



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

August 20, 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

### Saturday

8:30 am

### Sunday

5:30 pm (Saturday Vigil Mass)  
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 Noon

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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.

## Message From *The Pastor's Desk*



### Faith that Works—The Canaanite Woman

My dear Parishioners,

On this 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary times, year A, the gospel reading (Matthew 15:21-28) tells the story of Jesus' encounter with a Canaanite woman whose daughter was possessed by a demon and had come to Jesus to seek healing for her baby. She approached Jesus and called out to Him, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me" and when her request went unacknowledged, she took it up a notch; she knelt down in worship before Jesus and asked Him again, "Lord, have mercy on me". When Jesus' responses seemed disparaging, she had the emotional maturity to hang in there without flinching; she remained focused on her need. She kept her pride at bay and allowed humility to run through the course. She remained consistent, persistent, and unyielding in her quest for help until she got the job done. Her wish was granted. Many a time, our faith is going to get a workout and we will need to remain focused on Jesus, the author, and perfecter of our faith if we want to get through. Our faith could be challenged just to make sure we really want what we say we want and if we really and truly believe.

It is not uncommon, when we face life challenges, to let pride stand in the way of our needs and our prayer. Desperate times require desperate measures. There comes a time when we need to put our pride aside so that we can make a headway in life, achieve our goals, worship God as we ought to, and be the father, the mother, the son, and the daughter, the priest we are called to be. Persistent humility is a powerful tool for everyday success.

Doesn't it feel upsetting to hear the apostles tell Jesus, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us?" The woman was only crying out to Jesus. Where did the "US" come from? It is amazing that people, many a time, don't always understand nor care about the pains of others, or what others are going through. It was the burden of her possessed daughter that drove her to Jesus, but the disciples apparently could not relate to this. Could it be because they had no children? In another situation, we saw them dismiss the children who had come to sit on the lap of Jesus, an action for which Jesus admonished them. My friends, emotional intelligence is good for all of us—being able to appreciate and understand the burden and the pains others may be feeling and carrying. As the saying goes, what do we live for, if not to make the world less burdensome for someone else? Let's never be the source of stress for others; let's never be too quick to point out what someone is doing wrong, rather, let's be the first to point out what someone is doing right!

My friends, the bottom line of this story is that persistence in prayer is always the key. God pays attention to prayers that don't stop coming. So, never stop praying no matter what. There may be something you have been asking God to do for you that has not yet come to pass. Keep the prayer going. Do not lose heart, do not lose focus, do not be discouraged, your answer is on the way and it will get to you when the time is right. It is always to the glory of God that our prayers be answered.

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### 2023 UNION OF SAINTS & NATIONS (USAN)

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your families.

On behalf of our pastor Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, we would like to give you an update on our UNION of SAINTS and NATIONS FUNDRAISER 2023 ( USAN 2023 ), which is our church's sole annual fundraiser.

At present, we only have 38 groups formed with 38 facilitators or group leaders. We need to form a minimum of 50 groups to be able to achieve our fundraising goal of **\$100,000.00 ( one hundred thousand )**. Each group is to raise \$2,000.00. We have raised **\$50,393** so far for this campaign period.

Thank you to all who have already responded. For those who have not, please consider being a facilitator or choose to belong to any formed groups or any new groups that will be formed.

For questions, please contact:

Parish Office 908-688-1232  
Cynthia Grandeza 908-591-1065  
David Bernot 908-472-8858

May our good Lord give us the grace to commit to do everything possible to be a part of this blessed effort for the sustenance of our church. We hope and pray for the success of this campaign and may God grant us this blessing.

Your brother and sister in Christ,  
David and Cynthia  
USAN COORDINATORS

Dear Parishioners,

Our ministry to children 0-5 years and their families (**HUGS Ministry**) has truly picked up to the Glory of God. We now serve over 50 families every month and these are families that truly need help. To make sure our Church continues to carry out this most worthy ministry, we will have a HUGS Ministry Sunday, every third Sunday of the month. Look for the teddy bear in the vestibule of the Church after every Mass on this dedicated Sunday.

*Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu*

"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 <u>WEEKLY</u>	ACTUAL <u>WEEKLY</u>	OVER/ <u>UNDER</u>
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,792	\$ 287
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,060	\$ 981
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 7,802	\$2,238

### 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*

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<b>MAIL IN:</b>  1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083	<b>DROP OFF:</b>  1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083	<b>DURING OFFERTORY:</b>  You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.

