



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 06, 2022

FIFTH 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*

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.

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*

GOD CARES ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS THAT CONCERN US.



In the Gospel of this 5th Sunday in Ordinary Times (Luke 5:1-11), Peter was awestruck when Christ turned from preaching to the people to asking him to cast his net into deep sea for a huge catch, for He knew that Peter and his colleagues had fished all night in futility. Peter knew that Jesus had healed the sick and driven out demons, but he was amazed that Jesus would care about his day-to-day routine and understand his needs as a fisherman. Yes, God is interested both in saving us spiritually and in helping us with our daily needs.

Sometimes, we have the tendency to separate salvation from our everyday worries, as though, our day-to-day anxieties are not God's problem. The truth of the matter is that they are. In the Gospel of Mark, we read about the disciples saying to Jesus, "Don't you care if we drown?!" (Mark 4:34-41). In the Gospel of Luke, Martha asked Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." Many a time, it seems to us that Jesus doesn't care simply because He isn't reacting to the situation the way we are. Sometimes, we are even like that with each other. But here is what Scripture says: "Cast all your cares [anxieties, excessive worry over circumstances which one does not know how to handle] upon Him for He cares for you."

We deal with all kinds of anxieties on a daily basis—anxieties about our family, parents, children, wife, husband, finances, the future, job security, health, world conditions, etc. Scripture says that we need to cast every anxiety unto the Lord. The verb "cast" means "to throw upon" and indicates a decisive action to put something down and leave it there; a determination to trust God enough to come through in the situation. Scripture says that Jesus was "a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). This reference is also repeated in Hebrews 4:15: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin." As the Psalmist says, "You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to you" (Psalm 69:19). Jesus knows our every weakness. He knows we need help. He cares that we are tempted and cares about our struggles because He knows what it's like to struggle through temptation. What He needs is our obedience to His commands. He knew Peter and his colleagues had caught nothing all night and yet His first instruction to Peter was to pull off the shore a little so that He could teach the people and Peter did. Then, at the appointed time, He told Peter to cast the net into the sea for a catch, and Peter did. It is all about obedience to the Word. Many a time, we want Christ to react to our situation the way we are reacting to it. Yet Scripture says, "My ways are not your ways and my thoughts are not your thoughts".

God doesn't want us to carry our burdens around all by ourselves. He knows we will eventually collapse under the weight and pressure of it. He invites us to hand them over to Him in obedience. We just need to trust Him to know what to do with our situation and be mindful that delay in His response is not a denial to our request. As Scripture says, "If it delays, wait for it. It will not disappoint; it presses forward unto fulfilment" (Habakkuk 2:3).

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

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.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!

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**

1/30/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$5,867	(\$3,171)

Deficit for the Sunday 1/30/2022 is (\$3,171). 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) 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) 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

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	February 5 Vittorio Fazioli
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 6 St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group For the Parishioners Delia Cosmiano Wesley Koziol
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 7 Librada C. Bonifacio Luz Maria Abilis
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 8 Philip Bozolos Novena of Masses Aname Lourdes Orillaneda
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 9 Roger Boetsch Antoinette Walker
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 10 Anthony Tarentino, Jr. Veronica & Joseph Seibert Randal S. Harris Matthew Herbert (Living)
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 11 Novena of Masses Patricia Neufeld Jesus & Josefina Alvero
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	February 12 Leonique Auguste (Living)-Birthday Claire Martins Robillard
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 13 For the Parishioners Hector Moya St. Michael's Charismatic & Renewal Prayer Group Glenda Ledesma John McKnight

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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

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.

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.

We have returned to in-person classes.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



All CYO members can join us on Tuesday, February 8th 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 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 rsicolone@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:

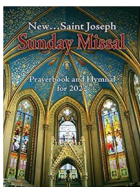
Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am
Traditional and Contemporary Music

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

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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
Richard Abrigo,

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 Czaplá, 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, 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 Pu-behara, 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, Maria Santiago, Mari-sol Morales, Charito Palencia

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-5,7-8

A song of thanks to God who saves us

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (shorter form, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8,11)

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

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)
Harriet Divino	Special Intentions—VG
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	Fritz Maddy
Daisy T. Edrada	Veronica E. Escibano
Mariet E. Gepuela	Artemio C. Agreda
George Rinehart	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czaplá, 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	
Shela Boulín & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving	

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.

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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.

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)

HUGS Ministry (A charitable arm of our parish), distributes Grace Bags **every month** to families in our parish. Help spread the word.

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**. Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Is searching for and Members

Our mission: The **Family Activities Committee of St. Michael's Parish** mission is to strive to engage St. Michael's Parish families through activities, community outreach, and social gatherings throughout the year. These are designed to strengthen our faith in God, the parish community and our families.

The Family Activities Committee is here to further the goals and overall mission of St. Michael's Church by being a parish of hospitality. Some FAC Events are School Supply Collection, Family Movie Night, Soldier Collection, Parish Socials, Family Game Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Parish Christmas Party and more

Looking for a way to become more involved with our Parish and School? Want to meet with other Parish or School Families? Our members meet approximately once per month to plan and to hold activities design to involve the families of our Parish and School as part of the greater Parish Social Committee. We welcome chairs for both the Parish and School communities to foster collaboration and community. St. Michael's School Activity Hours will be given to those who chair the committee. The FAC Chair(s) will represent the FAC at the monthly Parish Council Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

If interested: Please contact Christine Parmenter at caparmenter23@gmail.com or 201-407-3397.

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