

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

June 18, 2023 | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.

## EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS)

Monday evenings (June 19 to July 17) at 6:30 PM preceding the Monday evening 7:00 PM Mass and the 7:30 to 8:00 PM Confessions.

## MARRIAGES

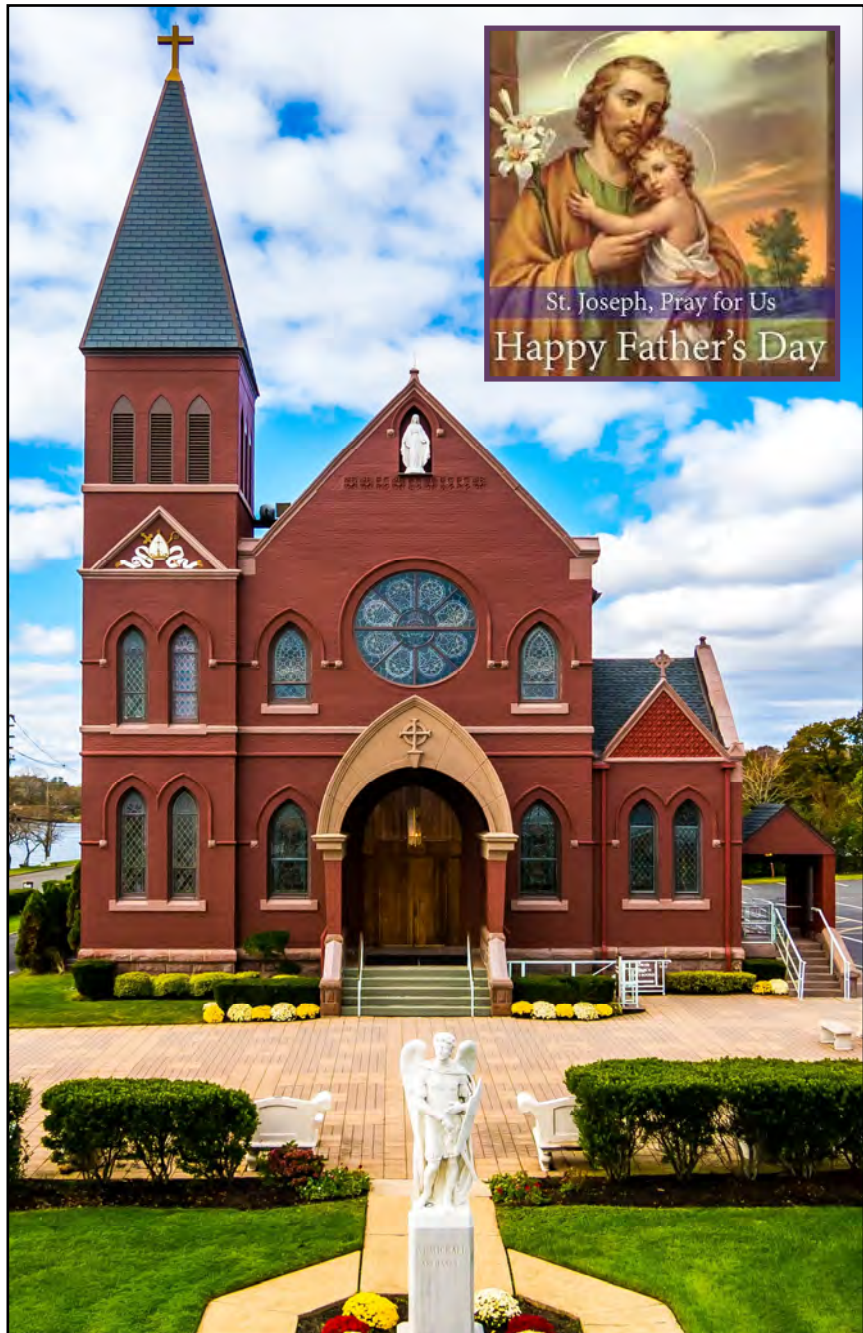
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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, (732)483-0360, 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](http://www.stmichaelnj.com)

