



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH 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

### REJECTION



The gospel of this 4th Sunday in Ordinary Times, tells the story about the rejection of Jesus by His own home people; a rejection that deprived the whole town of the wonderful works of God's mercy and the power of Jesus to heal and to restore. The reason for this rejection was nothing else but prejudice and bias; He was "Guilty by Association". While in town, He taught with insight and authority; presenting old truths in new lights, using stories from everyday life to engage the heart, mind, will, and consciences of His listeners. He taught with such authority and power that one would think his people would have come to faith in Him. But that was not to be. Rather, they wanted to throw Him off of the cliff.

They found His wisdom, power, and vision offensive, and rejected Him.

The question is why was Christ rejected? He was rejected because the cultural biases and beliefs of His people prevented them from seeing the truth about Him. He was "Guilty by Association", for the people believed that, judging from His background, He couldn't be that good. His family was not a leading religious family: "Isn't this the carpenter"? Nobody knew His father: "Isn't this Mary's Son?" (In Jewish culture, you are not the son of your mother, but the son of your father. So, this way of referencing Jesus implied that He must be an illegitimate son). They associated His family as commoners: "Are his brothers and sisters not here with us"? Sadly, they had judged Jesus on various factors, except the only factor that mattered most: that he was the Son of God. They had denied him this identity all because of their cultural bias and prejudice. So, they treated Him as an upstart who has risen above expectations, and to level Him off and put Him where He belongs, they rejected Him and even wanted to kill him.

What is so sad is that this dynamics of cynicism and discrimination is presently operative in our society. Many a time people may judge, dismiss, and write you off because of your race, color, creed, ethnicity, or gender. You can see this tendency when your color, race, zip code, and gender inhibit and prohibit opportunities for development, upward mobility, and growth; when others refuse to see the wealth of treasure that you can bring to our collective survival as a nation; when systemic conditions hinder accountability by distorting, dislodging, and eventually dismissing evidence in the protection of some members of the society against others; when people think that they are superior to you and that your growth is, somehow, a threat to their identity and control over you. In these situations, remember who you are, and do not lose the sense of who God has made and called you to be, to this majority scandal.

The truth is that biases and prejudice blind people to the depths, the gifts, the talents, and the dreams that others can bring to this world. But there are depths in each and every one of us which only God knows. When people look at you and despise who you are even before they come to know you, just because of your race and ethnicity, their behavior speaks more about who they are than about who you are; it speaks of jealousy and a, begrudgingly, small heart. It only blinds them to their selfishness and pride. So, never let anyone make you feel less than who God has made you to be. There is a beauty in you that your adversary may refuse to see, but you cannot satisfy this error by not seeing it yourself.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Announcements



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### SAVE THE DATE:

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the feast of  
Senor Santo Nino de Cebu**  
will be held on January 30, 2022  
at 3:00 p.m.

There will be a daily novena from January 21 to January 29, 2020. The novena prayer will be said after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on weekdays and before the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2022.

Fellowship after Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall.

Your special offering in the second collection will benefit an orphanage in the Philippines.

Mass on the Feast Day will be Livestreamed on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/  
StMichaelParishUnion](https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelParishUnion)

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish of  
Union, New Jersey**  
was chosen as one of the 12 churches in the  
Archdiocese of Newark to host the  
**Jubilee Cross, the Images of Santo Nino and  
Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag**  
from January 2, 2022 to February 5, 2022

### LECTORS NEEDED

There will be a training class scheduled in February. Please contact the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 if you are interested in this ministry.

## 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**

1/23/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$ 7,274	(\$1,764)

**Deficit for the Sunday 1/23/2022 is (1,764).** Could we please have some parishioners help us cover this deficit this coming weeks, in this way we stay in budget and be in the green. Thank you for your generosity to God's Kingdom on earth.

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](http://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*



**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](http://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.



## Mass Intentions & Devotions

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 29</b>
5:30 pm	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group Pablo Resurreccion (Living) - 79th Birthday
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 30</b>
7:30 am	Barbara Dybas Isagani Edralin
9:00 am	Joseph O'Donnell For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Josephine Mach
12:00 Noon	Michele Chiarella
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 31</b>
8:30 am	Lourdes Espeleta
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 1</b>
8:30 am	Kathleen Jukus
12:00 Noon	Elizabeth Dissler Leonardo del Mundo
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 2</b>
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Jose J. Arnaldo
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 3</b>
8:30 am	Francis Kosar
12:00 Noon	Brian Phillips
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 4</b>
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Joseph Caleb Primus
6:30 pm	Gina Soria
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 5</b>
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
5:30 pm	Vittorio Fazioli
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 6</b>
7:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Delia Cosmiano
12:00 Noon	Wesley Koziol

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

**The Altar Bread & Altar Wine are offered for Felisberto & Mary Ann Campos & Family (Living) for Thanksgiving.**

**The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Jose J. Arnaldo.**

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry it is a rewarding experience bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass.

