



# 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 IS THE  
*Sustainer*  
OF LIFE

## One Family, One Body in Christ Jesus



Our parish, St. Michael's Church is often described as the "United Nations"; a Church made up of many nationalities and ethnicities. As I read this Sunday's 2nd Reading, this description of

our Church came to my mind, when St. Paul wrote, "There is only but one body". I truly believe that a big chunk of the greatness of America is the diversity of her populace. Humanity thrives when she strives for diversity and inclusion, unity in diversity.

Unfortunately, "One Body", diversity and inclusion, unity in diversity does not just happen; it is always the product of hard work and honest disposition. Our natural tendency is to focus on our differences, on what divides us, on what separates us, on "us" versus "them", and not on what unites us. But Paul makes the important point that God created us to be one big family, therefore challenging us to find common grounds to coexist. That means, an invitation to focus on appreciating people of different origins and backgrounds, of different ethnicities and colors, of different gifts and talents, and to see how our differing gifts, cultures, and viewpoints complement and help us move humanity to a greater unity. For us Christians, the challenge, is also, a call for us to know that we are one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God as therefore, we cannot settle on tolerating others; we need to celebrate them.

So, instead of comparing ourselves to others, or being critical of others, or disparaging and despising each other, we need to complement one another and see ourselves as part of one body that must, by necessity, work together to achieve God's covenanted destiny for our Church—"that they may all be one". Making disciples in every

nation involves preaching, teaching, healing, nurturing, giving, administering, building, reaching out to others, etc. As individuals, none of us can accomplish this task alone. But as members of one body, we can. The temptation is always to overestimate what we can do by ourselves and to underestimate what we can do as a group. Each one of us is needed to make this parish work; to make it thrive, to keep it alive and going, to make it a beacon of faith and hope in this part of our world.

To achieve this, we need to be humble, gentle, patient, understanding, and appreciative of our diversity. We need to appreciate that we all cannot be of the same culture and ideals, and so strive to accept others, despite our differences. Rather than looking at and dwelling upon differences and looking for faults to accuse and point fingers at, we need to pray for one other and find ways to spend some time with others, so that we can understand them better and learn more about who they are.

My friends, the more we keep our focus on God and not on ourselves, the more we ask God to use our unique gifts and talents to contribute to the strength and health of our parish, the more we will grow beyond measure. So, let us look for ways to celebrate and empower each another; to encourage, uplift, support, and care for one another, knowing that we are all in this together. In this way, we can keep this Church alive and thriving, growing and expanding, both in mission and in our ministry. May the good Lord grant us the spirit to appreciate our diversity and inspire us toward inclusion; unity in diversity.

*Msr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

# Stewardship of Treasure

## 2024 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 2024.

Drop off donations at the parish center or in any of the collection boxes in the Church Vestibule in an envelope marked "USAN 2024". 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](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) or Zelle to [stmichaeunion@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaeunion@comcast.net) and write USAN 2024 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 **April 15, 2024, and officially end on July 31, 2024.** You can continue to remit money through Sept 30, 2024.

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*

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

**2024 Base Goal: \$43,473.00**

**2024 Stretch Goal: \$46,240.00**

**As of: 6/25/24**

**Donor Pledge: \$41,138.00**

**Donor Received: \$33,648.25**

"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>JULY</b>			
<b>Week 1</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 6,900	\$ 407
<b>Week 2</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,210	\$ 903
<b>Week 3</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,167	\$ 860
<b>Week 4</b>	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$10,626</b>	<b>\$ 586</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 7/24/24 \$ 46,083.00**

**NEED: \$ 53,917.00**

**Facilitators are still needed. 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**

**July 27**

8:30 am Natalie Vital  
Maria Tavares  
10:30 am Thanksgiving Mass for Fr. Kristian  
Espejon-Celebration of Ordination  
5:30 pm Marc Belmonte  
Yvose Rene

#### **SUNDAY**

**July 28**

7:30 am Jose & Lucille Arnaldo  
9:00 am For the Parishioners  
Edward & Olabisi Longe & Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
10:30 am Ramon, Sr. & Marietta Gancia  
12:00 noon All Souls in Purgatory  
Obinah Udochukwu Ihuoma (Living)-Medical School  
Chibueze Ihuoma (Living)-Birthday  
Charismatic Group-Protection of our Children

