



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

APRIL 23, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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*

**Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone**  
*Principal*

**Mrs. MaryJo Sipe**  
*Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper*

**Mrs. Clare Andriola &  
Mrs. Lois Scanio**  
*Religious Education*

**Ms. Cristina Manochio  
Mr. Joseph Santillo**  
*Youth Ministry*

**Ms. Fran Engleman &  
Mr. Patrick B. Phillips**  
*Music Ministry*

**Mr. Tiago Rodrigues**  
*Property Manager*

**Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Charles McDermott**

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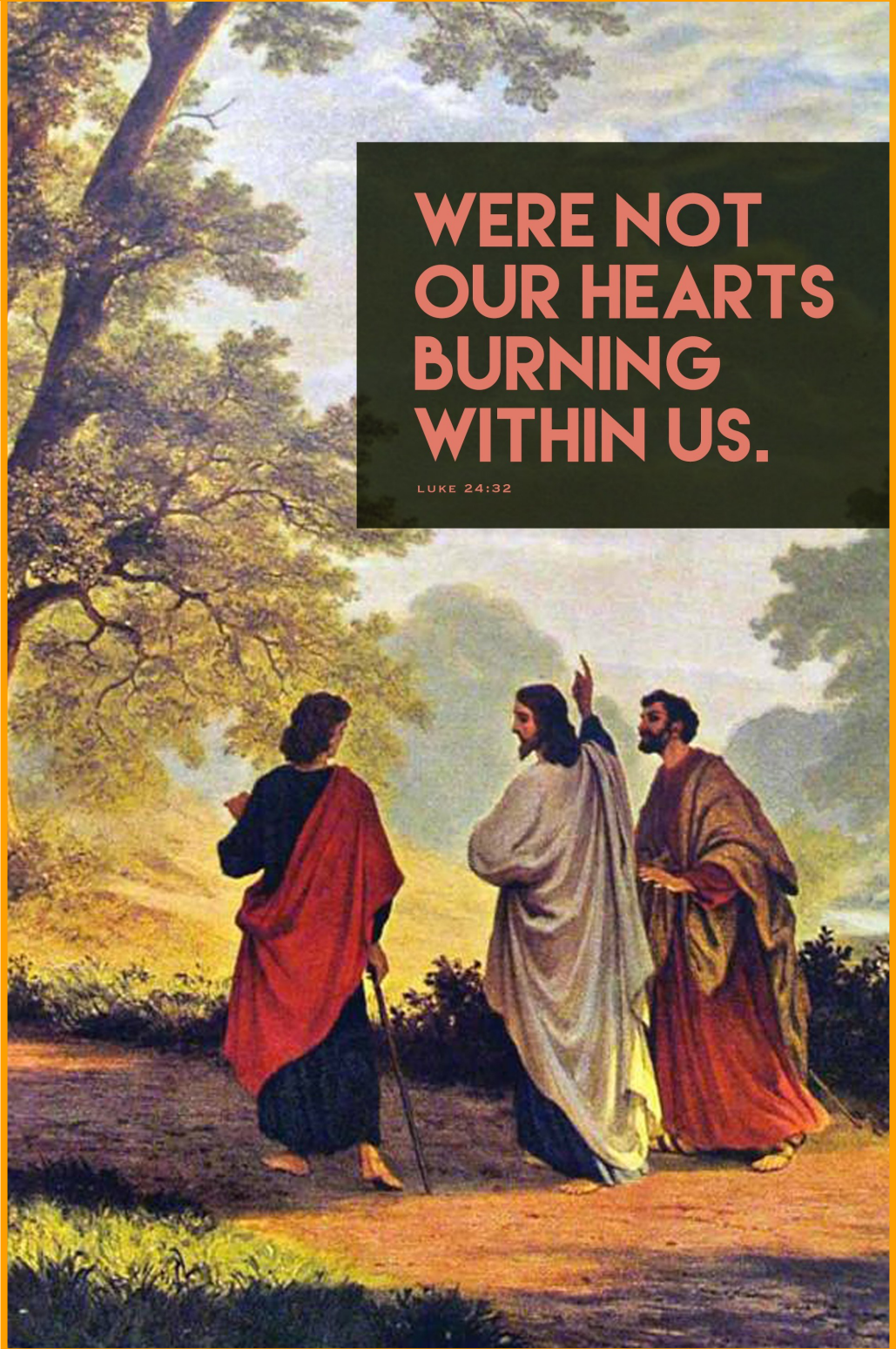


*Mission*

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.

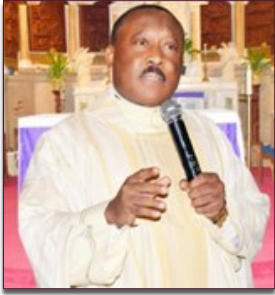
WERE NOT  
OUR HEARTS  
BURNING  
WITHIN US.

