



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

October 2, 2022

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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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*
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.

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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

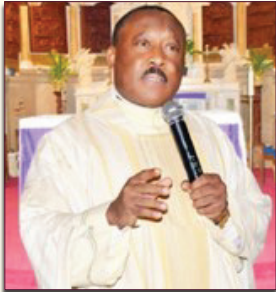
LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm

Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Message From *The Pastors Desk*

IT IS NOT “WHY GOD” BUT “WHAT CAN I DO”



The past few years have not been easy. We have been inundated with the pandemic, hate crimes, hate speeches, senseless shootings, unprovoked wars, unbridled acts of violence, injustices, and one group oppressing another group. I don't know about you, but whenever I hear about all these things, I cringe and feel sick to my stomach. Yet, I feel helpless to do anything about it. Sometimes, I ask myself, “How can God allow these awful tragedies to happen? If He is a loving God, why does He not intervene and save His people?”

It is comforting to see Habakkuk, the prophet, ask the same question in the first reading of this 27th Sunday in ordinary times, year C (Habakkuk 1:2, 2:2-3) “O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you ‘violence!’ and you will not save?” Apparently, Habakkuk was concerned, as we are today, with the injustices in his world. The social order was badly broken, the justice structure was slack for some groups and hard on others, and justice, for all intents and purposes, was not being served. Yet, God was seemingly silent. How does one make sense of this?

Rabbi Harold Kushner, in his book “When Bad Things Happen to Good People” points out that God does not cause our misfortunes. Some, he said, are caused by bad luck, some by bad people, and some are simply “inevitable consequences of being humans living in a world of inflexible natural laws”. What he is basically saying is that we do not need to feel hurt or betrayed by God when tragedy strikes because it is not His will. We truly can say that God is as outraged by all these violence as we are. So asking God “why” about every injustice, tragedy and senseless act of evil that we witness does not help. What we truly need to ask is “What can I do to make things better, to correct the injustices that exist, to be an advocate and to help someone who needs to overcome oppression and injustice?” In other words, we need to become part of God's vision for a more just and equitable society.

I am reminded of the seventeen-year old girl who videoed the killing of George Floyd by law enforcement officers. While she could not stop them from committing such a heinous act, she did what she could by capturing the crime on video; a video that became a testimony that brought them to justice. My mind also remembers the story about a boy who loved to play violin but who was very small in stature due to health challenges. He had a small “toyish” violin that he could play with. One day the bridge on the violin broke and his parents had difficulty finding the part. They eventually found it in a music store and went there to buy it. With the part replaced, the boy started playing on the violin. The daughter of the store owner, a gifted violinist herself, who lived in Germany but was home visiting with her parents, came out to listen and was amazed at how this little handicapped boy could play so capably with a “Toyish” violin. When she got back to Germany, she sent a rare violin, small enough for the boy to play, through her father, who contacted the boy's parents and gave them the violin for their son.

The truth is that many people of good faith try, on daily basis, to make a difference and by so doing better our world. So, instead of being upset and asking God “why”, let us ask “what can I do, no matter how small, to make this world a better place for all of us to live”.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

USAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE

GOAL: \$100,000

9/27/22 COLLECTED \$ 84,600

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

My Beloved Parishioners,

May the blessings of the Lord be with you now and forever. Amen.

I would like to start by thanking many of you who have worked so hard to push our 2022 USAN Fundraiser towards its goal of \$100,000.00. Unfortunately, we have not met our goal and we are closing this campaign by the end of this month.

What is important to note is that it is absolutely essential that our 2021/2022 financial statement closes with zero debt. We have done this for the past two years and we will do it again and again, by the grace of God through your blessed generosity. The total amount raised so far, as of September 27, 2022, is \$84,600.00. So, we are short of \$15,500.00. It is sad that many of our parishioners have not participated nor contributed to this campaign. But the good news is that we will not let anything stop us from reaching our goal.

So, I am calling upon our parishioners to rise up to this challenge by joining this coalition of the willing.

We need 10 Archangels to give the Church \$500+ each.

We need 25 Apostles to give the Church \$250+ each.

We need 40 Saints to give the Church \$100+ each.

We need Evangelists to give the Church \$50+ each

I thank you for your cooperation and for giving priority to this urgent call. Our parish will continue to be a beacon of faith in this part of the world and may the good Lord bless you and your families for your kindness and generosity.