### 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. However, 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.

## Mass Intentions & Novenas

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am Victoria Sipe (Living)-Birthday  
5:30 pm Mary Anamdi (Living)-Special Intentions

#### SUNDAY

7:30 am Novena of Masses for all Children  
Victoria Nwosu & Deborah Nwosu  
9:00 am Novena of Masses for all Children  
For the Parishioners  
Florencio Roque, Sr.  
10:30 am Novena of Masses for all Children  
Henry Mendoza (Living)-Thanks  
12:00 noon Diane Cavallo  
Joe & Ginger Frain (Living)  
35th Wedding Anniversary

#### MONDAY

8:30 am For all Parishioners  
12:00 noon Peter Herbert (Living)

#### TUESDAY

8:30 am Albert S. Phillips  
12:00 noon Conceicao Rodrigues Landeria

#### WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Novena of Masses, Jerry Randolph  
12:00 noon Tony Lopina (Living)-Thanksgiving  
Lauren Lopina (Living)-Thanksgiving

#### THURSDAY

8:30 am Evan & Dixon Dagat (Living)-Birthday  
12:00 noon Novena of Masses, Mary Ann Oriaku  
Antonia Bales (Living)-Thanksgiving

#### FRIDAY

8:30 am Evan & Dixon Dagat (Living)-Birthday  
12:00 noon For All Parishioners

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am Novena of Masses  
5:30 pm Rui Docarmo

#### SUNDAY

7:30 am Novena of Masses for All Children  
For All Parishioners  
9:00 am Maria Tavares  
Novena of Masses for All Children  
Michael Jean Ezpeleta (Living)  
10:30 am Novena of Masses for All Children  
Charismatic Group-Children & Young Adults  
Anthony Manochio & Aurora Manochio(Living)  
12:00 noon Novena of Masses for All Children

#### ALTAR OFFERINGS

**The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp are offered for all School Children.**

### 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 for Aida Sotto & Patrick T. Phillips**

### NOVENA OF MASSES

**August 2023**

<b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b>	<b>Phil Matrale</b>
<b>James Ford, Sr.</b>	<b>Jorge J. Criado</b>
<b>Raymond Williamson</b>	<b>Fritz Maddy</b>
<b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Familes</b>	<b>Frank Rubinetti</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b>	<b>Artemia Tan</b>
<b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b>	<b>Abe Maksom</b>
<b>Michelle Sumabat (Living)</b>	<b>Phyllis J. Szeker</b>
<b>Cresencia Mayuga (Living)</b>	<b>Philip Ruivivar</b>
<b>Visitation Raymundo Belza</b>	<b>Aurora Sandoval</b>
<b>Agnes Malgapo (Living)</b>	<b>Louie Ozimek</b>
<b>Marita Chisaokwu Nwaogu</b>	<b>Frank Ozimek, Jr</b>
<b>Michelene &amp; Joseph Kmetz</b>	<b>Angelito Sandoval</b>
<b>Aida Sotto (Living)-Healing</b>	<b>Timothy L. Connell</b>
<b>Ramon Valera</b>	
<b>Elenita Roque (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing</b>	
<b>Sheila Boulin (Living)-Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)</b>	
<b>Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living)</b>	
<b>Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (Living)</b>	
<b>Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano &amp; LaManna Families</b>	
<b>Manuel Pereira Araujo &amp; Lucilia Sousa Araujo</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Furnari &amp; Potignano Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Del Rosario &amp; Perez Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Onyenanu &amp; Durugo Families</b>	

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Julia Asfalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Clauvette Kallabeen, Clarence Roberts, Harry Vendemia, David Randolph, Junia Perez, Virginia Hernandez, Doug Heinzer, William Grant, Cesar DeJesus, Carmen Diaz Colon, Marian Orzechowski, George Leary, Grace Fortino, Brian Schmitt, Tom Ewing, Tony Zaliwski, Kathleen Kachelriess, Trudy Spinelli, Willa Jackson, John McEvoy, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, Milan Durish, Maria Santiago, Marisol Morales, Angelina Amali, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Andre Graigwell, Nicole Pozeinick, Amy Dombroski, Samantha Lopes, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Giovanna Di Biase, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Socorro Dagat, Denise Lucarello Aliseo, James Mariusiak, Theresa Ojeawere



# Ministry Happenings

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**REGISTRATION FOR 2023/2024 - CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023.** Currently registered families should have received an email reminder directly from Parish Giving to register their children for the coming school year. If you need the email re-sent to you, call or email the Religious Education Office.

