St. Michael's Church

May 22, 2022 | Sixth 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

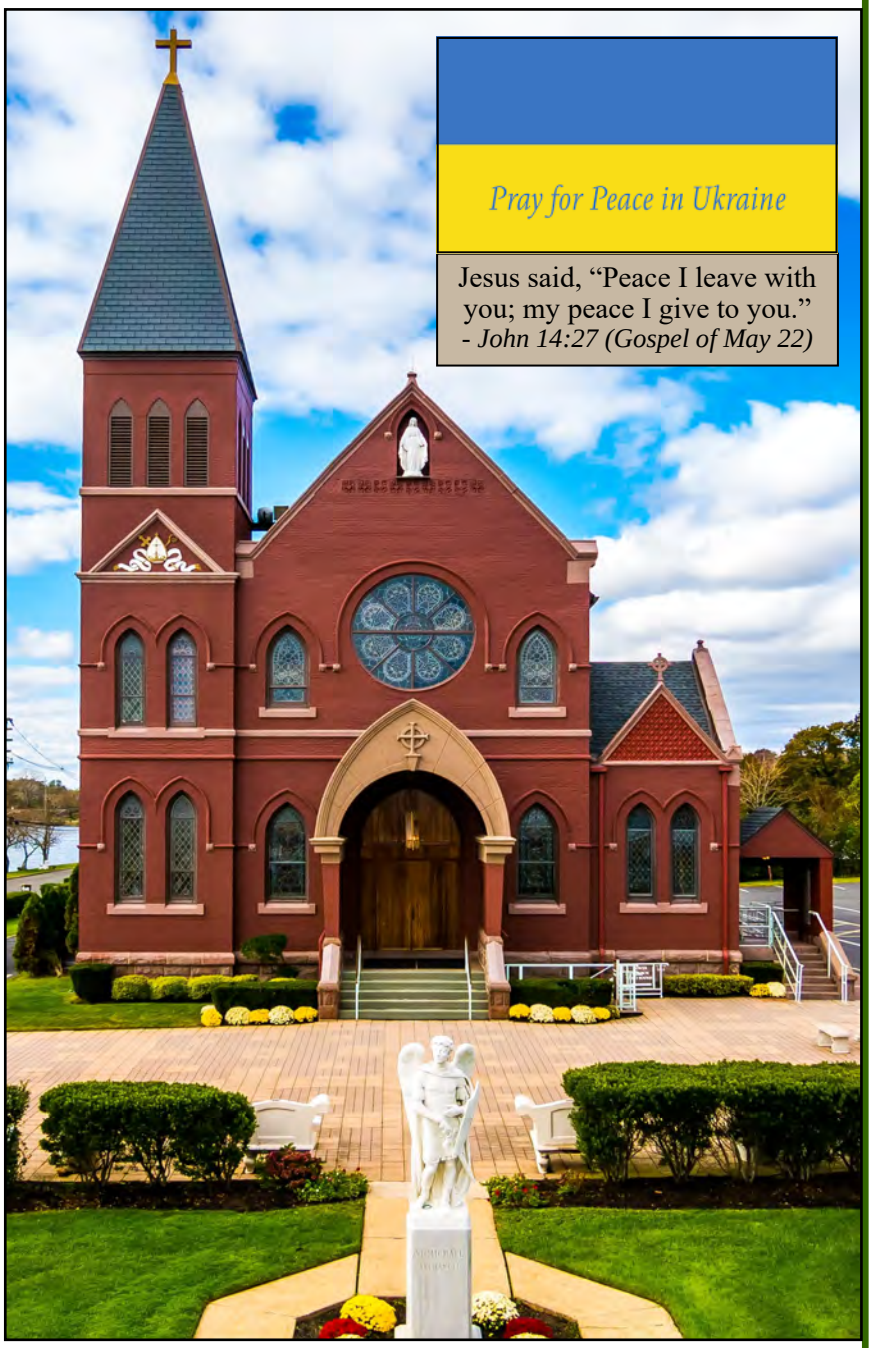
Reconciliation
Monday through Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
Monday Night: after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
First Fridays: after the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m. After 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.



