

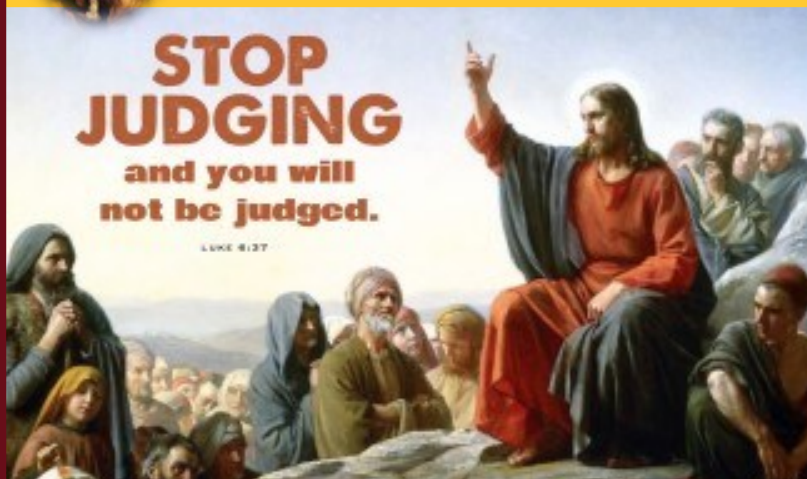


ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

SEVENTH 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*
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

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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*

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS



In the gospel of this 7th Sunday in Ordinary Times (Luke 6:27-34), Jesus says, “Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you”. What a radical injunction to give! How do you love someone who has hurt you, lied against them, negatively gossiped about you, hates you with passion and ignominy? That goes against every natural instinct in our body. At the time of Jesus, payback was the norm: “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” and that is no different from how we feel about things today. It is the natural, human, and impulsive response to hurt. Yet, when Martin Luther King, Jr’s house was burnt down, people called for revenge but he had this to say: “When you live by the rule, ‘an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth’, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people.” What an insight! Michelle Obama had it right when she said, “When they go low, we go higher”.

You see, loving our enemies and doing good to those who hate us is a way of preventing us from acting out of our own hurts and impulsive dispositions. It prevents us from engaging in a never-ending tragic cycle of revenge and retaliation that does nothing but escalate and cause further harm. It is an invitation to live by a higher standard that transcends the human tendency for retribution; an invitation to break the cycle of revenge and retaliation. The truth is that someone has to take the first step and model a behavior that sets the stage for peace and harmony in human relations and that person is us. We know that force begets force, and that hate begets hate, and that unforgiveness begets unforgiveness and this way of being only leads to a road of descending spiral that ultimately ends in further discontent, if not ultimate destruction

On the other, Christ, by this injunction challenges the human appetite for revenge, retaliation, and retribution and replaces it with a behavior that is based on the spiritual promise that the judgment you give is the judgment you will receive; that what you posit into experience will come back to you as experience; that what you sow is what you will reap. So, we don’t forgive because we are altruistic; we forgive because we know we need forgiveness. We don’t bless because we are good people; we bless because we know we need blessings in our lives; we don’t show mercy because we are holy, we show mercy because we know we need God’s mercy shown upon us; we don’t judge because we need to first of all remove the log in our eyes before we can see the peg in another person’s eyes.

The question for all of us is this: which rule would you want to follow? May God give us the grace to follow the rule of Christ Jesus! Amen.

Msgr. Anselm

Announcements

"SYNOD ON SYNODALITY"

In this week's bulletin, you will find a letter from our Archbishop Cardinal Tobin. We hope that you took a moment to read this letter which is announcing Pope Francis' launch of a two-year "synod on synodality," which is calling all Catholics around the world to be led by the Holy Spirit and provide input at future listening sessions (more info to come) to help discern the direction the Catholic Church should take so that we can all walk together into the future.

This is an unprecedented event. Normally synods only involve the bishops and cardinals meeting with the Pope to discuss the Church's future. The Pope is now extending that invitation to all Catholics to take an active part and to be involved in helping to shape the future of the Catholic Church.

Please do not miss this opportunity and get involved. You may reach out to Deacon Mike Cavallo or Fr. Miles, who are both facilitating this for St. Michael's Parish if you have any questions. You will be hearing more about this in the near future, inviting all of you to take part in Listening sessions.

Hold either of the following dates on your calendar, at which time Listening sessions will be held. The dates are **Monday, March 7th at 7pm or Saturday, March 19th at 9am.**

The video that was shown during mass today can be accessed on our parish website.

SAVE THE DATE: HEALING MASS

Our Healing Mass will resume again on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 11:00 am.

