



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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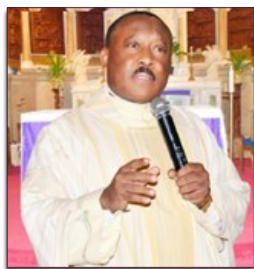
All Saints' Day



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All Souls' Day

Short in Stature, Tall in Grace



The Gospel of this 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C, Luke 19:1-10) tells the story of a man named Zacchaeus. The Bible describes him as a man of small stature, overlooked by

the crowd and dismissed by society. While the name “Zacchaeus” means “pure,” “clean,” or “innocent,” the people despised him, for he was a tax collector — an outcast, a cheat, a crook, and a traitor. No one saw holiness in him. No one expected goodness from him.

But “Shortness” here is not only about physical height. It is about the limitations, wounds, or distortions that keep us from seeing clearly, loving fully, or living freely. There is moral shortness — dishonesty, greed, exploitation, prejudice, negligence, hypocrisy. There is spiritual shortness — prayerlessness, prideful self-reliance, shallow faith, bitterness toward God, fear of surrender. And there is social shortness — the ways we fail in relationship: judging, isolating, refusing to build bridges, discriminating, condemning. The question is: What do we do when faced with our shortness?

This is where Zacchaeus becomes our mirror. He chose not to run from who he was or hid in the crowd. He chose not to let pride and fear keep him from the freedom to live again. Instead, he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see and be seen by Jesus — to encounter the saving grace of God, face the truth of his life, and be transformed into a new and better self. Jesus looked up and called him by name: “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” Notice this: before Zacchaeus changed anything, Jesus offered him closeness. God does not wait until we are fixed before He draws

near. Rather, He comes near so that we can be changed. Grace sees the heart that climbs. Grace sees the soul that yearns. Grace sees the mind that reaches.

No matter what has become of our lives, we must remember: we are more than where we have been, how we have been, and what we have become. There is always hope for a better tomorrow. Christ can see more in me than I can see in myself. He can recognize me and call me by my name when the world prefers to call me by my shame. No matter the kind of shortness we may be dealing with right now, do not let it block your vision. Climb your tree. Reach beyond your past. And seek the face of Christ above the noise. Christ is not intimidated by our shortness. He wants to enter it and begin the work of healing and transformation. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock,” says the Lord. “If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter and dine with him” (Rev 3:20).

Amazingly, the crowd hated that Zacchaeus was met with grace. Yes, our shortness is a source of comfort for some people — even the same people who loudly demand that we ‘do better.’ But do not be discouraged. While the world wants to remember who you were, Jesus sees who you can become and offers you hope. So, we must never allow anyone to keep us trapped in a place of shortness. The crowd tried to do that to Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus refused to stay there.

So should we.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

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!



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
OCTOBER			
Week 1	\$ 8,461	\$ 6,843	\$ 1,618
Week 2	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,062	\$ 399
Week 3	\$ 8,461	\$ 7,917	\$ 544
Week 4	\$ 8,461	\$ 7,824	\$ 637
Monthly SOS	\$11,425	\$ 9,987	\$ 1,438

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

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

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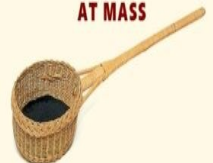
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DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER



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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	November 1
5:30 pm	All Souls, Anna Maura Zeik Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon Deceased Members of Espiritu-Pilapil Family Mne Barthelemy Etienne
SUNDAY	November 2 All Soul's Day
7:30 am	All Souls, Jose & Lucille Arnaldo Lorenzo Bulos, Rosanne Paul
9:00 am	Marilyn Briones (Living)-Birthday All Souls, Pong & Rose Bernardo
10:30 am	All Souls, Thomas Nnoli Aurora Irizarry, Mary & Gino Ianiro
12:00 noon	For All Parishioners, All Souls Michael Ravaro, Cirilo Dizon Linus & Bernadette Egeolu
MONDAY	November 3
8:30 am	Wankeith A. (Living)-Pass test All Souls, Gino & Mary Ianiro
12:00 noon	Marie Yanick Thomas (Living)-Birthday Rui Docarmo, Maria Medley
TUESDAY	November 4
8:30 am	Maria Socorro Dagat, Amoakon Mian
12:00 noon	Constance Emery, Martila Merceda Josette Dominique
WEDNESDAY	November 5
8:30 am	Samantha Anthony (Living)-Birthday Carmel Jerome (Living)-Birthday Sophie Mosejchuk All Souls
12:00 noon	Helen Kazak Phillips (20th Ann.)
THURSDAY	November 6
8:30 am	Fred Pajarillo (Living)-89th Birthday Ali Damestami (7th Ann.) Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco
12:00 noon	Emmaculata Etienne, Joseph Thomas Mary & Gino Ianiro
FRIDAY	November 7
8:30am	All Souls in Purgatory Mary & Gino Ianiro, Sebastian DePinho
12:00 noon	Bernadette Alexandre (Living)-Thanksgiving Viergela Pierrevil & Gerard Pierrevil
6:30 pm	Eric Kouvi (Living)-Guidance
SATURDAY	November 8
8:30 am	Anthony John Espeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving All Souls, Teresa & Nicola Vanni

