



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

September 10,

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

## 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*

**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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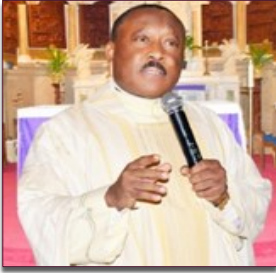
For where  
two or three are  
gathered together  
*in my name,*  
there am I in the  
midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20

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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.



### **The Duty to Pray for Others**

My friends, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year A, the second reading (Romans 13:8-10) enjoins us to owe nothing to anyone except love—the duty of care. That is to say, no matter the nature of the relationship we have with people, there are certain things we owe them as a matter of divine obligation. One such debt that we owe is the duty to pray for others.

You see, where we are today in life is not just the product of our efforts and talents alone but also of the prayers that have been offered on our behalf by our parents, siblings, relatives, co-workers, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, etc. Whenever we gather together, like during Mass, First Friday Sacred Heart Devotions, First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesday night Eucharistic exposition and Rosary, etc., we have the tremendous opportunity to affect people's lives; to help others deal with their situations, reach their goals, overcome their tribulations, have breakthroughs in their lives, and, in many ways, reach their God-given destinies and potentials. The Bible says, "Whatever two or three of you gather and agree in my Name, I will so decree in heaven." Scripture is full of stories about people who were brought to Jesus for healing by others, and they got healed; people who, otherwise, would never have experienced the mercy of God.

There are so many people around us who are feel so dejected, abandoned, drugged, and hopeless that they are not able to pray for themselves, and their only hope for grace from the Lord is through someone else's prayers. Our prayer for others can be very powerful.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we read about how Harold, noticing how pleased the people were after he killed James, decided to kill Peter too. The Bible says that the community of the faithful went into prayer for Peter, and the consequence was that, at midnight, an angel of the Lord came to Peter, untied him, and led him out of prison, unseen. The angels of God do go to work when we pray for others. In the book of Revelation, we read that heaven became silent for 30 minutes when the angel of God brought forth the petitions of God's people to the Heavenly throne. Why? Because God was listening!

My friends, God is always in need of Christians willing to stand in the breach for His people. So, do what you can to Join us for 1st Sunday and 1st Friday Eucharistic adorations and Wednesday Rosary devotions as we use these prayer times to stand in the breach for others while at the same time sowing seeds of grace for ourselves; seeds that God uses to prepare people to stand in the gap for us in the time of our own need. May the good Lord grant us the grace to become part of these devotions, Amen!

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your families.

On behalf of our pastor Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, we would like to give you an update on our UNION of SAINTS and NATIONS FUNDRAISER 2023 ( USAN 2023 ), which is our church's sole annual fundraiser.

At present, we only have 38 groups formed with 38 facilitators or group leaders. We need to form a minimum of 50 groups to be able to achieve our fundraising goal of **\$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand)**. Each group is to raise \$2,000.00. We have raised **\$57,831** so far for this campaign period.

Thank you to all who have already responded. For those who have not, please consider being a facilitator or choose to belong to any formed groups or any new groups that will be formed.

For questions, please contact:

Parish Office 908-688-1232  
Cynthia Grandeza 908-591-1065  
David Bernot 908-472-8858

May our good Lord give us the grace to commit to do everything possible to be a part of this blessed effort for the sustenance of our church. We hope and pray for the success of this campaign and may God grant us this blessing.

Your brother and sister in Christ,  
David and Cynthia  
USAN COORDINATORS

"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>SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>Week 1</b>	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,340	\$ 1,261
<b>Week 2</b>	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
<b>Week 3</b>	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
<b>Week 4</b>	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	\$10,040	\$ 5,624	\$ 4,416

*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*

## 6 Ways To DONATE

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

### ARE YOU GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER?

Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please do not take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to our website, [stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org), to sign up for electronic giving. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away.

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<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/newsletter-archive>

# Mass Intentions & Novenas

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** **September 9**  
 8:30 am Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing  
 James Williamson  
 5:30 pm Roger Boetsch  
 Michelina Di Fabrizio  
 Amoakin Mian (Living)-Healing  
 Joe & Jeannette Cantalupo (Living)

**SUNDAY** **September 10**  
 7:30 am For the Parishioners, Angel Meribe  
 Antonia & Anthony Meribe  
 Amoakin Main (Living)-Healing  
 9:00 am Manuel Pereira Araujo  
 Ramon & Araceli Cartagena (Living)-40th Wedding Ann.  
 10:30 am Ogozi Achonu (2nd Ann.)  
 Anna Mendoa (Living), Carmen M. Gancia  
 12:00 noon Alex & Betty Wrafter  
 Sefia Tutor Students (Living)

**MONDAY** **September 11**  
 8:30 am Amoakin Mian (Living)-Healing, Joey Ruela,  
 Ramon Climaco (Living)-Healing  
 12:00 noon Sabinus Ihediwa  
 Antonio DePinho Landeira  
 Lisa & Joe Villa (Living)-31 Wedding Ann.

