



# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 19, 2020

SECOND 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*  
**Mrs. Marilynn Dragone**, *Coordinator of Religious Education*  
**Mr. Philip Matrale**, *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 1:30 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)

Pre K-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:**

7:00 am, 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

**Rector/Parish Center:** 908-688-1232  
**Rector/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 Sunday and 1st Friday 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

## Wellness Ministry

### Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

## Masses Intentions And Readings

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
5:30 pm	Winifred Smyth
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
7:30 am	Eleseo Fernando (3rd Ann.)
9:00 am	For the Parishioner
10:30 am	Chinwe Melie (Living)
12:00 Noon	Alejandro T. Cruz
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
9:00 am	Isabella Espana (Living)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 21</b>
7:00 am	Roger Boetsch
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Roger Boetsch
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 22</b>
7:00 am	Rosa Mugavero
8:30 am	Carl Preval
12:00 Noon	Edward Martin Patrick Ryan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
7:00 am	Thomas Sipe (Living)
8:30 am	Franca Asoya
12:00 Noon	Jeffrey Alino
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
7:00 am	Deceased Members of Diaz Family
8:30 am	Jesus Duenas
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
8:30 am	Leonides Santos
5:30 am	Almario Morales – 60th Birthday (Living)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Frank Pettesch
10:30 am	Helen Saverino
12:00 Noon	Barbara Dybas

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Almario Morales (Living).*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Hymnal # 1095**

#### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 49:3,5-6*

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 40:2,4,7-10*

God desires obedience.

#### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*John 1:29-34*

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

## Message From Our Pastor

*Epiphany Strategies:  
A light unto my path.*

### **Strategy Four: Flexibility**

The Yew Rune tree is truly an amazing tree. The trunk is highly flexible even as its roots hold firmly to the ground beneath it. It can bend without losing tension, that is to say, it has the capacity to return to its upright shape as soon as pressure is released. The memory of its linear form is never erased by its conformity to being bent. There is a saying that goes "Blessed are the hearts that can bend, they shall never be broken." Life is full of ups and downs, and that is what makes detours an essential part of it. The Magi got stuck on the road; the star that was leading them to Bethlehem disappeared. They did not give up; rather they detoured to the king's palace and inquired about their way forward. The ability to adapt, to be flexible, to be open-minded, and to seek alternatives, is the wiggle room needed to get through the maze of life's unpredictability. While we must stay committed to our goals, we must be flexible in our approach. The knowledge of yesterday must find ways to marry the wisdom of today so as to develop insights for tomorrow. A friend once told me that only those who are willing to bend and to learn will eventually inherit the earth, and that those who already know it all will find themselves beautifully equipped to inherit a world that no longer exists. One thing I admire about the behavior of water is that no obstacle stops it. It will go through it, go around it, or flow over it. Like the Yew Rune tree, we always need to know how to bend without losing tension.

### **Strategy Five: Prayer/Adoration**

Scripture says, "Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker" (Psalm 95:6). The reason why the Magi travelled such a long distance to Bethlehem was to do one thing: To behold the Child Jesus face to face, and to adore Him in worship. We are told that this was the first thing they did as they entered that manger full of animals. How lucky we are that we don't have to travel days and weeks to behold Jesus face to face. Christ has made it easy for us to behold Him face to face in the gift of the Holy Eucharist. When Christ took bread and wine and said: "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," He meant exactly that. He is 100% real in the Eucharist as He was real when the Magi visited Him. The evidence of the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist abounds all over the world. On bended knees, we can visit and worship Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer is an important part in the accomplishment of dreams and goals. Scripture says, "Bring your work unto the Lord and your plans shall be established" (Proverbs 16:3). Praying over your dreams and aspirations; bringing them to the Lord for His guidance and blessings is a very wise thing to do. Miracles happen when we pray as though everything depends on God and work hard as though everything depends on us. Scripture tells us that blessed is the man whose hope is in the Lord; who puts his trust in the God our savior; for he shall be like a tree planted near running water that stays green all seasons, and even in the time of drought still bears fruit.

To be continued next week (Part 4)...

