



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



The Feast
OF THE
Holy Family

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

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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

THE CHRIST-CENTERED-FAMILY



Today is the Solemnity of the Holy Family, the first Sunday of the New Year. The 1st reading, taken from the book of Sirach, and the 2nd reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, come together to paint a picture of how a Christ-centered-family should function, by outlining how each member of the family ought to behave in their various roles. In Colossians 3:18-21, St. Paul writes, "Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord" [Submission here is a voluntary choice that the wife makes for the greater good of the family; not an act of debasement. It is a faith issue, recognizing the husband as the God-appointed leader of the household and it is done "as it fitting in the Lord" (So, a woman whose husband is evil and cruel and violent is not expected to do this)].

"Husbands love your wives and do not be harsh with them" [The word for love that is used here is as in selfless love, sacrificial love, unceasing care and loving service for your wife's entire well-being. It is similar to the love that Christ has for the church (sacrificial) and it is to be similar to the love men have for themselves (generous). Paul's admonishment here requires a man to keep in mind who his wife is—a gift from God (Proverbs 18:22), a partner for life (Genesis 2:24), and a mother for his children (Genesis 4:1)].

"Children obey your parents in everything; for this is pleasing to the Lord" and "honor your father and mother" [Obedience to parents is a good measure of the level of Christlikeness in our lives. The book of Sirach states that honoring parents is a sign of righteousness; it atones for and is firmly planted against the debt of our sin (3:3,14); it is a means of divine blessing and disposes God to hear and answer the prayers of those who exercise this virtue (3:5); it is a guarantee for long life, prosperity, and temporal power (3:6-7); and even the patience required for the care of an elderly parent is said to strengthen character and that God would look upon children offering such care with compassion (3:12-14). It goes on to state that the respect due to our parents is not something we can neglect or discard without serious consequences, noting that honoring our parents is something that God set up to orient us toward Himself. That is to say, honoring our parents disposes the heart to honor God, Himself. Honoring our parents is not just about listening and obeying them; it also entails not taking for granted the sacrifices they make for us; taking responsibility for some of the household chores; learning to have a rational discussion about things that you and your parents disagree about; being patient with them if they can't see your view point knowing that they may have insights that you don't have because you haven't experienced all the things that they have. It demands staying connected and not just in contact with them, making sure they are well taken care of in their old age, keeping them up to date with what's happening in your life and in the outside world; making sure they stay connected with their grandchildren. Folks, enjoy your parents while they are still here with you! Forgive their sins and give them a break. It is for your own good.

"Fathers do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged" (Col 3:18-21) [Parents have authority but they are not to overdo the authority thing—creating a home that is an overbearing prison, setting goals too high for your children, being inconsistent with your promises, lacking in praise and appreciation, being absent in the children's life, or creating favoritism leading to sibling jealousy. Parental authority is to be used to provide for a safe and encouraging place for children to grow up. Children become discouraged when they cannot please, properly obey, or secure a blessing from their parents. Such discouragement can easily lead to either depression and withdrawal or rebellion and acting out.

May the blessings of the Holy Family be ours now and forever! Amen].

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements



SAVE THE DATE: FEAST OF THE SANTO NINO (INFANT JESUS) AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE 500 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

January 30, 2022 at 3:00 pm Mass and Fellowship after Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER EDITION

www.stmichaelunion.org/welcome

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.



6 Ways To DONATE

<p>ONLINE GIVING:</p>  <p>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p>BANK TRANSFER:</p>  <p>stmichaelunion@comcast.net</p> <p>In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tith, etc.</p>	<p>CONTACT FREE:</p> <p>QR CODE</p>  <p>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</p>
<p>MAIL IN:</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DROP OFF:</p> <p>AT THE PARISH CENTER</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DURING OFFERTORY:</p> <p>AT MASS</p>  <p>You can use designated envelopes QR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p>

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**

12/12/2021	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Collection & SOS	\$ 10,628	\$ 9,633	(\$ 995)

Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by

Deficit for the Sunday 12/12/2021 is (\$995). Could we please have some parishioners help us cover this deficit this coming weeks, in this way we stay in budget and be in the green. Thank you for your generosity to God's Kingdom on earth.

