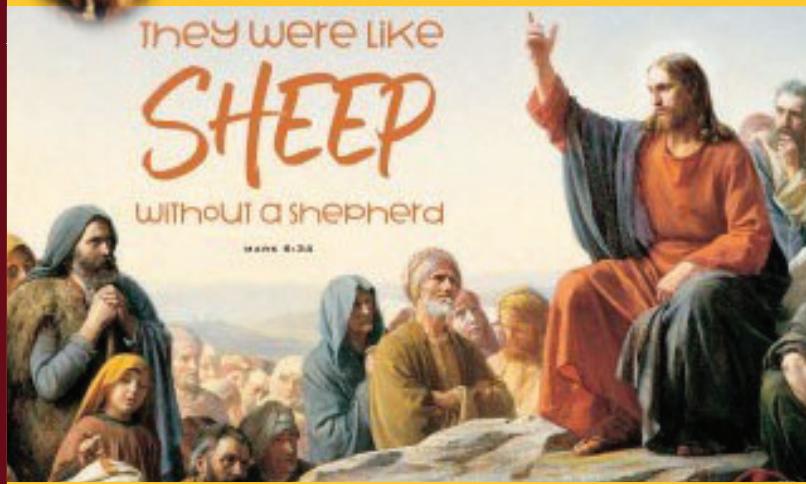


ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

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Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076

School: 908-688-1063

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Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net

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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

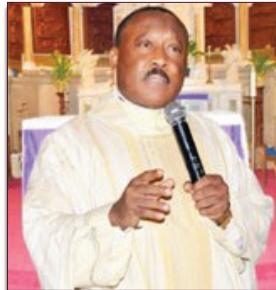
Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From The Pastors Desk



THE IMPORTANCE OF "ORDINARY TIMES"

The Church's calendar involves what is called "Ordinary Times"; a time set aside for rest and establishing those rhythms that sustain us as Christians—Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. This is very similar to what we read in the Gospel of this 16th Sunday in ordinary times, (Mark 6:30-34). It begins with the apostles recounting their successes from the mission Christ had sent them out to do. But looking at them, Christ saw exhaustion; a need to regroup and to refuel, to take in some fresh air of the spirit and so He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest awhile."

The Gospel of Mark makes at least nine references to Jesus taking time to withdraw, rest, and communion with His Father after a big ministry event before moving on to the next task at hand. Jesus knew that without His disciples taking out time to rest and communion with Him, they will not be able to have the strength to constantly meet the challenges ahead. This speaks directly to us today. In many ways, we have become addicted to doing things even to the extent that when we are not somehow engaged, we feel lost or even empty. Recent statistics show that the average American spends 72 hours a week maintaining job-related contact and work-related tasks, not including chores and everyday tasks at home. About 81% check their work email over the weekend and more than 59% check their work email while on vacation. About 6% checked their work email while either they or their spouse is in labor and another 6% checked their work email at a funeral. This same statistic also shows that, on average, more than 10 hours a day is spent by most of us looking at a screen in one form or another, with much of that time devoted to work-related topics. Unfortunately, Psychologists tell us that increased screen-time is related to increased reports of depression and stress; conditions that are related to increased risk for heart disease, obesity, depression, diabetes, accelerated aging, and even the formation of brain lesions associated with Alzheimer's. Bottom-line, our work-related busyness seems to be working us to an early grave.

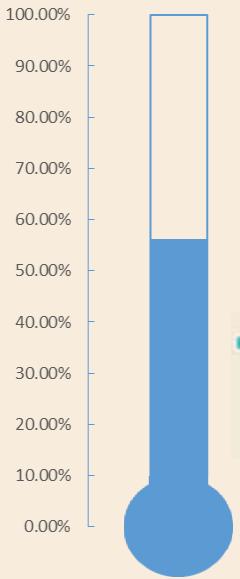
So, when Christ invited His apostles to come away and rest awhile, he wanted them to know that they will only be able to do what they are assigned to do if they take time to rest in His presence. The same is true of us. It is only when we take the time to put down our phones, remove our thoughts from work and all the tasks we need to accomplish, and just rest in God's presence that we are able to face the challenges of each day with a greater measure of strength. This is why our lives need to alternate between periods of busy work and periods of physical and spiritual renewal. Many have found it helpful to establish a rule of no phones, tablets, or screens during family meals so that the family can have time, each day, to thank God for His blessings and enjoy each other's presence. Some have established regular routines of taking short walks each day with family members or alone with God, away from other distractions. Some others have established routines involving going to daily Masses (at least on some weekdays), attending weekly Sunday Masses, Tuesday Bible Classes, Wednesday night Marian devotions, and or attending monthly Eucharistic Adorations on 1st Sundays and Sacred Heart Devotions with Eucharistic Adoration on 1st Fridays of every month. These are powerful ways to take time to withdraw and rest in the Lord because, in these situations, we are worshiping and fellowshiping with the faith assembly as part of our encounter and restful experience with Jesus. Luckily, we have all these devotions here in our parish and the good Lord is waiting to meet with us.

