

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

June 4, 2023 | *The Most Holy Trinity*

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

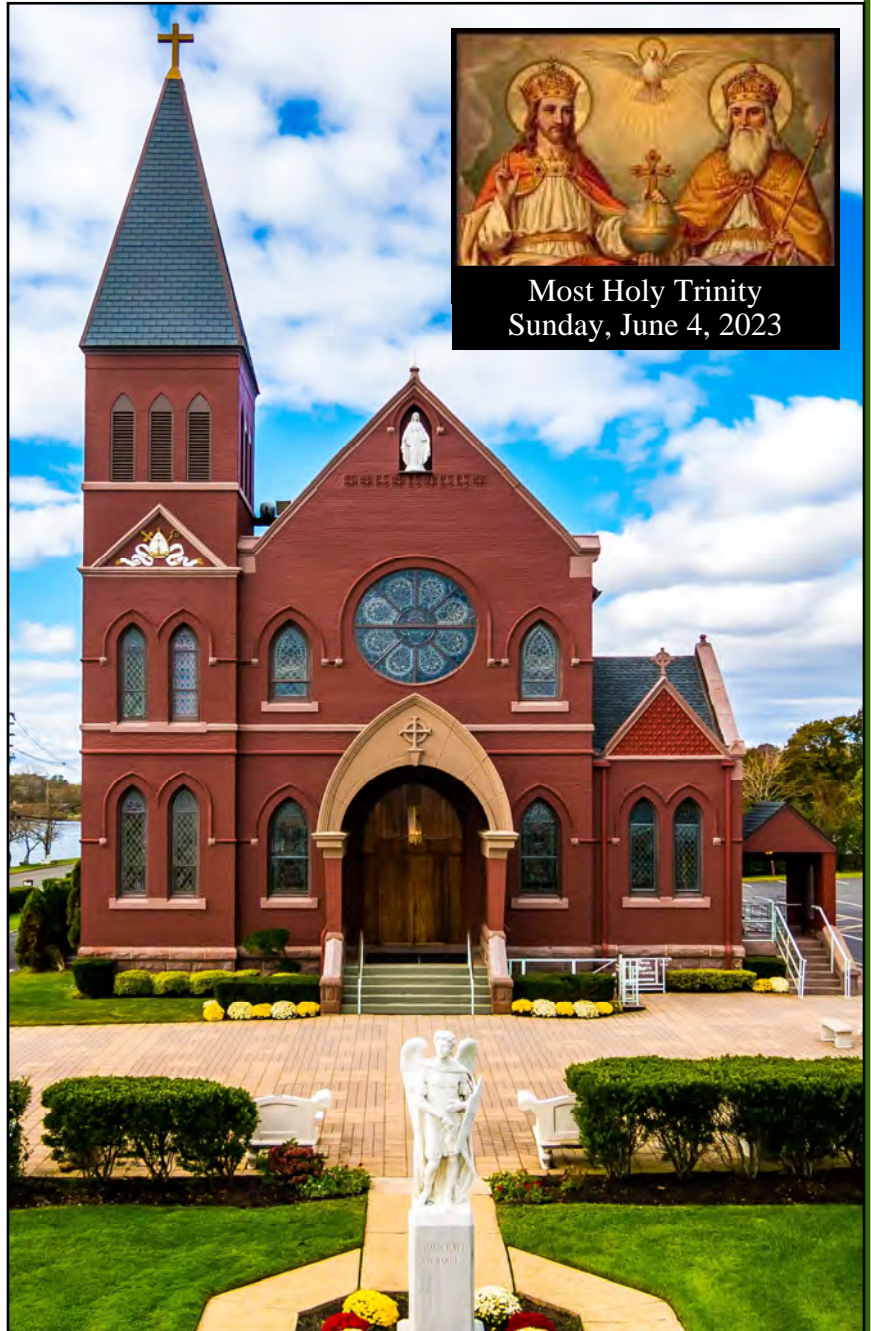
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

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



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 4, 2023

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

MASS INTENTIONS

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. & Billy Celmer	Barbara Celmer & Family
† 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	

Monday, June 5

8:00 AM † Natalie Easu	Kathleen West
† Clarice Viggiano	Viggiano Family
Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family
† Judge Lisa P. Thornton	

Tuesday, June 6

8:00 AM † Tommy George	Russo Family
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Wednesday, June 7

8:00 AM † William A. Schmidt (4th Anniversary)	Wife Doris
† Lucille Bellavia	Lucille Longo

Thursday, June 8

8:00 AM † Bob Clinton	Jane Farmer
† Kathryn Ippolito	Russell Murphy

Friday, June 9

8:00 AM † James Cade Ducharme	Lew & Renee Mazza
† Esther Hughes	De Bonis Family

Saturday, June 10

8:00 AM † Robert Piccolo	
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson	Husband Dennis
† Antoinette Galletti	Rita & Pete Farrell
5:30 PM † Deceased Members of the Vecchia Family	Family
† John Ardizzone	Maria & Walter
7:00 PM † Larry Jones	Wife Eileen

Sunday, June 11

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
† William Fromer	Bruce Fromer
8:30 AM † Sr. Francis Scanlon	Joe & Joan Richter
† Nicole Margiloff	Maria
10:00 AM † Corrine Sosnowski	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Alexander Scopac	Mary & Catherine Farrar
12:00 PM † Mary & Arthur Caltabilota	Mazza, Maslo & McGuire Families
† Joseph Coan	Cindy Hurley
4:00 PM † Helen Doherty Brown	Sons
† Dianne Letson	Rosanne Letson
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Pentecost AND Confirmations, Too!

