

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

May 28, 2023 | Pentecost Sunday

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.



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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

- John 20:21-23

Wednesday, May 31

8:00 AM † Anna & George Cattelona Family

Thursday, June 1

8:00 AM † Catherine O'Donohue Daughter Doris

Friday, June 2

8:00 AM Special Intention: Linda

Fathers & Grandfathers

† Mark Russo Family

12:15 PM People of the Parish

5:30 PM † Louis Nitti Anthony Lucarelli

Saturday, June 3

8:00 AM † James Dillon, III Friends

† Conrad Russo Family

4:00 PM † Yvonne Guire Jack & Rene Brignola

† Carol Cero Husband, Richard Cero

† Karen Gomes Parents & Siblings

5:30 PM † Linda DiAlfonso Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, June 4

7:00 AM † Tommy George Thayer Family

† John Connelly Thayer Family

† Rosa Alba Stranieri

8:30 AM † Theresa, Louis Sr. & Barbara Celmer & Family

Billy Celmer

† Patricia Schwally Susan Bennett & Family

10:00 AM † Katharine Heimbold J.E. Boehles

† Vincent F. Maione Jr. Mogila Family

12:00 PM † Daniel J. DiBenedetto Joe Marinaccio

† Andre Malave Coniglione Family

First Responders of Long Branch & Their Families

4:00 PM † Joseph Conte Wife & Children

7:00 PM People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

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

† Mark, Matt & Mom

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

Clementi Family

Family

Sue Moleon

Filippo Family

Monday, May 29

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

† Danielle Russo
(3rd Anniversary)

10:00 AM Deceased Members of U.S.
Military; Health & Blessings of
U.S. Military Personnel

7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Mother & Sons

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 AM † Robert Clinton

Jack & Rene Brignola

The Blessed Mother Candle will be lit this week for all of our Nation's military personnel who have died in the course of performing their duties.





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
This Monday, May 29, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

**Woodbine Cemetery Mausoleum
Oceanport, New Jersey**



***Mass for All the First Responders
of the City of Long Branch;
Next 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 those 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.





Pastor's Note. The initial and local, parish-level steps in the “process” for the “Synod on Synodality (The Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops)” (see <https://www.usccb.org/synod>) were very visible here in our parish and most parishes and in our Diocese and most Dioceses during 2021 and 2022. That process – per its plan from its inception at the Solemn Opening in Rome in October 2021 – has been progressing (<https://www.usccb.org/synod>) according to plan through the national level and the “continental level” around the world. And now the date for the convening of the Synod itself (in Rome in October of this year) is approaching (first session October 4-29, 2023 and second session in October, 2024 on dates to be set; see <https://www.synod.va/en/news/new-dates-for-the-synod-on-synodality.html#:~:text=This%20morning%2C%20at%20the%20end,the%20second%20in%20October%202024>) as the prep work continues. Pope Francis and the Cardinals leading the Synod preparations (see <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-01/letter-from-synod-leaders-highlights-crucial-role-of-bishops.html>) and our Bishop of Trenton, His Excellency David M. O’Connell, are asking for our prayers for this Synod – and for “synodality” – on this coming Wednesday, May 31, which has been designated as **“World Day of Prayer for the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops 2021-2024”** as further explained by Bishop O’Connell in his message that follows below. These prayers will be prayed at our Morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. on the 31st. All are invited and welcome to attend and participate that morning and are encouraged to support the Synod as its work continues.

Message from Bishop O’Connell. Through the General Secretariat for the Synod, our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked all Dioceses throughout the world to observe a “World Day of Prayer for the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops 2021-2024,” on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, entrusting the “Synod on Synodality” to loving protection, care and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Trenton in all the parishes of the Diocese, especially those named in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary under any of her titles, are asked to pray for this special intention on May 31, 2023. Catholic schools, and other Catholic organizations and institutions are also encouraged to join in this prayer intention.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I especially recommend prayers (suggestions may be found below) to Our Blessed Virgin Mary through her most holy Rosary.

Joining you in prayer, through the Blessed Virgin Mary’s intercession, I remain

Faithfully yours in the Risen Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton

Prayers Towards the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops

PRAYERS TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH (Pope Francis)

Mother, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God’s word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise. Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at

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Prayers Towards the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops

times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One. Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day, which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord! Amen.

