

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

June 20, 2021 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday: 12:15 (in Latin) and 5:30 (in English)

WEEKEND MASSES

Our weekend Mass schedule is gradually evolving as our recovery from the pandemic continues. Please see the inner pages of this bulletin and our website for specific weekend Mass times.

RECONCILIATION

Our Confession schedule is also gradually evolving as our recovery from the pandemic continues. Please see the inner pages of this bulletin and our parish website for specific Confession times. All scheduled Confessions will be indoors near the St. Joseph Altar of the sanctuary until further notice. For a special need or to arrange for a by-appointment Confession at other times, please call the parish office.

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

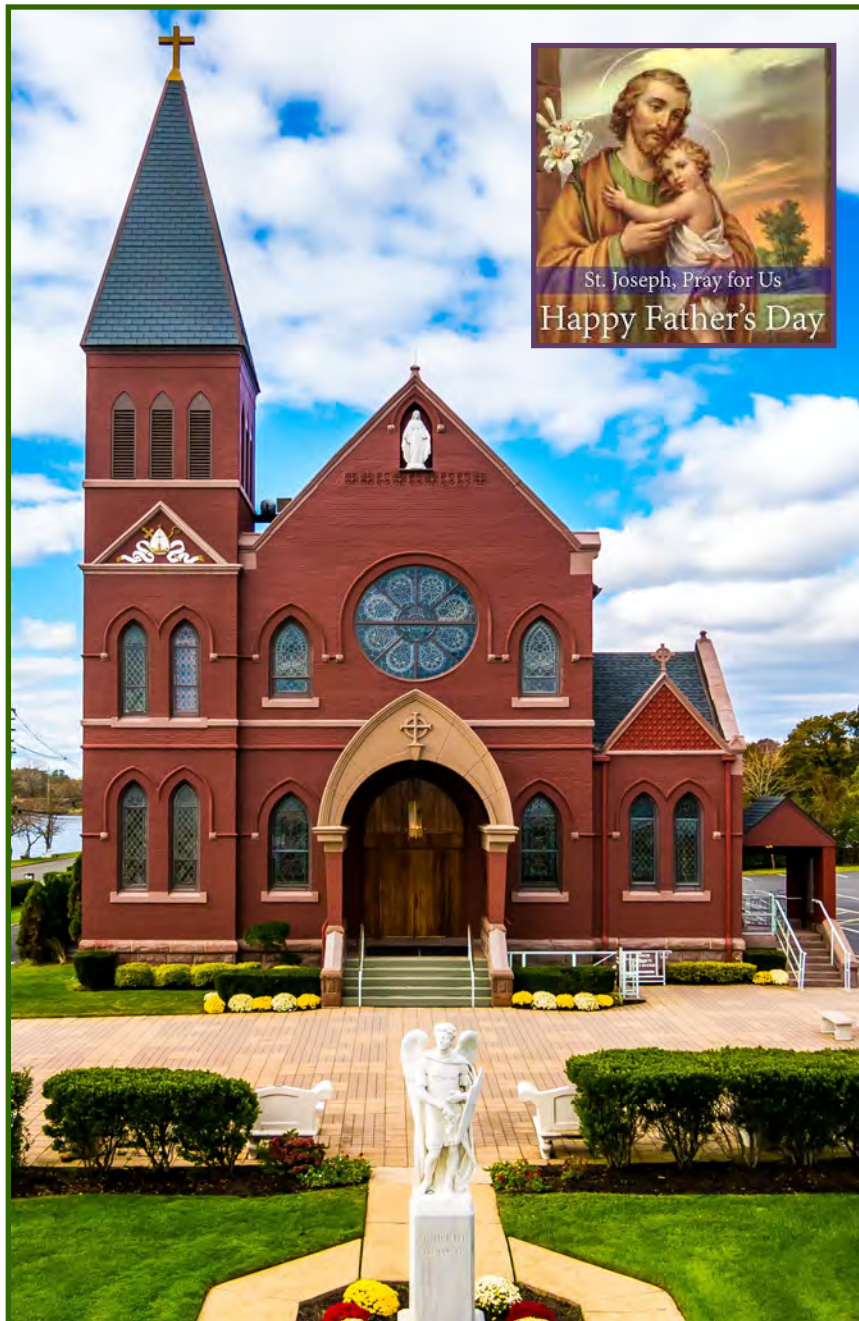
Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There is a Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations that includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. This Monthly Holy Hour is from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the Thursday immediately preceding the First Friday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center. All families must be registered with the parish.



PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174

www.stmichaelnj.com

Hours (pending return to full schedule):

Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

Tuesday and Thursday: Office closed and observing part-time Covid schedule until July 6.

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

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



*Jesus rebuked the wind, and
said to the sea, "Quiet! Be
still!" The wind ceased and
there was great calm.*

Mark 4:39

MASS INTENTIONS*

Saturday, June 19

8:00 AM Special Intention: Healing and Deliverance for Gaelle	Gaelle Annulysse
* 4:00 PM † Harry Tokanos	Mary
† Frank & Mickey DeLisa	Mary
† Marielle Larkin	Lorraine Larkin
5:30 PM † George Sperling	Rose & Tom Lang
† Tom Sperling	Rose & Tom Lang
† Gay Petri	Luci Perez
Graduates of 2021	(Parish Baccalaureate Mass)
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, June 20

7:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr.	Pat & Family
† Charlie & Helen Welter	Family
† Conrad Russo	Family
8:30 AM † Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
† Pasquale Simonetti	Simonetti Family
* 10:00 AM † Harold John Bowman	Loving Children Michael, Joe, & AnneMarie
12:00 PM † Frank Brown	Elizabeth & Fredrica Brown
† Elyse Falato Staropoli (2nd Anniv.)	
† Rev. Dennis Foley	
4:00 PM † People of the Parish	
7:00 PM Special Intention: Lisa Virga	
Special Intention: John Raymond O'Mealia	

Monday, June 21

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Sister Clare, MC	

Tuesday, June 22

8:00 AM † Conrad Russo (Anniversary)	Family
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Wednesday, June 23

8:00 AM † Joan O'Mara	Rich & Denise Cumiskey
† Joseph Paul Kiernan, III	

Thursday, June 24

8:00 AM † Frank P. Pingitore	Pingitore Family
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Friday, June 25

8:00 AM † Joan Schiavone	Renate Mesnikoff
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Saturday, June 26

8:00 AM † John Tho	Aida David
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People of the Parish

* 4:00 PM † Danielle M. Russo	Mom
5:30 PM † Renee Bazaz	Camille Doronin
† Don Plescho	Rose & Tom Lang
7:00 PM † Joseph Shevlin	Emilie Boman

Sunday, June 27

7:00 AM † Arthur O'Connell	
† Judy Calandriello	Joann Dorgan
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM Special Intention: Healing and Deliverance for Gaelle	Gaelle Annulysse
† Gloria Townsend	Audrey Boglioli
* 10:00 AM † Harold John Bowman	Joseph & AnneMarie Principe
† Gabriel Dillon	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Principe
12:00 PM † Arlene Sue Muller	Richard Cero
† Maria Ermila Zapata Vallejo	Marina Kerber
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Helen Schaefer	Terry & Jack Lee

* All Masses listed on this page will be celebrated indoors in the Upper Church with the exception of the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass which are celebrated (weather permitting) in the parish's North Parking Lot and live-streamed via the parish website www.stmichaelnj.com and the parish's YouTube channel.



Fr. RJoy Ballacillo – newly ordained by Bishop O’Connell on June 5 – celebrated one of his very first Masses (a “Mass of Thanksgiving”) here at St. Michael’s at last Saturday’s 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. The Mass was attended by many of Fr. RJoy’s friends and parishioners who also received a First Priestly Blessing from Fr. RJoy at the conclusion of the Mass. The Mass was concelebrated by Frs. Alphonse, Angelito, Alex, Mark, and John. Please see the accompanying photos. And please pray for Fr. RJoy and for more vocations, vocations, vocations.



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YOUNG MEN CONSIDERING – OR THINKING ABOUT – THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A PRIEST ARE INVITED TO A VOCATIONS MASS AND BARBECUE WITH BISHOP O’CONNELL



Bishop O’Connell with new priests ordained in 2013

An afternoon of discussion and camaraderie with the Diocese’s shepherd and priests will take place June 29 for those considering/discerning a call to the priesthood.

Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., will celebrate Mass at 4:30 p.m. in St. John Church, Allentown, followed by a barbecue under tents on the parish property. Men ages 15 to 40 are invited to attend. Further information may be found on Page 4 of this bulletin.

“The aim of this event is to connect with potential new discerners, as well as to foster community among our current discerners,” said Father Jason Parzynski, diocesan director of vocations. “It’s a great low-key event to invite someone who is hesitant or just beginning to think about the priesthood.”

Those seeking more information, men currently in formation, and ordained clergy of the vocations team will be present at the barbecue.

“This is for those who ... want to see what it’s all about – an opportunity to connect, ask questions,” Father Parzynski said. “The ultimate aim is to discern God’s will and to help them have the confidence to make the next choice – whether it’s to enter the seminary or to go another direction.”

Registration is required and can be made at www.GodIsCallingYou.org, or by emailing vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org. St. John Church is located at 1282 Yardville Allentown Rd., Allentown, NJ.

Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
May they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



Baccalaureate Mass 2021

Saturday, June 19 at 5:30 P.M.

The parish's annual Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Church to recognize, congratulate, and pray for the 2021 graduates of our parish community and our graduating student friends at Monmouth University. **All** levels of academic achievement will be recognized and welcome: elementary school, CCD, high school, vocational school, college, graduate, and any other appropriate level of scholastic completion. **All are invited and welcome.** Please keep the graduates and their families and teachers in your prayers.

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, July 25, 2021



Pope Francis has established a World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday, July 25, 2021. The "Day" is intended to foster a greater recognition of grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their Catholic faith to the next generations.

Plans are being developed for the celebration of World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly here at St. Michael's. Further information will be published in the bulletin and on the parish website in the coming weeks. St. Anne and St. Joachim (grandparents of Jesus), pray for us.



DIOCESE OF TRENTON

PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT BBQ

TUESDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2021

4:30 PM Mass w/ Bishop O'Connell, CM

- Outdoor Games & Activities -
- BBQ Dinner & Discussion -

Saint John's Church

1282 Yardville Allentown Rd

Allentown, NJ 08501

www.GodsCallingYou.org

Note from Fr. John and Fr. Mark. This barbecue event is an ideal opportunity – in a casual and comfortable setting – to learn more about priesthood and the process of discernment and to explore the possibility that you may have a calling – a vocation – to serve God and the People of God as a priest. The barbecue is geared for men between the ages of 15 and 40. If you've thought about priesthood for a long time or if you are just beginning to think about it, this priestly vocation discernment event would be a very informative and helpful investment of your time and we – Fr. John and Fr. Mark – strongly encourage your attendance and participation; and we're praying for you. Please call us at the St. Michael's parish office if you have any questions (732-222-8080). To sign-up for the barbecue, please contact Fr. Jason Parzynski (Vocation Director for the Diocese of Trenton) at jparzynski@dioceseoftrenton.org or 609-403-7133 or Ms. Carolyn Norbut (Associate Vocation Director for the Diocese of Trenton) at cnorbu@dioceseoftrenton.org or 609-406-7448. Further information may be found on Page 3 of this bulletin.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MASS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

Last Parking Lot Mass will be on July 4 at 10:00 a.m. Please see Page 9 for more details.

Weekend Outdoor Parking Lot In-Car Masses

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. **(through and including July 3)**
Sunday at 10:00 a.m. **(through and including July 4)**

- Communion distributed in cars at end of Mass.
- Tune your radio to 92.1 FM.
- Live-stream available at parish website and You Tube.
- If inclement weather occurs, the priest/celebrant and Eucharistic Ministers will re-locate to the Upper Church and the majority of in-car Mass-goers will remain in their cars. And in that case the church will be open in limited numbers to the public during these Parking Lot Masses on an inclement weather day.

Schedule of Confessions †

- 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. Latin Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 English-language Mass until 6:30 p.m.

† All of the Confession times listed above are currently conducted indoors in the sanctuary near the St. Joseph Altar. Weather permitting, the priest-celebrant of the Mass preceding or following Confessions may elect to move the Confession location outdoors to the north portico of the church; and if that is the case, the priest-celebrant (and confessor) will announce that change of location. Later in the Spring we will return Confessions to the out-of-doors on the North Porch of the church or Rose Garden as determined and as announced by that day's priest-confessor and ultimately to the indoor Confessionals.

