

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

May 21, 2023 | *Ascension of the Lord*

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

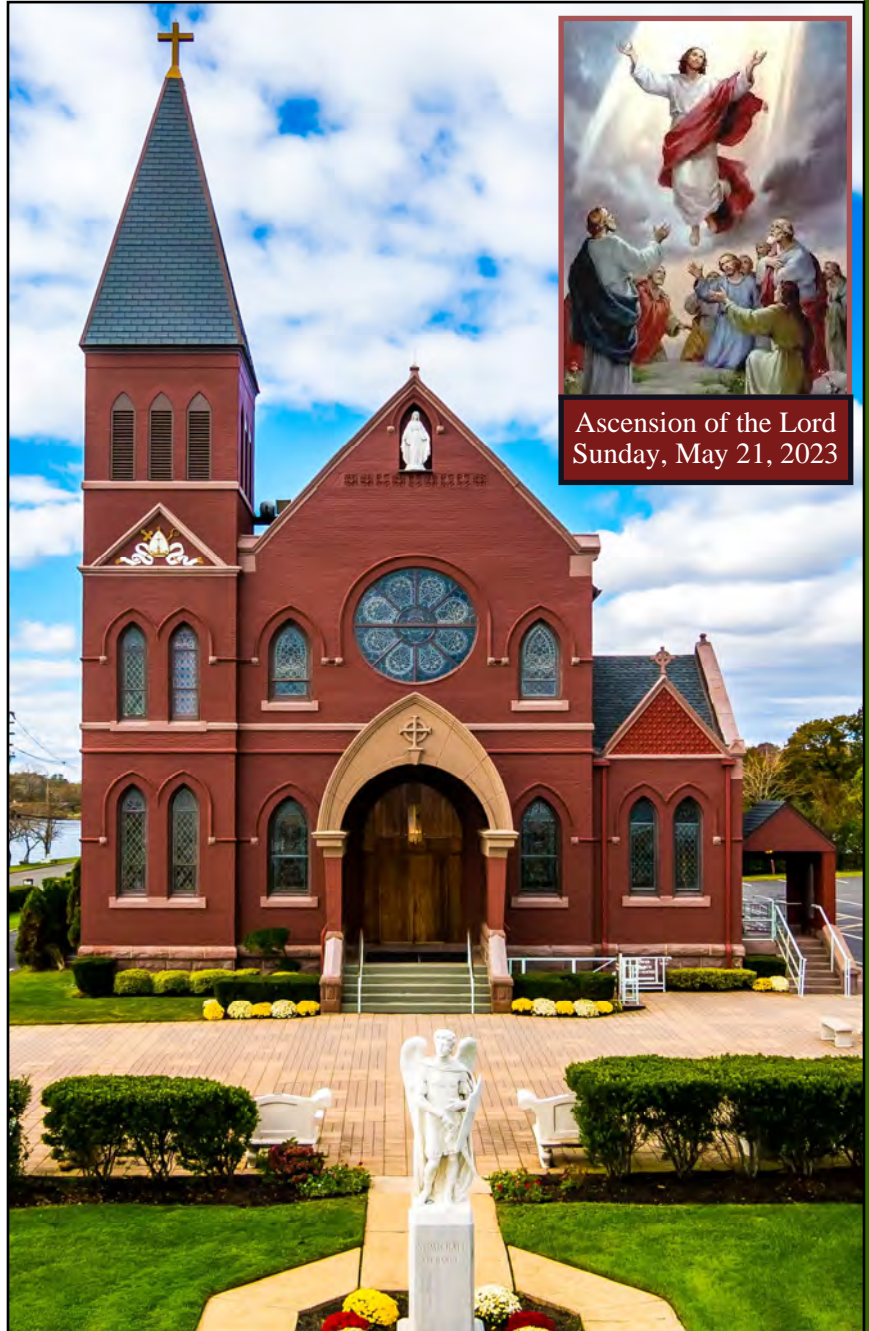
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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 Connelly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 21, 2023

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 Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,
NJ 07764

Ph: (732) 483-0360 | Fx: (732) 795-3262

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
732-483-0360 ext. 1

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 2023

"....as the Apostles were looking on, [Jesus] was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.'"

