



# 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

**Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Camilo Lopez**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**Deacon Michael Alfano**  
*Permanent Deacon*

**Margaret Kazan**  
*Principal*

**Mary Jo Arnaldo-Sipe**  
*Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper*

**Stephanie Marulanda**  
**Lois Scanio**  
*Religious Education*

**Cristina Manochio**  
**Joseph Santillo**  
*Youth Ministry*

**Fran Engleman**  
*Music Director*

**Tiago Rodrigues**  
*Property Manager*

*Pastor Emeritus*  
**Rev. Charles McDermott**

## PARISH OFFICE

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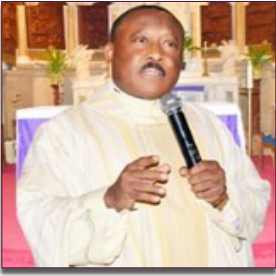


May 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Do You Love Jesus



The Gospel for this 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C, (John 21: 1-19) describes an encounter the apostles had with Jesus, after the resurrection. Apparently,

the apostles were not clear as to what the future held for them. So, during this uncertainty, Peter declared, "I am going fishing" and six other apostles followed him. They fished all night and caught nothing. Then, at dawn, something happened. Christ appeared to them and commanded them to cast their net in a specific direction, and the result was an amazing catch. Isn't it amazing what we can accomplish when we work in obedience to God's word. No wonder Scripture says, "But he who obeys me dwells in security, in peace, without fear of harm." (Proverb 1:33)

Christ then invites the apostles to breakfast during which He helped them deal with their past; they needed to be forgiven and to forgive themselves before they could bring Jesus' forgiveness to others, especially Peter. So, Jesus asks Peter, three times, (symbolically erasing the three times Peter denied Him) "Do you love me?" When Peter answered in the affirmative, each time, Christ entrusted the care of His sheep to him, "Feed my sheep".

My friends, this task was not only entrusted to Peter but to all of us as Disciples of Christ. We are called to feed His sheep. We feed the Lord's sheep when we bring hope, joy, peace, and forgiveness to those we meet; when we work for the salvation of all souls; when we bring down the walls of bigotry, division, and hatred; when we stand in the breach between humanity and suffering; when we defend those on the margins of society; and when we fight for justice, equality, equity, and fairness for all.

There is something to say about letting our lives be lived in obedience to God's word. It lines us up with God's vision for our lives, His graces and blessings for our wellbeing, His power for our deliverance and protection, and His sustenance in times of tribulation and suffering.

Today our Lord invites us to breakfast during which He inquires of us if we love Him enough to take up our crosses and follow Him. The question is, "Is my love for Jesus stronger than my fears of being His disciple?" May God grant us the grace to answer in the affirmative and to do so with our whole heart, mind, and soul!

*Msgn. 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](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) or Zelle to [stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto: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, 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 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
<b>APRIL</b>			
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	\$ 7,108	\$ 1,353
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$11,425</b>	<b>\$10,430</b>	<b>\$ 995</b>
<b>EASTER COLLECTION:</b>		<b>\$23,552</b>	
<b>EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTOPN:</b>		<b>\$ 3,425</b>	

#### 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 APPEAL 2025

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

**2025 Base Goal: \$47,850.00**

**2025 Stretch Goal: \$57,420.00**

**As of: 4/30/25**

**Donor Pledge: \$34,285.00**

**Donor Received: \$25,828.08**

## 6 Ways To DONATE

#### ONLINE GIVING:

*Parish Giving*  
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—  
[stmichaelunion.org](http://stmichaelunion.org)

#### BANK TRANSFER:

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[stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto: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.

## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **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, Maria Benecio (3rd Ann.)  
12:00 noon Mary & Gino Ianiro  
Teresa & Nicola Vanni  
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon

#### **MONDAY**

#### **May 5**

8:30 am Socoro Dagat (Living)-Healing  
Mary & Gino Ianiro  
12:00 noon Grandeza Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Teresa & Nicola Vanni

#### **TUESDAY**

#### **May 6**

8:30 am Novena of Masses  
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco  
Mary & Gino Ianiro  
12:00 noon Ifeanyi Odoemene (Living)-Birthday  
Fatou Camara, Catherine Khun (25th Ann.)

#### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **May 7**

8:30 am Eva Kosar, Gerard Pieneri  
12:00 noon Byron Belmonte, Aname Orillaneda (6th Ann)

#### **THURSDAY**

#### **May 8**

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

#### **FRIDAY**

#### **May 9**

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

#### **SATURDAY**

#### **May 10**

8:30 am Jina & George Sisnero, Leticia Morales  
Dada Egwahaide (1st Ann.)  
5:30 pm Espana Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Ana Mercedes Torres, Maria Leticia Morales

#### **SUNDAY**

#### **May 11**

7:30 am Lucille Arnaldo, Mary Lambusta  
9:00 am For All Parishioners, Avelino Torres  
10:30 am Regina Mendoza (Living)-Birthday  
Marietta M. Gancia (Living)-Birthday  
Dorothy Marchitello, Abe Maksom  
12:00 noon Josephine Valentino, Maria Jose Farinha

#### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread & Altar Wine are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgione (Living), family & friends.*

*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 Boulin & Maddy Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Durugo & Onyeananu 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 Manocchio  
(908) 688-1232, ext 3

Joseph Santillo  
cyouunionnj@gmail.com



Join us at our next meeting on May 13th in the Phil Matrale Hall from 7:00pm-8:30pm where we will be having our annual CYO Coffee House Talent Show. All CYO members are encouraged to share their talents with the group. There will be a \$5 admission for baked goods and soft drinks.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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  
[ourmindandspiriteg@gmail.com](mailto:ourmindandspiriteg@gmail.com)



## Announcements

### **IMPORTANT PARISH SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT**

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Michael's Parish. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- \* Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- \* Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- \* Help parishioners grow in their faith.

From May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>, we invite everyone to take part in a 10-15-minute survey that will help us reflect on our own spiritual growth and enable us to provide our perspective on our parish's efforts to help us grow in relationship with Christ. You can access the survey online at:

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

All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

*Thank you for helping us with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention for the growth and protection of our parish.*

### **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

### **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, 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 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

### **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