



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

1212 KELLY ST, UNION, NEW JERSEY 07083

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

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This is my *chosen* Son



Listen to *Him*.

LUKE 9:35

LENT: A Time to Reset



My dear friends, as we continue our Lenten journey, the 2nd reading of this 2nd Sunday of Lent (Philippians 3:17-4:1) tells us not to “follow those who conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ, because their end is destruction; their God is their stomach; their glory is in their shame; and their minds are occupied with earthly things”. It goes on to remind us that “our citizenship is in heaven” (Cf verses 19-21). So, this reading is calling us to reorder our priorities and to reset our hearts. My friends, Lenten fast is exactly designed to do that.

There are two types of Lenten fast that resets the heart—the things we need to “**fast from**” and the things we need to “**fast into**”, or “**binge on**”, so to say. Scripture urges us to “Rend our heart, not our garments”, because it is the things that come from the heart that defiles us. So, when it comes to “**Fasting From**”, our priority needs to focus on those things that hold us back from being close to God and that drain the energy needed to live life fully. We are talking about things like anger, rage, bitterness, hate, wrath, retribution, and unforgiving spirit, for these do nothing for us but deprive us of God’s love and grace, and pollute, poison, and cause bitterness in our souls; things like envy, jealousy, grudge, regrets, self-deprecation, misery, self-pity, and living in past mistakes for these only reward us with more negativity; things like malice, slander, calumny, gossip, castigation, and bearing false witnesses which in the long run only comes back to haunt us; things like procrastination, excuses, and unreasonable fear which only creates paralysis for what needs to be done today; things like brawling, reviling, yelling, deeming, bigotry, discrimination, looking and speaking down on others, which only hurts people emotionally and

spiritually, and grieves the Holy Spirit. My friends, behaviors like these are the things we need to fast from. They reside in the heart, defile the human soul, and make us enemies of God.

But for our Lenten fast to be complete, we also need to **fast into or binge** on other behaviors, for Scripture says, “Is this not the kind of fasting that I desire: to loosen the chains of injustice, break every yoke, set the oppressed free, share your food with the hungry, provide the poor wanderer with shelter, clothe the naked [and] “edify with your speech” (Isaiah 58:6-11, Ephesians 4:29). So, in our fast, we must also reach out and touch humanity with compassion, empathy, and love; stand up for what is right, for what is just, for what is fair, and for what is noble. Our words need to bless, build, uplift, foster, encourage, comfort, appreciate, edify, and console others. Our eyes need to be conditioned to see the best; our words edify the soul; our hearts forgive the worst; our minds forget the bad, and our spirit celebrate the good and honorable. We need to be grateful and thankful for what we have, no matter how small; live in such a way as to live in joy and peace, not letting anyone drag us into endless and useless arguments, fights, quarrels, and negativity; and to do all we can to stay reconciled with God, with our neighbor, and with the self. This is what constitutes a 360-degree fasting that is sure to redeem and to save.

May we find courage, during this Lent, to do the needful and to develop a good relationship with God, as we grow into better versions of ourselves, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5- Distribution of Ashes
8:30 am, 12:00 noon, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11
7:00 pm, Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, April 12, 1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Distribution of the Palms at all Masses
Saturday, April 12 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon

Wednesday of the Week, April 16

Penance Service with Individual Confession 7:00 – 8:30 pm
No Confession on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Vigil & Adoration

Good Friday, April 18

8:30 am- Morning Prayer
2:00 pm – Walking Stations of the Cross around town
3:30 pm – Celebration of the Passion
7:30 pm – CYO Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:30 am – Morning Prayer/Reflections
12:00 noon – Blessing of the Food
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil
No Confession/No 5:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Easter Monday, April 21

Mass at 9:00 am

*"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

	<u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL WEEKLY</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
MARCH			
Week 1	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,036	\$ 425
Week 2	\$ 8,461	\$ 9,236	\$ 775
Week 3	\$ 8,461	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 8,461	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$11,425	\$ 9,151	\$ 2,279

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

ONLINE GIVING:


-SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING-
stmichaelunion.org

BANK TRANSFER:



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.

ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2025 Annual Appeal has begun! You should have received an invitation in the mail from Cardinal Tobin to consider making a financial sacrifice to support this year's Annual Appeal. We are grateful for your generosity and we rely on it because it helps support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese, which are also centric to our faith. Your support to the Annual Appeal helps us accomplish across the Archdiocese what we would not be able to do alone.

Our Parish Base Goal for 2025 is \$47,850 and our Stretch Goal is \$57,420. There are two financial benefits to our Parish if we achieve this goal. First, if we reach this goal in cash by June 30th, our Parish is eligible for assessment savings on our fiscal obligations to the Archdiocese. Second, if we go over goal in pledges as of June 30th, we will be eligible for a rebate, which comes back to our Parish, unassessed, to be used at our own discretion.

