



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

JULY 30, 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

## 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

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

**Rev. Camilo Lopez**  
*Parochial Vicar*

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Deacon Michael Alfano**  
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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.



## **The Patience of God**

In the gospel of this 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time, year A (Matthew 13:44-54) Christ continues to use parables to teach about what the Kingdom of God would be like and God's determination to exercise patients with us so that none would mistakenly be lost. As Scripture says, "The Lord is...patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9) and in Ezekiel 33:11, it says, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live." God wants everyone to turn to him and receive forgiveness, life, and restoration. He looks at what we are and will become, not what we have been. That is why they say, "There is no saint without a history and there is no sinner without a future." Scripture says: "When the righteous man [or woman] turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die [be condemned] and if the wicked man [or woman] turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live" [ be saved]. So, God's patience is His long-range plan and an opportunity for us to turn out to be good.

The truth is that past good deeds will not save anyone who decides to turn to a life of sin. We may be tempted to think that if we have done enough good deeds, we can hold on to the sins that we don't want to give up, and that will be okay. We may even sometimes think that as long as the good we do outweigh the bad, we should be okay. My friends, trying to be good in some areas and deliberately being bad in others will not cut it. A true and real lasting relationship with God requires wholehearted love and obedience. Our love for God should always lead us to good deeds and readiness to ask Him for forgiveness whenever we fail.

Let us always be reconciled with God, with self, and with others, for we do not know the day, the hour, or the place, when the good Lord will require us home. Every single hour we breathe is a God-given opportunity to turn to him and be saved. May the grace of God bring us salvation.

*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 **\$26,551** 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

"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>JULY</b>			
<b>Week 1</b>	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,837	\$ 242
<b>Week 2</b>	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,106	\$ 1,027
<b>Week 3</b>	\$ 7,079	\$ 6,686	\$ 393
<b>Week 4</b>	\$ 7,079	\$ 8,128	\$ 1,049
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$10,555</b>	<b>\$ 515</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*

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p>  <p>—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— <a href="http://stmichaelunion.org">stmichaelunion.org</a></p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p>  <p><a href="mailto:stmichaelunion@comcast.net">stmichaelunion@comcast.net</a></p> <p><small>In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.</small></p>	<p><b>CONTACT FREE: QR CODE</b></p>  <p><small>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</small></p>
<p><b>MAIL IN:</b></p>  <p><small>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</small></p>	<p><b>DROP OFF: AT THE PARISH CENTER</b></p>  <p><small>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</small></p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY: AT MASS</b></p>  <p><small>You can use designated envelopes OR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</small></p>

### 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 July 29**  
 8:30 am Lupo Ramos  
 Abdon Trowonou (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu (Living)  
 5:30 pm Joseph McEnroe  
 James Francis Lawlor

**SUNDAY July 30**  
 7:30 am For the Parishioners  
 Lucille & Jose Arnaldo  
 9:00 am Taisha Mathieu (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Rosemarie Francillon (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 10:30 am Ramon, Sr. & Marietta Gancia  
 12:00 noon Matthew & Mary Vazhayil  
 Charismatic Group-Godly Families

**MONDAY July 31**  
 8:30 am Manuel Fazendeiro  
 12:00 noon Novena of Masses  
 Francesca Simone (Living)

**TUESDAY August 1**  
 8:30 am Joseph Hrevnack  
 12:00 noon Onyekachi Odoemena (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 Nwando Melie (Living)-16th Birthday

