



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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:

7:00 am, 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

### Stay Connected:

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## Devotions

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Sunday and 1st Friday 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

## Wellness Ministry

### Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

## Pastoral Staff

**Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Pastor**

**Rev. Camilo Lopez, Parochial Vicar**

**Rev. Charles B. McDermott, Pastor Emeritus**

**Deacon Michael Cavallo, Permanent Deacon**

**Mrs. Marilynn Dragone, Coordinator of Religious Education**

**Mr. Philip Matrile, 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 1:30 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)

Pre K-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.



## MASSES Intentions And Readings

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
5:30 pm	Almario Morales – 60th Birthday (Living)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Frank Pettesch
10:30 am	Helen Saverino
12:00 Noon	Barbara Dybas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 27</b>
7:00 am	Audrey Altagrace Royal-1st Birthday (Living)
8:30 am	Maria Tavares
12:00 Noon	Maria Amador
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 28</b>
7:00 am	Micard & Fedia Charlotin (Living) <i>16th Wedding Anniversary</i>
8:30 am	Roger Boetsch
12:00 Noon	Ophelia B. Farre
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 29</b>
7:00 am	Roger Boetsch
8:30 am	Maria Annabelle Mereria
12:00 Noon	Kareema Charlotin (Living)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 30</b>
7:00 am	Manuel Fazendeiro
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Sr. Marcelle Fils-Aime
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 31</b>
7:00 am	Joseph Bilicska
8:30 am	Kosi, Kachi, Chisom & Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)
12:00 Noon	Kent Charlotin (Living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 1</b>
8:30 am	Francisco LaFuente
5:30 am	Barbara Michalski
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 2</b>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Ann, Frieda, George Stinson
10:30 am	Fazioli Vittorio
12:00 Noon	Frederick Dittmer

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Hymnal # 1098**

#### **First Reading**

*Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10*

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 19:8,9,10,15*

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord

#### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30* (or shorter form, *1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27*)

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

## Message From Our Pastor

*Epiphany Strategies:  
A light unto my path.*

### **Strategy Six: Thanksgiving**

After the Magi bowed down and worshipped the Child Jesus, they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. I truly believe that a true measure of our thankfulness and gratitude is not just what we say about our blessings; but how we use them. Thanksgiving prepares the way for God to show us His fullest love; it unlocks the gates of heaven. The Bible says, "Be joyful always; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). To be thankful, even for a little, is an attitude that changes lives. Count your blessings and name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done. Use some of your time each day to thank God. Be purposeful and thoughtful when you make your offerings in Church. Pray over your offerings. The Magi were not casual about their offerings; they were thoughtful about it because they knew to whom their offerings were being made. Your offerings matter a lot to God; be intentional about it; be purposeful and respectful in offering it; and offer it with dignity and humility. When it comes to living a life of gratitude, a good practice is to keep a daily journal of three or more things for which you are thankful. Make it a habit to appreciate those who live and work with you; be regular with your tithes and purposeful in your offerings; make note of things you have done well each day and find ways to celebrate what you like about yourself. May the good Lord create in us a grateful heart.

### **Strategy Seven: Listen with Obedience**

Isn't it amazing that while God is all-powerful, He refuses to coerce but always summons us to cooperate. An Angel informed the Magi to go home through a different road. They obeyed. How about us? As we embrace this New Year, let it be God's business to lead us, to command us, to impel us, to send us, and to determine how we live. Let it be our business to follow, to obey, to agree, to move, to respond, and to do as commanded. Obedience, as they say, is better than sacrifice. No amount of prayer or names we can call God can take the place of simply doing His will. For the Magi, it was a simple fact of taking a different road back home. Simple indeed, but the fact remains that if God does not reign over simple things in our lives, He does not reign at all. If we want God's promises to be fulfilled in our lives, we must first of all obey His word. The cost of following the gospel is the death of our will. Faith comes from God and He gives faith only to the obedient heart. If we allow ourselves to obey the impulses of the flesh; the impulses of fear, doubt and resentment, then, what will have authority over our lives will be fear, doubt and resentment. Scripture says, "Cursed is the one who trusts in man; who finds strength in human flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord, for he is like a bush in a wasteland that produces no fruit" (Jer. 17:5-7). May the good God give us hearts that yearn for His will, minds that are clear about His love, wills that are obedient to His word, and unflinching determination to do His bidding!

