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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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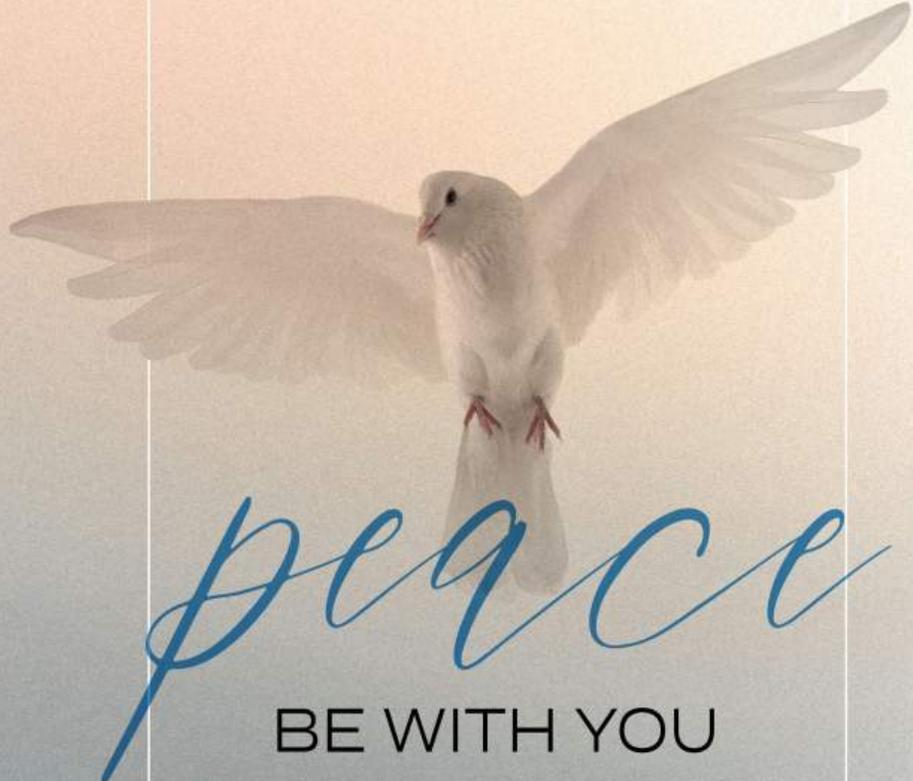
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May 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY



PENTECOST: UNITY IN DIVERSITY



On Pentecost day, apart from the tongue of fire that came upon the apostles, the most striking experience of that day was when the people, mesmerized by what they were seeing and experiencing, declared: "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues" (Acts 2:9-11). What an experience in unity in diversity! When it comes to God and His message of salvation, we all come under one umbrella no matter what our gender, color, race, culture, ethnicity, origin, and nationality may be. It is still one baptism, one God, one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, one creator, with justice and equality for all because at the foot of the Cross, there are no hills and valleys, no upstairs and basements, and no Jews and Gentiles.

How unfortunate it is that, in one of the darkest moments in our Church's history, the Church taught that slavery was a natural deterrent and a Christianizing influence on the people of Sub-Saharan Africa, and therefore encouraged the Europeans nations "to invade, search out, capture, vanquish, subdue, and reduce their persons [i.e. Sub-Sahara Africans] to perpetual slavery." To date, the Church has not recanted this pronouncement, and its effects have continued to endure over the ages.

On this Pentecost Day, the Psalmist prays, "Lord send forth your spirit, and renew the face of the earth"; a call for all of us to help create "the new

heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). As Christians, it is important that we start giving utmost importance to this Pentecost call. We need an inner conversion; a personal conviction that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed, by their creator, with certain inalienable rights; a personal resolve to respect all peoples as children of God most high. We need to pray that the good Lord will give us the courage to bear witness to the dignity of every human being, to heal the pain of discrimination and prejudice; to uproot the destructive power of systemic racism and bigotry; to raise those who because of their background have their backs on the ground; those whose zip codes, color, race, and gender, inhibit opportunities and possibilities for the development of their God-given talents and abilities.

