



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JUNE 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH 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

### Stay Connected:

[www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org)

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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

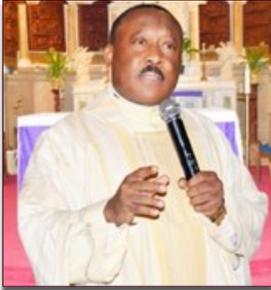
### LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm  
 Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

# Message From The Pastors Desk



## THE POWER OF BELIEVING FAITH



On this 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary times, the Gospel tells the story of two faith-journeys that were occasioned by severe circumstances in life. Both faith-journeys involved coming to Christ when life situations got to breaking points and beyond human solutions; when things became so desperate that the only hope left for a solution was God. The first was Jairus, who by his faith in Christ was moved from a sea of storms to the shores of peace. The other is the woman with the issue of blood, who by her faith in Jesus was moved from a life of unmitigated suffering to a life of health and wellbeing.

The question then is: what kind of faith brought these changes in the lives of these two people? I call it, "Believing Faith". Believing faith is a relationship; it is a kind of faith that causes one to trust and to put one's life into the hands of God, with an assurance of divine favor, so much so that one is ready to risk death, a hundred times, trusting in it. It is a kind of faith that connects with Jesus, and by that connection, refuses to doubt, to give up, or to go into unbelief. It is a kind of faith that latches onto Christ, trusting Him for something everyone else is powerless to do. Scripture says, "Whoever clings unto me I will deliver". It is a kind of faith that believes that one's adversity is God's opportunity to glorify His Name. This is not a faith that is based on a wishful hope; it is faith that is based on God's Word and God's promises. Remember that the glory of God is in the fulfilment of His promises. So believing-faith listens to God's word when He says, "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and I will save.... Remember this and stand firm... I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it. (Ref. Isaiah 46:3-11).

Believing-faith requires certain behaviors. It requires negating the negativity of our environment and Nay-sayers. Neither Jairus nor the woman with the issue of blood cared about what the environment of their faith-seeking adventure could possibly hold out for them. Jairus, being a synagogue official, could have been sanctioned by the High Priest for putting his faith in Christ Jesus. The crowd could have had a lot to say about this woman, who, having suffered from an issue of blood for several years could be unclean in every aspect of human hygiene. Neither of them, though, cared. Their commitment was singularly focused—total faith in Christ Jesus. Our fears, what people will say, and our feelings about how peers and friends will react, can inhibit our journey to believing-faith.

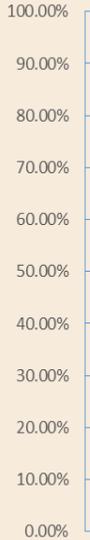
Also, believing-faith requires that we counter pride and negative self-talk; the inner negative self-feelings that inhibit divine encounter. Believing-faith is a surrendering hope; a hopeful hope that believes, no matter what. While Christ was taking care of the woman with the issue of blood, a message came from Jairus' family that her daughter was dead and that there was no need to worry the Master. Christ turned to him and said, "Do not be afraid, but keep believing". Doubt and loss of hope can inhibit our journey to believing-faith.

So, the key to "Believing Faith" is to keep believing; to keep believing when we are at our lowest point; when we are surrounded by dangers, with temptations and troubles all over the place; when nothing seems hopeful and there is no light in sight; when desperation sets in and sadness abound. In these moments, we must keep believing knowing that Jesus is near and that there is nothing to fear. If all were to be well all the time, where would be the cross, and where would be the fight; where would be our proof that we are tested and true. Scripture says, "My faithful one shall live by faith alone and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him" (Hebrew 10:38) and verse 39 says, "We are not among those who draw back and perish but of those who believe and are saved". So, let us keep believing and never allow our faith to grow dim. Let us live above our feelings, never despairing, knowing that by trusting in God, victory will surely be ours. This is the power of believing-faith! Let us live by it and we will be surprised what the good Lord can do.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Parish Information

### USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



**50 GROUPS  
TO RAISE  
\$100,000**

**FUNDS RAISED SO FAR  
\$49,357**



**Not yet in a group?  
Call the parish center  
office to sign up.**

## Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Our Goal - **\$46,240**  
Amount Pledged to Date - **\$42,570**  
Number of Donors To Date - **149**  
To Go—**\$3,670**



**TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT;**  
[rcan.org/ways-to-give](http://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 **\$3,670** to achieve our goal.

