



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JANUARY 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

### Saturday

8:30 am

### Sunday

5:30 pm (Saturday Vigil Mass)

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 Noon

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu  
*Pastor*

Rev. Camilo Lopez  
*Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Michael Cavallo &  
Deacon Michael Alfano  
*Permanent Deacons*

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Mrs. Lois Scanio  
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# TIME IN BETWEEN

## JANUARY 16 - 21

Monday  
JAN 16

**FAMILY ROSARY** *Virtual* **7 PM**  
BRING YOUR FAMILY & WEEK TO MOTHER MARY

Tuesday  
JAN 17

**BIBLE STUDY** *Virtual* **7 PM**  
WITH MSGR. ANSELM

Wednesday  
JAN 18

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GRP.** **6 PM**  
IN THE LOWER CHURCH - MURPHY ROOM  
**MARIAN DEVOTION** **7:30 PM**  
WITH EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION - IN CHURCH

Friday  
JAN 20

**FAMILY ROSARY** *Virtual* **7 PM**  
THANK GOD FOR THE WEEK WITH MOTHER MARY

Saturday  
JAN 21

**BISHOP ELIAS LORENZO'S**  
WEEKEND VISIT TO OUR PARISH

## Mission

A diverse spiritual community in action, dedicated to drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

## Message From *The Pastors Desk*

### WHEN PATIENCE WITH THE LORD GETS A WORKOUT



The first stanza of this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm, (2nd Sunday in year A), is taken from Psalm 40:1-2: "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction...and set my feet upon a rock... He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God." Apparently, David was facing a terrible situation—in a deep pit of destruction and a cesspool of miry clay. He prayed for deliverance and patiently waited for the Lord to respond. His patience paid off and the Lord did respond.

A few days back, one of our young adults asked me, "Monsignor, the Bible says that whatever you ask of God and believing that it is done, will be given to you. Do you believe that because it doesn't seem to be true?" The real test of our faith truly comes when our patience gets a real workout; when prayer meets the silence of being kept on hold, and God's answer seems to be "no answer" and we conclude "I guess it is not meant to be". The question then becomes whether we have enough faith to trust and assume a holding pattern and wait for the fulfillment of the promise.

Life will present us with adversities and tribulations; seasons of struggle, conflict, and brokenness. In these moments, it is important to remember the words of Scripture, "But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided." My friends, the Lord knows where you are, where you have been,

and how much you have left in your reserve. He is capable of sending the wind to blow back the waters of adversity just to provide for what you need. God does not forget as Scripture says, "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name" (Hebrew 6:10). God's word tells us to patiently wait for the fulfillment of His promises (Cf. Habakkuk 2:3).

It is important to remember these words of scripture when we are in a holding pattern. I once asked an elderly lady to tell me her favorite verse in the Bible and she answered, "It is, 'this too shall pass.'" Life is full of seasons of sunshine as well as seasons of rain and snow and yet for each stage, there is a purpose and an expiration date. There is nothing we can do to rush God's plan. It is never "by human might or power, but by the Spirit of the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6).

We know from the Bible that the devil does everything possible to delay the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives (Cf. Daniel 10). It is comforting to know, though, that no demonic power can stop what God had ordained for your life. God's answers and blessings may not always come the way we think it to come. It may be delayed, but it is never denied. When we are going through stuff, let us remember that God is always capable of taking care of business even of things we think to be impossible.

May the good Lord put a new song in our mouth; a song of praise to our God and at the time we need it most. Amen!

*Msr. Anselm*

# Stewardship of Treasure

**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*

"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

	<b>NEEDED WEEKLY</b>	<b>ACTUAL WEEKLY</b>	<b>OVER/UNDER</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Week 1	\$7,079	\$7,196	\$ 177
Week 2	\$7,079	\$6,928	\$ 151
Week 3	\$7,079		
Week 4	\$7,079		
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$9,085</b>	<b>\$ 955</b>

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p>  <p>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p>  <p>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.</p>	<p><b>CONTACT FREE:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">QR CODE</p>  <p>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</p>
<p><b>MAIL IN:</b></p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</b></p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</b></p>  <p>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p>

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

**S.O.S. Collection** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. *Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills.* S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

**Tithing** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new air conditioner. *Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs.* Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

**Assessment Collection** - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the Archdiocese, and a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, is paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to

support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment. **All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.**

**National Collections** - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. **Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.**

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection** - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!**

## ONLINE GIVING

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 have 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](http://stmichaelunion.org)) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form. Thank you for sustaining the parish during this unprecedented times.