Mary, the mother of God, is always with us on the synodal path, for she is also 'Mother of the Church' (Mater Ecclesiae); mother of all those who are companions and disciples of her son. Whenever we are feeling lost, confused, or hesitant about the way, we only have to look to her to point out the way. Mary does not speak. She does not need to. She only needs to direct our gaze to her son. In her wordless gesture, she sums up the whole mission of the Church. Even when the People of God are 'in via'—on the journey—they are always in mission. The two cannot be separated, for there is but one way and one object of our desire, one source of our life and our hope: Jesus Christ. (General Secretariat for the Synod, Towards a spirituality for synodality, p.45)

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. O Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, pray for us. O Mary, Queen of the Assumption, pray for us!

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY SYNOD OF BISHOPS

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, forever and ever. Amen.



Prayer For Followers of Saint Vincent De Paul



O God, You are a God of Justice, mercy and compassion. Support us, Your servants of the poor. As we endeavor to bring Your love and compassion to people who are homeless

and in need of Your love. We pray that we will see You, our all-loving God, in each homeless person we encounter, and in our service to those in need. Amen



Old Guard of Long Branch is Sponsoring a Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Cost: \$40.00 (Receive \$20.00 back at Casino and free refreshments on the bus).

Bus leaves St. Michael's Church at 10:15 a.m.



For more information and to make a reservation call Peter at 732-801-6886

From the Desk of Our
Director of Religious
Education

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Justice is the moral virtue of giving proper respect and due. It shows that we have a correct understanding and appreciation for something. We worship God, and only God, because it is right and just for the Creator of all things to be worshiped by us His creatures, His created. We protect, promote, and cherish the dignity of all human life as a matter of justice for beings created in the image of God. We look with wonder at the magnificence of the natural world God has given to us and with just gratitude, and we sensibly care for it. In St. John Paul II's words, *...man has specific responsibility towards the environment in which he lives, towards the creation which God has put at the service of his personal dignity, of his life, not only for the present but also for future generations.*

While it is an injustice to worship anyone or anything other than God, or to place undue and impossible expectations on anyone or anything to be what it is not, we are called with a true sense of justice to recognize God's hand in all that is good. The land we stand on, the air we breathe, the seas around us, the vast array of plants and creatures who share our planet, all the blessing and grandeur of this material world, tell us of God's generous love and abundance. Far too often we overlook how good God has been to all of us. Far too often we allow injustice to deprive others of the goodness we are called to share and hand on. Far too often we don't take notice of the beauty at our own doorstep.



Getting away to spend some fun time in the great outdoors is one way to spur on our spirit of wonder, awe, and gratitude. To that end, St. Michael's is hosting a *By the Sea Day* in which a bus-load of us (especially children!) will have a hands-on experience with our natural environment at the Sandy Hook beach. (See the adjoining advertisement below.) In doing so, we will discover God through His handiwork and better understand our role as stewards of this planet of ours. As such, it will be a surprising (and rewarding!) opportunity to grow in holiness through the virtue of justice.

Looking at everything He has made, we will find it very good.

Kevin Connelly
Director of Religious Education

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!

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, and show due worship to the Creator of all things.

When? Friday, June 23, 2023.

Where? Begin and end at St. Michael's, with a visit to the beach at Sandy Hook via chartered school bus transportation.

Who? The first 40 to respond. Primarily for children (accompanied by a parent); **all ages are most welcome** including parents, grandparents, and older siblings.

Time? 8:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mass at 8:00 a.m. before our bus departs for the beach.

Cost? \$15.00 (Sandwich lunch and bottled water provided.)

To Register: or for follow up information email our D.R.E Kevin Connelly at kconnelly@stmichaelnj.com or call 732-483-0360 (ext. 2).

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.

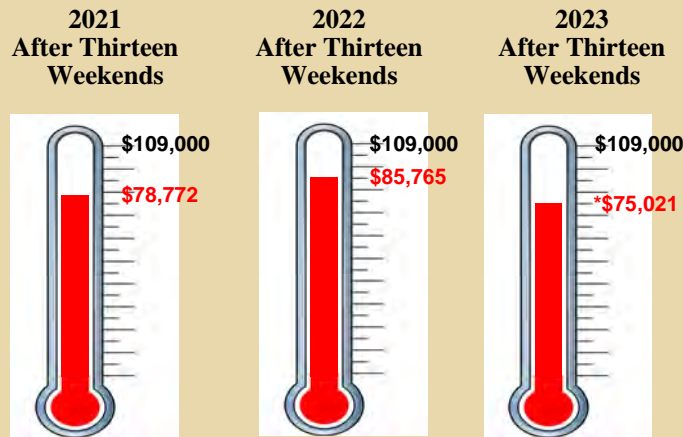
Deadline: June 20 or until trip is sold out whichever is earlier. Payment is due at the D.R.E.'s CCD office or at the parish business office on or before Tuesday, June 20. Checks may be made payable to St. Michael's Church with a notation on the memo line "By the Sea Day."



