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## 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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Love

## Loving God How He Wants to be Loved



On this 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A (Matthew 22:34-40), Christ tells us that to know God is to have a personal relationship with Him and to have a personal relationship with Him, we

need to love Him the way He wants to be loved—with all four aspects of our humanity—our heart (emotions), our soul (psych), our mind (intellect), and our strength (ability, physicality).

To love God with all our heart means that God wants an emotional commitment in our love for Him; an exciting and expressive love, like the outpouring of emotions we experience when our favorites teams are playing and winning. God wants us to rejoice and be glad by the things that concern Him; to have an appetite for Him; to desire to spend time with Him in adoration, worship, and praise.

Christ also noted that being excited and emotionally committed in our love for God is not enough. God, also, desires our psychological commitment—loving Him with all our soul. God wants our love for Him to govern how we see ourselves, others, and the world; how we interpret events in our lives; and how we see his presence in all of creation. God wants to make our relationship with Him an “All or Nothing Affair”; to make Him the center of our lives. No wonder Scripture says, “Since you are neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out”.

But to be excited about God and to make Him the center of our life is almost impossible if we are not clear as to “Who” God is. If we are not clear as to “Who” God is, our love for Him will not be real. Therefore Christ says that our love for God calls for a mental commitment—to love God with your entire mind. Mental commitment involves (a) believing that God is God alone, and He is the God of creation (for if God is not the God of creation, then He has

no power over principalities, dominions, authorities, and powers of darkness in the heavenly places, in which case, we are doomed); (b) believing that God is faithful to His promises, for Scripture says, “Faithful is the one that calls you, who will also do it” (If God is not faithful to His promises, we worship and serve Him in vain and our faith is useless); (c) believing that God has a plan for my life and that He will see me through it if I put my trust in Him, for scripture says, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future full of hope” (if God has no plans for my life, I am, then, merely, a product of chance); and (d) believing that there is final judgment and a hereafter to which we are accountable (if there is no hereafter, we have all labored in vain).

Knowing who God is invites us to a commitment of the will—to love Him with all our strength, for Scripture says, “My faithful one shall live by faith alone and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him”. Many a time, live situations can conspire to take our eyes off of God and push Him into a secondary position. To love God with all our strength is to love God with every fiber in us; to love Him in very practical ways; to deploy our time, talent, and treasure in the service of His kingdom; to become a distributive agent of His graces to humanity. No wonder, Jesus said, “The second is like the first; you must love your neighbor as yourself”. May the good Lord grant us the grace to love Him exclusively and totally, Amen!

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

**GOAL:** \$100,000.00  
**As of 10/25/23** \$102,956.00  
\$ 2,956.00

On behalf of our Church, I sincerely want to thank all of you for your unwavering effort to help this parish reach our 2023 USAN goal of \$100,000.00. Anyone who is moved to drive us to this goal and beyond should do so through any of the various forms of donation we use in the parish. Please mark your envelope "USAN Donation" and remember to put your envelope number if you wish. May the good Lord continue to bless you and your family for your generosity and support of this Parish!

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

### 2024 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.

Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions for birthdays, wedding anniversaries, death anniversaries and any other special occasions. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We still have several open Masses available in our 2023 Mass book.



**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.**

"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

	<b>NEEDED WEEKLY</b>	<b>ACTUAL WEEKLY</b>	<b>OVER/UNDER</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,186	\$ 893
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,999	\$ 920
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,216	\$ 1,137
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,483	\$ 1,404
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 10,932	\$ 892

*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.

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### 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**

**October 28**

8:30 am Oliva Rumohr (Living)-2nd Birthday  
Ed Stonack  
Georgina & Abdon (Living)-5th Wedding Ann.  
5:30 pm James F. Ford, Sr., Galo Proano Cabo  
Joey Ruela, Giovanna DiBiase

#### **SUNDAY**

**October 29**

7:30 am For the Parishioners, Lorenzo Bulos  
Joseph Kenizan, Rozane Paul,  
Jean Cham, Ganie Cham  
9:00 am Giovanna DiBiase, Lorenzo Bulos  
Jose Maria Cebrian  
10:30 am Manuel Fazendeiro, Lorenzo Bulos  
12:00 noon Louis Cavallo, Lorenzo Bulos  
Charismatic Group Repose of Souls