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

Access the May Edition @  
[stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/](http://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**

6/20/2021	Needed This Week	Actual This Week	Deficit This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 13,480	\$ 9,145	(\$4,335)

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](http://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](http://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 **\$13,480**. What we actually received is **\$9,145** so we are short **\$4,335**. 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](http://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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>June 26</b> Jesus Pena
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>June 27</b> For the Parishioners Frank Pettsch (7th Ann.) Manuel Pereira Araujo Maria Tavares
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>June 28</b> Novena of Masses Nicholas R. Piscitelli
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>June 29</b> Hector Moya Olga Toral
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>June 30</b> Marshall Wandag Manuel Fazendeiro
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>July 1</b> Restituto Tullao Novena of Masses
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 Noon 6:30 pm	<b>July 2</b> Evangelina Hernandez Juan Espeleta, Sr. Thomas Canavan, Jr. (14th Ann.)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>July 3</b> Roger Boetsch Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Apuzzio
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>July 4</b> For the Parishioners Cathy Spagnuolo Uy Nguyen Baby Phillips Marie Terese Tobin

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

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

### STAY INFORMED AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Visit [eva.us/stmichael](http://eva.us/stmichael) to sign up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us.

### MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS, NOVENA OF MASSES, CANDLE OFFERINGS TO THE SAINTS IN CHURCH, ALTAR OFFERINGS (BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP) AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS CAN BE DONE ONLINE THROUGH PARISH GIVING.

Please go to our website [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) or You can also come by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## 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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

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#### **COVID-19 Guidance from the Archdiocese of Newark Catechetical Office:**

We are looking forward to returning to in-person faith formation programming in the fall of 2021. The Catechetical Office is gathering the latest information and guidance from the CDC and the NJ Department of Education so that parishes will be able to plan in-person opportunities as safely as possible. We will be communicating further guidance to all Pastors, Administrators and Parish Catechetical Leaders in the coming weeks.

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#### **Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:**

As soon as we receive the above-promised guidance from the Archdiocese, we will open Registration for the 2021-2022 CCD Year based on their recommendations.

If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. Also, special classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

[cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@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 [cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com). Emails and mailings are being sent out with registration information and a meeting will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Lower Church for all confirmation candidates and their parents.

Have a safe and healthy summer everyone! God Bless!

*To: St. Michael's Breakfast Club*

*To all "My Angels in my life" thank you for all your love and friendship. I shall always cherish my 90th birthday.*

*Hugs & Blessings,*

*Kathleen Boestch*

## 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 dea-conmikecavallo@gmail.com.

### ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

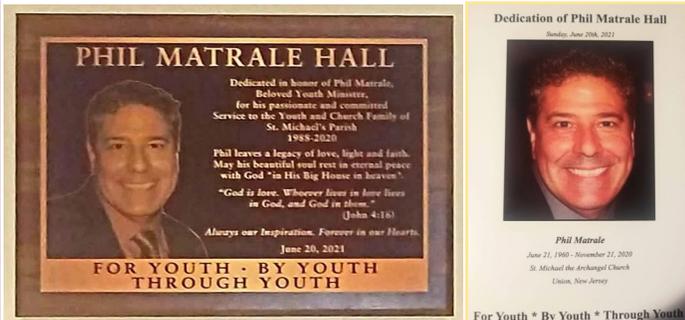
**If you would like to return to our regular weekend schedule, please email Alberta [vp@verizon.net](mailto:vp@verizon.net).**

