



# 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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## PARISH OFFICE

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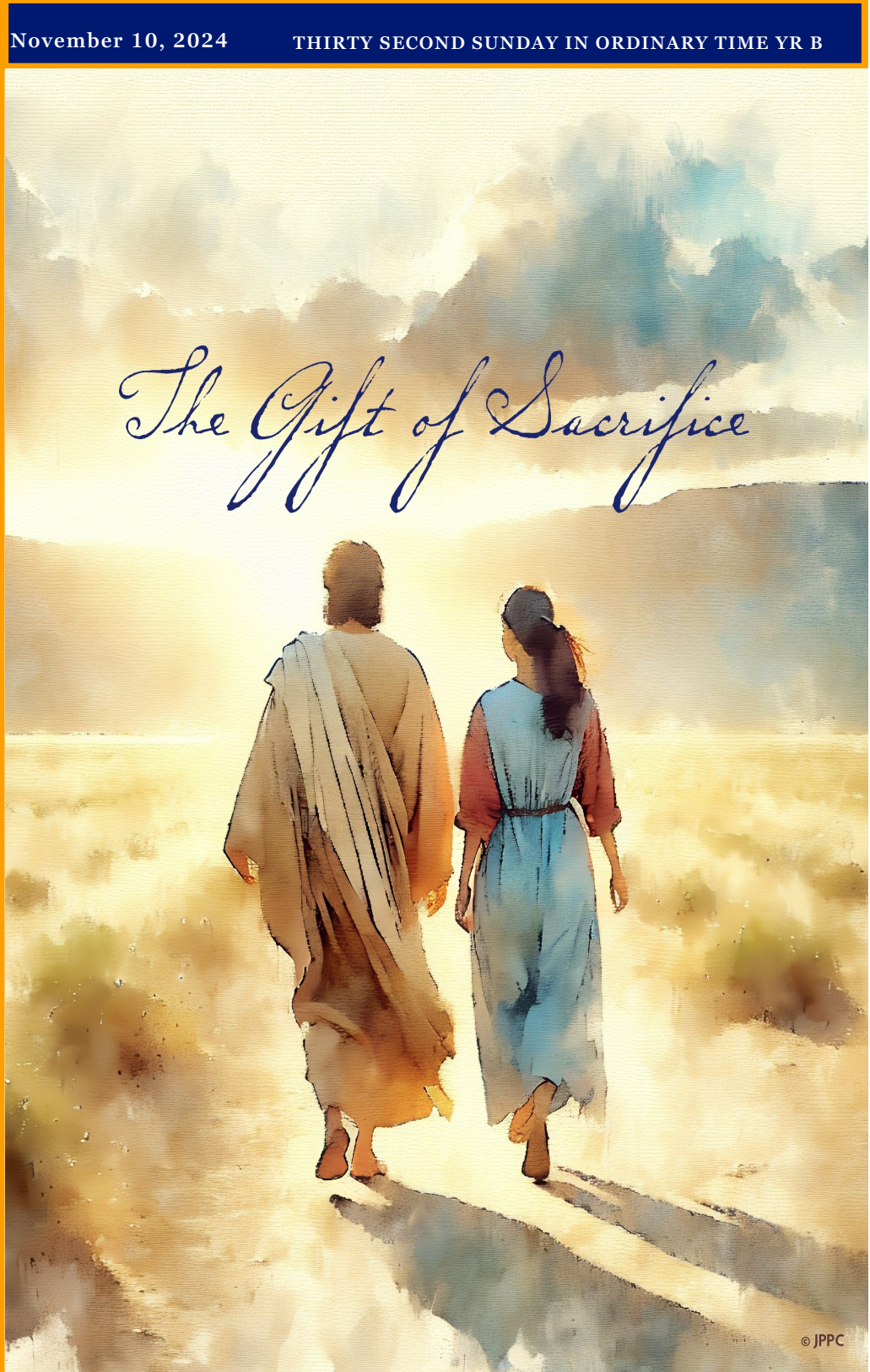
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## Message From *The Pastor's Desk*

### The Power of a God-Surrendered Life: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year B



Deep down inside, we all like to be in control and to take charge of our own destiny. Unfortunately, though, circumstances can leave us at the mercy of things we can't control—sickness, accidents,

natural disasters, pandemics, even death—creating anxiety, desperation, and even hopelessness.

On this 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, the first reading (1 Kings 17:10-16) tells the story of a woman who was about to die through starvation; a three-year drought had brought her family to their last meal.

It was to such a woman that God sent Elijah, the prophet, to ask for water and bread. Now, we all know, how difficult it is to share bread with others, when you don't even have it enough for your own children. Yet, Elijah asked this woman for a portion of that last piece of bread and told her that God had promised that she will not die of starvation, "for the jar of flour will not diminish nor will the jug of oil run dry". What was this woman supposed to do? Believe God or believe in her own instincts. She must have been a woman of great faith for she chose to believe God; to believe that God will be faithful to His promises; to let go and let God. So, she baked the bread and took it to Elijah. Scripture tells us that when she got back home, she discovered that the jar was full of flour and the jug overflowing with oil. So, just at the time when all seemed hopeless and the only certainty was starvation and death, this woman believed God and so witnessed the power of God's promises.

