



ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

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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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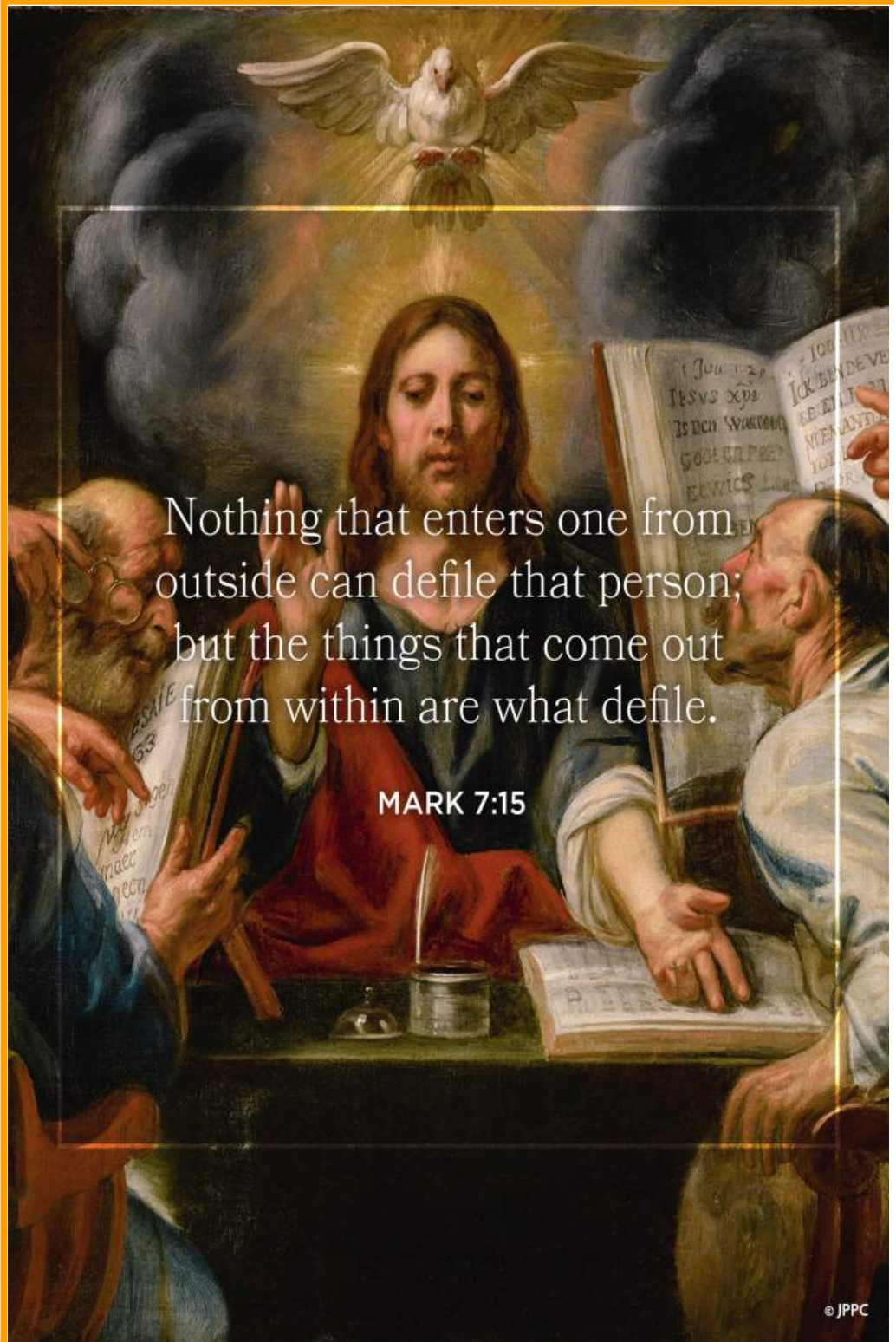
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Getting Into the Book of Life



The 2nd reading on this 22nd Sunday in ordinary times, year B, tells us that “**Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and**

to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:27). The Responsorial Psalm went ahead to lay out how one can achieve this. While our contemporary culture wants life to be determined by whatever seems convenient, whatever feels good, and whatever gets me ahead, it cannot be like that with us, my friends.