Please consider taking a step with me on this Stewardship journey by responding to Cardinal Tobin's invitation to support the Appeal. You can also make a gift online by going to rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your time and consideration. You are in my prayers. Please pray for the success of the Annual Appeal.

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

March 15

8:30 am Fr. Alfred Mamman (Living)
Maxillilian Ekpeni
5:30 pm Christopher Boulin (Living)-Thanksgiving
Living & Deceased Members of Thomas
J. McEnroe, Sr. Family

SUNDAY

March 16

7:30 am For the Parishioners
Jimmy Camacho (1st Ann.)
9:00 am Manuel Periera Araujo
10:30 am Joselito Espana (Living)
Dumitru Anusca (31st Ann.)
12:00 noon Theodoro Mendoza & Agerico Mendoza
Living & Deceased Members of
Magalhaes Family

MONDAY

March 17

8:30 am Romeo Ponce
All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 noon Marie McMahan (56th Ann.)
Patricio Querubin (Living)-Birthday

TUESDAY

March 18

8:30 am Alberta Phillips (Living)-Healing
Gerald Novelino
12:00 noon Alberta Phillips (Living)-Healing

WEDNESDAY

March 19

8:30 am Mary Ann Canavan (12th Ann.)
Special Intentions to St. Joseph
Sevyn Kylie Lauture (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Novena of Masses
Giuseppe Terriaca

THURSDAY

March 20

8:30 am Robert Jarman
12:00 noon Jean Ford
Ruben Ilagan
Choy & Lynda Reyes (Living)-49th Wedding Ann.

FRIDAY

March 21

8:30 am Alberta & Yolanda Shak
Calvin Smith
12:00 noon Lita Pena
Novena of Masses for Lent

SATURDAY

March 22

8:30 am Novena of Masses
Gerhart Guenther (Living)-Birthday
5:30 pm Ruth Harrison

SUNDAY

March 23

7:30 am Jose & Lucille Arnaldo
9:00 am John Morris
For the Parishioners
10:30 am Romeo Ponce
12:00 noon Irma Abril
Beverly Riccitelli

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.

Novena of Masses March 2025

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Jean Ford
Mary & Idolo Russomano	George Rinehart, Jr.
Julia Durugo (Living)	Carmen Soriano
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)	Eric Kouevi (Living)
Sarah Villanueva (Living)-Healing	
Ruth Harrison	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Jeff Pogorzleski (Living)-Healing	
Christopher Boulin (Living)-Thanksgiving	
Christopher Stanton & Family-Living-Special Intentions	
Delia Empleo (Living)-Spiritual Healing	
Patsy Scalgione & deceased family members	
Living & Deceased Members of Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Lucille Sousa Araujo & Manuel Periera Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Thomas J. McEnroe & Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Boulin & Maddy Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Lady Chinyere Odoemene & Nwosuh Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Durugo & Onyeananu Families	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Jeff Pogorzleski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Theresa Ojeawere, Kathy Chavez, John McEvoy, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings, Socorro Dagat, Peter & Cathy Fortunato, Anna Lepski, Nicole Ferlo, Therese Ferlo, Dolly Kramer, Junita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, John Dittemer, Pat Wittek, Sal Dovi, Kathy Doherty, Mary Ann Flynn, Roger Swadish, Jaime DeLeon, Doug Heinzer, Leonard Stfalk, Sophia Zamudio, Anthony Stayning, Aida Polanco, Fr. Chuck McDermott, Remedios Mendoza, Bellevina Alexandre, Maria Ferrara, Barbara Donato, Kevin Kinsella, Mary Ann McGrath, Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli, Anthony Terrezza, Homer Mereira, Alberta Phillips, Annamae McKnight, Liza David, Kate Hurley-Dandekar, Michelle Dressel, Jose Espiritu, Cristina Sarmiento, Agripina Perez, Walter McMahan, Lois Scanio, Loty Angara

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,

Dolores Mibis, Robert Jarman, Ryszard Malczak

Ministry Happenings

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY

Cristina Manochio
(908) 688-1232, ext 3

Joseph Santillo
cyouunionnj@gmail.com



All teens are welcome to join us on Tuesday, March 18th for our annual Bring A Friend Night run by our CYO Core Team! Anyone in grades 8-12 are welcome to join us to see what our program is all about! We will be meeting from 7:00-8:15pm in the Phil Matrале Hall (Lower Church) of St. Michael's Church. Please use the Orange Avenue entrance. We look forward to meeting many new friends!

MILLENNIALS WITH CHRIST (MWC)

Join Us for Fellowship and Faith!

