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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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Believing Faith



The gospel of this 13th Sunday in ordinary times, (Year B) tells the story of two faith journeys—Jairus, who by his faith in Christ was moved from a sea of storms to the shores of peace and a woman

with an issue of blood, who, by her faith in Jesus, was moved from a life of unmitigated suffering to a life of healthy wellbeing.

The question then is: what kind of faith brought these changes to the lives of these two people? I call it, “Believing Faith”. Believing faith is a relationship; a kind of faith that causes one to trust and to put one’s life into the hands of God, with an assurance of God’s faithfulness, so much so that one is ready to risk death, a hundred times, trusting in it. It is a kind of faith that connects with Jesus and refuses to doubt, to give up, or descend into unbelief. Scripture says, “Whoever clings unto me I will deliver”. It is a kind of faith that believes that one’s adversity is God’s opportunity to glorify His Name. This is not a faith that is based on wishful hope. No, it is faith that is based on God’s Word, His promises., and His faithfulness. Remember that the glory of God is in the fulfilment of His promises, and Scripture says, “Listen to me, O house of Jacob, I have made, and I will bear; I will carry, and I will save.... Remember this and stand firm... I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it. (Ref. Isaiah 46:3-11).

Believing-faith requires certain behaviors. It requires overcoming the negativity of our environment and Nay -sayers. Neither Jairus nor the woman with the issue of blood cared about what the environment of their faith-seeking adventure could possibly hold out for them. Jairus, being a synagogue official, could have been sanctioned by the High Priest for putting his faith in Christ Jesus. The crowd could have had a lot to

say about this woman, who, having suffered from an issue of blood for several years, was unclean in every aspect of human hygiene. Neither of them, though, cared. Our fears, what people will say, and our feelings about how peers and friends will react, can inhibit our journey to believing-faith.

Believing faith also requires that we counter our doubts and negative self-talk because believing-faith is a surrendering hope; a hopeful hope that believes, no matter what. While Christ was taking care of the woman with the issue of blood, a message came from Jairus' family that her daughter was dead and that there was no need worrying the Master. Christ turned to him and said, “Do not be afraid, but keep believing”. Therein lies the key to “Believing Faith”—keep believing; to keep believing when we are at our lowest point; when nothing seems hopeful and there is no light in sight; when desperation sets in, and hopelessness abounds. It is in these moments that Jesus is nearest to us. Scripture says, “My faithful one shall live by faith alone and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him” (Hebrew 10:38). So, “Believing Faith” urges us to live above our feelings, never despairing, knowing that by trusting in God, victory will surely be ours.

My friends, Scripture says, “No one, who puts his hands on the plough and continues to look back is worthy of the kingdom of God. Join me, therefore, as we continue to pray, “Father, into your hands, I commend my faith.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

2024 UNION OF SAINTS & NATIONS (USAN)

Different ways to remit a donation

Submit a donation to your group facilitator.

Mail donation to parish office using an envelope marked USAN 2024.

Drop off donations at the parish center or in any of the collection boxes in the Church Vestibule in an envelope marked "USAN 2024". Be sure to have your name, group name, or group number on the envelope.

Use our church online giving in our website, www.stmichaelunion.org or Zelle to stmichaelunion@comcast.net and write USAN 2024 in the comment.

All checks and money orders are to be made payable to St. Michael's Church, and write "USAN" and group name in the Memo.

Duration of fundraiser:

This year's fundraiser will actively begin on **April 15, 2024**, and **officially end on July 31, 2024**. You can continue to remit money through Sept 30, 2024.

For more information, please call the office at (908) 688-1232 or talk to any priests, Cynthia Grandeza, David Bernot or a "Group Facilitator."

I urge all our parishioners to stand tall and steadfast and commit to this blessed effort. We can accomplish any goal if we do it together. The good news is that we can, and by the grace of God, we will. At this point, our motto is forward ever, backward never.

In the vestibule of the Church, you will see the Plaques for the past two years of our USAN Mission with the names of the various groups and their facilitators. We intend to create a history out of this venture because it is proving to be a life-wire for the survival of our parish.

