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OCTOBER 10, 2021

TWENTY EIGHT 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

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

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Devotions

EUCHARISTIC 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



SO CLOSE AND YET SO FAR



One activity that is common to humanity is the pursuit of happiness and, for the Godoriented, the quest for eternal life. In this pursuit, many may believe that happiness comes from having things. Yet, how many times have we heard, in the News, that a person, who had everything—holidays overseas, large houses, garages full of expensive cars, fine clothes, the best food—committed suicide. They had all things imaginable and yet they felt that their life was so empty that they had to end it. What wisdom we have from St. Augustine, when he said, "My soul is restless until it rests in Thee."

On this 27th Sunday in ordinary times, we hear the story of a very rich man, who came running to Jesus, and asked him, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" This man was searching for a peaceful, happy, and joyful spirit, but Jesus, seeing through his heart, saw that "material stuff" had a stronghold on him and was holding him hostage. He therefore asked the man to "let go and let God", but the man found this too much of a task to behold, fell into depression, and left, very sad. He was so close to the kingdom and yet too far away from it, because of what he was clinging to.

Hearing this story, our minds may drift off to the rich and famous, but that would be hypocritical because it is about all of us. Go to "Globalrichlist.com", enter your yearly income, and see how you stack up against the world's population. You may find out that you rank in the upper 25% of those richer than 99% of the world's population. Do you know that 85% of the world's population lives on about \$2,100 a year? So, this parable is most likely about us, because it is about hoarding, grabbing, selfishness, and not sharing stuff. It is about good moral character, integrity, believe in Jesus, having a desire to go to heaven, and at the same time holding onto to selfishness, greed, and not being willing to surrender to the Lord. It is about thinking that we can self-justify ourselves into the kingdom of heaven.

In our call to discipleship, Christ does not want a certain amount of our time, or a certain amount of our money, or a certain amount of our work. He wants us, the whole of us; not in half measure but in full measure. He wants our whole self, all that we are, all that we want to be, and all our desires; holy and unholy.

The bottom-line is that, this man, who seemingly had it all, had an opportunity to invest in eternal riches, but had difficulties because something was much more important to him than eternal life. In many ways, we are like him, for although we may not possess great material wealth, many other things like pleasure, appetite, family, friends, sense of independence, selfish desires, competition with others, etc., may stand in the way. Nothing, in this world, is worth missing out on a relationship with Christ. The truth is that, if we surrender to Jesus today, we will never go away grieved or sad. We need to use whatever stuff we have, on this earth, for the glory of God; to become a distributive channel of God's grace and blessings to humanity. What God has blessed us with should never keep us away from the pursuit of righteousness. May the good Lord grant us the grace for this godliness, Amen

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

52 GROUPS

TO RAISE

\$100,000

FUNDS RAISED

\$127,460.75



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

S.O.S. Collection - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills. S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

Tithing—This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new air conditioner. Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs. Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

Assessment Collection - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the archdiocese a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, to be paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely paving monthly assessment. our All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation.

National Collections - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. Money from the national collections go directly to Newark.

St. Vincent De Paul Collection - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!

Stewardship of Treasure

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"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

10/3/2021 NEEDED

ACTUAL **WEEKLY**

OVER/UNDER

\$2,404

WEEKLY

This Week This Week

This Week Collection & SOS \$ 9,038

\$ 11,442

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.

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**) 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 October 9

5:30 pm Alejandro T. Cruz

Shella Boulin (Living)-Thanksgiving

SUNDAY October 10

7:30 am Novena of Masses for St. Michael's Clergy

For the Parishioners

In Honor of Our Lady of Rosary-Cham Family

9:00 am Leo Ibabao Barbara Dvbas 10:30 am

12:00 Noon Izabel Emilia M. da Silva

MONDAY October 11

9:00 am Jesus and Josefina Alvero

TUESDAY October 12

Judy Catalupo Carpini 8:30 am

12:00 Noon Juan Antonio Espeleta (Living)

WEDNESDAY October 13

8:30 am Novena of Masses

In Thanksgiving to St. Michael's &

Our Lady of Fatima

12:00 Noon Dr. Noel L. Bansil

THURSDAY October 14

8:30 am Catherine Patania 12:00 Noon Novena of Masses

Amelia C. Samson (Living)-Birthday

FRIDAY October 15

8:30 am Luis & Manuel Alvero 12:00 Noon Felix De La Cruz Manapat

SATURDAY October 16 Fidelia Dagat 8:30 am

5:30 pm Corothy Marchitello

SUNDAY October 17

7:30 am Charles Chukwuemeka Onwuka

Donna Hornig 9:00 am 10:30 am For the Parishioners

Casimir Dombrowski

Thomas Canavan, Jr. 12:00 Noon

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

All the Saints votive candle stands are now open. Please follow the safety directions on how to light the candles.



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. *********

STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS

Sept. 19 was Catechetical Sunday where the church recognizes those who teach our children. The following men and women will share their faith with the children and youth as catechists for our parish family this year:

Grade 1

Suzette Cavadas Edna Dossantos

Lisa Perez

Grade 3

Tania Massicot Margaret Sasieta

Grade 5

Cristina Manochio Fernanda Manochio

David Vargas

Grade 7

Danielle Laube Okezie Ukaegbu Grade 2

Clare Andriola Aida Mendez-Boud

Grade 4

Reuben Vibar

Grade 6

Kim Herbert Lolita Maksom

Grade 8

Yonette Gawel Lea Sheridan

EUCHARIST PREPARATION/ CHRISTIAN INTIATION OF CHILDREN

Marie Crespo, Jovel Golingan, Adaeze Ihuoma

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Christine Dziedzic, Terry Dziedzic, Danielle Laube, Patricia Milone

SPECIAL HELPERS

Helena Araujo, Dina Connelly, Maria Edmond, Leon Enriquez, Marivic Enriquez, Donna Faraone, Janet Gawel, Ana Miranda,

Ana Ruiz, Lois Scanio, Kayla Silverio

We are grateful to these men and women of our parish who have answered God's call to teach our young people about God's love and our faith through our Religious Education Program.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS cyounionni@gmail.com



CYO is back! All high schoolers are welcome to join us for weekly meetings on Tuesday nights in the Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church) from 7:00pm-8:30pm. If anyone has any questions about how to register or would like to sign up to be a part of the incoming Confirmation class, please email us cyounionni@qmail.com. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

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 Matrale 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@patrickkbphillps.com

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (New born to Age 5) and for mothers.

