



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

1212 KELLY ST, UNION, NEW JERSEY 07083

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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Mission

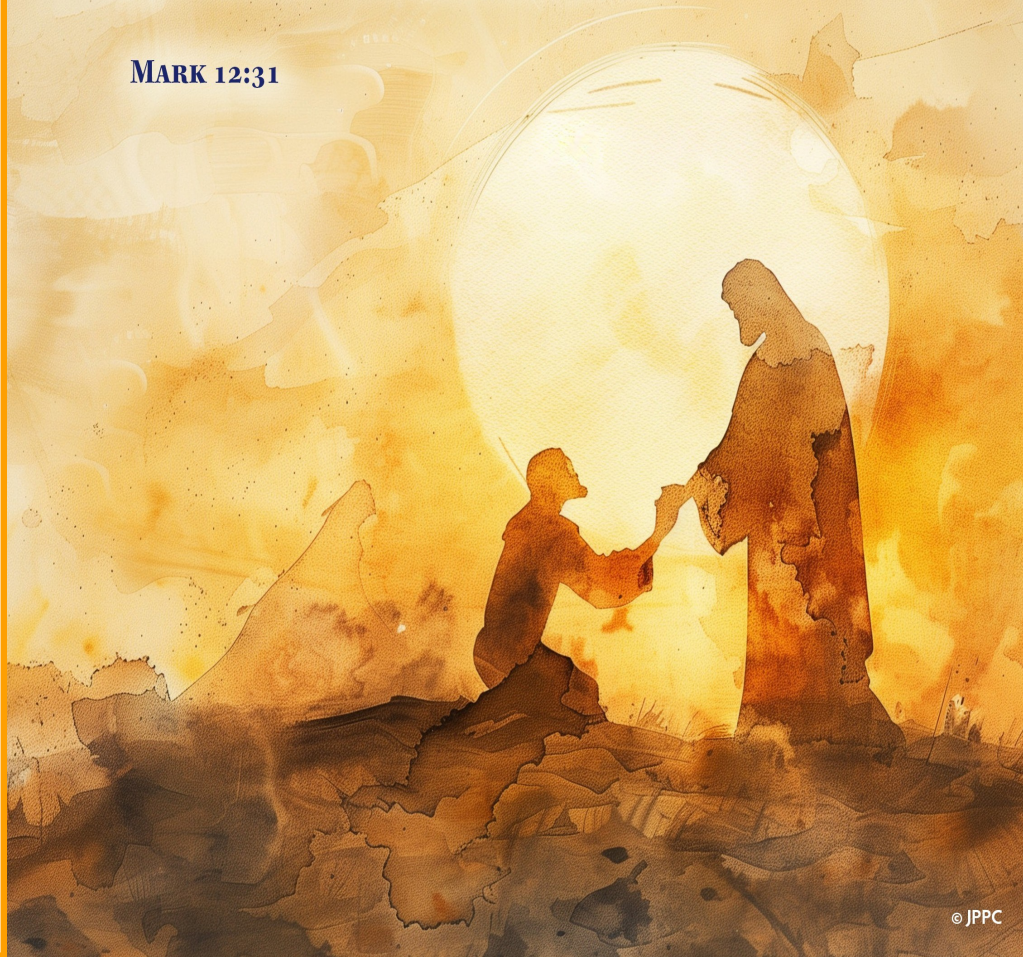
A diverse spiritual community in action, dedicated to drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

November 3, 2024

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR B

There is no other
commandment
greater than these.

MARK 12:31



So Close and Yet Too Far



In the gospel reading of this 31st Sunday in ordinary times (Mark 12:28b-34), Christ, after listening to a Pharisee's reasoning about what Scriptures says about the commandments, told him,

"You are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven".

The problem though, is that not being far from the kingdom of heaven is not the same thing as being in it. What we need is to be inside the kingdom, not close to it. We can know all about God and yet not know God. To know God is to have a personal relationship with Him and to have a personal relationship with Him, we need to love Him the way He wants to be loved—with all four aspects of our humanity—our heart (emotions), our soul (psych), our mind (intellect), and our strength (ability, physicality).

