

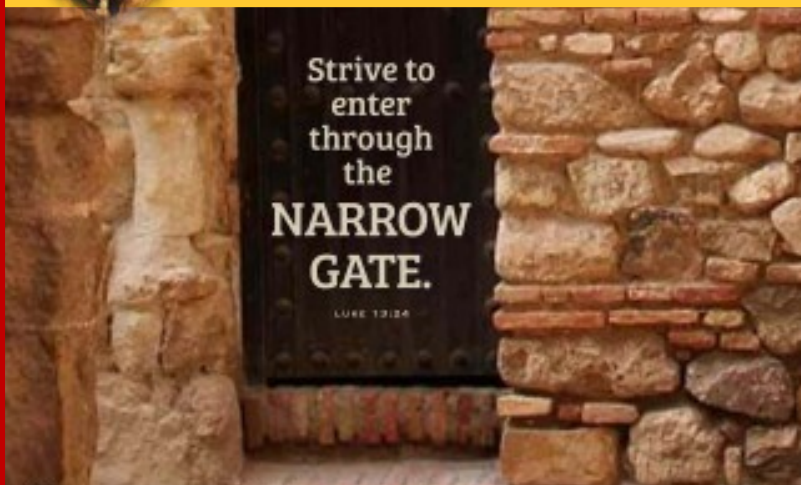


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

August 21, 2022

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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
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

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Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232
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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*

THE NARROW GATE



The gospel reading for this 21st Sunday in ordinary times, year C, (Luke 13:22-30) outlines some critical considerations that require our attention.

First, no one gets to heaven by accident (verse 24). Getting to heaven requires that we strive for it. The word “striving” comes from a root that describes athletic contests, fights, or struggles, which require great exertion to compete. No wonder St. Paul looks at Christian faith as running a race; a fight to the finish; a competition in which we must fight so as to win. Today’s gospel tells us that many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough to succeed, just as not everyone who enters a race wins. This is to say, following Christ is not for the faint hearted or for the armchair quarterback. Like every other good thing in life, we have to fight for it with the intention to succeed. As Scripture says, “What benefit is it for one to inherit the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul.”

Second, not all roads lead to heaven (verses 24-25). Not every life-style leads to eternal glory. The road to heaven is narrow and it is for those who have disciplined themselves enough to be able to walk through it. It is not different from what we do in life, when things are important to us. When one of my nieces was planning for her wedding, she got into a serious regiment to lose weight, so that she could fit into her wedding gown, and so did many of the girls in her bridal train. It is the same thing with heaven; it requires lots of trimming, lots of letting go, lots of sacrifices, creating lots of holy moments, so that the inner person will be trim enough to pass through the narrow gate. When it comes to getting into heaven, weight loss begins with understanding the need for a Savior and accepting Jesus Christ as that Lord and Savior; dealing with iniquities that create and cause sin in our lives; reconciling ourselves with God, self, and neighbor; trusting that there will be a day of judgment, a fact that does not depend on whether we believe it or not. Iniquity, sin, lack of charity, and unforgiveness, are the biggest fat-weights that make it difficult for us to pass through the narrow gate. It is important to realize that this narrow gate is also a closing door and we do not know the time or the hour the door will close.

Third, to hear about God and to be familiar with His work is not a visa to get into heaven (Verses 25-27). Many of the people, in the gospel reading, thought that they should be able to get in simply because they were familiar with God and the work of God. But knowing about God and to hear His word without knowing God doesn’t cut it. No wonder, the Lord said to them, “Depart from me you evil doers”. Heaven is about obedience to God’s word; daily choosing holy moments—moments when we set aside our self-interest and collaborate with God, in prayer, to do good for the sake of humanity and His kingdom.