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

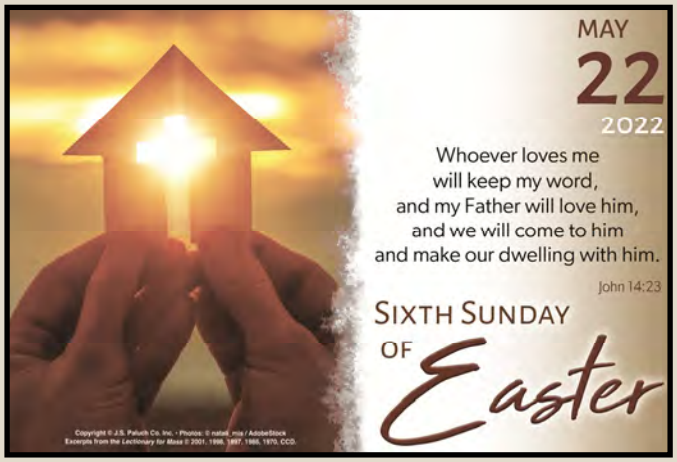
Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. *(closed 12:00 Noon -1:00 p.m. for lunch)*

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

Parish Staff
Rev. John Butler, Pastor
Rev. 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 21

8:00 AM	† Harriet B. Weber	
4:00 PM	† Harry Tokanos	Mary
	† Jim & Pat Delehanty	Delehanty Family
	† Etta Chiafullo	Loving Family
5:30 PM	People of the Parish	
7:00 PM	†Kathry 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 Nesbihal	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	

Monday, May 23

8:00 AM	† Richard & Florence Wallace	Ed & Laura Mogila
	Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM	† Pedro Manuel Bencosme	Patricia Bencosme
	† Jay Filippo	Filippo Family

Tuesday, May 24

8:00 AM	† Elizabeth Zarraga	Angie Almalel & Family
	† Angelo Gonzalez	

Wednesday, May 25

8:00 AM	† Elizabeth Zarraga	Angie Almalel & Family
	† Anna Neylon	

Thursday, May 26

8:00 AM	† Elizabeth Zarraga	Angie Almalel & Family
	† Peter & Catherine Farmer	Pat & Jane Farmer

Friday, May 27

8:00 AM	† Elizabeth Zarraga	Angie Almalel & Family
	† George James Cattelona	Jimmy & Donna Chichelo

Saturday, May 28

8:00 AM	† Patricia Bonforte	
	† Elizabeth Zarraga	Angie Almalel & Family
4:00 PM	† Kathryn Kellam Ross (Birthday Remembrance)	Mom & Dad
	† Nicholas Cattelona, Sr.	Family
5:30 PM	† Jack Levy	Anne & Bill
	† Mark Cacciatore	Cacciatore Family
7:00 PM	† Domenic Salvatore	Susan & Children
	Special Intention: Tommy George	Filippo Family

Sunday, May 29

7:00 AM	† Danielle Russo (2nd Anniversary)	Grandma & Family
8:30 AM	† John Bambrick	
	† Jay Filippo	Filippo Family
10:00 AM	† Josephine D'Apolito	Joanne & Frank Buono
	† Ann & Andrew Obssuth	Mary Farrar
12:00 PM	† Elizabeth Zarraga	Angie Almalel & Family
4:00 PM	† Patrice Davidson	Lorraine P. Sachs
	† Marie Sirianni	
7:00 PM	† James Dillon, III	Friends
	People of the Parish	

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.

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

Woodbine Cemetery Mausoleum
Oceanport, New Jersey

National Police Week (May 15-22, 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 weekends of May 14-15 and May 21-22 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.

Second Collection Next Weekend
May 28 and 29
For Catholic Communication Campaign

Catholic Communication Campaign
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Next weekend May 28 and 29 we will take up a Second Collection for the Catholic Communication 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, please visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

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

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*

May Crowning of the Blessed Mother

May is a month of special devotion to our Blessed Mother ("Marian devotion"). The Catholic tradition of the "May Crowning" celebrates and honors our Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven. The May Crowning of Mary took place here at St. Michael's during our 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 8 (please see the accompanying photo). Several of the children who had received their First Holy Communion here on the previous day participated in the Crowning along with members of the Rosary Altar Society, Fr. Mark, and Fr. John. Thank you to all who participated and who helped. Our Lady – Mother of God and Mother of the Church, pray for us!

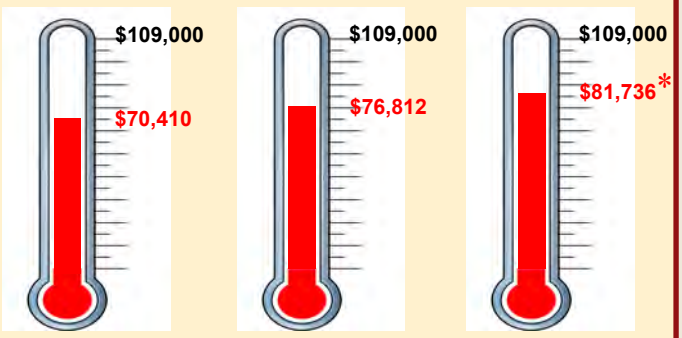
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: "Ascension Sunday"

