



# 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**  
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He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and  
the mute speak.

Mark 7:37

## A Touch of the Lord



On this 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Year B, the gospel (Mark 7:31-37) shows us how the humanity of Christ plays out amid human need. In the story, people brought a man who was deaf and

dumb to Jesus and begged Him to heal him. Strikingly, Jesus took this man away from the crowd for a one-on-one encounter with Him. This man was not going to be a sideshow. No! Jesus was going to make this man feel like he was the only person on the planet—so personal. It is amazing how this contrasts with the way we deal with people with disabilities. It is amazing how much respect the Lord accords to every one of us who come to Him for rescue. He sees the need, yes, but he also sees the human being. He does not see a disability—a problem—he sees the person.

In healing this man, Jesus puts His fingers into the man's ears and spat and touched his tongue, thereby dealing with his specific needs. This man didn't need his eyes to be opened, or his legs to be made strong, or some kind of healing from leprosy. This man was deaf and dumb; what he needed was a touch on his ears and tongue, and that was what he got; a personal touch tailored to his needs. The touch of Jesus is not one size fits all; it is tailored to individual needs. This is how the Lord deals with us! He knows every need of our heart and His touch is laser-focused on those needs.

Before Christ spoke healing into this man, He sighed. His sigh was a way of identifying with the pain, the sorrow, and the struggle this

man had gone through. This is Emotional Intelligence at its best—empathic identification with tender attention. When we make Jesus Christ our personal Lord and Savior, we are never alone again. He will always stand before us, with knowledge of everything about us, including our pains and sorrows, joys and tribulations. He will never be indifferent or unfeeling but rather, sighs and feels our pain before bringing healing, joy, and peace. So, no matter what is going on in your life right now, whatever you may be facing at this moment, no matter what the struggle is, bring it to Jesus. Scripture says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses but one who has been through it all but did not fall. Let us, therefore, come with confidence before the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace for needed help" (Hebrews 4:15-16). We must always guard against the spirit of unbelief that says, "God doesn't know or that He doesn't care, or that He doesn't see me." My dear friends, Christ knows, He sees, and He cares. May the good Lord touch each and every one of us in all the places, in our lives, that need healing, 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

#### SAVE THE DATE

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

"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>AUGUST</b> |               |               |            |
| Week 1        | \$ 7,307      | \$ 7,848      | \$ 541     |
| Week 2        | \$ 7,307      | \$ 8,082      | \$ 775     |
| Week 3        | \$ 7,307      | \$ 7,116      | \$ 191     |
| Week 4        | \$ 7,307      | \$ 7,657      | \$ 350     |
| Monthly SOS   | \$10,040      | \$ 8,881      | \$ 1,158   |

#### 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 8/14/24 \$ 88,871.00**

**NEED: \$ 11,129.00**

**Please contact Cynthia & David. Thank you for your support and generosity.**



### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, UNION, NJ 2024 USAN REDEMPTION CAMPAIGN

Dear parishioners, our Church needs You right now!  
 We are \$65,000.00 short of our campaign goal! Please join me in faith as we close this gap. We need donations at these levels.

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 10 St. Michael's Corner Stones of Faith | \$2,000 + (and above) |
| 10 St. Michael's Builders of Faith      | \$1,500 +             |
| 20 St. Michael's Pillars of Faith       | \$1,000 +             |
| 30 St. Keepers of Faith                 | \$500 +               |
| 50 St. Michael's Faith Evangelists      | \$200 +               |
| All Other Helpers                       | \$100 +               |

May we all find a level for a sacrificial donation. Please indicate your level of giving

Donors Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

To God be the Glory, Honor, Worship, and Praise! Amen. May you never lack, as you keep this church alive.  
 (Use this envelop to mail card, or drop it in the collection basket/office).



## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY**

**September 7**

8:30 am Manuel DeOliveira  
5:30 pm Mannelia Caram  
Edison Magno

#### **SUNDAY**

**September 8**

7:30 am Lourdes Zuniga Telan (Living)-Healing  
9:00 am Vincent Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Julian Devera (Living)-Birthday  
Geoffrey Rumohr (Living)-Birthday  
10:30 am Ngozi Achonu (3rd Ann.)  
Henrique Neto (11th Ann.)  
Natividad Molina (Living)-71st Birthday  
12:00 noon Nickdy Auguste (Living)-Birthday  
Fred Dittmer  
Selete Nyomi

#### **MONDAY**

**September 9**

8:30 am Roger Boetsch  
McNisky Jeantus (Living)-Birthday  
Kosiso Odoemene Akporji (Living)-Birthday  
12:00 noon Mary Hudak  
Kareenma Fatima Charlotin (Living)-Birthday

#### **TUESDAY**

**September 10**

8:30 am Cebulak Family (Living)  
Charles Eluwa (Living)-Birthday  
12:00 noon Novena of Masses  
Jose & Lucille Arnaldo

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**September 11**

8:30 am Roger Boetsch  
Amoakon Mian  
12:00 noon Novena of Masses

#### **THURSDAY**

**September 12**

8:30 am Pedro Bernal  
12:00 noon Arthur Sales

#### **FRIDAY**

**September 13**

8:30 am Cipriano & Mercedes Riger  
Arlene O'Connor (Living)-Healing  
12:00 noon Sabinus Ihediwa

#### **SATURDAY**

**September 14**

8:30 am Giuseppe Pontoriero  
5:30 pm Louis Joseph  
Numeriano Gonzales

#### **SUNDAY**

**September 15**

7:30 am Policarpio de Leon  
For the Parishioners  
9:00 am David De Melo Araujo (25th Ann.)  
Jordan Mozia (Living)-5th Birthday  
Darlene Bourdeau (Living)-Birthday  
10:30 am Kathy Ostapcvuk Cohen  
Anna Mendoza (Living)-Thanksgiving  
12:00 noon Alec & Betty Wrafter  
Alejandro Cruz

#### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

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

### 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>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; Boulain 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 Araujo &amp; Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo</b>      |                             |
| <b>Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>               |                             |
| <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando,</b>               |                             |
| <b>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, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Samantha Lopes, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, 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 Dittmer, 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

### 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) SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024



### 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 have left. For inquiries: [MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com](mailto:MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com)



### 2024 USAN FUNDRAISER

Seeking the peace and comfort can be found in Our Lady of Fatima? We have a **limited assortment of Pilgrim Virgin Statues and books purchased in Fatima, Portugal, donated to St. Michael's Church.** Contact **David Bernot (908) 472-8858** to purchase a statue or book. Your generosity will go directly to USAN 2024 Fundraiser. Let us respond to Our Lady's messages by God-centered lives and by fulfilling the requests of Our Lady of Fatima.

### 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

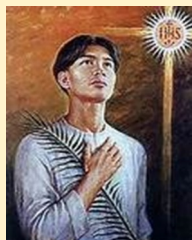
**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
1212 Kelly Street

**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)

### 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.



The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse to reach out to the prosecutor.

Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors with the Archdiocese are:

Bergen (201) 646-2300

Essex (973) 621-4700

Hudson (201) 795-6400

Union (908) 527-4500

## St Michael's Church

1212 Kelly St, Union, NJ 07083

Annual Feast of St Michael Celebrations.

### CRUISE

FRIDAY 27 September 2024

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Ship Boarding at 6:30 pm from Lincoln Harbor  
Round trip bus from St Michael's included  
2 Ticket Options Available



### CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 28 September 2024

12:00 - 4:00 pm

GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD | INFLATABLES | MUSIC | FUN

### CONCERT & Kid's Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY 29 September 2024

after 10:30am Mass and 12 noon Mass

Free ice cream to be served after masses

3:15 - 4:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served after the concert.



### WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) **DANCE/EXERCISE/SELF DEFENSE** Class

For the Family

**Saturdays 9:30—10:00 am**

**Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

Give your body and being the gift of movement and wellness by joining us every Saturday at 9:30 am for a **FREE hour** of Dance and Defense.

#### Benefits:

- Boost your energy levels and moods with uplifting dance routines.
- Strengthen your body and confidence with effective defense techniques.
- Learn basic life-saving skills in a supportive and faith-centered environment.
- Enjoy a full-body workout that's both fun and rewarding.
- Connect with a community focused on holistic wellness—body, mind and spirit.

This class is family-friendly, so bring the whole family along to pick up some essential, life-saving defense skills while enjoying quality time together!

**Don't miss out! Start your weekend with a burst of energy and empowerment.** Join us this Saturday and every Saturday morning— your journey to wellness and confidence starts here!

Lucy & Rey