Weekend Public In-Church Masses

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon,
4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Weekday Public In-Church Masses

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Public In-Church Masses

First Friday of the month at 12:15 p.m. in
Latin and at 5:30 p.m. in English

Church Building Hours For Private Prayer

- These hours are subject to change for funerals, weddings, and other special occasions.
- Monday through Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Monday: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (before and after Monday evening's 7:00 p.m. Mass)
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (before and after Saturday morning's 8:00 a.m. Mass) and 5:00 to 5:30 and 6:45 to 7:00 before the 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Vigil Masses, respectively.
- Sunday: 6:30 a.m. until conclusion at 8:00 a.m. of the Confessions following the 7:00 a.m. Mass when the church will be closed to allow for sanitizing/cleaning before re-opening for the 8:30 a.m. Mass. And 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (respectively, before and after the Sunday 12:00 Noon, Sunday 4:00 p.m., and Sunday evening 7:00 p.m. Masses).

NEIGHBORING PARISHES of Northeast Monmouth County-Cohort 17

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

Divine Mercy of New Jersey Healing Ministry will be visiting us on Sunday, July 11th, 2021, for a 2:00 pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by the Chaplet & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. They will have Healing teams available for individual prayer and laying on of hands. Relics of St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos will be available to venerate.

St. Michael's (www.stmichaelnj.com)

Please join us for our monthly Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. First Friday **Mass in Latin** on Friday, July 2 at 12:15 p.m. Followed by Confessions (1:00-1:15), Eucharistic Adoration (1:00-5:15), Benediction (5:15), Mass (5:30), and Confessions (6:00-6:30).

Our Lady of Hope Parish (www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

Please join us every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. behind St. Mary's in Deal for the Rosary and consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will begin on Thursday, June 17. For information please call Lea Tallarico at 732-371-3983 or Mary Delisa at 732-533-8280. (Please bring a chair).

GRATEFUL FOR THE SHOT

Join us for a **GRATEFUL FOR THE SHOT** Event
Get a **COVID-19 vaccine free of charge**

All persons 12+ can receive the Pfizer vaccine
First and second doses available – Walk-ins welcome

Saturday, June 26, 2021

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church
800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740
10AM – 12PM

ID documentation and health insurance are not required.
No impact on immigration status.

For more information, visit covid19.nj.gov/vaccine or call 855-568-0545

For free transportation to your vaccination, enter "VAXRIDE" promo into your
NJ TRANSIT app or call NJ TRANSIT at 973-275-5555. Get free Lyft rides by calling 2-1-1

COVID-19 vaccines safe, effective, and free
For more information about vaccine safety and efficacy,
please visit the CDC website: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/

***And Also.....Blood Pressure Screening
and Organ Donation Information***

Simultaneously during the covid vaccinations on June 26th, volunteer nurses from Monmouth Medical Center will be staffing tables in our Lower Church to provide blood pressure screening and organ donation information and sign-up forms. All are welcome to stop by to have your blood pressure taken and to learn more about organ donation.



Why is it so important to register with a parish? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners



requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish by contacting the parish business office. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your

parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor or godparent certificate, and getting donation statements for your taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. For further information about registering at St. Michael's Church, please call Mary at the Parish Office at 732-222-8080.

Save the Dates: Parish Mission: Fr. Wade

Our Parish Mission with **Fr. Wade Menezes, of the Fathers of Mercy and of EWTN TV and Radio**, was originally scheduled for May 2-6, 2020 and was postponed twice last year because of the covid pandemic. We have re-scheduled the Parish Mission and Fr. Wade will be here at St. Michael's December 11-15, 2021 for an Advent Parish Mission. Please save the dates. Please pray for the Fathers of Mercy and for vocations, vocations, vocations.



Rosarian Prayer Group

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

This is a list of parishioners, relatives, and friends who are in need of our prayers for healing. Our Rosarians also pray every Saturday for all the parishioners of St. Michael's.

Please note that intentions will be listed for two months and then removed, unless the requestor calls to renew for another two months. Please also note that according to the HIPPA & privacy laws only the sick themselves or family

members may request to be added to the list. Contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests. Thank you and may Our Lord grant healing to all those who are suffering and in need of our prayers.