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread & Altar Wine offered for Living & Deceased Members of St. Michael's Parish.
The Sanctuary Lamp is offered for Lucy Scalgone, family & Friends.

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,
Member of St. Michael's Parish

DECEASED PARISHIONERS NOVEMBER 2024-NOVEMBER 2025

Emily Ortiz	Norma Canares
Venilde Rodriguez	Emily Maggorie
Ada Napoles	Barbara Santorini
Anthony Martelli	Estelle Muller
Jacqueline Nasek	Nancy Zavro
Raymona Canares	Madelene Cowen
Beverly Riccitelli	Charles Benedek
Frank J. Lawrence	Elaine Helminski
Carol Ann Breen Navarro	Romeo Ponce
Richard Casmás	Robert Jarman
Mitchizko Mendoza	Cecilia Araujo
Joseph Londino	Ryszard Malczak
Grace Badiola	Angelo Labriola
Nicholas Dispenziere	Donna Faruolo
Helene A. Gajewski	Joseph Furnari
Pasquale "Pat" Cifelli	Dulce Rodrigues
Thomas Walsh	Roberta Potter
Jennifer Jones	Rose Devins
Palma Palumbo	Leonard Romano
Grace McDermott	Anna Lepski
Florence Horniacek	Maria Socorro Dagat
Charles Kapaccio	Margaret Gruenling
Dolores Fortino	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Anthony Staynings, 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, Theresa Ojeawere, Kathy Chavez, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Peter & Cathy Fortunato, Nicole Ferlo, Juanita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, John Dittermer, Sal Dovi, Kathy Doherty, Mary Ann Flynn, Roger Swadish, Jaime DeLeon, Doug Heinzer, Leonard Stfalk, Aida Polanco, Mary Ann McGrath, Anthony Terrezza, Homer Mereira, Alberta Phillips, Annamae McKnight, Liza David, Kate Hurley-Dandekar, Michelle Dressel, Jose Espiritu, Walter McMahon, Loty Angara, Isabela Esmores, Jonhan Hyland, Mary Byrune, Bernadette Ogang, Jessica Troche, Maria Sinoes, Robin Gaskin, Emmalee Engelman, Joe Santillo, Vincent Dragone, Adolfo Angara, Arcie Borja, Jennie Grube, Sue Koelble, Anthny Reo, Grace Fortino

Ministry Happenings

CYO YOUTH MINISTRY

Cristina Manochio
(908) 688-1232, ext 3

Joseph Santillo
cyounionnj@gmail.com



The CYO / Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will be venturing back to Camp Lebanon for our annual teen retreat on the weekend of **November 21st-23rd!** Any teen who is interested in attending, or anyone looking to sponsor someone who is attending, please contact us at cyounionnj@gmail.com. With rising costs, we are trying to ease the financial burden of the retreat price for our teens. There are also envelopes in the church vestibule for the Phil Matrale Retreat Memorial Fund that can be dropped off at any time. We truly appreciate all of your support. Thank you and God Bless!

Our service projects for the next month include: ARC visit on November 15th from 10:00am-11:30am with special needs children and adults. We will also be hosting our annual CYO Thanksgiving Food Drive at our meeting on November 4th. The list of needed food items can be found in the back of the vestibule, or you can email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS, this is for YOU.

We're kicking off our parish's **Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)** — a space to grow closer to God, build real friendships, and have fun doing it.

Expect Bible studies, worship nights, game nights, movie nights (*The Chosen* is on the list!), open mic nights, field days, and more. (More meeting dates, coming soon!)



📱 **Scan the QR code to fill out our quick intake form** — tell us what *you* want this group to be. In the form, we'll use your contact info to keep you in the loop.

Come as you are. Bring a friend. Let's walk this journey together!

