



# 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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*Permanent Deacon*

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June 16, 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches

MARK 4: 31-32

## Message From *The Pastor's Desk*



My dear Parishioners,

Let me start by thanking you for what we have been able to accomplish since I became the pastor of this Parish. As you may know, for the past four years, we

have been able to balance our budget, take care of our bills, grounds, and all kinds of renovations, improvements, and new installations in our buildings, and remained financially solvent. This has been, largely, due to God's blessings upon us and the success of our one and only yearly campaign—St Michael's Church **Union of Saints and Nations Fundraiser (USAN)**. When I arrived here in July 2017, there were so many mini fundraising events that had turned the Vestibule of our Church into a market place, which in many ways detracted from the sanctity of our worship environment. I did not like this for our Church. So, in prayer, we initiated this yearly single fundraising event, to take care of our Church. Thank God, it has been a huge success in meeting our needs.

Now, the time is upon us to run this year's campaign, the purpose of which is to continue to balance our budget, maintain our buildings, convert the heating system in the Parish Rectory buildings from oil to gas (which will save us a tremendous amounts of money), and to generate revenue-reserves for emergencies. As always, our target goal, for this fiscal year ending **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, is \$100,000.00** (One hundred thousand dollars). For us to run this mission successfully, we need to form a minimum of 50+ groups, with each group targeting to raise a minimum of \$2000 (Two Thousand dollars). Facilitators are charged with these groups. We need parishioners to facilitate these groups. Without these facilitators, we may not be able

to reach our goals. All that a facilitator has to do is to coordinate the members of his or her group to reach the targeted goal. Parishioners will be assigned to facilitators to form their groups. Also, an individual, a couple, a family, or friends held together by some common interest like religious devotion, socio-cultural background, or national allegiance, can form a group of their own. Generally, groups choose a name by which they are named. Groups can also recruit members from family, co-workers, and friends. When you get a call from a parish facilitator, please know that the call is not a scam. If you are in doubt, do please call the parish office at 908-688-1232.

Many individuals and families who choose to be stand-alone groups write a check for the target amount. Some groups organize internal fundraisers or ask group members for a minimum contribution to meet the group's target amount. Whatever the initiative may be, please do what you can to ensure the success of your group. All monies gifted to this campaign are tax deductible.

I urge all our parishioners to stand tall and stand committed to this blessed effort. We can accomplish any goal if we do it together. How glorious it would be if we all can commit, as individuals, to do whatever we can for the success of this year's USAN.

May the good Lord continue to bless you as you graciously participate in this kingdom work for His Church at St. Michael's Parish.

*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](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) or Zelle to [stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto: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: 6/5/24**  
**Donor Pledge:** \$39,113.00  
**Donor Received:** \$32,967.25

"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>
<b>JUNE</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,324	\$1,017
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,779	\$ 472
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 8,826</b>	<b>\$ 1,214</b>

### 2024 USAN UPDATE

**GOAL** **\$100,000.00**  
**As of 6/5/24** **\$ 21,776.00**  
**NEED:** **\$ 78,224.00**

**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

<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>June 15</b>
8:30 am	Rita Ojeda (1st Ann.)	
	Oscar & Julia Ernst	
5:30 pm	Ethel Faye Salangang Latorilla	
	Francisca Cueto-Resurreccion	
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>June 16</b>
7:30 am	Doug Sipe (Living), Jose Arnaldo Stanley Sipe	
	Alexander Boulin (Living)-Birthday	
9:00 am	Stephanie Tokpe (Living)-Thanksgiving	
	George Boetsch, Thomas Gillick	
	Roger Boetsch	
10:30 am	Anthony Marchitello	
	Jorge J. Criado (3rd Ann.)	
12:00 noon	Henry DeVera	
	Honofre Trifina Beldua	
	For the Parishioners	
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>June 17</b>
8:30 am	Fidela Dagat (4th Ann.)	
	Antonio Briones	
12:00 noon	Francisco Gatchalian	
	Novena of Masses	
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>June 18</b>
8:30 am	Ali Damestani	
12:00 noon	Jhun Roque	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>June 19</b>
8:30 am	Amoakon Mian,	
	Rael Olivier (Living)-Birthday	
	Eduardo & Hanshella Magno (Living)	
	(Wedding Anniversary)	
12:00 noon	Dada Egwaikhyde (40th Day)	
	Novena of Masses	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>June 20</b>
8:30 am	Craig Calix (Living)	
	Angelita Figueroa	
12:00 noon	Jose Boyet Lengson (Living)-Healing	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>June 21</b>
8:30 am	Luis & Manuel Alvero	
12:00 noon	Norma Lao (16th Ann.)	
	Phil Matrale	
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>June 22</b>
8:30 am	Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	
	Ed Stonack (6th Ann.)	
5:30 pm	Antonio Baldassarre	
	Elpidia Castillo	
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>June 23</b>
7:30 am	Alfonso D. D'Alessio	
	Genine Cham, Jean Ivalin Cham	
9:00 am	Manuel Perreira Araujo	
10:30 am	Patrick Mendoza (Living)-Thanksgiving	
	Henry & Anna Mendoza (Living)-20th Wedding Ann.	
12:00 noon	Claudy Auguste (Living)-Birthday	
	Deceased Members of Carla Magalhaes Family	

