



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

October 16, 2022

TWENTY NINTH 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

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.

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

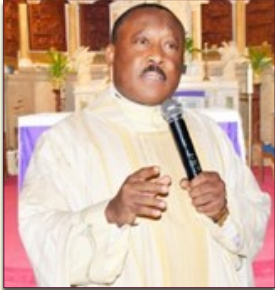
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From *The Pastors Desk*

THE POWER OF PERSISTENT PRAYER



The Gospel reading of this 29th Sunday in Ordinary times, year C, (Luke 18:1-8), puts a key emphasis on the necessity of perseverance in prayer. In this reading, a widow was able to win justice from a king who neither feared God nor man by her share persistence.

We know that success in life demands persistent effort because no matter what we are engaged with, challenges are bound to show up. The same is true with prayer. Heavenly blessings may not always come without interruptions. Scripture says that

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. So, persistent prayer is the only way out in the face of life adversities and tribulations.

In chapter ten of the book of Daniel, we read about how Daniel prayed and fasted for 21 days, with no answer from the heavens. But, on that 21st days, an angel of the Lord appear to him to tell him that from the first day he began to pray, God heard his prayers and sent him (the angel) to bring the graces he was seeking. He then told him that the prince of the kingdom of Persia (an euphemism for the evil one) fought him for twenty-one days until Archangel Michael came to help him out and liberated him from the evil forces. You see, Daniel’s prayer was heard from the very beginning, but evil forces fought divine help from getting to him. It was Daniel’s persistent prayer that got the angelic armies to break through the evil forces. My friends, make no mistake about this, we live in a sin-stricken world where the devil is very active and will battle God’s graces from getting to us. But once we breakthrough the dark spirit realm, through persistent prayer, divine answers will immediately manifest into our lives. Persistent prayer breaks the resistance of evil forces undermining our divine favors.

Persistent prayer, also, shows commitment to what we are praying for and our unwavering trust in the faithfulness of God. It is a true sign of our belief that God is able to construct blessings into our lives. It is a way of honoring God by telling Him that we will continue to seek our fulfillment and completion in His promises. You see, when we take prayers to God, we are tell Him that we trust Him to handle the situation. However, if the answer to our initial prayer is delayed and we give up, then, we are telling God that He has failed and that we would rather handle the situation ourselves. This is pride and arrogance. But if we continue to trust Him with persistent prayer, then, we are declaring our total dependence upon Him, thereby honoring Him. Persistent prayer grants us intimacy with God whereby He can trust us with answers to our prayers.

So, on a larger scale, it takes a praying Church to be a growing Church. Unfortunately, many of our parishioners stay away from our Eucharistic adorations and devotions every first Friday and first Sundays of the month; from our Marian devotion with Eucharistic exposition every Wednesday, after our Charismatic Prayer Meeting; from our online Marian Devotions every Monday and Friday. Prayer is more than an obligation. It is an opportunity. A Church that does not pray is a Church that is sure to perish. Let us be a praying Church.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

GOAL: \$100,000

9/27/22 COLLECTED \$ 84,600

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

My Beloved Parishioners,

May the blessings of the Lord be with you now and forever. Amen.

I would like to start by thanking many of you who have worked so hard to push our 2022 USAN Fundraiser towards its goal of \$100,000.00. Unfortunately, we have not met our goal and we are closing this campaign by the end of this month.

What is important to note is that it is absolutely essential that our 2021/2022 financial statement closes with zero debt. We have done this for the past two years and we will do it again and again, by the grace of God through your blessed generosity. The total amount raised so far, as of September 27, 2022, is \$84,600.00. So, we are short of \$15,500.00. It is sad that many of our parishioners have not participated nor contributed to this campaign. But the good news is that we will not let anything stop us from reaching our goal.

So, I am calling upon our parishioners to rise up to this challenge by joining this coalition of the willing.

We need 10 Archangels to give the Church \$500+ each.

We need 25 Apostles to give the Church \$250+ each.

We need 40 Saints to give the Church \$100+ each.

We need Evangelists to give the Church \$50+ each

I thank you for your cooperation and for giving priority to this urgent call. Our parish will continue to be a beacon of faith in this part of the world and may the good Lord bless you and your families for your kindness and generosity.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Ph.D.

