

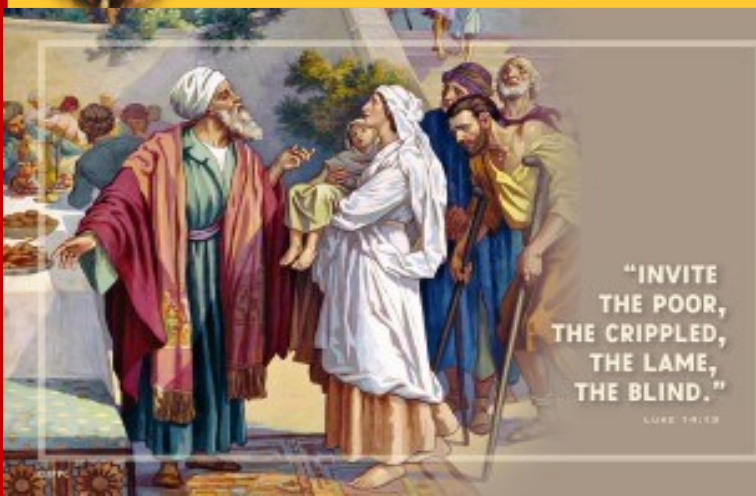


# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

August 28, 2022

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



## 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

## 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 Manocchio, Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry

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*

## BE LIFTED UP



In this Sunday's gospel reading (Luke 14:1, 7-14), Jesus draws our attention to societal behaviors that are detrimental to heavenly aspirations. It has to do with the prideful behaviors of jockeying for positions of importance while denigrating those on the margins of society. In the time of Jesus, the social platform was a system of patronage, where honor and favors were sought for, at all cost. If you were important, you were conspicuously seated in social gatherings. If you were less important, you were seated farther away. If you didn't matter at all, you weren't even invited. This social norm is no different from our own cultural reality today. Our society is divided along the lines of aristocracy and peasantry, wealthy and poor, powerful and powerless, the better than and the less than.

Less face it, we all feel the need to belong, to be recognized, and to be accepted as more important than someone else. We tend to assess our happiness by measuring our positions, conditions, and circumstances against those of others; the sense that "I have it more than you do". A great man once said that most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to be more important than others. In actuality, there is no need to show off when you know who you are. There is nothing noble in being superior to our fellow men; true nobility, rather, comes from being superior to our former self because this is the only way in which we can grow into the best version of ourselves.

The danger of pride is that it is always looking down on people but unfortunately, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see that which is above. So, pride must die in us if we want to encounter the great "I AM". Pride destroys everything environment where it is at display, be it our relationship with God or with one another, relationship between husband and wife, parent and child, brother and sister, pastor and congregation, employer and employee, teacher and student, you name it. No wonder pride is described as a vice which is the peer and president of hell. It was pride that changed angels into devils but on the contrary, it is humility that creates angels out of men.

So, in this gospel story, Christ is calling us to a counter-cultural way of living; a call to overcome the prideful need to measure our worth by how much more successful we are than others. In and of itself, pride gets no pleasure in having something; its pleasure comes from having more of something than the other; being above the rest. Take away this element of "I am greater than you" and pride is disarmed. It is this element of competition that Christ is inviting us to let go and let God.

So, at the heart of this gospel narrative is Christ's desire to lift us up to where He is and to invite us to do the same for others. Unfortunately, pride does not know how to lift others up. It castigates rather than build, denigrates rather than uplift, festers rather than foster, deprecates rather than appreciate, despises rather than acknowledge, and forms a stumbling block rather than open the gateways of success to others. Pride blinds us to choosing holy moments; moments when we set aside self-interest and prayerfully cooperate with God for the good of humanity. It takes humility to make choices that can lead us to heaven. May the good Lord grant us the courage to seek after this virtue! Amen.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## Announcements

### USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

<b>GOAL:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	
8/11-8/17/22	\$69,469
8/17-8/24/22	\$ 4,447
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$73,916</b>

Our annual fundraiser **USAN (Union of Saints and Nations)** is off to a good start! Please note that donations online are made through Parish Giving. If you do not have a Parish Giving Account for your regular tithe, you can still give by clicking the "Give Now" Button or "Give As Guest", which gives the one time opportunity to donate without having an account with Parish Giving. If you have any issues please call the office at 908-688-1232.

