



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

## 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass: Monday—Friday**  
8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

### Saturday

Mass: 8:30 am  
Confession: 1:00 pm—2:00 pm  
Saturday Vigil Mass—5:30 pm

### Sunday

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 Alfano**  
*Permanent Deacon*

**Margaret Kazan**  
*Principal*

**Mary Jo Arnaldo-Sipe**  
*Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper*

**Clare Andriola**  
**Lois Scanio**  
*Religious Education*

**Cristina Manochio**  
**Joseph Santillo**  
*Youth Ministry*

**Fran Engleman**  
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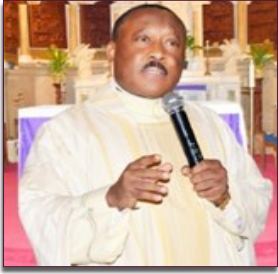
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## The Lord is My Shepherd



On this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year A, my attention is drawn to the Responsorial Psalm, which is taken from Psalm 23, a psalm that states that adversities in this life should not shake us because we worship a God who is the Lord of deliverance; a God who can save, no matter how desperate the situation may be or how bad things are.

This Psalm states that the Lord is my shepherd—as my shepherd, the responsibility of my safety and my wellbeing is in His hands—and therefore, that there is nothing I shall want, for fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, and that near restful waters—a place with a calming effect, a place of meditative disposition, a place for an encounter with Him—He leads me to give rest to my wandering spirit.

The Psalmist states that when it comes to everyday struggles in life, the good Lord will provide me “with guidance for the sake of His name.”—notice that this is not for my sake but for His own namesake. So, it does not depend on my condition or righteousness, and because God’s saving power in my life is for the sake of His Name, then, “Even if I walk in the valley of darkness”—those moments when trouble abounds everywhere, and there doesn’t seem to be any light in sight.; those moments when I am worn out and weary, and my life looks like it is being overrun by negativities, trials, and tribulations; those moments when sickness strikes, and

treatment and therapy do not seem to be doing much or even make things worse; those moments when friends pull back because the situation and reliance on others, for care and help, begin to dissipate, leading to feelings of loneliness, discouragement, despondency, alienation, and abandonment; those moments when the shame of past sins burden the heart with regrets and life-problems are mistaken for divine punishment; those moments when no one seems to understand and the strength to go on, to pray, or even to trust in God, becomes overrun my cynicism—“No evil will I fear because He [God] is there, at my side, with His rod and His staff to give me courage. For these reasons, the Psalmist concludes, “Only goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.” Let us say “Amen” to that!

My friends let us add this psalm to our daily prayer routine. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know the hope that belongs to us as His children! May our good and merciful God fully supply whatever you need in accordance with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus! To our God and Father, to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### 2023 UNION OF SAINTS & NATIONS (USAN)

**GOAL:** \$100,000.00  
**As of 10/11/23** \$101,016.00  
\$ 1,016.00

On behalf of our Church, I sincerely want to thank all of you for your unwavering effort to help this parish reach our 2023 USAN goal of \$100,000.00. Anyone who is moved to drive us to this goal and beyond should do so through any of the various forms of donation we use in the parish. Please mark your envelope "USAN Donation" and remember to put your envelope number if you wish. May the good Lord continue to bless you and your family for your generosity and support of this Parish!

**Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu**  
**Pastor**

### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

Please join us after all the Masses at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) for coffee and refreshments as we dedicate this day to our priests especially to our beloved **Msgr. Anselm and Fr. Miles.**

Let us gather together as one Church family to celebrate their priesthood with gratitude and appreciation for leading us in our spiritual journey. Let us also keep them in our prayers.

Hope you can spend some time with us!  
 God Bless!



**Volunteers are the pillar of our Church community. Please come and join and be a volunteer in our Family Activities Committee, Multicultural Committee, Social Events Committee and our Adult Faith Formation Committee. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 for more information.**

"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>OCTOBER</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,186	\$ 893
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,999	\$ 920
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 8,910	\$ 1,130

*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.

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p> <p>– SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING –  <a href="http://stmichaelunion.org">stmichaelunion.org</a></p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net">stmichaelunion@comcast.net</a></p> <p><small>In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.</small></p>	<p><b>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</b></p> <p><small>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</small></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><small>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</small></p>



### 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.

# Mass Intentions & Novenas

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** **October 14**  
 8:30 am Juan Antonio Ezpeleta (Living)  
 Joseph Scanio, Giovanna DiBiase  
 5:30 pm Rigie Villorente (Living)-Birthday  
 Joey Ruela  
 Tino & Maria Pereira (Living)-25th Wedding Ann.