- Acts 1:9-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Etta Chiafullo

† Michael Suvino

5:30 PM † Edward Webb

† Joan L. Ferguson

7:00 PM All Mothers

Loving Family

Lena Lewis

Susan Sikora

Pamela N. Clark

Thursday, May 25

8:00 AM † Richard Neale

Special Intention: Rev. Joe Goode (50th Jubilee)

Margie & Joe Wargo

Friday, May 26

8:00 AM † David C. Marks

† Ronald Cattelona

Wife & Family

Sister & Family

Sunday, May 21

7:00 AM † Harry B. Tokanos

† Eddie Holden

8:30 AM † Michael Wrubel

10:00 AM † Mary Lou Buono

† Judith E. Pizzuto

12:00 PM † Kenneth Kunzman

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Tommy George

† Jay Filippo

7:00 PM † Rev. Michael Brizio, IMC

Mary Takonas

Thayer Family

Wife Maria & Family

Joanne & Frank Buono

Carol & Rick Ferrante

Fr. John Butler

Filippo Family

Filippo Family

Saturday, May 27

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Ronny Traversa

† Kathryn Kellam Ross
(Birthday Remembrance)

5:30 PM † Robert Howie

† Nicole Margiloff

7:00 PM † John F. Kennedy

Debra Bisciotti

Mom & Dad

Charlie & Chris McClelland

Dennis & Eileen Pepitone

Louis & Tricia Vincelli

Sunday, May 28

7:00 AM † Kathryn Kellam Ross
(Birthday Remembrance)

† Kenneth Andersen

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM † Josephine D'Apolito

† Paul Sinkiewicz

12:00 PM † Louis Gallirio Jr.

† Andre Malave

4:00 PM † Richard Neale

† John Peter Kunzweiler

7:00 PM † Anthony Filippo

Mom & Dad

Nancy D'Amelio

Joanne & Frank Buono

Estelle Delpizzo

Brother Anthony & Family

The Clementi Family

Sue Moleon

Filippo Family

Monday, May 22

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

† Robert Clinton

7:00 PM † Jack DuBois

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Mary Richards

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 AM † Jim Delehanty

† Bob Clinton

Delehanty Family

Hospitality Ministry

Wednesday, May 24

8:00 AM † Lillian Teti

† Stan Smith

Jo Ann Dorgan

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





At this Mass at the cemetery we will pray for, remember, honor, and mourn the women and men who have died while in the military service of the United States; pray for all of our current military servicewomen and servicemen; and pray for all those who are buried or entombed at Woodbine Cemetery. Please join us.

**St. Michael's Invites All to:
Memorial Day Mass
Monday, May 29, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

**Woodbine Cemetery Mausoleum
Oceanport, New Jersey**



***National Police Week (May 14-21, 2023); Mass for All the First Responders
of the City of Long Branch on
Sunday, June 4 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 included in our Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses throughout the weekend of May 13-14 petitions for the blessing, safety, and health of our Long Branch Police Officers. In addition, on Sunday, June 4 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/EMTs, 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 4 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.***



First Responders Mass - June 5, 2022.



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



THE PRO-LIFE PRESENTATION YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS



Professor Robert George

McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence
and
Director of the James Madison Program
in American Ideals and Institutions
Princeton University

"The Dobbs Decision and The Past, Present and Future of The Pro-Life Cause:
A Conversation Between **Harold Cassidy, J.D.** and
Robert George, J.D., D. Phil., D.C.L., D. Litt."

Sunday, May 21 at 1:30PM
St. Agnes Church

103 Center Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

Co-sponsored by Catholic Vote & Our Lady of Perpetual Help - St. Agnes Parish

Reception to Follow Presentation

Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick



Please keep in mind that the parish priests and our lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available and eager to bring Communion to parishioners who are in the hospital (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and hospices, too) and to parishioners who are at home but unable to get to church. Please contact Mary Valan at the parish office or Dotty O'Hara at (908) 310-6497 to make arrangements. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities **generally do not notify the parish office** regarding their Catholic patients who desire to receive Sacraments. And so it falls to the patient herself/himself or to a family member or friend to contact the parish office to make the request. The parish priests will also very gladly make a hospital visit or home visit to hear a Confession and/or administer the Sacrament of the Sick ("Anointing of the Sick") in addition to bringing Holy Communion. Please remember to contact the parish office or Dotty to make these arrangements. Thank you.

St. Michael's Children's by the Sea Day

Come and join us for an adventure of fun,
sun, shade, and the world
that God has made!

(Date To Be Determined.)



*Nature Fun
at the Beach*

Even with our beautiful church looking out upon the sea, sometimes we forget the wonder of nature around us, especially here at the Jersey Shore. By popular demand we're returning to Sandy Hook to seine in the bay and discover what lies under the water. We'll picnic, see the lighthouse, play games, and show due worship to the Creator of all things.

When? Late June: A weekday date to be announced.
Where? Begin and end at St. Michael's, with a visit to the beach at Sandy Hook via chartered bus transportation.

Who? The first 40 to respond.

