

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 4, 2021 | Fourteenth 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 has been gradually evolving as our recovery from the pandemic continues. Please see our new weekend Mass schedule (Page 3) that will take effect on the weekend of July 10-11.

RECONCILIATION

Our Confession schedule has also been gradually evolving as our recovery from the pandemic continues. Please see Page 5 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

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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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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* 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.

MASS INTENTIONS*

Saturday, July 3

8:00 AM † Michael Thorne	Thorne Family
† Marion Comber	Doris Schmidt
* 4:00 PM † Philip Meola	Loving Family
† Mary DeMarco	Kim & Doug Hindman
5:30 PM † Arthur O'Connell	
† Anthony Caruso	April Caruso
7:00 PM People of the Parish	
† Renee Bazaz	April Caruso

Sunday, July 4

7:00 AM † Antoinette D'Angelo	Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Scott I. Opatosky	Rick & Carol Ferrante
* 10:00 AM † Rev. Dennis Foley	Luci Perez
† Raffaele DeLeonardis	Tricia & Louis Vincelli
Health & Blessing of Parking Lot Volunteers & Mass- Goers	
† Francis J. & E. Caroline Dooley	
12:00 PM † Imre Merenyi	Margaret (Peg) Walsh
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM For Vocations and For the United States	

Monday, July 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano	Loving Family
Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Stephen A. Gill	Children

Tuesday, July 6

8:00 AM † Shirley Schmidt	Maryann & Warren
† Jacqueline Ollagnon	
† Msgr. Thomas A. Luebking	

Wednesday, July 7

8:00 AM † Judy Calandriello	
† Irene Woolley	

Thursday, July 8

8:00 AM † Raul David	Aida David
† Margaret Falco	Lee & Patty Gesner

Friday, July 9

8:00 AM † Joan Schiavone	Renate Mesnikoff
Special Intention: Healing and Deliverance for Gaelle	Gaelle Annulyse

Saturday, July 10

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
† Margaret Gesner	Lee & Patty Gesner
4:00 PM † Mary & Daniel Bolich	Delehanty Family
Special Intention: St. Jude's Sacred Heart & Blessed Mother	
5:30 PM † Deceased Members of the Brown Family	Elizabeth & Fredrica Brown
† Richard Savare	Rose & Tom Lang
7:00 PM † Raymond Wooley	Freda Family

Sunday, July 11

7:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr.	Pat & Family
8:30 AM † Gloria Townsend	Audrey Boglioli
† Peter Carr	Dan Wright & Darlene Aikman
10:00 AM † Julia Rose Bowman	Joseph & AnneMarie Principe
† Mary Ann Merkel	Extraordinary Ministers & Ushers
12:00 PM † Dolores Izquierdo Jomarron	Isabel & Nena
† Tim Karcich	Phil Foggia
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † James & Mary Weeden	Grandchildren

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
July 4, 2021

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. In the event of rain, this Prayer Service will be conducted in the Upper Church.



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 ever 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.

New Weekend Mass Schedule Following the "Retirement" of the Parking Lot Masses

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE COMMENCING JULY 10 AND JULY 11

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

All of these weekend Masses will be celebrated indoors in the Upper Church.

The Parking Lot Masses (Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.) – that have served the Parish very well during the Covid Pandemic dating back to the first such Masses here at St. Michael's in May of last year (2020) – will come to an end with the Sunday, July 4th Mass at 10:00 a.m. The "retirement" of the Parking Lot Masses is consistent with the *Revisions of Current Covid Protocols* issued by our Diocese on May 26 to accomplish many purposes, one of which is the return to "normalcy" and another of which is the encouragement of the faithful to return to in-church Masses. The *Revisions* include the direction that "Parking lot Masses and in-car reception of the Eucharist should be discontinued." Gratitude is extended to the many parishioners and visitors who have attended and supported the Parking Lot Masses during the past year-plus and ***EXTREME GRATITUDE*** is extended to the numerous parish volunteers and staff members whose generous giving of time and labor have made the "staging" of these Masses possible and made the continuation of these Masses feasible during Summer heat and Winter cold. Without the Parking Lot Masses (and the dedicated and self-sacrificing volunteers) during the past 14 months many would not have received the sacramental grace of the Eucharist.

Beginning on the weekend of Saturday, July 10 and Sunday, July 11, the weekend Mass schedule will be as noted above. This schedule is "new" in comparison with the pre-pandemic schedule of ten weekend Masses (now there are and will be nine weekend Masses) but is "not new" in comparison with the schedule that we have been using for the past two months. The schedule is also "new" in the sense that it takes into account the lessons of the pandemic, among which are reducing physical contact and being mindful of proximity and distance. It does so by "spreading out" the Mass times on Sunday mornings and Saturday afternoons (and parking lot congestion, too) compared to the pre-pandemic Mass times. The most noteworthy change is that the Saturday 4:00 Mass will now be celebrated indoors in the Upper Church and the Sunday 10:00 Mass will also now be celebrated in the Upper Church. Future adjustments to this Mass schedule are possible as needs and circumstances warrant but for the foreseeable future this will be our weekend Mass schedule. The current Confessions schedule will remain "as is" for the time being (please see Page 5 of this bulletin); additional Confession times are being evaluated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. May God continue to bless St. Michael's Church and her good people. St. Michael, pray for us!



