

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

May 15, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday 12:15 in Latin in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. In English in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. And 5:30 (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 Connelly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



May 15 – First Reading
Acts 14:21-27
St. Paul's First Journey

PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

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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. Mark Nillo, Parochial Vicar

Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Jose Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Susan Cleaver, Ass't Parish Secretary

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,
NJ 07764

Ph: (732) 483-0360 | Fx: (732) 483-0363

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
732-483-0360 ext. 7



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14

8:00 AM † Carol Ann Stevenson	Florence Cangialosi
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Isabel Stukey	Nina & Frank Stukey
† Mary Mody	Nina & Frank Stukey
5:30 PM † Francis "Frank" Schureman	Jacquelyne Beaubrun
† Bruno Torchia	Daughters
7:00 PM † Carol DeMairo	Tony & Lisa Monte
† George J. Christopher	Ed Christopher

Sunday, May 15

7:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr.	Pat & Family
† Charles Murrin	Theresa
8:30 AM † Robert Collins, Jr.	Lydia Mooty
† Patty Chavez	Elizabeth Dahlhaus
10:00 AM † Ann & Louis Ciccarone	Mary Farrar
† Joseph Giannotto	Wife & Children
12:00 PM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family
† Lucy Sweeney	Joe & Dorinne Cattelona
4:00 PM † Florence Johnson	Luci Perez
† Elizabeth Zarraga	Young Family
7:00 PM † Biagio Guzzi	Schmidt Family
People of the Parish	

Monday, May 16

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Emilia Genito Simonelli	Maria & Pasquale Simonelli
† Elizabeth Carr	Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr
7:00 PM † Pedro Manuel Bencosme	Patricia Bencosme

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 AM † Jack Molloy (Birthday Remembrance)	Margaret & Bob Clinton
† Angelo Gonzalez	Rene & Jack Brignola

Wednesday, May 18

8:00 AM † Mildred Ballina	Jim Brown
† Carol Granit	Jackie & Leroy Garifine

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM † Lucy Sweeney	Russo Family
† Elizabeth Zarraga	Russo Family

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM † Eddie Holden III	Sister Pat & Family
† Thomas M. Collins	

Saturday, May 21

8:00 AM † Harriet B. Weber	
4:00 PM † Harry Tokanos	Mary
† Jim Delehanty	Delehanty Family
† Etta Chiafullo	Loving Family
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Kathy Kellam Ross (Birthday Remembrance)	Mom & Dad
† Patricia Delehanty	Lou & Tricia Vincelli

Sunday, May 22

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † John, Bonnie & Kevin Kelly	Kathy & Brendan
† Brian Nesbital	Valan Family
10:00 AM † Mary Lou Buono	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Nancy Minchello	Mary Farrar
12:00 PM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family
† Elizabeth Zarraga	Carol Allan
4:00 PM † Lucy Ferrin Sweeney	Gina & Linda DeSieno
† Louise Stewart-Pinto	Brandon & Ashley Freese
7:00 PM Special Intention: Mark Rabon	Townsend Family
People of the Parish	

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Charles Murrin, requested by Theresa.

The Blessed Mother and the St. Joseph Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week for the Pro-Life Cause.





Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants!
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion
was celebrated at St. Michael's on
Saturday, May 7, 2022.
May God Bless Our Children!



Thank you to Kevin Connelly, our teachers, aides, and volunteers who helped prepare the children for this Sacrament, and who contributed to making our First Holy Communion Mass such a joyous and grace-filled event. Please pray for all of our 2022 First Holy Communicants. They are listed below.