Bottom-line, we need to find ways to rest with Jesus on a constant basis; to recharge our batteries, and to enjoy the things that God has put in our lives. Remember, it is the one who is able to work today and work tomorrow while preserving all that matters in life that wins. As St. Vincent De Paul cautions: "Be careful to preserve your health and the things that matter most. It is a trick of the devil, which he employs to deceive good souls, to incite them to do more than they are able, in order that they may no longer be able to do anything." May the good Lord grant us the grace to take out time and be with Him!

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



**52 GROUPS
TO RAISE
\$100,000**

**FUNDS RAISED SO FAR
\$59,320**

THANK YOU

Not yet in a group?
Call the parish center
office to sign up.

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship in Action

Our Goal - **\$46,240**
Amount Pledged to Date - **\$43,520**
Number of Donors To Date - **154**
To Go—\$2,720



TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT:

rcan.org/ways-to-give or scan the QR Code. Please Note: When making your pledge, please be sure to select 'St. Michael-Union' from the drop down menu.

Thank you for your generosity!



Our goal is within reach with only **\$2,720** to achieve our goal.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

Access the May Edition @
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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

6/30/2021 FISCAL YEAR END	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACUTAL WEEKLY	DEFICIT WEEKLY
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 13,963	\$ 9,229	(\$4,734)

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.
- **GoFundMe** The Archdiocese has established a site for contributions, to parishes, due to the current emergency. Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the GoFundMe button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.



As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is **\$13,963**. What we actually received is **\$9,229** so we are short **\$4,734**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parish Giving

—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) 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.



ARE YOU GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER? Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please do not take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to our website, stmichaelunion.org, to sign up for electronic giving. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY **July 17**
5:30 pm Michael & Nora Forde

SUNDAY **July 18**
7:30 am For the Parishioners
9:00 am Sefia Family Benefactors
10:30 am Wilfredo Sosa
12:00 Noon Sybilia Ihediwa

MONDAY **July 19**
8:30 am Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon Maureen Rielly

TUESDAY **July 20**
8:30 am Sarah Roberts
12:00 Noon Chip Tolentino

WEDNESDAY **July 21**
8:30 am Reynaldo Murrieta Vera
12:00 Noon Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero

THURSDAY **July 22**
8:30 am William Mondok
12:00 Noon Rose Marie Domblewski

FRIDAY **July 23**
8:30 am Flor Gualberto (Living)
12:00 Noon Alex Micayabas

SATURDAY **July 24**
8:30 am Alex Micayabas
5:30 pm Olga Toral

SUNDAY **July 25**
7:30 am For the Parishioners
9:00 am William Chasi
10:30 am Espana Family—Thanksgiving
12:00 Noon Barbara Dittemer

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Fr. Camilo Lopez (Living) for his birthday.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouunionnj@gmail.com



With the school year coming to an end, the CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year possible, especially in this challenging environment. Through Christ, anything is possible!

Tuesday night meetings have come to an end and will resume back in September. Summer events will be announced. Anyone who is in high school and would like to be a part of next year's confirmation class, please email us at cyouunionnj@gmail.com. Emails and mailings are being sent out with registration information and a meeting will be held June 29th at 7:00pm in the Lower Church for all confirmation candidates and their parents.

Have a safe and healthy summer everyone! God Bless!

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.

Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:

Thank you for entrusting St. Michael's Church with the formal religious education of your child. We are pleased to return to in-person classes in mid-September. As in the past, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Grade 2 and Sacrament Prep students must attend in-person classes.

For your convenience, you may now complete the registration process and make payment online on our Parish website under the Faith Formation/Religious Education tab. You will also find a printable form if you prefer to mail or drop off your registration form and pay by check; or you can stop by the Religious Education office M-TH between 9:30AM and 2:30PM to register your child. If you return your registration form and payment by August 9, you will be entitled to the "early discount" fee. Registrations received after September 6 will incur a \$25 late fee. Please, however, do not let inability to pay stop you from registering your child. Call or stop by the office and we will work with you.