Pastor

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
October			
Week 1 Collections	\$7,079	\$ 9,829	\$2,750
Week 2 Collections	\$7,079	\$ 7118	\$ 39
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 4,663	\$5,377

- **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

5:30 pm

October 15

Doroty Marchitello
Carlos Favaro

SUNDAY

7:30 am

October 16

Thomas Canavan, Jr.
Charles Onwuka (8th Ann.)
Lester & Joann Pastewski (Living)-50th Wedding An
Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-Healing Workers
For the Parishioners
Dr. Thomas Ifedioramma Nnoli
Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
Novena of Masses for Mother Mary

MONDAY

8:30 am
12:00 noon

October 17

Raul Campos
Edwina S. Cenzano

TUESDAY

8:30 am

October 18

Jose Reyes
Novena of Masses
Lucy Sefia (Living) - Birthday

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am
12:00 noon

October 19

Novena of Masses
Salome C. Tesoro
Marie Janita Francillon

THURSDAY

8:30 am
12:00 Noon

October 20

Carlos C. Briones
Anthony Cavallo

FRIDAY

8:30 am
12:00 noon

October 21

Flosie Abrigo
Charito Palencia
Albert Phillips & Brian Phillips

SATURDAY

8:30 am

October 22

Evan Bernales (Living) - Birthday
Nota Lumas, Joseph Louis Lumas, Carine
Lumas, Doreelus Dorceus
Frank & Genevieve Karwowski
Maria Salome Domingo

SUNDAY

7:30 am

October 23

Dominick Monteleon, Jr.
Wilma Abutal
Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
For the Parishioners
Stanley Ozuzu (3rd Ann.)
Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-Falsely Accused
Annunziata Bitelli
Novena of Masses for Mother Mary

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

2023 MASS BOOK is now open. Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES have begun!

Class assignments were emailed to parents of all registered students.

Note: There will be no classes held on October 9, 10 and 11 in observance of Columbus Day.

Late Registrations: If you haven't registered your child, you may do so at www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education or call the Religious Education Office for assistance.

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.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Charity Basketball Game! We welcome all teens to join us this Tuesday in the Phil Matrale Hall of St. Michael's from 7:00pm-8:30pm for a Halloween Service Project. We will continue collecting Halloween costumes, props and decorations to donate to the quadriplegic adults of the Cheshire Home for their Halloween Party. Community service hours will be offered to those who attend!

God Bless!



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) DANCE Classes
For the whole Family

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

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First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapl, 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, 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, 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, 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, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Harry Benbemia, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard

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
Galazzo & 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 OCTOBER 2022

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Ann L. Corrigan
Alejandro T. Cruz	Jorge J. Criado
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Luigi Sauro
Manuel Pereira Araujo	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Reme Valentine Blanc	Fritz Maddy
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	George Rinehart
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Special Intentions—VG	For the Souls in Purgatory
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	Abigaelle Boulon (Living)
Rosemary Hunt	Paulino Cruz
Harold Charles Faulk	Chul Bak (Living)-Healing
Aurora Sandoval	Angelito Sandoval
Frank Ozimek	Louie Ozimek
Anastasia Mendiola	
Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)-Special Intentions	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Reinhart	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
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 Czapl, Leniart & 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 Boulon & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving	
Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families	

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)

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

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

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HEALING MASS

The Healing Mass will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 11:00 am in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). Please note that lunch will be provided immediately after the Mass. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the form and drop it into the collection basket or give it to an usher or call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100. It is very important that you register so that we know how much lunch to prepare. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will arrange for someone to pick you up. Please RSVP by October 19th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deacon Mike Cavallo at DeaconMikeCavallo@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Will need a ride: _____



St. Michael's Parish would like to thank the Family Activity Committee, the Social Events Committee, the Multicultural Committee, the CYO youths and all the volunteers who helped to make St. Michael's Feast and San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast a faith filled and fun filled occasion.

Volunteers are the pillar of our Church community. Please come and join and be a volunteer in our Family Activities Committee, Multicultural Committee, Social Events Committee and our Adult Faith Formation Committee. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 for more information.

Announcements

My Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to announce to you that we have received two grants from the Stewardship Endowment of the Archdiocese of Newark in the amounts of \$45,000 and \$9,306 totaling \$54,306.

The \$45,000 grant will be used to help cover the cost of the new roofing of the Convent Building/Parish Center. The \$9,306 grant will be used to cover cameras and security installations in the Church premises.

Our gratitude goes to our shepherd, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and those who worked to make it possible for us to receive this grant.

Msgr. Anselm I. Nwarogu
Pastor

We would like to thank all the donors who helped make our celebration of the Feast of St. Michael and San Lorenzo Ruiz a success. We especially thank the following donors:

- 1) Mr. & Mrs. Chatto & Efren Fiesta
- 2) Attorney Uzoma Ubanii
- 3) Sumiquiab Family & NOS FOROGRAFI
- 4) Carol Cabatu-Laurent
- 5) Patti Milone

May you all be greatly blessed!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

Are you looking to give back to those less fortunate this Thanksgiving? Come and join the Family Activities Committee and St. Michael's School in our joint event, **"RISE AGAINST HUNGER"**. On November 12 from 11am-1pm we are going to pack meals and have at least 50 volunteers. Please go to <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StMichaelSchool2022> to make a donation and sign up. If you have any questions, reach out to Christine Parmenter at caparment23@gmail.com or at (201)407-3397