



# 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*

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*Permanent Deacon*

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*Religious Education*

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**Joseph Santillo**  
*Youth Ministry*

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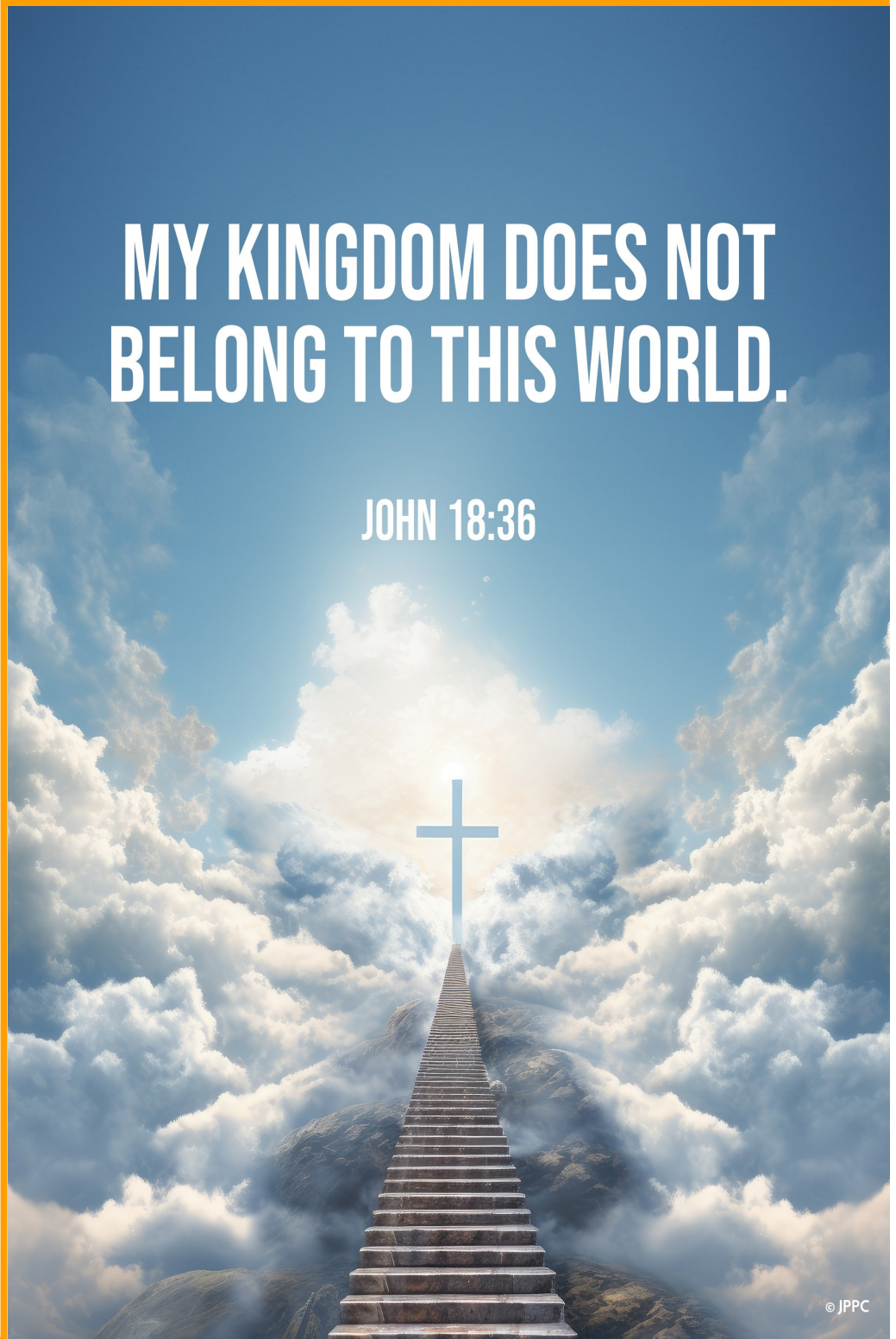


November 24, 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

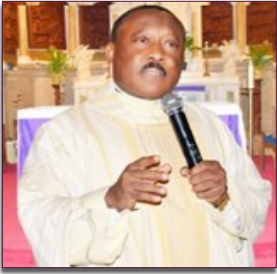
# MY KINGDOM DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD.

JOHN 18:36



## Message From *The Pastor's Desk*

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING- Let that which is True Reign.



As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, on this 34<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary times, Year B, the gospel reading (John 18:33b-37) tells of the encounter between Pilate and Jesus, as

the Jews lined up accusations against Christ trying to find a way to get Him condemned and crucified. At one point, Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." By this answer, Christ clarified that His kingdom had nothing to do with the earthly kingship of ruling the Jews, and therefore, His kingship was not in conflict with the kingship of the Roman Emperor. Therefore, His kingship was not a revolt against the Roman occupation of Israel. In which case, no crime had been committed.

