



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

September 24, 2023

TWENTY FIFTH 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

## PASTORAL STAFF

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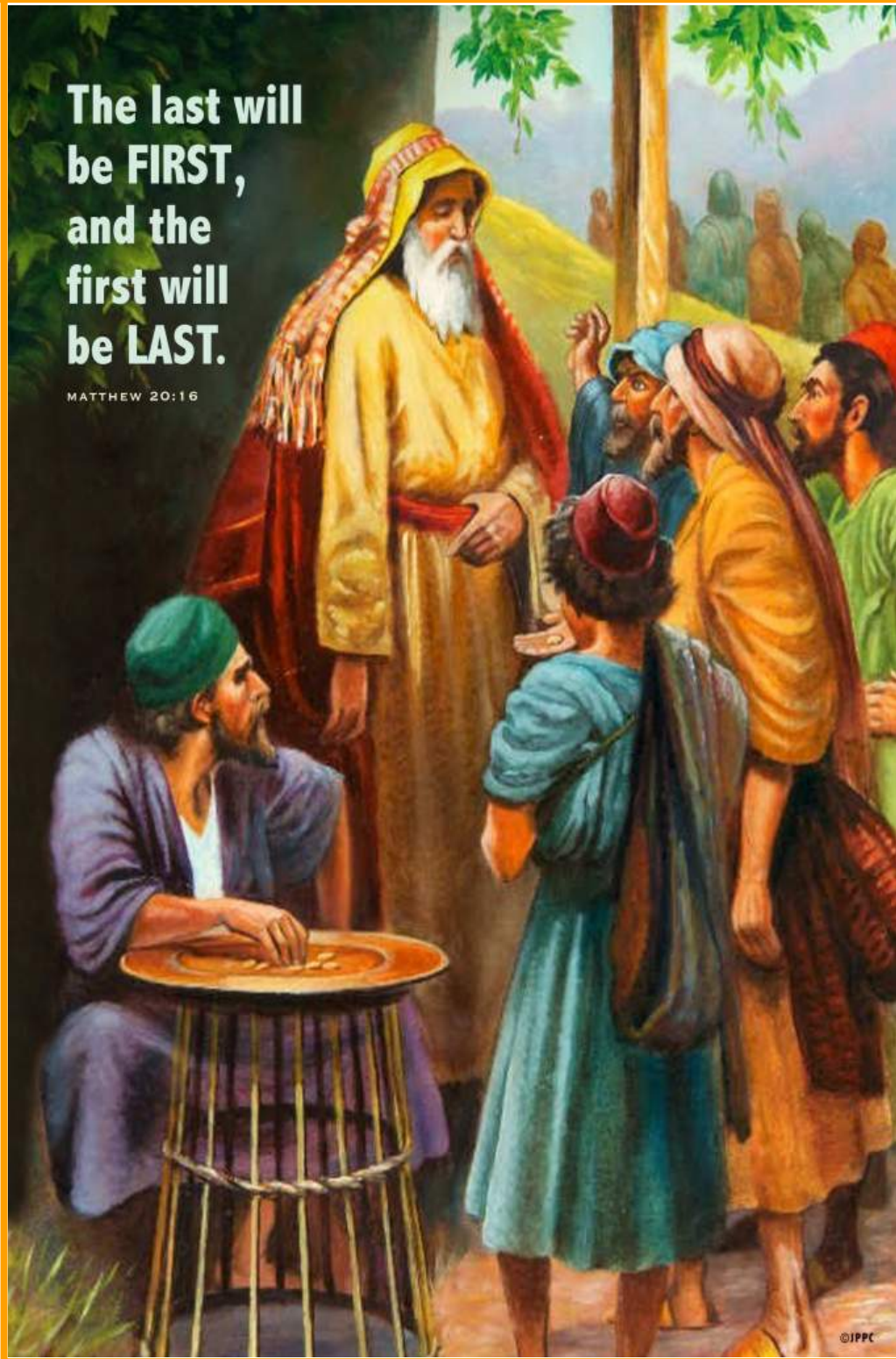
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The last will  
be FIRST,  
and the  
first will  
be LAST.

MATTHEW 20:16



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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.



## **Persistence: A Key to Success**

The gospel reading for this 25th Sunday in ordinary times, Year A (Matthew 20:1-16), is about a landowner who went out to the marketplace, at different hours of the day, to hire laborers for his vineyard. Amazingly, when out around 5:00 p.m., an hour before the end of the workday, he saw some laborers still standing and waiting to be hired. Guess what? They were hired and they got a full day's pay.