Please pray that the good Lord may grant success to the work of our hands.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

2024 Base Goal: \$43,473.00
2024 Stretch Goal: \$46,240.00
As of: 6/25/24
Donor Pledge: \$41,138.00
Donor Received: \$33,648.25

"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

	<u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL WEEKLY</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
JUNE			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,324	\$1,017
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,779	\$ 472
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,014	\$ 707
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,204	\$ 897
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 9,840	\$ 200

2024 USAN UPDATE

GOAL **\$100,000.00**
As of 6/5/24 **\$ 30,464.00**
NEED: **\$ 69,536.00**

**Facilitators are still needed. Please contact
Cynthia & David. Thank you for your support
and generosity.**



Our parish will be taking a cruise around New York City as part of the celebration of St. Michael's Feast Day 2024.

Cruise Date: Friday, September 27, 2024
Ship Boarding: 6:30 pm
Cruising: 7:00 pm—9:30 pm
Vessel: Spirit of New Jersey
Departing: Lincoln Harbor
 1500 Harbor Blvd. Weehawken, NJ

COST:

Option 1: \$170 per person includes cruise, dinner, round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back. No beer or wine.
Option 2: \$178 per person includes cruise, dinner, drinks (1 glass of wine or bottle of beer), round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back.
Option 3: \$150 per person includes cruise and dinner only. No bus transportation nor wine or beer.

Bus boarding at St. Michael's Parking Lot at 5:00 pm sharp.

Tickets are first come first serve basis. **Deadline to purchase tickets—August 5th.** Only 150 tickets will be sold. No refund will be issued for cancellation after August 5th.

Tickets are now available for sale at the Parish Center and Church vestibule during Sunday Masses. Tickets can also be purchased from Luz Gonzales or Cynthia Grandeza. Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more information.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

June 29

8:30 am Barsilisa Lagria, Francisco Maiso
5:30 pm Alarcon Family, Maria Benecio
Anthony Manochio (3rd Ann.)

SUNDAY

June 30

:30 am Alfonse D. D'Alessio
Kristian Espejon (Living)-Priestly Ordination
9:00 am Kristian Espejon (Living)-Priestly Ordination
Souls in Purgatory, For the Parishioners
10:30 am Raymond Bober, Helen Rubinetti
12:00 noon Mary Manco
Mueyiwa Margaret Kubeyinje (Living)-Birthday
Charismatic Group-for all fathers & graduates

MONDAY

July 1

8:30 am Mulford Herbert
Onyekachi Odoemene (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Hilda Criado, Zofia Siwec

TUESDAY

July 2

8:30 am Thomas Canavan, Jr. (17th Ann.)
Robert Rumohr (Living)-Birthday
Novena of Masses
12:00 noon Rui Do Carma, Felisa Ticsay

WEDNESDAY

July 3

8:30 am Jose Guzman Almonte
Socoro Dagat (Living)-Healing
Amoakon Mian
12:00 noon Grace Badiola (Living)-Healing
Novena of Masses

THURSDAY

July 4

9:00 am Baby Phillips
Marili Apuzzio (Living)-Thanksgiving

FRIDAY

July 5

8:30 am Evangelina Hernandez
Grant Campbell (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Judynique Auguste (Living)-Birthday
6:30 pm Amalia Cachola Corrales

SATURDAY

July 6

8:30 am Juan Ezpeleta, Sr.
Allan Schwer (2nd Ann.)
5:30 pm Erminio Ciampa, Thelma Marasigan-Alex

SUNDAY

July 7

7:30 am Ed Stonack, For the Parishioners
9:00 am Marcus Belmonte
10:30 am Jerry Crincoli
Clare Cepe (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Pantaleona Magbanua (6th Ann.)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread & Altar Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp are

FREE & AVAILABLE

**An outdoor grotto that will hold a statue.
Please contact the Parish Office (908)
688-1232, ext. 100 if interested.**

NOVENA OF MASSES JULY 2024

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Jean Ford
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Abe Maksom
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Fritz Maddy
Frank & Helen Rubinetti	George Rinehart, Jr.
Amalia Cachola Corales	Melanie Pikula
Rev. Fr. Ambrose Udeze	Joseph Chura Anamdi
Fr. Isaiah Agochukwu	Amoakon Mian