#### **MONDAY**

**October 30**

8:30 am Novena of Masses  
Giovanna Di Biase, Marie Kenpack  
12:00 noon Manuel Caram  
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-Healing

#### **TUESDAY**

**October 31**

8:30 am Urbano Manuel Diaz, Giovanna DiBiase  
12:00 noon Lucia Demonte, Emelia DeJesus

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**November 1 All Saints Day**

8:30 am Amoakon Mian  
Reynaldo & Concepcion Ticzon  
12:00 noon Horofre, Trifina & Cesar Beldua  
Concepcion Narciso  
7:00 pm Eugene Vibarm Hilda Criado  
Ana Maura Zeik-Antuono (1st Ann.)

#### **THURSDAY**

**November 2 All Souls Day**

8:30 am All Souls, Jose & Lucille Arnaldo  
Deceased Members of Sipe & Arnaldo Families  
12:00 noon All Souls, Rui Docarmo, Rodrigo Cepe  
7:00 pm All Souls, Aurora Irizarry,  
Maria Guerrero, Eric Paul Sasot

#### **FRIDAY**

**November 3 First Friday**

8:30 am Socoro Dagat  
12:00 noon Lucille & Jose Arnaldo  
John Merida Rumohr  
6:30 pm John & Dorothy Kosakowski

#### **SATURDAY**

**November 4**

8:30 am All Souls, Magdalen Dela Cruz  
Rodney Lucas  
5:30 pm Anatalia Cebegin  
Joey Ruela

#### **SUNDAY**

**November 5**

7:30 am For the Parishioners  
Helena Phillips (18th Ann.)  
9:00 am Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo  
Jane Cebedo (Living)-Birthday  
Mary Margaret Sheridan (Living)-Birthday  
10:30 am Deceased Members of Gaid Family  
12:00 noon Deceased Members of Cebegin Family

#### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

**The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered in memory of the Deceased Members of St. Michael's Parish.**

### DECEASED PARISHIONERS NOVEMBER 2022-NOVEMBER 2023

Constance Moratay	Giovanni Bambacci
Sebastian Rana	Mark Frederickson
Gerald Giordano	Agnes Baldeno
Joan T. Bender	Arthur Bohse
Marie A. Michele	Helen Bianconi
Lorenzo Bulos	Theresa Santoriello
Theresa Conley	Mary Cavetano
Joseph Petrick	Danielle Dobeszevski
Susan McMahon	Anthony Zarello
Barbara Ann Sibilis	Margaret Pfeiffer
Angela Beusalacchi	Lorraine Swenson
Loretta Altmann	Bernard Cook
June Szalkowski	Lucille Lacson Arnaldo
Gilda Tobia	Violet Stavac
Vito Chementi	Amadeu Ribeiro
Frank Anthony Fernandez	Marie V. Riccio
Adeline Marino	Richard Laguna
Marie Rose Benjamin	Aida Sotto
Margaret G. Maltese	Joseph Ingaro
Susan M. Cavallo	Edwardo Fernandez
Yvose Rene	Frank E. Parziale
Richard Anthony Caggiano	Hilda Criado
Amy Gonzales Putzi	Amoakon Mian

*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

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, Marlene Cababe, 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, Kathleen Sarno, Kathy Chavez, John McEvoy, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings

### 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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are no longer accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Call the Religious Education Office if you would like to be put on a waiting list for next year.

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. **Missed years of Religious Education will require make-up assignments and assessment of readiness which may delay the reception of the sacrament in Grade 9.**

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)

**Coordinator of Religious Education**  
**Clare Andriola**  
**Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education**  
**Lois Scanio**

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



There will be no CYO this Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7th where we are excited to welcome back Justin Fatica, founder of Hard as Nails Ministry, as a special guest speaker! Doors will open at 6:30pm and the event will run until 9:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall of St. Michael's Church. All teens of the community are welcome!

Our service projects for the next month include: ARC visit on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-11:30am and the Cheshire Home visit on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Transportation will be provided if needed.

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 17th-19th! Any teen who is interested in attending, or anyone looking to sponsor someone who is attending, please contact us at [cyouionnj@gmail.com](mailto:cyouionnj@gmail.com). Thank you and God Bless!

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

### MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

The Mental Health Ministry was formed in recognition of the connection between spiritual and mental health. The Archdiocese identified that struggles with mental health come with personal struggles in faith and even disengagement from the Church. With this in mind, we have changed our name to Mind and Spirit Ministry, which aligns better with our goals of support for the Parish.

