



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

PASTORAL STAFF

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May 18, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I GIVE YOU A
NEW COMMANDMENT:

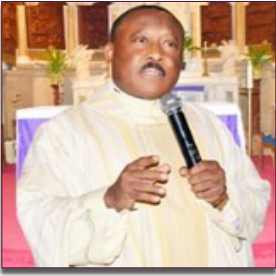
Love one another

John 13:34



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Embracing New things



In the second reading of this 5th Sunday of Easter, (Revelation 21:1-5a), we read, “The former heaven and the former earth had passed away” and “The

One who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

Life, is an interesting mixture of beginnings, endings, and new beginnings—when we come into this world, when we move away from home, when we get married, when we have a baby, when we become a mother or a father, when all the children leave home, when a spouse, a parent, a child, or a sibling passes on, when we get a new job, when we go away to college—all are experiences of endings and new beginnings. Ours is to choose either to live with the moment or to live in the past.

It is not easy to embrace new beginnings; the new thing God is doing in our lives because new beginnings can be very challenging, full of uncertainties, and highly unpredictable. It is easy to get trapped in old ways and in the old world we are accustomed to and so resist the invitation to grow. There was an artist who produced beautiful artwork and admired it every day. One day, his master poured crude paint all over it. The artist was livid, and when he eventually found out that it was his master who had done it, he inquired of him, “Why? Why did you do it?” to which his master responded, “Because you have become so focused on it that it was retarding your growth and creativity. Go and paint something better than that”. My friends, we stop succeeding

when we say we have succeeded and become comfortable and complacent to do anything more. There is always room for growth in the different aspects of our lives, be it as a man, father, husband, woman, wife, mother, brother, sister, professional etc. Adventure and growth make for an interesting living.

New beginnings require putting off the old self and putting on a new self. It requires taking new perspectives on things, new ways of looking at and dealing with people, new ways of perceiving and understanding reality, and a new look at the self while speaking truth to conscience.

As Christians, part of experiencing the new thing God is doing is to become the hand of God in making things anew in the lives of others. We can do this by invite others to the new life in Christ, to renew their love for Jesus, commit our time, talent, and treasure, to the growth of the Church. This is our call, our vocation, our mission, and what God expects of us. We cannot leave it to anyone else; we simply ought to embrace it with joy and do it. May God help us to embrace the new things He is doing in our lives and grant us the courage to bring about new things in the life of others and our Parish, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

2025 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 2025**.

Drop off donations at the parish center or in any of the collection boxes in the Church Vestibule in an envelope marked "USAN 2025". 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 2025 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 27, 2025, and officially end on July 31, 2025**. You can continue to remit money through Sept 30, 2025.

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 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



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.

*"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
MAY			
Week 1	\$ 8,461	\$ 7,521	\$ 940
Week 2	\$ 8,461	\$	\$
Week 3	\$ 8,461	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 8,461	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$11,425	\$ 6,272	\$ 5,153
EASTER COLLECTION:		\$23,982	
EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION:		\$ 3,430	

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

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

2025 Base Goal: \$47,850.00

2025 Stretch Goal: \$57,420.00

As of: May 9, 2025

Donor Pledge: \$34,910.00

Donor Received: \$26,889.44

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

On **May 27, 28, 29**, Msgr. Anselm and Fr. Miles will be away from the Church for Newark Archdiocese Convocation of Priest. **There will only be one Mass - 12:00 noon** for the days they are away. All the Mass intention for the 8:30 Mass will be offered at the 12:00 noon Mass.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

May 17

8:30 am Assumpta "Ada" Nosika (Living)
Constance Emery
For the Parishioners
5:30 pm Grace Badiola, Ray Scurko

SUNDAY

May 18

7:30 am Jose Arnaldo (16th Ann.)
Helen & Henry Filipowich
9:00 am Gabriella Picadol (Living)
Aidan Perez (Living)-Thanksgiving
10:30 am Carlos Carrion (Living)-65th Birthday
Mary & Gino Ianiro
12:00 noon Frank Manco, Mary & Gino Ianiro
Virgilio Salazar (1st Ann.)

MONDAY

May 19

8:30 am Maurice Keita
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco
12:00 noon Dr. Emmanuel Dorce
Teresa & Nicola Vanni

TUESDAY

May 20

8:30 am Grace Badiola, All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 noon Novena of Masses, Gino & Mary Ianiro

WEDNESDAY

May 21

8:30 am Amoakon Mian
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco
12:00 noon George Rinehart, Jr.

THURSDAY

May 22

8:30 am Terese & Nicola Vanni, Thomas Canavan
12:00 noon Marie Alexandre (Living)-Thanksgiving
Special Intentions to St. Rita
Felix Soto Perez

FRIDAY

May 23

8:30 am Grace Badiola, Gino & Mary Ianiro
12:00 noon All Souls in Purgatory
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco

SATURDAY

May 24

8:30 am Novena of Masses, Gino & Mary Ianiro
5:30 pm Delia Empleo (Living)
Edna Gillick & Margaret Boetsch
Antonio Baldassarre

SUNDAY

May 25

7:30 am For all Parishioners, Rose Espiritu
9:00 am Leticia Sefia (Living)-Thanksgiving
Eric Kouevi (Living)-Birthday
Mary & Gino Ianiro
10:30 am Aurora Irizarry
Deceased Members of Jamisola & Galgo Families
12:00 n Charismatic Group-Guidance of Holy Spirit
to All Mothers
Living & Deceased Members of C. Magalhaes Family

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered for the Leonardis & Manco Families.