The Responsorial Psalm lays out four interwoven lifestyle categories that can help keep us unstained by the world and ends it with a definitive promise: “Whoever does these things will never be shaken”.

(a) **Integrity:** doing what is right, speaking the truth and speaking truth to conscience, faithfulness to word and promises, disavowing injustice, credibility in dealings, and holding honor as a virtue. A child once told me that he thinks his father is a saint, and when I asked him why, he said, “because he keeps his word and promises”.

(b) **Wholesome speech:** Here, the Psalmist focuses on avoiding the sins of an untamed tongue—slander, gossiping, insulting, belittling, bragging, manipulating, false teaching, exaggerating, complaining, flattering, lying, reviling, and discrediting others. It is so easy to deal others with mockery or derogatory speech done in an ironic way or making malicious, hurtful, or even de-humanizing comments about others, especially when they’re not present. An uncontrolled tongue can be deadly, destructive, and inflict irreversible damage. The Bible compares it to “a raging fire” and describes it as “a restless evil, full of deadly poison”. Taming the

tongues is not easy. It requires grace and constant prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to give us power to deal with our emotions, monitor and filter our speech, and diligently exercise self-control in moments of anger.

(c) **Piety:** this involves rejecting acts of wickedness, not being part of anything that celebrates the wicked and dishonorable, doing what we can to honor and celebrate those who fear God, and showing respect and having reverence for holy things. There is this young lady who said that respect for holy things has helped her tremendously in respecting herself and others.

(d) **Discretion:** Here the emphasis is on not letting greed pervert our sense of justice, not letting the desire for money dominate our thoughts, staying away from extorting others, and giving to others what they truly deserve, with no strings attached. There is this rich guy who said that being generous has helped him break the hold money could have had on him”. Generosity is a powerful discretion against greed and selfishness.

After laying out these precepts, the Psalmist went ahead to declare that those who live by these standards will experience an unshakeable stability in their day-to-day lives. In other words, the drama, chaos, duplicity, and confusion that flood our lives can be mitigated by working toward these ideals, one holy moment at a time. This is how we get into the Book of Life and achieving this, is the biggest reward of having lived on earth.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

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	\$ 7,116	\$ 191
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,657	\$ 350
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 8,881	\$ 1,158

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 \$ 88,871.00

NEED: \$ 11,129.00

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 31

8:30 am Rosemarie Belmonte (Living)-Birthday
Michael Jean (Living)-Thanksgiving
Obianaka Melie (Living)-24th Birthday
5:30 pm Anthony Manochio
Aurora Manochio (Living)-Birthday

SUNDAY

September 1

7:30 am Annie Cham (Living), Isnadoudy Cham (Living)
Aunigaud Cham (Living), Kerline Cham (Living)
9:00 am Annamae McKnight
For the Parishioners
10:30 am Christopher Onyenanu (2nd Ann.)
Henrietta Jasa
12:00 noon Hilda Criado
Deceased Members of C.Magalhaes Family

MONDAY

September 2

9:00 am Rui Do Carma
Caeslawa Pogorzelski (32nd Ann.)
Zofia Siwec (24th Ann.)

