



# 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*

**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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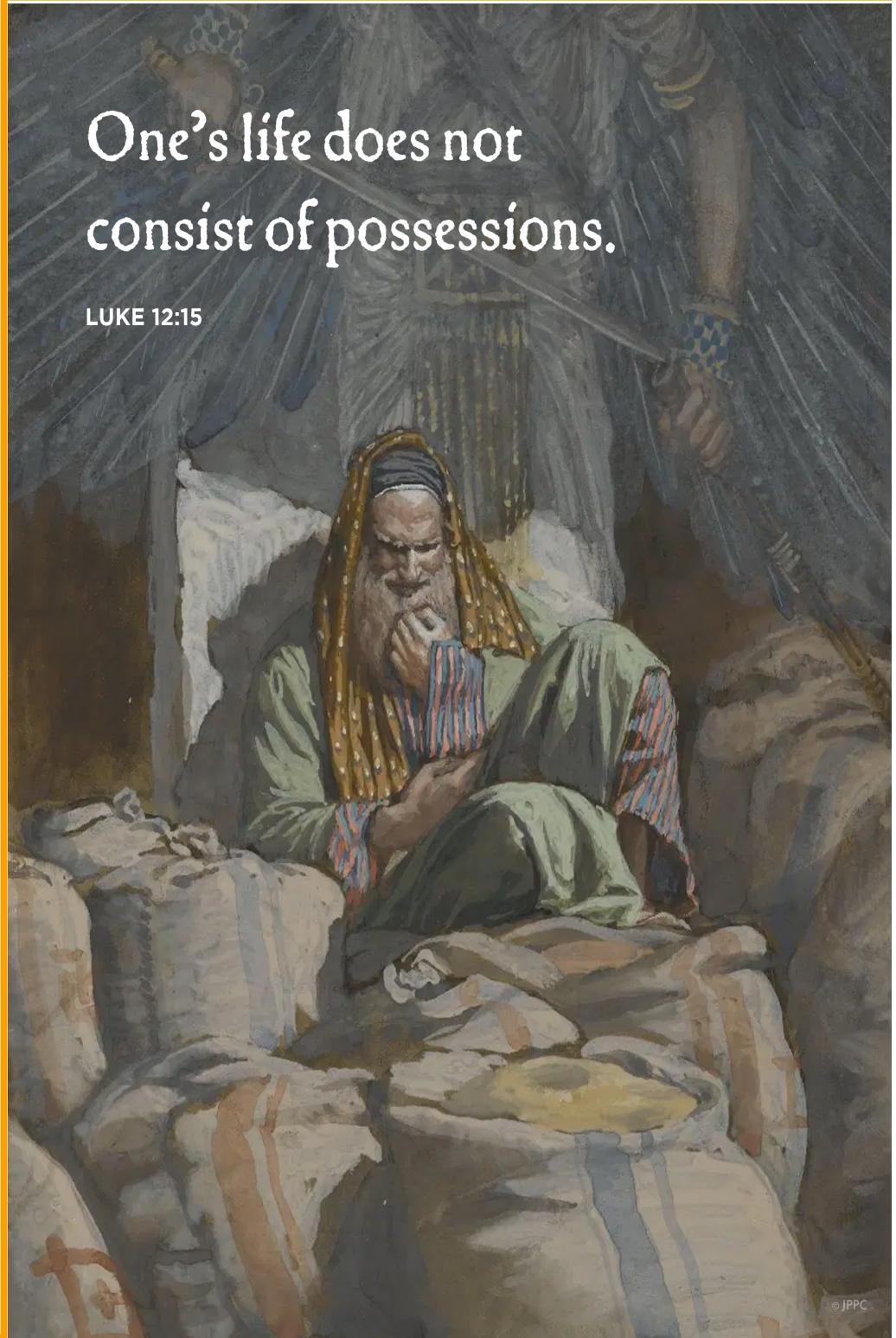
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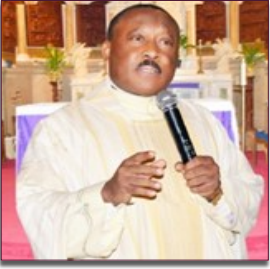
One's life does not  
consist of possessions.

