

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 2, 2023 | Thirteenth 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.



## 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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 1

8:00 AM † Richard Balfour  
People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Philip Meola  
† Bob Haugstatter

5:30 PM † Jorge Olano  
Special Intention:  
Aloysius McNish

7:00 PM Special Intention:  
Paul McNish  
Special Intention:  
Mary VanSyckel

Linda Heaning

Loving Family

Richard Cero

MaryAnn Rogowski

Maria & Richard  
Friedman

Maria & Richard  
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### Sunday, July 2

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri

8:30 AM † Carl Warren

† Angelo Calia

10:00 AM † Fred West

† Kathryn Ippolito

12:00 PM † Deceased Members of  
the Paulsen Family

† Nancy Bourne

4:00 PM † Michelina Federico

People of the Parish

7:00 PM † James Dillon, III

Mother Francesca

Mary & Catherine  
Farrar

Mary & Catherine  
Farrar

Wife & Daughters

Bruce Crowell &  
Sharon Mazza

Anthony Lucarelli

Greg Fisher

Friends

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Thorne Family

7:00 PM † Bishop John M. Smith

### Tuesday, July 4

8:00 AM † Harold Pfeiffer

† Msgr. Bradley

Family

Anthony Lucarelli

### Wednesday, July 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano

† Vincent Manzo

Viggiano Family

Clinton Family

### Thursday, July 6

8:00 AM † Antoinette D'Angelo

Paul & Agnes D'Angelo

### Friday, July 7

8:00 AM † Kathryn Ippolito

† Martin Ruiz

Jane & Sal Dicola

Sister

12:15 PM Pro-Life Cause

5:30 PM † Apollo and Grayson

### Saturday, July 8

8:00 AM † Alphonso Vitale &  
Juana C. Ruiz

Daughter

4:00 PM † Rev. Russell Abata

† Silvio Rizzo

Rick Binaco

Denise Angerio

5:30 PM † Robert McCarthy

Michelle Murphy

7:00 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, July 9

7:00 AM † Lillian Ferrari

John Ferrari

8:30 AM † James Cade Ducharme

† Thomas Best

Lew & Renee Mazza

Sudman Family

10:00 AM † Mary & Dan Bolich

† Esther Manfredi

Delehanty & Bolich  
Family

Janet Brown

12:00 PM † The Deceased Members of  
the O'Dwyer Family

Anthony Lucarelli

† Robert Piccolo

4:00 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Judith Karen Brenna

Mark & Juana  
Monteleone and Family

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2023



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

This 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 in costume, 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 6:40 p.m.**

We will pray Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours on Monday evenings at 6:40 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 welcomed.

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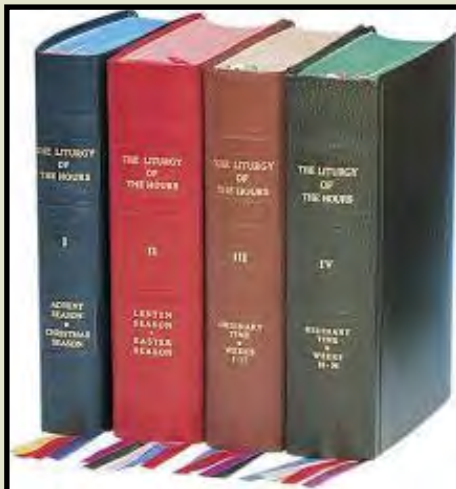
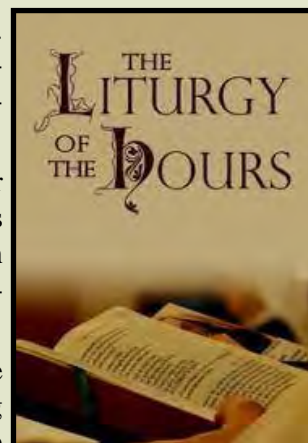
Seminarian  
Nicholas Alescio

The Liturgy  
Work of God  
the hours of

Prayer (also known as “Vespers”) will be led by our “narian” Nicholas Alescio (please see Page 6 of today’s more information about Nick and his summer parish at St. Michael’s). Further information about the Liturgy and Evening Prayer may be found below.

of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the (*Opus Dei*), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking 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>

## The 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be Celebrated on Sunday, July 23



The theme chosen for this year by the Holy Father is "**His mercy is from age to age**" (Lk 1:50), which expresses the link with World Youth Day (WYD) which will take place a few days later in Lisbon (August 1-6, 2023).

The WYD theme "Mary got up and went with haste" (Lk 1:39) shows us, in fact, the young Mary who sets out to go and find her elderly cousin Elizabeth and who loudly proclaims, in the Magnificat, the strength of the alliance between young and old. On the occasion of the Day, the Holy Father will preside over a Eucharistic liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica and invites parishes, dioceses, associations and ecclesial communities from all over the world to celebrate the Day in their own pastoral context.