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

Rev. Mark Nillo, Parochial Vicar

<i>Angelina Alphonse</i>	<i>Bernardo Martins da Costa</i>	<i>Delaney Hoyle</i>	<i>Louis Sibole</i>
<i>Russell Anderson</i>	<i>Joao Miguel De Oliveira</i>	<i>Kaylee Johnson</i>	<i>Vincenzo Sibole</i>
<i>Bianca Araugo-Rubin</i>	<i>Luca DeSarno</i>	<i>Kevin LaSalle</i>	<i>Everleigh Stankovich</i>
<i>Nicholas Balsamo</i>	<i>Milana Dudick</i>	<i>Francesca Molinari</i>	<i>Julianna Stanziale</i>
<i>Mia Basile</i>	<i>Giovanni Ercolino</i>	<i>Teagan O'Connor-Hill</i>	<i>Peter Terranova</i>
<i>Cynthia Bettenhausen</i>	<i>Salvatore Ercolino</i>	<i>Emily Powers</i>	<i>Maxwell Tucci</i>
<i>Francesca Bogner</i>	<i>Jackson Falco</i>	<i>Angelina Ricci</i>	<i>Gianna Vaccaro</i>
<i>Ava Brady</i>	<i>Finley Gredder</i>	<i>Colton Roebuck</i>	<i>Cecilia Vaccaro</i>
<i>Adeline Campanile</i>			

Pastor's Note. The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ("CDF") recently issued a letter on the proper care for bodies of the deceased and providing guidance that the care of the bodies of our Catholic deceased loved ones must align with Church teaching. The letter, sent to our Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., and signed by the CDF Prefect, Cardinal Luis F. Ladaria, SJ, follows below. Bishop O'Connell forwarded Cardinal Ladaria's letter to the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Trenton. Cardinal Ladaria's letter refers, in turn, to another earlier CDF document on the subject of cremation; that earlier CDF "Instruction" was issued by Cardinal Gerhard Muller, Prefect of the CDF, in 2016. The Muller Instruction is published in this edition of the parish bulletin for convenience and ease of reference; it was also published in our parish bulletin previously on Nov. 14, 2021, Nov. 8, 2020, and Sept. 8, 2019. The Ladaria letter focuses on the care for the bodies of the dead in light of new techniques promoted for ecological benefits; some of those techniques have been found to conflict with the teaching of the Church. Cardinal Ladaria's letter may also be viewed on our Diocesan magazine's Trenton Monitor website at <https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/News/Latest-News/Article/CDF-Care-for-bodies-of-deceased-must-align-with-Church-teaching/4/38/30466>. Please review these Vatican/CDF documents from time to time for helpful reminders on faithful Catholic practices in these areas, and if there are questions, please feel free to contact the parish priests for further guidance.

December 22, 2021

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Prot. N. 99/1918 86794

Your Excellency,

In accordance with civil laws, new techniques for treating the bodies of the deceased as alternative practices to cremation, presented as preferable because they are more ecological, are spreading more and more often in Western countries.

These techniques aim to dispose of the bodies of the deceased in a way that is presumed to be rapid and hygienically safe, as well as respectful of the environment, since the residues of the treatment would be released into nature, with the intent of fertilizing the soil. However, this practice implies an approach which, in fact, tends to eliminate any trace of a sense of the sacred and of effective pity for the mortal remains of the deceased.

In this sense, I would like to point out the following:

1. The Church insistently recommends the burial of the bodies of the dead, as noted in n. 3 of the instruction **Ad resurgendum cum Christo**, published on 25 October 2016.
2. Cremation, chosen for reasons not contrary to Christian doctrine, is not forbidden, but the ashes of the dead must "be kept in a sacred place", for the reasons referred to in the aforementioned Instruction (cf. nn. 4 and 5).
3. "To avoid any kind of pantheist, naturalist or nihilist misunderstanding, the dispersion of the ashes in the air, on earth or in water or in any other way is not permitted" (n. 7).
4. In the cases of new techniques for treating corpses, the same criteria mentioned above are to be applied: what remains after the treatment of corpses must be "kept in a sacred place" intended for burial and not simply in a place blessed by the clergy.
5. Furthermore, if, in the implementation of a new technique for treating corpses there was nothing left [of the body], such a practice would not be acceptable from the point of view of Catholic doctrine.

