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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.

## 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*

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*Parochial Vicar*

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For whoever  
is not against  
us is for us.

MARK 9:40



## Envy, A Rot in the Bone



In the first reading of this 26th Sunday in ordinary times, we read about God bestowing His spirit on 70 elders who were appointed to help Moses in the governance of His people. Two of these elders did not come out to the

tent area, where the rest were gathered, but remained in the camp. The spirit of the Lord still came upon them, and they prophesied. Someone went and reported to Moses that these two guys were prophesying in the camp, and Joshua, furious with the news, said to Moses, "My lord, stop them" to which Moses responded, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" Moses' reaction to Joshua was sharp and direct. It was as Joshua saying to Moses, "stop these guys from usurping your job. If they keep prophesying, people won't realize how special you are. Protect your privilege! Stop them! You don't really want to share your special grace with them, do you? But Moses made it clear to him that God is big enough for all of us to partake in Him; that there is enough God to go around. Scripture says, "God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Cor 9:8).

Isn't it amazing how we can be the moon and still be envious of the stars. What Joshua displayed here was not just jealousy; in a true sense it was envy. Envy has to do with discontent or resentment toward others based on their achievements, possessions, attributes, qualities, and more. Joshua was envious of the gift that had been bestowed on the two elders who were not in the tent area as directed. Envy is not just a negative emotion; it is a belittling passion because it resents God's goodness in other people's lives and ignores God's goodness in ours. It fails to recognize that God knows what He's doing in the apportionment of His blessings. Envy cannot stand it when others are graciously blessed and is sad at the happiness of others. Could it be true that the worst part of success is trying to find someone who is truly happy for you.

We should never underestimate the power of envy and Jealousy to destroy. Just as iron is eaten away by rust so does envy and jealousy consume with negative passions, like anger, resentment, bitterness, and inadequacy. It breeds a destructive critical spirit, deprecates others, destroys relationships, sow seeds of doubt and distrust while fostering bitterness and ugliness. It makes us hostile towards people and sometimes seeks to bring about the ruin of others who have done nothing to hurt us. As Scripture says, "Jealousy rots the bones" (Proverb 14:30). Look at the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis chapter four.

No wonder Moses cautioned Joshua. He understood that God's grace is enough to go around. What you rightly have does not diminish what God can give to someone else and what someone else rightly has does not diminish what God can give to you, if He has willed it into your life. Yours is yours, mine is mine, we can all progress together as God has chosen to bless us.

Because envy is a secret sin, a secret that brews on the inside, one way to deal with it is to acknowledge its presence, denounce it, be grateful for blessings received and yet to be received, focus energy on doing what can be done to speak and bring more blessings into our lives, pray to God to bless our efforts while shedding off those dead places in our lives that are doing a dirty job on our progress. We need to be happy for other people's blessings because we cannot attract what we attack.

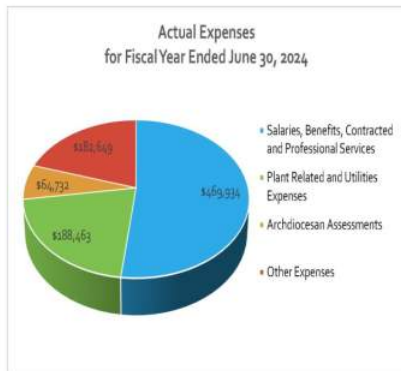
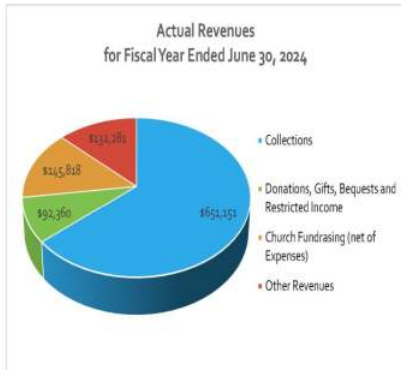
Father Almighty, grant me the grace of gratitude and the blessing of appreciating your goodness to others. Thanks for all that you have given to me and all that you will bestow into my life. May Your name be glorified in my blessings and sufficiency. Amen!

