



# 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

## 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*

**Stephanie Marulanda**  
**Lois Scanio**  
*Religious Education*

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

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**Rev. Charles McDermott**

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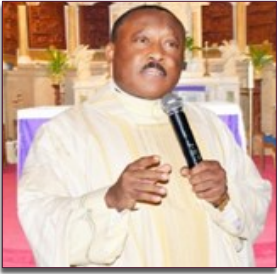
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## Becoming the Greatest



The Gospel of this 25th Sunday in Ordinary times, year B, talks about how one becomes the greatest among peers, “Whoever wants to be first must be the last and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35-36). Now, let’s be honest, being last and the servant of all is not the greatness we are groomed to strive for, nor is it the greatness we aspire to. Greatness, for most of us, means to be number one, a winner, a success, to be above all. It’s about power, control, wealth, fame, reputation, status, and position. I can’t imagine anyone encouraging their child to be last or the servant of others. Yet, in this Scriptural passage, Christ tells us that being great, holding the number one position, means being the servant of all, and He went on to exemplify it by taking a little child in his arms and saying to His disciples, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me”. So, greatness, according to Christ, lies in “welcoming a child” which, He says, is equal to welcoming God Himself—the ultimate greatness. So, our question then is, “How does one welcome a child mean and become the greatest in the eyes of God?”

A child is a symbol of vulnerability, powerlessness, and dependency. In the days of Jesus, a child had no rights, no status, and no economic value. A child is deemed to be a consumer, not a producer. So, what Christ is saying is that greatness lies in welcoming and receiving the “symbolic” children of the

world. Greatness is no longer about me or about my superiority over others. It is no longer about what I have accomplished and gained for myself. Greatness is said to consist in what I have done for, and given to, “the least of these little ones”. It consists in the quality of our behavior toward a host of societal issues—rejecting thoughts and actions of hatred and prejudice toward others; working to tear down walls of division and bigotry, exercising the option for the poor, the downtrodden, the weakest among us, the stranger, the immigrant, the widow, the defenseless, the unborn, and our most vulnerable elders. This is the greatness that we saw in Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It is the greatness we discover when we step into our better selves. It is the choice that we make when we encounter humanity in need; when we reach out to touch, to comfort, to console, to edify, to nourish, to protect, to provide, to clothe, and to care for that, which is created in the image and likeness of God.

May God grant us the grace to choose this type of greatness; the “Greatness of the last” and the “Greatness of the servant of all”, in our daily encounters with fellow human beings, Amen!

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

# Stewardship of Treasure



Our parish will be taking a cruise around New York City as part of the celebration of St. Michael's Feast Day 2024.

**Cruise Date:** Friday, September 27, 2024  
**Ship Boarding:** 6:30 pm  
**Cruising:** 7:00 pm—9:30 pm  
**Vessel:** Spirit of New Jersey  
**Departing:** Lincoln Harbor  
 1500 Harbor Blvd. Weehawken, NJ

**COST:**

**Option 1:** \$170 per person includes cruise, dinner, round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back. No beer or wine.

**Option 2:** \$178 per person includes cruise, dinner, drinks (1 glass of wine or bottle of beer), round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back.

**Option 3:** \$150 per person includes cruise and dinner only. No bus transportation nor wine or beer.

Bus boarding at St. Michael's Parking Lot at 5:00 pm sharp.

Tickets are still available for sale at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) and Church vestibule during Sunday Masses and online through Parish Giving platform. Tickets can also be purchased from Luz Gonzales (908) 774-7368 or Cynthia Grandeza (908) 591-1065.

No refunds of tickets will be issued after September 13 for any cancellations.

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
 1212 Kelly Street, Union, NJ 07083

All the parishioners and friends of  
**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
 are invited to participate in the  
**2024 Rosary Congress**  
**and**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**On Friday, October 11, 2024**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Hourly recitation of the Rosary and personal adoration  
**8:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses**  
 12:00 noon Procession

"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>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,050	\$ 257
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,100	\$ 793
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,413	\$ 106
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$10,188</b>	<b>\$ 148</b>

**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*

## 2024 USAN UPDATE

**GOAL \$100,000.00**  
**As of 9/17/24 \$104,169.00**  
**\$ 4,169.00**

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

### SAVE THE DATES

- 1) Sunday, September 22 @ 3:00 pm—Filipino Saints Feast
- 2) Friday, September 27—St. Michael's Feast Dinner Cruise
- 3) Saturday, September 28 @ 12:00-4:00 pm—Festival/Inflatable Rides.
- 4) Sunday, September 29 @ 3:15 pm —Sunday Musical Concert
- 5) Friday, October 11 @ 8:30 am-12:00 midnight—Rosary Congress
- 6) Saturday, October 19 @11:00 am-Healing Mass
- 7) Saturday, November 16 @10:30 am—Blue & White Mass for our First Responders and Health Care Workers

## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY**

**September 21**

8:30 am Vicente Tan (Living)-Birthday  
5:30 pm Frank & Genevieve Karwowski  
Pabilto Celestial (Living)  
Susana Silverio

#### **SUNDAY**

**September 22**

7:30 am For the Parishioners  
9:00 am Giovanna DiBiase  
Francine Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Karminna Espeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving  
10:30 am George Rinehart, Jr.  
Terry Sam Hadley Percey (Living)-Birthday  
12:00 noon Ronald de Leon (Living)  
Catherine de Leon

#### **MONDAY**

**September 23**

8:30 am Socorro Dagat (Living)-Birthday  
Lourdes Dagat (Living)-Birthday  
Yryn Marie Belmonte (Living)-Birthday  
12:00 noon Novena of Masses  
Dioscora Binayan (Living)-Healing

#### **TUESDAY**

**September 24**

8:30 am Margaret Boetsch  
Edna Gillick  
12:00 noon Jesus Pena

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**September 25**

8:30 am Amoakon Mian  
Novena of Masses  
12:00 noon Sr. Juvenia Joseph (Living)-Birthday

#### **THURSDAY**

**September 26**

8:30 am Darlene Bourdeau (Living)  
Baina-Lyssa & Donovan Kirkland (Living)-Thanksgiving  
12:00 noon Anthony Marchitello  
James & Amalia Santorillo

#### **FRIDAY**

**September 27**

8:30 am Maria Tavares  
12:00 noon Mella Orlando (Living)-93rd Birthday  
Helen Olianaskora (10th Ann.)  
Zdzisaw Rysz (1st Ann.)

#### **SATURDAY**

**September 28**

8:30 am In honor St. Michael-Sr. Juvenia Joseph (Living)  
Mark Anthony Lanada Cocjin (2nd Ann.)  
5:30 pm St. Michael Novena  
Alarcon Family  
Kathy Ostapcuk Cohen

#### **SUNDAY**

**September 29—ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY**

7:30 am For the Parishioners  
St. Michael Novena  
9:00 am Delia Famarin (Living)-Birthday  
St. Michael Novena  
10:30 am Onofre & Trifina Beldua  
St. Michael Novena  
12:00 noon Mercedes Magbanua (31st Ann.)  
Charismatic Group-School Children  
St. Michael Novena

#### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of George Rinehart, Jr.*

### NOVENA OF MASSES SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b>	<b>Phil Matrale</b>
<b>James Ford, Sr.</b>	<b>Jean Ford</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b>	<b>Abe Maksom</b>
<b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b>	<b>Fritz Maddy</b>
<b>Frank &amp; Helen Rubinetti</b>	<b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b>
<b>Magdalena Moreno Cruz</b>	<b>Felipe E. Emmanuel</b>
<b>Thomas Donohue</b>	<b>Teresita E. Kodumal</b>
<b>Edsel Rosel</b>	<b>Louis Joseph</b>
<b>Stanley &amp; Helen Skora</b>	<b>Nora Jover</b>
<b>David De Melo Araujo</b>	<b>Eric Fernandez</b>
<b>Fabricio S. Marques (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Chinwe Melie &amp; Family (Living)-Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Fred &amp; Babe Pajarillo (Living)-58th Wedding Ann.)</b>	
<b>Thomas, Edith, &amp; Scott Ledy</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Maddy &amp; Boulin Family</b>	
<b>Maria Karen Jose &amp; Family (Living)</b>	
<b>Peter &amp; Rebecca Aguh (Living)</b>	
<b>Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Michellene &amp; Joseph Kmetz</b>	
<b>George Sr., Ruth &amp; Barbara Rinehart</b>	
<b>Manuel Pereira Aarujó &amp; Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo</b>	
<b>Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano &amp; LaManna Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family</b>	

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Jeff Pogorzelski, 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, Angela & Doug Heinzer, Leonard Stfalk, Sophia Zamudio, Anthony Stayning, Aida Polanco, Fr. Chuck McDermott, Remedios Mendoza, Bellevina Alexandre, Thomas McGarvey, Maria Ferrara, Barbara Donato, Kevin Kinsella, Connie Emery

### 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 Parishioners**



### 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.

# Ministry Happenings

## CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



Our first general body CYO meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>** in the **Phil Matrale Hall from 7:00pm-8:15pm**. All high school aged teens are welcome to attend!

