



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## 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

### THE POWER OF COMMITMENT



The first reading on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times begins with this statement: "For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch" (Isaiah 61:1). Here the prophet is saying that he will not give up and that nothing will stop him from achieving a determined result—the vindication of Jerusalem. This is what I call commitment to a cause—the determination to pursue a goal, a dream, an objective with a consistent, persistent, and unyielding spirit. My friends, the most important element in the success equation is personal commitment to keep trying, to keep at it,

until the result is achieved.

We all, hopefully, have goals in life; the things we want; things that we would like to achieve, and things that we would like to become. Truth be told, though, no dream becomes reality through magic; it is always a combination of commitment, determination, hard work, and I would like to add prayer in there. Generally speaking, life is very unforgiving and doesn't have much in stock for anyone who wants to sit on the fence and live life on the margins. Scripture says, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; so, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16). We are not equipped to live life with an uncommitted spirit. The choices we have made either commit us to mediocrity or commit us to greatness. We are either in or out! Usually, success in life is not an accident of history; it is mostly the result of a committed life; staying loyal and on point to what we said we are going to do, long after the mood in which we said it has passed. On the other hand, failure is usually not as a result of lack of desire as it is more related to lack of commitment. The difference between being involved and being committed can be seen in the difference between ham and eggs. When it comes to eggs, the chicken is involved; but when it comes to ham, the pig is committed. Commitment is about total involvement; accepting no excuses; only results. This is why it is difficult for us to achieve that which we are not committed to.

Commitment is about making little choices, every day, along the path of our dream that eventually cumulates to produce the desired result. Excellence in big things usually begins with related habits in little matters, as Scripture says; "The one who is faithful in little things, will also be faithful in big things". Excellence is never an exception; it is a pervasive attitude. Whether we are working toward a healthier diet, a more active lifestyle, better relationships, reducing stress, becoming a happier person, or pursuing a new career, our success starts with a commitment to ourselves to move forward and make it happen. This may entail making an unwavering commitment to free ourselves from those commitments that intimate and prevent us from moving forward; those fears and inhibiting challenges that prevent us from achieving our goals; and sometimes, committing to things that people around us, the "Nay Sayers", may disapprove of. Bottom-line, the success of our life is the fruit of our commitment to it. The only one that holds that key is you! May the good Lord grant us the grace for such endeavor, Amen!

*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, 2022. The novena prayer will  
be said after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on week-  
days and before the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun-  
day, January 22, 2022.

Fellowship after Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall.

**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**

1/9/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,628	\$ 8,800	(\$1,828)

**Deficit for the Sunday 1/9/2022 is (\$1,828). 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 collec-  
tions 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> 5:30 pm	<b>January 15</b> Claire Kelly Gillick
<b>SUNDAY</b> :30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>January 16</b> Fidela Dagat Yvonne Lacson (Living) - Birthday St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group For the Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>January 17</b> Ana Mercedes Torres
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>January 18</b> Fredelina Briones Stanley & Beatrice Sipe
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>January 19</b> Novena of Masses Chinewe Melie (Living) Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>January 20</b> Isabela Espana (Living) - Birthday Harriet Divino
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>January 21</b> Rachel Ghiritti Azela Kilayko
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am  5:30 pm	<b>January 22</b> Marjorie Catuncan (Living) Novena of Masses Edwin Magno
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am  9:00 am  10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>January 23</b> Maria Perez (Living) - Birthday Jeffrey Alino For the Parishioners Thomas Sipe (Living) - Birthday Bruna Briones St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

### 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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:** Classes are remote to January 23. Your catechist will be in touch with you.

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).

### FOLLOWING JESUS IN CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

The Advent Tree at St. Michael's has become well known in our town. It is a symbol of neighbor helping neighbor. The cheerfully purchased gifts arrive, beautifully wrapped. The Blessed Sacrament children's party sparkles and the children smile!



The gift cards will assist our parishioners who are struggling with day-to-day living during this difficult time.

Those who participate through prayer engage in spiritual gift giving.

In addition, we collected \$225 which we will gift to the **Sisters of Caldwell**. We received a note from Sr. Catherine Waters on behalf of the Sisters which read in part, "How I miss St. Michael's! The parishioners are so generous. . . Thank you so much for the wonderful gift to the Sisters. We are all so grateful. Please know that you are all in our prayers."

Proverbs tells us "**Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.**" **Proverbs 11:25**

May prosperity refresh you and your families; may you reap rewards and may the grace of God remain with our Parish family throughout the coming year.

God bless all!

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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



Our next CYO meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall. An email will be sent out to all members and parents if anything changes.

Stay safe everyone and God Bless!

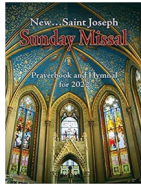


St. Michael Parish School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade position. Applicant must have a teaching certificate. Experience is a plus. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org)

## 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  
**Helen Verderame, Flora Bartucci, Kenneth Maggiore**  
**Lina Scavuzzo**

### 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 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

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

#### First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10

A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

#### Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

## 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	Serafina Sauro
Evelyn Phillips Landolfi	Christopher Boulon (Living)
Wladyslaw & Anna Skoczylas	Lucilia Sousa Araujo
Manuel Pereira Araujo	Marte Palencia
Audrey Altagrace Royal (Living)	Josefa Agudo Palanca
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon	Special Intentions—VG
Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leinart & McMahon Fam	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	

### 2022 MASS BOOK

***THE BOOK IS OPEN!*** 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.

### ST. MICHAEL'S MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE CHURCH, RECTORY, SCHOOL, PARISH CENTER, PARKING LOT WHO MAINTAINS THE PROPERTY

Are you a homeowner? Do you rent? Regardless of ownership, your residence requires maintenance as does our Parish physical property. Tiago Rodrigues, Supervisor of Maintenance at St. Michael's, is the single individual

responsible for the Parish. Yes, one person. The church is cleaned daily by another single individual and the school cleaned daily by a small crew. That's it. Snow removal and lawn mowing are contracted.

Volunteers from the parish are sought to assist with the upkeep of all 4 parish buildings, grounds and general repairs as needed. We desire a [Parish Maintenance Committee](#) that can both identify various maintenance initiatives and participate in opportunities to address those initiatives. Attending to your Parish, as directed by the Supervisor of Maintenance or Chairperson of the Parish Maintenance Committee, is a "time" and "talent" volunteer opportunity.

Frequency of service is dependent upon the total number of volunteers. Signing up for this Committee will put you on a distribution list that will be alerted when particular needs may arise. This Committee is open to all parishioners, CYO through retirees. Take pride in your parish and contact **David Bernot at 908-472-8858 or [davidbernot1876@gmail.com](mailto:davidbernot1876@gmail.com)** with your interest or questions in participating in and supporting this new committee.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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.



**Starting January 1, the prayer to St. Michael's will be prayed after every Mass.**