

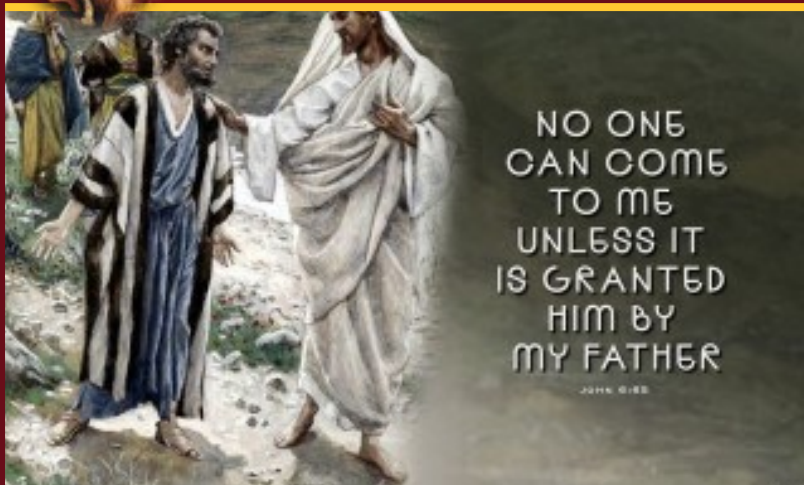


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

AUGUST 22, 2021

TWENTY FIRST 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:

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30 am

Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

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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

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



UNSHAKEABLE FAITH



In the gospel reading of this 21st Sunday in ordinary times, Peter said, “Lord, where shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. This was his answer when Christ asked if the apostles were not going to leave Him, just as many of the disciples had done. There is no doubt that the teachings of our faith can sometimes be very hard to take. People question the real presence of Christ in Holy Eucharist; whether there is heaven and hell; the veracity of the sacrament of reconciliation; why should we honor Our Blessed Mother; whether God truly exists, etc. The fact is that it is increasingly more difficult for people to walk by faith, and not by sight. Yet, Scripture tells us that, without faith, it is impossible to please.

Developing a faith like Peter’s does not happen overnight; it is a life’s long journey, and ours is to figure out how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit so that we can develop an unshakeable faith. During a symposium that we organized, many years ago, participants were asked to identify factors that they considered to be very essential in developing a strong Christian faith. Four factors made it to the top of the list and they are:

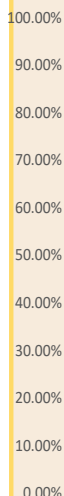
- A. A solemn belief that I am a child of God, chosen and loved by Him unconditionally; that He knows me by name and that, no matter what, He will never abandon, reject, betray, or leave me desolate; that trials and difficulties that come my way in this life are meant to build, strengthen, shape, and mold my character; and that God has the power to move, remove, or walk me through every valley of darkness, as Scripture says; “Whoever clings to me I will deliver”.
- B. An unconditional trust that God is faithful to His promises and that He has a plan for my life. Scripture says, “For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” So, I need to believe that because God is all-powerful and all-knowing, nothing that comes my way, in this life, will ever surprise Him, for He is bigger than any trial or tribulation that life may throw at me. Being Almighty and eternal, He is capable of turning any situation around—mourning into dancing, tears into songs, and failures into blessings. Remember that “Every promise of God is yes in God and Amen unto us in Christ Jesus”.
- C. To be alert and awake in our faith, always watching and praying, so that we do not dip into lukewarmness or fall away from the Lord. Scripture says, “Draw near to God and He will draw nearer to you.” It is easy to become complacent with our faith; to become cluttered and distracted with the messy stuff of life, and to start neglecting our prayer and spiritual life. We need to stay constantly in the per-view of the Holy Spirit which is the power of God to comfort in times of grief, solace in moments of difficulty, direction in moments of confusion, courage in moments of despondency, and hope in times of disappointments.
- D. To be true disciples of stewardship in the parish by finding active ways to serve the Lord among His people—the mouth that proclaims His word; the hands that distributes Holy Communion, feeds the hungry, and touches the sick and afflicted in order to bring them comfort; the talent that drives programs to keep the Church alive and growing; the Catechist who hands down tradition to the younger generation; the treasure that helps keep the Church open and running; the presence that welcomes people into the Church, etc. The more we find ways to serve God among His people, the more God find ways to be present to us through His faithful.

I, therefore, want to encourage all of us to reflect on these factors, and to find ways to work them into our lives, as we continue this journey of faith with a consistent, persistent, and unyielding spirit.

Msr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



52 GROUPS

TO RAISE

\$100,000

FUNDS RAISED

\$110,000*

THANK YOU

*A double entry error was made last week

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

Our Goal - **\$46,240**

Amount Pledged to Date - **\$43,770**

Number of Donors To Date - **154**

To Go—**\$2,470**



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 **\$2,470** to achieve our goal.

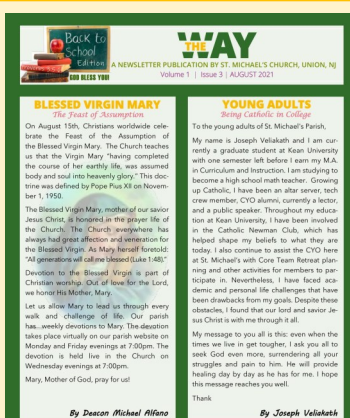


ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST



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**

8/8/2021

NEEDED WEEKLY

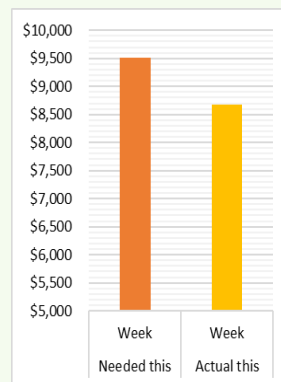
ACUTAL WEEKLY

DEFICIT WEEKLY

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,022	\$ 8,864	(\$1,158)

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 **\$10,022**. What we actually received is **\$8,864** so we are short **\$1,158**. 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.

