

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

June 25, 2023 | Twelfth 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 6:40 PM preceding the Monday evening 7:00 PM Mass and the 7:30 to 8:00 PM Confessions.

## MARRIAGES

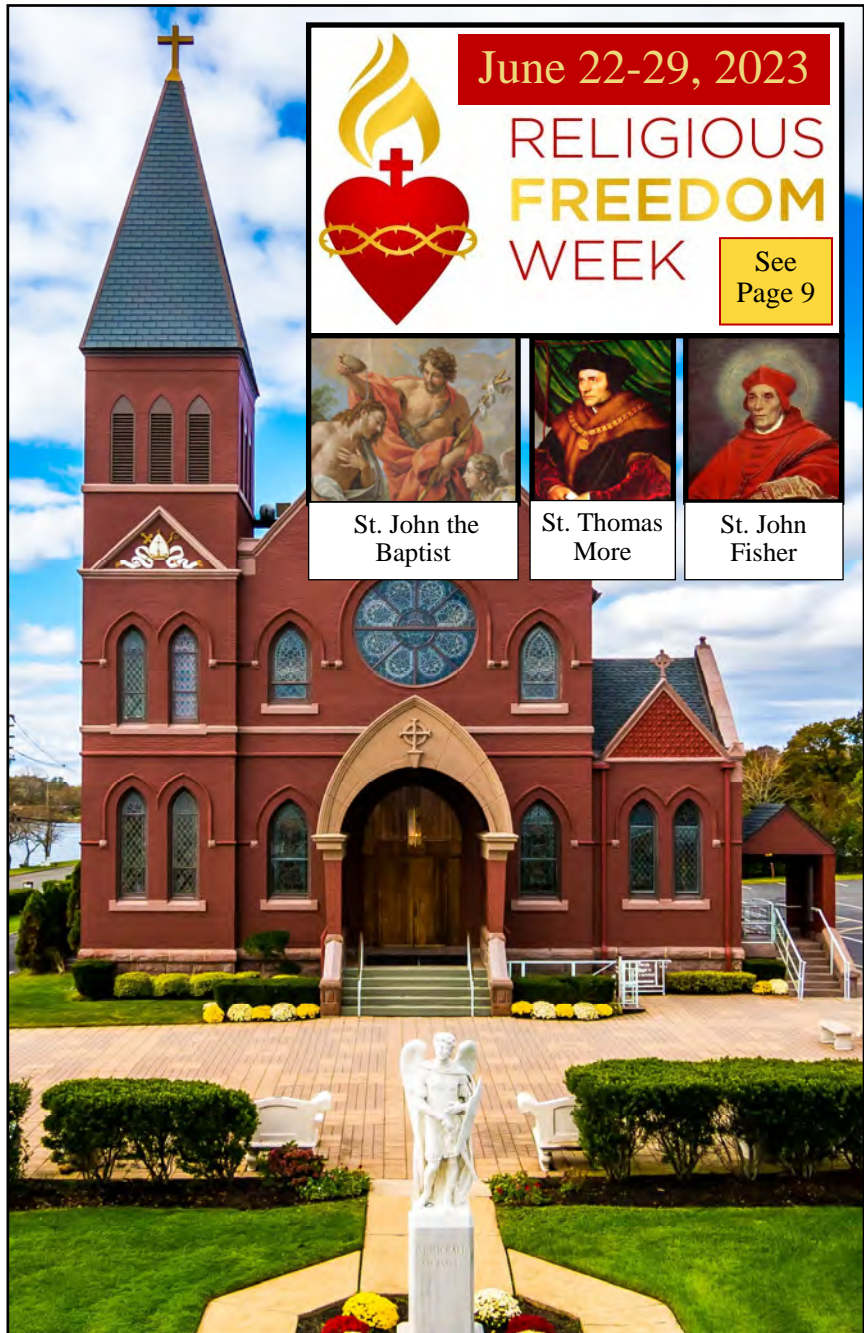
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



St. John the Baptist



St. Thomas More



St. John Fisher

## PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740  
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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  
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*“Do not be afraid; you are worth more  
than many sparrows.”*

*Matthew 10:31*

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 25, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, June 24**

8:00 AM † Anibal Tedesco	Friend
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Mary Mody	Nina & Frank Stuke
† Isabel Stuke	Nina & Frank Stuke
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	
† Ed Thayer	Pat, Anne Marie, & Michael Thayer
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	

