



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

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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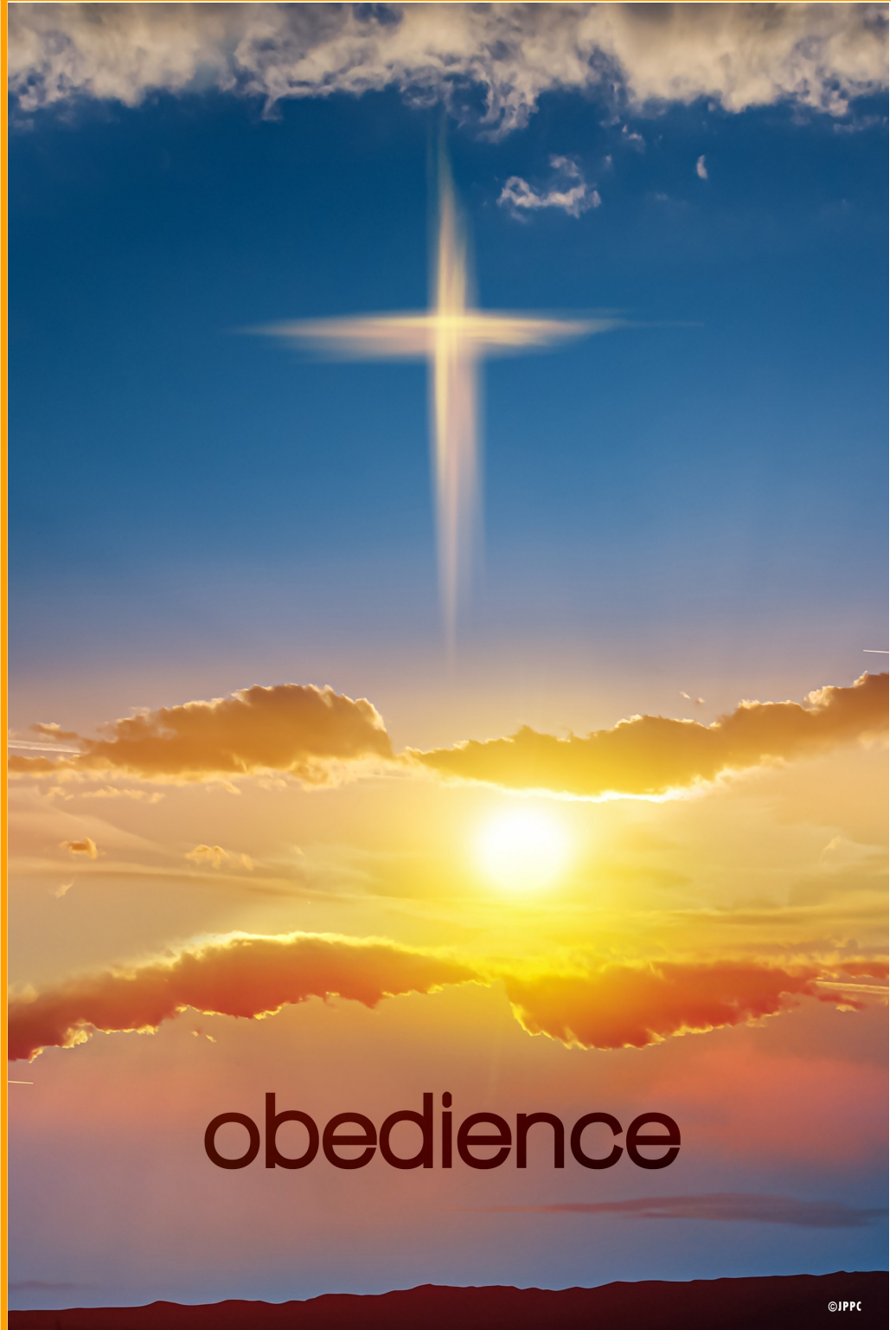
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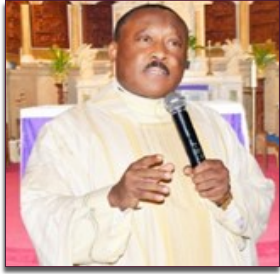


November 5, 2023

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Live Your Life



There is the story of a pastor who prayed at the Boston stadium. After he was done, one of the commentators said, “I believe this is the greatest prayer ever said to the Boston crowd”. I guess that pastor must have prayed for performance, not for grace.

