



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

July 31, 2022

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*
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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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*

Dealing with Greed



In this Sunday's gospel (18th Sunday, Cycle C, Luke 12:16-21), a man asks Jesus to intervene between him and his brother, who was trying to be unfair in the distribution of their estate. In his response, Christ instructs about our need to avoid "all forms of greed".

Our society is on overdrive in the pursuit of happiness and seeks this happiness from the outside rather than from the inside. Somehow we believe that the next material acquisition is what it takes to satiate the heart. This is what greed and avarice is all about and St. John Cassian warns, "Let no one underestimate this disease" for greed begets more greed. To curb this disease, we need to:

(A) **Be content**—Contentment makes one thankful for what one has, in which case, happiness or unhappiness is no longer about who you are, what you have, where you are, or what you do. Life is not focused on the unending quest to satiate the human heart, which is insatiable, or the pursuit of big happiness, which never happens. Life is focused on appreciating the ever present small moments of joy. Contentment is not about what we possess, but about what we can do without; it is not about great possessions but in having few wants.

(B) **Be mindful of where your wealth came from.** "A greedy man", says St. John Vianney, "is like a pig eating acorn without wondering where it came from." People usually say, "I worked very hard for my money". Yes, what we have may have come to us through hard work, but ultimately it comes from God, and is not intended only for us who earned it. Scripture tells us that Christ called the man who thought otherwise a rich fool (Cf. Lk 12:20-21). It is our Lord's teaching that we should never hold the things we have as ours alone, but must regard them as God's provision for the good of others who are in need. We are God's channel for the distribution of this world's goods.

(C) **Be Detached**—Detachment is not that we should own nothing but rather that what we own should not become our owner. It is a disposition toward God fully aware of the temporality of material things and the account we will have to render, hereafter. So, attachment, which is at the root of greed, is a great fabricator of illusion because all things are temporary. Only in letting go do we have a better hold on life.

(D) **Tithe**—Our Lord demands that 10% of our yearly income be dedicated to helping the poor and for the upkeep of the His Temple (Church). Those who do not do this are accused by God as stealing from Him (Malachi 3:10). We need to think about what part of our budget should be committed to the church and to helping the less fortunate. We should also educate and encourage our children to do the same from their pocket monies. It is a command of the Lord. To follow it is usually a blessing; to challenge it, is usually not fruitful.

(E) **Think of eternity.** Scripture says, "Command [my people] not to put their hope in wealth...but to put their hope in God... [and] to be rich in good deeds... in this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life".

So, let us be grateful for what we have and everything else will be added unto us. Amen.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

GOAL:	\$100,000
TOTAL COLLECTED	
7/13-7/20/22	\$44,788
7/20-7/27/22	\$ 2,880
Total:	\$47,668

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>

It wasn't your baby

My dear parishioners, as I was meditating on how to bring this year's USAN goal to reality, a story about a woman and her lost child came into my mind. It is a story about how two warring tribes in the Andes with one tribe living in the lowlands and the other living in the mountains. One day, the mountain tribe invaded the lowlanders and as part of their loot kidnapped a baby of one of the lowlander families and took the infant with them back up into the mountains. The lowlanders didn't know how to climb the mountain, didn't know any of the trails that the mountain people used, or how to track them in the steep terrain. Yet, in their desperation, they sent out their best party of fighting men to climb the mountain and bring the baby back home.

The warriors tried various methods to climb this mountain and investigated one trail after another, to overcome the obstacles, all to no avail. So, they decided to return to the village and accept their defeat. As they were packing up their gears for their descent, they saw the baby's mother coming down the mountain towards them with her baby strapped to her back. In amazement, one of the warriors said to her, "We couldn't climb this mountain and so how did you do this when we, the strongest and most able men in the village, couldn't do it?" She simply shrugged her shoulders and said, "It wasn't your baby, because if it was, you would have found a way."

Today, I am moved to ask all of us: "Do you consider St. Michael's Church as your baby, your Church, your parish, and your responsibility? If "Yes", then let us find a way to meet our USAN goal for this year. All we have to do is for everyone to do his or her little part and the goal will be met. May the good Lord bless you as you take responsibility for His Church!

