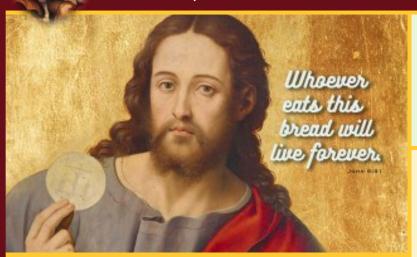
AUGUST 8, 2021

NINETEENTH 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

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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



DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



In the second reading of this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Times, St. Paul urges us not to grieve the Holy Spirit and then goes on to list a few things that we should not be doing—unforgiveness, unwholesome speech, anger and bitterness, slander, and bad attitudes toward others. Apparently, we bring sorrow to the Holy Spirit by the way we live.

In order not to grieve the Holy Spirit, St. Paul urges that we must forgive others just as God has forgiven us. This issue of forgiveness keeps coming up again and again even

to the point that Christ included it in the prayer He taught His apostles. It is an Old Testament and New Testament theme that we cannot avoid. Forgiveness has so much to do with the way we live our lives. We need to forgive others, not because they deserve it, but because we deserve to live in peace for every minute we live in unforgiveness we lose sixty seconds of happiness. To forgive is to set a prisoner free and it is important to know that the prisoner that is being set free is you.

St. Paul also talks about guarding against unwholesome speech. Scripture says, "Let every word that comes from your mouth be such that it is edifying to those who hear it." Ours is to encourage others at every chance we get because our words may be the only pillar of strength left to help someone stand up and pull through. You never know how soon it will be too late. How we make others feel about themselves says a lot about who we are.

Paul also points out the need to guard against unholy anger. Anger can be very destructive because it can consume and subsume our self-control making us think, say, and do things we will, most probably, regret later. A Chinese proverb says, "If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow." Anger, when vented thoughtlessly, can hurt others and be very destructive. If bottled up inside, it can cause us to become bitter and destroy us from within. Anger nursed is a safe haven for the devil.

Paul goes on to warn against slander and gossip. The Bible says that "Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip and liars pay close attention to slander" (Proverb 17:4). It is always good to know that gossips and slander are not victimless crimes for they do not dissipate into thin air. Lies and vicious rumors can forcefully, painfully, and lastingly injure, maim, and destroy lives, sully reputations, ruin careers, and damage people's futures. The words we speak have so much power to effect good or evil. We must carefully and wisely choose what we do with our speech.

Ours is to bring love, joy, and peace into our lives by choosing to hear and speak only positive, uplifting, kind, and caring words; by choosing to touch hearts in a positive and meaningful way; by choosing to inspire others to goodness and to truly make a difference in this world. At the end of each day, let us ask this question of ourselves: Did I bring sorrow to the Holy Spirit or glory to God with my words, attitudes, and actions?

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE



Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship in Action

Our Goal - \$46,240

Amount Pledged to Date - \$43,645

Number of Donors To Date - 154

To Go-\$2,595

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 \$2,595 to achieve our goal.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

Access the May Edition @ stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/





Stewardship of Treasure

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

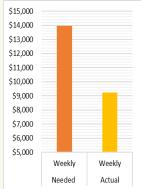
"Give and gifts will be given to you ...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you." Luke 6:38

8/1/2021 NEEDED ACUTAL DEFICIT WEEKLY WEEKLY WEEKLY

This Week This Week Collection & SOS \$ 11,078 \$ 8,470 (\$2,608)

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 (<u>stmichaelunion.org</u>) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form.
- 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 **\$11,078**. What we actually received is **\$8470** so we are short **\$2,608**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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

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

cerns related to the pandemic the number of volunteers that are available to count the collections has significantly diminished. By using online giving you are selecting the safest and easiest method of giving for St. Michael's Parish. To start using Parish Giving go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Parish Giving button or

scan the QR Code above, (with your phone camera) that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during the unprecedented emergency that we are experiencing.

ARE YOU GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER? Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please do not take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to our website, stmichaelunion.org, to sign up for electronic giving. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away.

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY August 7

5:30 pm Dorothy Marchitello

SUNDAY August 8

Michelle Espeleta (Living) 7:30 am 9:00 am For the Parishioners Sefia Family Benefactors

10:30 am Robert Gechtman 12:00 Noon Ginger Czapla

MONDAY

August 9 8:30 am Roger Boetsch 12:00 Noon Eugene Fabio, Jr.

TUESDAY

August 10 Frances Cebulak 8:30 am Mary Louise Gabriel 12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY

August 11 8:30 am Novena of Masses

12:00 Noon Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero

THURSDAY

August 12 8:30 am Denisa Sardella 12:00 Noon Novena of Masses

FRIDAY

August 13 Lucrecia Gamboa 8:30 am 12:00 Noon Philip Bozolus

SATURDAY

August 14 8:30 am John Ciborowski

5:30 pm Willie Spann, Jr. (11th Ann.)