To face the spread of such unacceptable practices, the Pastors of the Church of this Bishops' Conference are called to explain to the faithful the incompatibility of these practices with the teaching of the Catholic Church. At the same time, it is good that they reaffirm this teaching with special reference to the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the soul, the respect due to the bodies of the faithful departed and the communion between the living and the dead, rejecting any materialistic, naturalistic approach, pantheistic and nihilistic that often underlies these techniques of treating corpses.

Finally, I turn to you with the kind request to make the contents of this letter public.

Most devotedly yours in the Lord,

Luis F. Cardinal Ladaria, SJ

Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Each of us has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up *our* Church. *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.



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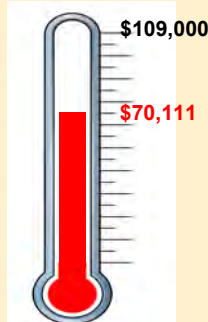


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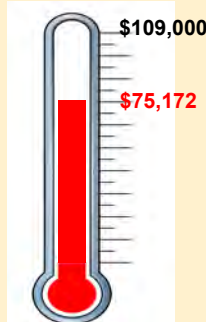


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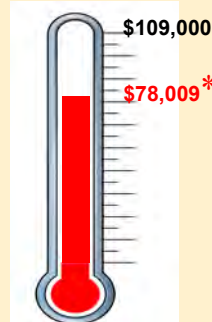
2020
After Eleven
Weekends



2021
After Eleven
Weekends



2022
After Eleven
Weekends



The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2020 vs. 2021 vs. 2022 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year’s total after eleven weekends is substantially ahead of our parish’s total after eleven weekends in 2021 and 2020. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. ***Together we can do great things!***

*This \$78,009 figure is approximately 71.6% of our parish goal. It has been received as of the eleventh weekend of the campaign (tallied as of May 10) from 209 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 8.5% of the 2,468 registered households of the parish. ***Thank you!*** The Diocese sent a Diocesan-wide mailing during the week of February 10 to all of our registered parishioners and past ACA contributors asking for prayerful consideration of a pledge/contribution to the Appeal. Please help to the extent that you can.

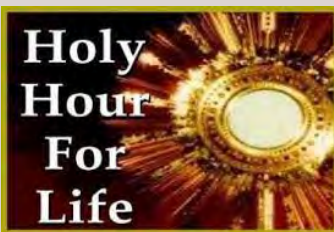
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have to do with it...

everything!

Holy Hours for Life on 1st and 22nd of the Month



The Supreme Court’s decision in the *Roe vs. Wade* case was issued on the **22nd of the month** in January 1973.

The Supreme Court heard the oral argument in the *Dobbs vs. Jackson* case (the case that we pray will overrule *Roe vs. Wade* or at least substantially cutback on *Roe* and substantially increase the protection of the unborn) on the **1st of the month** in December 2021.

The Supreme Court’s decision in the *Dobbs* case is likely to be issued in June of this year or perhaps sooner. ***Now is the time to increase and intensify our prayers and our fasting for the intention of a strong pro-life outcome in the Dobbs case.***

During the coming months as we anticipate the *Dobbs* decision, we will conduct a **Holy Hour for Life** on the **1st day and the 22nd day of each month** beginning on February 1st. This Holy Hour will take place twice on each of these days – **usually** immediately after the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass until 9:30 a.m. and again in the evening of each of these weekdays from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Each Holy Hour for Life will include Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, reflection/homily, Rosary, and Benediction. All are invited and welcome. ***The next day of this Holy Hour for Life falls on a Sunday (May 22nd), and so this Holy Hour will be prayed (a) from 10:50 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. during the time between the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and the beginning of the 12:00 Noon Sunday Mass and (b) from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass.*** Please pray for an end to abortion; for reconciliation, conversion, and healing; and for compassionate and competent care for women during and after crisis pregnancy. And please pray for the ongoing work of the Sisters of Life. St. Michael, pray for us.