Please call Bisi Longe (908)247-4461 or Tania Massicot (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. Àll itéms must be **NEW.**

Please note that donations can also be made online on a onetime or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

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, 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 rino, Jacky Schellseheidt

NOVENA of Masses

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Alejandro T. Cruz

Ann L. Corrigan James Ford, Sr. Jose Arnaldo George Rinehart Frank Rubinetti, Sr. Remedios Rabano

Luigi Sauro Special Intentions-VG All Souls in Purgatory Jorge J. Criado Ibrahim Makson **Emmett Villa** Teresa Chiera Rufino Ramos Alex Micavabas

Elizabeth Odoemene Peter Petrecca (Living) All Souls in Purgatory Alex Micayabas Bishop Guy Sansaricq Rubiela Segura Quintero Jerome Shaw, Jr. Adolfo Aviguetero

Lucy Nwauku (Living) Adelina Yulo

Phil Matrale Paulino Cruz Craig Calix (Living) Pierre & Rubinetti Families Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon Mary & Idolo Russomanno Magdalena Moreno Cruz Ana Rodrigues (Living) Jessica Churchward (Living) Celso & Rosalia Anuada Lolita Maksom (Living)-Birthday

Maria Carlos (Living)-Birthday

Judith Gumban (Living)-Birthday

Jordan Alexander Machado (Living) George Mgbeahurike Michelene & Joseph Kmetz Hermenegildo Balbutin Elizabeth Odoemene Chi Pancho (Living)

Fritz Maddy Claudia Patricia Munoz Segura Carlos Andres Munoz Seguara

Vitalis Onyema

Jesus Jimenez Macatangay

Christine Jerome (Living)-Birthday, Gratitude & Thanksgiving Marie Jerome (Living) - Thanksgiving Dorothy Pryzby Strand (Living) - Birthday

Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living) Fedia, Micard, Kent & Kareema Charlotin (Living)

Modeste, Darline & Altagrace Royan (Living) Special Intentions to St. Joseph

George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart

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, Leinart & 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 the Torres & Araujo Families

Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Families

Living & Deceased Members of the Landeira & Machado Families

Living & Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemene Family

Living & Deceased Members of Ignatius Nwosuh Family

Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families

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 Members of St. Michael's Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17

The Lord fills us with love and joy.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The Word of God exposes the heart.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27)

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

2022 MASS BOOK

The 2022 Mass Book is now 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.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEEIs searching for Committee Chair(s) and Members

Our mission: The Family Activities Committee of St. Michael's Parish mission is to strive to engage St. Michael's Parish families through activities, community outreach, and social gatherings throughout the year. These are designed to strengthen our faith in God, the parish community and our families.

The Family Activities Committee is here to further the goals and overall mission of St. Michael's Church by being a parish of hospitality. Some FAC Events are School Supply Collection, Family Movie Night, Soldier Collection, Parish Socials, Family Game Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Parish Christmas Party and more

Looking for a way to become more involved with our Parish and School? Want to meet with other Parish or School Families? Our members meet approximately once per month to plan and to hold activities design to involve the families of our Parish and School as part of the greater Parish Social Committee. We welcome chairs for both the Parish and School communities to foster collaboration and community.

St. Michael's School Activity Hours will be given to those who chair the committee. The FAC Chair(s) will represent the FAC at the monthly Parish Council Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

If interested: Please contact Christine Parmenter at caper-menter23@gmail.com or 201-407-3397.



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

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ST.MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St Michael's Senior Club will be held at the Senior Center at 968 Bonnel Court, on Monday, October 18th. Meeting will begin at 12:30pm with coffee and social time.

Our general meeting will begin at 12:45 followed by bingo.

Upcoming Event: Our Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on Nov. 8th at Mario's on Chestnut Street. Cost is \$33. (Choice of entrée Salmon, Veal Parmesan, Cavatelli and Broccoli or Turkey and all the trimmings). If you plan to join us please see Kathy Schefter at this meeting for you reservation.

SEEKING TIME AND TALENT ST. MICHAEL'S MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

When you come upon the church, school, rectory or Parish Center, do you look around and recognize the recent physical improvements and observe a potential need for repair? If so, we want you! We are now starting to create a Parish Maintenance Committee that can assist Tiago Rodrigues, our Supervisor of Maintenance, as eyes for the parish to both identify various maintenance initiatives and participate in opportunities to address those initiatives.

This is a "time" and "talent" volunteer opportunity. If you have the time or a talent to volunteer, we could use you in either or both. As examples, whether it be a willingness to vacuum the heating vents in the church or remove stains from the altar chairs, or tackle a small masonry, electrical, plumbing, or tile project, your Parish will benefit from and display your efforts.

Many Catholic parishes were founded on extensive donations and volunteer efforts. Let's continue these efforts. If interested in taking care of YOUR parish, contact David Bernot at 908-472-8858 or davidbernot1876@gmail.com with your interest or questions in participating in and supporting this new committee.

6 Ways To DONATE





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



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

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

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.