**TUESDAY** **September 12**  
 8:30 am Novena of Masses  
 Jose Joseph & Rosalyn Abraham (Living)-Wedding Ann  
 Jose Joseph & Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 12:00 noon Kosiso Akpaji (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Joey Ruela  
 Amoakin Mian (Living)-Healing

**WEDNESDAY** **September 13**  
 8:30 am Amoakin Mian (Living)-Healing  
 Cipriano & Mercedes Rigor  
 Luz Gonzales (Living)-Birthday  
 12:00 noon Mannelia Caram, Joey Ruela

**THURSDAY** **September 14**  
 8:30 am Giuseppe Pontoriero  
 Ugomma Nworu (Living)-Healing  
 12:00 noon Joey Ruela  
 Amoakin Mian (Living)-Healing

**FRIDAY** **September 15**  
 8:30 am Joey Ruela  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses

**SATURDAY** **September 16**  
 8:30 am Joey Ruela  
 5:30 pm Policarpio de Leon, Carmelita Magno  
 Joey Ruela

**SUNDAY** **September 17**  
 7:30 am Albert S. Phillips (55th Ann.)  
 Clarita de Leon (Living)-88th Birthday  
 9:00 am For the Parishioners, Joey Ruela  
 10:30 am Karminna Ezpeleta (Living)  
 12:00 noon Cyril, Clementina, Janerita, Heinrietta,  
 & Elizabeth Nwako (Living)-Thanksgiving

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered by Ramon & Araceli Cartagena & Family.*

## NOVENA OF MASSES

**September 2023**

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo James Ford, Sr. James Williamson Pierre & Rubinetti Families Mary & Idolo Russomano George Rinehart, Jr. Marita Chisaokwu Nwaogu Micheline & Joseph Kmetz Michelle Sumabat (Living) Cecilia Malacaman All Souls in Purgatory Magdalena Moreno Cruz Christopher, Alexander, Abigaelle, & Matthew Boulin (Living) Dittemer & Silva Family (Living) Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing Ugonna Nworu (Living)-Healing Miam Amjokaw (Living)-Healing Carmen Weiner (Living)-Healing Amoakon Mian (Living)-Healing Kosisot & Chinedu Akporji (Living) Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living) Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living) Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (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 Living & Deceased Members of Chika Nwosaha Family Living & Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemere Family	Phil Matrale Jorge J. Criado Fritz Maddy Frank Rubinetti Artemia Tan Abe Maksom Ramon Valera Thomas Donohue Jorge J. Criado Noah Legaspi Marie Filipe
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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

## 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 Joseph Ingaro, Susan M. Cavallo,  
 Margaret Maltese, Marie Rose Benjamin, Jack Foster**

## Ministry Happenings

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**REGISTRATION FOR 2023/2024 – Classes begin the week of September 17. A \$25 late fee will be incurred for registrations after that date.** Call the Religious Education Office if you need assistance. Registration for in-person classes will not be accepted after October 15.

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.**

If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. Special classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.

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 would like to welcome all high school teens to our first meeting of the school year on **September 12th from 7:00pm-8:30pm** in the Phil Matrale Hall of St. Michael's Church. Please use the Orange Avenue entrance and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

### 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 Dziedzic at (908) 418-3730 or [dziedzic@comcast.net](mailto:dziedzic@comcast.net) and Deacon Michael Alfano at (201) 995-7211 or [michaeljalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.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)

### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry distributes **GRACE Bags** once a month throughout the year. We are presently helping over **50 families**. Every third Sunday of the month we will be collecting donations in the Church vestibule. A big teddy bear will be placed in the vestibule with stickers attached with our needs.

**Please continue to help us replenish our nventory.**  
Contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420- 8659**

### 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)**



### 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



## BEGINNING OF THE YEAR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**Sunday, September 10, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**  
**St. Michael's Church, Union, NJ**

Come & Encounter Jesus!  
An evening of Eucharistic Adoration  
Praise and Worship Music; and  
Physical & Spiritual Healing Encounter

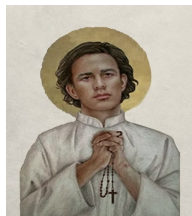
All are welcome and bring a friend.



## ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Please join us for the Feast of St. Michael Annual Dinner Dance on September 29, 2023, 7:00-11:00 pm at The Galloping Hill Caterers. Cost: \$60, Buffet Dinner, Dessert & Dancing Only 130 tickets are available (Tables of 10) now being sold at the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100.

After August 20th, tickets will be sold at the Church.



## Annual celebration of the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila The first Filipino Saint

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Daily Novena will start on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 after the 8:30 am Mass on weekdays and Saturdays and before the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

Reception and fellowship after the Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)



## WINDCREEK CASINO TRIP Tuesday, September 19, 2023

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

Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232 for more information.

## COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Our next Coffee & Fellowship Sunday will be  
September 17, 2023.



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.

## Knights of Columbus – Union Council #4504

WELCOME ALL PARISHNORS AND FAMILIES

### Knights of Columbus Annual Family Picnic 2023

Sunday September 17, 2023

12pm to 5pm

1034 Jeanette Avenue Union, NJ 07083

Tickets: \$50 for a Family of 4  
\$25 for 2; \$15 individual  
(Children 5 and under are free)

Entry includes: BBQ lunch- Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Chicken, Salad, Cash Bar Available  
For the Kids: Bounce House, Inflatable Slide and Board-walk Games

Tickets MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE by Wed. 9/13/23 by visiting the Columbian Club.