Catholic Church Teaching on Cremation, the Conservation of Cremated Remains, and the Burial of the Deceased

***Pastor's Note:** The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican in Rome has brought together in one document (as published below) several of the Church's teachings with respect to the cremation of Christian bodies for burial or entombment. This Instruction (known as "**Ad Resurgendum cum Christo**" based on its first words in Latin meaning "To Rise with Christ") was promulgated in August 2016 and issued by Cardinal Gerhard Muller on behalf of the Congregation. It states the principles that apply and govern when we Catholics are considering, and making plans for, certain end-of-life matters especially when cremation is one of the considerations. The Instruction is published here (and has appeared in the past in the parish bulletins and on the Diocese of Trenton's websites) for the purpose of providing accurate, definitive, and reliable information on the Church's teaching to enable our knowledge to be well informed and our consciences to be well formed. This Vatican Instruction document is referred to in the Letter of Cardinal Ladaria published on page 4 of this bulletin which addresses similar important cremation-related subject matter. If there are questions, please feel free to contact the parish priests for further guidance.*

1. To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must "be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Cor 5:8). With the Instruction *Piam et Constantem* of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that "all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed", adding however that cremation is not "opposed per se to the Christian religion" and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated,



The deceased body of Jesus in the arms of The Blessed Mother as depicted in the Pieta sculpture of Michelangelo as the sculpture was prepared for shipment from the Vatican to New York City for display at the 1964 World's Fair.

under the condition that this choice has not been made through "a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church". Later this change in ecclesiastical discipline was incorporated into the Code of Canon Law (1983) and the Code of Canons of Oriental Churches (1990) ... the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.

2. Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body. The Church who, as Mother, has accompanied the Christian during his earthly pilgrimage, offers to the Father, in Christ, the

child of her grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory... burial in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit and in which "as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works"... the burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints.



The photo above is from our church - - the Thirteenth Station: Mary holds the body of Jesus.

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Catholic Church Teaching on Cremation, the Conservation of Cremated Remains, and the Burial of the Deceased

3. In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.

4. "The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine"... In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives, and taking particular care to avoid every form of scandal or the appearance of religious indifferentism.

5. When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, ***the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.*** From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes "in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church". ***The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventuality is possible, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has too passed away.*** Also it prevents any unfitting or superstitious practices.

6. ***For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted.*** Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. ***Nonetheless, the ashes may not be divided among various family members*** and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation.

7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, ***it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.*** These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.

8. When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law."

The Sovereign Pontiff Francis, in the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect on 18 March 2016, approved the present Instruction, adopted in the Ordinary Session of this Congregation on 2 March 2016, and ordered its publication. Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 15 August 2016, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Gerhard Cardinal Müller, Prefect

Pastor's Note. In response to the **The New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (CHPE)** that would require all public school students to learn about a broad range of topics, including human relationships, mental health, social well-being, physical fitness, and sexual reproduction, the New Jersey Catholic Conference (an agency formed by the Bishops of New Jersey to provide assistance with matters of public policy, church-state relations, liaison to governmental agencies, etc.) has developed **the following guide to help Catholic families of public school students better understand CHPE and their CHPE opt-out rights and how to effectively exercise them.** In addition, a summary of "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) appears on page 9. This information may also be viewed on our Diocesan magazines's Trenton Monitor website at **"Parents Learn About Curriculum Options"** at <https://trentonmonitor.com/MobileContent/My-Monitor/ISSUES-ADVOCACY/Article/Parents-Learn-about-curriculum-options/11/59/30517>. For more information on this subject, you may contact Dr. George Corwell, Director of the Office of Education of the New Jersey Catholic Conference. Dr. Corwell's contact information is on page 9 of this bulletin.

Understanding Your Rights as a Parent Concerning New Jersey's Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curriculum for Public School Students

The New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (CHPE) require all public school students to learn about a broad range of topics, including human relationships, mental health, social well-being, physical fitness, and sexual reproduction.