My friends, the words of Elijah to this widow are no different from God's word and promises to us, as we find them in Scripture. The question is, what do we do? Do we stick to our own plans and reassert our control, or do we trust God and surrender our lives to Him? It wasn't easy for this

woman to surrender to God's promise, nor did she know that the promise would come true. But her trust and obedience paid off. Just as God promised this woman, so has He promised us when Scripture says: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house; put me to the test and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10), "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6:38), "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" ([Matt 11:28-30](#)), "Seek ye first the kingdom and righteousness of God, and all these things will be given to you as well" ([Matt 6:33](#)), etc. The quest is, how do we react when we hear these promises?

Scripture tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverb 3:5-6). Let us believe God when Scripture says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken" (Proverb 55:22), and "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10). So, when the days are dark and no light in sight, let our prayers remind God of these promises, for it is He who said, "I have promised it, and I will do it" and "I am watching that every word I have spoken comes to be true". The Bible tells us that "Every promise of God is "Yes" in God and "Amen" unto us in Christ Jesus. May our faith in God and His promises never experience a drawback, no matter what, Amen.

*Msgr. 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

	<b>NEEDED WEEKLY</b>	<b>ACTUAL WEEKLY</b>	<b>OVER/UNDER</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
<b>Week 1</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,243	\$ 64
<b>Week 2</b>	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Week 3</b>	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Week 4</b>	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 7,568</b>	<b>\$2,472</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

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p> <p>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p> <p>stmichaelunion@comcast.net</p> <p><small>In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.</small></p>	<p><b>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</b></p> <p><small>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</small></p>
<p><b>MAIL IN:</b></p> <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</b></p> <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</b></p> <p><small>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</small></p>

### 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

### 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!**

## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** **November 9**  
 8:30 am Anthony John Ezpeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Leticia Bernal (birthday)  
 5:30 pm Roger Boetsch

**SUNDAY** **November 10**  
 7:30 am Jose & Lucille Arnaldo  
 Luz Pastor de Mejas  
 9:00 am For the Parishioners  
 Anonymous-Future Husband  
 Holy Spirit Intentions  
 10:30 am Erlinda Narciso (Living)-Birthday  
 Ana Rhea Veloso (Living)-Birthday  
 12:00 noon Marie Pierre Limage (Living)-Birthday  
 Alejandro Cruz

**MONDAY** **November 11**  
 8:30 am Agnes A. Briones  
 Josephine Usifoh  
 12:00 noon All Souls, Deanna Fayad (healing)  
 Nkiru Melie (birthday)

**TUESDAY** **November 12**  
 8:30 am Vicky Pantuso  
 12:00 noon Giovanna Russo

**WEDNESDAY** **November 13**  
 8:30 am Rose Miceli  
 12:00 noon Rev. Bernad Jakubco (Living)

**THURSDAY** **November 14**  
 8:30 am Serrapio Dagat  
 12:00 noon Jacqueline Auguste

**FRIDAY** **November 15**  
 8:30 am Abel Villamayor  
 12:00 noon Annmarie Martin

**SATURDAY** **November 16**  
 8:30 am Jose & Lucille Arnaldo, Annette Auguste  
 5:30 pm Alarcon Family

**SUNDAY** **November 17**  
 7:30 am Helen Phillips  
 9:00 am Maria Tavares  
 Isirio Torres  
 10:30 am For All Parishioners, Dame Dorothy  
 Ngozi Onwunali  
 12:00 noon Carmelo Valentino  
 Beatrice & Charles Eluwa (Living)-35th Wedding Ann.

#### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Wine and Lamp are offered for The Yolanda Dol Family in 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	

*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

### 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**

## 2025 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



## 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 [cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@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!

Our service projects for the next month include: ARC visit on November 16th from 10:00am-11:30am and the Cheshire Home visit on November 26th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Transportation will be provided if needed.

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.



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](mailto: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** (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).

### 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](mailto: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](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  
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 Matrале 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 Matrале 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.



Thank you to the Multi-Cultural Ministry for donating 100 plastic folding chairs for the Phil Matrале Hall (Lower Church) use. Your special liturgical celebrations inherent to your cultural group has also immensely contributed to the vibrancy and unity of our diverse parish.

May God reward you greatly.



Volunteers are the pillar of our Church community. Please come and join and be a volunteer in our Family Activities Committee, Multicultural Committee, Social Events Committee and our Adult Faith Formation Committee. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 for more information.

## 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.



## SAVE THE DATE



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

## WELLNESS MINISTRY

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



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.

## RCIA PROGRAM

Deacon Michael Alfano RCIA classes are every Saturday morning in the Phil Matrале Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at [michaeljalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.