To love God with all our heart means that God wants an emotional commitment in our love for Him; to be excited, rejoice, and be gladdened by the things that concern Him; an expressive love, full of appetite and a desire to spend time with Him in prayer, adoration, worship, and praise.

Such emotional commitment, Christ says, needs to be complimented by a psychological commitment—loving Him "with all your soul. God wants our love for Him to govern how we see ourselves, others, and the world; how we interpret events in our lives, and how we see his presence in all of creation. God wants to make our relationship with Him an "All or Nothing Affair". Scripture tells us that God detests a soul that is lukewarm toward Him.

To be this committed to God, who ought to be clear as to "Who" God is, otherwise, our love for Him will not be real. Therefore, Christ says, "you must love God with all your mind"—mental commitment. My friends, "Mental commitment"

involves (a) believing that God is God alone, and He is the God of creation (for if God is not the God of creation, then He has no power over principalities, dominions, authorities, and powers of darkness in the heavenly places, in which case, we are doomed); (b) believing that God is faithful, for Scripture says, "Faithful is the one that calls you, who will also do it" (If God is not faithful to His promises, we worship and serve Him in vain and our faith is useless); (c) believing that God has a plan for my life and that He will see me through it, if I put my trust in Him, for scripture says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future full of hope" (for if God has no plans for my life, I am, then, merely, a product of chance); and (d) believing that there is final judgment and a hereafter to which we are accountable (for if there is no hereafter, we have all labored in vain).

Knowing who God is" invites us to a commitment of the will—to "love Him with all your strength", for Scripture says, "My faithful one shall live by faith alone and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him". Many a time, life situations can conspire to take our eyes off from God. To love God with all our strength is to love God with every fiber in us; to love Him in very practical ways; to deploy our time, talent, and treasure in the service of His kingdom; to become a distributive agent of His graces to humanity. May the good Lord grant us the grace to love Him as He wants to be loved, 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

6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:

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

BANK TRANSFER:

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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



"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	\$	\$
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 7,568	\$2,472

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!

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY November 2 ALL SOULS DAY

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

SUNDAY November 3

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

MONDAY November 4

8:30 am Angelita Figueroa
12:00 noon All Souls in Purgatory
Enrico Alejandrino (1st Ann.)

TUESDAY November 5

8:30 am Sophie Mosejchuk (10th Ann.)
All Souls
12:00 noon Helen Phillips (19th Ann.)
Anonymous-Future Husband

WEDNESDAY November 6

8:30 am Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing
Amoakon Mian,
Fred Pajarillo (Living)-88th Birthday
12:00 noon Grace Badiola (Living)-Healing,
Robert Emery

THURSDAY November 7

8:30 am Mikhail Catuncan (Living)-Thanksgiving
Sipe Family (Living)-Safe Travels
12:00 noon Manuel De Oliveira
Sipe Family (Living)-Safe Travels

FRIDAY November 8

8:30 am Ali Damestani (Living)
All Souls
12:00 noon Henrietta & Emil Jasa
Romeo Boodhoo (Living)-Birthday

SATURDAY November 9

8:30 am Anthony John Ezpeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving
5:30 pm Roger Boetsch

SUNDAY November 10

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

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered for Deceased members of the Magahas Family, The Wine is offered for Maryann and Walden Campos.

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione (Living), family and friends.

DECEASED PARISHIONERS

NOVEMBER 2023-NOVEMBER 2024

Kathleen Sarno	Mary Lou Lamatta
Mary Fusco	Dolores Ann Rush
Guiseppe 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

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 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 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!

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. We will also be hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive at our meeting on November 5th. The list of needed food items can be found in the back of the vestibule, or you can email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com.

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** (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.

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

@ 10 am

You are welcome to wear your uniforms

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.



Thank you to the **Multi-Cultural Ministry** for donating **100 plastic folding chairs** for the Phil Matrale 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.

SAVE THE DATE



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

WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

RCIA PROGRAM

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



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.



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,

SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

Monday, November 25th, 2024— Join us at the **Wind Creek Casino!** Buses leave St. Michael's at 9:30am sharp!

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