The joy and prayerfulness of Pentecost (the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the “birthday of the Church”!) were increased and enhanced at our 12:00 Noon Mass last Sunday, May 28 as four of our parishioners and friends (Tessa, Edward, Samantha, and Brian in the photo at center with Fr. John, Fr. Cyril, and our altar servers Matthew and Michael) received the Sacrament and applause of affirmation from in attendance at that Mass. Bishop so that this Sacrament could be adence and His Excellency sent his Confirmandi.



Gratitude is expressed to (Director of Religious Education), Cristina olic Campus Ministry at Monmouth (Chaplain of Catholic Campus Min-Parochial Vicar here at St. Michael's) for all of their efforts in assisting the Confimandi with their religious instruction and preparations for Sunday's Confirmation. Edward, Samantha, and Brian had received their religious instruction and preparation for Confirmation through the parish's and the on-campus R.C.I.A. program (“Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults”). Please feel free to contact Mr. Connelly for information about R.C.I.A. and how to go about receiving the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist/Communion, and/or Confirmation “later in life.” And please remember our Confirmandi in your prayers.

Kevin Connelly (the parish's Direc-D'Averso-Collins (Director of Cath-University), and Fr. Cyril Johnson istry at Monmouth University and

Mass for All the First Responders of the City of Long Branch; This 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.



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. Parishioners ***and non-parishioners*** are welcome.

Time? 8:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mass at 8:00 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."

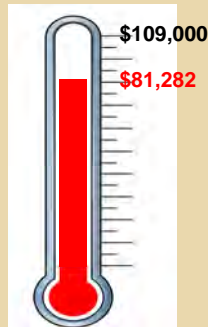


We have fallen a concerning distance behind the pace of recent years in the Diocesan Annual Appeal as noted in last week's bulletin (10.7% behind 2022 as of our most recent tallies). In order to "close the gap" and share/spread the fiscal responsibility among all parishioners and all Mass-goers (taking note of the incongruity that 11.2% of our registered parish households have contributed 71.6% of the parish goal per this week's accompanying statistics), we have returned for the time being 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!

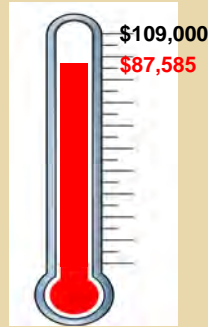
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

Parish Goal = \$109,000

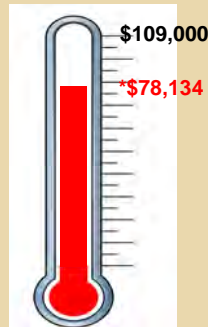
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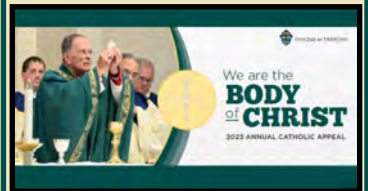


**2023
After Fourteen
Weekends**



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 fourteen weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first fourteen 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 \$78,134 figure is approximately 71.6% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the fourteenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of May 30) from 240 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 11.2% 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.



Why Not You? Why Not Now?

Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations

Come & See BBQ

Thursday, June 29th, 2023

5:30 PM Mass w/ Bishop David O'Connell, C.M.,

Followed By Discussion, Games & BBQ

@ Saint John the Baptist Parish, Allentown, NJ

For men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or who may be interested in learning more about the possibility of becoming a priest.

Register Today!

Diocese of Trenton
Office of
Vocations

www.GodIsCallingYou.org

Office: 609-406-7448

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, May 27, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,363.00	157 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,337.00	96 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$769.00	68 people

Sunday, May 28, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,456.00	104 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,805.00	147 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,371.00	129 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,521.00	142 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$689.00	71 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$527.00	93 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the May 28 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$895.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,733.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,786.00

Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,263.00. Thank You!

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

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infants who were baptized in May 2023: Lucas William LaMorte and Luke Bryce Czerwinski. May God bless them and their families.



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the parish's Catholic Center at 16 Beechwood Avenue, West Long Branch. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

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: Vincent's Legacy, Wall, NJ

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**

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

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/serviceandsocial



Save the Date

Fr. Alphonse's
Summer Concert
at St. Michael's Church

Sunday, July 23, 2023
5:00 p.m. on the church's front lawn



The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton
Invites You to a

Mass for Life

On the 1st Anniversary of the Overturn of Roe v Wade



Saturday June 24, 2023 at 9:30am

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ

Mass will conclude in time to walk to the 11 am Rally for Life at the
Statehouse Annex, 145 West State Street.

The Rally for Life is sponsored by



Please direct all questions regarding the Mass to the Cathedral Rectory Office, 609-396-8447
Please direct all questions regarding the Rally for Life to NJRTL 782-562-0562

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
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. Mass	Sunday, June 11, 2023
Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, June 17, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Father's Day	Sunday, June 18, 2023
Juneteenth (Parish Office closed)	Monday, June 19, 2023
Children's Summer Nature Day by the Sea	Friday, June 23, 2023 (See Page 4 for details)
NJ Mass and Rally for Life (1st Anniversary of Dobbs vs. Jackson)	Saturday, June 24, 2023 (Cathedral & Statehouse in Trenton)
"Auf Wiedersehen" Send-Off Reception for Fr. Cyril	Sunday, June 25, 2023 (In Lower Church immediately following 12:00 Noon Mass)
4th of July Reading of Declaration of Independence	Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9:00 a.m.
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday, July 23, 2023
Fr. Alphonse and His 1940s Big Band Outdoor Summer Concert (on the church's front lawn)	Sunday, July 23, 2023 5:00 p.m. (following the 4:00 Sunday Mass)
Summer Missionary Appeal	August 19 and 20, 2023



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