



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



“THERE IS ONE BODY”



Our parish, St. Michael's Church is often described as the “United Nations”; a Church made up of many nationalities and ethnicities. As I read this Sunday's 2nd Reading, this description of our Church came to my mind when St. Paul says, “There is only but one body”—unity in diversity. The Church is one body and humanity is one body. Unfortunately, “One Body”, unity in diversity, does not just happen; it is always the product of hard work. Our natural tendency is to focus on our differences, on what divides us; on what separates us; and not on what unites us. But Paul makes

the important point that God has chosen us to be Christ's representatives in this world thereby challenging us to live lives worthy of being called Christ's very own—the ones who are focused on the one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. That is to say, those who are focused on appreciating people of different origins and backgrounds, of different ethnicities and colors, of different gifts and talents, and who can see how our differing gifts and viewpoints complement the body of Christ and help move humanity to a greater unity. Instead of comparing ourselves to one another, we are called to complement each other and see ourselves as part of one body that must, by necessity, work together to achieve God's covenanted destiny for humanity—that they may all be one. Making disciples in every nation involves preaching, teaching, healing, nurturing, giving, administering, building, and many other tasks. As an individual, none of us can accomplish this task; we might as well not even try. But as members of one body, we can. The temptation is always to overestimate what we can do by ourselves and to underestimate what we can do as a group. Each and every one of us is needed to make this parish work; to make it thrive, to keep it alive and going, to make it a beacon of faith and hope. To do this, we must be willing to make some sacrifices. (1) We need to remain humble, gentle, patient, understanding, peaceful and appreciative of our diversity. (2) We need to appreciate that no one is ever going to be perfect here on earth and so we must accept others despite their faults. We may run into fellow members whose actions or personality really annoy us. Rather than dwelling on their weaknesses or looking for faults to accuse and to point at, let us pray for them or even be more Christian by finding ways to spend some time together with them and try to understand them and learn from them. (3) We need to keep our focus on God, not on ourselves, and to ask God to use our unique gifts and talents to contribute to the strength and health of our parish. We need to remember that when we are joined with Christ, He forms us into a group united in purpose and in love for one another and for Him. So, let us look for ways to celebrate and empower one another, to encourage and uplift one another, to support and care for what is important for others knowing that others will be there for us when we need them. In this way, we can keep this Church alive and thriving, growing and expanding both in ministry and in our mission. May we always remember that God is counting on each and every one of us to make this happen!

Msgn. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



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 @
stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



Stewardship of Treasure

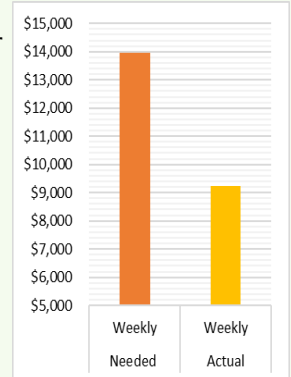
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

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 5:30 pm	July 24 Olga Toral
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	July 25 For the Parishioners William Chasi España Family—Thanksgiving Barbara Dittermer
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	July 26 Novena of Masses Alejandro T. Cruz
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	July 27 Eisen Alimario/Natalie Vital Maria Tavares
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	July 28 Jesus & Josefina Alvero Serge Villanueva
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	July 29 Robert Danso (1st Ann.) Novena of Masses
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	July 30 Josefina Gonzales Mary Russomanno
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	July 31 Manuel Fazendeiro Rayman & Virginia Boodhoo (Living) 48th Wedding Anniversary
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 1 For the Parishioners Joseph Hrevnack Nwando Melie (Living) Jose Isirio Torres

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for España Family (Living) for thanksgiving.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyounionnj@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 cyounionnj@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



6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:



BANK TRANSFER:



stmichaelunion@comcast.net
In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.

CONTACT FREE: QR CODE



Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page

MAIL IN:



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DROP OFF:

AT THE PARISH CENTER



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

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First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:10-11,15-16,17-18

The Lord feeds his people and answers their needs.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

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

Carlos James

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES JULY 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions
George Rinehart	Emma Jean Williams
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Remedios Rabano	Craig Calix (Living)
Lucia Aviguetero	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Angela & Frank Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomano
Elena Jara	Celso & Rosalia Anuada
Ibrahim Maksom	Luther Boulton (Living)-Birthday
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Helen McCann	Baby Charlie Esmores (Living)-Healing
Alex Micayabas	Artemia Tan
Fritz Maddy	Michael V. Aves
Angelica Tanglao	Roberto Escanlar
Eusebio Espeleta	Cynthia Tortillas
Aurora Papera	Judenique Auguste (Living)-Birthday
Special Intentions-VG	Domingo Raymundo Martin
Jorge J. Criado	Sammi Pearson (Living) - Healing
Herman Estrella	Guillermo Alberto
Micheline & 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 Sarano, 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, Tom Ewing

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

**The Sunday July 25, 2021
Family Picnic (USAN) at Conant
Street Park is cancelled due to
lack of interest and low
attendance.**



**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
Archie & Carol De la Cruz—(732) 874-3375
Butch & Malou Morales—(908) 577-1800
Resy Millora-Dilag—(908) 416-2732
Nick & Island Raagas—(732) 874-3375

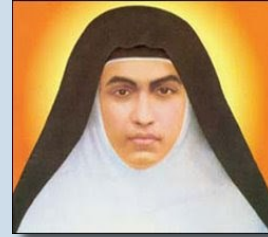


ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

Catholic Charities received **\$4,013** as a result of the Donation Bin(s) from December 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in the same program throughout the Archdiocese enable us to provide light and hope through the darkness of poverty, sickness, and rejection. Our food program alone distributed 242,748 pounds of food to 40,459 households (FY 2019/2020). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

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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.



The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse to reach out to the prosecutor. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors with the Archdiocese are:
Bergen (201) 646-2300
Essex (973) 621-4700
Hudson (201) 795-6400
Union (908) 527-4500

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.

