



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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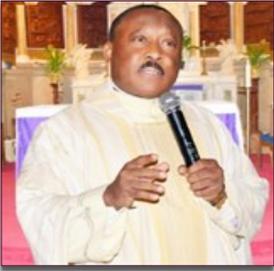
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A Jesus Encounter



This 3rd Sunday of Lent is the beginning of “Scrutiny Sundays” which is part of the process for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—the Rite for preparing and initiating unbelievers,

non-Christians, and non-Catholics into full communion with the Catholic Church— if a church has candidates. Readings for “Scrutiny Sundays” are taken from Circle A if we are in any other Circle of our liturgical year. The gospel, for this Sunday, therefore, is about the Samaritan Woman who encountered Jesus at the well (John 4:1-42). What a fascinating story! It reveals to us the different ways we resist getting closer to God and His Son, Jesus Christ, while showing us what happens when we open ourselves up to this relationship.

In this story, the Samaritan woman, due to her sense of sinfulness and unrighteousness, did everything she could to avoid engaging with Jesus Christ. She pulled the race card arguing that Jesus was Jewish and she, a Samaritan (for Jews and Samaritans do not see eye to eye), just as we use race and ethnicity, today, to build walls of hatred and bigotry. She jested Christ’s ability to fulfill His promise of giving her the living water. with a humorous contempt “You don’t even have a bucket, and he well is deep. [Okay then] “Give me this water so that I will never get thirsty again and do not need to keep coming to this well”. This is no different from when we look down upon people, who we don’t even know, and make judgements about their abilities based on gender, color, religion, or even orientation. She attacked the Jewish religion and accused them of religious imposition, all in the bid to avoid this relational encounter. Sounds like when people say, “Why should the church “tell me what to do”, or “prohibit this or that”, or “teach this doctrine and

against that belief”, all in attempt to resist conversion. She then tried to hide her true self from Jesus because of her sins. Amazingly, many a time we are tempted to think that God will not discover our sins if we do not get close to Him, or that we can do whatever we want because the guilt weighs less on our hearts. But Christ did not come for the righteous but for those of us who are sinners and in need of mercy. Scripture says that Christ did not come into the world to judge the world but to save it.

Notice that during her resistances, Christ simply told her that only if she knew what she would benefit by coming into a relationship with Him, she would realize that her excuses pail to nothingness compared to what she would gain; and so it happened. She was gradually led to confront herself, got in touch with her true self, confessed, and conversion happened. She became a joyful and liberated woman, bringing the message of salvation to others.

My friends, this story reveals an amazing truth: that we never know ourselves or see ourselves truly as we are until we can see ourselves in the presence of Christ. The presence of Christ confronts us with the realization of who we truly are and our need for grace. In the presence of Christ, we wake up to ourselves and we wake up to our need for God; we wake up to the true meaning of life, discover our greatest potentials, find life and joy in the community of the Church and the Sacraments, and become the best version of ourselves. We discover realities about us that we never knew existed and begin to live life to its fullest. When we come close to God, he draws closer to us, delivering redemption, freedom, and liberty unto our souls. It is truly worth it! May the good Lord continue to lead us back to Himself, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5- Distribution of Ashes
8:30 am, 12:00 noon, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday – March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11
7:00 pm, Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, April 12, 1:00-2:00 pm – Individual Confession

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Distribution of the Palms at all Masses
Saturday, April 12 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon

Wednesday of the Week, April 16

Penance Service with Individual Confession 7:00 – 8:30 pm
No Confession on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Vigil & Adoration

Good Friday, April 18

8:30 am- Morning Prayer
2:00 pm – Walking Stations of the Cross around town
3:30 pm – Celebration of the Passion
7:30 pm – CYO Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:30 am – Morning Prayer/Reflections
12:00 noon – Blessing of the Food
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil
No Confession/No 5:30 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Easter Monday, April 21

Mass at 9:00 am

"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
MARCH			
Week 1	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,036	\$ 425
Week 2	\$ 8,461	\$ 9,236	\$ 775
Week 3	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,202	\$ 259
Week 4	\$ 8,461	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$11,425	\$ 9,961	\$ 1,464

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:


-SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING-
stmichaelunion.org

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.

RENEWED HEARTS, RESURRECTED HOPE

A Breakfast Lenten Retreat presented by
St. Michael's Church

**Saturday, April 12 at 9AM-1PM in the Phil Matrale Hall
1212 Kelly Street, Union, NJ 07083**

Breakfast & refreshments will be served.
Please scan the QR code below to sign up or on the sheet in the
Church's vestibule.



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

March 22

8:30 am Novena of Masses
Gerhart Guenther (Living)-Birthday
Ruth Harrison

SUNDAY

March 23

7:30 am Jose & Lucille Arnaldo
9:00 am John Morris
For the Parishioners
10:30 am Romeo Ponce
Mihaela Lopez (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Irma Abril
Beverly Riccitelli

MONDAY

March 24

8:30 am Joseph Hrevnack
12:00 noon Novena of Masses

TUESDAY

March 25

8:30 am Samuel Lauture (Living)
12:00 noon Shawna Rumohr (Living)-Birthday

WEDNESDAY

March 26

8:30 am Novena of Masses
12:00 noon Brandon Callum Rumohr (Living)-Birthday
Bernadette Pierre-Louis

THURSDAY

March 27

8:30 am Maria Tavare
12:00 noon Leonel Silva
Guilhermina Dos Santos

FRIDAY

March 28

8:30 am Julia Durugo (Living)
12:00 noon Jose & Lucille Arnaldo

SATURDAY

March 29

8:30 am Lenten Novena of Masses
5:30 pm John McMahon (39th Ann.)
Libro Espiritu

SUNDAY

March 30

7:30 am Gladys Bertrand (Living)-Birthday
Charles E. Rilliet, Jr. (25th Ann.)
9:00 am John Morris
10:30 am Sang Choi
For the Parishioners
12:00 noon Charismatic Group-Physical & Spiritual
Healing

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

The Paschal Candle is donated by Ed & Katherine Izbicki in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki.