**Monday, June 26**

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
Special Intention: Fr. Cyril & past and present priests of St. Michael's	Pat, Anne Marie, & Michael Thayer
7:00 PM † The Honorable Judge Lisa Payne Thornton	David & Colleen Wildstein and Family

**Tuesday, June 27**

8:00 AM Special Intention: Lance & Anthony and Family	Russo Family
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**Wednesday, June 28**

8:00 AM † Helen Murphy	Daughter
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**Thursday, June 29**

8:00 AM Special Intention: Patricia & Anthony Ciampa	Their mom
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**Friday, June 30**

8:00 AM † Joe Agresto	Wife & Children
† Margaret Suarez	Carroll Family

**Saturday, July 1**

8:00 AM † Richard Balfour	Linda Heaning
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Philip Meola	Loving Family
† Bob Haugstatter	Richard Cero
5:30 PM † Jorge Olano	MaryAnn Rogowski
Special Intention: Aloysius McNish	Maria & Richard Friedman
7:00 PM Special Intention: Paul McNish	Maria & Richard Friedman
Special Intention: Mary VanSyckel	Maria & Richard Friedman

**Sunday, July 2**

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Carl Warren	Mary & Catherine Farrar
† Angelo Calia	Mary & Catherine Farrar
10:00 AM † Fred West	Wife & Daughters
† Kathryn Ippolito	Bruce Crowell & Sharon Mazza
12:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Paulsen Family	Anthony Lucarelli
† Nancy Bourne	
4:00 PM † Michelina Federico	Greg Fisher
People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † James Dillon, III	Friends



## 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, this 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.

## 4th of July Reading of Declaration of Independence and Prayer Service

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.

## 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 6 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 Canticle of Zechariah from Luke 1:68-79 for Morning Prayer (known as the *Benedictus*), and the Canticle 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 end-of-the-day 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>



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Prayerful Best Wishes to  
Fr. Cyril from Bishop O'Connell

June 25, 2023

St. Michael Parish  
West End, New Jersey

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I am pleased and eager to express my gratitude to Fr. Cyril for his devoted pastoral service at St. Michael Parish in Long Branch and at Monmouth University as Catholic Chaplain. I know he will be missed by everyone here as he moves to a new assignment at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Hamilton, New Jersey. Please join Father Butler and me in wishing him every blessing and success!

Respectfully yours in the Lord,

*David M. O'Connell, C.M.*

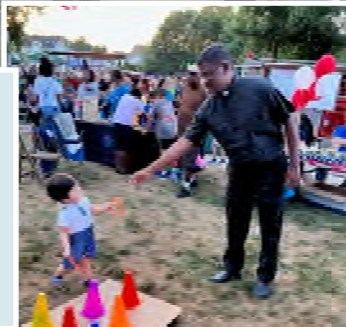
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.  
Bishop of Trenton







THANK YOU,  
FR. CYRIL.  
YOU WILL  
BE MISSED.





***Pastor's Note.** This week we continue introducing 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 last Sunday's "Part 1: Life **Before** Seminary" and this Sunday's "Part 2: Life **At** the 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 Bible 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.*

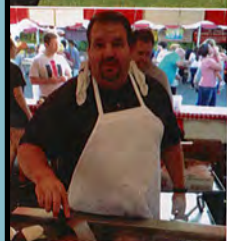
## Nicholas Alescio (Our "Summer Seminarian") – Part 2: Life At the Seminary

I am currently attending seminary at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. At the seminary we have over 150 men studying for many different dioceses and communities around the country. During a typical day, we will begin with Morning Prayer at 6:45 a.m. followed by Mass. Afterwards, seminarians will usually get breakfast and then attend classes throughout the day with time for lunch and recreation in between. The day begins to wind down in the late afternoon and concludes with Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner.

At the beginning of seminary formation, men will study philosophy and take classes on prayer, the Catechism, and apologetics. When this is completed, the men formally begin graduate-level theological studies with courses on Scripture, Church history, moral theology, and systematics. God-willing, I will be ordained a transitional deacon in 2027 when I complete my seminary formation and serve full-time in a parish for a few months before being ordained a priest. (Next Sunday: Part 3: Life **After** Seminary, Advice For Discerners).



***Note from Fr. John and Fr. Cyril.** 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. Cyril – 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).*



**Why Not You? Why Not Now?**  
Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations

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**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](http://www.GodIsCallingYou.org)

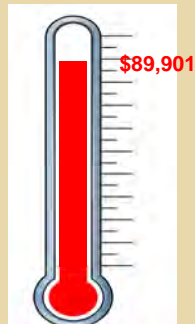
Office: 609-406-7448

We have fallen a concerning distance behind the pace of recent years in the Diocesan Annual Appeal as noted in recent weekly bulletins (12.7% 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 roughly 12.3% of our registered parish households have contributed 77.8% 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!