Week 3

Joanne Buono

SAVE THE DATE

July 9, 2021

7:30 PM

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Christ the King Parish

101 Chelsea Ave.

Long Branch, NJ



Blow Out multi-genre concert featuring:

Nicolette Mavroleon, Soprano

David Smolokoff, Tenor

Peter Isherwood, Organist

Tickets will go on sale in early June

Donation \$35.00

All profits will be used for capital improvements to Parish properties.

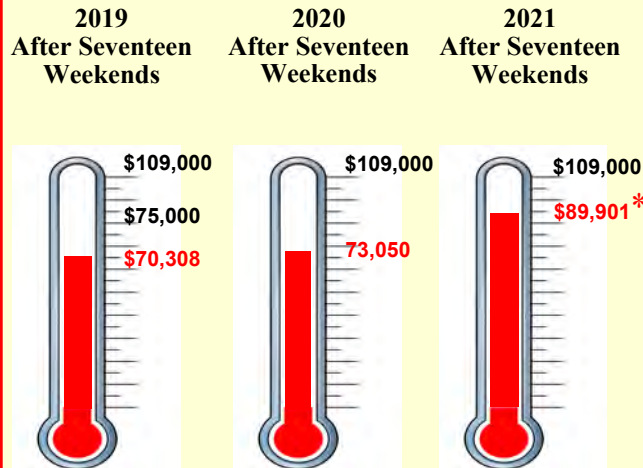
PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

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.

Each of us has a vital part **TO-GETHER** 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.



Parish Goal = \$109,000



The three "thermometers" above compare our parish's 2019 vs. 2020 vs. 2021 results-to-date in the Annual Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year's total after seventeen weekends is significantly ahead of our parish's total after seventeen weekends both in 2020 and 2019. **We are now more than three quarters of the way to our goal!** Thank you! As Saint/Mother Teresa said: **"Together we can do great things!"**

*This \$89,901 figure is approximately 82.5% of our parish goal. It was received as of the seventeenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of June 16) from 348 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 12% of the 2,899 registered households of the parish. **Thank you!** The Diocese sent a Diocesan-wide mailing during the week of Feb. 10 to all registered parishioners and past ACA contributors asking for prayerful consideration of a pledge/contribution to the Appeal. A second mailing from the Diocese was sent during the week of May 10. Please help to the extent that you can.



THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021 **IN ACTION!**

1. HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS THE TRENTON DIOCESE HELP OTHERS:

Clergy and Religious Administration-Vocations

God calls each person to a life of holiness and service, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Diocesan Ministry of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God's call through the ministerial priesthood. We are committed to fostering an environment where vocations to the priesthood are valued and nurtured within the domestic church of the family and the local parish community. The priest is a servant of the Lord, giving his life to worship, prayer and commitment to God's people. Your gift helps to amplify the call to serve.

2. HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HERE AT HOME:





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 *Solidarity in Freedom*. “Solidarity 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. 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.

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.

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 25-31, 2021

The Department of Evangelization is pleased to announce plans for the observance of National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week 2021. Couples who embrace NFP report high levels of marital satisfaction, enhanced communication, improved physical, emotional and spiritual welfare, and exhibit marital generosity that extends far beyond their immediate family.



Here in the Diocese of Trenton, our NFP Awareness efforts for 2021 – 2022 will emphasize the mother-daughter relationship with a host of events to honor the special role of mothers in teaching their daughters the wonders of their changing bodies, fertility cycles, becoming a woman and perhaps one day a mother.

2021 NFP Awareness Events

The events listed here reflect an emphasis on the importance of the Mother-Daughter relationship in passing on a faith-based, Catholic perspective from generation to generation when it comes to the beauty of God’s plan for love, marriage and family.

July 25 – 31, 2021 – Evening Conversations on Fertility Awareness and Parenthood; 7:00 pm each evening on Facebook.

July 29, 2021 – The Wonder of Eve – A virtual evening session on the wonders of the female reproductive system for mothers and their teenage daughters (9th through 12th grade); 7:00 – 8:15 pm.

August 25, 2021 – Wonderfully Made – A virtual evening session on the passage from childhood to womanhood for mothers and their tween and teen daughters (5th through 8th grade).

