

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

January 22, 2023 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

DAILY MASS

Mon –Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM
First Friday 12:15 PM in Latin in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. In English in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. And 5:30 PM (on First Friday) in English in all months.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Monday through Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.

Monday Night: after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays: after the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

To register with the parish, please call the Parish Office for information.

MARRIAGES

Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There is a twelve month timeline for wedding preparations.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:15 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connolly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740
Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174
www.stmichaelnj.com

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon -1:00 p.m. for lunch)
Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor
Rev. Cyril Johnson, Parochial Vicar
Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager
Kevin Connolly, Director of Religious Ed.
Mary Valan, Parish Secretary
Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

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OFFICE

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**"COME AFTER ME,
AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF MEN."**

Matthew 4:19

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 22, 2023

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 AM † David R. Dorgan

Jo Ann & Family

† Michael Wrubel

Wife Maria & Family

Thursday, January 26

8:00 AM † Josephine Harrington

Edward Harrington

† Deborah Harrington

Edward Harrington

Friday, January 27

8:00 AM † Plinio Agresti

Wife & Children

Special Intention: Cheryl
Russo

Mom

Saturday, January 28

8:00 AM † Nicholas Cattelona, Jr.

Sister

† Danielle Russo

Sons

4:00 PM † John Perri, Sr.

John & Deborah Perri
and Family

† Anthony Ferrara

Sister Quinta

5:30 PM † Caroline Clouser

Daughter

† Marlene Califano

Califano & Ely Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 29

7:00 AM † Mark Russo

Family

† Conrad Russo

Family

8:30 AM † Elizabeth Elmore

Ed Christopher

† Joyce Albano

Stephen Ferraro & Family

10:00 AM † Robert A. Parnell

Nancy Thorne

† Fred West, Jr.

Eileen

12:00 PM † Dr. Peter Kelly

George Family

4:00 PM † Ronald J. Brandmayr, Jr.

Patricia Manfredi

7:00 PM People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21

8:00 AM † Fr. Richard Thibeau

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Louis R. Bianchini III

Ravaschiere & Dailey
Family

† Jimmy Delehanty

Delehanty Family

5:30 PM † Josephine Vincelli
Cittadino

Christopher M. Cittadino

7:00 PM † Connie Travers

Vicki & Tom Hoagland

Sunday, January 22

7:00 AM † Gloria Dean

† Marialta Coyle

David & Korleen Minton

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Joseph & Kelina Vassallo

10:00 AM † Rita Cittadino

Rita Cilurzo & Rosanna
Simonelli

† Frank & Rose Notaro

Marie Cilurzo & Rosanna
Simonelli

12:00 PM † Martha Veech

Ambrosino Family

† Warren Veech

Ambrosino Family

4:00 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Sister Francis Scanlon

Monday, January 23

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

† Michelina & Dominick
Russo

Family

7:00 PM † Irene F. & Edward W.
Moskal, Sr.

Barbara & Edward Moskal

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 AM † Patrick Farmer

Jane, Katie & Peter Farmer

† Anna & George Cattelona

Sister

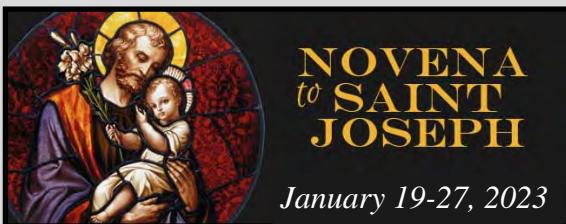
The Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph, and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week for the Pro-Life Cause and for our CCD students preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION January 20-28, 2023



St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world. As you cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb. May no harm ever endanger them and may no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within. Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will has been fulfilled. St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us. Say the "Our Father," the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be" after this novena prayer. **This novena will be prayed at all Masses at St. Michael's from January 20-28.**



Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis has declared this Sunday – the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 22, 2023) – to be the “Sunday of the Word of God” in order to promote knowledge and love of Scripture and to promote a closer relationship between the People of God and the Bible. This special day is intended to be a celebration of the word of God in and throughout the Church. The Holy Father said, “A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a **yearly event** but, rather, a **yearlong event**, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord.”

