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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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Whoever eats my
flesh and drinks my
blood remains in me
and I in him.

JOHN 6:56



The Power of the Eucharist



In this Sunday's gospel (John 6:51-58—20th Sunday in Ordinary times, Year B), Christ gave the most consequential teaching of His ministry on earth. Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will

live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews, totally misunderstanding this, got upset with Him saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" to which Christ answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day". For whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.... Unlike your ancestors who ate [manna] and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

My friends, we can put people into two groups in terms of how we look at life. There are those who believe that life is all about this world—what we can eat and drink and have. There are also those who believe that this world is not all that there is. There is a better and greater place we are going. If one believes, with the first group, that we are just human being having a human experience on earth, then this teaching of Christ makes no sense, because there is nothing to look forward to or hope for after we die, and we all receive communion and still die. If on the other hand, we believe with the other group that we are spiritual beings just having a temporary human experience on earth, then this teaching makes a whole lot of sense because it is addressing a bigger picture of life—eternity. Christ's assurance, that whoever eats this bread, (His Body) and drinks this wine (His Blood) will never die, is directed, not to this life but to eternal life; an assurance that such a person will not die unto condemnation.

In John 10:10, Christ said that "I have come that they may have life and have it in its fullness". In other words, He is saying, I have come that they may have the fullness of life, here on earth, and the fullness of life, hereafter in heaven. So, this teaching, which the Jews quarreled with and which many people, even today, doubt and despise, is truly an invitation to have the best of two worlds: live and enjoy the fullness of life here on earth guided by the spirit of Christ—the spirit of compassion, love, forgiveness,

mercy, care, and believing that Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God, our Lord and Savior, and secondly, to receive Him in Holy Communion, his true Body and Blood unadulterated, which guarantees our salvation and eternal life

Christ accomplished this giving of His Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine at the institution of the Holy Eucharist when He took Bread and declared, "This is my Body, given up for you" and took wine and declared, "This is my Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" and then urged them, "Do this in remembrance of me". Consequentially, Holy Communion contains the totality of Christ crucified. So, everything that the passion, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Christ was designed to accomplish and whatever effect it has on sin, the sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Communion also has it. Therefore, whatever damage our sins have done to our life, Holy Communion can repair it and whatever damage our sins have done to our relationship with God, Holy Communion can fix it. That is why, Christ said that Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day".

My friends, we cannot allow our ego and pride and lack of trust in the God of impossibility to keep us away from the gateway of salvation. Let us freely and with total faith and trust submit to Jesus Christ and the gift of His Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

This is why, one of the most powerful prayer-moments in the life of any Christian is Adoration of the Holy Eucharist because in the presence of the Eucharist, we have before us, truly and substantially, the power of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, and we receive, in a very unique and mysterious way, the incredible spiritual strength and nourishment that is contained therein. Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us."

Msr. Anselm Nwaorgu

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6 Ways To DONATE

<p>ONLINE GIVING:</p>  <p>Parish Giving —SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p>BANK TRANSFER:</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>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</p>  <p>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page.</p>
<p>MAIL IN:</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</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, 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
AUGUST			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,848	\$ 541
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,082	\$ 775
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 7,979	\$ 2,061

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 \$ 81,318.00

NEED: \$ 18,682.00

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

Donors Name: _____ Envelope # _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

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 17
 8:30 am Peter Bernal (Living)-Birthday
 5:30 pm Jose Fernando Llanes

SUNDAY August 18
 7:30 am Children's Novena of Masses
 Jose & Lucille Arnaldo
 9:00 am Laisha Eugene (Living)-Birthday
 Children's Novena of Masses
 10:30 am Children's Novena of Masses
 For the Parishioners
 12:00 noon Grandeza Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
 Guerda Lamour (Living)-Birthday
 Janette M. Gomes

MONDAY August 19
 8:30 am Victoria Sipe (Living)-Birthday
 12:00 noon Buenaventura Ramos

TUESDAY August 20
 8:30 am Echolette Mingau (10th Ann.)
 12:00 noon Florencio Roque
 Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY August 21
 8:30 am Amoakon Mian
 Anthoninus Ihediwa (Living) & Eunice Ihediwa (Living)
 12:00 noon Peter Herbert (Living)
 Philip Lacrete (Living)-Birthday

THURSDAY August 22
 8:30 am Emmanuel Racelis
 Novena of Masses
 12:00 noon Albert Stephen Phillips
 Raymond Alphe (1st Ann.)

FRIDAY August 23
 8:30 am Loreto Salvatierra (Living)-Healing
 12:00 noon Connie Martignetti
 Chike Melie, Jr.

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

SUNDAY August 25
 7:30 am 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

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for all St. Michael's Parishioners.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Our next Coffee and Fellowship Sunday this Sunday, August 18th after all the Sunday Masses at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). We hope you can join us.

Thank you to Amanda Unwaka, Victoria Oyakhione and Yakima Williams for your generous donation to our last July Fellowship.

NOVENA OF MASSES AUGUST 2024

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

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 Aarajo & 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

Norma Pascual, Agnes Kelly, Carrie McDonald



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



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!

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)

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(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 takeaway 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.



Jesus replied, "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." The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40, NLT)

Our next meeting is 8/22/24 from 7:15 - 9:00 PM in the lower church.

For inquiries: MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com

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

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.

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

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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

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.

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.



WELLNESS MINISTRY

(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE/SELF DEFENSE Class
For the Family
Saturdays 9:30—10:00 am
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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.
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- 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!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SAVE THE DATE

- 1) Friday, September 27—St. Michael's Feast Dinner Cruise
- 2) Saturday, September 28— Festival/Inflatable Rides.
- 3) Sunday, September 29—Sunday Musical Concert
- 4) Saturday, October 18 @11:00 am—Healing Mass
- 5) Saturday, November 16 @10:30 am—Blue & White Mass for our First Responders and Health Care Workers



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