Time? 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Price? TBA

Why? To glorify and praise God; to revel and delight in His Creation; to learn more about Mother Nature and the animals and plants of the beach environment; and to enjoy each other's company, meet new friends, and



have fun and a snack for a few hours at the Jersey Shore on a Summer's day. More information to be provided in next Sunday's bulletin. Or call our D.R.E. Kevin Connelly at 732-483-0360 (ext. 2).



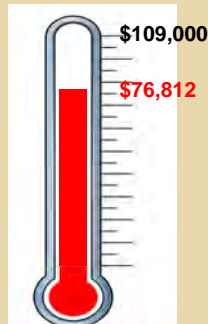
Each of us has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up **our** Church. **You** make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your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



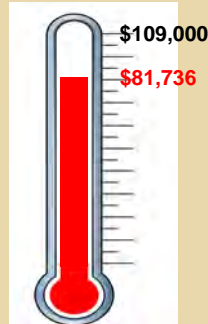
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

Parish Goal = \$109,000

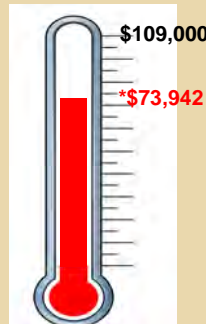
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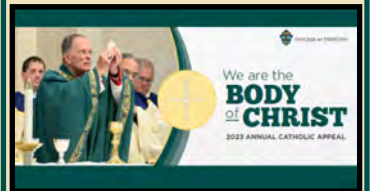


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The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2021 vs. 2022 vs. 2023 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year’s total after twelve weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twelve weekends of last year and the year before that. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. ***Together we can do great things!***

*This \$73,942 figure is approximately 67.8% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twelfth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of May 15) from 227 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 10.1% of the 2,127 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.



PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT:

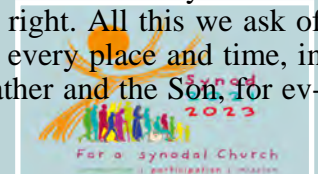
The Diocese of Trenton and St. Michael's Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations

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.

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.



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, May 13, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,665.00	154 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$913.00	92 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$540.00	67 people

Sunday, May 14, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,501.00	88 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,715.00	123 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,693.00	139 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,512.00	144 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$549.00	96 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,268.00	131 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the May 14 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2,055.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,411.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,969.00

Second Collection This Weekend

May 20 and 21

Catholic Communication Campaign

This weekend May 20 and 21 there will be a Second Collection to support the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Trenton to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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



Service & Social

TENTATIVE DATE!
**SATURDAY
JUNE 10
2023**

LOCATION TBA

MEET OTHER YOUNG ADULTS
COMMUNITY SERVICE
CELEBRATE MASS
HANG OUT AND HAVE DINNER

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/serviceandsocial

Questions: Contact Dan Waddington at
609-403-7140
or dotyouth@dioceseoftrenton.org

LIFE-GIVING

Wounds RETREAT

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation, or Family Brokenness



The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and are knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders.



Saturday, June 3
9:00AM - 5:00PM



The Shrine of
Saint Joseph
Stirling, NJ



\$75 - Adult
\$25 - Student

Register Now At: diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce
Questions: cdaverso@diometuchen.org

Re: Next Sunday's 12:00 Noon Mass

Please note that our 12:00 Noon Mass next Sunday, May 28 while be approximately ten minutes longer in length than usual. This is because four members of the parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during that Mass. Please plan accordingly. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a holy, special, and important event for these four individuals as well as for all of us at St. Michael's and it will be a significant day in the life of the parish. All are invited and welcome at this Mass. Please remember our Confimandi in your prayers.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Saturday, May 20, 2023 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, May 21, 2023
Pentecost Sunday (Confirmations during 12:00 Noon Mass)	Sunday, May 28, 2023
Memorial Day Mass at Woodbine Cemetery Mausoleum	Monday, May 29, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Long Branch First Responders Mass	Sunday, June 4, 2023 12:00 p.m.
"Auf Wiedersehen" Send-Off Reception for Fr. Cyril	June 2023 (date to be announced)
Children's Summer Nature Day by the Sea	June 2023 (date to be announced; see Page 4 for current information; more details next week)



Half-Day Fridays at the Parish Office are back for the summer. From Friday, May 26 until Labor Day Weekend's Friday (September 1), 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

Memorial Day: Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 30 at 8:30 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated at the usual 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. times on Memorial Day, May 29 and Confessions will be heard as usual after each of those Masses for thirty minutes.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2023

†Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

FEBRUARY 2024

†Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

April 2024

†Rita N. Cittadino r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children



Bishop O'Connell's Wedding Anniversary Mass and Blessings 2023; Sunday, October 8, 2023 for Monmouth and Ocean Counties

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or call Mary Valan at the Parish Office 732-222-8080. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.