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

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

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

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“Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”

*Matthew 10:6-8*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 17

8:00 AM † Ryan Mogila	Ed & Laura Mogila
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Robert Clinton	Rosary Altar Society
† Yvonne Guire	Henry & Lena Lewis
5:30 PM † Harold John Bowman	Loving Children Michael, Joe, & AnneMarie
† Teresa Mauro	Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
7:00 PM † Kathryn Ippolito	Claire Cohan

### Sunday, June 18

7:00 AM † Conrad Russo	Family
Health & Blessings: All Fathers	
8:30 AM † Ralph A. Zambrano	Pingitore Family
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
† Norman E. Lloyd	Robin & Rosemary
10:00 AM † Frederick Lazzati	Lisa Family
† Maria Mignone	Canale Family
12:00 PM † James Dillon, III	Friends
† Richard Neale	Marlon Thomason
† Elyse Falato Starapoli	Family
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family

### Monday, June 19

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Victor Costello	Family
7:00 PM Vocations	

### Tuesday, June 20

8:00 AM † James Montemurro	Vinnie
† Frank & Mickey DeLisa	Mary Takonas

### Wednesday, June 21

8:00 AM † Darnell Collins	Vinnie
† Harry B. Tokanos	Mary Takonas

### Thursday, June 22

8:00 AM Special Intention: Msgr. Ray Kupke (50th Jubilee)	Margie & Joe Wargo
† Conrad Russo	Wife & Family

### Friday, June 23

8:00 AM † Robert Clinton	Friend from Primrose Place
† Nicoletta Ciampa	Grandmother

### Saturday, June 24

8:00 AM † Anibal Tedesco	Friend
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Mary Mody	Nina & Frank Stukey
† Isabel Stukey	Nina & Frank Stukey
5:30 PM † Frank P. Pingitore	Pingitore Family
7:00 PM † Margaret Hoagland	Vicki & Tom Hoagland
† Maria Lourdes Muniz	Juana & Mark Monteleone

### Sunday, June 25

7:00 AM † Judge Lisa P. Thornton	
8:30 AM † Kathryn Ippolito	Claire Murphy
† Lisa Durkin Dolan	John & Joanne Durkin
10:00 AM † Scott I. Opatosky	Mom & Dad
† Richard Neale	Rebecca Thomason
12:00 PM † Dorothy Misak	Sheree & Dominick Carnevale
† Dr. Anthony Villane	Wife Sarah
4:00 PM † Irene F. & Edward W. Moskal, Sr.	Barbara & Edward Moskal
† Blaise & Stephanie Mitkowski	Barbara & Edward Moskal
7:00 PM People of the Parish	



## *A Reception and A Thank You And A Send-Off for Fr. Cyril*

Our parish will be saying “auf wiedersehen” and “thank you!” (and not “goodbye”) to Fr. Cyril Johnson, our parochial vicar, on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at our 12:00 Noon Mass in the Upper Church and at a reception in the Lower Church immediately following the conclusion of the 12:00 Mass. All are invited and most welcome to attend the Mass and/or the reception.



Fr. Cyril will be greatly missed here at St. Michael's. Bishop O'Connell has asked him to take a new parish assignment at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Hamilton Square. Please join us on the 25th and keep Fr. Cyril and his new parish in your prayers and please pray for vocations, vocations, vocations.

**GOD OUR FATHER,**  
In Your wisdom and love You  
have created us and called  
us Your own.  
Bless our fathers, that they  
may be strengthened as  
Christian fathers.

In moments of joy, rejoice  
with them. In times of  
struggle, give them Your  
courage and perseverance.  
Grant that we, their sons and  
daughters, may honor and  
appreciate them always with  
a spirit of profound respect.  
May the example and prayer  
of St. Joseph inspire them to  
live their vocation with  
courage. Grant this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Happy Father's Day!



