



# 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

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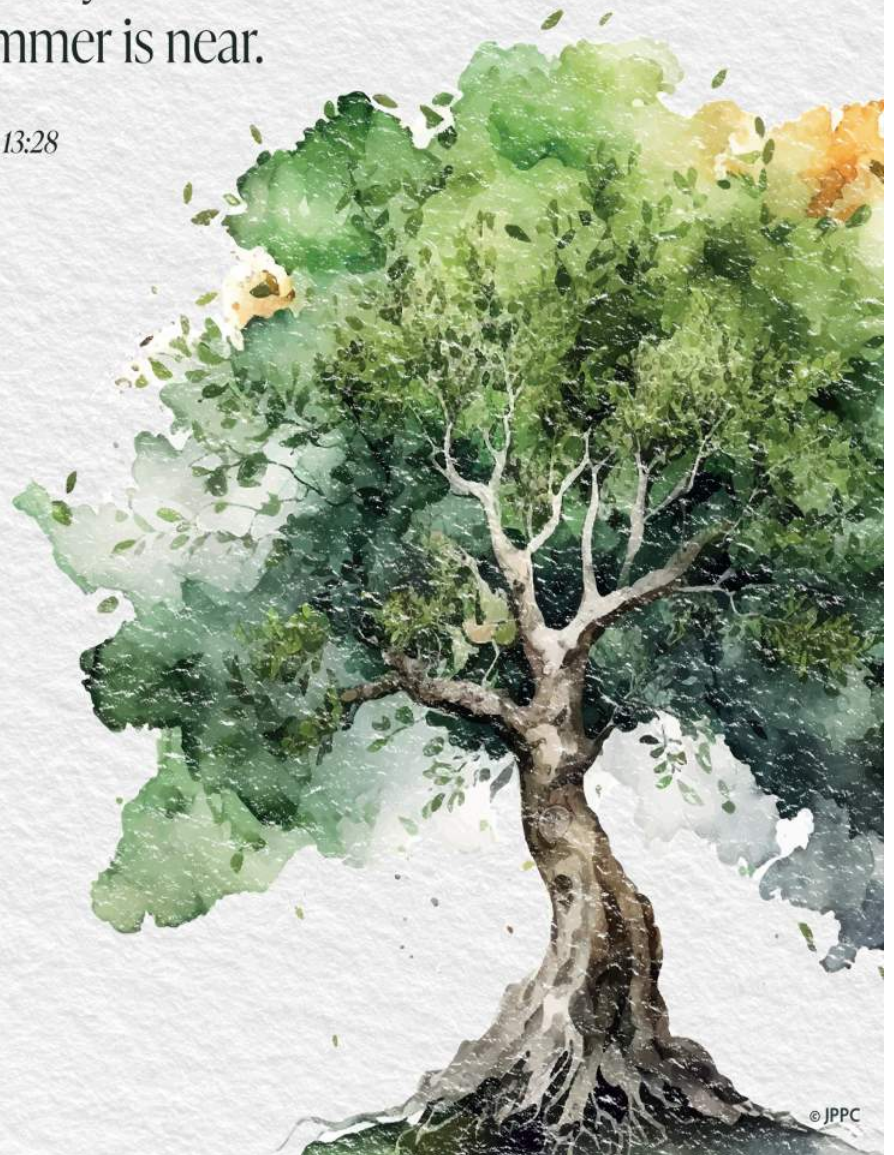


November 17, 2024

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR B

Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.

*Mark 13:28*



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## The End Times: A Call for Readiness



The first reading (Daniel 12:1-3) and the Gospel reading (Mark 13:24-32) of this 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year B, sounds like doom and gloom, whereby the light of this world will become dark, natural

disasters of unknown magnitudes will happen, major wars will erupt, the Anti-Christ will appear offering a godless utopia to deceive many. Then there will be persecution and martyrdom of those who do not cave in, and then, life as we know it on earth will come to an end. Many preachers and seers have fruitlessly preoccupied themselves with trying to figure out when the end times will be. A comedian spoke of a Pentecostal preacher who had predicted the end of the world, wrongly, three times. In his latest prediction, this minister says that the new date is November 21 and if it rains, it will be November 22.

The Lord did not prophesy about the end times to prompt speculations as to when these things might happen or when He might return. He was clear that not even himself, as the son of man, knows and that the only one who knows is God. Rather, He said these things to call our attention to the importance of being watchful and standing ready. Unfortunately, waiting is not second nature to us. We are impatient creatures. We want what we want, and we want it now. If we can't have it right now, we're going to do something else. While waiting and standing ready is difficult for us, compared to the alternative, we have no choice.

If we don't prepare ourselves ahead of time for Judgment Day, we won't have time to prepare on that day. It is either we are ready, or we aren't, either we have acknowledged Christ as Lord and Savior, or we haven't; either our sins have been forgiven or we are dead in sin, and there is no

time to seek forgiveness. So, whether Jesus comes again in our lifetime or not, whether we will be alive to see the end of the world as we know it or not, one thing is certain, we will see the end of our own lives. So, either way, my friends, we need to be spiritually prepared.