Here at St. Michael's we will observe Word of God Sunday at all Masses on Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22 with special prayers and with homilies that focus on Scripture – keeping in mind the Pope’s words that “we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness. The Bible is not a collection of history books or a chronicle, but is aimed entirely at the integral salvation of the person.”

February 2, 2023 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Candlemas is a feast celebrated annually on February 2. It celebrates three occasions: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus’ first entry into the Temple in Jerusalem; and the celebration of the Virgin Mary’s purification. Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles to church to be blessed and that blessing will take place at the conclusion of the Solemn Entrance and Procession that will occur at the beginning of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, February 2. All are invited and welcome.

Prayer in Honor of St. Blaise (Memorial on February 3)

O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Memorial of St. Blaise is February 3 and falls on a Friday this year (and, in fact, on a **First Friday**). Throats will be blessed on Friday, February 3 at the conclusion of each of the 8:00 a.m.



Mass, the 12:15 p.m. Mass (in Latin), and the 5:30 p.m. Mass (in English). The priest/celebrant and Lay Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at each of the Feb. 3rd Masses will impart a blessing to each individual in the “pre-covid manner” and will be wearing surgical face masks while imparting the blessings. The wearing of face masks will be optional for the recipients of the throat blessings. All are invited and welcome.



St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society St. Valentine's Day Mass and Luncheon

Dear Rosarians and Women of the Parish,

You are cordially invited to attend a private Mass and Saint Valentine's Day Luncheon at Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant, 100 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740.



St. Valentine's Day
Rosary Altar Society
Mass and Luncheon
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
The Sunset Room at Rooney's
Mass Begins at: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.



Please rsvp by Tuesday, February 7th to Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145.

Please provide the number of attendees in your party along with the guest(s) names and cell phone numbers.

Luncheon Cost is \$25.00 per person. Menu: Garden Salad; selection of entrée - Poached Salmon or Chicken Francese, or Penne Vodka; Cheesecake; Coffee/Tea.

Please address check to St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society and mail check to Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Blessed Mother, Pray for us. St Valentine, Pray for us.



Invitation to Learn About Becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister

Parishioners with a devotion to the Mass, the sacraments, and the Church and with an interest in serving fellow parishioners are invited to learn more about and to consider becoming Lay Eucharistic Ministers (also known as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist).

The purposes of this ministry include assisting the priest in the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass and/or bringing the Eucharist to the homebound and the hospitalized. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are members of the laity and registered members of the parish who have received all three of their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) and are actively and faithfully practicing the Catholic faith in all respects. They are appointed by the Pastor after meeting all qualifications and completing a four-session training on the Blessed Sacrament and regarding our own parish customs, as well as Diocesan and Papal guidelines and, later on, the requirements of the nearby hospitals for volunteers who bring Communion to in-patients.

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or in simply learning more and asking questions, a brief presentation and Q&A session will be offered on Sunday, January 29 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass from 11:00 to 11:45 in the Upper Church. All are welcome and invited. Thank you in advance for your interest in Lay Eucharistic Ministry and in helping St. Michael's serve the needs of our parishioners and the homebound and the hospitalized.

Covid Vaccinations at St. Michael's

Our parish participated in the New Jersey Department of Health's "Grateful for the Shot" program last week and two Covid vaccination "pop up clinics" were conducted in the Lower Church on Friday the 13th and Sunday the 15th. A total of 71 individuals received their initial, first-time vaccination or booster shots during those two days and several others made appointments to receive the vaccination at a later date at a nearby pharmacy. Only the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines were administered here.

Gratitude is extended to the NJ Department of Health, Pharmacy Town, and the several parishioners and staff members who assisted in the staging and hosting of these clinics. Please pray for a swift and complete end to the Covid-19 pandemic, for the recovery of those who are ill with this virus, and for the safety and perseverance of their caregivers.



