



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

June 11, 2023

CORPUS CHRISTI

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

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Property Manager

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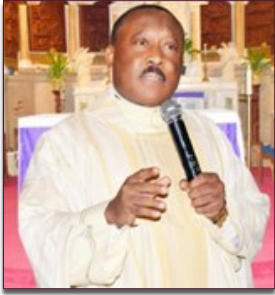
Eternal Life

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.

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Jesus and the Life He Gives



Our internet and social media age has made it possible for the self-help industry to blossom, with a barrage of advice and information concerning just about any problem. From the best trick for losing weight to being happier in life, there are hundreds of experts dosing out contradicting advice on any issue under the face of the sun. This industry has prospered because many people are in search of the life they want. Sometimes, we wonder if this is all there is to life and if this is as good as it gets. Many are depressed, and many feel hopeless, for in spite of our best efforts, we sometimes continue to live less than fully alive. Despite the presence of family and friends, we still find no place in this world in which we really belong.

In today's gospel (John 6:51-58), Jesus declares, in a very blunt way, that there is a treatment for our restless condition and food for our hunger, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you." These are very serious words; words that haunt and challenge our faith to the core, just as they challenged the crowd that heard Him say them. But St. Ignatius called the Eucharist, "the medicine of immortality." What this means is that wherever human hunger and thirst meet the body and blood of Jesus Christ, there is life and life eternal.

My friends, receiving the most precious Body and Blood of Christ is like a one-stop solution for the hunger and thirst of the human heart. As the "medicine of immortality", one dose of it is not enough. We need a steady dose to remain connected to the source of eternal salvation for in receiving Holy Communion, Jesus comes to live in us, and we live in him. We consume his life, his

love, his mercy, his forgiveness, his way of being, his compassion, his presence, his power, his riches, his wisdom, his strength, his honor, his glory, his blessings, and his relationship with the Father, and He, in turn, consumes and changes our lives. In other words, we are eating and drinking our way into life and life eternal. No wonder, when Christ asked the apostles, "Do you also wish to go away?", after the crowd left him because of their lack of faith, Peter responded, "Lord, where shall we go, for you have the word of eternal life, and we have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The question that Christ asked the apostles is one that lingers for us today: Do we also want to abandon receiving the precious Body and Blood of Christ because this teaching is just too hard for us to understand, too radical, too life-changing, too out there? Are we looking for evidence that Holy Communion is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ? If that be the case, we, indeed, have a great challenge of faith because the mystery of God is designed to satisfy those who trust and believe God to be faithful to His promises. Like the apostles, we need to trust that God' word is truth, as Scripture says, "Every promise of God is yes in God and amen unto us, in Christ Jesus." So, living our lives, as Christians, while at the same time doubting God, is not a very wise thing to do. As the saying goes, "Life is wider than logic." The Eucharist is designed to restore us to the right relationship with the Father and with one another and to transform us so that we might experience the abundance of life. Happy Corpus Christi!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

2023 UNION OF SAINTS & NATIONS (USAN)

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 or Zelle to 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, David Bernot 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
JUNE			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,844	\$ 235
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 6,549	\$ 3,491

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

2023 Base Goal:	\$38,962
2023 Stretch Goal:	\$46,240
As of:	5/30/2023
Donor Pledge:	\$49,080
Donor Received:	\$39,311

Thank You!

I would like to thank all my friends and parishioners for making my 30th Anniversary to the Priesthood celebration so special and meaningful.

Fr. Miles

6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—
stmichaelunion.org

BANK TRANSFER:

Zelle
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.

CONTACT FREE:

QR CODE



Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page

MAIL IN:



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **June 10**
 5:30 pm Genevieve Karwowski
 Thomas Schefter (20th Ann.)

SUNDAY **June 11**
 7:30 am Julian Pruszkowski
 Melita Cocjin (Living)-Birthday
 Filippo Terriaca, Raymond Williamson (1st Ann.)
 9:00 am Ray V. Gancia, For the Parishioners
 10:30 am Antonio De Pinho Landeira, Anna Skoczylas,
 12:00 noon Jose & Lucille Arnaldo

MONDAY **June 12**
 8:30 am Robert Vilela
 Reynaldo & Concepcion Tizcon
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses
 Jeff & Theresa Pogorzelski (Living) 41st Wed-
 ding Ann

TUESDAY **June 13**
 8:30 am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
 Maggy & Mike Corkery (Living)
 31st Wedding Ann.
 12:00 noon St. Anthony Intentions
 Alphonse & Cecilia Klipfel

WEDNESDAY **June 14**
 8:30 am Thanksgiving to Infant of Jesus of Prague
 12:00 noon Michael Onwuka (Living)-Healing

THURSDAY **June 15**
 8:30 am Novena of Masses
 Mimose Mevs (Living)-Thanksgiving
 12:00 noon Victoria Nworu (Living)-Healing

FRIDAY **June 16**
 8:30 am Fidelia Dagat (3rd Ann.)
 12:00 noon Antonio Baldassarre, Jorge J. Criado-2nd Ann.)