**Confirmation Registration for the 2024-2025 year will be closing soon.** Please make sure to contact the Youth Ministry Office at 908-688-1232 ext. 3 or email us at [cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@gmail.com) if you have not yet registered your child or would like additional information. In order to be confirmed this year, your child must have received the sacraments of baptism and communion, completed either religious education classes up until 8<sup>th</sup> grade or attended a Catholic Grammar School, and lastly, they must be in high school.

## 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

## MILLENNIALS WITH CHRIST (MWC)

**MILLENNIALS WITH CHRIST (MWC)** The second meeting was filled with great conversation, fun, and of course the Holy Spirit. Our discussion centered around what our spiritual walk with God might look like and the ways we sustain it. The main takeaway was that everyone's journey with Christ might look different, but we share the same purpose of growing and becoming more connected with God. Your spiritual walk may include some difficult moments, but know God is with you every step of the way. We invite parishioners from all cultures between the ages of 25-40 to grow in fellowship and faith with us. Millennials with Christ aims to encourage others to be soldiers for Christ in a way that resonates with our generation because we are trying to draw people within our age range into the Catholic Church since so many of our peers



## WELLNESS MINISTRY

**(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE/SELF DEFENSE Class**  
**For the Family**  
**Saturdays 9:30-10:00 am**  
**Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

## SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

**Monday, October 21, 2024** - Bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino**. Bus leaves parking lot at 9:30 am. Cost is **\$35** with a \$25 slot play return.

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**— Join us for the 30th Anniversary show of **Noah at Sight and Sound**. Luncheon buffet will be at the newly built Hershey Farms restaurant. Cost for the trip & lunch is \$170. Reservations are needed but payment will not be required till 2025.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Religious Ed. Is looking for:**

**Hall monitors – volunteers**  
**Catechists – who faith is so strong and would like to pass it on to our younger generation**  
**Catechists Aides**  
**Sub-Catechist**  
**Bakers**

All who are willing to help our community please go to our website and submit a volunteer application and send an email to the Religious Education Department to [smreligiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto:smreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

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](mailto:smreligiouseducation@gmail.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)**

## 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](mailto:ourmindandspirit@gmail.com)

# Announcements

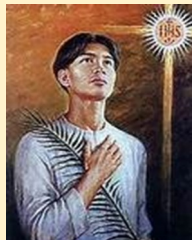
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Union, New Jersey 07083

Join our celebration as we honor the Filipino Saints



San Lorenzo Ruiz



San Pedro Calungsod

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 3:00 pm

Main Celebrant: Fr. Peter Aquino

Daily Novena will start on Friday, Sept. 13, 2024 after the 8:30 am Mass on weekdays and Saturdays and before the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

Hermana: Maria Socorro Dagat

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

## CARNIVAL



The Family Activity Committee has a day of fun and excitement planned for the Feast of St. Michael's Fair on **Saturday,**

**September 28 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.** We will have bounce houses, an inflatable slide and an obstacle course. There is food, games and prizes too! Bring the whole family.

Tickets will be sold: 10 tickets for \$5, 25 tickets for \$10 and 60 tickets for \$20.

Want to help with the fun? Send an email to [facstmichael@gmail.com](mailto:facstmichael@gmail.com) for further details.

## ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST KIDS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

As part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Michael's, the G.I.F.T team of the Social Events Committee will be giving out free ice cream **after the 10:30 am and the 12:00 noon Masses on Sunday, September 29, 2024.**



For more information, please call the Parish Office (908) 688-1232, ext. 100.

## ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST CONCERT

St. Michael's choir and musicians will join together with St. Michael's worship band and singers for a musical concert on **Sunday, September 29 at 3:15 pm.** The audience can participate in the singing. The words for the songs will be posted on the screens.

Dinner will be served at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) after the concert.

Please join us for this St. Michael's Feast celebration.



## 2025 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, death anniversaries and any other special occasions. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

SAT  
19TH  
OCT  
2024

# HEALING Mass

11 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

PHIL MATRALE HALL (LOWER CHURCH)

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

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

Light refreshment will be served after the mass.

St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church  
1212 Kelly Street, Union, NJ 07083

## BLUE & WHITE MASS

Saturday  
16  
November

A tribute to all our first responders and healthcare workers for their service and commitment

Everyone is invited and welcome

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

You are welcome to wear your uniforms

Fellowship with light refreshments will be served at Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church) after the mass

@ 10 am