<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/usan>

**USAN FUNDRAISER DINNER  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 at  
THE VINHUS RESTURANT  
GROUP:  
THE APOSTLE**



## 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**

#### COLLECTION & SOS

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
Collection 8/7/22	\$10,034	\$14,246	\$4,212
Collection 8/14/22	\$10,034	\$ 8,117	(1,917)
Collection 8/21/22	\$10,034	\$ 7,945	(2,089)
Collection 8/28/22	\$10,034		

- **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.

Dear Parishioners,

In order for us to stay in the **GREEN**, it is important that we meet our weekly budget collections and SOS. Please let us continue to support the weekly Sunday collection so that we can achieve our goals of balancing the budget going forward.

Thank you for your support of the parish and your continued generosity.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## 6 Ways To DONATE

#### ONLINE GIVING:



#### BANK TRANSFER:



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:



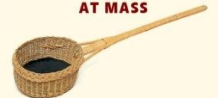
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#### DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



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#### DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

### STAY INFORMED ABOUT ST. MICHAEL'S

If you have not been receiving emails from the church via **Evangelus** please visit [eva.us/stmichaels](http://eva.us/stmichaels) to sign up in order to receive messages and stay informed about current happenings in church.

## Mass Intentions & Devotions

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>August 27</b> Charismatic Prayer Group-For the Childless Luisa Resurreccion (Living)-78th Birthday
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>August 28</b> For the Parishioners Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
9:00 am	Paul & Irene Endler
10:30 am	Ramon & Marietta Gancia
12:00 noon	Robert Emery Aurora Manochio (Living)-Birthday Novena of Masses for All Children
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 29</b> Edwardo Magno (Living)-Birthday Lucila Maviano
12:00 noon	Elvira Poquita Luchie Little (Living)-Birthday
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 30</b> Dr. Kenneth Oswake
12:00 noon	Anthony Manochio Lydia Garcia
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 31</b> Novena of Masses Dr. John Ulasi
12:00 noon	Obie Melie (Living)
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 1</b> Serafin Lacson & Stanley Sipe
12:00 Noon	Harrieta Jasa
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 2</b> Novena of Mass
12:00 noon	Michael Meehan
6:30 pm	Rui Miguel Docarmo
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 3</b> Louie Ozimer Mary Minni
5:30 pm	Edison Magno Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am	<b>September 4</b> Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-Protection of Children
9:00 am	Babe & Fred Pajarillo (Living)-56th Wedding Ann Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 am	Maureen Reilly Mannelia Caram (6th Ann.)
12:00 noon	Brian Phillips For the Parishioners

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione Family & Friends.**

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

**(FREE) SUMMER Dance Classes  
For the whole Family**

**Saturdays 9:30—10:30 am  
Phil Matrale Church Hall (LC)**

## Ministry Information

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday from 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)

**Coordinator of Religious Education  
Clare Andriola**

**Coordinator of Home-Based Religious  
Education – Lois Scanio**

### **2022-23 Religious Education Classes will begin the week of September 18**

If you have not done so, please register your child(ren). Classes are available for Grades 1-5 on Sunday mornings, Grades 1-4 on Monday afternoons, and Grades 6-8 on Tuesday evenings. If needed, 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.**

You will find everything you need to register your child and make payment on our website at: [www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education](http://www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education) including links to the online forms, a registration fee sheet, Policies & Procedures, and a calendar setting out the schedule for the year. You will also find a printable registration form if you prefer to mail or drop off your registration and pay by check (payable to St. Michael's Religious Education) or stop by the Religious Education Office (days/times above) and register in person.

### **IMPORTANT:**

**Registrations received after September 5 will incur a \$25 late fee.** Please, however, do not let the inability to pay stop you from registering your child. Call or stop by the office and we will work with you.

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

**Volunteers** – We are always looking for dedicated men and women to share their time and talents as a catechist, aide or session helper. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to this vital ministry? Call or stop by the office for further information.

### **PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:**

Religious education begins in first grade and continues through grade eight. Children usually receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) in the second grade after having completed two years of preparation. Upon completion of Religious Education Grades 1-8, most children receive the sacrament of Confirmation in ninth grade. Please contact the Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator Cristina Manochio for further information at [cyouinionj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouinionj@gmail.com).



**Announcements**

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES  
CYCLE C**

**First Reading**

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 68:4-7,10-11

The just rejoice and exult before God.