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

Novena of Masses May 2025

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Jean Ford
Mary & Idolo Russomano	George Rinehart, Jr.
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)	Eric Kouevi (Living)
Jake Sarmiento, Jr.	
Mary & Gino Ianiro	Teresa & Nicola Vanni
All Souls in Purgatory	For St. Michael's Clergy
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco	
Ben & Marivic Del Rosario (Living)	
Doug & Mary Jo Sipe (Living)	
Margau Abueg Depeoro (Living)-Healing	
Jeff Pogorzleski (Living)-Healing	
Special Intentions to the Holy Spirit	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Micheline Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz	
Patsy Scalgione & deceased family members	
Living & Deceased Members of Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Lucille Sousa Araujo & Manuel Periera Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Thomas J. McEnroe & Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Boulín & Maddy Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Durugo & Onyeannu Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Tokpe, Camara & Santos Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Jeff Pogorzelski, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Theresa Ojeawere, Kathy Chavez, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Socorro Dagat, Peter & Cathy Fortunato, Anna Lepski, Nicole Ferlo, Therese Ferlo, Dolly Kramer, Junita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, John Dittmer, Sal Dovi, Kathy Doherty, Mary Ann Flynn, Roger Swadish, Jaime DeLeon, Doug Heinzer, Leonard Stfalk, Aida Polanco, Fr. Chuck McDermott, Remedios Mendoza, Bellevina Alexandre, Maria Ferrara, Barbara Donato, Kevin Kinsella, Mary Ann McGrath, Anthony Terrezza, Homer Mereira, Alberta Phillips, Annamae McKnight, Liza David, Kate Hurley-Dandekar, Michelle Dressel, Jose Espiritu, Cristina Sarmiento, Agripina Perez, Walter McMahon, Lois Scanio, Loty Angara, Isabela Esmores, Jonathan Hyland

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

Ministry Happenings

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY

Cristina Manochio
(908) 688-1232, ext 3

Joseph Santillo
cyounionnj@gmail.com



Our service projects for the rest of the month include: ARC visit on Saturday, May 17th from 10:00am-11:30am and the Cheshire Home visit on Wednesday, May 28th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Transportation will be provided if needed to the Cheshire Home.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 21-July 25 (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:

Dairy Peanuts Bee Sting

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.

CYO Office (908) 688-1232, Ext 3

DO NOT DELAY! REGISTRATION DUE BY FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

St. Michael's Parish Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group invites you to join us this Wednesday evening's Testimony Night, at 6:00 PM, in 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 michaeljalfano@aol.com if you want to learn more about the program.

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.

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

Announcements

IMPORTANT PARISH SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Michael's Parish DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI) Survey

If you're a parishioner and haven't already taken the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** survey, NOW is the time! It's the very important step in St. Michael's Parish's growing in our discipleship. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities, and need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future – as we strive to reflect more of Christ's love in our community.

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/c4cbpc>

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

You are all invited and hope you can join us on our **Fellowship Gathering this Sunday, May 18, 2025** after all Masses in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC).

We would like to thank the following for their generous donation to our Easter Sunday Celebration & Fellowship: Augustina Okere, Erika Colbert, Victoria Oyakhime, Dr. Madesa Espana, Gisele Velez, Cheryl & Kermit Thompson.

We would also like to thank Amanda Omuka & Erika Colbert for their donation to our March fellowship.

Lastly, our very heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers.

May God continue to bless you!

MAY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Friday, May 2, 6:30 pm
First Sunday Adoration, Upper Church

Sunday, May 4, 7:00-8:30 pm
First Sunday Mass Adoration, Upper Church

Monday, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 pm
Online/Virtual Rosary/Family Prayer

Tuesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:00 pm
Online Bible Class

Wednesday, May 7, 14, 21, 28 – 7:30 pm
Charismatic Renewal Group Prayer Meeting, (LC)

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28—7:30 -8:30 pm
Marian Devotion: Rosary and Adoration, Upper Church

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

MARIAN DEVOTIONS FOR MAY 2025



Daily Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Upper Church
8:00 am and after 12:00 noon Mass on Sundays

St. Michael Parish website Go To Meeting
Daily (except Wednesdays) at 7:00 pm

Adoration and Marian Devotion

Upper Church
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

May Crowning

Upper Church
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 7:00 pm

Marian Procession

Around St. Michael Church
Saturday, May 31, 2025 after the 5:30 pm Mass

TRAVELING STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As part of the Church various devotional activities to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the church has commissioned a traveling statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be commissioned for any parishioner's home for a week from Sunday to Saturday. Anybody who wants to take home the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, should indicate the week and the mass time you are taking the statue. The statue should be picked up on Sunday at a Mass time you requested, stays at your home for a week and dropped off on Saturday before the 5:30 pm Mass. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the Church or call the Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more information.



MAY SCHEDULE

May 18-Rose Rendeiro—10:30 am Mass
May 25-Socorro Dagat—7:30 am Mass

JUNE SCHEDULE

June 1—Carlos Nunes—10:30 Mass
June 8— Michaela Lopez-10:30 Mass
June 22-Mark Polaca-12:00 noon Mass

JULY SCHEDULE

July 6-Rena Solo—12:00 Mass

Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem, PA

Monday, June 16, 2025. Bus leaves St. Michael's parking lot at 9:30 am sharp.

Cost: \$35, you will receive \$25 in slot play