## 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  
*Philip Bozoulus*

## PHIL MATRALE HALL DEDICATION Sunday, June 20, 2021



## NOVENA of Masses

### NOVENA OF MASSES JUNE 2021

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Ann L. Corrigan   | Alejandro T. Cruz                     |
| James Ford, Sr.   | Phil Matrale                          |
| Jose Arnaldo  | Special Intentions—VG                 |
| George Rinehart   | Terry Piccio                          |
| Frank Rubinetti, Sr.  | Pierre & Rubinetti Families           |
| Remedios Rabano   | Craig Calix (Living)                  |
| Mary Keegan (Living)  | Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon          |
| Angela & Frank Sauro  | Mary & Idolo Russomano                |
| Murphy Manuel   | Marian Orzechowski (Living)           |
| Ibrahim Maksom  | Special Intentions                    |
| All Souls in Purgatory  | Ana Rodrigues (Living)                |
| Philip J. Turcsik   | Romeo Boodhoo (Living)-Healing        |
| Helen McCann  | Baby Charlie Esmores (Living)-Healing |
| Joanne Young  | Cathy Astone                          |
| Josefina Alvarez  | Gerald Alcibar                        |
| Celso & Rosalia Anuada  | Alex Micayabas                        |
| Dante Abreo (Living)  | Artemia Tan                           |
| Marte Palencia  | Virgie Palencia (Living)-Thanksgiving |
| Michael V. Aves   | Fernando Marvilla                     |
| Michelene & Joseph Kmetz  |                                       |
| Boulin Family-Special Intention   |                                       |
| Sacred Heart Special Intention—SB   |                                       |
| Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczylas  |                                       |
| Creslawa & Stanislaw Pogorzelski  |                                       |
| Ben & Marivic Del Rosario & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving                                    |                                       |
| Joseph & Carol Furnani (Living)-67th Wedding Anniversary                                      |                                       |
| Almario & Marylu Morales (Living)-32nd Wedding Anniversary                                    |                                       |
| Thanksgiving to St. Anthony   |                                       |
| In Thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Joseph  |                                       |
| 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 Ignatius Nwosuh Family   |                                       |
| Living & Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemene Family   |                                       |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Potigano & Furnari Families                                  |                                       |

### 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, Claudette 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, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Mary Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**USAN FUNDRAISERS**

**SUNDAY  
JULY  
25**

**UNITY OF SAINTS AND NATIONS!**  
You can find unity in our extended community  
**FAMILY PICNIC**

Our walk-a-thon and picnic welcomes all parishioners, families, friends, neighbors, communities, and nationalities to participate in a fundraising effort for St. Michael the Archangel Church in Union, organized by the "UNION OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE PORTUGUESE NATION" (USAN).

Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021. Beginning 1:00 pm and concluding by late afternoon/evening (when everyone is either exhausted or no food remains).  
Where: Conant Street Park, 320 Conant St, Hillside, NJ, 2.5 miles from St. Michael Church. The covered pavilion has been reserved so the effects of inclement weather should be minimized.

Visit <https://exploreunioncounty.com/places/new-jersey/hillside/parks-1/conant-park/> to see the general walkway, playground, soccer fields, and public bathrooms, etc. Food, beverages, and youth activities are included in your donation to this event. Food will include typical picnic fare (e.g., chicken, beef, pork, rice/beans, potato fries, pasta & vegetable salads, etc.) plus specials (e.g., blue claw crabs). Wine and beer available for purchase.

Cost: \$30 per adult, \$50 per couple, \$20 per teenager (ages 13-19), \$100 per family of 4 adults (a bargain!), \$5 for each youth (ages 5-12) and children under 5 yr. are free.

Contact Tony Rendeiro 908-578-8441 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 for reservations or additional information.



**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](http://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

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ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CYO MINISTRY**

**Save the date!** The CYO Youth Ministry will be hosting two viewings of the musical Godspell, commemorating its 50th anniversary. The movie is a re-telling of Jesus' ministry structured around parables with songs interspersed. To learn more about the original play and movie, access:



<https://apnews.com/article/lifestyle-music-entertainment-health-coronavirus-pandemic-dddbe208b32f1863b8981332a776fd1b>

Join us in the Lower Church for a night out of fun! All parishioners, families, friends and neighbors are welcome!

**Dates:** The first viewing will be on **Sunday, July 11th at 7:00 pm** for all youth. The second viewing will be on **Saturday, July 17th at 7:00 pm** following the 5:30pm Mass for all adults.

**Cost:** \$10 for teens and adults (13 and older), \$5 for each child (ages 6-12) and children under 6 are free. Popcorn, candy, soda and water can also be purchased for an additional cost.

Contact Cristina Manochio 908-347-9617 or David Bernot 908-472-8858 if you have any questions or for additional information.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

**SOFTBALL  
FUNDRAISER**

TO RAISE MONEY IN SUPPORT OF  
**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH  
UNION OF SAINTS & NATIONS**

**SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2021  
AT 12PM**

**RAHWAY RIVER PARK**  
RAHWAY, NJ (FIELD #3)

Individual entry fee: \$30  
Team entry: \$300

**To sign-up, please go to**  
<https://tinyurl.com/usansoftball>  
**For more information,**  
**please email** [mefamarin@yahoo.com](mailto:mefamarin@yahoo.com)

- \*10 player minimum per team
- \*Co-ed teams encouraged
- \*Players must be 18 years or older
- \*All rules follow the ASA slow pitch softball guidelines

All proceed will go towards the Union of Saints and Nations fundraiser for Team St. Margaret of Costello, Patron Saint of Children with Disabilities.