At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings at various masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email [jpastewski@aol.com](mailto:jpastewski@aol.com).

## 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

We have returned to in-person classes on January 23.

REMINDER: There are no classes on Sunday, January 30th due to the school being used for Catholic Schools Week activities. Monday (January 31) and Tuesday (February 1) classes will be in-person as scheduled.

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

[cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com)



All CYO members can join us on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for our Valentine's Day service project! We will be making Valentine's Day cards for the Color A Smile foundation and will be collecting baby items for the Hugs Ministry. We will also be selling \$2 candy grams for our February fundraiser. All information will be given out at this week's meeting. Please email us at [cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"**

Registration for St. Michael Parish School is now open! For individual tours, please email the principal at [rscicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rscicolone@smsunion.org). Come and explore our amazing school!

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church offers a variety of musical styles at the following masses:

**Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am**  
Traditional and Contemporary Music

**Sunday, 9:00 am and 12 noon**  
Gospel/Contemporary Worship Music  
The 12:00 Noon Contemporary Band and Choir is looking for volunteers who can play the bass, guitar or sing.  
Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at [Patrick@patrickkbphillips.com](mailto:Patrick@patrickkbphillips.com)

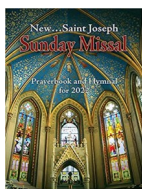




## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2022

We have a limited quantity available for purchase. **Cost is \$5.00.** Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to pick up your copy.



### 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  
**James Deady, Gerald Betzner, Elizabeth Dissler,  
Anna Russo, Gerald Betzner**

### 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, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iuminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, 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, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Eleanor Cachelris, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Henry & Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15,17

A song in praise of God's salvation

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (shorter form, 1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

#### Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

## NOVENA of Masses

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Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Alejandro T. Cruz	Jorge J. Criado
Craig Calix (Living)	Alex Micayabas
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Manuel Pereira Araujo	Ibrahim Makson
Celso & Rosalia Anuada	Giuseppe Terriaca
Modeste Royal (Living)	Darline Royal (Living)
Harrriet Divino	Special Intentions—VG
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	Fritz Maddy
Daisy T. Edrada	Veronica E. Escribano
Mariet E. Gepuela	Artemio C. Agreda
George Rinehart	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, 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 For the Souls of Purgatory	
The Pierre-Lys & Thebaud Family (Living) - For Thanksgiving	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Seibert & Menee Families	

### SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to the generous donations from many parishioners and different organizations that the pantry received. We distributed over 10,000 pounds of food in 2021.

Your weekly and financial donations keep Sister Ann's Pantry going. I am sure she is smiling at us from heaven.



### 2022 MASS BOOK

***There are still Masses available in the 2022 Book.***

**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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### TRIP- SIGHT AND SOUND

Join us on Thursday, March 31, 2022 for a trip to Sight and Sound to see DAVID.

Experience one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand new original stage production.

Bus will leave St. Michael's parking lot at **7:45 am sharp**. After the show we will have lunch at Shady Maple.

**Price is \$130.00** which will include lunch at Shady Maple and gratuities. Make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.

Bus seating will be on a first come basis.

**Vaccinations are required.**

For further information contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 or email [Albertvp@verizon.net](mailto:Albertvp@verizon.net).

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**Return to St. Michael's Church**

**1211 Orange Ave., Union, NJ 07083**

**With payment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Seats: \_\_\_\_\_

### *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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS) AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The Hands of Grace Ministry (HUGS) members would like to express their immense gratitude to the **Knights of Columbus (Union Council 4504)** for supporting the ministry by donating 12 winter coats from the Supreme's "Coats for Kids" program.

We would also like to thank all those who tirelessly dropped gifts under the pink tree. The response was pleasantly overwhelming.

Both gift bag distributions were very successful! The first Christmas Distribution was done on December 24th and the second on January 6th. The families that picked up pre-packed bags were so grateful to St. Michael's Church.

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

We are asking for families with children ages new born to 5 years, interested in being on the monthly **Distribution List**, to please fill out the form at

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

We serve all families with utmost dignity and respect.

Please help spread the word about the ministry.

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

**JOB VACANCY**  
Apply Now!

### **PART-TIME BUSINESS MANAGER**

Practicing Catholic; strongly committed to Servant Leadership; Bachelor's degree or above, with 3-5 years of business experience; knowledge of accounting principles and practices; proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Quick books, and ability to use financial reporting programs; demonstrated ability to set priorities and to organize work effectively, including maintaining effective record keeping systems; strong communication skills, ability to compose correspondence and reports; ability to relate well with variety of persons; ability to negotiate and manage contracts with outside vendors and interface with corporations, maintain confidentiality, prioritize, and be flexible.

For consideration, please send your resume to [stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net)