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.

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



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.



Mass Intentions & Devotions

SUNDAY	December 26 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
7:30 am	Luther & Shela Boulin (Living) 18th Wedding Anniversary Matthew Boulin (Living) - Birthday
9:00 am	Frank Salsano (18th Ann.)
10:30 am	Alejandro T. Cruz Agerico Mendoza
12:00 Noon	Maria Tavares
MONDAY	December 27
8:30 am	Gerard Crincoli Jesus & Josefina Alvero
12:00 Noon	Doug & Mary Jo Sipe (Living)
TUESDAY	December 28
8:30 am	Bienvenido Valencia Robert Neufeld
12:00 Noon	Ramon Landayan (7th Ann.)
WEDNESDAY	December 29
8:30 am	Novena of Masses Chester Daniel Larkins & Regina Larkins
12:00 Noon	Manuel Fazendeiro Claudaire Jean
THURSDAY	December 30
8:30 am	Harold Gillick
12:00 Noon	Maureen Rielly
FRIDAY	December 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>
8:30 am	Mathilda Ordonez Novena of Masses
12:00 Noon	Thanksgiving—Sipe & Arnaldo Family
7:00 pm	Vigil Mass & Prayer Service Grandeza Family—Thanksgiving
SATURDAY	January 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
9:00 am	Teofista Oliver Alfredo Canozza
10:30 am	Nordick Anthony Garcia Jesus Alvero
5:30 pm	Grandeza Family—Thansgiving Frank Karwowski
SUNDAY	January 2 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
7:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 am	Donato, Elizabeth, Joe Pacicco
12:00 Noon	Cornelio Magbanua

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for Boulin Family Thanksgiving.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Elizabeth Schweighardt.



St. Michael Parish School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher for a 3rd grade position. Applicant must have a teaching certificate. Experience is a plus. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to rscicolone@smsunion.org

MINISTRY Information



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christmas Blessings from the staff of the Religious Education Office
Clare Andriola and Lois Scanio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: Please note we have extended the Christmas break by one additional week. There are no religious education classes on Sunday, December 19, 26 and January 2, Monday, December 20, 27 and January 3 and Tuesday, December 21, 28 and January 4. **Classes will resume beginning Sunday, January 9, 2022.**

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. The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@gmail.com



There will be no CYO meetings on Tuesday, December 28th or January 4th. CYO will resume on Tuesday, January 11th. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year Everyone!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

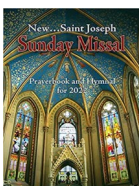
Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry it is a rewarding experience bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass.

At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings at various masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email jpastewski@aol.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS
FOR 2022**

We have a limited quantity available for purchase. **Cost is \$5.00.** Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to pick up your copy.



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
Milagros Obispo

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, 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, 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, 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, Tony Zaliwski, Kathleen Kachelriess, Trudy Spinelli, Willa Jackson, John McEvoy, Stephanie Phillips, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, Judy Reid, Eleanor Cachelris, Connie Emery

**THE HOLY FAMILY
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 (The first reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, Sirach 3:2-6,12-14.)
Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10 (The psalm from Cycle A may also be chosen, Psalm 128:1-5.)
Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2,21-24 (The second reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, Colossians 3:12-21)
We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.



