



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PEACE



## 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

## Do Not Ignore These Facts



How do we understand Advent? What are we looking forward to? Is it the preparation for the birth of Christ? We know that Christ was born 2,021 years ago, but yes, we celebrate the memory of that birth. But more importantly, Advent is focused not on the birth of Christ but on the second coming of Christ. The readings of both the 1<sup>st</sup> and this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent clearly speak to this: "Do not ignore this one fact, the day of the Lord will come like a thief ..... And the earth and all that is in it will be made manifest" (2 Peter 3:8-10). "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come." Advent, therefore, is focused on what we are doing between Ascension and the second coming of Christ; I call it the "Time In-Between" and it is always a time of anxiety and expectation; a truly difficult time because we do not know what the outcome will be.

There are three groups we can fall into during this time of preparation:

1. **The Calculators**—those preoccupied with figuring out when Christ is coming again; when the end of the world will be. But Scripture says, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority" (Acts 1:7) and again it says, "About that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). What we need to be preparing for is not the end of the world but the end of our lives.
2. **The Indifferent**—those who simply could care less; who believe we are just human beings having a human experience on earth; nothing to account for and as Jean Paul Sartre would say, "Simply enjoy life when you can; suffer life when it comes; you will die and that is the end". Yet Scripture says, "Do not neglect this fact; the day of the Lord will come" (2 Peter 3:8). One man said it is better for me to find out at the end that there is no God (I would have had nothing to lose) than to find out at the end that there is God and I have no chance to make things right.
3. **The Determined**—those who believe God and His word and, so, are engaged with life in seven ways: (A) They see the immensity of God in all of creation by recognizing God's work in their lives and in all that is created, thereby letting the sense of God pervade all things. (B) They live in the present and stay aware of what is happening right now, allowing the present moment to become the primary focus and the past is realized to be gone while the future is yet to be determined. They spend less time worrying about the past with the full knowledge that living in the past is always the work of the devil. (C) they live life with gratitude and gratefulness, allowing peace and joy to fill their hearts with songs of praise and recognizing how everything is ok because God is in control. (D) They live a life of compassion and empathy, being able to sense and feel the joys and pains of others, and constantly aware of how their actions and words affect and impact others. (E) They recognize their worth in God and take the identity of being a child of God while recognizing others to be so too, refusing to classify humanity into classes, races, and political views. (F) They recognize that what God has declared immoral no man has power or authority to declare moral and that because an act is declared legal, according to man, does not mean it is right in the eyes of God. They live life in such a way that it is lined up with God's word. (G) They live life always mindful of the need to stay reconciled with God, with neighbor, and with self; always seeking forgiveness from God for sins committed, asking forgiveness from those they have offended, and forgiving themselves for sins committed. Remember there is no saint without a sin and no sinner without a future.

In all, remember these words of St. Paul "The Lord God Himself will strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:8-9).

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Announcements

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

All the Masses on December 11 and 12 will be dedicated to the success of our USAN Fund-raiser. Thank you to all the Parishioners who helped make this fundraiser a success.

### SAVE THE DATE: SIMBANG GABI CHRISTMAS EVENING MASS



Sunday, December 19,  
2021 at 8:00 pm  
St. Michael's Church



### SAVE THE DATE: BLESSED CYPRIAN IWENE TANSI MASS

DECEMBER 12, 2021 at  
12:00 noon Mass

### SAVE THE DATE: BAMBINELLI SUNDAY- DECEMBER 12

December 12th is Bambinelli Sunday. There will be a blessing at all Masses that weekend of Baby Jesus figurines from your home Nativity sets.



Remember to bring your Infant Jesus to Mass this weekend.



### ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER EDITION

[www.stmichaelunion.org/welcome](http://www.stmichaelunion.org/welcome)

## 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.



## 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**

	11/14/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
		<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$10,598	\$1,560	

Thank you to all parishioners. We are **over** the budget this week of 11/7/2021 by **\$1,560**.