We are falling a concerning distance behind the pace of recent years in the Diocesan Annual Appeal (12.5% behind 2022). In order to “close the gap” and share/spread the fiscal responsibility among all parishioners and all Mass-goers (taking note of the incongruity that 10.9% of our registered parish households have contributed 68.8% of the parish goal per this week’s accompanying statistics), we are returning to taking up a second collection at all weekend Masses, the proceeds of which will be earmarked exclusively for the Diocesan Annual Appeal, until we (hopefully! Please God!) reach our parish goal of \$109,000. Please contribute what you can within your means. And thank you.

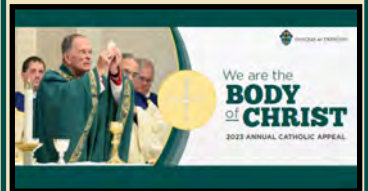


Parish Goal = \$109,000



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 thirteen weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first thirteen 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 \$75,021 figure is approximately 68.8% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the thirteenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of May 22) from 232 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 10.9% 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.



A Day-Trip to Philadelphia’s Miraculous Medal Shrine!

A group of St. Michael’s parishioners and friends of the parish (please see the accompanying photos) spent a very enjoyable day on May 17th traveling “pilgrimage-style” to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in the East Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia. We learned a great deal about the apparition of the Blessed Mother to St. Catherine Laboure and had a good time, too. Thank you to Dotty O’Hara and Shirley Jacobs for organizing the pilgrimage and to all who participated.



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,677.00	143 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$804.00	82 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$565.00	64 people

Sunday, May 21, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,780.00	115 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,729.00	117 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,669.00	101 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,351.00	108 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$777.00	104 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$621.00	139 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the May 21 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$845.00**

This Week's Total: \$11,818.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,981.00

Second Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign: \$2,520.00



There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on June 1.*

The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!

First Friday Mass *In Latin* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on June 2

First Friday Mass *in Latin* will be celebrated on June 2 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated (in English) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, June 2 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Latin Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.



Who: All Young Adults are welcome (18 – 39)

What: A casual day for Young Adults to build community and put their faith into action by serving those in need.

When: June 10, 2023

Where: TBA

Why: To connect with other young adults from our Diocese and use our gifts and talents to serve God and make a difference in the community!

What do I need?

A bagged lunch, water bottle, work boots or sneakers (required), and a way to pay for dinner. Be prepared for the weather, dress for the possibility of getting dirty, and be open to doing whatever task needs to be done!

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

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Service & Social

TENTATIVE DATE!
**SATURDAY
JUNE 10
2023**

LOCATION TBA

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/serviceandsocial

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

*Married at St. Michael's on
May 20, 2023
Tara Puleio & William Strobel*



ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
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. (See Page 3 for details)
Long Branch First Responders Mass	Sunday, June 4, 2023 12:00 p.m. (See Page 3 for details)
Solemnity of Corpus Christi; Eucharistic Procession at 10:00 a.m.	Sunday, June 11, 2023
Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, June TBA, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Father's Day	Sunday, June 18, 2023
"Auf Wiedersehen" Send-Off Reception for Fr. Cyril	Sunday, June 25, 2023 (In Lower Church immediately following 12:00 Noon Mass)
Children's Summer Nature Day by the Sea	Friday, June 23, 2023 (See Page 4 for details)
Summer Missionary Appeal	August 19 and 20, 2023

2023 DIOCESE OF TRENTON

BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50+ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2023 calendar year