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP



St. Michael's Parish Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group invites you to join us every Wednesday evening's Testimony Night, at 6:00 PM, in Phil Matrale Hall (LC).

WELLNESS MINISTRY

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program is collecting Bibles for anyone in need. Your donation will help others grow closer to God through prayer, reflection and a deeper understanding of His Word. A collection box will be placed in the vestibule of the Church for Bible drop offs. Thank you, and may God bless your for sharing His word through your generous donation.

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 Jesus reminds us in Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT):

"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.'"

Let's come together to embody these teachings in our lives and in our community.

Upcoming Events

Virtual Member Meeting (October)

When: Thursday, October 23, 2025

Time: 7:15 - 9:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/cEGBHBLTF2QHBKon8>

Virtual Member Meeting (November)

When: Thursday, November 20, 2025

Time: 7:15 - 9:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/PbtTyFmqTqHtH1Pi6>

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

Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!

COATS FOR KIDS

Through a program with the **Knights of Columbus Supreme Council** we are able to purchase new winter coats for children for our **HUGS Ministry** to distribute to children in need of a winter coat.

The cost for a box of 12 new coats is \$285 which is less than \$24 per coat. Please consider helping our HUGS Ministry purchase new winter coats for those children in need of a warm winter coat this season.

Representatives from HUGS will be collecting in the Church vestibule after the Masses on November 1 and 2 and on November 7 and 8. Or you can place your donation in the collection baskets clearly marked "Coats for Kids". Checks should be made out to St. Michael's Parish and write Coats for Kids on the memo line.

For more information please contact: Bisi Longe (908) 247-4461 or Tania Massicot (973) 420-8659.

Please help HUGS make a difference in some children's lives this winter.

Announcements

BUS TRIPS 100th Anniversary Committee

November 15, 2025
Trip to Amish Village

Cost: \$48 per person including bus transport.
No lunch included.

There are restaurants in the area for people to buy lunch

Bus leaves at 8:00 am sharp

December 16, 2025
Trip to the Christmas Spectacular, Radio City Music Hall, NYC

Cost: \$100 per person including bus transport, bus leaves at 8:00 am sharp

Show starts at 11:00 am

Limited Seats Available

For more information, please call Yakima Williams (973) 454-5368. You can drop off your payments to the Parish Office (1211 Orange Ave.)

Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem, PA

MONDAY, November 10, 2025. Bus leaves St. Michael's parking lot at 9:30 am sharp.

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



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our next Fellowship will be on **November 16, 2025** at all Masses.

Thank you to the following, Maria Ponce, Ana DiFabrizio, Dagat Family and Chioma Anopueme for their generous donations to our October fellowship.

Our special thanks goes to the following volunteers Gizele Velez, Maria & Juan Valera, Med Domingo, Dolores Montano, Kathleen Boetsch, Betty Falcon, Bill McGrath, Victoria Oyakihome, Agustina Rodriguez, Madesa Espana, Maria Edmond and to everyone who offered help and support to our monthly fellowship. Thank you for your constant presence and selfless service.

Anyone interested in volunteering and joining the Fellowship Sunday team or any other Social Events Activities, please text Cynthia Grandeza at 908-591-1065 or call the Parish Office at (908) 688-1232, ext. 100.



TRAVELING STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 2-Clara Asoya—12:00 noon
November 9-Carlos & e Nunes—10:30 am mass
November 16-Rachelle Ayonayon-12:00 noon
November 23-Chinene Odoemene-12:00 noon
November 30-Marianne Felix-10:30 am mass

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

December 7— Morales Family—12:00 noon mass
December 14 -Janice Cibeds—12:00 noon mass
December 21—Moiza Family—9:00 am mass
December 28—Spassione Family— 9:00 am mass



St. Michael the Archangel
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Mass for the healers and Protectors

*A Celebration of Courage,
Compassion, and Community*

Honoring our healthcare workers, police officers,
firefighters and first responders

Join us for a sacred
gathering to uplift and bless
those who serve our
communities with healing
hands and watchful hearts.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025
10:00 AM
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, UNION, NJ

Fellowship/ Refreshments follows after the mass
In the lower church
No Registration Required

▲ Special blessings for all personnel in attendance
🎵 Uplifting music | 🙏 Words of gratitude | ❤️ Community fellowship

All are welcome. Let us stand together in faith and gratitude.
For more info: <https://www.stmichaelunion.org>



Volunteers are the pillar of our Church community. Please come and join and be a volunteer in our Family Activities Committee, Multicultural Committee, Social Events Committee and our Adult Faith Formation Committee. Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 for more information.