TUESDAY

September 3

8:30 am Alfonso Tanseco
Jose Guzman Almonte
12:00 noon Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY

September 4

8:30 am Amoakon Mian
Babe & Fred Pajarillo (Living)-50th Wedding Anniversary
Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing
12:00 noon Narcisa Martinez
Grace Badiola (Living)-Healing
Mannelia Caram
Maureen Reilly

THURSDAY

September 5

8:30 am Novena of Masses
Jose & Lucille Arnaldo
12:00 noon All Souls of Purgatory

FRIDAY

September 6

8:30 am Terry Crincoli (Living)-Birthday
Francisco Ombrette
12:00 noon Angela Martignett
Lourdes Zuniga Telan (Living)-Birthday
6:30 pm Richard Hilden

SATURDAY

September 7

8:30 am Manuel DeOliveira
5:30 pm Mannelia Caram
Edison Magno

SUNDAY

September 8

7:30 am Lourdes Zuniga Telan (Living)-Healing
9:00 am Vincent Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving
Julian Devera (Living)-Birthday
10:30 am Ngozi Achonu (3rd Ann.)
Henrique Neto (11th Ann.)
12:00 noon Nickdy Auguste (Living)-Birthday
Fred Dittemer
Selete Nyomi

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Lucy Scalgione, Family & Friends.

NOVENA OF MASSES SEPTEMBER 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.
Magdalena Moreno Cruz	Felipe E. Emmanuel
Thomas Donohue	Teresita E. Kodumal
Edsel Rosel	Louis Joseph
Stanley & Helen Skora	Nora Jover
Thomas, Edith, & Scott Ledy	
David De Melo Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Maddy & Boulin Family	
Maria Karen Jose & Family (Living)	
Peter & Rebecca Aguh (Living)	
Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)-Healing	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-Healing	
Michellene & Joseph Kmetz	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Manuel Pereira Aarujó & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna 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 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

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
Amparo Weiss**



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



Our first general body CYO meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 27th in the Phil Matrale Hall from 7:00pm-8:15pm.** All high school aged teens are welcome to attend!

Confirmation Registration for the 2024-2025 year will be closing soon. Please make sure to contact the Youth Ministry Office at 908-688-1232 ext. 3 or email us at cyouunionnj@gmail.com if you have not yet registered your child or would like additional information. In order to be confirmed this year, your child must have received the sacraments of baptism and communion, completed either religious education classes up until 8th grade or attended a Catholic Grammar School, and lastly, they must be in high school.

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.

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 take-away 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.

For inquiries: MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com



2024 USAN FUNDRAISER

Seeking the peace and comfort can be found in Our Lady of Fatima? We have a **limited assortment of Pilgrim Virgin Statues and books purchased in Fatima, Portugal, donated to St. Michael's Church.** Contact **David Bernot (908) 472-8858** to purchase a statue or book. Your generosity will go directly to USAN 2024 Fundraiser. Let us respond to Our Lady's messages by God-centered lives and by fulfilling the requests of Our Lady of Fatima.

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.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
 1212 Kelly Street
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Join our celebration as we honor the Filipino Saints



San Lorenzo Ruiz



San Pedro Calungsod

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 3:00 pm

Main Celebrant: Fr. Peter Aquino

Daily Novena will start on Friday, Sept. 13, 2024 after the 8:30 am Mass on weekdays and Saturdays and before the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

Hermana: Maria Socorro Dagat

Reception and fellowship after the Mass at the Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)

Devotees are encouraged to wear Filipiniana/Barong Tagalog or native attires.

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Annual Feast of St. Michael Celebrations.

CRUISE

FRIDAY 27 September 2024
7:00 - 9:30 pm

Ship Boarding at 6:30 pm from Lincoln Harbor
Round trip bus from St Michael's included
2 Ticket Options Available

CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 28 September 2024
12:00 - 4:00 pm

GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD | INFLATABLES | MUSIC | FUN

CONCERT & Kid's Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY 29 September 2024
after 10:30am Mass and 12 noon Mass
Free ice cream to be served after masses

3:15 - 4:00 pm
Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

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.


Benefits:

- Boost your energy levels and moods with uplifting dance routines.
- Strengthen your body and confidence with effective defense techniques.
- Learn basic life-saving skills in a supportive and faith-centered environment.
- Enjoy a full-body workout that's both fun and rewarding.
- 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!

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