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 14:1,7-14

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

**PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR**

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo, Gregory Ward, 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, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, Sebastian DePinho, Baby Charlie Esmores, George Leary, Carole A. Facenta, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Aurora Manochio, Tom Ewing, Tony Zaliwski, Kathleen Kachelriess, Trudy Spinelli, Willa Jackson, John McEvoy, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Connie Emery, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Charito Palencia, Angelina Amali, Debbie Schaeffer Huggan, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Karen Zabbia, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Byron DelMonte, Samantha Lopes, Joselito Espana

**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  
**Members of St. Michael's Parish**

**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.**



**NOVENA of Masses**

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August 2022**

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| Phil Matrale   | Jose Arnaldo               |
| James Ford, Sr.  | Ann L. Corrigan            |
| Alejandro T. Cruz  | Jorge J. Criado            |
| Mary & Idolo Russomano   | Angela & Frank Sauro       |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo  | Lucilia Sousa Araujo       |
| Reme Valentine Blanc   | Fritz Maddy                |
| Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon   | George Rinehart            |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Families  | Frank Rubinetti, Sr.       |
| Harold Charles Faulk   | Manuel Cruz Guarda         |
| Special Intentions—VG  | For the Souls in Purgatory |
| Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing  | Timothy L. Connell         |
| Raymond Williamson   | Salome C. Tesoro           |
| Joselito Espana (Living)   | Julius Alolosan            |
| Baltazara Empig  | Mary Minni                 |
| Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz   |                            |
| Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families                        |                            |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family                              |                            |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members  |                            |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leinart & McMahan Families              |                            |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families |                            |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families |                            |
| Living & Deceased Members of Araujo, Pais, Cadenas Families                      |                            |
| Richard Dominic Laudadio & Family (Living)-Peace & Protection                    |                            |
| Shela Boulin & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving                                    |                            |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Furnari & Potignano Families                    |                            |

**CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

[cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com)



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank all of its members for an amazing year! Congratulations to all of our seniors who are graduating, and we wish you the best of luck!

We are also excited to announce that Bible School will be from August 1<sup>st</sup>-August 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Please see the flyer for more information. Any CYO member interested in being a Bible School Counselor, please email us at [cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com).

God Bless.

## Announcements



**COME AND EXPERIENCE  
THE POWER OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT PERSONALLY**

**With St. Michael's Parish  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
Prayer Group**

**DAY: Wednesday      TIME: 6PM-7.30PM**

**VENUE: Murphy's Room, Lower Church**

## HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)



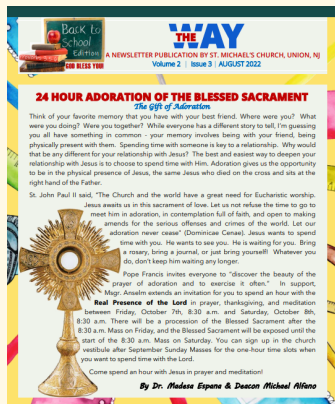
Thank you to all the members of the HUGS Ministry for hosting a very successful Back To School give-away at all Masses last Sunday. Children, parents and grandparents were very happy receiving packages.

For more information, about HUGS Ministry, contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420 8659**

## RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano will be starting the RCIA classes every Saturday morning starting **September 17, 2022** in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at [michaelalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaelalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST EDITION



<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/newsletter-archive>

## Announcements

### USAN FUNDRAISER CASINO TRIP

**When:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022

**Cost:** \$35.00, \$25 back from Wind Creek Casino to play

**Where:** Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA

Bus leaves 9:30 sharp at the St. Michael's parking lot

For reservations, please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100

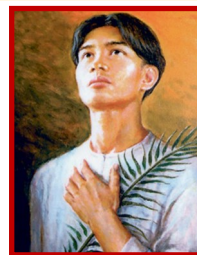
### SAVE THE DATE:

### SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST

**September 25, 2022 @ 3:00 pm**

**Mass**

**Fellowship after Mass at  
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**



## BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

It's that time of year again...BACK TO SCHOOL!!! The children and teachers need your help! The **Family Activities Committee** is collecting School Supplies at all Masses the weekend of **August 27th**. Bring your donations and leave them in the box in the Church gathering space. Please consider donating any of the following items:

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|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Loose leaf paper   | Crayons       | Folders         |
| Markers            | Scissors      | Pencils         |
| Red & blue pens    | Glue sticks   | Colored pencils |
| Water color paints | Highlighters  | Copy paper      |
| White out          | Post-it notes | Desk calendars  |
| Masking tape       |               |                 |

Let's get the kids and their teachers off to a great start for the upcoming school year!



## ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

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

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](mailto:rscicolone@smsunion.org) or call (908) 688-1063. Come tour and explore our amazing school!