Students from St. Jerome's School will be speaking at some of our Masses during the January 21-22 weekend about Catholic Schools Week and the quality of the education at St. Jerome's. Please welcome these guests/students.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND SAINT JEROME SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

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FEBRUARY 1, 2023 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

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Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, January 14, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,778.00	161 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$873.00	57 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$472.00	62 people

Sunday, January 15, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,513.00	79 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,926.00	143 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,533.00	134 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,421.00	153 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$797.00	128 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$725.00	67 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the January 15 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$3,231.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,269.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,362.00

Christmas Collection 2022 Total: \$60,551.00

Christmas Collection 2021 Total: \$80,651.00

Christmas Collection 2020 Total: \$81,237.00



God Bless Fr. Tom Barry

Fr. Thomas Barry (parochial vicar at nearby St. Agnes (Atlantic Highlands) and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Highlands)) recently completed his parish assignment and is moving on to become a Roman Catholic priest chaplain in the United States Navy. Fr. Tom's parishioners wished him well at a reception (photo above) last Sunday the 15th in the church hall. Please keep Fr. Tom in your prayers and all those who serve our Church and our Nation.

Second Collection This Weekend January 21 and 22 for Church in Latin America

This weekend we will have a second collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with



those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Novena to St. Joseph to End Abortion (All Masses; Jan. 20-28)

*January 20-28, 2023
(See Page 3 for details)*

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Pantry

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

*Thursday, February 2, 2023
(See Page 3 for details)*

Holy Hour for Vocations

*Thursday, February 2, 2023
7:00 p.m.*

Memorial of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)

*Friday, February 3, 2023
(See Page 3 for details re blessing of throats)*

First Friday

Friday, February 3, 2023 (12:15 Mass in Latin, Eucharistic Adoration 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Mass in English at 5:30 p.m., Confessions 12:45 to 1:15 and 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.)

Rosary Altar Society's St. Valentine's Day Mass and Luncheon

*Tuesday, February 14, 2023
(See Page 4 for details)*

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Confirmation
(Presiding: Msgr. Joseph Rosie)

Thursday, March 9, 2023

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**WEEKLY MASS INTENTION**

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS**FEBRUARY 2023**

†Susan Whitman	r/o Lex and Janet Tucci
<u>April 2023</u>	
†Rita N. Cittadino	r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Family

SEPTEMBER 2023

†Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano	r/o The Boeckman Family
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Motorized Recliner Chair Available – FREE!

A senior citizen parishioner of St. Elizabeth's Church in Avon-by-the-Sea recently died and his family is making available the gentleman's motorized recliner chair at no charge to a family that will give the chair a good new home. The chair is in good operating condition (the rise-and-descend mechanism works perfectly). It shows some signs of age and ordinary wear and tear from its years of use including a velcro strip on one arm to keep the TV remote control place. It's ideal for a person who has difficulty getting up out of a chair. For further information, please phone Kevin at 973-452-8208.

Upcoming Retrouvaille and Marriage Encounter Weekends**Retrouvaille Weekend, February 3 – 5, 2023**

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?



RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 3 – 5, 2023**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

Retrouvaille Weekend, February 10-12, 2023

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 10 - 12, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend; February 24-26, 2023**

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 24 – 26, 2023. Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Reminders re the St. Vincent dePaul Society

Our parish's local chapter of the St. Vincent dePaul Society (SVDP) is extremely active in the community and in the parish. Serving the needy with food, groceries, and short-term financial assistance in certain situations are among the many works that the Society's members undertake. Please keep the following reminders in mind:

- Donations of Food and Groceries. Please drop-off any donations of food or groceries only in the church vestibule in the bin near the ushers closet. We have had some problems recently with food donations that were dropped-off outdoors on the church steps during non-business hours and those items were damaged by the rain before the staff and priests could re-locate them to the church hall storage area and those items had to be discarded.

