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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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August 11, 2024 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR B

**I AM THE LIVING BREAD
THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN;
WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE
FOREVER; AND THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE IS
MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.**

JOHN 6:51



Being a Friend of the Holy Spirit



In the second reading of this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year B, (Ephesians 4:29-5:2), St. Paul urges us not to grieve the Holy Spirit and then goes on to list a few things that we should not be

doing—unforgiveness, unwholesome speech, anger and bitterness, slander, bad attitudes toward others. Apparently, it is how we live that bring sorrow to the Holy Spirit.

In order not to grieve the Holy Spirit, St. Paul talks about guarding against unwholesome speech. “Let every word that comes from your mouth be such that it is edifying to those who hear it.” Our words need to be always geared toward encouraging others because what we say, at any given moment, may be the only pillar of strength left to help someone stand up and pull through. How we make others feel about themselves, says a lot about who we are.

St. Paul also urges us to forgive just as God has forgiven us. This issue of forgiveness keeps coming up again and again even to the point that Christ included it in the “Our Father” prayer. Forgiveness is an Old Testament and New Testament theme that we cannot avoid. It has so much to do with the way we live our lives. We need to forgive others, not because they deserve it or need it, but because we deserve to live in peace with God and the self, for every minute we live in unforgiveness, we lose sixty seconds of happiness and divine presence. To forgive is to set a prisoner free and it is important to know that the prisoner that is being set free is you.

St. Paul also points out the need to guard against unholy anger. Anger can be very destructive because it can consume and subsume our self-control, making us think, say, and do things we will, most probably, regret later. A Chinese

proverb says, “If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.” Anger, when vented thoughtlessly, can hurt others and be very destructive. If bottled up inside, it can cause us to become bitter and destroy us from within. Anger nursed is an incubator for a health catastrophe.

St. Paul goes on to warn against slander and gossip. The Bible says that “Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip and liars pay close attention to slander” (Proverb 17:4). It is always good to know that gossip and slander are not victimless crimes for they do not dissipate into thin air. Lies and vicious rumors can forcefully, painfully, and lastingly injure, maim, and destroy lives, sully reputations, ruin careers, and damage people’s futures. The words we speak have so much power to effect good or evil. We must carefully and wisely choose what we do with our speech.

Ours is to bring love, joy, and peace into our lives and the life of others by choosing to hear and speak only positive, uplifting, kind, and caring words; by choosing to touch hearts in a positive and meaningful way; by choosing to leave our heart imprints, not our hand imprints, on people’s lives; and by choosing to inspire others to goodness and to truly make a difference in this world. At the end of each day, our question needs to be: Did I bring sorrow to the Holy Spirit or glory to God with my words, attitudes, and actions? May the good Lord make us agents of love, joy, and peace.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

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<p>MAIL IN:</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</p>  <p>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p>

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.

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS: PREVENTING SCAMS IN OUR PARISH

There is increasing use of many Pastor's names, via email or text message, to try to scam parishioners. They have tried it severally with many pastors in our diocese. Please do not be scammed. You can prevent this by taking a few things in consideration.

- If you receive a text message or email and you don't know your pastor's phone number or email, do not reply to the message sent in his name unless it comes from the Parish Office. **You need to call the Parish and verify the message.**
- If someone texts, emails or calls you in a way that implies urgency, attempting to get you to act quickly before you have time to carefully read and examine the message. Be careful how you respond. Verify first.
- If you receive any text, email, or call pressuring you to send funds via gift cards for whatever reason, by asking you for the code numbers or PINs on the back of the cards so that the card can be redeemed immediately, be careful how you respond. Verify first.
- If you receive any text or email, or call telling you a story about the urgent need of your pastor or someone you don't relate with at that level, that involves a medical emergency, being stranded somewhere, or for travel needs, be careful how you respond. Make sure the phone number or email address is verified.

We just need to be smart and we can beat these attempts at scamming parishioners. It is nearly impossible to locate where the scam is originating from or the number being used. What we can do is to be watchful. Always look at the number and email from which the message is being sent. If it is not a number or email address you are familiar with, your best bet is not to respond or verify before you respond.

Msgr. Anselm

"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
AUGUST			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,848	\$ 541
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 5,969	\$ 4,071

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 UPDATE

GOAL \$100,000.00

As of 8/7/24 \$ 72,583.00

NEED: \$ 27,417.00

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



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, UNION, NJ

2024 USAN REDEMPTION CAMPAIGN

Dear parishioners, our Church needs You right now!
We are \$65,000.00 short of our campaign goal! Please join me in faith as we close this gap. We need donations at these levels.