*Msgn. Anselm*

## Weekly Calendar & Stewardship Of Treasure

### Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am  
No Religious Education  
12:30 PM  
3:00 PM

### Monday

8:00 am  
3:30 - 4:30 pm  
7:00 pm

### Tuesday

8:00 am  
7:00 - 8:15 pm  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

### Wednesday

7:00 - 8:00 pm

### Thursday

8:00 am  
7:30 pm

### Friday

8:00 am

### Saturday

9:30 am  
1:00 pm

### Sunday

9:00 - 10:00 am  
9:00 am  
10:15 - 11:30 am

### January 26

RCIA Class, Murphy Room  
St. Michael's School Open House, School  
Santo Nino Feast and Fellowship. Church, LC

### January 27

Rosary, Church  
Religious Education  
Dance & Wellness, LC

### January 28

Rosary, Church  
Religious Education  
CYO, LC

### January 29

Our Lady Devotion, Chapel

### January 30

Rosary, Church  
Choir Practice, Church

### January 31

Rosary, Church

### February 1

Dance & Wellness, LC  
Confession, Church

### February 2

RCIA Class, Murphy Room  
Family Mass, Church  
Religious Education

## Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

### Adoration

#### February 2, 2020

1st **Sunday** Eucharistic Adoration  
**6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

#### February 7, 2020

1st **Friday** Eucharistic Adoration  
**6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

### Devotions

#### January 29, 2020

3rd Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

#### February 5, 2020

4th Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

#### February 12, 2020

1st Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Our Lady of Fatima 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

#### February 19, 2020

2nd Wednesday Marian Devotion  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Marian Devotions are now in the  
Parish Center (Convent) Chapel  
on 1211 Orange Avenue.  
Please ring the bell to be ushered in.

### Bible Classes

All Bible Classes will resume in February 2020

### "SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated specifically for our utility bills and emergency Church repairs.

The next SOS collection is the weekend of February 1 & 2, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.

### 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*

1/19/2020	Needed	Actual	Deficit
Collection	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
& SOS	\$14,081	\$10,504	(\$3,577)

The Stewardship of Treasure report has been revised to show the collections amount needed weekly to cover the operating expenses of the Church. Currently the Collection & SOS cover about **75%** of the operating expenses. The deficit is the amount that the collections need to increase per week to cover the Church operating expenses.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### 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.

# MINISTRY Information

## ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Time	January 25 - 26 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 1 - 2 The Presentation of the Lord
5:30 pm	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz
7:30 am	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia
9:00 am	Jean Felix Alisha James Justin Gawel Nathan De Guzman	Julian Felix Jewelz Massicot Megan Felix Nicholas Laube Joshua Laube
10:30 am	Johnnuel Magno Aidan Perez Samuel Ilagan Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi	Carmella Mendoza Nwando Melie Ian Galing Kamsi Emeh Ian Galing
12:00 noon	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Church is in need of people who can help out in the snow shoveling of the church property during major snow storms. Snow shovelers will be paid an hourly rate. For more information, please contact Tiago at [stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com](mailto:stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com)

## SOCIAL MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY

We, at SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY would like to thank the following groups for their generous donations over this past year and especially during the holidays:

- St. Michael's Religious Education Program
- St. Michael's CYO
- St. Michael's School
- Battle Hill School
- Knights of Columbus 4504
- Columbiettes – Knights of Columbus 4504
- Affiliated Monitoring

Special thanks to all of our parishioners who donate at the weekend masses all year round.

Our next food pantry day is Tuesday February 18, at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.

# MINISTRY Information

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Other hours are available by appointment.

Contact Coordinator: Marilynn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.

We can also be reached via e-mail at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net)

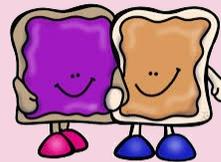
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

There are also **NO** classes on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> due to Catholic Schools Week.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:** The Blessing Cup Retreat is being held on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the lower Church. **This is a required event.** Child cannot attend alone. You must stay with your child for the entire event. We ask you to bring a non-perishable food item for Sr. Ann's Food Pantry.

## CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

[cyouunion@aol.com](mailto:cyouunion@aol.com)



This Tuesday Night we will be making 350 Sandwich Bags for the Homeless! Our bags will include a Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on wheat bread, a juice box, cookies/crackers and a pack of lifesavers or gum. All will be put in a CYO decorated lunch bag with a napkin. Be sure to bring your assigned (by Grade) items for the bags. Sandwiches will be distributed immediately after the meeting by the Union County Department of Human Services.

All permission slips and important information for our Ski Trip have been mailed home to parents. Please have them signed and returned to this weeks meeting.



*"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"*

St. Michael School will be having an open house on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am -12:00pm. We offer Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

To set up an individual tour, please contact Mrs. Scicolone at [rscicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rscicolone@smsunion.org). All prospective families are welcomed to come tour and explore our amazing school! Don't forget to check out our website at [smsunion.org](http://smsunion.org)

## MINISTRY Information

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

#### "Grace Bags"

Special thanks to all our parishioners who have been donating to the Hands of Grace Ministry. We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (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 our website at [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

**Our next Grace Bags Outreach day is Tuesday January 28**, at the Parish Center located at 1211 Orange Avenue from **12:00 to 2:00 pm**.

Request forms can be picked up and filled forms dropped off at the Church vestibule.

#### "Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).

Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe** at (908) 247-4461 if you have any questions.



### ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

Reminder: Membership fees are due.

#### Upcoming Event:

March 16<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at The Brownstone featuring the Feast of St. Joseph

Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives. Membership extended to those 55 and over.

## NOVENA of Masses

### JANUARY 2020

Ann L. Corrigan	Jose J. Arnaldo
Jurusik & Arner Families	Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomano	John & Augusta Mahon
Serafina Sauro	Louis Sauro
Leopold Enwonwu	Luis Carrega
Michael DeGregio	Scott Leddy
Avi Stafenau	Joanne Young
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	Craig Calix (Living)
Alfred Pruskowski	Donna Hornig
Ricardo Araujo (Living)	Helena Araujo (Living)
Anamaria Pais (Living)	Luis Pais (Living)
Jorge Cadenas (Living)	Grace Cadenas (Living)
Gregory Ward (Living)	Edith Leddy
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
James Ford Sr.	Roger Boetsch
Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour	
In thanks for God's blessings on the USA	
Ambrose Ngwa Akonteh & Elva Muneton (Living)	
Joseph Doman & Joanne Milana Doman (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruskowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahan Families	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Lucilia Araujo & Maria Cruz (Living)	

### SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapl, Stephen Czapl, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward & Marie Mate.

### 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

**Joseph Bilicska.**



## Announcements

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Any parishioners who have experience running **BINGO AND CARNIVALS** please contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

*You can use the Altar Offerings -*

**Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp can be used for Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.**

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 29, 2020

**Seton Hall University**  
400 South Mountain Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK WOMEN'S COMMISSION

*Alive in Christ*

**The Eucharist...His Heart in My Heart**

Saturday, March 7, 2020

**Seton Hall University**  
400 South Mountain Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm

## Save The Dates

### Feast of **SANTO NIÑO** Holy Mass & Fellowship

St. Michael Church  
1212 Kelly St. Union, NJ 07083

*Sunday, January 26, 2020*

*3:00 pm*



**Weekday Daily Novena from Friday 01/17/2020 to Saturday 01/25/2020 starts after the 8:30 am Mass and Sunday 01/19/2020 Novena after the 10:30 am Mass**

**Henry and Anna Mendoza**  
*"Hermano/Hermana Mayor"*

#### Contact Persons

Dr. Madesa España (908) 391-5990  
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Luz Gonzales (908) 230-3264 Cynthia Grandeza (908) 591-1065  
Fred Pajarillo (908) 244-6335 Virgie Palencia (908) 377-6369

## Save the Date

*Friday, September 25th, 2020*

*7:30 - 11:30 pm*

**St. Michael's Annual**

## **DINNER DANCE**

**Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ**

*Celebration details to follow*