LUKE 24:32



## Message From *The Pastor's Desk*

### “St Michael’s Church, UNION OF SAINTS AND NATIONS (USAN) 2023



#### **My dear Parishioners,**

When I began my ministry as the pastor of this Church in July of 2017, there were so many fundraising events, with one ticket or the other being sold in the Vestibule of the Church, which

ultimately became a distraction in our worship environment, over-tasked our volunteers, and didn't raise funds needed to alleviate our burden. I did not like this for our parish. So, in prayer, we devised a way to approach fundraising for our Parish—a single fundraising event each year, named “St Michael’s Church, UNION OF SAINTS AND NATIONS (USAN) Fundraiser.”

For two years now, we have successfully run this fundraiser for the betterment of our parish. Now, the time is again upon us to run this year’s campaign.

**Purpose:** To make sure we balance our budget for this year, convert the heating system in the Parish Center and the Rectory buildings from oil to gas (which will save us a tremendous amount of money in the nearest future), and have some savings to take care of emergencies, as a protective measure for the parish.

**Goal:** As usual, we aim to raise \$100,000.00 (One hundred thousand dollars) for this fiscal year ending June 30th, 2023.

**Group Formation:** As we have done in the past, we will need to form a minimum of 50 groups, each with a facilitator, for us to succeed.

A group can be formed by randomly assigning 50 or more parishioners into a group (The Parish office will help take care of this).

An individual, a couple, a family, or friends held together by some common interest like religious devotion, socio-cultural background, or national allegiance, can also form a group.

Groups are named after an individual, a family, a saint, an association, a state, or a country. Groups can also recruit members from family, co-workers, and friends, or even choose to be a stand-alone group.

Each open group is led by a facilitator who coordinates the group's fundraising efforts to meet the targeted minimum amount of \$2,000 (Two thousand dollars).

Each group needs to develop its own creative initiatives to raise money to meet this goal. (Many families and individuals who choose to be stand-alone groups write a check for the target amount to the church). Other groups organize some fundraising events or ask for a minimal contribution from their 50-plus members to meet their target, etc. The sky is the limit regarding creating creative ventures to meet your goal. Members are to do whatever is necessary to ensure their group effort's success.

All monies gifted to this campaign are tax deductible.

#### **Group Facilitators:**

Without group facilitators, this project would not work out as planned. Facilitators are parishioners who, in the goodness of their hearts, have volunteered to chair a group to ensure the success of this mission. We need a minimum of 50 facilitators to succeed. Please, consider it in your heart to become a group facilitator. It is a powerful show of support for the parish. We need you! Facilitators coordinate the activities of group members to come up with ideas on how to raise the targeted base amount of \$2,000 and lead their groups to execute the plan. It is their duty to remit collected funds to the “Group Coordinator” or to the parish office, every week.

**Groups Coordinators:** There are two “Group-Coordinators.” Each “Group Coordinator” is

## Stewardship of Treasure

assigned a minimum of 25 Group Facilitators to supervise and keep account of all monies remitted by group facilitators who are under their watch.

### Different ways to remit a donation

Submit a donation to your group facilitator.

Mail donation to parish office using an envelope marked USAN 2023.

Drop off donations at the parish center or in any of the collection boxes in the Church Vestibule in an envelope marked "USAN 2023". Be sure to have your name, group name, or group number on the envelope.

Use our church online giving in our website, [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) or Zelle to [stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net) and write USAN 2023 in the comment.

All checks and money orders are to be made payable to St. Michael's Church, and write "USAN" and group name in the Memo.

### Duration of fundraiser:

This year's fundraiser will actively begin on May 1, 2023, and officially end on July 31, 2023. You can continue to remit money through Sept 31, 2023.

For more information, please call the office at (908) 688-1232 or talk to any priests, Cynthia Grandeza, or a "Group Facilitator."

I urge all our parishioners to stand tall and steadfast and commit to this blessed effort. We can accomplish any goal if we do it together. The good news is that we can, and by the grace of God, we will. At this point, our motto is forward ever, backward never.

In the vestibule of the Church, you will see the Plaques for the past two years of our USAN Mission with the names of the various groups and their facilitators. We intend to create a history out of this venture because it is proving to be a life-wire for the survival of our parish.

Please pray that the good Lord may grant success to the work of our hands.

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

"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

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
<b>APRIL</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,889	\$ 1,810
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 2,487	\$ 4,592
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,239	\$ 160
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$10,647	\$ 607
Easter Collection	\$23,000	\$25,162	\$2,162
Easter Flowers	\$ 3,675	\$ 2,489	\$1,186

**My dear Church family,**

**Our Church looked very beautiful on Easter Sunday and still does. If you wish to make monetary donations to cover the cost of the flowers and plants, please use electronic giving, Zelle ([stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net)) or the Easter Flowers donation envelope.**

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

**Msgr. Anselm**



### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

<b>2023 Base Goal:</b>	<b>\$38,962</b>
<b>2023 Stretch Goal:</b>	<b>\$46,240</b>
<b>As of:</b>	<b>4/18/23</b>
<b>Donor Pledge:</b>	<b>\$45,125</b>
<b>Donor Received:</b>	<b>\$33,894</b>