LUKE 12:15



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## Gratitude not complaints increase blessings



The second reading for this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, from Exodus 16,

recounts how the Israelites responded to hardship on their journey to freedom—often with complaints and blame. Their reaction challenges us to consider how we face the pain and stress that come with positive change and growth.

Growth rarely comes without obstacles. When things get difficult, we're tempted to retreat, abandon our goals, or blame others. Complaining becomes a default response, shifting responsibility and blinding us to previous and ongoing blessings.

Life perfects what we practice. The more we complain and blame, the better we become at it—until we can no longer see the good around us. The Israelites complained at the Red Sea, in the desert, about food, water,

leadership—forgetting God's miracles and mercy. Their ingratitude drowned out the memory of liberation.

Complaining robs us of responsibility, gratitude, and joy. It's easy to overlook blessings and fixate on what's missing. But a grateful heart sees differently. When we focus on what is good, we create space for better things to come.

May God help us shift our focus to gratitude—for in seeing His goodness, we prepare our hearts to receive even more.

*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](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, 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 Nwaorqu*



#### 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>JULY</b>			
Week 1	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,509	\$ 48
Week 2	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,435	\$ 26
Week 3	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,435	\$ 26
Week 4	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,483	\$ 22
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$11,425</b>	<b>\$ 7,900</b>	<b>\$ 3,525</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: July 18, 2025**

**Donor Pledge: \$43,410.00**

**Donor Received: \$37,337.16**

## 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

8:30 am Kevin Apuzzio  
5:30 pm Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco  
Justo Castillo

#### SUNDAY

7:30 am For the Parishioners, Julie & Hank Dycowski  
9:00 am Debbie Lake (Living)-Healing  
Constance Emery, Joe Furnari  
10:30 am Vivian Durugo (Living)-Birthday  
Beverly Riccitelli  
12:00 noon Nellie Ferros Sun, Agripina :Nene" Perez

#### MONDAY

8:30 am Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing  
Benjamin Torres Charro  
12:00 noon Novena of Masses  
Mary & Gino Ianiro

#### TUESDAY

8:30 am Joseph Furnari, Terese & Nicola Vanni  
12:00 noon Shella Boulín (Living)-Birthday  
Walden Campos (Living)-Birthday  
Pacita Pena (15th Ann.)

#### WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Amoakon Mian, Al Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 noon Emmalee Engelman (Living)-Healing  
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco

#### THURSDAY

8:30 am Betsey Duenas Jacobsen (Living)-Birthday  
Leonardo Fernandez (10th Ann.)  
John Vincent Cepe  
12:00 noon Dorothy Marchitello  
Benjamin Torres Chaparro  
Wladyslaw Skoczyla (52nd Ann.)

#### FRIDAY

8:30 am Michelle Espeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Frances Cebulak (12th Ann.)  
12:00 noon Novena of Masses, Maria Medley

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am Roger Boetsch  
Mary & Gino Ianiro  
5:30 pm De Jesus Family (Living)-Spiritual Healing  
Thomas Francis

#### SUNDAY

7:30 am For all Parishioners, Mary & Gino Ianiro  
9:00 am Joseph Furnari, Thomas Walsh  
10:30 am Myrna Gancia (Living)-Birthday  
Emmanuel Moreno Cruz (2nd Ann.)  
12:00 noon Maria Herrera, Miguel del Rio  
Darnell Connor (2nd Ann.)

#### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Lucy Scalgione (Living), family & friends.*

### Novena of Masses AUGUST 2025

Jose & Lucille Arnaldo	Phil Matrale
James Ford, Sr.	Jean Ford
Mary & Idolo Russomano	George Rinehart, Jr.
Mary & Gino Ianiro	Teresa & Nicola Vanni
Elizabeth Donato & Joe Pacicco	All Souls in Purgatory
Raymond Williamson	Joseph Furnari
Emmalee Engleman (Living)-healing	
Jeff Pogorzleski (Living)-Healing	
Eric Kouevi (Living)-Guidance	
Stephanie Tokpe (Living)	
Shela Boulín (Living)-Birthday	
Chinwe Melie and children (Living)	
GINNO Budiongan (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 the Durugo & Onyeaanu Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez	
Living & Deceased Members of Boulín & Maddy Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Aguh & Nzeakor Families	

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Anthony Staynings, 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, Juanita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, John Dittmer, 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, Cristina Sarmiento, Agripina Perez, Walter McMahon, Loty Angara, Isabela Esmores, Jonathan Hyland, Mary Byrune, Bernadette Ogang, Jessica Troche, Maria Sinoes, Robin Gaskin, Emmalee Engelman, Joe Santillo, Vincent Dragone, Carol Furnari

### 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



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank all its members for an amazing year! Congratulations to our seniors who are graduating, and we wish you the best of luck! We pray that everyone has a safe, healthy and fun summer and we look forward to seeing the rest of our members back in September!