**WEDNESDAY August 2**  
 8:30 am Kevin Apuzzio  
 12:00 noon Rui Docarmo

**THURSDAY August 3**  
 8:30 am Socorro Dagat (Living)-Healing  
 12:00 noon St. Michael's Parishioners

**FRIDAY August 4**  
 8:30 am Novena of Masses  
 12:00 noon Leonisa & Jaime Maiso

**SATURDAY August 5**  
 8:30 am Novena of Masses  
 5:30 pm Pacita Pena (13th Ann.)  
 Shela Boulin (Living)-Birthday

**SUNDAY August 6**  
 7:30 am Manuel De Oliveira  
 For the Parishioners  
 9:00 am Leonardo Fernandez (8th Ann.)  
 Avelino Torres  
 10:30 am Tamara Ogle (Living)  
 Frank Quagliotti (Living)  
 Michelle Ezpeleta (Living)-Thanksgiving  
 12:00 noon Isoken Lebarty (Living)  
 Sefia Tutor Students (Living)

### ALTAR OFFERINGS

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp are offered in for Shela Boulin (Living) for her birthday.*

## 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 Marie V. Riccio**

## NOVENA OF MASSES July 2023

<p><b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b>  <b>James Ford, Sr.</b>  <b>Fritz Maddy</b>  <b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b>  <b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b>  <b>Taisha Mathieu (Living)</b>  <b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b>  <b>Louie Ozimek</b>  <b>Frank Ozimek</b>  <b>Maria Dolores Vito Arela</b>  <b>Kim Herbert (Living)-Healing</b>  <b>Filemon R. Hernandez (Living)-Healing</b>  <b>Marcia Del Rosario (Living)-Healing</b>  <b>Michelle Sumabat (Living)-Healing</b>  <b>Zetma Toussaint (Living)-Healing</b>  <b>Marie Jean Panis (Living)-Healing</b>  <b>Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing</b>  <b>Michelene &amp; Joseph Kmetz</b>  <b>Charlotte Skoczylas (Living)</b>  <b>Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)</b>  <b>Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living)</b>  <b>Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (Living)</b>  <b>Bruce &amp; Ingrid DeRosier &amp; Family (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>  <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Morales &amp; Ramos Families</b></p>	<p><b>Phil Matrale</b>  <b>Rosemary Hunt</b>  <b>Jorge J. Criado</b>  <b>Frank Rubinetti</b>  <b>Artemia Tan</b>  <b>Abe Maksom</b>  <b>Craig Calix (Living)</b>  <b>Aurora Sandoval</b>  <b>Angelis Ty (Living)</b>  <b>Luther Boulin (Living)</b></p>
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## PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Julia Asfalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette 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, Harry Benbemia, Ken Lang, Valarie Carter, Willie Green, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Coady Brown, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Byron Belmonte, Giovanna Di Biase, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Byron Belmote, Socorro Dagat, Denise Lucarello Aliseo, James Mariusiak, Theresa Ojeawere



## Ministry Happenings

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**REGISTRATION FOR 2023/2024 - This is the last week to take advantage of the discount for early registration for Religious Education classes (Grades 1-8) beginning in September.** 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)

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

### 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!

### 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 Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email [jpastewski@aol.com](mailto:jpastewski@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 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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**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

### WINDCREEK CASINO TRIP Wednesday, August 2, 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.**



### PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ST. APHONSA FEAST

**Sunday, July 30, 2023  
MASS: 12:00 noon  
FELLOWSHIP: after Mass  
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**



### 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.**



### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

We would like to acknowledge the Knights of Columbus Council 4504 and the Columbian Club of Union for their generous donation of donuts. Their presence throughout the entire fellowship and beyond, ensuring that there's continuous supply of food, information materials about K&C programs and activities and helping with after care/clean up truly made a difference.

Thank you to Yakima Williams for your unfailing commitment and generosity in providing bagels, donuts, etc. Thank you to Victoria Oyakhrome, David Bernot, Maria Edmond and Yakima Williams for your selfless service to our Church.

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. More information to follow.

### Mr. Joseph G. Furnari's Writings A Body of Reflections

<https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/1316797>

Please read one of our parishioners—Joe Furnari—writings. It is free.

### Knights of Columbus – Union Council #4504

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### to the Knights of Columbus Annual Family Picnic 2023

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Tickets MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE by Wed. 9/13/23 by visiting the Columbian Club.



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