Ocean & Monmouth Counties
Oct. 8, 2023
3pm Mass

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine
Freehold, NJ

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE

or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2023

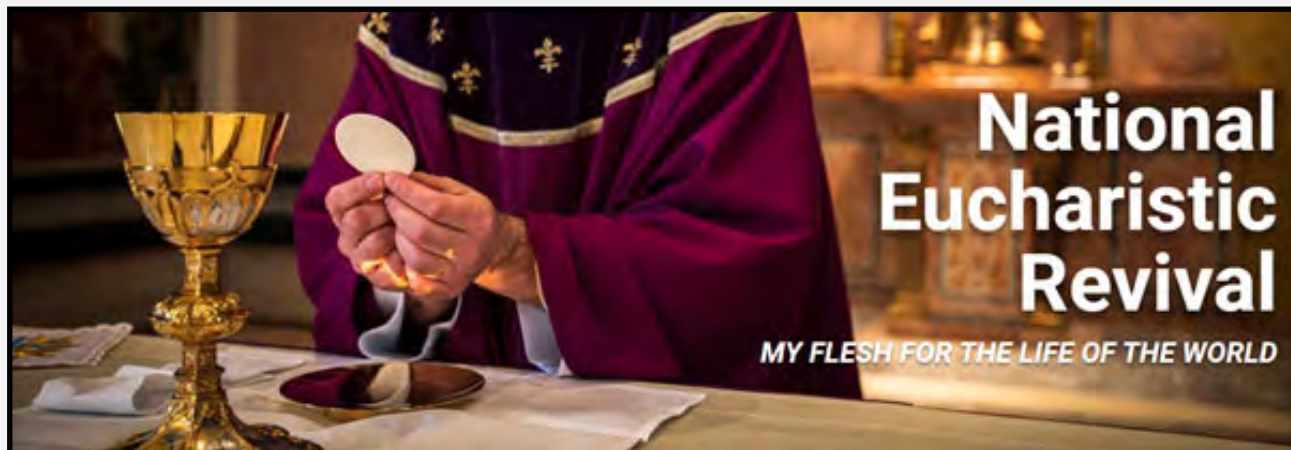
Bishop O'Connell's Wedding Anniversary Mass and Blessings 2023; Sunday, October 8, 2023 for Monmouth and Ocean Counties

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.



We are honored to remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives throughout the history of our great nation – those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect us from harm. We salute all those now serving and we raise these prayers for their safety and blessing. May the Lord bless and keep them!

A Memorial Day Prayer – Heavenly Father, as our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country. If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold of, and treasure your saving grace. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Your beloved Son, who alone gives this peace and hope for eternity, we pray.
Amen.



WHAT IS IT ?

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC 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.

Re: This Sunday's 12:00 Noon Mass

Please note that our 12:00 Noon Mass this Sunday, May 28 will be approximately ten minutes longer in length than usual as announced in last week's bulletin. 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 Confirmandi in your prayers.

Healing Mass

Friday June 2, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
St. Benedict Catholic Church
 165 Bethany Road Holmdel, NJ 07733

What makes the healing Mass unique?

The celebrant invokes God's healing power over those gathered at the Mass. It is God who is doing the healing. The celebrant is the instrument that the Lord uses. The healing may relate to the following aspects of our lives:

Physical-healing pain, disease, suffering.

Spiritual-breaking with sins, addictions, deliverance from temptations, possessions.

Emotional-healing a relationships, memories, unforgiveness, fear, anxiety, depression.

We are Blessed to have Father Bash with us

American Friends of the Father Bash Foundation, Inc. has once again invited him to share his ministry with us here in the United States.

With permission from his Archbishop, he travels all over the world preaching "The Good News" and shares his deep love for The Lord with others.

The gift that The Lord has bestowed on Father Bashobora comes with great sacrifices. In the early 80's he started the Father Bash Foundation. It's purpose is to care for orphaned, abandoned and poor children in Uganda. It started with 1 child. Today the foundation currently cares for over 20,000 children. He received NO government or diocesan help.

Our mission's goal is asking for financial support for the children while allowing Father to focus preaching "The Good News."

For more information please visit: www.aftbf.org
 American Friends of the Father Bash Foundation, Inc. - Spring Hill, FL



Father John Baptist Bashobora

Affectionately known as Father Bash, he is a Catholic priest from the Diocese of Mbarara Uganda, East Africa. Hew as ordained as a priest in 1972. In 1988 he earned his Doctorate of Theology in Spirituality from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, with a thesis on Discernment of Spirits.



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.

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

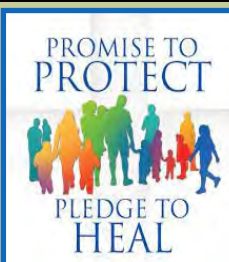
†Susan Whitman

r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

April 2024

†Rita N. Cittadino

r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children



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.

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.



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