The need to make a good impression on others, to be noticed, to be recognized, or to be appreciated is deeply wired into our core selves. So, it is not uncommon to find ourselves living out our lives to please others, impress others, or, as today's gospel puts it, “Done for men to see.” The problem, though, is that this can be very dangerous as we can easily live under the constant burden of cowering to external pressure while denying our unique selves—failing to embrace our individuality. This can be very emotionally and physically draining, and it is impossible to be authentic if we are constantly trying to impress others and building a life that isn't true to the self. Life should be lived, not performing for popularity but for purpose. We don't live for others' approval; we live for God's purpose.

There is nothing as rewarding as being

honest with oneself. It makes it easier to focus one's energy on what makes one truly happy, things that bring joy and fulfillment into one's life. It makes it easier, to be honest with ourselves and those around us. It makes it easier to express one's true thoughts and feelings without worrying about how others react. It helps create deeper relationships with others and enables a greater sense of self-awareness. It makes it easier to make decisions that are true to the self, disposing one to be more willing to take risks without fear of judgment or disapproval.

My friends, the people we try so hard to impress, may not even be paying attention because they are also busy trying to impress others. So, we should focus on who we are and how to grow into the best version of ourselves. Doing things to impress others makes us more aware of our imperfections and makes us focus on what we don't have and on what others want us to be. If our goal is to impress, we will always find ourselves living the life of a performer.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

2023 UNION OF SAINTS & NATIONS (USAN)

GOAL: \$100,000.00
As of 10/25/23 \$104,956.00
\$ 4,956.00

On behalf of our Church, I sincerely want to thank all of you for your unwavering effort to help this parish reach our 2023 USAN goal of \$100,000.00. Anyone who is moved to drive us to this goal and beyond should do so through any of the various forms of donation we use in the parish. Please mark your envelope "USAN Donation" and remember to put your envelope number if you wish. May the good Lord continue to bless you and your family for your generosity and support of this Parish!

Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu
Pastor

2024 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.

Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, death anniversaries and any other special occasions. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We still have several open Masses available in our 2023 Mass book.



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.

"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	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,186	\$ 893
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,999	\$ 920
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,216	\$ 1,137
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,483	\$ 1,404
Week 5	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,427	\$ 348
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 11,197	\$ 1,157

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.

6 Ways To DONATE

<p>ONLINE GIVING:</p> <p style="font-size: small;">- SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING - stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p>BANK TRANSFER:</p> <p style="font-size: small;">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.</p>	<p>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</p>
<p>MAIL IN:</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</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 world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

November 4

8:30 am All Souls, Magdalen Dela Cruz
Rodney Lucas
5:30 pm Anatalia Cebeguín
Joey Ruela, John Malloy

SUNDAY

November 5

7:30 am For the Parishioners
Helen Phillips (18th Ann.)
9:00 am Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo
Amy Gonzales Futzi (40th day)
Jane Cebedo (Living)-Birthday
Mary Margaret Sheridan (Living)-Birthday
10:30 am Deceased Members of Gaid Family
12:00 noon Deceased Members of Cebeguín Family

MONDAY

November 6

8:30 am Sophie Mosejchuk (9th Ann.)
Fred Pajarillo (Living)- 87th Birthday
12:00 noon Joseph Grande
Fred Pajarillo (Living)-87th Birthday

TUESDAY

November 7

8:30 am Mikhail Catuncan (Living)-Birthday
Alta Grace J. Limage
12:00 noon All Souls
Manuel De Oliveira

WEDNESDAY

November 8

8:30 am Betty Clark
Amoakon Mian
12:00 noon John & Dorothy Kosakowski
Anthony V. Cortez (Living)-87th Birthday

THURSDAY

November 9

8:30 am Roger Boetsch
Ali Damestani (5th Ann.)
12:00 noon Henrietta & Emil Jasa

FRIDAY

November 10

8:30 am Roger Boetsch
Marie Pierre Limage (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon All Souls

