

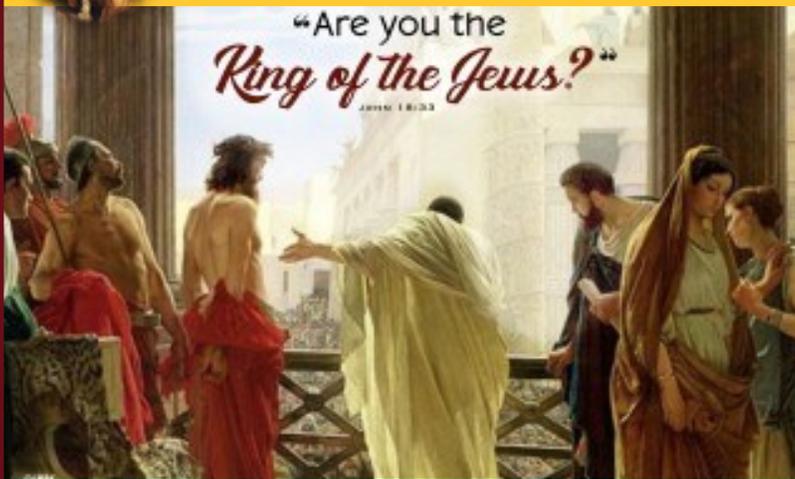


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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

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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

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.

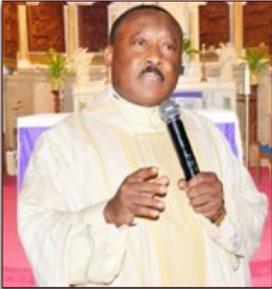
PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All parishioners need to be registered.

Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.

Message From The Pastors Desk

OVERCOMING SILENCE IN THE FACE OF EVIL



As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, on this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary times, the gospel confronts us with the encounter between Pilate and Jesus, where Pilate asks Jesus a very straightforward question: "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." This answer clearly indicated that Christ clarified that His kingdom had nothing to do with the earthly kingship of ruling the Jews, and therefore, His kingship was not in

conflict with the kingship of the Roman Emperor. Consequently, His kingship was not a revolt against the Roman occupation of Israel.

Apparently, Pilate seemed to have had no question in his mind that Jesus was speaking the truth and that Christ was innocent of any crime he was being accused of. What is disturbing is that while recognizing the truth of Jesus' innocence, he chose to ignore it and sentenced Him to death. It is a tragedy when we fail to recognize the truth before us. It is a greater tragedy when we recognize the truth but fail to act on it. Where ever fear rules, we will never be able to receive and reflect the truth. Honorable living is more than not lying; it is also about truth telling, about truth speaking, about truth living, and about truth loving. It takes greater courage to back the truth that is unacceptable to the majority, than to compromise, because of the fear of consequences—rejection, castigation, and crucifixion. Because of this, many have suffered unjustly, the weight of the law, because those who knew better chose to be silent in the face of man's inhumanity to man.

Yet, a lie doesn't become a truth, and a wrong doesn't become a right, and an evil act doesn't become good just because it is accepted by the majority. We must never be afraid to raise our voices for honesty, truth, and compassion, against injustice, lying, and greed. As Christians, we are called to live with integrity, and that means, refusing to settle for less than what we believe to be the truth; speaking truth to conscience, even though it might create conflict or tension; and making sure that our belief is in harmony with Scripture and our Christian values.

It is the truth of life that facts are always a threat to those who are invested in fraud. Truth never damages a cause, that is just because the duty of truth is to challenge falsehood. Whenever we experience a conspiracy of silence, in the face of falsehood, watch out because it is usually a sign of a cover-up for evil. A word of truth, in such an environment, is like a pistol-shot chattering the bedeviled silence. Our faith demands that we be the ones to trigger such shots in the face of falsehood and evil. May the good Lord grant us the courage for such bravery!

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE: SIMBANG GABI CHRISTMAS EVENING MASS



Sunday, December 19,
2021 at 8:00 pm
St. Michael's Church

SAVE THE DATE: BLESSED CYPRIAN IWENE TANSI MASS



DECEMBER 12, 2021 at
12:00 noon Mass

SAVE THE DATE: BAMBINELLI SUNDAY- DECEMBER 12

There will be a blessing at all Masses of Baby Jesus figurines from your home Nativity sets.

Remember to bring your Infant Jesus to Mass this weekend.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER EDITION



stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/

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**

11/7/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$10,798	\$1,760

Thank you to all parishioners. We are **over** the budget this week of 11/7/2021 by **\$1,760**.

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.

Msr. Anselm



—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.



Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY	November 20
5:30 pm	Roselyn Moreno Cruz (20th Ann.)
SUNDAY	November 21
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
7:30 am	Charles & Roselyn Onwuka Deborah & Victoria Nwosu
9:00 am	Ray & Kathleen Pruszkowski (Living) 32nd Wedding Ann.
10:30 am	Phil Matrale (1st. Ann.)
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners
MONDAY	November 22
8:30 am	Gylđa & Charles Carre Bernadette D'Angelo
12:00 Noon	All Souls Theresa Ojeawere (Living)
TUESDAY	November 23
8:30 am	Filomena Barcena Salvador V. Antonio
12:00 Noon	Benjamin Magbanua (5th Ann.) Braulio Mission
WEDNESDAY	November 24
8:30 am	All Souls Craig Calix (Living)
12:00 Noon	Betty Boesch
THURSDAY	November 25 Thanksgiving Day
9:00 am	Thanksgiving Masses in Gratitude to God's Blessings For All Parishioners
FRIDAY	November 26
9:00 am	Pat Scalgione
SATURDAY	November 27
8:30 am	Maria Tavares Raymond Thebaud
5:30 pm	Alejandro T. Cruz Hermelo Verga, Sr.
SUNDAY	November 28
First Sunday of Advent	
7:30 am	Arturo Cabatu
9:00 am	Jose Isirio Torres
10:30 am	George Rinehart
12:00 Noon	For the Parishioners Trifina, Honofre & Cesar Beldua

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of George Rinehart, requested by his wife Rose and Children.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading
2 Samuel 5:1-3
David is anointed king.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5
Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.
Second Reading
Colossians 1:12-20
Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.
Gospel Reading
Luke 23:35-43
Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

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.

A Morning of Advent Reflection Saturday, December 4, 2021 begins at 9AM in the Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)

Please join us for reflection and discussion on the gift of God's grace in our lives – sometimes in unexpected ways! All are invited! A continental breakfast will be served. Our presenter, Barbara La Mort, will speak to us on "A Time to Savor God's Gift of Grace."

Please R.S.V.P. via email to Clare / Lois at smccd@comcast.net or call the Religious Ed Office.



CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouniionnj@gmail.com



We are excited to announce that our annual St. Michael's CYO teen retreat will be held this weekend, November 19th-21st! Please keep our CYO youths in your prayers.



"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!

MINISTRY Information

ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

We are in the process of updating the ministries you are involved in. Please contact your ministry leader if you are back on duty. Ministry Leaders, please contact Mary Jo at the Parish Center with your updated volunteer list.

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. Please contact Fr. Miles for more information.

RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano will be starting the RCIA classes every Saturday morning starting October 2 in the Phil Matrале Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at michaeljalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.

Wellness Ministry

OUTDOOR Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays at 9:30 am



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



HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

NEW! We will be collecting **winter coats and accessories** from November through December 5th from ages 3-14.

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).

NOVENA of Masses

DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NOVEMBER 2020-NOVEMBER 2021

Josephine L. Wetzel	Catherine Astone
Ann Leone	Philip Matrале
Angela E. Walguarnery	Robert Buck
Barbara Lilley	Marilyn Senca
Alicia Puertollano-Caruga	Luigi Fabiano
Dorothy Deo	Carolyn F. Romano
Zully M. Trejo	Kim Treppunti
Steven F. Jacoby	Marco P. Cruz
Anne Wolff	John Liberatore
Rose Petescia	Julia Wasowska
Thomas Leddy	Rose Fresulone
Artemia B. Tan	Joseph J. Tamburro
Johanna Ciccone	Eleanor L. Schweitzer
Rosemarie Bergel	Anthony Manochio
Louis Cerami	Manuel Cid
Philip Bozlolus	Rosaira Parziale
Joanne Milana Doman	William Pettius
Josephine Ruisi	Thomas Cowan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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
**Josephine Ruisi, Thomas Cowan &
Salvador V. Antonio**

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, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czaplа, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."
Chares Dickens

Our parish **Giving Tree**, long a tradition of Christian charity at St. Michael's will be greeting you once again during the Advent season.

CANDY CANES will represent the wishes of the children at Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark.

We are expanding our **GIFT CARD PROGRAM** to meet the needs of our many parishioners struggling during these difficult times. Supermarket Gift Cards are a valuable source of assistance. Consider Visa, Walmart, and local businesses.

Please return all gifts and gift cards on Sat/Sun. Dec 4/5 and Sat/Sun. Dec.11/12.

"Love one another as I have loved you." **John 15:12**

If you would like to contribute a gift card or monetary donation to the **SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC - CALDWELL**, we will have a separate collection bin in the vestibule of the Church clearly marked for these donations. Last year the Sisters were able to plan a lovely dinner celebration for their residents and purchase some needed items as a result of your generosity.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 25
 9:00 am

Friday, November 26
 9:00 am



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 18
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, December 22
 Communal Penance Service with Confession
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Times with asterisk will be Live Streamed

Friday, December 24th
 8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve
 5:00 PM Family Liturgy
 8:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25th
 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, *10:30 AM*, 12:00 Noon

NEW YEAR MASSES

Friday, December 31st
 8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon
New Year's Eve
 7:00 PM Vigil mass & Prayer Service

New Year's Day
Saturday, January 1st
 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
 5:30 PM (Sunday Mass)