"The elderly should be cared for like a treasure of humanity: they are our wisdom, our memory. It is crucial that grandchildren remain close to their grandparents, who are like roots from which they draw the sap of human and spiritual values" Pope Francis has said.



Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (the parents of the Blessed Mother and the grandparents of Jesus), to emphasize the pastoral care of the elderly as a priority. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith. May God bless our grandparents and our elderly!

## SAVE THE DATE! FOR FR. ALPHONSE AND HIS 1940s BIG BAND: SUNDAY, July 23, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.



We are pleased to announce that the parish will again be hosting **Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and His 1940s Big Band** for an early evening of delightful outdoor summer music on Sunday, July 23 at 5:00 p.m. on the church's front lawn.



**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!** Further information will be provided in subsequent bulletins. This concert will be free-of-charge and open to the public. Concert goers are invited to bring a picnic-style meal, lawn chairs, beach blankets, etc. **AND ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the 4:00 Mass preceding the concert or the 7:00 Mass following the concert. Several of the accompanying photos are from Fr. Alphonse's outdoor concert here at St. Michael's in 2022. Please pray for perfect weather and please mark your calendars for this very special evening at St. Michael's.









***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 May 18's "Part 1: Life Before Seminary" and last Sunday's "Part 2: Life At the Seminary" and this Sunday's "Part 3: Life After Seminary, Advice for Discerners." 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 3: Life After Seminary, Advice for Discerners**

After I am ordained (God willing), the Bishop will give me a ministry assignment in the Diocese of Trenton. Most likely I will be assigned to a parish, however some other possible assignments include campus ministry, hospital chaplaincy, administration in the Diocese Chancery office, and teaching at a high school. My goal as a hopeful future priest of the Diocese is to give myself in service to God's people and to bring them closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother.



To those who are thinking about the priesthood, talk with a priest whom you know and be honest about your feelings, desires, and any concerns that you might have. Spend as much time as you can with Jesus in the Eucharist and attend daily Mass if possible. Also try to attend some of the discernment events happening around the Diocese where you can meet other men who are thinking about priesthood. And pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. The Holy Spirit will help you and guide you!

The Diocese of Trenton's Department of Development is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to join our small and energetic team. This role primarily involves providing administrative support for the Annual Catholic Appeal and requires a strong focus on gift-entry tasks. The position would be in-person at the Chancery Office in Lawrenceville, NJ at 15 hours per week. The position's hours are flexible and they may be completed 5 days at 3 hours a day per week, or 3 days for 5 hours a day per week.

#### **In this position, you will be responsible for:**

- Processing and recording daily gifts from donors using Blackbaud Raiser's Edge.
- Assisting with follow-up correspondence to donors and parishes regarding discrepancies.
- Providing administrative support to staff by assisting with answering phones, responding to e-mails, and Preparing for specific bulk mailings.
- Supporting staff as needed on any special projects.

#### **Preferred knowledge, skills, abilities:**

- Microsoft Office experience preferred - Word, Excel, Outlook or Google Workspace Applications.
- Raiser's Edge experience preferred but not required.
- High speed data entry with a focus on accuracy.
- Good communication skills.
- Able to work independently and with a team.
- Detail oriented.

#### **Education:**

High School graduate

No telephone calls will be accepted. Please submit your résumé along with two professional references, one personal reference, and your salary requirements to:

Angela Gitto  
Positions@dioceseoftrenton.org



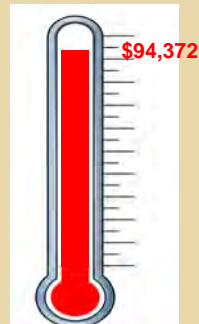
*Each of us* has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up **our** Church. **You** make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA.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



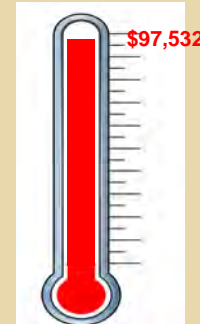
## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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

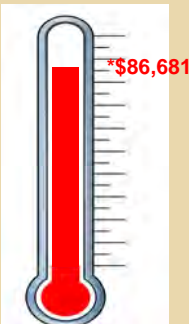
**2021  
After Eighteen  
Weekends**



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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 eighteen weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first eighteen 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 July 8-9 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

\*This \$86,681 figure is approximately 79.5% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the eighteenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of June 27) from 268 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 12.6% 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.



*Please keep this parish and worldwide endeavor in your daily prayers*

### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Thank You for the Diapers



The Diaper Drive conducted here at St. Michael's for the Food Pantry at St. Anthony's Church (Red Bank) was very successful. Nearly 100 boxes of diapers were donated between June 10 and June 20 and delivered in three

batches to St. Anthony's. Thank you to everyone who participated in this effort!





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



This 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.obolodisanietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanietro.va/en.html).

