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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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June 9, 2024

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“
Whoever does the
will of God is my
brother and sister
and mother.

Mark 3:35

Message From *The Pastor's Desk*

My dear Parishioner,

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 30th, 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.

Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D.
Pastor

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION

June 2, 2024



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: 6/5/24
Donor Pledge: \$38,603.00
Donor Received: \$31,886.80

"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

	<u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL WEEKLY</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
JUNE			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,324	\$1,017
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 6,429	\$ 3,611

2024 USAN UPDATE

GOAL **\$100,000.00**
As of 6/5/24 **\$ 18,183.00**
NEED: **\$ 81,817.00**

**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

SATURDAY **June 8**
 8:30 am Amanda Onwuka (Living)-Thanksgiving
 Rodrigo Cepe (7th Ann.)
 5:30 pm Genevieve Karwowski
 Amanda Onwuka (Living)-Thanksgiving

SUNDAY **June 9**
 7:30 am Byron Belmonte (1st Ann.)
 For the Parishioners
 9:00 am Roger Boetsch
 Thomas Scheffter
 10:30 am Imelda Cruz Tan (8th Ann.)
 Rey Gancia
 12:00 noon Austin Uchuno

MONDAY **June 10**
 8:30 am Dolores & Walter Grunner
 Ijemma Odoemene (Living)-Birthday
 12:00 noon Anna Skoczylas
 Marylu & Almario Morales (Living)-35th Wedding Ann.

TUESDAY **June 11**
 8:30 am Ethel Faye Salangang Latorilla
 12:00 noon Raymond Williamson (2nd Ann.)
 Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY **June 12**
 8:30 am Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon
 Amoakon Mian
 12:00 noon Alejandro Cruz
 Jeff & Theresa Pogorzelski (Living)
 42nd Wedding Ann.

THURSDAY **June 13**
 8:30 am Novena of Masses
 12:00 noon Jose 'Boyet' Lengson (Living)-Healing

FRIDAY **June 14**
 8:30 am Thanksgiving to Infant of Prague
 12:00 noon Norma Canares (Living)-Healing

SATURDAY **June 15**
 8:30 am Rita Ojeda (1st Ann.)
 Oscar & Julia Ernst
 5:30 pm Ethel Faye Salangang Latorilla

SUNDAY **June 16**
 7:30 am Doug Sipe (Living), Jose Arnaldo
 Stanley Sipe
 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
 For the Parishioners

ALTAR OFFERINGS
The Altar Bread & Altar Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp are

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER MAY 2024 EDITION

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

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

NOVENA OF MASSES JUNE 2024

<p>Jose & Lucille Arnaldo James Ford, Sr. Mary & Idolo Russomano Pierre & Rubinetti Families Frank & Helen Rubinetti Jorge & Hilda Criado Florence Oliaku Njeze Adelena Hallado Grace Badiola (Living)-Healing Alexander Boulin (Living)-Birthday Teresa Patapat (Living)-Healing Michellene & Joseph Kmetz Antonio Simao DeMelo Madeiros George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing 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 Tokpe Family Barbara Szenk (Living)-Healing Carolyn Martini (Living)-Healing</p>	<p>Phil Matrale Jean Ford Special Intentions-VG Ramon Valera George Rinehart, Jr. Emmanuel Escanlar Abe Maksom Marie Kikel</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 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

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
Fabian Boodhoo & Raymond Bober

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 younionnj@gmail.com.

MIND & SPIRIT MINISTRY

All are welcome to come and join us on **Thursday June 13th at 7pm**, in the lower church to pray and discuss **Building Self-esteem**. Whether this topic affects you directly or indirectly through others, let us unite and reflect on how our faith can strengthen and empower us during times of self-doubt.

A Prayer for the Ephesians

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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

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)

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 (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 out 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.



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.

KARAOKE TWEEN/TEEN NIGHT



SATURDAY | AGES 11+ 6:30 - 8:00PM
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ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
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:

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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-shore. 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

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