*Corpus Christi  
Mass  
and  
Eucharistic  
Procession*

*June 11, 2023  
10:00 a.m.*



*Pastor's Note. This week we welcome Mr. Nicholas Alescio to St. Michael's. Nick is a seminarian studying for the priesthood for our Diocese of Trenton. With the help of God and after four more years of study and formation and preparation, he will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders in 2027. Nick has written a brief version of "the Nick story" and we will be publishing it in three parts in three consecutive Sunday bulletins beginning with today's "Part 1: Life **Before** Seminary." Nick will be with us as part of the Diocese's seven-week summer internship program and he will be observing and assisting with various aspects of parish life including altar serving, lectoring, cantoring, Eucharistic Ministry, driving baby diaper donations to our neighboring parish, hospital and homebound Communion visits, incense-bearing at Mass, cooking hard-boiled brown eggs for breakfast, leading Monday night Evening Prayer, helping with the counting of the Sunday collection, accompanying the parish children on the Summer Camp Nature Day at the Sandy Hook Beach, participating in the New Jersey Mass for Life and Rally for Life in Trenton on June 24, etc., etc., etc. Please welcome Nick to the parish and pray for him and for all of our Diocese of Trenton seminarians as they continue their discernment and studies.*

### Nicholas Alescio (Our "Summer Seminarian") – Part 1: Life Before Seminary

I was raised in a family of three children in Fair Haven, New Jersey. During my high school years at Rumson-Fair Haven, I took an interest in computer programming and pursued a bachelor's degree in computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, MA. While studying at WPI, religion had very little presence in my life. However, this all changed when a very devout Catholic became my roommate and inspired me to take my faith more seriously. During my sophomore year, I received an invitation from the Diocese of Worcester to their annual priestly discernment retreat. During the retreat, we discussed what it meant to live a good and fulfilling life. I learned that a man's true fulfillment comes in giving himself completely to God. Fascinated by the prospect of serving God as a priest, I decided at that moment to begin discernment. I struggled for a while to discern whether God wanted me to apply to the Diocese of Worcester or my home Diocese of Trenton, but eventually I applied to Trenton and was officially accepted into priestly formation to be ordained, God willing, in 2027! (Next Sunday: Part 2: Life At the Seminary).

## St. Michael's Children's By the Sea Day

**Deadline to Sign-Up: This Tuesday, June 20**

**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 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](mailto: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.** 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."





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

# Mass for Life

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Overturn of Roe v Wade*



## Saturday June 24, 2023 at 9:30am

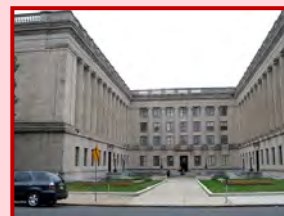
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ

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

New Jersey  Right to Life

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 732-562-0562



Chartered Bus  
Transportation (at no charge)  
to the

# Mass for Life and Rally for Life

## Saturday, June 24, 2023

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton (photo above) has announced that there will be a 9:30 a.m. **Mass for Life** on Saturday, June 24, 2023 just prior to NJ Right to Life's 11:00 a.m. Rally for Life. This day will mark the first anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dobbs vs Jackson* decision that overruled the *Roe vs Wade* decision. The **Mass for Life** will conclude in plenty of time **for Mass-goers to walk** to the **Rally for Life** at the NJ Statehouse Annex (photo above), which is about four tenths of a mile from the Cathedral and about a 10-minute walk.