Forth, hell is a reality (Verses 28-30). Eternal damnation is the greatest disaster that can befall us as human beings. It is the experience of God’s unrestrained wrath. It is the fruit of depravity, unrestrained and unchecked; taking God’s word and warnings for granted and acting as though they do not matter. This is the destructive force of the modern world. May the good Lord save us from this presumption and assumption, for our own salvation, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

GOAL: \$100,000

TOTAL COLLECTED

8/3-8/10/22 \$64,257

8/11-8/17 \$ 5,212

Total: \$69,469

Our annual fundraiser **USAN (Union of Saints and Nations)** is off to a good start! Please note that donations online are made through Parish Giving. If you do not have a Parish Giving Account for your regular tithe, you can still give by clicking the "Give Now" Button or "Give As Guest", which gives the one time opportunity to donate without having an account with Parish Giving. If you have any issues please call the office at 908-688-1232.

<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/usan>

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

S.O.S. Collection - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. *Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills. S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.*

Tithing—This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new air conditioner. *Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs. Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.*

Assessment Collection - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the archdiocese a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, to be paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment. *All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.*

National Collections - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. *Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.*

St. Vincent De Paul Collection - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

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**

COLLECTION & SOS

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
Collection 8/7/22	\$10,034	\$14,246	\$4,212
Collection 8/14/22	\$10,034	\$ 8,117	(1,917)
Collection 8/21/22	\$10,034		

- **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.

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

6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—
stmichaelunion.org

BANK TRANSFER:

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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.

STAY INFORMED ABOUT ST. MICHAEL'S

If you have not been receiving emails from the church via **Evangelus** please visit eva.us/stmichaels to sign up in order to receive messages and stay informed about current happenings in church.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	August 20
5:30 pm	Anna Castagna (1st Ann.) Diana Cavallo
SUNDAY	August 21
7:30 am	For the Parishioners Deborah & Victoria Nwosu
9:00 am	Carmen Sugges Phillip Lacrette (Living)-Birthday
10:30 am	Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving Czeslaw Solarz
12:00 noon	Charismatic Prayer Group-Elderly & Aged
MONDAY	August 22
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 noon	Albert S. Phillips Peter Herbert (Living) & Carl Herbert (Living)
TUESDAY	August 23
8:30 am	Dr. Thomas Ifedioramma Nnoli
12:00 noon	Chike Melie, Jr. (7th Ann.)
WEDNESDAY	August 24
8:30 am	Frank Ozimek
12:00 noon	Michael Meehan
THURSDAY	August 25
8:30 am	Evan & Dickerson Dagat (Living)
12:00 Noon	Salome C. Tesoro Aurelia Rodriguez (10th Ann.)
FRIDAY	August 26
8:30 am	Novena of Masses Frances Page
12:00 noon	Albert Phillips
SATURDAY	August 27
8:30 am	Maria Tavares Aurora Sandoval
5:30 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group-For the Childless Luisa Resurreccion (Living)-78th Birthday
SUNDAY	August 28
7:30 am	For the Parishioners Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
9:00 am	Paul & Irene Endler
10:30 am	Ramon & Marietta Gancia Robert Emery
12:00 noon	Aurora Manochio (Living)-Birthday

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

Ministry Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday from 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

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education – Lois Scanio

REGISTRATION for 2022/2023 Religious Education classes is now open!

Thank you for entrusting St. Michael's Church with the formal religious education of your child. Once again, we are offering in-person classes for Grades 1 through 8, beginning in mid-September. If needed, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. **Grade 2 and Sacrament Prep students must attend in person.** You will find everything you need to register your child and make payment on our website at: www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education including links to the online forms, a registration fee sheet, Policies & Procedures, and a calendar setting out the schedule for the year. You will also find a printable registration form if you prefer to mail or drop off your registration and pay by check (payable to St. Michael's Religious Education) or stop by the Religious Education Office (days/times above) and register in person.

Registrations received after September 5 will incur a \$25 late fee. Please, however, do not let the inability to pay stop you from registering your child. Call or stop by the office and we will work with you.

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

Volunteers – We are always looking for dedicated men and women to share their time and talents as a catechist, aide or session helper. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to this vital ministry? Call or stop by the office for further information.

PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:

Religious education begins in first grade and continues through grade eight. Children usually receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) in the second grade after having completed two years of preparation. Upon completion of Religious Education Grades 1-8, most children receive the sacrament of Confirmation in ninth grade. Please contact the Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator Cristina Manochio for further information at cyouunionj@gmail.com.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) SUMMER Dance Classes
For the whole Family

Saturdays 9:30–10:30 am
Phil Matrale Church Hall (LC)



Announcements

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES CYCLE C

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duy-an, Ruth Guido, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, Gregory Ward, 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, 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, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Charito Palencia, Angelina Amali, Debbie Schaeffer Huggan, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Karen Zabbia, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Byron DelMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana

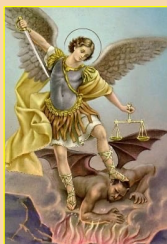
DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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
Michael Meehan & Janet Eng-Wong

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.



NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES August 2022

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Alejandro T. Cruz	Jorge J. Criado
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Angela & Frank Sauro
Manuel Pereira Araujo	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Reme Valentine Blanc	Fritz Maddy
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	George Rinehart
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Harold Charles Faulk	Manuel Cruz Guarda
Special Intentions—VG	For the Souls in Purgatory
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	Timothy L. Connell
Raymond Williamson	Salome C. Tesoro
Joselito Espana (Living)	Julius Alolosan
Baltazara Empig	Mary Minni
Micheline Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz	
Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leinart & McMahon Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais, Cadenas Families	
Richard Dominic Laudadio & Family (Living)-Peace & Protection	
Shela Boulín & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families	

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank all of its members for an amazing year! Congratulations to all of our seniors who are graduating, and we wish you the best of luck!

We are also excited to announce that Bible School will be from August 1st-August 5th this year. Please see the flyer for more information. Any CYO member interested in being a Bible School Counselor, please email us at cyouunionnj@gmail.com.

God Bless.

Announcements



COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PERSONALLY

With St. Michael's Parish
Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Prayer Group

DAY: Wednesday **TIME: 6PM-7.30PM**

VENUE: Murphy's Room, Lower Church

HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)



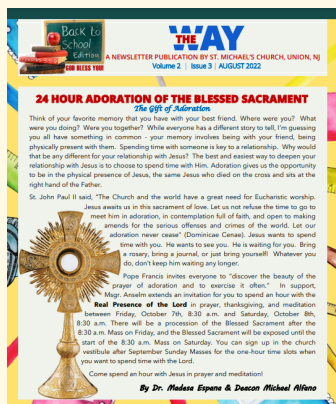
Thank you to all the members of the HUGS Ministry for hosting a very successful Back To School give-away at all Masses last Sunday. Children, parents and grandparents were very happy receiving packages.

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

RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano will be starting the RCIA classes every Saturday morning starting **September 17, 2022** in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at michaelalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST EDITION



<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/newsletter-archive>

Announcements

USAN FUNDRAISER CASINO TRIP

When: Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Cost: \$35.00, \$25 back from Wind Creek Casino to play

Where: Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA

Bus leaves 9:30 sharp at the St. Michael's parking lot

For reservations, please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100

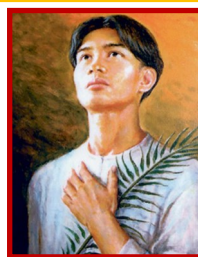
SAVE THE DATE:

SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST

September 25, 2022 @ 3:00 pm

Mass

**Fellowship after Mass at
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**



BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

It's that time of year again...BACK TO SCHOOL!!! The children and teachers need your help! The **Family Activities Committee** is collecting School Supplies at all Masses the weekend of **August 27th**. Bring your donations and leave them in the box in the Church gathering space. Please consider donating any of the following items:

Loose leaf paper	Crayons	Folders
Markers	Scissors	Pencils
Red & blue pens	Glue sticks	Colored pencils
Water color paints	Highlighters	Copy paper
White out	Post-it notes	Desk calendars
Masking tape		

Let's get the kids and their teachers off to a great start for the upcoming school year!



ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

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 rsicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!