



# 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

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Camilo Lopez**  
*Parochial Vicar*

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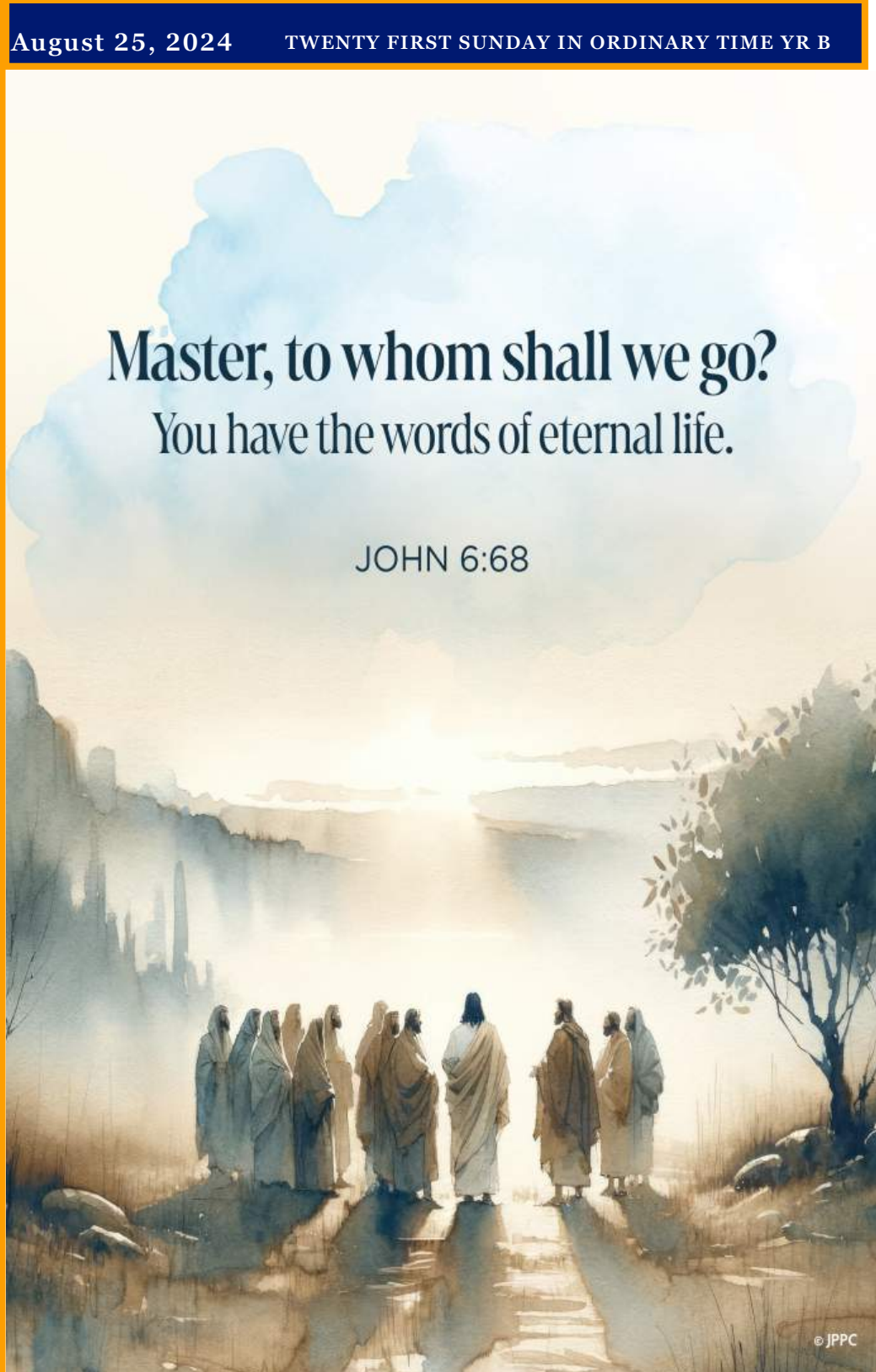
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Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.

JOHN 6:68

## UNSHAKEABLE FAITH



In the gospel reading of this 21st Sunday in ordinary times, Peter said, “Lord, where shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. This was his answer when Christ asked if the apostles were not going to leave Him, just as many of the

disciples had done after hearing His teaching about the Eucharist.

