



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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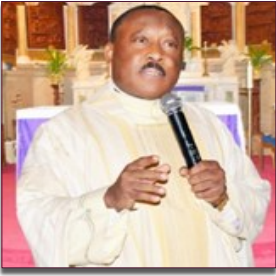
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TRUST IN
His Presence

The Confessing Thomas



One of the main actors in this Sunday's gospel (John 20:19-31) is the apostle Thomas, the man we have come to know as Doubting

Thomas, because he said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." What is not frequently appreciated, though, is that Doubting Thomas is also the Confessing Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" It was Confessing Thomas became the apostle who brought the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of India and died a martyr.

So, doubting Thomas was only a starting place for this saint and Christ met him where he was at. We all have our starting places, the facts of our lives today, the circumstances that surround us at this moment. It could be deep regrets, loneliness, sorrow, loss, illness, old age, disability, uncertainty, overwhelming darkness, disappointment, betrayal, you name it. It could also be joy, celebration, gratitude, etc. The point is that we all have a starting place and we all have rooms with locked doors. The good

news is that Christ is willing to meet us where we are at and bring us to where we need to be. He is willing to enter our locked-up rooms to breathe peace, hope, and courage into us and say, receive the power of the Holy Spirit; the strength to unlock the locked doors and step out into the freshness of new beginnings.

My friends, our resurrection journey is a journey to freedom and this can only happen if we can recognize Christ as our Lord and God, let Him enter into our places of darkness, doubt, fears, uncertainties, insecurities, addiction, unforgiving spirit, and all kinds of unproductive tendencies, while exercising the willingness to allow him take us and walk us out of our encasement.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

6 Ways To DONATE

ONLINE GIVING:



-SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING-

stmichaelunion.org

BANK TRANSFER:



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.

CONTACT FREE:

QR CODE



Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page

MAIL IN:



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083

DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS



You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

"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
APRIL			
Week 1	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,011	\$ 450
Week 2	\$ 8,461	\$ 9,991	\$ 1,310
Week 3	\$ 8,461	\$ 1,656	\$
Week 4	\$ 8,461	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$11,425	\$ 9,825	\$ 1,600

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

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 airconditioner. **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!

ANNUAL²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

2025 Base Goal:	\$47,850.00
2025 Stretch Goal:	\$57,420.00
As of: 4/22/25	
Donor Pledge:	\$31,485.00
Donor Received:	\$24,025.58

EASTER FLOWERS ENVELOPE

At the Church vestibule you will find envelopes for Easter Flower Offerings. Please help the Church with our Easter decoration expenses. Our budget for this year is \$3,500. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.



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.

Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

April 26

8:30 am Novena of Masses, All Souls in Purgatory
Mary & Gino Ianiro
5:30 pm Sofia Espana (Living)
Barbara Szmczak (5th Ann.)

SUNDAY

April 27

7:30 am Vic & Rosario Vibar
Cecelia Araujo (30th Day)
9:00 am Stephanie Tokpe (Living)-Thanksgiving
Mary & Gino Ianiro
10:30 am Rodrigo V. Gancia (Living)-Thanksgiving
For the Parishioners, Lupo Ramos
12:00 noon Jaden Chibuzo Oduocha (Living)-1st Birthday
Maria Tavares, Alejandro & Maria Morales
Charismatic Group-Blessings for parents & grandparents

MONDAY

April 28

8:30 am Cynthia Tellman, Gino & Mary Ianiro
12:00 n Teresa & Nicola Vanni, All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY

April 29

8:30 am Aurora Alves, Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco
12:00 noon Novena of Masses, Manuel Caram
Mary & Gino Ianiro

WEDNESDAY

April 30

8:30 am All Souls in Purgatory
Teresa & Nicola Vanni
12:00 noon Grandeza Family (Living)-Thanksgiving
Mary & Gino Ianiro

THURSDAY

May 1

8:30 am Novena of Masses, Ziliana Daceus
Teresa & Nicola Vanni
12:00 noon Monica & Marylou Votapek
Mary & Gino Ianiro

FIRST FRIDAY

May 2

8:30 am Mary & Gino Ianiro
Elizabeth Donato & Jose Pacicco
12:00 noon Jake Sarmiento (40th Day)
All Souls in Purgatory
6:30 pm Eric Kouevi (Living)-Thanksgiving
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco

SATURDAY

May 3

8:30 am Mary Jo Sipe (Living)- Birthday
Mafe Bernales (Living)-Birthday
5:30 pm Mary Jo Sipe (Living)-Birthday
Santi Cardenas (Living)
Angela Monocchio, Sofia Pagluca

SUNDAY

May 4

7:30 am Ryan Anthony Bernal, Mary & Gino Ianiro
9:00 am Mary & Gino Ianiro, All Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am For All Parishioners, Manuel Caram
All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 noon Mary & Gino Ianiro
Teresa & Nicola Vanni

ALTAR OFFERINGS

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

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

Novena of Masses April 2025

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Jean Ford
Mary & Idolo Russomano	George Rinehart, Jr.
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)	Eric Kouevi (Living)
Sang Choi	Jake Sarmiento, Jr.
Cecilia Imperial Batallones	Romeo Ponce
Mary & Gino Ianiro	Teresa & Nicola Vanni
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Jeff Pogorzleski (Living)-Healing	
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 Boulin & Maddy Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Durugo & Onyeaanu Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Tokpe & Santos Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families	
For the Sick in St. Michael's Parish	

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,
Grace Badiola

Ministry Happenings

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY

Cristina Manochio
(908) 688-1232, ext 3

Joseph Santillo
eyounionnj@gmail.com



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who purchased Palm Crosses, Flowers and Candy! We appreciate your support for our fundraiser!

We would also like to thank all of our members who participated in our inspirational "Living Stations of the Cross" presentation. Our CYO teens touched the hearts of many!

Stations of The Cross

Jesus Christ: Frankie Galasso-Cabezas
Mary: Samantha Torres
Soldiers: Ryan Parmenter & Gabe Spassione
Simon/Pilot: Bright Nnadi
Veronica: Natalia Castano
Women of Jerusalem: Karina DaSilva,
Maya Mincoelli & Gabriela Tubio
Servant: Nicole Moreno
Apostles: Monica Durugo, Julianna Silverio &
Precious Nnadi
Voice of Mary: Lorraine Aberi
Readers: Abigail Sheridan, Carmella Mendoza, Natalia
Panciello, Carl Nagamos, Daniela Rojas & Julian Felix
Stage/Lights: Ivy Mendoza

Special thanks also goes to the choir and musicians for their beautiful Music! God Bless them all!

Our service projects for the rest of the month include:
ARC visit on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00am-11:30am and the Cheshire Home visit on Tuesday, April 29th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Transportation will be provided if needed to the Cheshire Home.

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.



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 Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) reminds us:
"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Let's come together to strengthen our faith and uplift one another in fellowship.

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com.

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 Ginie, Jonathan, Ylani and Taisha at
ourmindandspirite@gmail.com

Announcements

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

Saturday, May 18, after all Masses
Fellowship Sunday

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

The next Fellowship Sunday will be on **May 18, 2024**.

If you are considering to become a volunteer, please call the Parish Office at (908) 688-122 or Cynthia at (908)591-1066 (text only).
Thank you and God Bless!



DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on this Sunday, **April 27 at 3:00 pm** in Church. All are invited.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Archdiocese will be celebrating **five (5), twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years** of Catholic marriage in the Jubilee Year 2025.

This year will be **ONE** anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties. The liturgy will be celebrated by **Cardinal Joseph Tobin** on Sunday, June 1st at 3:00 pm at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark**. All family members are welcome.

The registration form can be accessed on the home page of our website at www.rcan.org/family-life. If you have difficulty of accessing the online registration form, please email familylife@rcan.org for the direct link.

Please register by May 10th.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS FOR MAY 2025



Daily Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Upper Church
8:00 am and after 7:30 am 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, April 23, 2025 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.

APRIL SCHEDULE

April 6—Maria Sarmiento—9:00 am Mass
April 13—Yormys Cabral
April 20—Marissa Elan—12:00 Noon Mass
April 27—Adalgisa Sosa—12:00 Noon Mass

MAY SCHEDULE

May 4-Layla Percy-9:00 am Mass
May 11- Theresa Pogorzelski
May 18-Rose Rendeiro—10:30 am Mass
May 25-Socorro Dagat—7:30 am Mass