October 5, 2021 - The Beauty of Eve – A virtual evening session for college-age students and young adult women on the science of charting cycles of fertility and infertility (Fall date to be determined)

Mother-Daughter Tea – Wonderfully Made – An in-person event for mothers and daughters from 5th through 8th grade on the passage from childhood to womanhood (To be hosted by St. Denis Parish, Manasquan; attendance is limited. Fall date to be determined)

For a complete set of resources on NFP Awareness from the USCCB, visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>



Vacation Bible Camp 2021 St. Michael's Church to Host "For the Greater Glory of God" 3 Wednesdays of Summer Fun July 28, August 4, August 11

Have your children, ages 4 and up, discover that the world around us is full of God's wonder. At Sandy Hook we'll find animal life under the sea; more exotic animals will join us at St. Michael's: Games, crafts, music and more awaits. Each day will run from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and children will be in age appropriate groups. Capacity is only 25, so sign up now. Fee \$45.00.

*For more information, please call Kevin Connelly (Director of Religious Education)
at 732-483-0360 ext. 3.*

"FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD" REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child: _____ Child's gender: _____

Age of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Home church: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Persons to contact in the event of an emergency:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Are there any special medical needs, food/latex allergies, etc., which we should be aware of?

If so, please state: _____

I hereby grant permission for St. Michael's to call 911 in case of an emergency, to photograph my child at Vacation Bible Camp, and to use such photos exclusively in the parish bulletin.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

*Please return this Registration Form to the St. Michael's Parish Office, or mail it to
St. Michael's Catholic Center Attn: VBC-Mr. Connelly at 16 Beechwood Ave., West Long Branch, NJ
07764. The deadline for Registration Forms is July 21.*

WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT THE FIRST 25 CHILDREN.

THE FEE IS \$45.00 PER CHILD PAYABLE TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

FAQs and Summary of Key Changes in Our Revised Covid Protocols

In Sunday's June 6 bulletin (on pages 4 and 5) there appeared the complete list of *Revisions of Current Covid Protocols* as published by the Diocese of Trenton on May 26. Below is a list of a few of those revisions accompanied by further details on timing and implementation here at St. Michael's. In the event of any questions, please contact the parish office.

- **Parking Lot Mass.** The parking lot Masses will continue through and including Sunday, July 4. Saturdays at 4:00 and Sundays at 10:00. The last parking lot Mass will be on Sunday, July 4.
- **Face Masks.** Face masks are no longer required. They may be worn by those who choose to do so. Face masks are encouraged for those who have not received the covid vaccine.
- **Social Distancing and Seating Capacity.** Social distancing is no longer required. The red ropes have been removed from the church. All pews and all seats will be available for use subject to the fire marshal restrictions on seating capacity and to safety considerations and common sense (especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).
- **Holy Communion.** We have returned to our pre-pandemic method of distributing and receiving Communion: Communicants process to the altar area via the center aisle in two lines. Communion ministers will wear their face masks while distributing the Eucharist. ***Receiving Communion on the hand is strongly favored and strongly encouraged.*** Receiving Communion on the tongue is permitted but we ask all to please charitably and respectfully consider and practice receiving on the hand. Please return to your pew after receiving Communion and remain in your pew until the priest-celebrant has concluded the Mass and has processed to either the sacristy or to the church vestibule.
- **Holy Water.** Holy water fonts in the church and the dispenser in the church vestibule have been replenished as of June 4. The fonts and dispenser will be emptied, cleaned, and refilled daily.



The free throw contest for youths of St. Michael's Church and Our Lady of Hope Parish was conducted last Saturday at Manahasset Park. There was a very good turn-out of children shooting baskets and volunteers from both parishes and from the Knights of Columbus Council 335 to assist with rebounding and scorekeeping. Contest

winners will be announced in next week's bulletin. Thank you to everyone who participated in this first-time parish event.



Independence Day Prayer Service at St. Michael's

On Saturday, July 3, 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 Saturday, July 3 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 Saturday morning (and bring family and friends) to remember God and Country and celebrate our independence as we enjoy our holiday weekend.