The Roman Catholic Diocesan Bishops of New Jersey met recently and ***decided to permanently transfer the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, effective this current year***. This change results in several consequences – likely to be pleasing to some and not pleasing to others (in this time of transition on relatively short notice) – and also results perhaps in some inconveniences that are part-and-parcel of this decision and sudden change. These consequences include (at the liturgical level and at the temporal/business level): • The Solemnity of the ***Ascension of the Lord Jesus will be celebrated*** ***Sunday, May 29, 2022*** at St. Michael's and in all the Latin-rite dioceses of New Jersey ***on*** ***not on Thursday, May 26,*** (replacing the liturgical celebration and Scripture readings of the Seventh Sunday of Easter) ***2022*** as had appeared on calendars, memos, and the like prior to this change. • Thursday, May 26, 2022 will be a "normal weekday" and liturgically it will be the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter (as well as the memorial of St. Philip Neri) and ***not*** a holy day of obligation; Mass attendance on that day is welcome and encouraged as usual. • Our parish business office will follow the same procedures that the Diocese of Trenton's Chancery office will be following in this regard: Thursday, May 26 will be a regular work day with the parish office open for business (as is the Chancery that day) during our usual business hours and Friday, May 27 will be a parish holiday with the business office closed (as is the Chancery that day) for the entire day. • The Mass schedule and Confession schedule for Sunday, May 29 will be our usual Sunday schedule and for Thursday, May 26 will be our usual Thursday schedule.

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 2022

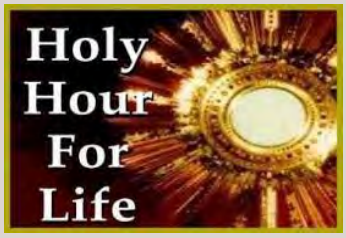
Parish Goal = $109,000



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 twelve weekends is substantially ahead of our parish's total after twelve weekends in 2021 and 2020. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. ***Together we can do great things!***

*This $81,736 figure is approximately 75% of our parish goal. It has been received as of the twelfth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of May 17) from 222 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 8.9% 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.

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



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.

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

Mass in the Irish Language

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

Prayer for Followers of Saint Vincent De Paul

Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Vincent de Paul with the strength of the Apostles, to work for the salvation of the poor and the instruction of the clergy.

May we who follow the example of His holy life, be driven by unceasing charity, to continue the mission of Your Son in the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen

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.

Synod 2021 2023
For a synodal Church
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PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to six sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns, and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest for additional information and referral. The fee is $90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

Diocese of Trenton

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Monmouth University's Baccalaureate Mass 2022: Prayers, Blessings, and Congratulations for the Graduates

The 2022 Baccalaureate Mass for this year's graduates of Monmouth University was celebrated here at St. Michael's on Wednesday, May 11 during the University's Commencement Week (please see the accompanying photos). Fr. Nillo (Catholic Chaplain at Monmouth University and Parochial Vicar at St. Michael's) presided and preached. Fr. Butler concelebrated. The Mass was attended by many members of the Catholic Campus Ministry at Monmouth and family members and friends as well as Cristina D'Averso-Collins (Director of Catholic Campus Ministry) and Mary Anne Nagy, Monmouth Vice President for Student Life and Leadership Management. Please remember the Monmouth University graduates and all of this year's graduates in your prayers. St. Thomas Aquinas (patron saint of students), pray for us!

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 op-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

(continued from page 8)

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 you 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:

