wiedmer (Living)	
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 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 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

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
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 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
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- Resy Millora-Dilag—(908) 416-2732
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For consideration, please send your resume to stmichaelunion@comcast.net

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

<p>ONLINE GIVING:</p> <p>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p>BANK TRANSFER:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</p> <p>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</p>
<p>MAIL IN:</p> <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</p> <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</p> <p>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p>

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 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.



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