In Christ Jesus,
Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Ph.D.
Pastor

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

Total September Monthly Collection

	Monthly Needed	Actual Collected	Over/Under
Sunday	\$28,316	\$28,411	\$ 95
SOS	\$10,040	\$11,293	\$1,254

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
October 2 Collections	\$ 7,079		
SOS	\$ 2,510		

- **Mailing/dropping off your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office (1211 Orange Ave).
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website

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

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STAY INFORMED ABOUT ST. MICHAEL'S

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

Mass Intentions & Devotions

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	October 1 Charismatic Renewal Group-Financial Provisions Reme Valentine Blanc
SUNDAY 7:30 am	October 2 Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Carol Furnari (Living)-90th Birthday
10:30 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
12:00 noon	Barbara Dybas Lamerchie Geffrado Madeline Relano Roxas Rui Miguel Docarmo
MONDAY 8:30 am	October 3 Richard Glynn Alfonso Tanseco
12:00 noon	Novena of Masses Shirley Blanc (Living)-Thanksgiving
TUESDAY 8:30 am	October 4 Michael Catuncan (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon	Robert Pfarr John Rumohr (Living)-Birthday
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am	October 5 Lucilia Sousa Araujo
12:00 noon	Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero
THURSDAY 8:30 am	October 6 Cynthia Stuart
12:00 Noon	Novena of Masses Rosemary Hunt
FRIDAY 8:30 am	October 7 First Friday Jose
12:00 noon	Rose Petrick
6:30 pm	Gracia Divina Pablo Chul Bak (Living) - Healing
SATURDAY 8:30 am	October 8 Julia Ines Benitez
5:30 pm	Pauline F. Ciborowski
SUNDAY 7:30 am	October 9 Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group-For Unemployed
9:00 am	For the Parishioners Roger Boetsch
10:30 am	Maria Cherry Vibar (Living)-Thanksgiving
12:00 noon	Pablo & Rosario Aurea Galgo

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread & Altar Wine are offered for Abigail Boulin (Living) for her birthday.

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



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) 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

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education
Lois Scanio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES have begun!

Class assignments were emailed to parents of all registered students.

Note: There will be no classes held on October 9, 10 and 11 in observance of Columbus Day.

Late Registrations: If you haven't registered your child, you may do so at www.stmichaelunion.org/religious-education or call the Religious Education Office for assistance.

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.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@gmail.com



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to invite all high school aged teenagers of the community to join us every Tuesday night from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Phil Matrale Hall (lower church) of St. Michael's. We encourage all members to register in order to attend our trips, sporting events, and community service opportunities. Registration forms will be available at all meetings for those interested. Please don't hesitate to contact us at cyouionnj@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

On Sunday, October 2nd, we would like to invite all youth of the parish to join us at the 12:00pm CYO Youth Mass. This mass will also be the Rite of Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Candidates. Monsignor Anselm will then be leading a youth centered Adoration at 7:00pm that evening. Both the Rite of Enrolment Mass and Adoration are mandatory for Confirmation Candidates.

God Bless!

Announcements

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

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9

Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

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 Tuzano, 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, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera

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

Valarie Egger & 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

**NOVENA OF MASSES
OCTOBER 2022**

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| Phil Matrale | Jose Arnaldo |
| James Ford, Sr. | Ann L. Corrigan |
| Alejandro T. Cruz | Jorge J. Criado |
| Mary & Idolo Russomano | Luigi Sauro |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo | Lucilia Sousa Araujo |
| Reme Valentine Blanc | Fritz Maddy |
| Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon | George Rinehart |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Families | Frank Rubinetti, Sr. |
| Special Intentions—VG | For the Souls in Purgatory |
| Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing | Abigaelle Boulin (Living) |
| Rosemary Hunt | Paulino Cruz |
| Harold Charles Faulk | Chul Bak (Living)-Healing |
| Aurora Sandoval | Angelito Sandoval |
| Frank Ozimek | Louie Ozimek |
| George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Reinhart | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family | |
| 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 & McMahon 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 | |

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)

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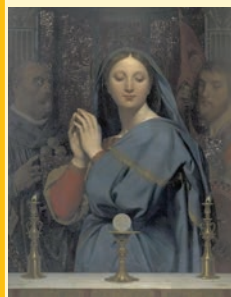
HEALING MASS

The Healing Mass will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 11:00 am in the Phil Matrале Hall (LC). Please note that lunch will be provided immediately after the Mass. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the form and drop it into the collection basket or give it to an usher or call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100. It is very important that you register so that we know how much lunch to prepare. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will arrange for someone to pick you up. Please RSVP by October 19th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deacon Mike Cavallo at DeaconMikeCavallo@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Will need a ride: _____



St. Michael's Church—24 Hours with Our Lord
Friday, October 7: 8:00 am to
Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 am

Sign up sheet list is in the vestibule of the Church. We need at least 24 people to sign up for the one (1) hour watch each. We would like to have at least 2 people in charge of each watch hour.

Contact Deacon Michael Alfano at michaelalfano@aol.com

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

Are you looking to give back to those less fortunate this Thanksgiving? Come and join the Family Activities Committee and St. Michael's School in our joint event, "RISE AGAINST HUNGER". On November 12 from 11am-1pm we are going to pack meals and have at least 50 volunteers. Please go to <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StMichaelSchool2022> to make a donation and sign up. If you have any questions, reach out to Christine Parmenter at caparment23@gmail.com or at (201)407-3397

Announcements

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FEAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



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