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



*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 24, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,882.00	143 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,205.00	112 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$701.00	67 people

### Sunday, June 25, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,515.00	101 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,563.00	126 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,025.00	105 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,889.00	138 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,588.00	114 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$621.00	109 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the June 25 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$410.00**

**This Week's Total: \$12,399.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,462.00**

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,414.00. Thank You!**



There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on July 6.* The

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

## First Friday Mass *In English* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on July 7

First Friday Mass *in English* will be celebrated on July 7 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated (in English) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 7 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, July 7 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.



**MISSION: Jersey Service Days 2023**

**ALL 8TH-12TH GRADE TEENS INVITED**

**Burlington 07.25.23**

**Ocean 07.27.23**

**Mercer 08.01.23**

**Monmouth 08.03.23**

**approx. 9am-5pm**  
(exact times vary by location)

Please see website for more details

**\$10/PERSON REGISTER NOW**

[www.doyouth.org/missionjersey](http://www.doyouth.org/missionjersey) 609-403-7182



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



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	<i>Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing</i>
Parish Office Closed	<i>Mon. July 3 and Tues. July 4, 2023</i>
Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Monday Nights	<i>Mondays, June 19 to July 17 at 6:40 p.m. (See Page 6 for details)</i>
4th of July Reading of Declaration of Independence & Prayer Service	<i>Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9:00 a.m. (See Page 3 for details)</i>
Holy Hour for Vocations	<i>Thursday, July 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.</i>
First Friday	<i>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.)</i>
Baptism Preparation Class	<i>Saturday, July 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.</i>
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	<i>Sunday, July 23, 2023 (See Page 4 for details)</i>
Fr. Alphonse and His 1940s Big Band Outdoor Summer Concert (on the church's front lawn)	<i>Sunday, July 23, 2023 5:00 p.m. (following the 4:00 Sunday Mass) (See Page 4 for details)</i>
Summer Missionary Appeal	<i>August 19 and 20, 2023</i>

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infants who were baptized here in June 2023: Kai Patrick Murray and Lily Anne Bender And Nicholas Christopher Sciasci of Memphis, Tennessee. May God bless them and their families.



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.



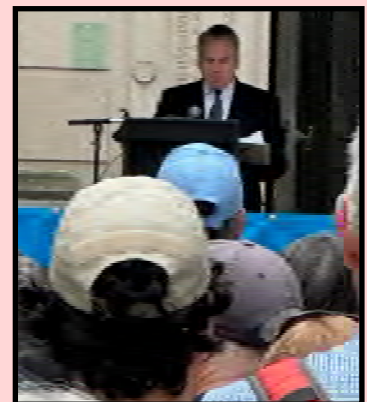
The Parish Office will be closed on both Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 8:30 a.m. Masses will be celebrated and Confessions will be heard at all of their regular/usual times on those two days.

## Online Giving

Please consider joining the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Michael's Church. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collection. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Please sign up today by visiting [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net). Our parish code is NJ319. Thank You.

## Mass for Life and Rally for Life

Parishioners from St. Michael's attended the Mass for Life and the Rally for Life in Trenton on Saturday, June 24, the first anniversary of the *Dobbs vs. Jackson* case (overruling *Roe vs Wade*) and the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Thank you to Fr. Cyril and to the members of the St. Michael's Respect Life Ministry for organizing the bus travel and attending the events. Please pray for an end to abortion and for competent and compassionate care for women before, during, and after pregnancy. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



## You Can Learn a Lot From a Shopping Bag

The message below ("The Fruit of the Spirit....") was printed on the face of a retail shopping bag containing gifts recently purchased at a nearby religious goods store. A shopping bag is an unlikely and unexpected place to find thoughtful words and on-target evangelizing but this bag accomplishes exactly that and with a touch of beauty and colorful art. Please take a minute or two to read and enjoy.



## 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

## 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.

## Aid For The Hearing Impaired

We offer the use of radio aids during Mass upon request. The device is tuned to the sound system in the church so that those who have a hearing deficit might hear more clearly. Please ask an usher for assistance.



A BENEFIT  
CONCERT FOR  
*Domestic Church Media*  
*Jim Manfredonia Sings Sinatra*  
FEATURING ANGELA MANFREDONIA



Visit our website  
for ticket information:  
[domesticchurchmedia.org/2023-benefit-concert](https://domesticchurchmedia.org/2023-benefit-concert)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.

Notre Dame High School Theater  
601 Lawrence road  
Lawrenceville, NJ

With the SUMMER SWING ORCHESTRA





## Save the Date

Ballroom Dancing Social  
St. Dorothea's Church  
Saturday, July 22, 2023

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Ballroom Dancing Fundraiser in cooperation with "Anytime Dance Studio" of Eatontown. It will be held in the Family Center at the Church of St Dorothea on Saturday night on July 22nd. The event will include a dance showcase of talent followed by a group lesson and concluding with additional dance time to practice the dance steps taught. Additional details to follow in next week's bulletin.



## Please Register as a Parishioner: The Helpful Reasons Why



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 eligibility and qualification letter from the pastor, and getting donation statements for your income tax returns. 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. Thank you.

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.