SATURDAY

November 11

8:30 am Joseph Grande
Trinidad Leodones
5:30 pm Helena Fortunato
Anthony John Ezpeleta (Living)
Joey Ruela

SUNDAY

November 12

7:30 am Agnes Briones
Romy Briones
9:00 am For the Parishioners
Rashed Espejon (Living)-Birthday
10:30 am Philip Montalto
12:00 noon Carmelo Valentino
Thomas Ifedioramma Nnoli
Rev. Fr. Chris Anyanwu

ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread & Altar Wine are offered in memory of the Deceased Members of St. Michael's Parish.
The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione Family & Friends.*

DECEASED PARISHIONERS NOVEMBER 2022-NOVEMBER 2023

Constance Moratay	Giovanni Bambacci
Sebastian Rana	Mark Frederickson
Gerald Giordano	Agnes Baldeno
Joan T. Bender	Arthur Bohse
Marie A. Michele	Helen Bianconi
Lorenzo Bulos	Theresa Santoriello
Theresa Conley	Mary Cavetano
Joseph Petrick	Danielle Dobeszewski
Susan McMahon	Anthony Zarello
Barbara Ann Sibilis	Margaret Pfeiffer
Angela Beusalacchi	Lorraine Swenson
Loretta Altmann	Bernard Cook
June Szalkowski	Lucille Lacson Arnaldo
Gilda Tobia	Violet Stavac
Vito Chementi	Amadeu Ribeiro
Frank Anthony Fernandez	Marie V. Riccio
Adeline Marino	Richard Laguna
Marie Rose Benjamin	Aida Sotto
Margaret G. Maltese	Joseph Ingaro
Susan M. Cavallo	Edwardo Fernandez
Yvose Rene	Frank E. Parziale
Richard Anthony Caggiano	Hilda Criado
Amy Gonzales Putzi	Amoakon Mian

*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, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Samantha Lopes, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Giovanna Di Biase, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Socorro Dagat, Denise Lucarello Aliseo, James Mariusiak, Theresa Ojeawere, Kathleen Sarno, Kathy Chavez, John McEvoy, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings

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 Marlene Cababe & Deceased Members of St. Michael's Parish

Ministry Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are no longer accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Call the Religious Education Office if you would like to be put on a waiting list for next year.

Religious Education begins in Grade 1 and continues through Grade 8. First Communion candidates must complete two years of Religious Education before receiving the sacrament. Confirmation is typically received in Grade 9 after completing the Religious Education program. **Missed years of Religious Education will require make-up assignments and assessment of readiness which may delay the reception of the sacrament in Grade 9.**

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday from 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 smccd@comcast.net

Coordinator of Religious Education
Clare Andriola
Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education
Lois Scanio

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7th where we are excited to welcome back Justin Fatica, founder of Hard as Nails Ministry, as a special guest speaker! Doors will open at 6:30pm and the event will run until 9:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall of St. Michael's Church. All youth in grades 8-12 of the community are welcome!

Our service projects for the next month include: ARC visit on November 4th from 10:00am-11:30am and the Cheshire Home visit on November 9th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Transportation will be provided if needed. We will also be hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive at our meeting on November 14th.

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 17th-19th! Any teen who is interested in attending, or anyone looking to sponsor someone who is attending, please contact us at cyouunionnj@gmail.com. Thank you and God Bless!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry, it is a rewarding experience, bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass. At this time our parish is in need for new candidates for the Eucharistic Ministry. At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings for all masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Terry Dziedzic at (908) 418-3730 or dziedzict@comcast.net and Deacon Michael Alfano at (201) 995-7211 or michaeljalfano@aol.com.

MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

The Mental Health Ministry was formed in recognition of the connection between spiritual and mental health. The Archdiocese identified that struggles with mental health come with personal struggles in faith and even disengagement from the Church. With this in mind, we have changed our name to Mind and Spirit Ministry, which aligns better with our goals of support for the Parish.

Our goal is to support the mind and spirit of parishioners from all ages and backgrounds who may have their spiritual health impacted by difficulties experienced in their daily life.

