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May 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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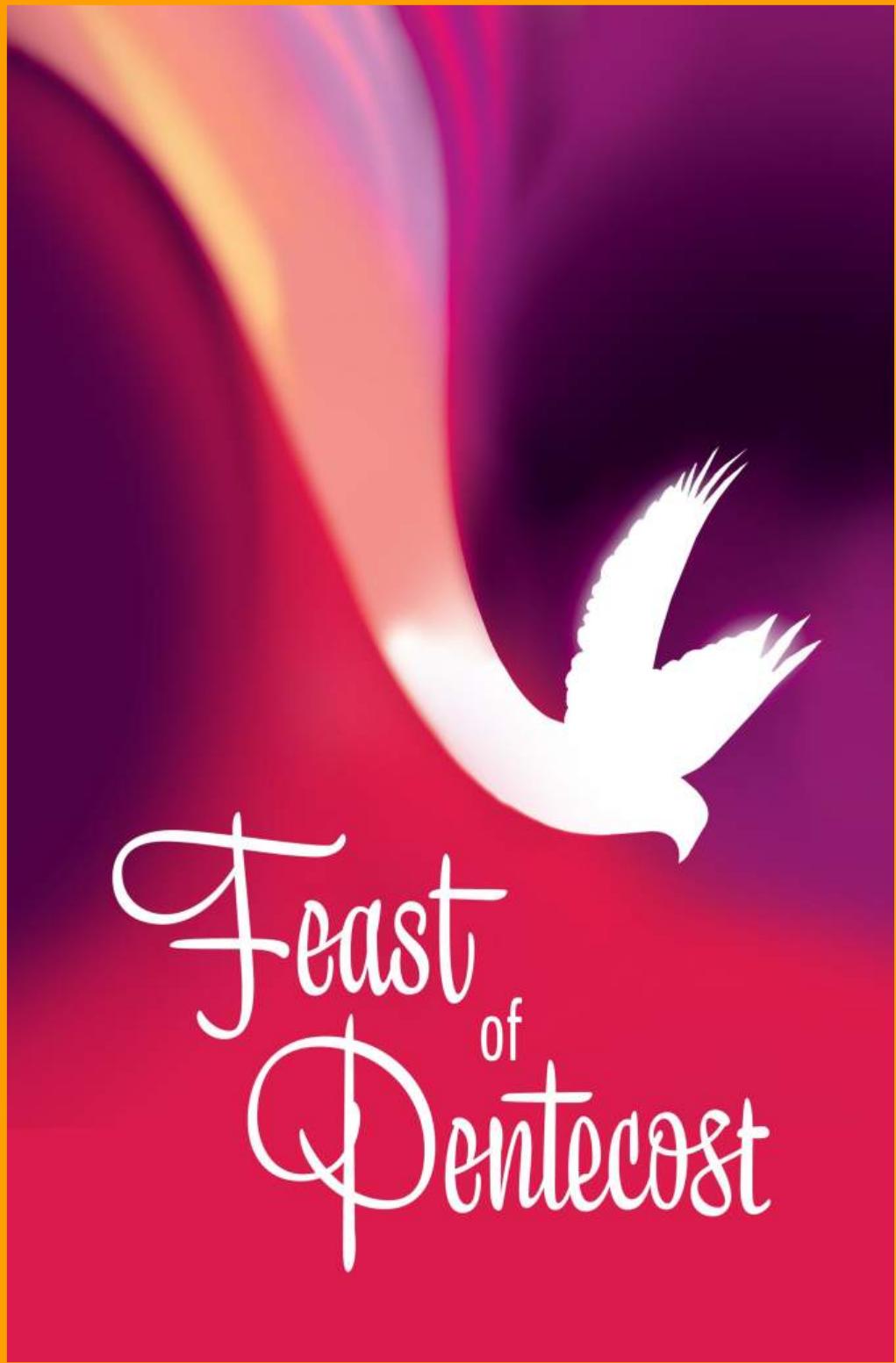
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Mission



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.