Attention all parishioners aged 25-40! We invite you to connect with fellow young adult Catholics in our community through **Millennials with Christ (MWC)**. Our mission is to inspire and empower each other to live out our faith boldly and authentically, fostering a vibrant Catholic presence among our peers.

As Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) reminds us:
"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Let's come together to strengthen our faith and uplift one another in fellowship.

Upcoming Event: Ask Me Anything – Part 2 with Msgr Anselm Nwaorgu

Join us for the **continuation of our "Ask Me Anything" session** with **Monsignor Anselm Nwaorgu**! Whether you attended the first session or not, this is an opportunity to ask faith-based questions, seek guidance, and engage in meaningful discussion.



When: Thursday, March 20, 2025
Time: 7:15 - 9:00 PM EST
Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251820353>

Submit Your Questions in Advance!

To make the most of our time with Monsignor, we ask that questions be sent in advance. Please email your questions to MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com by **Tuesday, March 18th**.

Bring your questions, an open heart, and a friend! We look forward to growing in faith with you.

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at MillennialsWithChrist@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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 smreligiouseducation@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

St. Michael's Parish Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group invites you to join us this Wednesday evening's Testimony Night, at 6:00 PM, in Phil Matrале Hall (LC).

RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano RCIA classes are every Saturday morning in the Phil Matrале Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at michaeljalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed.

All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at www.stmichael.org.

MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

IN THE LOWER HALL OF **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**,
1212 KELLY STREET, UNION, NJ

Non-therapeutic groups integrating listening support with spiritual reflection. Available to anyone who wants to attend.

MONTHLY GROUP SESSIONS THURSDAYS 7PM - 8.30PM

2024

October 10th: Grief & Loss

November 14th: Shame & Inner Criticism

December 12th: Coping with Stress

2025

January 9th: Gratitude & Self-care

February 6th: Managing Anger

March 6th: Relational conflict

April 3rd: Finding Self-forgiveness

May 8th: Living with Anxiety & Fear

June 12th: Personal tribulations

July 10th: Life after Past Experiences

COME AND JOIN US

Contact Ginnie, Jonathan, Ylani and Taisha at
ourmindandspirit@gmail.com

Announcements

MARCH EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 2, 7:00-8:30 pm
First Sunday Mass Adoration, Upper Church

Tuesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 pm
Online Bible Class

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday
8:30, 12:00, 4:00, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 7, 6:30 pm
First Sunday Adoration, Upper Church

Monday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7:00 pm
Online/Virtual Rosary/Family Prayer

Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Charismatic Renewal Group Prayer Meeting, (LC)

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30 -8:30 pm
Marian Devotion: Rosary and Adoration, Upper Church

Thursday, March 6, 7:00-8:30 pm
Mind & Spirit Ministry, LC

Friday, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15, 6:00-9:00 pm
CYO—Kid's Night, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

Sunday, March 16, after all Masses
Fellowship Sunday, LC

Saturday, March 29, 11:00 am
Healing Mass, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)



COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Please join us this **Sunday, March 16, 2025** after all Masses for coffee and fellowship.

Thank you to the following for their generous donations to our last Fellowship in February: **Theresa & Giftus John, Victoria Oyakhime, Amanda Omuka and Erica Colbert.**

GIFT MINISTRY PRESENTS

Play-Doh BIBLE STORIES



TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS
PLAY-DOH CREATIONS!

MARCH 16, 2025

AFTER ALL MASSES
FREE EVENT

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH UNION, NJ
LOWER CHURCH

TRAVELING STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



As part of the Church various devotional activities to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the church has commissioned a traveling statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be commissioned for any parishioner's home for a week from Sunday to Saturday. Anybody who wants to take home the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, should indicate the week and the mass time you are taking the statue.

The statue should be picked up on Sunday at a Mass time you requested, stays at your home for a week and dropped off on Saturday before the 5:30 pm Mass. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more information.

March Schedule

March 9—Jossy Benoit—10:30 am Mass
March 16—William DeLaTorre—10:30 am Mass
March 23—Carolyn DeLa Cruz—12:00 noon Mass
March 30—Gladys Ubanin—12:00 noon Mass

APRIL SCHEDULE

April 6—Maria Sarmiento—9:00 am Mass
April 13—Yormys Cabral
April 20—Marissa Elan—12:00 Noon Mass
April 27—Adalgisa Sosa—12:00 Noon Mass

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

1212 KELLY ST., UNION, NEW JERSEY, NJ 07083

SAT
29TH
MAR
2025

HEALING

Mass

11 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

PHIL MATRALE HALL (LOWER CHURCH)

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more info:
Call the Parish Office
(908) 688 - 1232

Light refreshment will be served after the mass.