## Mass Intentions & Novenas

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 14</b>
5:30 pm	New Year Novena of Masses
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 15</b>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	Mark Mitchell Fredrickson
10:30 am	For the Parishioners
12:00 noon	Dr. Thomas Ifediorama Nnoli
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 16</b>
8:30 am	Novena of Masses
12:00 noon	Mark Frederickson
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 17</b>
8:30 am	Yvonne Lacson (Living)
12:00 noon	Novena of Masses
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 18</b>
8:30 am	Fredelinda Briones
12:00 noon	Elvira Poquita
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 19</b>
8:30 am	Heidi Wright
12:00 noon	Chinwe Melie (Living)-Birthday Sigrid & Rigie Villorente (Living) 15th Wedding Anniversary
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 20</b>
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
12:00 noon	Novena of Masses
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 21</b>
8:30 am	Fritz Calix
5:30 pm	Leonel Silva
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 22</b>
7:30 am	For the Parishioners
9:00 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Gino Ianiro
12:00 noon	Carmen M. Gancia & Marietta V. Gancia Rosa Mugavero & Antonino Mugavero Nwoshu & Odoemene Family (Living)- Thanksgiving Obinnah Ihuoma (Living)-Birthday

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

*The Sanctuary Lamp is offered in memory of Mollie Endler.*

### 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  
**Arthur Bohse & Joan T. Bender**

### NOVENA OF MASSES

**JANUARY 2023**

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Rosemary Hunt
Fritz Maddy	Jorge J. Criado
Frank Rubinetti	
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	
Carolina Liwanag Santangelo	
Ugonna Nworu (Living)-For healing	
Mary & Idolo Russomano	
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz	
Christopher Boulín (Living) - Birthday	
Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)-Special Intentions	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Odoemene & Nwosuh Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Sousa Araujo	

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joseph Doman, Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czaplá, 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, 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, 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, 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, Harry Benbemia, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara

## Ministry Happenings

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator of Religious Education  
*Clare Andriola*

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education  
*Lois Scanio*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:** There are no religious education classes on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. [Note: Tuesday classes will meet as scheduled on January 17<sup>th</sup>.]

**SUNDAY STUDENTS SCHEDULE CHANGE:** We will NOT have class on Sunday, January 29, as the school is being used for Open House during Catholic Schools Week.

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](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY

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



There will be no CYO meeting on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. CYO will resume on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> for our Charity Guard The Pin Game! All teens are welcome to join us in the St. Michael's School gym from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please bring \$20 to donate if you are playing or \$5 if you are watching. Light refreshments will be sold separately. All proceeds will be going towards funding our program as well as our service projects. Community service hours will be offered to those who attend! If any teen would like to play and hasn't signed up, please email us at [cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com) God Bless!



### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

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DAY: Wednesday TIME: 6 PM-7:30 PM

VENUE: Murphy Room, Lower Church

### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry distributes **Gift Bags once a month throughout the year.** We are presently helping **33 families.** Please help us replenish our **inventory.** Contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420 8659** for more information on how you can help.

### SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

The holidays are coming, please consider making food or financial donations for Sister Ann's Food Pantry to help out those in need. Your weekly and financial donations keep Sister Ann's Pantry going. I am sure she is smiling at us from heaven.

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) **DANCE** Classes  
For the whole Family

**Saturdays 9:30–10:30 am**  
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### RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano has started the RCIA classes every Saturday morning 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.

### 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.

### 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 and stay informed about **current happenings in church.**

**Announcements**



**SANTO NINO FEAST**

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 29, 2023**

**MASS AT 3:00 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP  
FOLLOWS AFTER MASS AT**

**The Phil Matrale Hall  
(Lower Church)**



**PETER PETRECCA  
RETIREMENT MASS  
&  
REFRESHMENTS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023**

**12:00 noon Mass**

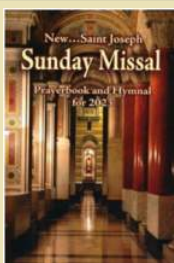
Please join us as we celebrate the retirement Peter Petrecca, the Church Music Director.

Peter has been with St. Michael's Church for over 30 years.

Thank you Peter for your service to St. Michael's Church!

**2023 MASS BOOK**

**Is now open.** Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



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We have a limited quantity available for purchase. **Cost is \$6.00.** Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to pick up your copy.

**TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS:  
PREVENTING SCAMS IN OUR PARISH**

There is increasing use of many Pastor's names, via email or text message, to try to scam parishioners. They have tried it severally with many pastors in our diocese. Please do not be scammed. You can prevent this by taking a few things in consideration.

- A. If you receive a text message or email and you don't know your pastor's phone number or email, do not reply to the message sent in his name unless it comes from the Parish Office. **You need to call the Parish and verify the message.**
- B. If someone texts, emails or calls you in a way that implies urgency, attempting to get you to act quickly before you have time to carefully read and examine the message. Be careful how you respond. Verify first.
- C. If you receive any text, email, or call pressuring you to send funds via gift cards for whatever reason, by asking you for the code numbers or PINs on the back of the cards so that the card can be redeemed immediately, be careful how you respond. Verify first.
- D. If you receive any text or email, or call telling you a story about the urgent need of your pastor or someone you don't relate with at that level, that involves a medical emergency, being stranded somewhere, or for travel needs, be careful how you respond. Make sure the phone number or email address is verified.

We just need to be smart and we can beat these attempts at scamming parishioners. It is nearly impossible to locate where the scam is originating from or the number being used. What we can do is to be watchful. Always look at the number and email from which the message is being sent. If it is not a number or email address you are familiar with, your best bet is not to respond or verify before you respond.

**Msgr. Anselm**

**NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING**

**20 + C + M + B + 23**

*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*



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