My friends, only Jesus Christ can save! No act of man's inhumanity to man can save. The privileges we seek in acts of discrimination, bigotry, racism, isolationism, nationalism, homophobic, and xenophobic tendencies cannot save. We really need to focus on Jesus Christ because He is the author and finisher of our lives. Pentecost is about hearing the same message; the message that all men are created equal and that Jesus Christ is the only one Lord, no matter who we are, how we are, where we are, and what we are. Let us reach out and touch somebody with love, with care, with attention, with hope, and with welcome, doing all because we are all children of the same Creator and Father, God Almighty.

Msgr. Anselm

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: 5/15/24
Donor Pledge: \$37,308.00
Donor Received: \$29,868.80

"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

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|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| MAY | | | |
| Week 1 | \$ 7,307 | \$ 7,594 | \$ 287 |
| Week 2 | \$ 7,307 | \$ 8,409 | \$1,102 |
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| Week 4 | \$ 7,307 | \$ | \$ |
| Monthly SOS | \$10,040 | \$ 8,316 | \$1,724 |

2024 USAN UPDATE

GOAL **\$100,000.00**
As of 5/15/24 **\$ 12,108.00**
NEED: **\$ 87,892.00**

**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.

Tickets are first come first serve basis. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Tickets are now available for sale at the Parish Center and Church vestibule during Sunday Masses. Bus boarding at St. Michael's Parking Lot at 5:00 pm sharp. Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more information.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

May 18

8:30 am Jose Arnaldo (15th Ann.)
Miryam Bertrand (Living)-Birthday
Dioscora Binayan (Living)-Birthday
5:30 pm Alarcon Family, Lilia & Vicente Magno
Felicja Owunna (6th Month Ann.)
Eugene Fabio, Sr. & Eugene Fabio, Jr.

SUNDAY

May 19

7:30 am For the Parishioners, Mother Mary Novena
9:00 am Helen Rubinetti
10:30 am Marion Bozolus, Felipe Espejon
Rey Seide (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Frank Manco
Vicky Oyakhione (Living)

MONDAY

May 20

8:30 am Louis S. Fevrin
Julian Ferrer Bamba
12:00 noon Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-Healing

TUESDAY

May 21

8:30 am Alejandro Cruz
Justin Devera (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Willy Tokpe
George Rinehart, Jr.

WEDNESDAY

May 22

8:30 am Thomas Canavan
Special Intentions to St. Rita
Amoakon Mian
12:00 noon Marie Therard (Living)-Birthday

THURSDAY

May 23

8:30 am Cristina Dy
12:00 noon Novena of Masses

FRIDAY

May 24

8:30 am Deceased Members of Gillick Family
12:00 noon Rose Espiritu
Novena of Masses

SATURDAY

May 25

8:30 am Michael John Ravago
5:30 pm Leminosa Oftial

SUNDAY

May 26

7:30 am Maria Espiritu (Living)-Birthday
9:00 am For the Parishioners
10:30 am Joanne Lamour (Living)-Birthday
12:00 noon Karl Etienne (Living)
Felipe Neri Villorente (Living)-Birthday
Charismatic Group-Guidance of Holy Spirit for all Mothers

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of Frank Manco, requested by Manco & Leonardis Families.

The Paschal Candle is offered in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki, donated by Ed & Kathy Izbicki.

NOVENA OF MASSES MAY 2024

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Jose & Lucille Arnaldo | Phil Matrale |
| James Ford, Sr. | Jean Ford |
| Mary & Idolo Russomano | Special Intentions-VG |
| Pierre & Rubinetti Families | Ramon Valera |
| Frank & Helen Rubinetti | George Rinehart, Jr. |
| Jorge & Hilda Criado | Elaine Henning |
| Esmeralda DaSilva | William Rico |
| Michellene & Joseph Kmetz | |
| Antonio Simao DeMelo Madeiros | |
| George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart | |
| Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing | |
| Thalia Beaubrun (Living)-Special Intentions | |
| 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 Del Rosario & Perez Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members Onyenanu & Durugo Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Maddy & Boulin Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family | |
| Rodrigues, Medeiros, Araujo Families | |
| Living & Deceased Members of DeGuzman & Rebudah Families | |
| Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy | |
| Allamaria Araujo Pais (Living) | |
| Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living) | |
| Grace Maria Araujo Cadenas (Living) | |

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 Sfolk

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
Michael "Dada" Egwaikhide

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER
MAY 2024 EDITION

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/newsletter-archive>

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 Matrале 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 younionnj@gmail.com.