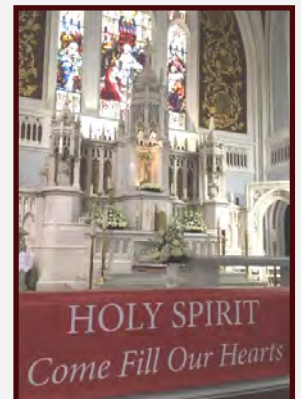


Holy Spirit Church Closes; Last Mass Celebrated on June 6



Very, very sadly, Holy Spirit Church – part of our nearby neighboring parish to the south in Asbury Park – closed its doors and celebrated its last Mass on Sunday, June 6. Please see the accompanying photos taken at the Last Mass. At the conclusion of the Mass and as part of the Ritual of Permanently Closing the Church, the sanctuary candles were blown out for the last time, the altar linens were folded and taken away, the Blessed Sacrament was removed and the tabernacle was left empty with its door open, and the altar gates were closed. Although it was a sad occasion, the Mass was beautifully celebrated by Fr. Miguel Virella and virtually every seat in the church was taken. Many tears were shed and many happy memories were exchanged. Fr. John and Fr. Mark were among the concelebrating priests representing – and lending support from – St. Michael's Church.

The church building and convent building will be sold. Some of the church's articles of religious art, votive candle racks, and the like are being generously donated by Holy Spirit to St. Michael's. The closing of this beautiful and historic Gothic-style church on Second Avenue is due to several factors including financial strain, the costs of maintaining the building and property, and decreasing Mass attendance and decreasing offertory collection donations. Fr. Miguel said it well, "The buildings will change, situations will change, but the faith is still alive." More information can be found in the *Trenton Monitor* at <https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/Default/Rotator/Article/Holy-Spirit-Church-closure-to-help-ensure-Catholic-presence-in-Asbury-Park/-3/276/24414>. The people of Holy Spirit are experiencing a unique and difficult sense of loss, sadness, and grief. Please pray for our sisters and brothers of Holy Spirit Church, Mother of Mercy Parish, and Fr. Miguel and his brother priests and the staff of Holy Spirit. Please pray also for all the "old churches" and for all the "old parishes" that are struggling to make ends meet and to survive. And please pray for more vocations, vocations, vocations.



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, June 12, 2021

4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass	\$2,793.00	117 Cars
5:30 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$952.00	78 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$703.00	86 People

Sunday, June 13, 2021

7:00 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$1,776.00	112 People
8:30 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$4,091.00	93 People
10:00 AM Parking Lot Mass	\$2,244.00	97 Cars
12:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$1,132.00	89 People
4:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$765.00	64 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$569.00	98 People

Mailed-in Envelopes for the June 13 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2,792.00**

This Week's Total: \$17,817.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,477.00

Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,153.00

Please continue your financial support of your parish during the COVID-19 situation by: mailing Sunday collection envelopes to the parish business office; dropping-off Sunday collection envelopes in the rectory mailbox at any time; or by means of online Faith Direct.net where the St. Michael's parish identification code is NJ319. *Thank you very much. And God bless.*

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Half-Day Fridays at the Parish Office are back for the summer. From Friday, May 28 until Labor Day Weekend's Friday (September 3), the office will close at 12:00 noon on Fridays. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monday and Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

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

Tuesday & Thursday: Office closed and observing part-time Covid schedule until Tuesday, July 6.

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Second Collection Next Weekend June 26 and 27

Next weekend June 26 and 27 there will be a second collection to support the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.



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AA Weekly Meetings Resume at St. Michael's

Weekly meetings of AA have resumed at St. Michael's in our Lower Church on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. These meetings have been conducted at St. Michael's for many years and had to be suspended until recently because of the covid protocols governing the church's facilities. For more information about these meetings please visit https://findrecovery.com/aa_meetings/nj/long-branch/ or call 866-641-9190.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021	Ongoing: Commenced February 21; Second mailing in week of May 10
Parish Baccalaureate Mass	Saturday, June 19, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Covid Vaccination Day #2 (Lower Church)	Saturday, June 26, 2021 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Bishop O'Connell's Priesthood Vocation Discernment Mass and Barbecue	Tuesday, June 29, 2021 4:30 p.m. (see details on Pages 3 and 4)
Independence Day Prayer Service (Reading of Declaration of Independence)	Saturday, July 3, 2021 9:00 a.m.
World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday, July 25, 2021 (see details on Page 4)
Vacation Bible Camp	Wednesday, July 28 and August 4 & 11 (see details on Page 10)



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