SUNDAY

August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am For the Parishoner 9:00 am Clare Pettesch 10:30 am Uy Nguyen 12:00 Noon Theodore Czapla

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione, Family and Friends.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS cyounionnj@gmail.com



With the school year coming to an end, the CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year possible, especially in this challenging environment. Through Christ, anything is possible!

Tuesday night meetings have come to an end and will resume back in September. Summer events will be announced. Anyone who is in high school and would like to be a part of next year's confirmation class, please email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com. Emails and mailings are being sent out with registration information.

Have a safe and healthy summer everyone! God Bless!

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:30AM to 2:30PM (except holidays) or by appointment. We are located in the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Avenue. You can also contact us by phone 908-964-0965 at time and leave a message or via email at smccd@comcast.net.

Parents of Children in our Religious Education Program:

Thank you for entrusting St. Michael's Church with the formal religious education of your child. We are pleased to return to in-person classes in mid-September. As in the past, our home-based option is available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Grade 2 and Sacrament Prep students must attend in-person classes.

For your convenience, you may now complete the registration process and make payment online on our Parish website under the Faith Formation/Religious Education tab. You will also find a printable form if you prefer to mail or drop off your registration form and pay by check; or you can stop by the Religious Education office M-TH between 9:30AM and 2:30PM to register your child. If you return your registration form and payment by August 9, you will be entitled to the "early discount" fee. Registrations received after September 6 will incur a \$25 late fee. Please, however, do not let inability to pay stop you from registering your child. Call or stop by the office and we will work with you.

We are always looking for dedicated men and women who offer their services as a catechist, aide or session helper. Please consider sharing your time and talents in this important ministry. Call or stop by the office for further information.

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



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ- a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

St. Michael School registration for September is now open for grades Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten- 8th grade. To schedule an individual tour please contact the principal at rscicolone@smsunion.org or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!

St. Michael School has the following positions open: Part-time Advanced Math Teacher, Part-Time Music Teacher and a Part-Time Spanish Teacher. Please send resume and cover letter to rscicolone@smsunion.org.

MINISTRY Information

ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

With the COVID restrictions now lifted in Church, Msgr. Anselm. asks that all ministry volunteers return to service. Please contact your ministry leaders for scheduling.

Altar Servers: Please contact Fr. Miles if you want to continue to serve. Any children who have made First Holy Communion can be an Altar Server. Contact Fr. Miles for more information.

Baptism Ministry is looking for new members. Please contact the Parish Center or Deacon Michael Cavallo at deaconmikecavallo@gmail.com

ATTENTION 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.

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First Reading1 Kings 19:4-8
The Lord feeds Elijah, strengthening him for his journey to Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9*A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

Second Reading *Ephesians 4:30—5:2*The Ephesians are encouraged to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:41-51
Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heav-

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 St. Michael's Parishioners

NOVENA of Masses

NOVENA OF MASSES AUGUST 2021

Phil Matrale

Alejandro T. Cruz

Special Intentions

Craig Calix (Living)

Pierre & Rubinetti Families

Mary & Idolo Russomanno

Domingo Raymundo Martin

Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)

Aurora Manochio (Living)

Patricia Nduche

Eunice Ukaegbu

George Mgbeahurike

Ana Rodrigues (Living)

Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon

Shela Boulin (Living)-Birthday

Baby Charlie Esmores (Living)-Healing

Jordan Alexander Machado (Living)

Ann L. Corrigan James Ford, Sr. Jose Arnaldo George Rinehart Frank Rubinetti, Sr. Remedios Rabano Angela & Frank Sauro Special Intentions-VG All Souls in Purgatory

Alta Grace Limage Luchie Little (Living)

Cristita Sindiong Ron Piskorz Bernice Ukaegbu

Paula Ukaegbu Edgardo Espiritu

Elizabeth Odoemene

Fritz Maddy Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczylas

Michelene & 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 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 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 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, Keegan, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Aurora Manochio, Tom Ewing



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



ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

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

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.

The second collection is dedicated to this ministry in Haiti. Funds from this collection will support the thousands of families in poverty-stricken area, nutrition sup-plements and food, education scholarships, support for orphanages, and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic.

For 40 years, the ministry has been serving some of God's poorest, faith-filled Haitians, in the values of the Gospel, providing sacramental and spiritual support through its programs and relationship with twins in both the US and 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.

Ways To DONATE





where your donation should be

accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory,



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

MAIL IN:



DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



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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**