It is amazing what a persistent and unyielding spirit—refusing to give up, hanging in there in faith, believing God for His grace, determined to succeed—can do. Scripture says, “My faithful one shall live by faith and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him” and in another place, it says: “Whoever puts his hand on the plow and keeps looking back is not worthy of the kingdom of heaven”. To be successful, our hunger and desire for success must be greater than our fear of failure and willingness to give up. Success demands that we allow commitment, courage, and persistence to coach our ambition and efforts. Our aspirations in life will, inevitably, be met with resistance and pullbacks; things that can dampen and discourage enthusiasm, deem the light of ambition, and push efforts into the alternate direction of quitting. Many a time, it takes grace and believing-faith to cross the breaking line; the divide between success and failure. The question is: how do we react in the face of seeming failure? What do we do with the bricks and stones that life and others throw on the path of our goals and dreams? Do we use them to build bridges to crossover the huddles and build ladders to climb to new heights, or do we use them to build walls that close us in and cause us to sink deeper and deeper into failure?

My friends, there are big rewards in learning how to keep going, no matter what, because hardest times often lead to the greatest moments in life. Losing hope never cuts it because storms never last forever. The best way to get out of a situation is to get through it. Therefore, when the going gets tough, let us put one foot in front of the other and just keep going. Who knows, by the time we turn around, we may have climbed a mountain. It was Calvin Coolidge who said, “Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On!' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.” These few words say it all. The 5:00 p.m. workers hung in there and were handsomely rewarded. Persistence always pays off, big time. May the good Lord grant us the spirit of persistence in things of heaven above and here below!

May God grant us the grace to persevere in our endeavors! May He bless and grant success to our efforts in this life! May He reward our faith and hope in Him, Amen.

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

**GOAL:** **\$100,000.00**

**As of 9/20/23** **\$ 72,181.00**

**Need:** **\$ 27,819.00**

### 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!**

"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>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,340	\$ 1,261
Week 2	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,067	\$ 988
Week 3	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,225	
Week 4	\$ 7,079	\$	\$
Monthly SOS	\$10,040	\$ 8,084	\$ 1,956

**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.

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p>  <p>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p>  <p>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.</p>	<p><b>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</b></p>  <p>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</p>
<p><b>MAIL IN:</b></p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</b></p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</b></p>  <p>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p>

### ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023 EDITION

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<https://www.stmichaelunion.org/newsletter-archive>



**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.**

# Mass Intentions & Novenas

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** **September 23**  
 8:30 am Lourdes & Socorro Dagat (Living)-Birthday  
 Yryn Marie Belmonete (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 5:30 pm Gilda & Andrew Tobia, Joey Ruela  
 Amoakon Mian (Living)-Healing

**SUNDAY** **September 24**  
 7:30 am Mary & Fred Cambusta  
 Anne Marie Dubusse  
 Amoakon Mian (Living)-Healing  
 9:00 am Sebastian Okonkwo & Family (Living)  
 Giovanna Di Biase (Living)  
 10:30 am James & Amalia Santoriello  
 Alejandro Cruz, For the Parishioners  
 Jesus Pena (25th Ann.)  
 12:00 noon Lamour Family (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Charismatic Group-Propagation of Faith  
 Boniface Emeana

**MONDAY** **September 25**  
 8:30 am Amoakon Mian (Living)-Healing  
 Sister Juvenia Joseph (Living)-Birthday  
 Heken Williamson  
 12:00 noon Rajesh M. Gandhi  
 Sillvilio & Regina Lucas, Suneyrix Garcia

**TUESDAY** **September 26**  
 8:30 am Mercedes Magbanua (30th Ann.)  
 Esther Pajarillo, Novena of Masses  
 12:00 noon Anthony Marchitello  
 Amoakon Mian (Living)-Healing

**WEDNESDAY** **September 27**  
 8:30 am In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel  
 Daphne Famarin (Living)-Birthday  
 12:00 noon Maria Tavares, Novena of Masses  
 Amoakin Mian (Living)-Healing

**THURSDAY** **September 28**  
 8:30 am Cyril Nwako  
 Blanca Tan (Living)-Healing  
 12:00 noon Cyril Nwako  
 Shirley Blanc (Living)-Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY** **September 29**  
 8:30 am Marie Rose Ramos (Living)-Birthday  
 Delia Famarin (Living)-Birthday  
 12:00 noon Manuel Fazendeiro  
 Blanc Family (Living)-Thanksgiving

**SATURDAY** **September 30**  
 8:30 am Donald J. Silvey  
 Delia Famarin (Living)-Birthday  
 5:30 pm Michele & Concetta Ianiro & Family  
 Joey Ruela