Come Oh Holy Spirit



On this Pentecost Sunday, the 1st reading (Acts 2:1-11) narrates the birth of the Church. We are told that the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles like the rush of a violent wind, with tongues as of fire dancing on their heads, and although the apostle, Peter, was speaking in Aramaic, people from all nations heard him in their own native language. What an experience in unity in diversity! When it comes to the gospel, we may be diverse in gender, color, race, culture, and ethnicity, but it is still the one baptism, one God, one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, one creator, with justice and equality for all. The Pentecost message is singular; that Jesus Christ is the only one Lord, no matter who we are, how we are, where we are, and what language we speak; for at the foot of the Cross, there are no hills and valleys, no upstairs and downstairs, and no Jews and Gentiles. No wonder, the Psalmist, on this Pentecost Day, prays, "Lord send forth your spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Yes, our Pentecost experience, on this day, will most probably not be marked by any violent wind, fire, or speaking in tongues, and that is very okay because we are not gathered to celebrate the wind and the fire. Instead, we are gathered to worship the God behind the wind and fire; the God, as the 2nd reading tells us, who has gifted each and every one of us, young and old, men and women, with a variety of gifts to be used for the growth of His kingdom on earth. My friends, it takes a village to raise a child; it takes all of us to create a vibrant and a spirit-filled Church, here at St. Michael's parish. May our Pentecost celebration lead us to examine our hearts as to how we are using our God given gifts to build and sustain His Church here at St.

Michael and the Church at-large!

It is also important for us to remember that the Pentecost miracle happened when the apostles were all together in one place, and it happened when devout Jews from every nation under heaven were gathered in prayer. That is not a coincidence. The fact of the matter is that something important happens when we are gathered together in Jesus' name to fellowship, to worship, to break bread, to adore and praise God and Christ Jesus in Eucharistic adoration, and when we are devoted in prayer as a community. This is where the miracle of Pentecost continues to be enjoyed and realized in the Church today. No wonder Scripture says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

In the gospel reading, Jesus breathes on the Apostles and told them to receive the Holy Spirit, and then charged them to go and witness to the ends of the earth. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we received the Holy Spirit, and so we are fully equipped to go and share our faith—to let others know where to go to receive God's promises, to receive the forgiveness of sins; where to receive true joy, meaning, blessedness, and true eternal and abundant life; and where to go and find rest for our souls—the Body of Christ, the Church. The Church is the one place where, miraculously, the Holy Spirit comes again and again to those gathered in prayer, in Jesus' name, to break bread and to fellowship with one another. May the grace of God lead us always to fellowship with the community of saints that we may continue to partake in the Pentecost experience, Amen!

Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

Stewardship of Treasure

2023 UNION OF SAINTS & NATIONS (USAN)

Different ways to remit a donation

Submit a donation to your group facilitator.

Mail donation to parish office using an envelope marked USAN 2023.

Drop off donations at the parish center or in any of the collection boxes in the Church Vestibule in an envelope marked "USAN 2023". Be sure to have your name, group name, or group number on the envelope.

Use our church online giving in our website, www.stmichaelunion.org or Zelle to stmichaelunion@comcast.net and write USAN 2023 in the comment.

All checks and money orders are to be made payable to St. Michael's Church, and write "USAN" and group name in the Memo.

Duration of fundraiser:

This year's fundraiser will actively begin on **May 1, 2023, and officially end on July 31, 2023**. You can continue to remit money through Sept 31, 2023.

For more information, please call the office at (908) 688-1232 or talk to any priests, Cynthia Grandeza , or a "Group Facilitator."

I urge all our parishioners to stand tall and steadfast and commit to this blessed effort. We can accomplish any goal if we do it together. The good news is that we can, and by the grace of God, we will. At this point, our motto is forward ever, backward never.

In the vestibule of the Church, you will see the Plaques for the past two years of our USAN Mission with the names of the various groups and their facilitators. We intend to create a history out of this venture because it is proving to be a life-wire for the survival of our parish.

Please pray that the good Lord may grant success to the work of our hands.

Msgr. Anselm Nwaozugwu

"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**

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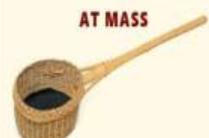
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Mass Intentions & Novenas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

5:30 pm **May 27** Lilia & Vicente Magno

SUNDAY

7:30 am **May 28** For the Parishioners

9:00 am CJ John

Mollie Endler

10:30 am Marie Joceline Milord (Living)

Charismatic Group-Catholic Church

Chike Melie III (Living)-Birthday

12:00 noon Fr. Charles McDermott (Living)

50th Ann of Priesthood

Mildred Leonardis

MONDAY

9:00 am **May 29 Memorial Day** Michael Nworu (Living)-Healing

Victoria Nworu (Living)-Healing

TUESDAY

8:30 am **May 30** Novena of Masses

Manuel Fazendeiro

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am **May 31** Mary Jo & Doug Sipe (Living)-37th Wedding Ann.

John McEnroe

THURSDAY

8:30 am **June 1** Novena of Masses

Michael Nwaoru (Living)-Healing

FRIDAY

8:30 am **June 2** Kathleen Boetsch (Living)-Birthday

Novena of Masses

Rui Docarmo

6:30 pm Taisha Mathieu (Living)

SATURDAY

8:30 am **June 3** Mary Herbert

Taisha Mathieu (Living)

5:30 pm Victoria Nwaoru (Living)-Healing

SUNDAY

7:30 am **June 4** Martino, Higgs, Bobicaut, Parmley Families

(Living)-For Protection & Healing

Craig Calix (Living)

9:00 am Joe & Carol Funrari (Living)-Wedding Ann.

