



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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YOUR FAITH WILL SAVE YOU



The Power of Resilient Persistence



The gospel of this 30th Sunday in Ordinary times, Year B (Mark 10:46-52) tells of the story of a blind man, named Bartimaeus, who, although was physically blind, could see what the crowd, who had

eyes, could not see; that Jesus of Nazareth was truly the Messiah. It was this depth of insight that empowered him to act, with resolute conviction, by calling out to Jesus for help. Unfortunately, the crowd discouraged him, bullied him, and tried to shut him up, but he would have none of it. He was not going to allow them to intimidate him out of his goal. This was about his faith in Jesus, and nothing was going to stop him from getting the most out of it.

My friends, we should never let people talk or intimidate us out of our faith and beliefs, let alone out of our goals in life. Many of our young people have fallen into this trap, and it is so sad. We should never allow environmental intimidation or detraction, other people's innuendoes, or, for that matter, personal deprecation derail us from our determined goals. We should always believe that there is a spirit in us that is greater than our opposition.

Success in life does not come easily. It requires a consistent, persistent, and unyielding resilience. If Bartimaeus had shouted once without success and decided to save his breath, leave Jesus alone, and allowed the crowd to coward him out of his mission, he would have lost out. The crowd presented enough inhibition to discourage him, but he was not demoralized, distracted, nor distressed by it. Rather, he remained persistent and unyielding, and his steadfastness paid off. Christ will never turn down a man who craves for his attention. That is why Scripture encourages us to be persistent in our prayers and in our goals. Half measures do not produce good results.

Isn't it amazing how quickly people rally around success? When Jesus stopped and said, "Call him", the same people who were shouting down on him turned around and urged him; "Cheer up! Get on your feet! He's calling you". My friends, the best way to repay a detractor and a dream-under taker is to become a success. It doesn't matter what the people around us are saying, thinking, or feeling, we need to go for our goals with a determined will. Look at the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34) and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). It was their determination and courage that got them what they wanted.

It is important to notice that once Bartimaeus turned to Jesus, he broke off from his past by throwing away the garment he was wearing as a blind man, ran to Jesus, got healed, and became a follower. When we say yes to Jesus, we should never look back again. Scripture says: "Now that you have become a new creation, put away the old self and put on the new self, born in the image of Christ Jesus". Commitment to God, to our goals, and aspirations must be total, because lukewarmness is a recipe for disaster. As Scripture says, God has no tolerance for those who are lukewarm (Ref Revelation 3:15-16).

In life, while people may try to cut off our path to Jesus and our path to success, they cannot cut off our hope in God, our hunger for Jesus, and our grave for success. Deep and committed faith and a resolute resilience is what it takes to make all the difference in life. May God grant us such faith, and a determined will, in the pursuit of our goals, and in our relationship with Him, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

OCTOBER EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 PM
Bible Study (Online)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Charismatic Renewal Group Prayer Meeting, Lower Church

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2024, 7:30-8:30 pm
Marian Devotion: Rosary and Adoration, Upper Church

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm
First Friday Mass and Adoration, Upper Church

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 7:00 -8:30 pm
First Sunday Adoration, Upper Church

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Mind and Spirit Ministry presents Grief and Loss,
Lower Church

Friday, October 11, 2024, 8:30 am to 12:00 mn
Annual Rosary Congress and Adoration
Upper Church

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 12 noon
Pray the Rosary for America, Church Plaza

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 11:00 am
Healing Mass, Lower Church

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 am
Wellness Ministry, Lower Church
Dance/Exercise/Self-defense

Sunday, October 20, 2024, after all Masses
Dedication of Kelly Street to Phil Matrale after 12:00 noon Mass
Fellowship Sunday celebrating Priesthood Sunday (LC)

Saturday & Sunday, October 26 & 27, 2024, after all Masses
Bethlehem Handicrafts, Lower Church

"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
OCTOBER			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,243	\$ 64
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,542	\$ 235
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 7,908	\$2,132

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

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!

6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:



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.