Our goal is to support the mind and spirit of parishioners from all ages and backgrounds who may have their spiritual health impacted by difficulties experienced in their daily life.

We've previously introduced "Blue Christmas" and our next step in support of parishioners is through spiritual support groups. These groups will be held for parishioners in attendance to share, reflect and pray together. We will also share a prayer in the bulletin each month dedicated to individual themes of mental health to remind us and those in need of God's grace and love.

#### Monthly Prayer

*This month represents the time of transition and isolation. The season change, the climate gets colder, and the night gets longer. For many parishioners we might be adjusting back to work or back to school and the time we have for others as well as the time we receive from others might be reducing. In this time of transition and loneliness we wanted to share with you a prayer to support you during times of need.*

**Heavenly Father, there are days when I feel that You have forgotten about me. When I need You most, it seems I cannot reach You. Yet I do believe, You are present during time of loneliness and when my heart feels empty. Teach me to find You even in my darkest hours. Amen.**

May these words be of comfort to you throughout this month. If there is an aspect of mental health that you would like to pray for, please feel free to email us at [ourmindsandspirit.com](mailto:ourmindsandspirit.com)

### LINEN MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church is in need of new ministers to join the Linen Ministry. The Linen Ministry provides clean altar 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 altar 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)



### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

**COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PERSONALLY WITH ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH**  
**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group**

**DAY: Wednesday TIME: 6 PM-7:30 PM**  
**VENUE: Murphy Room, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

## Announcements

### SAVE THE DATE BLUE AND WHITE MASS

On **Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:00 am**, St. Michael's Church will be having a combined Blue and White Mass dedicated to all our first responders and healthcare workers. Please invite friends and family as we pay them tribute and offer prayers for blessings and protection for their service and commitment to the public safety and health. There is no registration required. You are welcome to wear your uniform. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact  
Parish Office: (908) 688-1232, ext. 100  
David Bernot (908)472-8858  
Cynthia Grandeza (908)591-1065



### SAVE THE DATE Blessed Iwene Tansi Feast Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:00 noon Mass Fellowship after Mass

Join the **HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY** in celebrating "Giving Bear Sunday" every 3rd Sunday of the month. Look out for our Purple Bear in the vestibule with a basket for cards for family needs. Please stop by and pick a card or 2 to help ensure the ministries inventory never dries up. The HUGS Ministry services 50 families in our parish and community by giving out Grace Bags monthly to mothers and children-newborn to age 5.



### WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

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

### HEALING MASS

The parish community of St. Michael's would like to thank all of our donors and dedicated volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

To our donors:

- 1) Knights of Columbus of Union Council #4504 for providing the refreshments after the mass.
- 2) Pony Santocildes for donating the donuts.
- 3) Bradley, Haeberle & Barth Funeral Home for donating the water bottles

To our dedicated volunteers who took care of the fellowship and Phil Matrale Hall set up:

David Bernot, Gerry Aponte, Luz Gonzales, Neneng Montano, Betty Falcone, Babs Ordonez, Bill McGrath, Malou Morales, Marife Rangel, Kathleen Boetsch, Blanca Tan, Marie Edmond

To those who helped in the Liturgy: Alberta Phillips, St. Michael's Choir, Bayanihan Singers, Donna Faraone, Liz Mancinelli, Lisa Spann, Obi Ihuma, Elle Fernandez.

To Michelle Concepcion who designed the beautiful flyer for the Healing Mass.

... and to everyone who came and helped is invite your friends and family.

Our sincere apologies to whose name we might have missed to mention.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks to all! May you all be greatly blessed!

### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS November 19, 2023

Our next Coffee and Fellowship Sunday will be on November 19 after all the Sunday Masses. It is our hope that you all can join us as we celebrate an advanced Thanksgiving as a Church family, thanking God for all the blessings received and blessings yet to be received.

Thank you to Emmanuella Nosike, Yakima Williams and Dr. Madessa Espana for donating pastries, bagels and cookies to our October fellowship.

Thank you also to our very dedicated and selfless volunteers David Bernot, Betty Falcon, Bill McGrath, Luz Gonzales, Maria Edmond and Agostina Rodriguez who made sure the fellowship was running smoothly.

May God bless you all.



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