To be spiritually prepared, we need to become very intentional in our relationship with God; intent on knowing God and pleasing Him. We cannot fall into the trap of complacency and erroneous belief that there is no judgment day. That is the biggest trap the devil has set to ruin many people. There will be a judgement day. Let us never second guess God on that.

We also need to be very confident of our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and that by His stripes we are healed. Scripture says, "Approach the throne of grace with confidence" (Hebrews 4:15)—a confidence that helps keep us holding unto Jesus, even to the end of time, for Scripture says, "No one who believes in Him will ever be put to shame"; a confidence that helps us forgive others even as we have been forgiven; a confidence that helps us develop feelings of compassion, love, and empathy for others even as we have experience it in Christ Jesus; a confidence that invites us to always stay reconciled with God, self, and others.

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*



# Stewardship of Treasure

## NOVEMBER EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 PM  
Bible Study (Online)

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Charismatic Renewal Group Prayer Meeting, Lower Church

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:30 -8:30 pm  
Marian Devotion: Rosary and Adoration, Upper Church

Friday, November 1 at 6:30 pm  
First Friday Mass and Adoration, Upper Church

Sunday, November 3, 7:00 -8:30 pm  
First Sunday Adoration, Upper Church

Thursday, November 14, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Mind & Spirit Ministry, LC

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 10:00 am  
Blue & White Mass, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9:30 am  
Wellness Ministry, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)  
Dance/Exercise/Self-Defense

Sunday, November 17, 2024  
Fellowship Sunday, LC  
After all Masses

"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>NOVEMBER</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,825	\$ 518
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,639	\$ 332
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 8,678</b>	<b>\$1,362</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*

## 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>zelle® 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:</b></p> <p>QR CODE</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:</b></p> <p>AT THE PARISH CENTER</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY:</b></p> <p>AT MASS</p>  <p>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p>

### 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

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:

**S.O.S. Collection** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills.** S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

**Tithing** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new the upkeep of the Church boiler and air conditioner. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs.** Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

**Assessment Collection** - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the Archdiocese, and a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, is paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment.

**All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.**

**National Collections** - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. **Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.**

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection** - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!**

## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY**

**November 16**

8:30 am Annette Auguste  
5:30 pm Alarcon Family, For the Parishioners

**SUNDAY**

**November 17**

7:30 am Helen Phillips  
Clara & Prakash Anthony (Living)-29th Wedding Ann  
9:00 am Maria Tavares, Isirio Torres  
10:30 am Dame Dorothy Ngozi Onwunali  
Jose Percival Cruz  
12:00 noon Carmelo Valentino  
Beatrice & Charles Wluwa (Living)-35th Wedding Ann

**MONDAY**

**November 18**

8:30 am Prakash Anthony (Living)-Birthday  
Chisom Odoemene (Living)-Birthday  
Delores Turner  
12:00 noon Joanne Celestin (Living)-Birthday  
Nancy Tanseco

**TUESDAY**

**November 19**

8:30 am Drs. Blanca & Vic Tan (Living)-safe travels  
All Souls  
12:00 noon Jazmin Delos Santos (Living)-Birthday  
Gaelle Cajuste (Living)-Birthday

**WEDNESDAY**

**November 20**

8:30 am Amoakon Mian, Jasmin Pierre Louis  
12:00 noon Roslyn Moreno Cruz (23rd Ann.)  
All Souls

**THURSDAY**

**November 21**

8:30 am Phil Matrale (4th Ann.)  
12:00 noon Theresa Ojeawere (Living)-Birthday  
Marie Therese Celestin

**FRIDAY**

**November 22**

8:30 am Antonio Gamboa, Mike Fayad  
12:00 noon Marie Jose Farinha  
Guil Herminia Dos Santos  
Leonel Silva

**SATURDAY**

**November 23**

8:30 am Drs. Blanca & Vic Tan (Living)  
5:30 pm Espiritu Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Boothoo Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Carmella Mendoza (Living)-Birthday

**SUNDAY**

**November 24**

7:30 am For the Parishioners  
9:00 am Djimise Pierrvil (Living)-Birthday  
Jimikarl Pierrvil (Living)-Birthday  
10:30 am Jose Percival Cruz  
12:00 noon Benjamin Magbanua (18th Ann.)  
Charismatic Group-For All Souls

**ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for The Yolanda Dol Family in Thanksgiving.*

### DECEASED PARISHIONERS

#### NOVEMBER 2023-NOVEMBER 2024

Kathleen Sarno	Mary Lou Lamatta
Mary Fusco	Dolores Ann Rush
Guiseeppe Sebelia	Angelita Cruz
Emma F. Agaton	Gemma Gerstorfer
Samuel Degeronimo	Josephine Valentino
James F. Hannon, Sr.	Ruben Alarcon
Andrea Alarcon	Scarlett Alarcon
Emma Alarcon	Beatrice Giacobbe
Helen Rubinetti	Michael Dada Egwaikhide
Fabian Boothoo	Raymond Anthony Bober
Angela Salge	Corinne Myers
Emmanuel Egwuonwu	James Llyod
Maria Varga	Norma Pascual
Anthony Petescia	Amparo Weiss
Rui Queiros	Edgardo Belino
Annmarie Martin	Constance Emery
John McEvoy	