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

# Stewardship of Treasure

## St. Michael the Archangel Church Financial Summary

Total Revenues	\$ 1,021,610
Total Expenses	905,778
Surplus before Capital Projects	115,832
Capital Projects Revenue	49,995
Capital Projects Expense	(49,995)
Surplus after Capital Projects	<u>\$ 115,832</u>



"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>SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>Week 1</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,050	\$ 257
<b>Week 2</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,100	\$ 793
<b>Week 3</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,413	\$ 106
<b>Week 4</b>	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,327	\$1,020
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$10,653</b>	<b>\$ 613</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*

## 2024 USAN

### Dear Parishioners,

*Our 2024 USAN campaign was again a great success, thanks to your sacrifices, fearless dedication, self-donation, and unwavering commitment to this Church, as you believe that God will bless our efforts, come through for us, and grant us success, and He did.*

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*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu  
Pastor*

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## 2025 MASS BOOK IS 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.



# Ministry Happenings

## CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



Our first general body CYO meeting was will be held on Tuesday, **September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Phil Matrale Hall from 7:00pm-8:15pm.** All high school aged teens are welcome to attend! All meetings going forward will be on Tuesday nights.

**Confirmation Registration for the 2024-2025 year will be closing soon.** Please make sure to contact the Youth Ministry Office at 908-688-1232 ext. 3 or email us at [cyouionnji@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnji@gmail.com) if you have not yet registered your child or would like additional information. In order to be confirmed this year, your child must have received the sacraments of baptism and communion, completed either religious education classes up until 8<sup>th</sup> grade or attended a Catholic Grammar School, and lastly, they must be in high school.

## 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

## MILLENNIALS WITH CHRIST (MWC)

**MILLENNIALS WITH CHRIST (MWC)** The second meeting was filled with great conversation, fun, and of course the Holy Spirit. Our discussion centered around what our spiritual walk with God might look like and the ways we sustain it. The main takeaway was that everyone's journey with Christ might look different, but we share the same purpose of growing and becoming more connected with God. Your spiritual walk may include some difficult moments, but know God is with you every step of the way. We invite parishioners from all cultures between the ages of 25-40 to grow in fellowship and faith with us. Millennials with Christ aims to encourage others to be soldiers for Christ in a way that resonates with our generation because we are trying to draw people within our age range into the Catholic Church since so many of our peers



## 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](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.

## 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](mailto:smreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

**Religious Ed. Is looking for:**  
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**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,  
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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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024  
2024 ROSARY CONGRESS  
AND  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

All the parishioners and friends of  
**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
are invited to participate in the  
**2024 Rosary Congress**  
and  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Hourly recitation of the Rosary and personal adoration  
8:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses



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## HEALING Mass

11 AM

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REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

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Call the Parish Office  
(908) 688 - 1232

Light refreshment will be served after the mass.

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## BLUE & WHITE MASS

Saturday  
**16**  
November

@ 10 am

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

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

## ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST CONCERT

St. Michael's choir and musicians will join together with St. Michael's worship band and singers for a musical concert on **Sunday, September 29 at 3:15 pm**. The audience can participate in the singing. The words for the songs will be posted on the screens.

Dinner will be served at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) after the concert.

Please join us for this St. Michael's Feast celebration.



Thank you to **Romeo & Maria Ponce** for donating the beautiful orchids that has adorned our Church and Sanctuary for the past few months until now.



And to the **Anonymous Donor** who has continually supplied the altar with the beautiful peace lilies in big planters, we thank you.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and may God continue you with His blessings!

### SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

**Monday, October 21, 2024** - Bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino**. Bus leaves parking lot at 9:30 am. Cost is **\$35** with a \$25 slot play return.

**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.



The **Union Knights of Columbus Council 4504** would like to extend a deep appreciation to Msgr. Anselm and the Parishioners of St. Michael's for having us collect contributions for four worthy Charities with those with Intellectual Disabilities.

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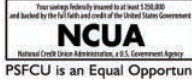
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