10 St. Michael's Corner Stones of Faith	\$2,000+ (and above)
10 St. Michael's Builders of Faith	\$1,500+
20 St. Michael's Pillars of Faith	\$1,000+
30 St. Keepers of Faith	\$500+
50 St. Michael's Faith Evangelists	\$200+
All Other Helpers	\$100+

May we all find a level for a sacrificial donation. Please indicate your level of giving

Donors Name: _____ Envelope # _____

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To God be the Glory, Honor, Worship, and Praise! Amen. May you never lack, as you keep this church alive.
(Use this envelop to mail card, or drop it in the collection basket/office.)

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY August 10
 8:30 am Michelle Ezpeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving
 Mae Loping (Living)-70th Birthday
 Leo Fernandez (9th Ann>)
 5:30 pm Emmanuel Moreno Cruz (1st Ann)
 Antonio Baldassarre
 Marcelina Reveche Rana

SUNDAY August 11
 7:30 am Alejandro Cruz
 For the Parishioners
 9:00 am Maria Cruz Azevedo
 Jerry & Cecelia DeJesus (Living)-50th Wedding Ann.
 10:30 am Angelita Figueroa
 12:00 noon Okezie Ukaegbu (Living)-70th Birthday
 Darnell Connor (1st Ann.)
 Clara Asoya (Living)-Birthday

MONDAY August 12
 8:30 am Darnell Conner (1st Ann.)
 12:00 noon Stephanie Mejas
 Jose Fernando Llanes

TUESDAY August 13
 8:30 am Agnes Marshall (Living)-80th Birthday
 12:00 noon Alarcon Family
 Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY August 14
 8:30 am Amoakon Mian
 12:00 noon Trexie Lei Binayan (Living)-Birthday

THURSDAY August 15
 8:30 am Jose Angelo Ayala Palita
 Arsenio Reyes (Living)-Birthday
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses

FRIDAY August 16
 8:30 am Lucrecia Gamboa
 12:00 noon Hilda Criado

SATURDAY August 17
 8:30 am Peter Bernal (Living)-Birthday
 5:30 pm Jose Fernando Llanes

SUNDAY August 18
 7:30 am Children's Novena of Masses
 9:00 am Laisha Eugene (Living)-Birthday
 Children's Novena of Masses
 10:30 am Children's Novena of Masses
 For the Parishioners
 12:00 noon Grandeza Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
 Guerda Lamour (Living)-Birthday

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of Stephanie Mejas, requested by her family.



NOVENA OF MASSES AUGUST 2024

<p>Jose & Lucille Arnaldo James Ford, Sr. Mary & Idolo Russomano Pierre & Rubinetti Families Frank & Helen Rubinetti Elenita Roque (Living) Julianita J. Ticao Julie & Henry Dycowski Lauren Kaczynski Masses for Children Peter & Rebecca Aguh (Living) Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)-Healing Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-Healing Shella Boulin (Living)-Birthday Michellene & Joseph Kmetz George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart 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 Ramos & Morales Families Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family</p>	<p>Phil Matrale Jean Ford Abe Maksom Fritz Maddy George Rinehart, Jr. Linda Privat Nora Jover Adelina P. Hollado Antonio Maranon</p>
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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 Dittmer, 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

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

James Lloyd & Members of St. Michael's Parish



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.

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!

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 have left.

Jesus replied, "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." The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40, NLT)

**Our next meeting is
8/22/24 from 7:15 - 9:00
PM in the lower church.**

For inquiries: Millenni-
alswithChrist@gmail.com



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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 smccd@comcast.net.

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: HUGS MINISTRY is accepting donations of schools supplies. The items needed are:

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| Backpacks | Composition books |
| Folders-2 pockets | Pencils |
| Crayons | Colored Pencils |
| Erasers | Glue Sticks |
| Markers | Ziplock bags-gallon size |
| Subject notebook | Pencil Cases |

You may drop off donations at the church vestibule anytime on the week-end during the month of July.

Thank you for your generosity.



The HUGS Ministry gratefully acknowledges the generous gift of a substantial donation of infant formula, both powder and liquid states from the Knights of Columbus Council 4504. HUGS appreciates the efforts of Luke Sanglamo and Anthony Spina to support this ministry of mothers and young children.



Announcements



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 cancelation 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.

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.



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ST. ALPHONSA FEAST July 28, 2024



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**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

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