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, 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 Dittemer, 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, Barbara Donato, Kevin Kinsella, Mary Ann McGrath, Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli

### 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 Parish**

## 2025 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## Ministry Happenings

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



The CYO / Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will be venturing back to Camp Lebanon for our annual teen retreat on the weekend of November 22nd-24th! Any teen who is interested in attending, or anyone looking to sponsor someone who is attending, please contact us at [cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com). With rising costs, we are trying to ease the financial burden of the retreat price for our teens. To assist with this, there are envelopes in the church vestibule for the Phil Matrale Retreat Memorial Fund that can be dropped off at any time. We truly appreciate all of your support. Thank you and God Bless!

Our service projects for the next month include: ARC visit on November 16th from 10:00am-11:30am and the Cheshire Home visit on November 26th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Transportation will be provided if needed.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our annual CYO Thanksgiving Food Drive! We will continue to accept food donations for the remainder of the month of November. Please drop off any donations to the Parish Center.

### MILLENNIALS WITH CHRIST (MWC)

Join Us for Fellowship and Faith!

Attention all parishioners aged 25-40! We invite you to connect with fellow young adult Catholics in our community through **Millennials with Christ (MWC)**. Our mission is to inspire and empower each other to live out our faith boldly and authentically, fostering a vibrant Catholic presence among our peers.



As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT):  
*"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.'"*

Let's come together to embody these teachings in our lives and in our community.

#### Upcoming Events

##### Hike with MWC

Join us for a nature and prayer walk at South Orange Reservation!

**When:** Saturday, October 19, 2024

**Time:** Departing from the church at 9:00 AM

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/u1UjGtHD3hQMHyEAA>

##### Virtual Member Meeting (October)

Stay connected! Register to attend our next monthly meeting.

**When:** Thursday, October 24, 2024

**Time:** 7:15 - 9:00 PM

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/cdzcVXuTUXVbRM1f6>

**SAVE THE DATE: MWC Happy Hour & Christian Concert Meet Up**

**When:** November 26, 2024

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at: [MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com](mailto:MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com).

Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!

### 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.stmichael.org](http://www.stmichael.org).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.

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

**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)

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



## Announcements

# THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

## St. Michael's Catholic Church

Requests the honor of your presence at the Annual Feast of



### *Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi*

Please join us for an update on the canonization process of the Blessed Cyprian Iwene Tansi. The annual feast of the Blessed Cyprian Iwene Tansi 2024 is dedicated to the wellbeing of the world families.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**12:00 NOON MASS**

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH, 1212 KELLY ST., UNION, NJ 07083

Reception follows immediately after  
Mass in the Phil Matrale Church Hall

Contact Information:  
Parish Center  
(908) 688-1232 Ext 303



**We are looking for donors to help us offset the cost of the Mother Mary grotto. The cost of the grotto was \$880.00.**

**Please call the Parish Office for any questions. (908) 688-1232, ext. 100.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish.**

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

### 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 [michaelalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaelalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.



### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY November 17, 2024

Please join us after every Mass this Sunday, November 17th for some coffee and refreshments at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). There will also be arts and drawing activities prepared for the children by the G.I.F.T. (Growth in Faith) team headed by Erica Colbert.

We sincerely thank our generous donors for the October fellowship/Priesthood Sunday celebration namely Attorney Uzoma Ubanii and family, Victoria Oyakhio, Socorro Dagat and Bisi Longe.

Once again, thank you to all the volunteers for your selfless service and unwavering support for this monthly event. Thank you Kathleen Boetsch, Betty Falcon, Victoria Oyakhio, Med Domingo, Maria Edmonds, Maria and Juan Valera, Agostina Rodriguez, Yakima Williams, Bill McGrath, Gizelle Velez, Erica Colbert, Imelda Boulus, Cheryl & Kermit Thompson and David Bernot.

We always need some help. Anyone who would like to volunteer, time commitment and how long you'll stay is all up to you. For questions, you may call the Parish Office at (908) 688-1232.

May God reward you abundantly!

Coffee & Fellowship Sunday is November 17, 2024. The Mass is one of the most important parts of our faith and every week we come together as a community to worship together at the celebration of the Eucharist. However, a parish community should extend beyond an hour of Mass each week. With this in mind, please join your fellow worshippers in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) after any of this Sunday Masses for light foods and fellowship. **Members of the Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504** will be present to volunteer and respond to your interest in joining the Knights organization. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years old.

David Bernot (908)472-8858

### SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

**Monday, November 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.



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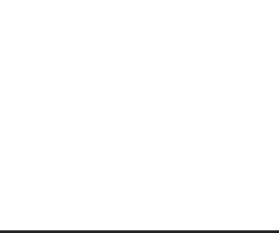
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