There is no doubt that the teachings of our faith can sometimes be very hard to take. People question the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, whether there is heaven and hell, the veracity of the sacrament of reconciliation, why should we honor Our Blessed Mother, whether God truly exists, etc. The fact is that it is increasingly more difficult for people to walk by faith, and not by sight. Yet, Scripture tells us that, without faith, it is impossible to please.

The question, then, is how do we develop a faith like Peter’s whereby we can see and relate to God through the eyes of Jesus, not the eyes of man? Growing in faith does not happen overnight; it is a life’s long journey of believing and doing things that are faith empowering, such as:

- A. Believing that you are a child of God. Faith begins with a firm believe that I am a child of God and chosen and loved by Him unconditionally. That God knows me by name and that, while trials and difficulties may come my way in this life, He will never abandon, reject, betray, or leave me desolate. That God has the power to move, remove, or walk me through every valley of darkness, no wonder Scripture says; “Even if I walk in the valley of darkness, no evil will I fear for you are there with your rod and staff to give me comfort.
- B. Believing that God is faithful. Faith requires an unconditional trust that God is faithful and that when He says, “I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” He means it. So, I need to believe that because God is all-powerful and all-knowing, nothing that comes my way, in

this life, will ever surprise Him for He is bigger than any trial or tribulation that life may throw at me and that He is capable of turning any situation around, mourning into dancing, tears into songs, and failures into blessings. Remember that “Every promise of God is yes in God and Amen unto us in Christ Jesus”.

- C. Guard against falling into lukewarmness. It is easy to become complacent with our faith, to become cluttered and distracted with the messy stuff of life, and to start neglecting our prayer and spiritual life. We need to stay constantly in the purview of the Holy Spirit who is the power of God to comfort in times of grief, solace in moments of difficulty, direction in moments of confusion, courage in moments of despondency, and hope in times of disappointments.
- D. Be pro-active with your faith. One of the strongest ways to build faith is to be true disciples of stewardship by finding ways to serve the Lord among His people—lectors that proclaims His word, ministers of Holy Communion, hands that feed the hungry and touch the sick with compassion, talent that initiates and drives programs to keep the Church alive and growing, catechist who hand down our Catholic tradition to the younger generation, stewards of treasure to help keep the Church’s doors open and running, ministers of hospitality that welcome people into our worship space, etc. The more we find ways to serve God among His people, the deeper our faith grows in the God of faithfulness.

My friends, growing an unshakeable faith is not a one-day job. It is something we must devote time to grow by practicing it in our day to day living with a consistent, persistent, and unyielding spirit. May God grant us the grace to be faithful to our faith.

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

# Stewardship of Treasure

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p>  <p>Parish Giving -SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING- stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p>  <p>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><b>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</b></p>  <p>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page.</p>
<p><b>MAIL IN:</b></p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</b></p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</b></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](http://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
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,848	\$ 541
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,082	\$ 775
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,116	\$ 191
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 8436</b>	<b>\$ 1,604</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 UPDATE

**GOAL \$100,000.00**

**As of 8/14/24 \$ 83,148.00**

**NEED: \$ 16,852.00**

**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

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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 24**  
 8:30 am Arlene O'Connor (Living)-Healing  
 5:30 pm Virginia Malacaman, Teresita Guererro

**SUNDAY August 25**  
 7:30 am Luisa Resurreccion (Living)-80th Birthday  
 For the Parishioners  
 9:00 am Baby Olivia Anne Reo (3rd Ann.)  
 Henry Mendoza (Living)-Birthday  
 10:30 am Lucille & Jose Arnaldo  
 12:00 noon All Souls in Purgatory  
 Charismatic Group-Protection of All Travelers  
 Aly Bayot (Living)-4th Birthday

**MONDAY August 26**  
 8:30 am Evan & Dickson Dagat (Living)-Birthday  
 12:00 noon Rui Do Carmo  
 Constance Emery (Living)-91st Birthday

**TUESDAY August 27**  
 8:30 am Maria Tavares  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses

**WEDNESDAY August 28**  
 8:30 am Amoakon Mian, Robert Emery (21st Ann.)  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses

**THURSDAY August 29**  
 8:30 am Lucila Mariano, Izabel E. Marques da Silva  
 12:00 noon Elvira Poquita

**FRIDAY August 30**  
 8:30 am Mary & Joseph Jakubco  
 Manuel Fazendeiro  
 12:00 noon Evelyne Rene (Living)-Birthday

**SATURDAY August 31**  
 8:30 am Rosemarie Belmonte (Living)-Birthday  
 Michael Jean (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Obianaka Melie (Living)-24th Birthday  
 5:30 pm Anthony Manochio  
 Aurora Manochio (Living)-Birthday

