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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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**My beloved in Christ,**

**I would like to share with you and invite you into my Easter world; a season that is now upon us. You see, every year, when Easter is celebrated, my mind meditates on the thought of this incredible love that God showed to me when He turned His back and allowed His Son, Christ Jesus, to pour out his blood upon the Cross for the forgiveness of my sins.**

**My spirit ruminates about how death was defeated, the grave conquered, and the empty tomb, is now celebrated. My heart fills up with hope as I think about God's promise of eternal life; a promise that even if I should fall, He, God, will lend me a**

**hand to help me stand up again. My soul confirms within me that I should never lose hope, no matter how dark the road may seem, for there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. My spirit reminds me that God is faithful; that I am His and He is mine.**

**Needless therefore to say that Easter always moves me to gratitude; to thank God for His unfailing grace and provision, for His mercy and forgiveness, for His guidance and protection, and for His friendship and everlasting love. This is my Easter world. I invite you into it, as we take God at His word.**

**Wishing all of you and your loved ones the wonderful blessings of Easter!**

*Msgr. Anselm*

# Stewardship of Treasure



## SAVE THE DATE

Our parish will be taking a cruise around New York City as part of the celebration of St. Michael's Feast Day 2024.

**Cruise Date:** Friday, September 27, 2024  
**Boarding:** 6:30 pm  
**Cruising:** 7:00 pm—9:30 pm  
**Vessel:** Spirit of New Jersey  
**Departing:** Lincoln Harbor  
 1500 Harbor Blvd. Weehawken, NJ

### COST:

**Option 1:** \$170 per person includes cruise, dinner, round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back. No beer or wine.  
**Option 2:** \$178 per person includes cruise, dinner, drinks (1 glass of wine or bottle of beer), round trip bus from St. Michael's Church to Lincoln Harbor and back.  
**Option 3:** \$150 per person includes cruise and dinner only. No bus transportation nor wine or beer.

Tickets are first come first serve basis. Only 150 tickets will be sold.  
 Bus boarding at St. Michael's Parking Lot at 5:00 pm sharp.  
 Please call Parish Office (908) 688-1232 for more

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK ANNUAL APPEAL ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

**2024 Base Goal:** \$43,473  
**2024 Stretch Goal:** \$46,240  
**As of:** 3/22/24  
**Donor Pledge:** \$25,588.01  
**Donor Received:** \$19,964.90

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jeff and Theresa Pogorzelski and Ana DiFabrizio for your generous donations for the purchase of the chasubles.

There are still 2 chasubles available for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

"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

	<u>NEEDED WEEKLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL WEEKLY</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
<b>MARCH</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,383	\$ 1,076
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,763	\$ 456
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$ 8,863	\$ 1,556
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 9,524</b>	<b>\$ 516</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.

*Msr. Anselm*

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p>  <p>Parish Giving —SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p>  <p>Zelle® 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>



## 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

**HOLY SATURDAY** **March 30**  
 8:30 am Morning Prayer  
 12:00 noon Blessings of Food  
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil  
 For Parishioners, Easter Novena of Masses

**EASTER SUNDAY** **March 31**  
 7:30 am Gladyes Bertrand (Living)-Birthday  
 Lucille & Jose Arnaldo  
 9:00 am Maria Cruz Azevedo  
 Ricardo Gervacio  
 10:30 am Robert Votapek  
 Dieufort Alexandre (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 12:00 noon Pablo Santiago  
 Charismatic Group-Blessings for Group Members

**EASTER MONDAY** **April 1**  
 9:00 am Hilda Criado  
 Novena of Masses  
 Easter Novena of Masses

**TUESDAY** **April 2**  
 8:30 am Roberto Vallejo (Living)-Healing  
 12:00 noon Florantino Rivera

**WEDNESDAY** **April 3**  
 8:30 am Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing  
 Amoakon Mian  
 12:00 noon Yvette Meehan  
 Grace Badiola (Living)-Healing

**THURSDAY** **April 4**  
 8:30 am Josie Amores (Living)-Birthday  
 12:00 noon Paula Sefia (Living)  
 Novena of Masses

**FIRST FRIDAY** **April 5**  
 8:30 am Anthony Walano  
 Pilar Bajwa  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses  
 Jean Ford  
 6:30 pm Jayne Kelly

**SATURDAY** **April 6**  
 8:30 am Abe Maksom (3rd Ann.)  
 Elaine Jakubco (Living)  
 5:30 pm Gladys T. Diehl  
 Concepcion Ticzon

**SUNDAY** **April 7**  
 7:30 am Edith Bachman  
 9:00 am Mark Frederickson  
 Galo Proano-Cobo (2nd Ann.)  
 10:30 am Madessa Espana (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Hermelo Augustine Vergal (Living)-Birthday  
 12:00 noon Eluwa Family (Living)-Thanksgiving

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

***The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for all St. Michael's Parishioners.***

***The Paschal Candle is offered in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki, donated by Ed & Kathy Izbicki.***

### NOVENA OF MASSES APRIL 2024

<b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b>	<b>Phil Matrale</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b>	<b>James Ford, Sr.</b>
<b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b>	<b>Frank Rubinetti</b>
<b>Jorge &amp; Hilda Criado</b>	<b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b>
<b>Maria Leanor Coronel</b>	<b>Ramon Valera</b>