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

October 26

8:30 am Lucille Arnaldo
Maricris Rogales
5:30 pm Jose & Lucille Arnaldo
For the Parishioners

SUNDAY

October 27

7:30 am Nestor Canuel (1st Ann.)
9:00 am Maria Tavares, Virgilio and
Maxilliano Castro
10:30 am Galo Proano-Cobo
Manuel & Luis Alvero
12:00 noon Marlene Cababe (1st Ann.)
Charismatic Group-For All Clergy

MONDAY

October 28

8:30 am Ed Stonack
Edgardo Belino (40th Day)
12:00 noon Olivia Rumohr (Living)-3rd Birthday
Viergela Pierrevil (4th Ann.)
James Ford, Sr.

TUESDAY

October 29

8:30 am Lorenzo Bulos, Novena of Masses
12:00 noon Marie Kenfack (Living)-Birthday
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)-Divine Wisdom

WEDNESDAY

October 30

8:30 am Manuel Fazendeiro
Khodalyn Ochotorena (Living)-Birthday
Deceased Members of Rogales Family
12:00 noon Manuel Caram
Chinyere Nze (Living)-Safe Travels

THURSDAY

October 31

8:30 am Urbano M. Diaz
Marie Juanita Francillon
12:00 noon Espana Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
Novena of Masses

FRIST FRIDAY **November 1—ALL SAINTS DAY**

8:30 am Christopher Bertrand (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Visitacion & Greg Ravago
Michael John Ravagg
Deceased Members of Pilapil & Espiritu Family
6:30 pm Ana Maura Zeik
Eugene Vibar, Erik Kouvil (Living)

SATURDAY

November 2—ALL SOULS DAY

8:30 am All Souls
Marilyn Briones (Living)-Birthday
Marianna Ferraro
Jose & Lucille Arnaldo
5:30 pm All Souls
Demetrius Aberi
Reynaldo & Conception Ticzon
Rui Do Carma

SUNDAY

November 3

7:30 am For the Parishioners
Jose & Lucille Arnaldo
Cesar Pastor Castillo (5th Ann.)
9:00 am Edgardo V. Belino
Deceased Members of Union Knights of Columbus
10:30 am Carmen M. Gancia
Marie Juanita Francillon
12:00 noon Jose Guzman Almonte
Deceased Members of Magalhaes Family

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

NOVENA OF MASSES OCTOBER 2024

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Jean Ford
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Abe Maksom
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Fritz Maddy
Frank & Helen Rubinetti	George Rinehart, Jr.
Edsel Rosel	Paulino Cruz
Cora Carlos (Living)	Deogracias Javier
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)	Eric Kouevi (Living)
Eustachia T. Acevedo	Nuel Celebrado
Cleranice Royal	Alice Burrell
Rosemisia Royal	
Rosemita Royal	
Abigaëlle Boulin (Living)-Birthday	
Living & Deceased Members of Maddy & Boulin Family	
Peter & Rebecca Aguh (Living)	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-Healing	
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Manuel Pereira Aarujó & Lucilia Silva Sousa Aarujó	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
Living Members of Dittermer & Sliva Families	

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, 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, Thomas McGarvey, Maria Ferrara, Barbara Donato, Kevin Kinsella, Mary Ann McGrath, Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli

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 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 cyouunionnj@gmail.com. With rising costs, we are trying to ease the financial burden of the retreat price for our teens. To assist with this, we will be selling candy before and after all masses on October 26 & 27. There are also 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!

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 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

Hike with MWC

Join us for a nature and prayer walk at South Orange Reservation!

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: Departing from the church at 9:00 AM

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/u1UjGtHD3hQMHyEAA>

Virtual Member Meeting (October)

Stay connected! Register to attend our next monthly meeting.

When: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Time: 7:15 - 9:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/cdzcVXuTUXVbRM1f6>

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.

Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!

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**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.

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

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

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

Announcements



**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

@ 10 am

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



**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
November 17, 2024**



Our next Fellowship Sunday will be on November 17, 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.

**SAVE THE DATE
BUS TRIPS**

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.



BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the Church after all masses on the weekend of **October 26th and 27th**. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

**DECEASED PARISHIONERS
NOVEMBER 2023-NOVEMBER 2024**

Kathleen Sarno	Mary Lou Lamatta
Mary Fusco	Dolores Ann Rush
Guisepppe 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	

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.

We are looking for Marian Devotees to sponsor the cost of refurbishment of the Mother Mary grotto. The total cost of the refurbishment was \$1,000.00.



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



Blessed Iwene Tansi Feast
Sunday, December 1, 2023
12:00 noon Mass
Fellowship after Mass
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)