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that St. Michael's Hands of Grace Ministry (HUGS) was honored this year the Unity Achievement Award by the Union County Relations Commission.

This esteemed award recognizes the outstanding programs, services, activities and efforts that promote human rights and foster relations within the Union County community.

The 21st Annual Unity Achievement Award Presentation, held on Monday, May 13, 2024 at Kean University Stem Center, was attended by our pastor Msgr. Anselm Nwarogu and representatives of the HUGS Ministry.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported and contributed to the impactful work of HUGS. Let us continue to serve and uplift our community together.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE...



We rejoice with the students who received the Eucharist for the first time. May we keep them in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

*Dara Adelusi
Danielle Albert
Luke Almeida
Isaiah Alvarez
Kofi Ansu
Kwaku Ansu
Steffy J. Archelus
Adrian Barragan
Giuliana Benedito
Lucy Capozzi
Zuleyka Castro
Gael Cedeno
Anthony Chavez
Ryan Coelho
Mia Coronado-Shoro
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Bryan Culcay
Olivia De Jesus
Giovanna Dos Santos
Nicholas Dos Santos
Nazareth Feliz
Gabriel Fermin
Daniel Fernandes
Sebastian Flores
Savanna Goncalves
Dylan Gonzalez
Nicolas Gonzalez
Caleigh Grant
Riley Jean Pierre
Madison Kelly
Aiden Kemp
Annaliese Kuhlmeier
Jonathan Leddy-Plath*

*Marc Wildy Louis
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Demian Lozano
Adrienne Macancela
Madison Mates
Ayden Mendez
Sophia Miranda-Perez
Jackson Monteiro
Justin Obimezie
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Zoey Pereira
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Jamaal Regis, Jr.
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Anthony Reyes
Justin Roman
Lake Sabale
Ethan Salazar
Gustavo Soares-Ryan
Isabella Sousa
Rosalie Tavera
Sophia Teixeira
Blessing Uzosike
Lovelyn Uzosike
Mercy Uzosike
Giancarlo Valiente
Renata Velez Cabanilla*

Special thanks to our Celebrants Msgr. Anselm and Fr. Miles assisted by Deacon Michael Alfano and our altar servers. Thanks and gratitude to the members of Media Ministry, Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Property Manager, Ushers, Catechists and Volunteers for coming together to make our First Communion Masses a success!

A special thank you to the Velez Cabanilla Family for donating the beautiful flower arrangements which enhanced our celebration.

Announcements

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

May 19, 2024

Please join us after the 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses for light refreshments and coffee. After the 12:00 noon Mass please join us and the Charismatic Prayer Renewal Group for their Love Feast at the Phil Matrile Hall (LC).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PENTECOST

Sunday, May 19th after mass join us in the lower level of the church. We will have a table with crafts, giveaways, and activities.

DONUTS WITH DAD

Please join us for a fun & memorable morning to celebrate Dad after mass on June 16th.



PIG ROAST

SATURDAY
June 8th 2024

Serving Begins at 3:00PM

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Questions / Info Contact:
Alex Ruero @ 908-430-2704 / John Bashaw @ 908-232-3593

SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

Tuesday, May 21, 2024—Sight & Sound Trip to see **Daniel**. Bus boarding at St. Michael parking lot at 7:15 am, departure 7:30 am sharp. Cost: **\$170** includes show ticket, lunch, breakfast snack.
SOLD OUT - (WAITING LIST)

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.



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.

KARAOKE TWEEN/TEEN NIGHT



SATURDAY JUNE 22 | AGES 11+ 6:30 - 8:00PM
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July 22-July 26 (Monday-Friday 9:00 am -12:00 noon)
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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-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.

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