For the Parishioners

Alba & Alfonso Sauro

Sefia Tutor Students (Living)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Mildred Leonardis, requested by Leonardis Family.

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.**

NOVENA OF MASSES

May 2023

Phil Matrale	Jose Arnaldo
James Ford, Sr.	Rosemary Hunt
Fritz Maddy	Jorge J. Criado
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti
Mary & Idolo Russomano	Artemia Tan
Taisha Mathieu (Living)	Abe Maksom
George Rinehart, Jr.	Craig Calix (Living)
Louie Ozimek	Aurora Sandoval
Frank Ozimek	Angelito Sandoval
Tan Family	Cesar Castor
Dan Labung (Living)	Romulo Garcia
Sara Casa (Living)-Healing	Luke Amores
St. Rita Special Intentions	Richard Wexler
Ui Chong Choe	
Marie Jean Panis (Living)-Healing	
Jeff Pogorzelski (Living) - Healing	
George, Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Michelene & Joseph Kmetz	
Anamaria Araujo Pais (Living)	
Filipe Manuel Araujo Pais (Living)	
Grace Marie Araujo Cadenas (Living)	
Patsy Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Living & Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano & LaManna Families	
Manuel Pereira Araujo & Lucilia Sousa Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of Furnari & Potignano Families	
Living & Deceased Members of Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of Thomas J. McEnroe, Sr. Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Del Rosario & Perez Families	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Mary Ann Flynn, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Julia Asfalk, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Stephen Czapla, 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, Mary Pubehara, Steven Yaccarino, Jacky Schellseheidt, Karen Marotta, Ken Lang, 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 Belmonte, Socorro Dagat

Ministry Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 smcccd@comcast.net

Coordinator of Religious Education - Clare Andriola

Coordinator of Home-Based Religious Education – Lois Scanio

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 29, Sunday, April 30 and Sunday, May 7! A full list of our First Communicants and all those who contributed their time and talents to make this possible will be published in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

REGISTRATION FOR 2023/2024 Religious Education classes (Grades 1-8) will be available in early June. Currently registered families will receive an email reminder to register. Please register early to take advantage of the discounted fee. 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.

THANK YOU to all who donated to the CRS Rice Bowl during Lent. Because of your generosity, a check in the amount of **\$689.50** will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to benefit missions throughout the world.

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!

For those in grades 9-12 interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a Confirmation Information Session on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00pm in the Phil Matrale Hall.

We are also excited to announce that **Bible School will be from July 24th – 28th**

this year. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information. Any CYO teen member interested in being a Bible School Counselor, please email us at cyounionnj@gmail.com.

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 Joann Pastewski at 908-688-8844 or email jpastewski@aol.com



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

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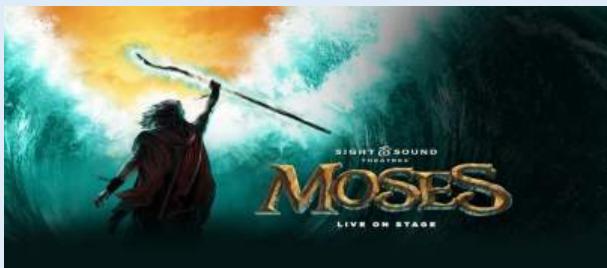
Saturdays 9:30—10:30 am Phil Matrale Hall (LC)



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



Trip to **Sight & Sound** to see **Moses**, **Tuesday, July 18, 2023**. Bus will be at the parking lot at 7:15 am for departure at 7:30 am sharp.

Cost: \$150 per person, which includes breakfast snack, 11:00 am show, lunch at 2:30 pm at Miller's Smorgasbord and Gift Shop. We will depart for home at 4:30 pm.

If interested, please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232, ext. 100. Please be remember if you paid by cash bring your receipt.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Our debut Coffee & Fellowship Sunday was such a success! Thank you to all members of Social Committee, volunteers and our generous donors.

Our next fellowship, after the masses will be this **Sunday, June 11, 2023**.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER MAY 2023 EDITION

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

<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.

2023 MAY CROWNING



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The following activities are being planned to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael:

- o Friday, September 29th - Dinner Dance at Galloping Hill Caterers from 7-11
- o Saturday, September 30th - Feast Day Festival from 12-5
- Sunday, October 1st - Musical Concert at 3 pm

Please contact Christine Parmenter at caparmenter23@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer at the Festival. More details to follow.



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