NOVENA of Masses

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DECEMBER 2021**

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| Phil Matrale | Jose Arnaldo |
| James Ford, Sr. | Ann L. Corrigan |
| Fritz Maddy | Jerome Shaw, Jr. |
| Alejandro T. Cruz | George Rinehart |
| Artemia Tan | Ana Rodrigues (Living) |
| Ibrahim Makson | Alex Micayabas |
| Celso & Rosalia Anuada | Emmett Villa |
| Jorge J. Criado | Craig Calix (Living) |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Families | Frank Rubinetti, Sr. |
| Special Intentions (VG) | Rosemary Sauro |
| Mary & Idolo Russomano | Serafina Sauro |
| Christopher Albarracin (Living) | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Goerge Mgbeahurike | Elizabeth Odoemene |
| Micard Charlotin (Living) | Kent Charlotin (Living) |
| Dorothy Pryzby Stand (Living) | Lorna Basila |
| Aida Dela Sierra Necio | Jose Noel Banaban |
| Jessica Church Ward (Living) | Clautaire Jean |
| Lorna Basila | Aida Necio |
| Frantzy Petit Homme | Claudy Duclervil |
| Helen & Stanley Skora | Edie, Tom & Scott Leddy |
| Stanislaw & Czeslawa Pogorzelski | Anna & Wladyslaw Skoczlas |
| Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon | Cecile Abraham (Living) |
| Special Intentions to St. Joseph | Marie Civil Maddy (Living) |
| Endel & Avi Stefanau | Oscar & Linda Horn |
| Helmut & Rosalie Kikas | Charlotte Skoczylas (Living) |
| Jordan Alexander Machado (Living) | Roger Michaud (Living) |
| Joseph & Giovanna Petrecca | Peter Petrecca (Living) |
| Blanca Tan (Living) - Birthday | |
| Marie Jean Panes (Living)-Thanksgiving & Health | |
| Shella Boulin (Living)-Thanksgiving | |
| Ben & Marivic del Rosario & Family (Living) | |
| Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leinart & McMahan Fam | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Milana, Crosby, Doman, Vricella, Scanlon & Matthiack Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Torres & Araujo Families | |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Cadenas & Pais Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph & Royal Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Landeira & Machado Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemene Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Ignatius Nwosuh Family | |
| Living & Deceased Membes of the Furnari & Potignano Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Beldua, Veloso & Narciso Families | |
| Deceased Members of the Terriaca & Di Fabrizio Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Pruskowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families | |



ANNOUNCEMENTS



TRIP- SIGHT AND SOUND

Join us on Thursday, March 31, 2022 for a trip to Sight and Sound to see DAVID.

Experience one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand new original stage production.

Bus will leave St. Michael's parking lot at **7:45 am sharp**. After the show we will have lunch at Shady Maple.

Price is \$130.00 which will include lunch at Shady Maple and gratuities. Make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.

Bus seating will be on a first come basis.

Vaccinations are required.

For further information contact the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 or email Albertvp@verizon.net.

Return to St. Michael's Church

1211 Orange Ave., Union, NJ 07083

With payment.

Name: _____

Telephone No: _____

No of Seats: _____

ATTENTION PARISHONERS:

The Parish Center will be closed the week between Christmas and the New Year Friday, December 24, 2021 to Monday, January 3, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Year's Masses

NEW YEAR MASSES

Friday, December 31st

8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

New Year's Eve

7:00 PM Vigil mass & Prayer Service

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

5:30 PM (Sunday Mass)



NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING



20 + C + M + B + 22

Heavenly Father, bless our home and those who dwell within its secure walls. Grant that all people who visit will find us honest, just and hospitable. May we live this coming year open to Your grace and mercy, as we walk in your truth.

Please cut up this prayer and place at the top of your front door.

JOB VACANCY
 Apply Now!

PART-TIME BUSINESS MANAGER

Practicing Catholic; strongly committed to Servant Leadership; Bachelor's degree or above, with 3-5 years of business experience; knowledge of accounting principles and practices; proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Quick books, and ability to use financial reporting programs; demonstrated ability to set priorities and to organize work effectively, including maintaining effective record keeping systems; strong communication skills, ability to compose correspondence and reports; ability to relate well with variety of persons; ability to negotiate and manage contracts with outside vendors and interface with corporations, maintain confidentiality, prioritize, and be flexible.

For consideration, please send your resume to stmichaelunion@comcast.net