**SUNDAY** **October 1**  
 7:30 am Cora Bakth (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Ramon Mariazeta, Jr.  
 9:00 am Edith Torres  
 10:30 am Valetin Remy Blanc  
 Honofre Trifina Beldua  
 12:00 noon For the Parishioners  
 Madeleine Relano Roxas

**ALTAR OFFERINGS** *The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered the Lamour Family (Living) for thanksgiving.*

## NOVENA OF MASSES

**September 2023**

<p>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo                  James Ford, Sr.                  James Williamson                  Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families                  Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano                  George Rinehart, Jr.                  Marita Chisaokwu Nwaogu                  Micheline &amp; Joseph Kmetz                  Michelle Sumabat (Living)                  Cecilia Malacaman                  All Souls in Purgatory                  Magdalena Moreno Cruz                  Christopher, Alexander, Abigaille,                  &amp; Matthew Boulin (Living)                  Dittemer &amp; Silva Family (Living)                  Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing                  Ugonna Nworu (Living)-Healing                  Miam Amjokaw (Living)-Healing                  Carmen Weiner (Living)-Healing                  Amoakon Mian (Living)-Healing                  Kosisot &amp; Chinedu Akporji (Living)                  Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)                  Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living)                  Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (Living)                  Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando,                  Landolfi, Siciliano &amp; LaManna Families                  Manuel Pereira Araujo &amp; Lucilia Sousa Araujo                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Furnari &amp;                  Potignano Families                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Del Rosario &amp;                  Perez Families                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Onyenanu &amp;                  Durugo Families                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Chika Nwosaha Family                  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Chinyere Odoemere                  Family</p>	<p>Phil Matrale                  Jorge J. Criado                  Fritz Maddy                  Frank Rubinetti                  Artemia Tan                  Abe Maksom                  Ramon Valera                  Thomas Donohue                  Jorge J. Criado                  Noah Legaspi                  Marie Filipe                  Boniface Emeana</p>
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## 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

## 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

**REGISTRATION FOR 2023/2024** – Classes began the week of **September 17**. A **\$25 late fee will be incurred for registrations after that date. Monday classes are full except for Grade 3.**

Call the Religious Education Office if you need assistance. Registration for in-person classes will not be accepted after October 15.

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.**

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)

**Coordinator of Religious Education**  
**Clare Andriola**

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

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to welcome all high school teens to our weekly Tuesday night meetings from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Phil Matrale Hall of St. Michael's Church. Registration is ongoing and can be completed online at the following link: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2901791/>

### 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 Dziejdzic at (908) 418-3730 or [dziejdzict@comcast.net](mailto:dziejdzict@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 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)

### HANDS OF GRACE MINISTRY (HUGS)

HUGS Ministry distributes **GRACE Bags** **once a month throughout the year**. We are presently helping over **50 families**. Every third Sunday, of the month we will be collecting donations in the Church vestibule. A big teddy bear will be placed in the vestibule with stickers attached with our needs.

**Please continue to help us replenish our nventory.**  
Contact **Bisi (908) 247-4461** or **Tania (908) 420- 8659**

### 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)**



### 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



### ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST ACTIVITIES

**Friday, September 29, 2023 Annual Dinner Dance - 7:00-11:00 pm (Sold Out)**  
**The Galloping Hill Caterers**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023— St. Michael's Fair -12:00 noon—5:00 pm**  
**St. Michael's Parking Lot**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023— Musical Concert 3:00 pm**  
**St. Michael's Church**



*Annual celebration of the feast of  
San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila  
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**This Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3:00 pm**

Reception and fellowship after the Mass at the  
Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church)



**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.**



### ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CONCERT

We invite all parishioners to the St. Michael's Concert on **Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 3:00 pm** in the Main Church. The concert will feature singers from various St. Michael's Choir, The Bayanihan Singer and bands. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). This is an event you will not want to miss!



### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Our next Coffee & Fellowship this  
Sunday, **October 15, 2023.**



### WINDCREEK CASINO TRIP

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**Cost \$35, return \$25 in slot play**

**Bus leaves St. Michael's**

**Parking Lot at 9:30 am**

**Please call Parish Office (908)-688-1232,  
ext 100 for more information.**

### "DINING TO DONATE"

The Union Knights of Columbus will hold a "Dining to Donate" event on Sunday September 24, 2023, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at Vitoria Deli & Café, 1265 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083

Here is an easy way for you to come out and enjoy a good meal with your family and friends and help the Knights raise funds for our Charitable Account to help our Parishes and Community. Help us help our Parishes and Community. Vitoria Café & Deli will donate a percentage of your bill to the Union Knights of Columbus. All you have to do is bring this article to Vitoria on Sunday September 24, 2023, and give it to your server before ordering. Order and enjoy your meal. Thank you for your support.

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