



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

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October 9, 2022

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

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Devotions

EUCARISTIC 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

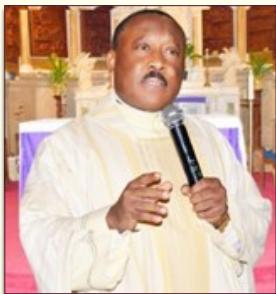
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk

LOVING YOUR ENEMY: NOT EASY



In the first reading of this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2 Kings 5:14-17), we read about Naaman, a five star general in the Syrian Army, who had the misfortune of being struck with leprosy. His healing began with the mercies of a slave girl who had been captured by the Syrian army and given into slavery to Naaman's wife. The role she played in this story portrays a sad twist of fate, which I believe has a lot to teach us as we follow the footsteps of Christ.

This girl was torn from her land and family during a raid by the Syrian army on the land of Israel. For all intents and purposes, she had every reason to harbor hatred, animosity, and a desire for revenge toward her captors. The flesh in her could have rejoiced at the sad condition of her master, who was infected with leprosy, and she could have said: "It suits him right! That is what he deserves!" But instead, she refused to walk according to the flesh and took the highway of the spirit. She initiated the process for Naaman's healing by saying to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy". It was this suggestion that brought healing to Naaman. This makes me remember the words of Scripture: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse and do good to them that despite you."

The beauty in this part of the story is that this little girl allowed the love of God to rein in her spirit as she took the high way of grace even in the face of her own turmoil. This story has caused me to wonder, "When was the last time I took an opportunity like this to do some good toward another person? When was the last time I did an act of grace toward someone I do not like or even care about?"

My friends, over time, life has taught me some lessons. I have come to learn that it takes one beggar telling another beggar where the food is in other to bring God's grace to others; that helping others achieve their dreams is really an indirect way of helping myself achieve my own dreams, because whatever good we do to help others has a way of turning around, to complete the circle, and come back to us; that we truly make a life by what we give; that we become stronger by helping others even as we are struggling with our own problems; that the easiest way to find happiness is to focus less on our own problems and more on how we can help others; that it is a great success in life to be the reason why someone believes in the goodness of humanity. These lessons sound counterintuitive but time and time again, they have proven to be true.

But, let's not be deceived. These life lessons are not easy to live by. Our human nature is not adapted to it, naturally. We must, therefore, wonder how this little slave girl found the courage and care to help Naaman even as she was going through her own storms. From every indication, it was from her faith formation; a convinced heart dedicated to Yahweh, the God of Israel; a heart uncorrupted by hatred, wrath, anger, and a vile for revenge. She allowed her sense of God to override the dictates of her human nature, and the desires of the spirit to rule over the desires of her flesh. It takes humility, submission to God's will, and obedience to God's word to go higher when our foes go low. This is what it takes to be a disciple of the Lord and to bear the name Christian. Yes, it is not easy! But if this little slave girl can do it, then let us pray that the good Lord will help us grow deeper and deeper in our love for His word and in obedience to His will, Amen!

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

Total September Monthly Collection

	<u>Monthly Needed</u>	<u>Actual Collected</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Sunday SOS	\$28,316 \$10,040	\$28,411 \$11,293	\$.95 \$1,254

<u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL WEEKLY</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
October Weekly Collections	\$7,079	\$ 9,829

Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 2,333	\$2,750 \$7,707
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- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website

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

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DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



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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	October 8 5:30 pm Pauline F. Ciborowski
SUNDAY	October 9 7:30 am Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-For Unemployed 9:00 am For the Parishioners 10:30 am Roger Boetsch Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
MONDAY	October 10 Columbus Day 9:00 am Sigrid Mae Villorente (Living)-Birthday Joice Joseph Veliakath (Living)-Birthday
TUESDAY	October 11 8:30 am Pat Patrizio Novena of Masses 12:00 noon Valarie Eger
WEDNESDAY	October 12 8:30 am Nordick Anthony Garcia Juan Antonio Espeleta (Living) 12:00 noon Judy Cantalupo Carpini
THURSDAY	October 13 8:30 am Novena of Masses 12:00 Noon Dioscoro B. Lacuesta (1st Ann.)
FRIDAY	October 14 8:30 am Amelia C. Samson (Living)-80th Birthday 12:00 noon Rigie Villorente (Living)-Birthday
SATURDAY	October 15 8:30 am Paula Scalgione 5:30 pm Dorothy Marchitello Carlos Favaro
SUNDAY	October 16 7:30 am Thomas Canavan, Jr. Charles Onwuka (8th Ann.) 9:00 am Lester & Joann Pastewski (Living)-50th Wedding An Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-Healing Workers For the Parishioners 10:30 am Dr. Thomas Ifedioramma Nnoli Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving 12:00 noon Novena of Masses for Mother Mary

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

2022 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.



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) 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 smcccd@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



This upcoming Tuesday we will be hosting our annual CYO Charity Basketball Game in the St. Michael's School gym from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please bring \$20 to donate if you are playing or \$5 if you are watching. We will also be collecting Halloween costume props and decorations to donate to the quadriplegic adults of the Cheshire Home for their Halloween Party. Snacks and beverages will be sold separately. All proceeds will be going towards funding our annual retreat as well as our service projects. Community service hours will be offered to those who attend!

If any teen would like to play and hasn't signed up, please email us at cyouunionnj@gmail.com

God Bless!

Announcements

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First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

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 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, 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. Facenna, 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

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

Giusepppe 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 Boulin (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 Czapla, 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	
Shela Boulin & 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**

Announcements

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 premiss.

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**

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

RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano has started the RCIA classes every Saturday morning in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at michael-jalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.



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