For many families, these topics are better addressed at home, at a time of the family's choosing, based on the development and readiness of the student. Fortunately, the CHPE curriculum contains an opt-out provision for students whose families do not want their child taking part in some or all of these lessons.

The New Jersey Catholic Conference has developed this guide to help Catholic families of public school students better understand their opt-out rights -- and how to effectively exercise them.

New Jersey statute currently states that:

- Any child whose parent or guardian presents to the school a signed statement that any part of instruction in health, family life education, or sex education is in conflict with his or her conscience or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom. Students excused from instruction must be provided with alternative instructional content and activities aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for CHPE and the local health education curriculum.



All parents/guardians should be notified of the excusal process by the school district. However, no specific procedures are specified, so the notification could be accomplished by letter, email, handbook reference, or website post.

If you are not notified or are unable to find instructions about the excusal process using your district's resources, it is essential that you reach out to your school to inquire because a lack of response from a parent intending to opt-out would provide the district with the assumption that you actually approve of the child attending the classes. (You have opted-in unless you proactively opt-out.)

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NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Must the school provide a copy of the health education curriculum upon request to help me decide if I want my child enrolled in this curriculum?

Answer: Yes, the school must make available a copy of the curriculum for review upon request. Be sure to ask your child's school's principal or vice-principal, or the district's curriculum director, about textbooks, instructors notes, and other instructional materials.

Question: If our school brings in a guest speaker for an assembly to discuss a topic related to family life education, is the school required to notify me in advance?

Answer: No. However, you may ask the school in advance for plans to bring in guest speakers and the content of their presentations to help you decide if you want your child to participate.

Question: What if I have not received opt-out information from my child's school district?

Answer: If you have not received adequate information from your school district regarding opting your child out of the CHPE curriculum, please visit your school district's website, which should provide the information you are seeking. If it does not, we recommend you contact the district's curriculum director or your parish's director of religious education for assistance.

Question: If I have contacted my child's school requesting that s/he be excused from some or all of the CHPE curriculum to no avail, what should I do next?

Answer: You have several options: You may contact your district's curriculum director, superintendent, or local school board (all of whom can be found on the school/district website). Be sure to document your steps along the way, including all inquiries made by you and the responses you received. If you need more help, you may contact the State of New Jersey at:

Office of Controversies and Disputes
State of New Jersey, Department of Education
P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625
609 - 376 - 9079
controversiesdisputesfilings@doe.nj.gov

For more information, you may also contact:

Dr. George Corwell
Director, Office of Education
New Jersey Catholic Conference
149 N. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
gcorwell@njcathconf.com
609 - 989 - 1120 ext. 16



Pastor's Note. Our parish generously and enthusiastically responded to the campaigns in March of this year to raise funds and to collect supplies for the aid of the victims of the war in Ukraine. Thank you again! As reported in our March 20 bulletin, over \$22,000 was raised here at St. Michael's and over 75 boxes (of the large, heavy duty moving company variety) were compiled with St. Michael's parishioners' contributions of humanitarian aid, all of which have been shipped to Ukraine via air transport. Below is a thank you letter to the people of St. Michael's from Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, who facilitated the transmittal of the donated funds and supplies to Ukraine along with the help of St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for the safety of the Ukrainian people. St. Michael, St. Stephen, Our Lady Queen of Peace, PRAY FOR US!



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA
Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak
810 North Franklin Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123-2005
Phone (215) 627-0143 Fax (215) 627-0377
ukrmet@ukrcap.org

May 2, 2022

Rev. John Butler
 St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church
 800 Ocean Ave
 Long Branch, NJ 07740-4999

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen!

Thank you for your recent gift of \$22,591.00 to the Archeparchy to support victims of war and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

These are very challenging times in Ukraine, and many people, especially the poor, are suffering greatly. Your donation will help provide relief to them in their hour of need. Thank you for this.

Please pray for all our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine, together with the clergy, religious and faithful in the Archeparchy. You will be in my prayers.