****IMPORTANT GO FUND ME CHANGES****

GO FUND ME has advised the ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK that they will no longer support the program platform that hosts our GO FUND ME WEBSITE. The last day for donations will be September 30, 2021. Parishioners with recurring donations will also cease on September 30, 2021. If you have been donating to ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH using the GO FUND ME PLATFORM thank you for your giving. Before September 30, 2021, please begin to donate using our platform, PARISH 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. THANK YOU for your continued support of ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	August 21 Genevieve Karwowski (10th Ann.)
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 22 For the Parishioner A.L. Donor/Boniface Emeana Ramon Gancia Sr. & Marrieta V. Gancia Albert Phillips
MONDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 23 Dr. Teodoro Basilan Chike Melie, Jr.
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 24 Rose Bergel Novena of Masses
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 25 Wanda Gostkowski Salome Tesoro
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 26 Dennis Gabriel Alejandro T. Cruz
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 27 Novena of Masses Maria Tavares
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	August 28 Manuel Fazendeiro Michael Espeleta (Living)
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	August 29 For the Parishioners Novena of Masses For All Children Paul & Irene Endler Izabel Emillia M. da Silva Elvira Poquita

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Lisbeth Fonseca (1st Anniversary), requested by the Fonseca Family.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyounionnj@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) starting on September 14th from 7:00 pm—8:15 pm.

If anyone has any questions or would like to sign up to be a part of the incoming Confirmation class, please email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

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:

Don't forget to register your child for the upcoming school year. We are planning 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 are expected to attend in-person classes. We, of course, will comply with directives from the Archdiocese and other authorities and adjust our plans accordingly.

Register Online, by Mail or In Person: 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. 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.

Can You Help? We are always looking for dedicated men and women who offer their services as a catechist, aide or session helper. **We are particularly in need of teachers for Grades 1-5 on Monday afternoons and Grade 6 on Tuesday evenings.** 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 PARISHIONERS

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of Lectors to proclaim the Word of God at our weekend liturgies. Qualifications are you must be a registered parishioner and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested, please call the parish center or e-mail Albertavp@verizon.net. Training will be provided.

LECTOR TRAINING

There will be a lector training session on Saturday, August 21 at approximately 9:15 a.m. (after the 8:30 mass). If you are interested, please call the parish center or e-mail Albertavp@verizon.net. Thank you.

Wellness Ministry

OUTDOOR
Dance & Wellness Classes
Saturdays at **9:30 am**



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating food to the Food Pantry. You can drop off the food items at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) Thank you for your generosity.

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. Call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for more information.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32 (or shorter form Ephesians 5:2a,25-32)

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

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

Corazon Erfe-Acebuque

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES AUGUST 2021

Ann L. Corrigan	Alejandro T. Cruz
James Ford, Sr.	Phil Matrale
Jose Arnaldo	Special Intentions
George Rinehart	Craig Calix (Living)
Frank Rubinetti, Sr.	Pierre & Rubinetti Families
Remedios Rabano	Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
Angela & Frank Sauro	Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Special Intentions-VG	Shela Boulin (Living)-Birthday
All Souls in Purgatory	Ana Rodrigues (Living)
Alta Grace Limage	Baby Charlie Esmores (Living)-Healing
Luchie Little (Living)	Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)
Cristita Sindiong	Domingo Raymundo Martin
Ron Piskorz	Aurora Manochio (Living)
Bernice Ukaegbu	Patricia Nduche
Paula Ukaegbu	Eunice Ukaegbu
Edgardo Espiritu	Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)
Elizabeth Odoemene	George Mgbahurike
Fritz Maddy	Miguela Paragas
Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczylas	
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	
Claudia Torres & Tiago Torres (Living)	
Special Intentions to St. Joseph	
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 Czapl, 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 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	

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 Czapl, Stephen Czapl, 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 Machado, 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

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



**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

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

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



STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit eva.us/stmichael to sign up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us. Follow the response to update your profile and select email or text messages as your preferred form of contact. You can also indicate if you are part of a ministry or would like to join a ministry (group).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION APPEAL
DIOCESE OF NORWICH OUTREACH TO HAITI

At Masses on **August 21-22**, parishioners will hear about the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti's mission serving the poor of Haiti.

Fr. Frank Rouleau lives in Port-au-Prince, serves as Chaplain & Director of Parish Twining for Outreach, and as translator/guide for all visitors. He comes to share Christ's mission and invite you to be a part of our diocesan ministry. Our Haitian brothers and sisters are struggling with severe food shortage, political unrest, and the uncertainties we are all facing with this virus, but more challenging in Haiti where health care is meager. We hope the Holy Spirit will speak with you for prayerful support of Outreach to Haiti and we thank you for your generosity. For more information about this ministry, please visit www.outreachohaiti.org.

SAVE THE DATE

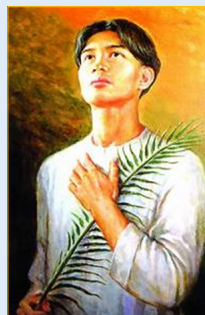
for the celebration of the feast of

***San Lorenzo Ruiz,
the first Filipino Saint***

Sunday, September 26, 2021

at 3:00 pm

**Daily Novena will start on
Friday, Sept. 17, 2021**



6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—
stmichaelunion.org

BANK TRANSFER:

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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.

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.