St. Michael's Church (800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740) is sponsoring a chartered school bus to take up to 53 individuals to the Mass for Life and the Rally for Life. **ALL (parishioners and non-parishioners alike) are welcome** to travel with us on this bus to these important events. Registration for a seat on the bus will be on a first come, first served basis. There will be **no charge for the passengers** who ride on this bus, however, we will gladly and gratefully accept a free will donation to help the parish cover the expenses of the bus and the bus driver's gratuity. The itinerary for the day is:

- 8:00 a.m. .... Bus departs promptly from St. Michael's Church.
- 9:30 a.m. .... Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption.
- 10:30 a.m. (approx.) .... Walk from the Cathedral to the Statehouse Annex.
- 11:00 a.m. to (approx.) 1:00 p.m. .... Rally for Life at the Statehouse Annex.
- 1:00 p.m. .... Walk from the Statehouse Annex back to the Cathedral.
- 1:30 p.m. (approx.) .... Bus departs from the Cathedral to return to St. Michael's.
- 2:30/3:00 (approx.) .... Bus arrives at St. Michael's Church.



Rest rooms will be available at the Cathedral in the church hall in the basement. There will be no rest room on our chartered school bus. Please feel free to bring your own "brown bag lunch" and snacks and bottled water etc. Do not bring signs and banners; they will be provided at the Rally. For further information and to sign-up for this bus, please contact any of the following St. Michael's parishioners and members of the parish's Respect Life Ministry:

- Mary Richards ..... phone: (908) 433-3779 ..... or email: [mrichards0302@gmail.com](mailto:mrichards0302@gmail.com).
- Rene Brignola ..... phone: (732) 222-3164 ..... or email: [rmbrignola@verizon.net](mailto:rmbrignola@verizon.net).
- Jack Brignola ..... phone: (908) 433-4447 ..... or email: [jfbrignola@verizon.net](mailto:jfbrignola@verizon.net)

## Independence Day Prayer Service at St. Michael's

On Tuesday, July 4, we will celebrate our Nation's birth and remember God's presence in our daily lives and in the Declaration of Independence itself. All are invited to an Independence Day Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4 at the courtyard in front of St. Michael's Church. Light refreshments will follow. Daily Mass will be celebrated that day at the usual 8:00 a.m. time in the church. The Prayer Service will include a reading of the Declaration of Independence by a Revolutionary War re-enactor, a prayer for our Country and for the colonists who died during the Revolution for the cause of freedom, and the singing of *The National Anthem* and *God Bless America*. Please take a few minutes early on a Tuesday morning (and bring family and friends!) to remember God and Country and celebrate our independence as we enjoy our 4th of July holiday.



## Diaper Drive; Baby Diapers Urgently Requested for Food Pantry at St. Anthony's Church (Red Bank)



The Food Pantry at St. Anthony's Church in Red Bank is urgently requesting donations of baby diapers which will be distributed to needy families in the community. We began this "diaper drive" here at St. Michael's on a spur-of-the-moment basis last Saturday evening and through the day last Sunday and the response has been outstanding. Thank you to all who have participated! A total of 37 boxes of diapers were brought from St. Michael's to St. Anthony's last Sunday (see accompanying photos) and another 17 boxes were delivered on Tuesday. We will continue receiving and accepting donated diapers in our Upper Church vestibule through Tuesday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. After that date, diapers and other donations may be brought directly to St. Anthony's.



## Summer Mondays – Evening Prayer Monday evenings beginning June 19 through and including July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

We will pray Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass and the Monday evening 7:30 to 8:00 Confessions) on June 19 through July 17 in the Upper Church. All are invited and welcome.

Evening Prayer (also known as "Vespers") will be led by our "summer seminarian" Nicholas Alescio (please see Page 4 of today's bulletin for more information about Nick and his summer parish assignment here at St. Michael's). Further information about the Liturgy of the Hours and Evening Prayer may be found below.

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (*Opus Dei*), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. "The Hours" are a meditative, prayerful dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using Scripture and prayer. Each of the five canonical Hours includes selections from the Psalms that culminate in a Scriptural proclamation. The two most important or hinge Hours are Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. These each include a Gospel canticle: the Cantic of Zechariah from Luke 1:68-79 for Morning Prayer (known as the *Benedictus*), and the Cantic of Mary from Luke 1:46-55 for Evening Prayer (known as the *Magnificat*). Morning and Evening Prayer also include intercessions that flow from the Scriptural proclamation.