SATURDAY **June 17**
 8:30 am Antonio Briones, Jose R. Guevarra
 5:30 pm Joseph McEnroe, Thomas McEnroe

SUNDAY **June 18**
 7:30 am Jose Arnaldo, Stanley Sipe,
 Douglas Sipe (Living)
 9:00 am Novena of Masses for All Fathers
 Irene Endler, Manuel Pereira Araujo
 Novena of Masses for All Fathers
 10:30 am Maximilian Teophil Leon, Anthony Marchitello
 Henry & Anna Mendoza (Living)-Thanksgiving
 Novena of Mass for All Fathers
 12:00 noon For the Parishioners, Florencio Roque, Jr.
 Novena of Masses for All Fathers

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine are offered for Raymond Williamson (1st Ann.), requested by the Scanio Family.
The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucille Arnaldo.

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 Lucille Lacson Arnaldo

NOVENA OF MASSES

June 2023

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Rosemary Hunt
Fritz Maddy	Jorge J. Criado
Pierre & Rubineti Families	Frank Rubineti
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Artemia Tan
Taisha Mathieu (Living)	Abe Maksom
George Rinehart, Jr.	Craig Calix (Living)
Louie Ozimek	Aurora Sandoval
Frank Ozimek	Angelito Sandoval
Romulo Garcia	Joanne Young
Kathleen Boetsch (Living)	Vernice John
Alexander Boulin (Living)	Mary Serrant
Kim Herbert (Living)-Healing	
Michelle Sumabat (Living)-Healing	
Zetma Toussaint (Living)-Healing	
Marie Jean Panis (Living)-Healing	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz	
Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)	
Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living)	
Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (Living)	
Bruce & Ingrid DeRosier & Family (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Del Rosario & Perez Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Onyenanu & Durugo Families	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Mary Ann Flynn, Barbara Lombardi, Julia Asfalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claudette 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, Giovanna Di Biase, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Byron Belmote, Socorro Dagat, Denise Lucarello Aliseo, James Mariusiak

Ministry Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The **May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary** was held on Wednesday evening, May 17. We are so proud of our **1st Communicants** and the enthusiasm they displayed as Fr. Miles engaged them in a prayer of consecration to our Blessed Mother. We especially thank **Kyleigh Tavares, Nicolas Nunez, Olivia Roberts, Victoria Protacio** and **Giovanni Reyes** who each led a decade of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary; and **Victoria Kuszniar** and **Julien Salazar** who crowned our Blessed Mother.

Thanks, also, to those who contributed their time and talents to make the evening a memorable one: **Fran Engleman, Mihaela Lopez, Cynthia Kolby, Joe Alfano** and **Bruce Riccitelli** (Music Ministry), **Shella Magno** and **Chinwe Melie** (Media Ministry), **Cheryl Thompson** (Photography) and **Aida Mendez-Boud, Lisa Perez** and **Lois Scanio** who prepared the children. Finally, a sincere thank you to **Gina** from **"More Than A Gift"** florist -located just blocks from the Church on Vauxhall Road - who donated **Mary's crown** and more than **100 blue and white carnations** that the children placed at the altar. We are so grateful for her generosity!

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.

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank all of its members for an amazing year! Congratulations to all of our seniors who are graduating, and we wish you the best of luck! We wish everyone a safe, healthy and fun summer and we look forward to seeing the rest of our members back in September!

For those in grades 9-12 interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a Confirmation Information Session on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall.

LINEN MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church is in need of new ministers to join the Linen Ministry. The Linen Ministry provides clean alter 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 alter 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 alter and the celebration.

If you are interested in joining the **Linen Ministry** or have .questions, please call or email

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.



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



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE Class For the Family

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



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. Please be remember if you paid by cash bring your receipt.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS



Thank you to Victoria Oyakhione, David Bernot, Yakima Williams, Babs Ordonez, Malou Morales & Cheryl Thompson for your handwork and generosity.

Our next coffee & fellowship will be on **Sunday, June 18, 2023** and every third Sunday of the month thereafter.

Those who wish to volunteer and serve at the fellowship, please call the parish office (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 or Cynthia Grandeza (908) 591-1065.

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The following activities are being planned to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael:

Friday, September 29th - Dinner Dance at Galloping Hill Caterers from 7-11
 Saturday, September 30th - Feast Day Festival from 12-5
 Sunday, October 1st - Musical Concert at 3 pm

Please contact Christine Parmenter at caparmenter23@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer at the Festival. More details to follow.

St. Michael's Parish 2023 Vacation Bible School Registration July 24 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm)

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Please circle: Boy Girl

Address: _____

School child attends: _____ Grade child will start in September: _____

Parent Name and Signature : _____

Parent's Phone #: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
 (Name) (Phone) (Relationship)

Please circle any of the following your child is allergic to: Dairy Peanuts Bee Stings

Does your child have any special concerns we should be aware of?
 This includes any allergies, diabetes, etc.

Pictures from Bible School are used on our website for advertising and on our Church Bulletin Boards. No names or personal information is ever used or given out on any child.

If you **do not** want pictures of your child used sign here. _____

Registration fee is \$60.00 (Cash or Check) Total Enclosed _____

All children will receive a Bible School T-Shirt

Circle Child's T-Shirt Size:

Sm Med Large

Please return this form to the St. Michael's Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave) in person or by mail. If mailed, please put St. Michael's Vacation Bible School on envelope.

Youth Ministry Office Phone #: (908) 688-1232 Ext. 3 Email: cyouionnjj@gmail.com