Apparently, Pilate understood this and believed that Christ was innocent of any crime he was being accused of. But, while recognizing the truth of Jesus' innocence, he chose to ignore it and sentenced Him to death, just to satisfy the people. It is a tragedy when we recognize the truth before us and fail to act on it. Honorable living is more than not lying; it is also about truth-telling, about truth-speaking, about truth-living, and about truth-loving. It takes greater courage to back the truth, that is uncomfortable to the majority, than it does to compromise, because of the fear of consequences. Many people have suffered the weight of the law, unjustly, because those who knew the truth chose to be silent in the face of man's inhumanity to man.

My friends, a lie doesn't become a truth, a wrong doesn't become a right, and evil acts don't become good just because it is tolerated by the

majority. Facts are always a threat to those who are invested in dishonesty and fraud. The duty of truth is to challenge falsehood. Humanity is better off whenever we raise our voices for honesty, truth, and compassion, against injustice, lying, and greed.

The Solemnity of Christ the King calls us to live with integrity, and that means, refusing to settle for falsehood and speaking truth to our own conscience, even when it might not be popular. Truth never damages a cause that is just. Whenever we experience a conspiracy of silence in the face of falsehood, an evil design is at work. A word of truth, in such an environment, is what it takes to bring light into the darkness of that moment. All that it takes for evil to thrive, as the saying goes, is for a few good people to keep silent.

Part of our truth telling is to recognize and acknowledge that God has done so much for us and that many people have contributed to where we are today. So, as we celebrate this thanksgiving, let us count our blessings and the many graces received; let us look back and see how far God has brought us—moment of tribulations and turmoil He has delivered us through; let us remember that we have not made it this far by our efforts alone, and be grateful in our hearts; let us commit to pursue justice, equity, and fairness for all. May God Almighty and Christ His Son be the king of our hearts and lives, Amen.

*Mmgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

# Stewardship of Treasure

## NOVEMBER EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 PM  
Bible Study (Online)

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Charismatic Renewal Group Prayer Meeting, Lower Church

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:30 -8:30 pm  
Marian Devotion: Rosary and Adoration, Upper Church

Friday, November 1 at 6:30 pm  
First Friday Mass and Adoration, Upper Church

Sunday, November 3, 7:00 -8:30 pm  
First Sunday Adoration, Upper Church

Thursday, November 14, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Mind & Spirit Ministry, LC

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 10:00 am  
Blue & White Mass, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9:30 am  
Wellness Ministry, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)  
Dance/Exercise/Self-Defense

Sunday, November 17, 2024  
Fellowship Sunday, LC  
After all Masses

"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>NOVEMBER</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,825	\$ 518
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,639	\$ 332
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,607	\$ 300
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 10,243</b>	<b>\$ 203</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*

## 6 Ways To DONATE

### ONLINE GIVING:

**Parish Giving**  
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—  
stmichaelunion.org

### BANK TRANSFER:

**Zelle**

In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.

1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

### 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.

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

**S.O.S. Collection** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills.** S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

**Tithing** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new the upkeep of the Church boiler and air conditioner. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs.** Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

**Assessment Collection** - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the Archdiocese, and a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, is paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment.

**All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.**

**National Collections** - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. **Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.**

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection** - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!**

## 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



## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### November 23

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am Drs. Blanca & Vic Tan (Living)  
Felicitas Tan (Living)-90th Birthday  
Cynthia Grandeza (Living)-Birthday  
5:30 pm Espiritu Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Boodhoo Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Carmella Mendoza (Living)-Birthday

#### SUNDAY

#### November 24

7:30 am Jose & Lucille Arnaldo  
9:00 am Djimise Pierrvil (Living)-Birthday  
Jimikarl Pierrvil (Living)-Birthday  
10:30 am Jose Percival Cruz  
For the Parishioners  
12:00 noon Benjamin Magbanua (18th Ann.)  
Charismatic Group-For All Souls

#### MONDAY

#### November 25

8:30 am Severina Lopez Cornelio  
Novena of Masses  
12:00 noon Darnell Connor  
Renee Kingston (Living)-Healing

#### TUESDAY

#### November 26

8:30 am Pat Scalgione  
Amoakon Mian  
12:00 noon Carig Calix (Living)  
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Alejandro Cruz

#### WEDNESDAY

#### November 27

8:30 am Robert Greyson Grandeza Yabao (Living)  
Maria Tavares, Novena of Masses  
12:00 noon George Rinehart, Jr.  
Ramona Valera (3rd Month)

#### THURSDAY

#### November 28—THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 am Thanksgiving Novena of Masses  
Susan Rumohr (Living)-Birthday  
Francesca Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Candida Maiso & Ong Kong Huan

#### FRIDAY

#### November 29

9:00 am Thanksgiving Novena of Masses  
Henry McNair  
Morales Family (Living)-Thanksgiving

#### SATURDAY

#### November 30

8:30 am Edward Jakubco (Living)  
Rosa Calayag Triunfo  
5:30 pm Manuel Fazendeiro  
For the Parishioners