Thank you again. May God bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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Main Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Daniel Cahill
 Concelebrant: Rev. John Butler

Mass in the Irish Language

Sunday, June 5, 2022
5:15 P.M.



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

†Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano

r/o The Boeckman Family

FEBRUARY 2023

†Susan Whitman

r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

April 2023

†Rita N. Cittadino

r/o Christopher M. Cittadino
 and Family

***National Police Week (May 15-21, 2022); Mass for All the First Responders
of the City of Long Branch on
Sunday, June 5 at 12:00 Noon at St. Michael's***

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. Here at St. Michael's we will include in our Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses throughout the weekend of May 14-15 petitions for the blessing, safety, and health of our Long Branch Police Officers. In addition, on Sunday, June 5 our 12:00 Noon Mass will be a ***Mass of Thanksgiving*** for ***all of the first responders*** of the Long Branch Police Department, Long Branch Fire Department, Long Branch First Aid Department, Elberon First Aid/EMT's, and Long Branch Office of Emergency Management (OEM). A large number of members of those Long Branch departments and organizations will be in attendance at this June 5 Mass along with spouses, family members, and several senior ranking officers of the Departments and of the City of Long Branch. ***All are invited and welcome at this Mass as we pray for and honor these first responders and express our gratitude for their service and sacrifices.***



Parish and City together after our May 16, 2021 National Police Week Mass.



**Memorial Day Mass
Monday, May 30, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

**Woodbine Cemetery Mausoleum
Oceanport, New Jersey**



Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations

DISCERNMENT BBQ

Thursday, June 16th ■ Beginning with
5:30 PM Mass w/ Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
LOCATION: St. John Church and grounds, Allentown

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The event will begin with Mass celebrated by the Bishop at 5:30 p.m. in the church to which all are welcome to come and pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. Following Mass, a barbecue, featuring games, activities and discussions, will be held on church grounds for those interested in discernment. The gathering is being organized by the Diocesan Department of Vocations to provide an opportunity to connect those who may be discerning a call to the priesthood. Registration for the barbecue is required.

St. John the Baptist Church is located at 1282 Yardville-Allentown Road, Allentown. To register, contact Father Jason Parzynski, Vocations Director, at jparzynski@DioceseofTrenton.org or call (609) 406-7448. To learn more about the priesthood and discernment opportunities, visit GodIsCallingYou.org.

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Half-Day Fridays at the Parish Office are back for the summer. From Friday, May 27 until Labor Day Weekend's Friday (September 2), the office will close at 12:00 noon on Fridays. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

(closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon

**PRAY
FOR PEACE
IN UKRAINE**



Aid For The Hearing Impaired

We offer the use of radio aids during Mass upon request. The device is tuned to the sound system in the church so that those who have a hearing deficit might hear more clearly. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, May 7, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,523.00	136 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$387.00	52 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$678.00	47 people

Sunday, May 8, 2022

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,348.00	79 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,417.00	98 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,789.00	169 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,919.00	214 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$861.00	143 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,062.00	91 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the May 8 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,234.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,218.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,265.00

Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$972.00

Please keep this parish and world-wide 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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ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022	Commenced February 26-27; Ongoing
Parents' Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:00 a.m.
NJ Catholic Youth Rally	Sunday, May 15, 2022 9:15 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Six Flags Great Adventure
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Saturday, May 21, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Supplies for Ukraine (Prioritizing Medical and First Aid)	TBD May 2022
Covid Booster #2 and Covid Vaccinations #1, #2, #3	TBD May 2022
Holy Hour For Life	Sunday, May 22, 2022 10:50 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Ascension	Sunday, May 29, 2022
Memorial Day Mass at Woodbine Cemetery	Monday, May 30, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, June 5, 2022
Mass for the First Responders of the City of Long Branch	Sunday, June 5, 2022 12:00 p.m.
Irish Language Mass	Sunday, June 5, 2022 5:15 p.m.



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