#### **MONDAY**

**July 29**

8:30 am Teresita Guererro  
12:00 noon Felicito Arcilla

#### **TUESDAY**

**July 30**

8:30 am Barbara Dittermer  
12:00 noon Maureen Reilly  
Abdon Trownou (Living)-Birthday

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**July 31**

8:30 am Amoakon Mian  
Melanie Pikula  
12:00 noon Melanie Pikula

#### **THURSDAY**

**August 1**

8:30 am Lucia Vergel  
12:00 noon Hilda Criado

#### **FRIDAY**

**August 2**

8:30 am Kevin Apuzzio  
12:00 noon Nicola & Sofia Pugliuca

#### **SATURDAY**

**August 3**

8:30 am Jose Guzman Almonte  
5:30 pm Shella Boulin (Living)-Birthday

#### **SUNDAY**

**August 4**

7:30 am For the Parishioners  
9:00 am Isirio Torres  
10:30 am Myrna Gancia (Living)-Thanksgiving  
12:00 noon Janette M. Gomes  
Deceased Members of Magalhaes Families

#### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of Stephanie Mejias*



### 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

### NOVENA OF MASSES JULY 2024

<p><b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b> <b>James Ford, Sr.</b> <b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b> <b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b> <b>Frank &amp; Helen Rubinetti</b> <b>Amalia Cachola Corales</b> <b>Rev. Fr. Ambrose Udeze</b> <b>Fr. Isaiah Agochukwu</b> <b>Stanley &amp; Helena Skora</b> <b>Oscar &amp; Linda Horn</b> <b>Luther Boulin (Living)-Birthday</b> <b>Stephanie Tokpe (Living)-Thanksgiving</b> <b>Kosiso Akporji (Living)-Special Intentions</b> <b>Chisom Odoemene (Living)-Special Intentions</b> <b>Ogechizara Chika-Nwosuh (Living)-Special Intentions</b> <b>Chukwuebuka Odoemene (Living)-Speical Intentions</b> <b>Michellene &amp; Joseph Kmetz</b> <b>Chinyere Odoemene &amp; Family (Living)-Special Intentions</b> <b>George Sr., Ruth &amp; Barbara Rinehart</b> <b>Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing</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 Maddy &amp; Boulin Families</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family</b></p>	<p><b>Phil Matrale</b> <b>Jean Ford</b> <b>Abe Maksom</b> <b>Fritz Maddy</b> <b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b> <b>Melanie Pikula</b> <b>Joseph Chura Anamdi</b> <b>Amoakon Mian</b></p>
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### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, 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 Dittermer, 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

### 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 Parish**

# Ministry Happenings

## 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!

## MILLENNIALS IN CHRIST (MIC)

Our first meeting was amazing. We centered our worship and conversation around God's definition of love. Many of us reported feeling filled with the Holy Spirit and are excited to meet again next month. 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.

*Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."*

*(Matthew 22:37-40, NLT)*

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



## WELLNESS MINISTRY

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



## 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 [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

## HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: HUGS MINISTRY is accepting donations of schools supplies. The items needed are:**

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Backpacks         | Composition books        |
| Folders-2 pockets | Pencils                  |
| Crayons           | Colored Pencils          |
| Erasers           | Glue Sticks              |
| Markers           | Ziplock bags-gallon size |
| Subject notebook  | Pencil Cases             |

You may drop off donations at the church vestibule anytime on the week-end during the month of July.

Thank you for your generosity.



**The HUGS Ministry gratefully acknowledges the generous gift of a substantial donation of infant formula, both powder and liquid states from the Knights of Columbus Council 4504. HUGS appreciates the efforts of Luke Sanglamo and Anthony Spina to support this ministry of mothers and young children.**



# Announcements



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 first come first serve basis. Deadline to purchase tickets—August 5th. Only 150 tickets will be sold. No refund will be issued for cancelation after August 5th.**

Tickets are now available for sale at the Parish Center and Church vestibule during Sunday Masses. Tickets can also be purchased from Luz Gonzales or Cynthia Grandeza. Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more information.

## 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.



## 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)

## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



## 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  
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