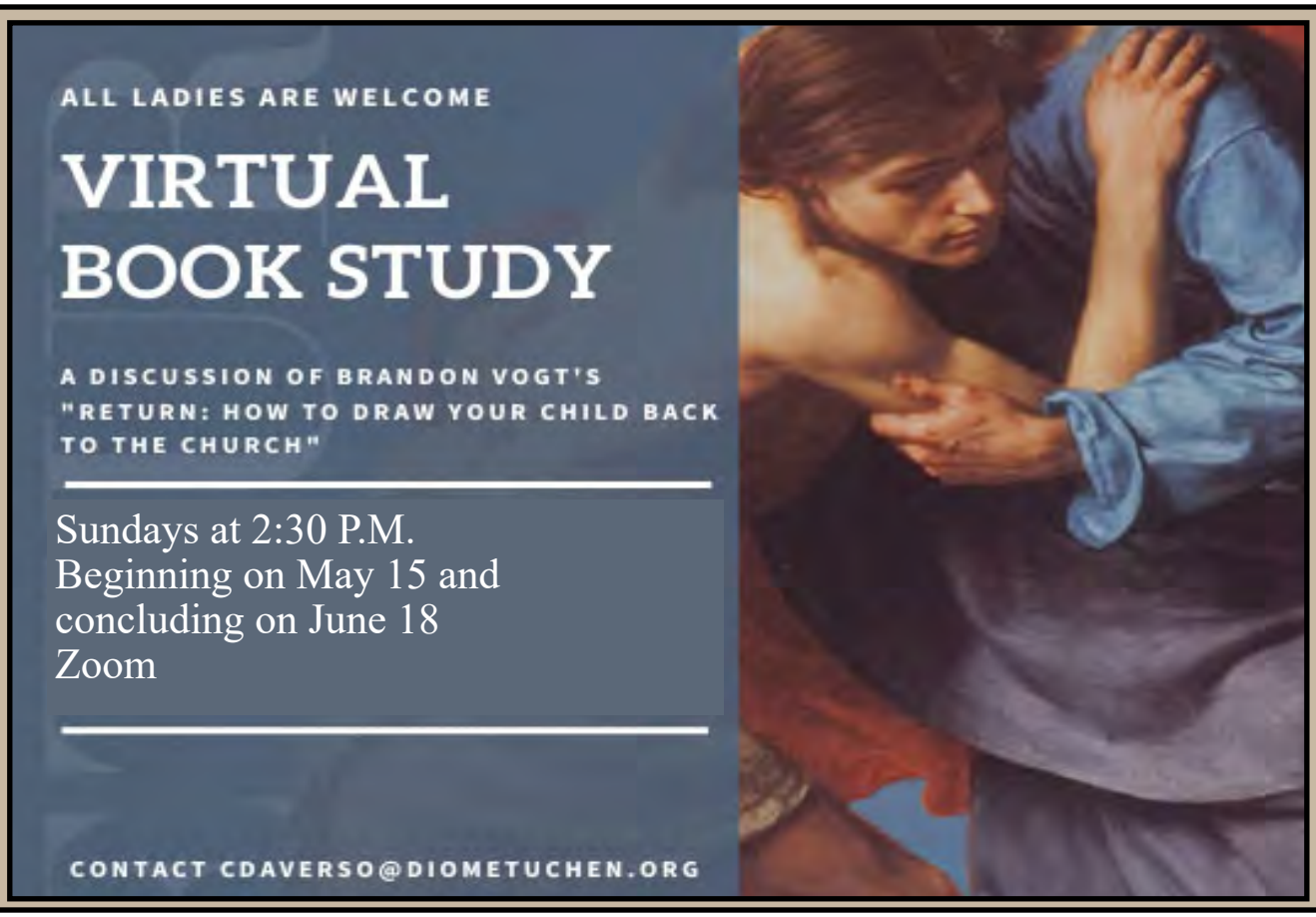
Dr. George Corwell
Director, Office of Education
New Jersey Catholic Conference
149 N. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
gcorwell@njcathconf.com
609 - 989 - 1120 ext. 16

Priestly vocation discernment is the focus of this 'Come and See' event.

Young men who want to learn more about discerning a vocation to the priesthood are invited to this special event with Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., June 16 located at St. John the Baptist Church, Allentown.

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.



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

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, May 14, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	$1,647.00	159 people
5:30 PM Mass	$671.00	64 people
7:00 PM Mass	$686.00	72 people

Sunday, May 15, 2022

7:00 AM Mass	$2,691.00	87 people
8:30 AM Mass	$2,000.00	116 people
10:00 AM Mass	$2,107.00	114 people
12:00 PM Mass	$853.00	103 people
4:00 PM Mass	$1,501.00	121 people
7:00 PM Mass	$583.00	107 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the May 8 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **$1,230.00**

This Week's Total: $13,969.00
Same Week's Total Last Year: $10,782.00
Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): $1,006.00

The Red Bank Catholic High School Class of 1972 is holding our 50th reunion on the weekend September 23, 24 and 25 with various events including a Mass at Saint James and a luncheon with class photo in the high school. We are looking for approximately 80 lost classmates. If any parishioner is, or knows members of the Classmates of 1972, please have them reach out to the following reunion members:

Barbara Lastella Chachko barbstar54@gmail.com
(732-978-0913)
Kathy McHugh Lacko Kathy.lacko@gmail.com
(732-245-4254)
Kathy Ruhl Kathy.Ruhl@comcast.net

SALE!
Oceanfest '22
Reserved Parking

The Holy Name Society of Christ the King Parish will be taking reservations for parking spaces in the lot in front of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. These spaces will have unlimited in/out privileges **from 10am-10pm on the day of Oceanfest '22, Monday, July 4, 2022.**

Special pricing: May 26th – June 22nd
$35 donation
Checks payable to: Holy Name Society
CTK Parish Business Office
380 Division Street
Long Branch, NJ 07740

On the Calendar at St. Michael's Church

Annual Catholic Appeal 2022	*Commenced February 26-27; Ongoing*
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	*Saturday, May 21, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*
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. Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.*
Parish Office Closed (See Page 4 for details re Ascension)	*Friday, May 27, 2022*
Ascension of the Lord	*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.*
Supplies for Ukraine (Prioritizing Medical and First Aid)	*TBD June 2022*
Covid Booster #2 and Covid Vaccinations #1, #2, #3	*TBD June 2022*
World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly	*Sunday, July 24, 2022*

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