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Weekly Calendar & Stewardship Of Treasure

**Sunday**  
9:00 - 10:00 am  
No Religious Education

**Monday**  
**Parish Center Closed**  
8:30 am  
12:00 Noon  
No Religious Education  
7:00 pm

**Tuesday**  
8:00 am  
7:00 - 8:15 pm  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Thursday**  
8:00 am  
7:30 pm

**Friday**  
8:00 am

**Saturday**  
9:30 am  
1:00 pm

**Sunday**  
9:00 - 10:00 am  
No Religious Education  
12:30 PM  
3:00 PM

**January 19**  
RCIA Class, Murphy Room

**January 20 Martin Luther King**  
Rosary, Church  
St. Michael's Senior Meeting, LC  
Dance & Wellness, LC

**January 21**  
Rosary, Church  
Religious Education  
CYO, LC  
Finance Council Meeting, Rectory

**January 22**  
Our Lady Devotion, Chapel

**January 23**  
Rosary, Church  
Choir Practice, Church

**January 24**  
Rosary, Church

**January 25**  
Dance & Wellness, LC  
Confession, Church

**January 26**  
RCIA Class, Murphy Room  
St. Michael's School Open House, School  
Santo Nino Feast and Fellowship. Church, LC

### "SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated specifically for our utility bills and emergency Church repairs.

The next SOS collection is the weekend of February 1 & 2, 2020.

Thank you for blessing our Church.

### 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*

1/5/2020	Needed	Actual	Deficit
	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Collection & SOS	\$13,605	\$10,602	(\$3,003)

The Stewardship of Treasure report has been revised to show the collections amount needed weekly to cover the operating expenses of the Church. Currently the Collection & SOS cover about 78% of the operating expenses. The deficit is the amount that the collections need to increase per week to cover the Church operating expenses.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

### Adoration

**February 2, 2020**

1st **Sunday** Eucharistic Adoration

**6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

**February 7, 2020**

1st **Friday** Eucharistic Adoration

**6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

### Devotions

**January 22, 2020**

2nd Wednesday Marian Devotion

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**January 29, 2020**

3rd Wednesday Marian Devotion

**Immaculate Heart of Mary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**February 5, 2020**

4th Wednesday Marian Devotion

**Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**February 12, 2020**

1st Wednesday Marian Devotion

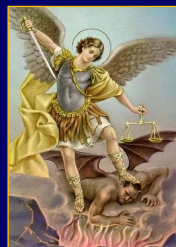
**Our Lady of Fatima 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Marian Devotion are now in the **Parish Center (Convent) Chapel** on **1211 Orange Avenue**. Please ring the bell to be ushered in.

### Bible Classes

All Bible Classes will resume in February 2020

### 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.



## MINISTRY Information

### ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Time	January 18-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	January 25-26 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 pm	Alyssa De la Cruz Alexis Artiga Blanca Salas Mariana Salas Ana Ruiz	Angel Rodriguez Jonathan Rodriguez Morgan Labranche Jerome Fernandez Jianna Fernandez
7:30 am	David Bernot Cherry Vibar Jarlene Estopia	Uguchi Adibemma Uzonna Adibemma
9:00 am	Megan Felix Aidan Perez Jewelz Massicot Joshua Laube Nicholas Laube	Jean Felix Alisha James Justin Gawel Nathan De Guzman
10:30 am	Joshua Estoque Ryenne Ramah Kamsi Emeh Carmella Mendoza Ian Galing	Johnnuel Magno Aidan Perez Samuel Ilagan Joshua Omoruyi Samuel Nnadi Precious Nnadi
12:00 noon	Lance Fernandez Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio Reginald Mondesir	Ginika Ozurumba Gabriel Castano David Punzalan

### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Church is in need of people who can help out in the snow shoveling of the church property during major snow storms.

Snow shovelers will be paid an hourly rate.

For more information, please contact Tiago at [stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com](mailto:stmichaelproperty@yahoo.com)

### SOCIAL MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY

**We, at SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY** would like to thank the following groups for their generous donations over this past year and especially during the holidays:

**St. Michael's Religious Education Program**  
**St. Michael's CYO**  
**St. Michael's School**  
**Battle Hill School**  
**Knights of Columbus 4504**  
**Columbiettes – Knights of Columbus 4504**  
**Affiliated Monitoring**

Special thanks to all of our parishioners who donate at the weekend masses all year round.

**Our next food pantry day is Tuesday January 21,** at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.

## MINISTRY Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Other hours are available by appointment.

Contact Coordinator: Marilynn Dragone at (908) 964-0965.