**SUNDAY September 1**  
 7:30 am For the Parishioners  
 9:00 am Annamae McKnight  
 10:30 am Christopher Onyenanu (2nd Ann.)  
 Henrietta Jasa  
 12:00 noon Hilda Criado  
 Deceased Members of C.Magalhaes Family

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are*

## 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.

## NOVENA OF MASSES AUGUST 2024

<b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b>	<b>Phil Matrale</b>
<b>James Ford, Sr.</b>	<b>Jean Ford</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b>	<b>Abe Maksom</b>
<b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b>	<b>Fritz Maddy</b>
<b>Frank &amp; Helen Rubinetti</b>	<b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b>
<b>Elenita Roque (Living)</b>	<b>Linda Privat</b>
<b>Julianita J. Ticao</b>	<b>Nora Jover</b>
<b>Julie &amp; Henry Dycewski</b>	<b>Adelina P. Hollado</b>
<b>Lauren Kaczynski</b>	<b>Antonio Maranon</b>

**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**

## 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, Maria Ferrara

## 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**

**Anthony Petescia**



## 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



Our first general body CYO meeting 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!

**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 [cyouunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouunionnj@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)

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

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 weekend during the month of July.

Thank you for your generosity.

## 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 take-away 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. For inquiries: [MillennialswithChrist@gmail.com](mailto:MillennialswithChrist@gmail.com)



## 2024 USAN FUNDRAISER



Seeking the peace and comfort can be found in Our Lady of Fatima? We have a **limited assortment of Pilgrim Virgin Statues and books purchased in Fatima, Portugal, donated to St. Michael's Church. Contact David Bernot (908) 472-8858** to purchase a statue or book. Your generosity will go directly to USAN 2024 Fundraiser. Let us respond to Our Lady's messages by God-centered lives and by fulfilling the requests of Our Lady of Fatima.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**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](mailto: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 or via email at [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

## 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,  
 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 Ginie, Jonathan, Ylani and Taisha at [ourmindandspirit@gmail.com](mailto:ourmindandspirit@gmail.com)

# 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 still available for sale at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) and Church vestibule during Sunday Masses and online through Parish Giving platform. Tickets can also be purchased from Luz Gonzales (908) 774-7368 or Cynthia Grandeza (908) 591-1065.

No refunds of tickets will be issued after September 13 for any cancellations.

Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more information.

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
 1212 Kelly Street  
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*Join our celebration as we honor the Filipino Saints*



*San Lorenzo Ruiz*



*San Pedro Calungsod*

**Sunday, September 22, 2024, 3:00 pm**

**Main Celebrant: Fr. Peter Aquino**

Daily Novena will start on Friday, Sept. 13, 2024 after the 8:30 am Mass on weekdays and Saturdays and before the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

**Hermana: Maria Socorro Dagat**

Reception and fellowship after the Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)

*Devotees are encouraged to wear Filipiniana/Barong Tagalog or native attires.*

## St Michael's Church

1212 Kelly St, Union, NJ 07083

Annual Feast of St. Michael Celebrations.

**CRUISE**

FRIDAY 27 September 2024  
7:00 - 9:30 pm

Ship Boarding at 6:30 pm from Lincoln Harbor  
Round trip bus from St Michael's included  
2 Ticket Options Available

**CARNIVAL**

SATURDAY 28 September 2024  
12:00 - 4:00 pm

GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD | INFLATABLES | MUSIC | FUN

**CONCERT & Kid's Ice Cream Social**

SUNDAY 29 September 2024  
after 10:30am Mass and 12 noon Mass  
Free ice cream to be served after masses

3:15 - 4:00 pm  
Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

## WELLNESS MINISTRY

**(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE/SELF DEFENSE Class**  
 For the Family  
**Saturdays 9:30—10:00 am**  
 Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

Give your body and being the gift of movement and wellness by joining us every Saturday at 9:30 am for a **FREE hour** of Dance and Defense.


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- Strengthen your body and confidence with effective defense techniques.
- Learn basic life-saving skills in a supportive and faith-centered environment.
- Enjoy a full-body workout that's both fun and rewarding.
- Connect with a community focused on holistic wellness—body, mind and spirit.

This class is family-friendly, so bring the whole family along to pick up some essential, life-saving defense skills while enjoying quality time together!

**Don't miss out! Start your weekend with a burst of energy and empowerment.** Join us this Saturday and every Saturday morning— your journey to wellness and confidence starts here!

Lucy & Rey



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