**SUNDAY** **October 15**  
 7:30 am Charles Onwuka  
 For the Parishioners  
 9:00 am Phyllis Bordino  
 Giovanna DiBiase  
 Francisco Tubio  
 Hilda Criado  
 10:30 am Sheila Heron  
 12:00 noon Izabel E. Marques da Silva  
 Patricia (Zyla) Dressler

**MONDAY** **October 16**  
 8:30 am Thomas Canavan, Jr.  
 Giovanna DiBiase  
 12:00 noon Dorothy Marchitello

**TUESDAY** **October 17**  
 8:30 am Charles Onwuka  
 Giovanna DiBiase  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses  
 Mederiros Family (Living)-Healing

**WEDNESDAY** **October 18**  
 8:30 am Giovanna DiBiase  
 Amoakon Mian  
 12:00 noon Lucy Sefia (Living)-Birthday  
 Novena of Masses

**THURSDAY** **October 19**  
 8:30 am Special Intentions  
 Giovanna DiBiase  
 12:00 noon Marie Janita Francillon  
 Espirita Boac (Living)-Birthday

**FRIDAY** **October 20**  
 8:30 am Carles C. Briones  
 Giovanna DiBiase  
 12:00 noon Henry Manzella (19th Ann.)  
 Victoria Phillips (Living)-Thanksgiving

**SATURDAY** **October 21**  
 8:30 am Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu (Living)  
 Fr. Miles Lopez (Living)  
 Manuel Toral  
 5:30 pm James McEnroe (Living)-Birthday  
 Joey Ruela, Giovanna DiBiase

**SUNDAY** **October 22**  
 7:30 am Charles Onwuka  
 For the Parishioners  
 9:00 am Lorenzo Rodriguez  
 Gilda & Andrew Tobia  
 Giovanna DiBiase  
 10:30 am Patrick Tyrone Phillips  
 12:00 noon Annuziata Bitetti, Alejandro Cruz

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.*

## NOVENA OF MASSES

**October 2023**

<p>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo                  James Ford, Sr.                  James Williamson                  Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families                  Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano                  George Rinehart, Jr.                  Marita Chisaokwu Nwaogu                  Michelene &amp; Joseph Kmetz                  Michelle Sumabat (Living)                  Att. David Leigh (Living)                  Abigaëlle Boulin (Living)                  Anthonia Emeana                  James Sipe (Living)                  Sofia Teixeira (Living)-Healing                  Georgina &amp; Abdon (Living)-5th Wedding Anniversary                  Benson &amp; Renzi Del Rosario &amp; Family (Living)                  Tom &amp; Heidi Esmores &amp; Family (Living)                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family                  George, Ruth &amp; Barbara Rinehart                  Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing                  Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living)                  Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (Living)                  Christopher, Mary Grace, Mary Kate Morlaes (Living)                  Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando,                  Landolfi, Siciliano &amp; LaManna Families                  Manuel Pereira Araujo &amp; Lucilia Sousa Araujo                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Furnari &amp;                  Potignano Families                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Del Rosario &amp;                  Perez Families                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Joseph &amp;                  Royal Families                  Melissa Famarin (Living) &amp; Chris Lomotan (Living)</p>	<p>Phil Matrale                  Jorge &amp; Hilda Criado                  Fritz Maddy                  Frank Rubinetti                  Artemia Tan                  Abe Maksom                  Ramon Valera                  Thomas Donohue                  Boniface Emeana                  Paulino Cruz                  Jerry Reyes                  Bernardo Boac</p>
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## PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Samantha Lopes, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Giovanna Di Biase, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Socorro Dagat, Denise Lucarello Aliseo, James Mariusiak, Theresa Ojeawere, Kathleen Sarno, Kathy Chavez, John McEvoy, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings

## 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.

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

## Ministry Happenings

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are no longer accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Call the Religious Education Office if you would like to be put on a waiting list for next year.

Religious Education begins in Grade 1 and continues through Grade 8. First Communion candidates must complete two years of Religious Education before receiving the sacrament. Confirmation is typically received in Grade 9 after completing the Religious Education program. **Missed years of Religious Education will require make-up assignments and assessment of readiness which may delay the reception of the sacrament in Grade 9.**

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**

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



The CYO / Youth Ministry welcomes all high school teens to our weekly Tuesday night meetings from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) of St. Michael's Church. Registration is ongoing and can be completed online at the following link: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2901791/>

### 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 our parish is in need for new candidates for the Eucharistic Ministry. 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 for all masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Terry Dziejczak at (908) 418-3730 or [dziejzict@comcast.net](mailto:dziejzict@comcast.net) and Deacon Michael Alfano at (201) 995-7211 or [michaeljalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.com).

### MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

The Mental Health Ministry was formed in recognition of the connection between spiritual and mental health. The Archdiocese identified that struggles with mental health come with personal struggles in faith and even disengagement from the Church. With this in mind, we have changed our name to Mind and Spirit Ministry, which aligns better with our goals of support for the Parish.

Our goal is to support the mind and spirit of parishioners from all ages and backgrounds who may have their spiritual health impacted by difficulties experienced in their daily life.

We've previously introduced "Blue Christmas" and our next step in support of parishioners is through spiritual support groups. These groups will be held for parishioners in attendance to share, reflect and pray together. We will also share a prayer in the bulletin each month dedicated to individual themes of mental health to remind us and those in need of God's grace and love.

#### Monthly Prayer

*This month represents the time of transition and isolation. The season change, the climate gets colder, and the night gets longer. For many parishioners we might be adjusting back to work or back to school and the time we have for others as well as the time we receive from others might be reducing. In this time of transition and loneliness we wanted to share with you a prayer to support you during times of need.*

**Heavenly Father, there are days when I feel that You have forgotten about me. When I need You most, it seems I cannot reach You. Yet I do believe, You are present during time of loneliness and when my heart feels empty. Teach me to find You even in my darkest hours. Amen.**

May these words be of comfort to you throughout this month. If there is an aspect of mental health that you would like to pray for, please feel free to email us at [ourmindsandspirit.com](mailto:ourmindsandspirit.com)

### LINEN MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church is in need of new ministers to join the Linen Ministry. The Linen Ministry provides clean altar linens used at masses and spiritual celebrations.

#### What do you need know to be a part of this worthwhile ministry?

- You need to have a washing machine and iron (no starch please).
- Based on the size of our team you can expect to be asked every 3 to 4 months to launder the clothes.
- The linens are washed and pressed. The linens are usually picked up on the weekend and returned within the week of pickup.
- A typical wash consists of approximately 50 to 75 altar clothes.

Consider joining the **Linen Ministry** it will be a rewarding experience for you knowing the linens you cleaned are adding to the beauty of our altar and the celebration.

If you are interested in joining the **Linen Ministry** or have questions, please call or email Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 [jpastewski@aol.com](mailto:jpastewski@aol.com)



### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

**COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PERSONALLY WITH ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH**  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

**DAY: Wednesday TIME: 6 PM-7:30 PM**  
**VENUE: Murphy Room, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

## Announcements

Join the **HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY** in celebrating "Giving Bear Sunday" every 3rd Sunday of the month. Look out for our Purple Bear in the vestibule with a basket for cards for family needs. Please stop by and pick a card or 2 to help ensure the ministries inventory never dries up. The HUGS Ministry services 50 families in our parish and community by giving out Grace Bags monthly to mothers and children-newborn to age 5.



### SAVE THE DATE

### HEALING MASS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 at 11:00 am**  
**At the Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

Refreshments will be provided after the Mass

Please RSVP to the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 by **October 19th**



### 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 [michaeljalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.

### WINDCREEK CASINO TRIP

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

Cost: \$35, return \$25 in slot play  
Bus leave St. Michael's Parking Lot at 9:30 am

Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232, ext 100 for more information.



### WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) **DANCE/EXERCISE** Class  
the Family

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

### SAVE THE DATE

### BLUE AND WHITE MASS

On **Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:00 am**, St. Michael's Church will be having a combined Blue and White Mass dedicated to all our first responders and healthcare workers. Please invite friends and family as we pay them tribute and offer prayers for blessings and protection for their service and commitment to the public safety and health. There is no registration required. You are welcome to wear your uniform. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact  
Parish Office: (908) 688-1232, ext. 100  
David Bernot (908)472-8858  
Cynthia Grandeza (908)591-1065



### SOLD OUT- WAIT LIST ONLY

Bus trip to Sight & Sound to see Miracle of Christmas on December 21, 2023. Bus leaves at 7:15 am. Breakfast snack and lunch included. Cost: \$155.00. Treat yourself to a spiritual Christmas present. Please call the Parish Center for more information. 908-688-1232, ext. 110.

### THANK YOU

The Union Knight so Columbus 4504 would like to extend their deepest appreciation to St. Michael's Church Parishioners. They were very gracious with their donations at the Saturday and Sunday Masses recently towards our Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

If any parishioners would like to make any additional donations, they can do so by sending to 1034 Jeanette Ave. , Union, NJ 07083. Attention: Intellectual Disabilities Drive Chairman