

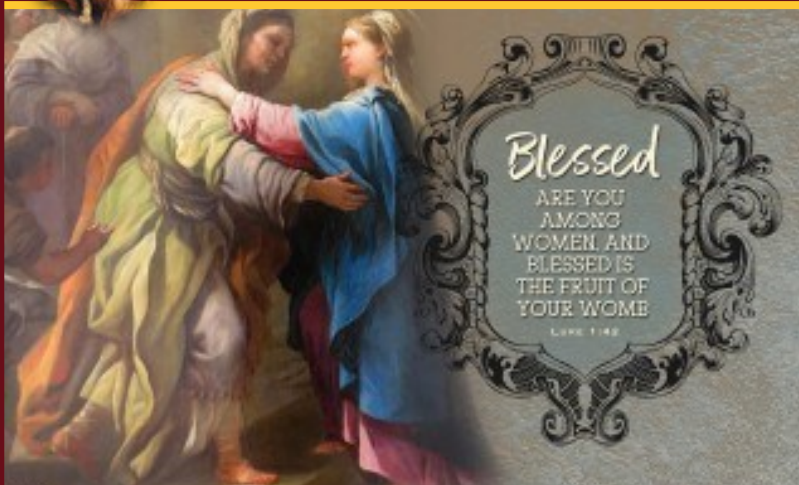


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

AUGUST 15, 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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

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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



Mine is a heart full of gratitude!



The Psalmist says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever" and in another chapter, he declares, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!"

My beloved parishioners, my heart is full of joy and gratitude to God for His faithfulness and unfailing love, and to all of you for your abiding support and devotion to your parish—St. Michael's Church. Two months ago, we embarked on this new concept of having only one fundraiser, per year, for the parish, so that we can focus our energies more on building the spiritual and communal life of our Church. Believing God to see us through, we rolled out the project and many of our parishioners volunteered to be facilitators and to be in charge of various groups, even though they had never done something like this before. As you may well know, it is never by "Power or might but by the spirit of the Lord".

It is a tremendous blessing to know that, by the end of our 2021 Union of Saints and Nations campaign; we not only reached our goal but actually exceeded it. Many of our parishioners were surprised but I was not. The reason is that for the four years I have been here, there has been nothing we have initiated to do that we have not accomplished. Ours is a parish like no other. We think it, we commit to it, and we do it. That is how it has been and for that, I am very grateful to God.

It is my prayer that this Covid-19 will go away so that we can plan some parish get-together, solely for the building and enrichment of our Church family. May the good Lord credit your accounts with surplus as you have given to Him. You have amply supplied for the Church to the effect that, for the first time in 30 years, we have balanced the budget of our parish.

Please know that your donations and contributions are a fragrant offering; an acceptable sacrifice of praise, pleasing to God. May Our God meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus!

Msgr. Anselm

Parish Information

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

**52 GROUPS
TO RAISE**

\$100,000

FUNDS RAISED

\$112,370

THANK YOU

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

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.

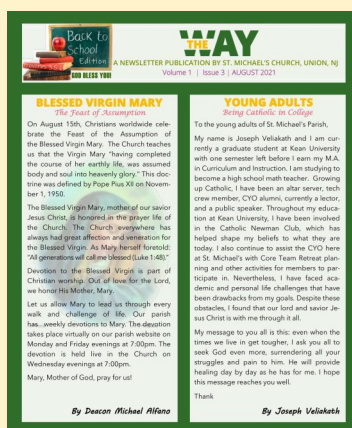


ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST



stmichaelunion.org/newsletter/



Stewardship of Treasure

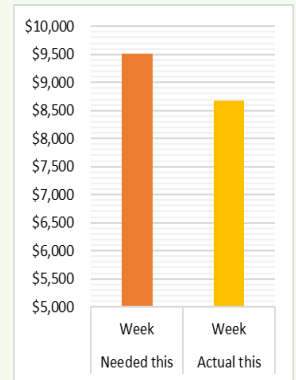
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"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**

	8/1/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACUTAL WEEKLY	DEFICIT WEEKLY
			This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,508	\$ 8,673		(\$835)

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 **\$9,508**. What we actually received is **\$8,673** so we are short **\$835**. 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.



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 14	
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	
MONDAY	August 16	
8:30 am	Fidela Dagat	
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses	
TUESDAY	August 17	
8:30 am	Vito & Claudia Sauro	
12:00 Noon	Alta Grace Limage (8th Ann.)	
	Noniface Emeana	
WEDNESDAY	August 18	
8:30 am	Moreen Constantine	
12:00 Noon	Jorge J. Criado	
THURSDAY	August 19	
8:30 am	Victoria Sipe (Living) - Birthday	
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses	
FRIDAY	August 20	
8:30 am	Reynaldo Ticzon	
12:00 Noon	Florencio Roque, Sr. (7th Ann.)	
SATURDAY	August 21	
8:30 am	Peter Herbert	
5:30 pm	Genevieve Karwowski (10th Ann.)	
SUNDAY	August 22	
7:30 am	For the Parishoner	
9:00 am	A.L. Donor	
10:30 am	Ramon Gancia Sr. & Marrieta V. Gancia	
12:00 Noon	Albert Phillips	

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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 any 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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First Reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:10-12,16

The queen takes her place next to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

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

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 Boulain (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, Corazon Erfe-Acebuque, 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

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.

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 supplements 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 Twinning 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.

6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

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

BANK TRANSFER:

zelle
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.