We can also be reached via e-mail at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:** There are **NO** classes on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> due to Martin Luther King Day. There are also **NO** classes on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> due to Catholic Schools Week.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:** The Blessing Cup Retreat is being held on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the lower Church. **This is a required event.** Child cannot attend alone. You must stay with your child for the entire event. We ask you to bring a non-perishable food item for Sr. Ann's Food Pantry.

### CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

[cyouunion@aol.com](mailto:cyouunion@aol.com)



Hi All, Remember that your Ski Trip permission slips, code of conduct and balance is due no later than Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>. You can either mail it in or bring it to our CYO meeting.

This week you can sign up for our visits this month to the Quadriplegic Center, Nursing Home and with the disabled children. There will be a sign up table set up before each meeting.



*"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"*

St. Michael School will be having an open house on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am -12:00pm. We offer Prek-3, Prek-4 and kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

To set up an individual tour, please contact Mrs. Scicolone at [rsicolone@smsunion.org](mailto:rsicolone@smsunion.org). All prospective families are welcomed to come tour and explore our amazing school! Don't forget to check out our website at [smsunion.org](http://smsunion.org)

## MINISTRY Information

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

#### "Grace Bags"

Special thanks to all our parishioners who have been donating to the Hands of Grace Ministry. We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on our website at [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

**Our next Grace Bags Outreach day is Tuesday January 28**, at the Parish Center located at 1211 Orange Avenue from **12:00 to 2:00 pm**.

Request forms can be picked up and filled forms dropped off at the Church vestibule. Deadline for form submission is **Friday January 24**

#### "Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).

Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe** at (908) 247-4461 if you have any questions.



### ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

St. Michael's Senior Club will meet on **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** (weather permitting). Doors will open at 11:30 for coffee and social time. Our general meeting will begin at 12 Noon in the lower church followed by Bingo.

Reminder: Membership fees are due.

#### Upcoming Event:

March 16<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at The Brownstone featuring the Feast of St. Joseph  
Remember the '**Penny Jar**' to support parish initiatives.  
Membership extended to those 55 and over.

## NOVENA of Masses

### JANUARY 2020

Ann L. Corrigan	Jose J. Arnaldo
Jurusik & Arner Families	Alejandro T. Cruz
Mary & Idolo Russomano	John & Augusta Mahon
Serafina Sauro	Louis Sauro
Leopold Enwonwu	Luis Carrega
Michael DeGregio	Scott Leddy
Avi Stafenau	Joanne Young
Micheline & Joseph Kmetz	Craig Calix (Living)
Alfred Pruskowski	Donna Hornig
Ricardo Araujo (Living)	Helena Araujo (Living)
Anamaria Pais (Living)	Luis Pais (Living)
Jorge Cadenas (Living)	Grace Cadenas (Living)
Gregory Ward (Living)	Edith Leddy
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
James Ford Sr.	Roger Boetsch
Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour	
In thanks for God's blessings on the USA	
Ambrose Ngwa Akonteh & Elva Muneton (Living)	
Joseph Doman & Joanne Milana Doman (Living)	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Nwosuh & Odoemene Families	
Lucilia Araujo & Maria Cruz (Living)	

### SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, 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, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Joseph Mulligan, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward & Marie Mate.

### 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

**Roger Boetsch, Elena Umih, Carol Foehner and Lucila Sousa Araugo.**



## Announcements

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Any parishioners who have experience running **BINGO AND CARNIVALS** please contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

*You can use the Altar Offerings -*

**Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp** can be used for **Thanksgiving, in gratitude and special intentions.**

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 29, 2020

**Seton Hall University**  
400 South Mountain Ave, South Orange,  
NJ 07079

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK WOMEN'S COMMISSION

*Alive in Christ*

**The Eucharist...His Heart in  
My Heart**

Saturday, March 7, 2020

**Seton Hall University**  
400 South Mountain Ave, South Orange,  
NJ 07079

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm

## Save The Dates

### Feast of Santo Niño Holy Mass St. Michael Parish



**SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH  
3:00 P.M.**

**Refreshments follow after Mass**

**Everyone is Invited**

**Weekday daily Novena from  
Friday 01/17/20 to Saturday 01/25/20  
starts after the 8:30 am Mass and  
Sunday, 01/19/20 Novena after 10:30 am Mass  
1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey**

## Save the Date

**Friday, September 25th, 2020**

**7:30 - 11:30 pm**

**St. Michael's Annual**

## DINNER DANCE

**Galloping Hill Caterers, Union, NJ**

**Celebration details to follow**