- Financial Assistance. For those who desire to request financial assistance from SVDP, please call the SVDP phone directly and not the parish business office. The SVDP phone number is published on the front page of the parish bulletin and is 732-483-0360, ext. 1. You can leave a voicemail message on that phone and a member of SVDP will promptly return your call. The parish business office staff does not handle requests for financial assistance and directs such calls to SVDP.

- Volunteers. The SVDP Society is always in need of and welcomes new volunteers – especially to assist with the monthly food pantry and preparation of the donated food and groceries for distribution to the needy on “third Saturdays of the month” in the church hall (Lower Church). Please contact Mary Jensen (President of SVDP) at 732-483-0360, ext. 1 to inquire about becoming a volunteer and becoming involved in this important work. Thank you.



December 2022 SVDP volunteers.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

If you wish to receive a written statement reporting your 2022 contributions to St. Michael's Church for purposes of your income tax returns, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Submit your request to St. Michael's Church, 800 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740. Or email your request to parish@stmichaelnj.com.

Faith Direct – If you make your weekly contributions or other contributions to the parish by means of the *Faith Direct* online method, you may obtain a written statement reporting such online contributions by visiting www.faithdirect.net and following the instructions on the homepage.

For additional assistance, please call parish Business Manager Thomas Randazzo at the parish office at 732-222-8080 Monday through Friday during business hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.).

Name: _____

Address: _____

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DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE



"then your light shall break
forth like the dawn."
Isaiah 58:8-12

SATURDAY
02.04.23

DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
711 HOOPER AVE, TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753

10AM-6PM

Advanced Registration **\$25**

ENDS 1/30 (TO GUARANTEE A FREE T-SHIRT REGISTER BY 1/23)

Walk-in Registration **\$35**



REGISTRATION & MORE INFO AT
WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC



Thank You from Fr. John and Fr. Cyril!

Fr. John and Fr. Cyril send their thanks to everyone at St. Michael's for the many Christmas cards and Christmas gifts that were sent to the rectory. The parishioners of St. Michael's are extremely thoughtful, kind, and generous. The cakes, pies, fruit, cookies, meats, pretzels, and other gifts are very much appreciated. Thank you!



Diocesan WOMEN'S GROUP

SUNDAYS at 2:30 PM

Beginning January 8, 2023

All women are invited to join the virtual women's group for "Catechism in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz (following his podcast and reading plan).

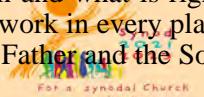
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This group is sponsored by the Office of Family Life

Please keep this parish and worldwide endeavor in your daily prayers

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. Amen.



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**JOIN AN UPCOMING
DISCERNMENT EVENT:**

**Saturday, December 3, 2022
Advent Discernment Retreat Day**
@ St. Dominic Parish, Brick
Speakers: Fr. Dave Swantek & Fr. J.M. Patilla

**Saturday, March 25, 2023
Lenten Discernment Retreat Day**
@ St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold
Speakers: Msgr. Michael Walsh & Fr. Gary Koch

**Thursday, June 29, 2023
Annual Summer "Come & See" BBQ**
@ St. John the Baptist Parish, Allentown
Mass w/ Bishop followed by BBQ, Conversations
and fun activities

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT:
www.GodisCallingYOU.org/the-discernment-opportunities/



OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT:

The Diocese of Trenton and St. Michael's Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass Book is now open. We kindly ask that when you come to the office for scheduling, please bring a written list including the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.

**WHAT IS IT ?****WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCARISTIC REVIVAL?**

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, concerted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The revival has officially begun in June 2022, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father's call for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church in the United States might be "permanently in a state of mission." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 25)

This Eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the U.S. over the next three years.



Each year will have a strategic focus for formation and missionary discipleship.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR ?**THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

June 19, 2022

We launch our national response to the Lord's call with widespread eucharistic processions and adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

WHAT'S NEXT ?**YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL**

2022 – 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

2023 – 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 2024

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

2024 – 2025

Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord.



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