Msgr. Anselm

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 7/3/22	\$10,034	\$12,302	\$2,268
Collection 7/10/22	\$10,034	\$ 8,347	(\$1,687)
Collection 7/17/22	\$10,034	\$ 7,960	(\$2,074)
Collection 7/24/22	\$10,034	\$ 7,644	(\$2,390)
Collection 7/31/22	\$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

<p>ONLINE GIVING:</p>  <p>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p>BANK TRANSFER:</p>  <p>stmichaelunion@comcast.net</p> <p>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>

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 5:30 pm	July 30 Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving Henry Ng
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon	July 31 Charismatic Prayer Group-Protection of Christians Carmen Suggs Cecile & Radje Tupas (Living)-40th Wedding Ann. For the Parishioners Dolores Gruener John Clyne & Kathleen Clyne
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 noon	August 1 Onyekachi Odoemena (Living)-Birthday Joseph Hrevnack Nwando Melie (Living)
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 noon	August 2 Kevin Apuzzio Matthew Becerra
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 noon	August 3 Richard Glynn Novena of Masses
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 4 Novena of Masses Robert Pfarr
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 noon	August 5 Serafin & Porferia Lacson Pacita Pena (12th Ann.)
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	August 6 Anna Castagno Joseph Contansa
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon	August 7 Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving Charismatic Prayer Group-World Peace Michelle Espeleta (Living)-Birthday For the Parishioners Dorothy Marchitello Wilhelmina Camantigue

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) SUMMER Dance Classes
For the whole Family

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



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.

IMPORTANT:

Register and make payment before Saturday, August 6 to take advantage of the EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT (a savings of \$35).

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 cyouionnj@gmail.com.

Announcements

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES
CYCLE C**

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

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 Duyan, 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 Nwaku, 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, Janet Eng-Wong, Amy Dombroski, Byron DelMonte, Samantha Lopes

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

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**

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| 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 |
| Michelene 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 & McMahan 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 Boulin & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families | |

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@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 cyouionnj@gmail.com.

God Bless.

Announcements

REGISTER NOW FORST. MICHAEL'S PARISH



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATE: AUGUST 1–AUGUST 5, 2022

PRICE: \$60 PER CHILD

(3RD CHILD AND ON IN A FAMILY IS HALF PRICE)

OUR PROGRAM IS FOR CHILDREN

AGES PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

OUR WEEK WILL INCLUDE: BIBLE STORIES, PRAYERS, ARTS & CRAFT, SNACKS, PLAYGROUND TIME, MUSIC, MOVIES AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

GROUPS WILL BE RUN BY THE TEEN MEMBERS OF OUR CYO YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

THIS WILL BE A KID-FRIENDLY, SPIRITUAL AND FUN WEEK NOT TO BE MISSED
DO NOT DELAY!

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CHILD'S NAME: _____

AGE: _____ PLEASE CIRCLE: **BOY** **GIRL**

ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL CHILD ATTENDS: _____

GRADE CHILD WILL START IN SEPTEMBER: _____

PARENTS NAME & SIGNATURE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

(NAME) (PHONE) (RELATIONS)

PLEASE CIRCLE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING YOUR CHILD IS ALLERGIC

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DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY SPECIAL CONCERNS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF? THIS INCLUDES ANY ALLERGIES, DIABETES, ETC.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT PICTURES OF YOUR CHILD USED SIGN HERE.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$60 (CASH OR CHECK)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A BIBLE SCHOOL T-SHIRT

CIRCLE CHILD'S T-SHIRT SIZE: **SM** **MED** **LARGE**

PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF THIS FORM TO ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CENTER (1211 ORANGE AVE, UNION, NJ 07083).

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE: (908) 686-3762

EMAIL: CYOUNIONNJ@GMAIL.COM

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.

Announcements



Feast of St. Alphonsa Celebration

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Mass at 12 noon
Msgr. Anselm

Fellowship after mass at
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

All are welcome!

USAN FUNDRAISERS

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Union, NJ



Invites you to our Union of Saints and Nations (USAN) Fundraiser to be held at Vinhus Restaurant, Roselle Park, NJ

Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

This USAN fundraiser celebrates the Apostles and their personal mission to support the Church. Group 33 - The Apostles

Blue claw crabs and locally caught fish donated to support the dinner and the Church.

\$60 per adult includes a menu of appetizers, tossed green salad, soup, blue claw crabs, single choice among 3 entrees, sangria or wine, coffee, and dessert.

Reservations are required and tickets purchased in advance. Contact David Bernot 908-472-8858 or Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 for tickets and questions.

Vinhus Restaurant generously supports this fundraiser & is located 157 E Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204

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

HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry distributes **Gift Bags once a month throughout the year.**

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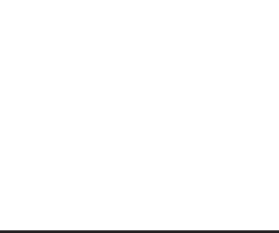
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