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread & Altar Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Members of St. Michael's Parish.*

### NOVENA OF MASSES JUNE 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>Special Intentions-VG</b>
<b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b>	<b>Ramon Valera</b>
<b>Frank &amp; Helen Rubinetti</b>	<b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b>
<b>Jorge &amp; Hilda Criado</b>	<b>Emmanuel Escanlar</b>
<b>Florence Oliaku Njeze</b>	<b>Abe Maksom</b>
<b>Adelena Hallado</b>	<b>Marie Kikel</b>
<b>Grace Badiola (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Alexander Boulin (Living)-Birthday</b>	
<b>Teresa Patapat (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Michellene &amp; Joseph Kmetz</b>	
<b>Antonio Simao DeMelo Madeiros</b>	
<b>George Sr., Ruth &amp; Barbara Rinehart</b>	
<b>Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing</b>	
<b>Manuel Pereira Araujo &amp; Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo</b>	
<b>Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano &amp; LaManna Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Del Rosario &amp; Perez Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members Onyenanu &amp; Durugo Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Maddy &amp; Boulin Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family</b>	
<b>Rodrigues, Medeiros, Araujo Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Tokpe Family</b>	
<b>Barbara Szenk (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Carolyn Martini (Living)-Healing</b>	

### 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

### 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  
Members of St. Michael's Family**

## 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!

For those in grades 9-12 interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a Confirmation Information Session on Tuesday, June 18th at 7:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall.

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 [yunionnj@gmail.com](mailto:yunionnj@gmail.com).

### 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.

### 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)**



### 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](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).

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

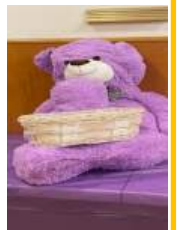
Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

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](http://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

## COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

June 16, 2024



Please join us on **June 16, 2024** after every Mass in the LC as we also celebrate **Father's Day**. All children are invited to a "Donut with Dad" themed celebration along with arts and crafts especially prepared by our newly formed G.I.F.T. (Grow in Faith Team) Ministry. Come and let's all celebrate as one Church family. Many thanks to Yakima Williams and Med Domingo for your generosity during the April fellowship. We also thank Phiomena E Neh and Philomena Dibemma for your generous donation. Thank you to Erika Colbert for donating the arts and crafts supplies.

Lastly, to the many men and women who volunteers selflessly and for all the hard work that they do to make our Coffee and Fellowship Sunday go well each month. We appreciate and thank all of you. Remain blessed.

## SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

**Tuesday, June 25, 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 Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse to reach out to the prosecutor.

Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors with the Archdiocese are:

- Bergen (201) 646-2300
- Essex (973) 621-4700
- Hudson (201) 795-6400
- Union (908) 527-4500

## KARAOKE TWEEN/TEEN NIGHT



**SATURDAY** | AGES 11+ 6:30 - 8:00PM  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION - FACSTMICHAELS@GMAIL.COM

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**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:

Dairy      Peanuts      Bee Sting

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-shirt. 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**



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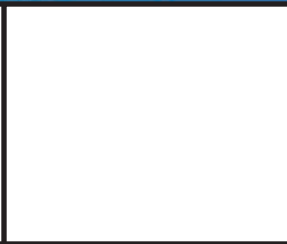


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