# Mass Intentions & Novenas

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:30 pm	<b>April 22</b> Leonel Silva Mary Ann Canavan Reynaldo Ticzon
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>April 23</b> For the Parishioners Donna Horning Parmley & Kirk Family (Living)-Protection Sofia Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving Vane Kadiri (Living)-Thanksgiving Alejandro T. Cruz
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>April 24</b> Novena of Masses Fidela Dagat Elaine Dempsey
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>April 25</b> Donald Neil Silvey Vicente & Rosario Vibar Cyril Nwako (Living)-Birthday
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>April 26</b> Novena of Masses David Spina Georgina Colon Regina & Silvilio Lucas
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>April 27</b> Guillerma Oliver Maria Tavares
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>April 28</b> Tess Boac Ena Delarmente
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>April 29</b> Novena of Masses Manuel De Oliveira Manuel Caram Reynaldo Ticzon
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>April 30</b> Manuel Fazendeiro For the Parishioners Deceased Members of Jamisola & Galgo Families Rodrigo Gancia (Living) Cyril Nwako (Living) Charismatic Group=Success of Life in Spirit

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

*The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki, in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.*

### 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.

## NOVENA OF MASSES

**APRIL 2023**

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Rosemary Hunt
Fritz Maddy	Jorge J. Criado
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Artemia Tan
Tess Boac (Living)-healing	Abe Maksom
George Rinehart, Jr.	Craig Calix (Living)
Louie Ozimek	Aurora Sandoval
Frank Ozimek	Angelito Sandoval
Stanley Skoczylas (Living)	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	
Isabella Esmores (Living)-Healing	
Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)	
Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living)	
Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (Living)	
Joseph Pflieger (Living)-healing	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Czapla, Leniart & McMahan Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Thomas J. McEnroe, Sr. Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Del Rosario & Perez Families	

## PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Julia Asfalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Harry Vendemia, David Randolph, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Doug Heinzer, William Grant, Cesar DeJesus, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, George Leary, 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, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Angelina Amali, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Samantha Lopes, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Harry Benbemia, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Byron Belmonte

## Ministry Happenings

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Clare Andriola**

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education  
**Lois Scanio**

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).

Our First Communion Masses are scheduled as follows:

- \* Saturday, April 29 – 5:30 PM Mass
- \* Sunday, April 30 – 10:30 AM Mass
- \* Sunday, May 7 – 9 AM Mass & 12 PM Mass

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



Unfortunately, our Charity Volleyball Tournament with Roselle Catholic High School's Campus

Ministry will be postponed to the end of May. Instead, CYO teens can join us in the St. Michael's School Gym this Tuesday from 7:00pm-9:00pm for a fun game of Pillow Hockey! All teens are welcome to play for \$20 and the cost will be \$5 for spectators. The doors will open at 6:30pm for warmup. Snacks and soft drinks will be sold separately. If anyone wishes to play who is not yet on a team, please email us at [cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com).



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.



### WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE Class  
For the Family

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

### 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 Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email [jpastewski@aol.com](mailto:jpastewski@aol.com)

### MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

We posted an announcement at end of summer 2022 to introduce Mental Health Ministry to St. Michael's Church. Further to the announcement we hosted an evening in December called "Blue Christmas" to support mental well-being over the holiday period with the commencement of the support group service scheduled to arrive in early 2023.

While we are keen to commence with Mental Health Ministry, we are currently waiting for the Archdiocese of Newark to give the go-ahead before we announce a start date for the group service. We will update you with a further announcement in due course.

### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry distributes **GRACE Bags** once a month throughout the year. We are presently helping 39 families.

**Please continue to help us replenish our inventory.**

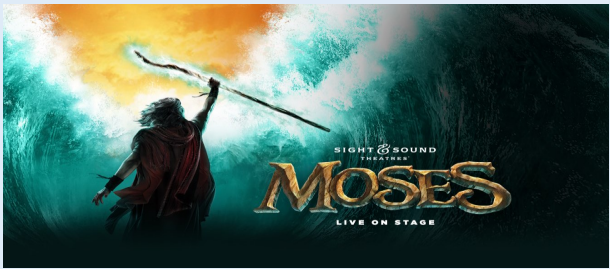
Contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420-8659** for more information on how you can help.

### 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



Trip to **Sight & Sound** to see **Moses**, **Tuesday, July 18, 2023**. Bus will be at the parking lot at 7:15 am for departure at 7:30 am sharp.  
**Cost: \$150** per person, which includes breakfast snack, 11:00 am show, lunch at 2:30 pm at Miller's Smorgasbord and Gift Shop. We will depart for home at 4:30 pm.  
 If interested, please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232, ext. 100.

## HEALING MASS

### April 29, 2023

The Healing Mass will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Phil Matrale 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 off into the collection basket or give to an usher or call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232. ext. 100. It is very important that you register so that we will 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 April 25th**. If you have questions, please reach out to Deacon Mike Cavallo at DeaconMikeCavallo@gmail.com.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We will need a ride:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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</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:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>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:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT THE PARISH CENTER</b></p> <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>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>

## COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Our debut Coffee & Fellowship Sunday was such a success! Thank you to all members of Social Committee, volunteers and our generous donors.

Our next fellowship, after the masses will be on **Sunday, May 20, 2023**.

## 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**.