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**

2/6/2022	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$ 9,038	\$ 7,494	(\$1,544)

Deficit for the Sunday 2/6/22 is (\$1,544). 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.

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.

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

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	February 19 Johnnuel Magno (Living)-Birthday Ofelia Espana
SUNDAY 7:30 am	February 20 For the Parishioners Richard Ferrer
9:00 am	Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 am	St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group Francisco C. Valderama
12:00 Noon	Carmen M. Gancia
MONDAY 9:00 am	February 21 President's Day Emilia Rumohr & Brenda Rumohr Clodualdo Campos Bernard Lombago
TUESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 22 Julieta Diamante Magi Armanios
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 23 Emma Melecia (45th Ann.) Flora Bartucci Novena of Masses
THURSDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 24 Marie Carona Mannelia Caram Lucille Caruso (1st Ann.)
FRIDAY 8:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 25 Novena of Masses Offered to our Lady of Fatima Rosela Josue
SATURDAY 8:30 am 5:30 pm	February 26 Rosario de la Rosa Richard Abrigo Josephine Mach
SUNDAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon	February 27 James Sipe (Living) - Birthday Lito Vibar For the Parishioners Maria Tavares Ophelia November James Leonardis St. Michael's Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for Clodualdo Campos, requested by her daughter Mary Ann.

The Altar Wine is offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Benjamin Torres Champarro.

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.



Thank you to our potter, **Ray Boswell**, who facilitated a **Blessing Cup Retreat** for our First Communion candidates Saturday, February 15. By using his pottery wheel, clay and a multimedia presentation, the children were called to recognize God as the divine potter shaping our lives.

The children had the opportunity to decorate their own blessing cups.

Upcoming Events for 1st Communion Candidates:

Teaching Mass – Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 AM in St. Michael's Church

[Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Mass is welcome to attend.]

First Reconciliation – Saturday, Mar. 12 at 11 AM in the Church.

REMINDER: there will be no CCD class on Sunday (February 20) and Monday (February 21) for President's Day.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

cyouionnj@gmail.com



The CYO Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in our Valentine's Day Service Project. The items collected for the HUGS Ministry and the Valentine's Day cards that were decorated were very much appreciated!

Next Tuesday, February 22nd, we will be off for President's Day Weekend.



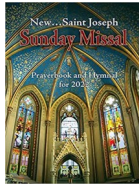
"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

Registration for St. Michael Parish School is now open! For individual tours, please email the principal at rsicolone@smsunion.org. Come and explore our amazing school!

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
Claudio Viana

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, Claudette 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, 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, 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, Henry & Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Charito Palencia

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE C**

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23
David does not kill Saul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
A song in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49
As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38
Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

NOVENA of Masses

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FEBRUARY 2022**

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| Phil Matrale | Jose Arnaldo |
| James Ford, Sr. | Ann L. Corrigan |
| Alejandro T. Cruz | Jorge J. Criado |
| Craig Calix (Living) | Alex Micayabas |
| Mary & Idolo Russomano | Lucilia Sousa Araujo |
| Manuel Pereira Araujo | Ibrahim Makson |
| Celso & Rosalia Anuada | Giuseppe Terriaca |
| Modeste Royal (Living) | Darline Royal (Living) |
| Harrriet Divino | Special Intentions—VG |
| Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon | Fritz Maddy |
| Daisy T. Edrada | Veronica E. Escribano |
| Mariet E. Gepuela | Artemio C. Agreda |
| George Rinehart | Richard Ballway |
| Michelene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz | Betty Veluz (Living) |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Family | Frank Rubinetti, Sr. |
| Maria Antonia DeCastro & Ramon DeCastro (Living) | |
| 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 For the Souls of Purgatory | |
| The Pierre-Lys & Thebaud Family (Living) - For Thanksgiving | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family | |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Seibert & Menee Families | |
| Shela Boulin & Family (Living) - Thanksgiving | |
| Luis Cantillo & Aura Reina (Living) - For health | |
| Unborn Baby Assuncao—for health | |

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.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

**Family Dance & Wellness
Classes**

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



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.

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

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.



Announcements

HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)



HUGS Ministry would like to thank the **CYO Confirmation Prep students** who ran a very successful **HUGS Collection Drive** as one of their Community service projects. How blessed we are as a parish family having ministries amalgamate, with the purpose of extending God's Hands to all.

Thank you also to all parishioners who make donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for their mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (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 the parish website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Presents

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday, February 26

6:30 pm until 9:00 pm

Come out for a Family Game Night. Meet new friends and enjoy the fun with the entire family.

Fun Games to Play
Charades—Heads Up—Jenga—Kahoot and more

Please respond with your attendance
Email: caparmenter23@gmail.com
Phone: (201) 407-3397