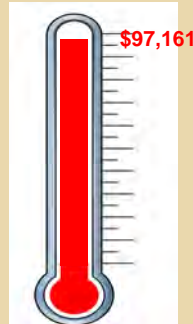


### Parish Goal = \$109,000

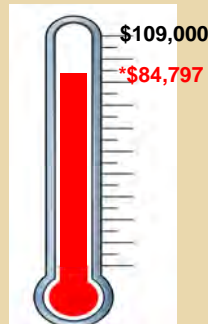
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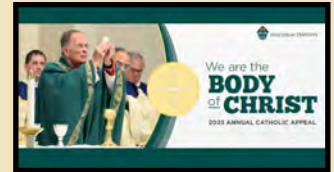
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The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2021 vs. 2022 vs. 2023 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year’s total after seventeen weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first seventeen 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 24-25 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

\*This \$84,797 figure is approximately 77.8% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the seventeenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of June 20) from 263 pledgers or



check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 12.3% 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)**



## 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





*Pastor's Note. The following letter from Fr. Cyril Johnson was first published last month in our bulletin of May 7. It is so informative, well-written, and moving that it bears repeating and especially since – this weekend – we are celebrating Fr. Cyril's vocation to the priesthood and his all-too-brief time with us at St. Michael's as he will be "packing his things" this week and transitioning on July 1 to his new parish assignment at the Church of St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square, NJ as their parochial vicar at the request of Bishop O'Connell. .*

*It has been a great joy and an honor and a privilege for me to share priesthood, our St. Michael's parish ministry, the parish office, and our rectory home with Fr. Cyril during the past year. It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed him as our new parochial vicar and as the new Chaplain at Monmouth University's Catholic Campus Ministry. Now, it's (sadly and suddenly) already time to say "Auf Wiedersehen" and "thank you" to Father and to wish him well at St. Gregory's. Please join me in expressing our gratitude to Fr. Cyril and in remembering him (and all priests and consecrated religious) in our prayers; "vocations, vocations, vocations!". Fr. Cyril will be the principal celebrant and the homilist at a concelebrated Mass here at 12:00 Noon this Sunday the 25th and the guest of honor at a reception in the Lower Church that will immediately follow that Mass. All are invited and welcome. May God bless Fr. Cyril!*

### ***A Letter from Our Parochial Vicar Fr. Cyril Johnson***

Dear St. Michael's Parishioners and Friends,

You all might know me. I am Fr. Cyril R. Albert Johnson (two last names! "Johnson" and "Albert"). And I take this opportunity in the weekly parish bulletin to thank Fr. John Butler and everyone of the parishioners of St Michael's for the wonderful experience I have had here since my arrival in July 2022. I would like to share a few more lines about myself and about my experiences as a parish priest here in the United States and at home in India.

In our State in India, where we speak the Tamil language – our mother tongue – we don't have last names. For passport purposes we carry our father's name behind us as last names. My father's name is Albert Johnson. So I ended up with Albert Johnson as my last names. So I am Cyril Robert Albert Johnson. My dad was born in 1968 a few days after Robert Kennedy was assassinated, which was world-wide news in those days. So I was given the new born son before me (that infant was also named "Cyril"). So I got my beloved brother's



was a science and history lover and teacher. I nedy (RFK) was assassinated, which was world name of "Robert" as well. My parents lost a named "Cyril"). So I got my beloved brother's Kumbakonam located in the South Indian State going on nearly 30 years of serving as a priest. and associate pastor in three different parishes I was ordained for my "home diocese" of of "Tamil Nadu" on April 11, 1994. So I am After being a young and newly ordained priest in India (for a year each in each of those parishes), I served as a pastor in two parishes (six years at one parish and seven years at the other). This is how my diocese does these things in India. To learn pastoral ministry a newly ordained priest is appointed for a year in each parish for three to five years. If you are a pastor in a parish or an administrator in an institution the term is six years. No matter who you are or where you are, any priest will be moved after six years in the Diocese of Kumbakonam. Then I served here in our Diocese of Trenton at Keyport with Fr. Ron Cioffi from 2010 July to 2016 June. Many of you know Fr. Cioffi as he celebrates Mass here at St. Michael's when we need extra help and he was the pastor (and my friend and mentor) at Joseph's, Keyport. I was called back to my home diocese in 2016 (there is a great need for more priests at home in India just as there is here in the U.S. Please pray for more vocations!) and I served as a pastor for six years before coming back to the Trenton Diocese in July 2022 at St. Michael's, Long Branch.