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*

*Dear Parishioners,*

If you are using Church donation envelopes, the volunteer counters would appreciate if you would consider the following:

- avoid sealing your envelopes with tape or staple
- please record the amount of your donation.

Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

**David Bernot**



—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](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> 5:30 pm	<b>December 4</b> Barbara Dittermer
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>December 5 Second Sunday of Advent</b> Rose Bergel Lucila Sousa Araujo Chike Melie, Sr. Sefia Family Benefactors
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>December 6</b> Krzak Family Avi Stafenau (2nd Ann.) Novena of Masses Teleforo & Concepcion Narciso
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>December 7</b> Concepcion & Ofelia Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving Concepcion Ticzon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 7:00 pm	<b>December 8</b> <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Douglas Sipe (Living)-Birthday Chike Melie, Jr. Senel Carlos (Living) - Birthday Monica Votepek
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>December 9</b> Reynaldo Ticzon Novena of Masses
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>December 10</b> Emma Remondelli Leticia Sefia (Living)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>December 11</b> Judy Cantalupo Carpini Olga Iturralde Velasco
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>December 12 Third Sunday of Advent</b> Valentine Remi Blanc (1st. Ann.) Paul Sefia (Living) - Birthday Charlie Tato (20th Ann.) Nordick Anthony Garcia

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scaligone, Family and Friends.**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE C)

#### First Reading

*Baruch 5:1-9*  
Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 126:1-2,3,4-5,6*  
A song of praise for God's great deeds

#### Second Reading

*Philippians 1:4-6,8-11*  
Paul prays for the Philippians.

#### Gospel Reading

*Luke 3:1-6*  
John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

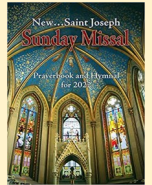
## MINISTRY Information

### 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).

### 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.



### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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



Our Teen Retreat "Live Like You're Loved!" was a huge success for the Lord and we have many to thank for that. We will start with the young people who made it happen. Those listed below prepared for months writing and sharing about their Catholic Faith. They presented their speeches on retreat and they opened many hearts to the Lord. They are listed below with their topics in order of presentation.

Vincent España  
Andrew Rabanal  
Cristian Simms  
Kailey McDonough  
Blanca Salas  
Jenna Brual  
Zaida Masaquoi  
Ava Moran

Live Like You're Loved!  
Free Will  
Jesus Christ  
Community  
More Than Enough  
Forgiveness  
Prayer  
Everyday Christian

We were also extremely blessed to have Tolu Adasanya, Jerome Fernandez, Emma Freire, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Julian Gutierrez & Janai Campbell run discussion groups on retreat. God Bless them all for their great works for Jesus!

We would also like to give a special thanks to all of our Chaperones and Young Adults who attended and shared their faith with our teens and helped to keep them safe. We appreciate their support as well as the support of the community for their donations, prayers and love.

God Bless!

### CYO FUNDRAISER

After all Masses December 4 & 5 December 11 & 12

Christmas Wreath: \$20.00

Small Grave Cover: \$20.00

Large Grave Cover: \$35.00

We will be right in front of St. Michael's Church & Rectory. We appreciate your support!



## MINISTRY Information

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY GIVING TREE



A Big Thank You to the **HUGS and Family Activities Committee** Members for coming together to decorate the HUGS Giving Tree, and to **Cheryl and Kerm Thompson** for donating the tree and ornaments! We are so blessed to belong to such a loving church family!

Please stop by the vestibule to pick up a candy cane or two and keep a family warm and clothed for the season.

The ministry is also asking for families interested in being on the **Distribution List**, to please reach out. We serve our families with the utmost dignity and respect. HUGS Ministry distributes Gift Bags once a month throughout the year. Please help spread the word about the ministry.