**Special Intentions-VG**  
**Melise Arnaldo (Living)**  
**Nickdy B. Auguste (Living)-Healing**  
**Michellene & Joseph Kmetz**  
**Antonio Simao DeMelo Madeiros**  
**George Sr., Ruth & Barbara Rinehart**  
**Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing**  
**Manuel Pereira Aarujo & Lucilia Silva Sousa Araujo**  
**Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members**  
**Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families**  
**Living & Deceased Members of Del Rosario & Perez Families**  
**Living & Deceased Members Onyenanu & Durugo Families**  
**Living & Deceased Members of Maddy & Boulin Families**  
**Rodrigues, Medeiros & Araujo Families**  
**Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family**

### PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Ana Torres, Rita Homiak, Stephen Berberabe, Norma Tuano, 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, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Theresa Ojeawere, Kathy Chavez, John McEvoy, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings, Socorro Dagat, Peter & Cathy Fortunato, Anna Lepski, Nicole Ferlo, Therese Ferlo, Dolly Kramer, Junita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, John Dittemer, Pat Wittek, Sal Dovi, Kathy Doherty, Mary Ann Flynn

### 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 Church**

## Ministry Happenings

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



The CYO / Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who purchased Palm Crosses, Flowers and Candy! We appreciate your support for our fundraiser!

We would also like to thank all of our members who participated in our inspirational "Living Stations of the Cross" presentation. Our CYO teens touched the hearts of many!

#### Stations of The Cross

Jesus Christ: ..... *Ryu Javate*  
 Mary: ..... *Jasline Hernandez*  
 Soldiers: ..... *Ryan Parmenter & Gabe Spassione*  
 Simon: ..... *Alexio Lopez*  
 Veronica: ..... *Aeryn Perez*  
 Women of Jerusalem: ..... *Sam Torres, Shana Osemwegie & Brianna Rubira*  
 Servant: ..... *Anahi Toral*  
 Apostles: ..... *Randy Andrade, Ian Galing & Frankie Galasso*  
 Voice of Mary: ..... *Ana Ruiz*  
 Readers: *Abigail Sheridan, Justin Cross, Erin White, Matthew Almeida, Gavin Andrade, Steven Lasso, Dana, Pomavilla, Brianna Delgado, Jayla Pryor, Daniela Rojas, Gabriela Tubio Rodrigues, Kayla Ciaccio*  
 Stage/Lights:..... *Ivy Mendoza*

Special thanks also goes to the choir and musicians for their beautiful Music! God Bless them all!

There will be no CYO this upcoming Tuesday, April 2nd. We will resume on Tuesday, April 9th in the Phil Matrale Hall from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Have a Happy & Blessed Easter!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Easter Blessings from the staff of the Religious Education Office  
 Clare Andriola and Lois Scanio**

**Reminder:** We will not have Religious Education classes on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday during the weeks of March 24 (Palm Sunday) and March 31 (Easter Sunday). Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7.

#### FIRST COMMUNION:

Upcoming Events for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Candidates:

**Family Retreat for First Eucharist ("Communion Bread" Retreat): Saturday, Apr. 13 at 10AM in Phil Matrale Hall**

We have fun activity stations planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates. Parents will receive an email with more information in the coming weeks.

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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 [smccd@comcast.net](mailto:smccd@comcast.net).

### WELLNESS MINISTRY

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

### MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

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#### Monthly Group Sessions

February 8th 7PM:  
 Personal Tribulations

March 14th 7PM:  
 Forgiveness of Self & Others

April 11th 7PM:  
 Living with Sadness

May 9th 7PM:  
 Coping with Fear & Anxiety

June 15th 7PM:  
 Building Self-esteem

#### COME AND JOIN US

Contact Ginnie, Jonathan, Ylani and Taisha at [ourmindandspirit@gmail.com](mailto:ourmindandspirit@gmail.com)

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children **(New born to Age 5)** and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at [www.stmichaelunion.org](http://www.stmichaelunion.org) (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

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.



# Announcements

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024



The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm in Church. All are invited.

## COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

April 21, 2024



Our next Coffee and Fellowship Sunday will be on April 21 after all the Sunday Masses at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC). We hope you can join us.

Thank you to Maria Valera and Yakima Williams for their generous donation to the March 17 fellowship.

## SAVE THE DATE BUS TRIPS

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino**. Bus leaves parking lot at 9:30 am. Cost is **\$35 with** a \$25 slot play return.

### Wednesday, April 22, 2024

Bus trip to **Padre Pio Shrine, Barto, PA**. Cost: **\$45**. Bus leaves St. Michael's at 9:15 am sharp. Box Lunch available for \$16 which includes choice of sandwiches, fruit, cookies, chips & water.

Tour of the Shrine which includes Rosary at 11:30 am, Mass at 1:30pm, chaplet at 3:00pm. Bus leaves for home at 3:30.

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024—Sight & Sound Trip** to see **Daniel**. Bus boarding at St. Michael parking lot at 7:15 am, departure 7:30 am sharp. Cost: **\$170** includes show ticket, lunch, breakfast snack.  
**SOLD OUT - (WAITING LIST)**



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

There is a 50th Year Reunion for all St. Michael's School 1974 graduates on Saturday, April 13th from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Spring Lake Manor.

For more information please contact Mary Hannon 609-664-6431 or email [1974reunionstmichael@gmail.com](mailto:1974reunionstmichael@gmail.com).

## 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  
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Union, NJ 07083

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

## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPE



In your envelope package and at the vestibule of the Church, you will find envelopes for Easter Flower Offerings. Please be generous in your donations to keep our Church beautifully decorated for Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Easter Flowers Budget: \$3,500

## CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP


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**TIME:** 6 PM-7:30 PM

**VENUE:** Murphy Room, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)





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