**NEW FAMILIES ONLY:** If your child was not part of our program last year, please visit [stmichaelunion.org/religious-education](http://stmichaelunion.org/religious-education) and follow the link to either in-person classes or home-based classes. Alternatively, you can print the .pdf registration form, fill it in and return it to the office, or come to the Religious Education Office and complete the process in person.

Religious Education begins in Grade 1 and continues through Grade 8. First Communion candidates must complete two years of Religious Education before receiving the sacrament. Confirmation is typically received in Grade 9 after completing the Religious Education program. If you know of someone who has a child entering the first grade, please ask them to contact the Religious Education Office. Special classes are available for older students who haven't had any prior religious instruction.

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday from 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 [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net)

## CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



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

## EUCARISTIC 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 [dziedzict@comcast.net](mailto:dziedzict@comcast.net) and Deacon Michael Alfano at (201) 995-7211 or [michaeljalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.com).

## LINEN MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church is in need of new ministers to join the Linen Ministry. The Linen Ministry provides clean alter linens used at masses and spiritual celebrations.

### What do you need know to be a part of this worthwhile ministry?

- You need to have a washing machine and iron (no starch please).
- Based on the size of our team you can expect to be asked every 3 to 4 months to launder the clothes.
- The linens are washed and pressed. The linens are usually picked up on the weekend and returned within the week of pickup.
- A typical wash consists of approximately 50 to 75 altar clothes.

Consider joining the **Linen Ministry** it will be a rewarding experience for you knowing the linens you cleaned are adding to the beauty of our alter and the celebration.

If you are interested in joining the **Linen Ministry** or have questions, please call or email Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 [jpastewski@aol.com](mailto:jpastewski@aol.com)

## HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY(HUGS)

HUGS Ministry needs help with **Back to School** supplies—backpacks, notebooks, pencils, etc. We also have 50 families with children—new born to age 5 that we give monthly grace bags.

Please call the contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420- 8659** for more information on how you can help.

## CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP



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## WELLNESS MINISTRY

**(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE Class For the Family**

**Saturdays 9:30–10:30 am Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

## 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.

## Announcements



### BEGINNING OF THE YEAR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**Sunday, September 10, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**  
**St. Michael's Church, Union, NJ**

Come & Encounter Jesus!  
An evening of Eucharistic Adoration  
Praise and Worship Music; and  
Physical & Spiritual Healing Encounter

All are welcome and bring a friend.



### ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

**Please join us for the Feast of St. Michael Annual Dinner Dance on September 29, 2023, 7:00-11:00 pm at The Galloping Hill Caterers. Cost: \$60, Buffet Dinner, Dessert & Dancing Only 130 tickets are available (Tables of 10) now being sold at the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100.**

**After August 20th, tickets will be sold at the Church.**



*Annual celebration of the feast of  
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Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3:00 pm  
Daily Novena will start on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023  
after the 8:30 am Mass on weekdays and Saturdays and  
before the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**Social Events Committee** is accepting donations of school supplies. The items needed are:

Composition books, folders—2 pockets, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, glue sticks, ziplock bags—gallon size, subject notebook, pencil cases, marker.

You may drop off donations at the Church vestibule anytime on the weekend of August 13 and 14.

Thank you for your generosity.



### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Our next Coffee & Fellowship Sunday will be **August 20, 2023**. It will also be dedicated to our students as they prepare to return to school. Special Back to School Student Send-off.



### USAN FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST Monday, August 28, 2023 at 9:15 am

Please join us for breakfast in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC).

Breakfast will include donuts, Spanish omelet, waffles, juice, coffee and tea plus other goodies.  
Cost is free will offering.  
All are invited but please RSVP.

### WINDCREEK CASINO TRIP Tuesday, September 19, 2023

**Cost \$35, return \$25 in slot play  
Bus leaves St. Michael's  
Parking Lot at 9:30 am**

**Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232 for more information.**



**Bus trip to Sight & Sound to see Miracle of Christmas on December 21, 2023. Bus leaves at 7:15 am. Breakfast snack and lunch included. Cost: \$155.00. Treat yourself to a spiritual Christmas present. Please call the Parish Center for more information. 908-688-1232, ext. 110.**



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