Luther Boulin (Living)-Birthday
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)-Thanksgiving
Kosiso Akporji (Living)-Special Intentions
Chisom Odoemene (Living)-Special Intentions
Ogechizara Chika-Nwosuh (Living)-Special Intentions
Chukwuebuka Odoemene (Living)-Speical Intentions
Michellene & Joseph Kmetz
Chinyere Odoemene & Family (Living)-Special Intentions
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing
Manuel Pereira Aarujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families
Living & Deceased Members of Maddy & Boulin Families
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family

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, 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

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
Melanie Pikula, Corinne Myers**

Ministry Happenings



CYO YOUTH MINISTRY

The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank all of its members for an amazing year! Congratulations to all of our seniors who are graduating, and we wish you the best of luck! We wish everyone a safe, healthy and fun summer and we look forward to seeing the rest of our members back in September!

We are also excited to announce that Bible School will be from July 22nd – 26th this year. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information. Any CYO teen member interested in being a Bible School Counselor, please email us at younionni@gmail.com.

LINEN MINISTRY

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

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WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

Exciting News!

I am thrilled to announce my involvement in St. Michael's Wellness Ministry, where I will be incorporating the integration of self-defense classes with our beloved Dance Classes every Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

As we embark on this journey together, I am eager to blend the artistry of dance with the practicality of self-protection, fostering a space where both mind and body can flourish.

Join me in this empowering endeavor as we prioritize holistic wellness and community safety.

Let's dance our way to strength, confidence and unity at St. Michael's!

Rey Seida & Lucy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summer is here!!!

Thank you for all your support during our Religious Ed. Program last year. Please have us in your mind- We are here to serve!

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

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

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.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

Join the **HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY** in celebrating "Giving Bear Sunday" every 3rd Sunday of the month. Look our 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.



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.



Announcements



ST. MICHAEL PARISH
FOURTH OF JULY
FAMILY CELEBRATION

COME WATCH THE TOWN FIREWORKS! **5:00 - 9:00PM**
 Grill closes at 7pm

POTLUCK FIESTA!

MUSIC, GAMES & LOTS MORE!
 NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Everyone is invited to our Fourth of July celebration. Please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Donations of frozen packaged burgers, hotdogs, buns, water are welcome.

We need volunteers and help in setting up tables and chairs, barbeque grilling, food servers and clean-up. Set up time is 3:30 pm by the Church garage. We would appreciate all your help.

We look forward to seeing you!



ST. ALPHONSA FEAST DAY
MASS—July 28, 2024 @ 12:00 noon
Fellowship after the Mass at
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

Tuesday, July 23, 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 July 22-July 26 (Monday-Friday 9:00 am –12:00 noon)
 Our program is for children ages Pre-K to 8th Grade
 Price: \$60 per child (3rd child in a family is 1/2 price)

Child's Name _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

School child attends: _____ Grade in Sept.: _____

Parents Name & Signature: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

(Name) (Phone) (Relations)

Please circle any of the following if your child is allergic to:

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Does your child have any special concerns we should be aware of. This includes any allergies, diabetes, etc.

Pictures from Bible School are used on our website for advertising and on our Church bulletin Boards. No names or personal information is ever used or given out on any child.

If you do not want pictures of your child used sign here _____.

Registration fee is \$60.00 (cash or check)

Total: \$ _____

All children will receive a Bible School T-shore. Circle size

Small Medium Large


Please return this form to St. Michael's Parish Center, 1211 Orange Ave. , Union, NJ 07083. Mail or drop or drop off. Please put St. Michael's Vacation Bible School.

CYO Office (908) 688-1232, Ext 3

DO NOT DELAY! REGISTRATION DUE BY FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

ARE YOU GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER?

Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please do not take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to our website, stmichaelunion.org, to sign up for electronic giving. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away.



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