#### SUNDAY

#### December 1

7:30 am Stella Seimbida  
Jean Cabibbo  
9:00 am Mary Fedia Royal (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Durugo Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
10:30 am Ajerico Mendoza  
Edgardo Belina  
Jose Percival Cruz  
12:00 noon Barbara Dittemer  
Deceased Members of Magalhaes Family

#### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Ramos & Morales Family (Living), for Thanksgiving.*

### DECEASED PARISHIONERS

#### NOVEMBER 2023-NOVEMBER 2024

Kathleen Sarno	Mary Lou Lamatta
Mary Fusco	Dolores Ann Rush
Guiseeppe Sebelia	Angelita Cruz
Emma F. Agaton	Gemma Gerstorfer
Samuel Degeronimo	Josephine Valentino
James F. Hannon, Sr.	Ruben Alarcon
Andrea Alarcon	Scarlett Alarcon
Emma Alarcon	Beatrice Giacobbe
Helen Rubinetti	Michael Dada Egwaikhide
Fabian Boodhoo	Raymond Anthony Bober
Angela Salge	Corinne Myers
Emmanuel Egwuonwu	James Llyod
Maria Varga	Norma Pascual
Anthony Petescia	Amparo Weiss
Rui Queiros	Edgardo Belino
Annmarie Martin	Constance Emery
John McEvoy	Jean Ford

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

### 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, Mary Ann McGrath, Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli, Anthony Terrezza

### 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,

**Norma Canares, Nancy Tanseco, Emily Ortiz**



## Ministry Happenings

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



The CYO / Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will be venturing back to Camp Lebanon for our annual teen retreat on the weekend of November 22nd-24th! Any teen who is interested in attending, or anyone looking to sponsor someone who is attending, please contact us at [cyounionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyounionnj@gmail.com). With rising costs, we are trying to ease the financial burden of the retreat price for our teens. To assist with this, there are envelopes in the church vestibule for the Phil Matrale Retreat Memorial Fund that can be dropped off at any time. We truly appreciate all of your support. Thank you and God Bless!

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our annual CYO Thanksgiving Food Drive! We will continue to accept food donations for the remainder of the month of November. Please drop off any donations to the Parish Center.

### 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.



Last month's meeting was fully virtual for the first time, but it provided the same impact. Our members were both engaged and insightful. We spoke about the dangers of envy and how it can have a negative influence on one's spirit.

As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT): "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.'"

Let's come together to embody these teachings in our lives and in our community.

#### Upcoming Events

Virtual Member Meeting (October) Stay connected! Register to attend our next monthly meeting. When: Thursday, November 21, 2024 Time: 7:15 - 9:00 PM Registration Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84830786524?pwd=tNEbwGnIQcN5xkJ97Zk0k0jVZzGpcb.1>

SAVE THE DATE: MWC Happy Hour & Christian Concert Meet Up When: November 26, 2024

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at: [MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com](mailto:MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com).

Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

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

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 CYO again this year did a Holiday Food Collection and brought in almost a thousand pounds of groceries. We at Sr. Ann's Pantry thank you again.

### 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 Matrale Hall (LC).

Theme: "The Fall if Man"

Verses:

Genesis 2: 8 - 18  
Genesis 3: 8 - 24  
Isaiah 53:5  
John 3:6  
Romans 5:8  
Romans 8:38-39  
Ephesians 2:8-9

\*more verses from the proclaimer

Proclaimer: Bro. Charles Eluwa

"Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit."

Hope to see you all. Please invite your family, friends, fellow workers, and/or anyone you know in our fellowship. Thank you, best regards and a blessed week ahead.

\*The prayer meeting is followed by the Marian Devotion—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary in the Church.

### 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](http://www.stmichael.org).

## Announcements

# THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

of  
**St. Michael's Catholic Church**

Requests the honor of your presence at the Annual Feast of



*Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi*

Please join us for an update on the canonization process of the Blessed Cyprian Iwene Tansi. The annual feast of the Blessed Cyprian Iwene Tansi 2024 is dedicated to the wellbeing of the world families.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**12:00 NOON MASS**

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH, 1212 KELLY ST., UNION, NJ 07083**

Reception follows immediately after  
Mass in the Phil Matrale Church Hall

Contact Information:  
Parish Center  
(908) 688-1232 Ext 303



**We are looking for donors to help us offset the cost of the Mother Mary grotto. The cost of the grotto was \$880.00.**

**Please call the Parish Office for any questions. (908) 688-1232, ext. 100.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish.**

### SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

**Monday, November 25, 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.



### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY December 15, 2024



Our next Fellowship Sunday will be on **December 15, 2024** after all Masses at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) after all of the Sunday Masses and meet new parishioners and make new friendships while enjoying coffee, delicious pastries and light refreshments. Everyone is invited and you're all welcome to bring your family and friends.

We always need some help. Anyone who would like to volunteer, time commitment and how long you'll stay is all up to you. For questions, you may call the Parish Office at (908) 688-1232.

## 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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