Novena of Masses March 2025

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Jean Ford
Mary & Idolo Russomano	George Rinehart, Jr.
Julia Durugo (Living)	Carmen Soriano
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)	Eric Kouevi (Living)
Cliff Meehan (Living)-Healing	Ruth Harrison
Sarah Villanueva (Living)-Healing	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Jeff Pogorzleski (Living)-Healing	
Christopher Boulin (Living)-Thanksgiving	
Christopher Stanton & Family-Living-Special Intentions	
Delia Empleo (Living)-Spiritual Healing	
Micheline Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz	
Patsy Scalgione & deceased family members	
Living & Deceased Members of Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Lucille Sousa Araujo & Manuel Periera Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Thomas J. McEnroe & Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Boulin & Maddy Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Lady Chinyere Odoemene & Nwosuh Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Durugo & Onyeananu 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, 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, Doug Heinzer, Leonard Stfalk, Sophia Zamudio, Anthony Stayning, Aida Polanco, Fr. Chuck McDermott, Remedios Mendoza, Bellevina Alexandre, Maria Ferrara, Barbara Donato, Kevin Kinsella, Mary Ann McGrath, Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli, Anthony Terrezza, Homer Mereira, Alberta Phillips, Annamae McKnight, Liza David, Kate Hurley-Dandekar, Michelle Dressel, Jose Espiritu, Cristina Sarmiento, Agripina Perez, Walter McMahon, Lois Scanio, Loty Angara, Isabela Esmores

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 Church

Ministry Happenings

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY

Cristina Manochio
(908) 688-1232, ext 3

Joseph Santillo
cyounionnj@gmail.com



Our service projects for the rest of the month include: ARC visit on March 22nd from 10:00am-11:30am and the Cheshire Home visit on March 25th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Transportation will be provided if needed. We will also be hosting an Easter Food Drive at our next general body meeting on April 8th. The list of food items needed 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 Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) reminds us:
"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Let's come together to strengthen our faith and uplift one another in fellowship.

Upcoming Event: Ask Me Anything – Part 2 with Msgr Anselm Nwaorgu

Join us for the **continuation of our "Ask Me Anything" session** with **Monsignor Anselm Nwaorgu**! Whether you attended the first session or not, this is an opportunity to ask faith-based questions, seek guidance, and engage in meaningful discussion.



When: Thursday, March 20, 2025
Time: 7:15 - 9:00 PM EST
Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251820353>

Submit Your Questions in Advance!

To make the most of our time with Monsignor, we ask that questions be sent in advance. Please email your questions to MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com by **Tuesday, March 18th**.

Bring your questions, an open heart, and a friend! We look forward to growing in faith with you.

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com.



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.

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

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 Matrале Hall (LC).

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 if you want to learn more about the program.

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.

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

MARCH EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 2, 7:00-8:30 pm
First Sunday Mass Adoration, Upper Church

Tuesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 pm
Online Bible Class

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday
8:30, 12:00, 4:00, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 7, 6:30 pm
First Sunday Adoration, Upper Church

Monday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7:00 pm
Online/Virtual Rosary/Family Prayer

Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Charismatic Renewal Group Prayer Meeting, (LC)

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30 -8:30 pm
Marian Devotion: Rosary and Adoration, Upper Church

Thursday, March 6, 7:00-8:30 pm
Mind & Spirit Ministry, LC

Friday, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15, 6:00-9:00 pm
CYO—Kid's Night, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

Sunday, March 16, after all Masses
Fellowship Sunday, LC

Saturday, March 29, 11:00 am
Healing Mass, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)



COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

The next Coffee and Fellowship, **Sunday, April 20, 2025** after all Masses.

FAC PRESENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
10:30AM

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH
UNION, NJ

Hunt starts at 10:30 sharp
GAMES - PRIZES - PHOTOS
Bring your own basket

SMS Parents receive hours to volunteer!
E-mail to volunteer:
facstmichaels@gmail.com

TRAVELING STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



As part of the Church various devotional activities to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the church has commissioned a traveling statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be commissioned for any parishioner's home for a week from Sunday to Saturday. Anybody who wants to take home the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, should indicate the week and the mass time you are taking the statue.

The statue should be picked up on Sunday at a Mass time you requested, stays at your home for a week and dropped off on Saturday before the 5:30 pm Mass. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more information.

March Schedule

March 9—Jossy Benoit—10:30 am Mass
March 16—William DeLaTorre—10:30 am Mass
March 23—Carolyn DeLa Cruz—12:00 noon Mass
March 30—Gladys Ubanin—12:00 noon Mass

APRIL SCHEDULE

April 6—Maria Sarmiento—9:00 am Mass
April 13—Yormys Cabral
April 20—Marissa Elan—12:00 Noon Mass
April 27—Adalgisa Sosa—12:00 Noon Mass

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

1212 KELLY ST., UNION, NEW JERSEY, NJ 07083

SAT
29TH
MAR
2025

HEALING Mass

11 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

PHIL MATRALE HALL (LOWER CHURCH)

For more info: Call the Parish Office
(908) 688 - 1232

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Light refreshment will be served after the mass.