For more information, about the project or the HUGS Ministry, please contact

**Bisi (908) 247-4461 or  
Tania (908) 420 8659**

### 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. Please contact Fr. Miles for more information.

### RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano will be starting the RCIA classes every Saturday morning starting October 2 in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon

Michael at [michaelalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaelalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.

### 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 Suarez, Manuel Guirnalda, Manuel Ribeiro, Claudette Flury and Kathleen Lumley**

## NOVENA of Masses

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Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Fritz Maddy	Jerome Shaw, Jr.
Alejandro T. Cruz	George Rinehart
Artemia Tan	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Ibrahim Makson	Alex Micayabas
Celso & Rosalia Anuada	Emmett Villa
Jorge J. Criado	Craig Calix (Living)
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Special Intentions (VG)	Rosemary Sauro
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Serafina Sauro
Christopher Albarracin (Living)	All Souls in Purgatory
Goerge Mgbeahurike	Elizabeth Odoemene
Micard Charlotin (Living)	Kent Charlotin (Living)
Dorothy Pryzby Stand (Living)	Lorna Basila
Aida Dela Sierra Necio	Jose Noel Banaban
Jessica Church Ward (Living)	Clautaire Jean
Lorna Basila	Aida Necio
Frantzy Petit Homme	Claudy Duclervil
Helen & Stanley Skora	Edie, Tom & Scott Leddy
Stanislaw & Czeslawa Pogorzelski	Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczlas
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	Cecile Abraham (Living)
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	Marie Civil Maddy (Living)
Endel & Avi Stefenau	Oscar & Linda Horn
Helmut & Rosalie Kikas	
Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)	
Marie Jean Panes (Living)-Thanksgiving & Health	
Shella Boulon (Living)-Thanksgiving	
Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leinart & McMahon Fam	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaMonna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanlon & Matthiack Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Torres & Araujo Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph & Royal Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Landeira & Machado Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemene Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Ignatius Nwosuh Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Beldua, Veloso & Narciso Families	
Deceased Members of the Terriaca & Di Fabrizio Families	

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, 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, Claudette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapl, 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, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubebara, Steven Vaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."*  
Charles Dickens

Our parish **Giving Tree**, long a tradition of Christian charity at St. Michael's will be greeting you once again during the Advent season.

**CANDY CANES** will represent the wishes of the children at Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark.

We are expanding our **GIFT CARD PROGRAM** to meet the needs of our many parishioners struggling during these difficult times. Supermarket Gift Cards are a valuable source of assistance. Consider Visa, Walmart, and local businesses.

**Please return all gifts and gift cards on Sat/Sun. Dec 4/5 and Sat/Sun. Dec.11/12.**

*"Love one another as I have loved you."* John 15:12

If you would like to contribute a gift card or monetary donation to the **SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC - CALDWELL**, we will have a separate collection bin in the vestibule of the Church clearly marked for these donations. Last year the Sisters were able to plan a lovely dinner celebration for their residents and purchase some needed items as a result of your generosity.



**Come join the Family Activities Committee for Christmas Carols during the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 Nativity Lighting and Blessing!**

**When: Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

**Where: In front of Union Town Hall**

**Song sheets and hot chocolate will be provided. Please bring your own flashlight!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday, December 18**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**CORRECTIONS: Wednesday, December 22**

Communal Penance Service with Confession

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**\*Times with asterisk will be Live Streamed\***

**Friday, December 24th**

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

**Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM Family Liturgy

**\*8:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass\***

**Christmas Day**

**Saturday, December 25th**

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, \*10:30 AM\*, 12:00 Noon

**NEW YEAR MASSES**

**Friday, December 31st**

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

**New Year's Eve**

7:00 PM Vigil mass & Prayer Service

**New Year's Day**

**Saturday, January 1st**

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

5:30 PM (Sunday Mass)

**SANTO NINO (INFANT JESUS)**

Thank you to the Multicultural Ministry for the donation of the new Santo Nino Statue. It is located in front near Mother Mary. The statue was made by Pema Woodcarvings in Italy.

**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)