Evening Prayer (or Vespers). "When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that 'we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.'" (see Ps 141:2) In order to fix our hope on the light that knows no setting, "we pray and make petition for the light to come down on us anew; we implore the coming of Christ who will bring the grace of eternal light." Finally, at this hour we join with the Churches of the East in calling upon the "joy-giving light of that holy glory, born of the immortal, heavenly Father, the holy and blessed Jesus Christ; now that we have come to the setting of the sun and have seen the evening star, we sing in praise of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (GILH, no. 39). Available at <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours>



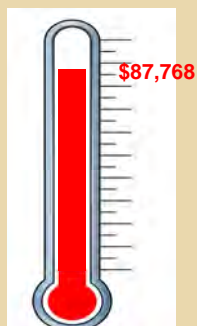
*Each of us* has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up *our* Church. *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your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



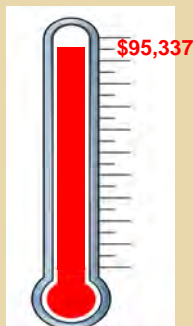
## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

**Parish Goal = \$109,000**

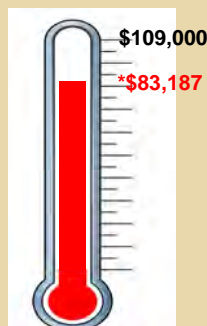
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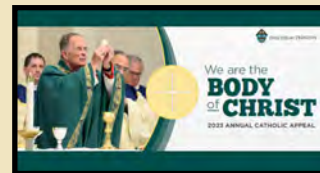
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The three "thermometers" above compare our parish's 2021 vs. 2022 vs. 2023 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year's total after sixteen weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first sixteen 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!***

**N.B:** Second Collections on June 17-18 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

\*This \$83,187 figure is approximately 76.3% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the sixteenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of June 13) from 251 pledgers or



check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 11.8% 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.



**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

The theme chosen by the Holy Father is **"His mercy is from age to age."** (Lk 1:50)



### ***"In Loving Memory of Alma DeMarinis" – Thank You***

Please remember in your prayers the eternal repose of the soul of Mrs. Alma DeMarinis, the mother of our St. Michael's parishioner Vikki Miragliotta. Alma passed away in March of this year at the age of 99 and her funeral Mass was celebrated here at St. Michael's. The DeMarinis and Miragliotta Families have made a **second** donation to St. Michael's Church in memory of Alma – a beautiful rose/pink-colored chasuble (please see the accompanying photo) which will be ideal for our celebrant-priests to wear during Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete" – "Rejoice") and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent ("Laetare" – "Rejoice") when rose (a bright, joyful color) is prescribed for the priests' Mass vestments. The chasuble is elegantly monogrammed with the words "In Loving Memory of Alma DeMarinis" (and imported from Italy). Thank you to the DeMarinis and Miragliotta Families.





## 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.





June 22-29, 2023

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Each year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) encourages the observance of Religious Freedom Week. Beginning with the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and including the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the week-long commemoration ends with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Religious Freedom Week will be observed this year from June 22 to June 29 and the theme chosen is *Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom*. "Solidarity (a key part of last year's 2022 theme) means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community" (*Fratelli tutti*, 116). Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.

The USCCB has prepared resources to "Pray – Reflect – Act" which may be found at: [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek). Each day focuses on different religious liberty topics of concern for the bishops. These materials were prepared to help people understand religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, pray about particular issues, and **act on what they learn by advocating for policies that promote religious freedom** (for example: attending the Mass for Life and Rally for Life on June 24 in Trenton; see Page 5 of this bulletin for details).

The USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty collaborated with the Office of International Justice and Peace to raise awareness and show solidarity with people throughout the world who suffer for their faith, from the persecution of Christians in Nicaragua to highlighting Pope Francis's trip to Iraq this year. Domestically, a major area of concern continues to be freedom for Catholic institutions, such as schools, hospitals, and child welfare service providers, to carry out their missions with integrity.

Through prayer, education, and public action during Religious Freedom Week, the USCCB hopes to promote the essential right of religious freedom for Catholics and for those of *all* faiths.

Connect with the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty. Text FREEDOM to 84576 and sign up for *First Freedom News*, the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty's monthly newsletter.

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.diocesoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.diocesoftrenton.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.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, June 19. The office will reopen on Tuesday, June 20 at 8:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at the usual 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. times on June 19 and Confessions will be heard as usual after each of those Masses for thirty minutes.



### 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



*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**

## Weekend Collection & Attendance

### Thank You!

#### Saturday, June 10, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,809.00	133 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$757.00	107 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$662.00	61 people

#### Sunday, June 11, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,924.00	122 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,283.00	114 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,286.00	118 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,850.00	126 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,064.00	102 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$744.00	109 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the June 11 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,795.00**

**This Week's Total: \$13,174.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,930.00**

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,196.00. Thank You!**



## 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





Monmouth County:  
August 3, 2023  
at St. Rose of Lima,  
Freehold, NJ

**MISSION: Jersey**

More information coming soon  
[www.dotyouth.org/missionjersey](http://www.dotyouth.org/missionjersey)

SAVE THE DATE

All teens in the 8th grade through those who just graduated high school (12th grade) are welcome

We will all meet at St. Rose of Lima for orientation, ice breakers and prayer before traveling to a worksite for the day. All participants will learn about the projects they will be a part of and how it serves the community. All projects will be arranged and supervised by adult leaders and representatives from the organizations we partner with. Please come ready to help in whatever way is needed!

**Please try to register at least one week prior to the date you are attending to help us best prepare for the event!**

#### Please Note:

**\*\*It is expected that participants will be present for the entirety of the day. THIS YEAR it will NOT be possible to drop off a teen late or pick up early.**

**\*\*Advance registration is REQUIRED!**

**Registration Forms coming soon!**

#### **Questions?**

Contact us at [dotyouth@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:dotyouth@dioceseoftrenton.org)  
609-403-7140



## ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
Baby Diapers Donation Drive	Saturday, June 10-Tuesday, June 20 (See Page 6 for details)
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 for Life and Rally for Life (1st Anniversary of <i>Dobbs vs. Jackson</i> overruling <i>Roe vs. Wade</i> )	Saturday, June 24, 2023 (Cathedral & Statehouse in Trenton) (See Page 5 for details)
"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 & Prayer Service	Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9:00 a.m. (See Page 6 for details)
Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, July 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday, July 23, 2023 (See Page 7 for details)
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



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

### 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

## The Church of the Nativity Summer Employment Opportunities for Teachers

The Church of the Nativity in Fair Haven is in search of a few more professional teachers, who are also practicing Catholics, to be **paid** Catechists for our Summer Religious Education Program.

The following positions are still open:

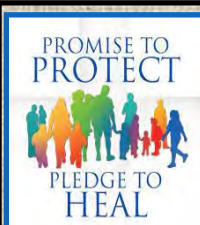
### GRADE DATES/TIMES

- 5th grade Two weeks: Monday-Friday, July 31-August 4 and August 7-11, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
6th grade Two weeks: Monday-Friday, July 31-August 4 and August 7-11, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
7th grade One week: Monday-Friday, July 31-August 4 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Contract salaries will be discussed during the interview process.

The Church of the Nativity is located at 180 Ridge Road, Fair Haven, NJ 07704.

If interested, please contact Angela in the Religious Education Office at 732-741-1714, ext. 227.



### 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](mailto: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.

## 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 (732-222-8080) 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.