Both of my parents, who were elementary school teachers, are with God in eternal rest. I have one older brother and two younger brothers, all living in my home District and State with their respective families. Each brother has two children. Two of my nieces (they are twin sisters) are visiting with me here at St. Michael's this week before they fly home to India for the summer as they have just recently completed their first year of graduate studies at Northeastern University in Boston.

We in our region of India are Roman Catholics from the year 1550 AD. Our forefathers were converted by Jesuit Missionaries. My village is predominantly Catholic but we do have Lutherans, Hindus, and Muslims living very peacefully with us. There are nine priests and 22 nuns from my village parish (a very strong area for vocations!). Eight became priests for our home diocese. One of those nine young men is a Gunelian religious priest. Very recently (only last month on April 17, 2023) one of my cousins from my village was ordained as a priest for our diocese – please remember this young new priest (Fr. Bruceline Benith Arul) in your prayers. Those 22 nuns whom I mentioned are serving in several different religious orders (please also remember them in your prayers). My aunt Sister Rosary – who is deceased – was the first nun from my village and we are very proud of her and we feel her influence and her prayers every day.

To conclude, I have been very happy here during my year at St. Michael's and at Monmouth University and I thank everyone. May God bless you, may the Blessed Mother lovingly care for, and may St. Michael defend you and protect you.

Your friend and parish priest,  
Fr. Cyril Robert Albert Johnson





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

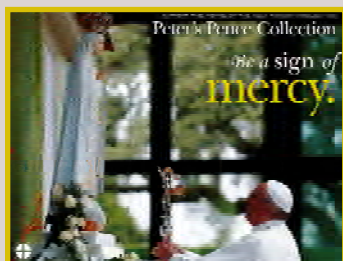
SCAN TO LEARN MORE  
AND REGISTER ONLINE

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.

## Second Collection Next Weekend July 1 and 2 Peter's Pence Collection



Next weekend July 1 and 2 we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisapietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisapietro.va/en.html).

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

*Married at St. Michael's on  
June 17, 2023  
Aria Leunes & Frank Mirabella*



*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 17, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,764.00	162 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,416.00	103 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$726.00	76 people

### Sunday, June 18, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,725.00	104 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,875.00	149 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,048.00	131 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,431.00	108 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$728.00	107 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,370.00	124 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the June 18 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2,150.00**

**This Week's Total: \$14,233.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,406.00**

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,303.00. Thank You!**

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

**MISSION:**



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
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)
"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 3 for details)
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, July 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.
First Friday	Friday, July 7, 2023 (12:15 p.m. Mass in English, Eucharistic Adoration 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Mass in English at 5:30 p.m., Confessions 12:45 to 1:15 and 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
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

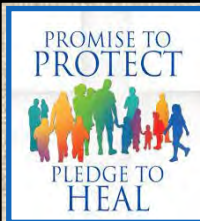
† Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

##### FEBRUARY 2024

† Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

##### April 2024

† Rita N. Cittadino r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children



## 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.

## The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Jesus elevated marriage to a Sacrament at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Catholics have the duty to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in a Catholic church. The Grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony enhances and supports the permanent and indissoluble bond of marriage and strengthens the love and fidelity, patience and wisdom of the spouses.

Please make contact with the parish office at least one year prior to your intended marriage date to begin the preparation process. This includes attendance at a Pre-Canal Conference and several meetings with one of our parish priests. A specific wedding date cannot be assured by the parish until **after** this marriage preparation has commenced and initial documentation has been received and reviewed. Therefore, all engaged couples are strongly advised to **speak to the parish staff first** when beginning to make wedding plans and **strongly advised not to make commitments with third-parties** (banquet halls, photographers, hotels, airlines, etc.) until **after** the wedding date has been finalized in writing with the parish office.



If you are presently in a civil marriage and desire to receive the Sacrament and enter into a valid Catholic marriage, please contact the parish office at 732-222-8080 to obtain further information about the "convalidation" of your marriage. We also offer direction and assistance on the possibility of receiving an annulment for those who are divorced. Please do not hesitate to call. The annulment process is generally less difficult or cumbersome than imagined.