We've previously introduced "Blue Christmas" and our next step in support of parishioners is through spiritual support groups. These groups will be held for parishioners in attendance to share, reflect and pray together. We will also share a prayer in the bulletin each month dedicated to individual themes of mental health to remind us and those in need of God's grace and love.

Monthly Prayer

This month represents the time of transition and isolation. The season change, the climate gets colder, and the night gets longer. For many parishioners we might be adjusting back to work or back to school and the time we have for others as well as the time we receive from others might be reducing. In this time of transition and loneliness we wanted to share with you a prayer to support you during times of need.

Heavenly Father, there are days when I feel that You have forgotten about me. When I need You most, it seems I cannot reach You. Yet I do believe, You are present during time of loneliness and when my heart feels empty. Teach me to find You even in my darkest hours. Amen.

May these words be of comfort to you throughout this month. If there is an aspect of mental health that you would like to pray for, please feel free to email us at ourmindsandspirit.com

LINEN MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church is in need of new ministers to join the Linen Ministry. The Linen Ministry provides clean altar linens used at masses and spiritual celebrations.

What do you need know to be a part of this worthwhile ministry?

- You need to have a washing machine and iron (no starch please).
- Based on the size of our team you can expect to be asked every 3 to 4 months to launder the clothes.
- The linens are washed and pressed. The linens are usually picked up on the weekend and returned within the week of pickup.
- A typical wash consists of approximately 50 to 75 altar clothes.

Consider joining the **Linen Ministry** it will be a rewarding experience for you knowing the linens you cleaned are adding to the beauty of our altar and the celebration.

If you are interested in joining the **Linen Ministry** or have questions, please call or email Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 jpastewski@aol.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)

Announcements

WINDCREEK CASINO TRIP WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Cost: \$35, return \$25 in slot play
Bus leave St. Michael's Parking Lot at 9:30 am
Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232, ext 100
for more information.



SAVE THE DATE
Blessed Iwene Tansi Feast
Sunday, December 3, 2023
12:00 noon Mass
Fellowship after Mass
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please bring all holiday food donations to the
Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave).

Thank you for your contributions.

Join the **HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY** in
celebrating "Giving Bear Sunday" every 3rd
Sunday of the month. Look out for our Purple Bear in
the vestibule with a basket for cards for family
needs. Please stop by and pick a card or 2 to help
ensure the ministries inventory never dries up.
The HUGS Ministry services 50 families in our parish
and community by giving out Grace Bags monthly to
mothers and children-newborn to age 5.



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) **DANCE/EXERCISE** Class **For**
the Family

Saturdays 9:30—10:30 am Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS November 19, 2023

Our next Coffee and Fellowship Sunday will be on
November 19 after all the Sunday Masses. It is our
hope that you all can join us as we celebrate an
advanced Thanksgiving as a Church family, thank-
ing God for all the blessings received and blessings
yet to be received.

Thank you to Emmanuella Nosike, Yakima Williams
and Dr. Madessa Espana for donating pastries, ba-
gels and cookies to our October fellowship.

Thank you also to our very dedicated and selfless
volunteers David Bernot, Betty Falcon, Bill
McGrath, Luz Gonzales, Maria Edmond and Agosti-
na Rodriguez who made sure the fellowship was
running smoothly.

May God bless you all.



NOVEMBER "DINING TO DONATE"

The Union Knights of Columbus will hold a "Dining
to Donate" event on Tuesday evening November
14, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM at

Suspenders Restaurant & Pub
1131 Magie Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Here is an easy way for you to come out and en-
joy a good meal with your family and friends and
help the Knights raise funds for our Charitable Ac-
count to help our Parishes and Community. Help
us help our Parishes and Community. Suspenders
Restaurant & Pub will donate a percentage of your
bill to the Union Knights of Columbus.

All you have to do is bring this article to Suspenders
Restaurant & Pub on Tuesday November 14,
2023, and give it to your server before ordering.
Order and enjoy your meal. Thank you for your
support.

THANK YOU

The **Union Knights of Columbus Council 4504**
would like to send there deepest gratitude to the
Parishioners of St. Michael's Church. We will ne at
the Church on November 11th following the 5:30
Mass and November 12th following all tehe Mass-
es for the benefit of our Intellectual Disabilities
Drive.