For those in grades 9-12 interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the youth ministry office for more information.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### CATECHISTS NEEDED to help lead our children to Jesus

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM. FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE." - *Mt. 10:14*



ANSWER THE CALL!

**The Religious Education Program is looking for catechists, aids, subs and hall-monitors. If you have any questions please call the Religious Education Office (908)964-5613 or email [smreligiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto: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 [smreligiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto:smreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR

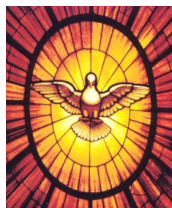


PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS AT  
THE CHURCH VESTIBULE

#### CONTACTS:

BISI LONGE 908-247-4461  
TANIA MASSICOT: 973-420-8659

### 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)



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry, it is a rewarding experience, bringing Christ to others at mass and those who are unable to attend mass. At this time our parish is in need for new candidates for the Eucharistic Ministry. At this time we are in need of men and women 18 years and older to volunteer to the Ministry of the Eucharist. We presently have openings for all masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Terry Dziedzic at (908) 418-3730 or [dziedzic@comcast.net](mailto:dziedzic@comcast.net) and Deacon Michael Alfano at (201) 995-7211 or [michaeljalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.com).

### 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.

### 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.

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](http://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.



## Announcements

### **SAVE THE DATE** **ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST CELEBRATION**

**When:** Friday, September 26, 2025  
**Time:** 7:00 pm—11:00 pm  
**Where:** Costa Del Sol—Vauxhall Road, Union  
**Cost:** \$65 per person, includes buffet dinner, soda, coffee, DJ

Cash or check (payable to St. Michael's Church)  
 Tickets are limited—please don't delay.  
 No reservations accepted. **TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

They are available at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) and with **Cynthia Grandeza & Luz Gonzales.**

### **ST. ALPHONSA FEAST SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025**



### **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Thank you to all parishioners and friends who have been joining us on Fellowship Sundays. **Our next fellowship will be on August 17, 2025 after all masses in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC).**

### **Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem, PA**

**WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2025.** Bus leaves St. Michael's parking lot at 9:30 am sharp.  
**Cost: \$35**, you will receive \$25 in slot play

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

#### **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / LOCAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

**Status:** Part Time: 25-28 hours per week, flexible schedule

**Supervisor:** Pastor

**Position Summary** - The Director of Religious Education (DRE) oversees and directs the parish religious education program grades 1 through 8, including sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion; recruits, trains and supervises volunteer catechists. The DRE is also the Local Safe Environment Coordinator (LSEC),

#### **Position Specific Requirements:**

- \* Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- \* Must have vision and a demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement a parish catechetical program within the parameters of the Catholic Church
- \* Current credentials as a Catechetical leader and participation in the Archdiocesan ongoing certification and mentoring process
- \* An ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with youth, diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers
- \* Basic computer and technology skills
- \* As LSEC, to ensure the volunteers (in ministry with minors) and employees in the Parish have the required safe environment documentation on file.

Interested candidates are invited to send cover letters and resumes to the attention of:

**Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu**  
**St. Michael's Parish**  
**1212 Kelly Street**  
**Union, NJ 07083**

**Email:** [stmichaelunion@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net)

### **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.

#### **AUGUST SCHEDULE**

August 3—Joanne Gonzalez—12noon mass  
 August 10- Madessa Espana—10:30 am mass  
 August 17- Marie Denis  
 August 24—Pascale Jeudy—5:30 pm mass  
 August 31—N. Illagan—12:00 noon mass

#### **SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE**

September 7—12:00 noon mass  
 September 14-Karen del Rosario—5:30 pm mass  
 September 21—Jeanne Spassione—9:00 am mass  
 September 28-Susan Greenough—9:00 am mass