We are always looking for dedicated men and women who offer their services as a catechist, aide or session helper. Please consider sharing your time and talents in this important ministry. Call or stop by the office for further information.

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.



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ- a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten- 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at rscicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

St. Michael School has the following positions open: Part-time Advanced Math Teacher, Part-Time Music Teacher and a Part-Time Spanish Teacher. Please send resume and cover letter to rscicolone@smsunion.org.

MINISTRY Information

ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

With the COVID restrictions now lifted in Church, Msgr. Anselm asks that all ministry volunteers return to service. Please contact your ministry leaders for scheduling.

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. Contact Fr. Miles for more information.

Baptism Ministry is looking for new members. Please contact the Parish Center or Deacon Michael Cavallo at deaconmikecavallo@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

If you would like to return to our regular weekend schedule, please email Alberta vp@verizon.net.

Wellness Ministry

OUTDOOR
Dance & Wellness Classes
Saturdays at 9:30 am



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2: 13-18

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6: 30-34

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

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

St. Michael's Parishioners

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES JULY 2021

Ann L. Corrigan
James Ford, Sr.
Jose Arnaldo
George Rinehart
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Remedios Rabano
Lucia Aviguetero
Angela & Frank Sauro
Elena Jara
Ibrahim Maksom
All Souls in Purgatory
Helen McCann
Alex Micayabas
Fritz Maddy
Angelica Tanglao
Eusebio Espeleta
Aurora Papera
Special Intentions-VG
Jorge J. Criado
Herman Estrella
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz
Ben & Marivic Del Rosario & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members
Living & Deceased Members of Pruszkowski, Endler,
Hornig & Macecsko Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla,
Leniart & McMahon Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman,
Vricella, Scanlon & Mattiack Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi,
Siciliano & LaManna Families
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo
Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Families
Living & Deceased Members of the Landeira &
Machado Families
Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)
Special Intentions to St. Joseph

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & 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, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, 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, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Mary Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Aurora Manochio.

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USAN FUNDRAISERS

**SUNDAY
JULY
25**

UNITY OF SAINTS AND NATIONS!
You can find unity in our extended community

FAMILY PICNIC

Our walk-a-thon and picnic welcomes all parishioners, families, friends, neighbors, communities, and nationalities to participate in a fundraising effort for St. Michael the Archangel Church in Union, organized by the "UNION OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE PORTUGUESE NATION" (USAN).

Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021. Beginning 1:00 pm and concluding by late afternoon/evening (when everyone is either exhausted or no food remains).

Where: Conant Street Park, 320 Conant St, Hillside, NJ, 2.5 miles from St. Michael Church. The covered pavilion has been reserved so the effects of inclement weather should be minimized.

Visit <https://exploreunioneounty.com/places/new-jersey/hillside/parks-1/conant-park/> to see the general walkway, playground, soccer fields, and public bathrooms, etc. Food, beverages, and youth activities are included in your donation to this event. Food will include typical picnic fare (e.g., chicken, beef, pork, rice/beans, potato fries, pasta & vegetable salads, etc.) plus specials (e.g., blue claw crabs). Wine and beer available for purchase.

Cost: \$30 per adult, \$50 per couple, \$20 per teenager (ages 13-19), \$100 per family of 4 adults [a bargain], \$5 for each youth (ages 5-12) and children under 5 yr. are free.

Contact Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 for reservations or additional information.



**St. Michael Church's
USAN Fundraiser**
San Lorenzo Ruiz—1st Golf Tournament
Date: September 25, 2021
Registration starts at 8:00 am
The Meadows at Middlesex Golf Course
Plainsboro, New Jersey
Don't delay! Teams are limited
Deadline, August 31, 2021

Individual Player—\$120.00 per person
Sponsorship Packages available.
Fee includes: Green Tee, cart, breakfast and bagged lunch
Please go to www.stmichaelunion.org to register.

For more information, please contact the following:
Arnold & Cristy Yanto—(908) 242-8758
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Butch & Malou Morales—(908) 577-1800
Resy Millora-Dilag—(908) 416-2732
Nick & Island Raagas—(732) 874-3375

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. ALPHONSA FEAST



The Feast of St. Alphonsa will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 12:00 Noon Mass.**

Fellowship after the mass at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). All are welcome to attend.

Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception FCC, also known as Saint Alphonsa, was an Indian Catholic nun and educator. She was the first woman of Indian origin to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church, and the first canonized saint of the Syro-Malabar Church, an Eastern Catholic Church based in Kerala.



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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.





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