Fr. Alphonse Returns! Outdoor Summer Concert at St. Michael's on Sunday, July 25

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 25 at 5:00 p.m. on the church's front lawn. 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. The program will include many familiar favorites by Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, and others; an "Americana Medley;" and a patriotic musical salute to our U.S. Armed Forces. The concert will also feature special guest soloist Gabrielle Stravelli, whom *The New York Times* has recently described as "Ella Fitzgerald in her prime." Please pray for perfect weather and please mark your calendars for this very special evening of the Mass and music at St. Michael's.

Summer Choir to Sing at Blueclaws Baseball Game; Members of All Ages Welcome



Once again (as in the Summers of 2018 and 2019) the St. Michael's Summer Choir is forming-up and preparing to sing *God Bless America* and *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* during the 7th inning stretch of an upcoming Lakewood Blueclaws game (by the way, the Blueclaws have recently been re-named the Blueclaws). The game will be on Saturday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place on four consecutive Saturdays (July 10, 17, 24, and 31) from 3:15 to 3:45 in the Lower Church shortly before the 4:00 Saturday Vigil Mass. Parishioners of all ages (seven years and over) are welcome to participate. The Summer



Choir will be directed by our Acting Parish Music Director Lauren Walters. The evening will include attendance at the game, ball park food, and (hopefully) a pre-game 5:00 p.m. Mass either at the stadium or at a nearby Catholic church. All members of the Summer Choir will be given a bright red choir golf shirt and baseball cap with embroidered lettering "St. Michael's Summer Choir". To sign-up or to obtain further information, please contact

Lauren Walters at LaRenne1@aol.com or 609-706-0766.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2021; Sunday, October 10, 2021 for Ocean and Monmouth Counties

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 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 Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but the event will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all Anniversary Couples is **September 15, 2021**.





ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MASS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

Last Parking Lot Mass will be on July 4 at 10:00 a.m. Please see Page 3 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 Summer 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.

New Mass Schedule on Page 3

The new weekend Mass schedule that will take effect on July 10 and 11 may be found on Page 3 of this bulletin.

Church Building Hours For Private Prayer

- These hours are subject to change for funerals, weddings, and other special occasions.
- Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Monday: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (before and after Monday evening's 7:00 p.m. Mass)
- Saturday (beginning on July 10): 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (before and after Saturday morning's 8:00 a.m. Mass) and 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and after the conclusion of the 7:00 p.m. Mass).
- Sunday (beginning on July 11): 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. And 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (respectively, before and after the Sunday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday evening 7:00 p.m. Masses and Sunday 6:15 p.m. Confessions).

Pastor's Note: Our Bishop, David M. O'Connell, C.M., participated two weeks ago in the 2021 Spring General Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which was conducted in a virtual format June 16-18. Among the topics under consideration was whether the bishops should draft a formal statement on the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Catholic Church. In addition, many other matters were also on the meeting agenda of the bishops including, for example: care for immigrants, refugees and travelers; young adults; the sainthood causes of two military chaplains revered for their heroism in World War II and the Korean War, and the Eucharistic Revival initiative; pastoral matters pertaining to youths and tary chaplains. Bishop O'Connell has authored the following Eucharist-related matters that were (and the meeting's outcomes which include teaching document on the Eucharist. Taking surrounded this USCCB meeting, Bishop (regardless of what the media say and on the need for a new pastoral document on sential principle and starting point to please ly Eucharist as the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the life and faith of the Catholic Church ('the source and summit of the Christian life') is not new nor was it ever in doubt or questioned at any point in the USCCB meeting." Bishop O'Connell's message was published on the website of The Trenton Monitor on June 23 and is available at <https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/Default/Bishop-s-Corner/Article/The-Holy-Eucharist-is-Jesus-Christ-Himself/-3/260/27726>.



A message from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ Himself: The Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

The USCCB shared the following:

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

At the recent virtual meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre addressed the bishops assembled online. During his remarks, the Nuncio observed: "... we need to be a Church that follows the method of Jesus, which is one of accompaniment and dialogue, a dialogue directed toward salvation. ... The Church offers salvation in the Person of Jesus Christ. ... What is often lacking in the process of evangelization, and we certainly need to evangelize and catechize now more than ever, is 'beginning again from Jesus Christ'... The starting point, therefore, cannot be to shame the weak, but to propose the One who can strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, especially through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. With respect to the latter, Holy Communion is not merely a 'thing' to be received, but Christ Himself, a Person to be encountered. Jesus Christ is a Person, not a concept."



Given the controversy and confusion that has surrounded this particular meeting of the USCCB in both the secular and some Catholic media, I found the Nuncio's address direct, clear, inspiring and even comforting. Regardless of where individual bishops stand on the need for a new pastoral document on the Holy Eucharist – and there was some difference of opinion about it – the centrality of the Holy Eucharist as the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the life and

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faith of the Catholic Church (“the source and summit of the Christian life”) is not new nor was it ever in doubt or questioned at any point in the USCCB meeting.

The Church believes and teaches and practices what it has always believed and taught and practiced about the Holy Eucharist. That is what the new proposed document to be drafted in the next few months will consider, similar to the USCCB document on the Holy Eucharist (“Happy Are Those Called to His Supper”) published in 2006, not a set of national norms on Eucharistic reception, although worthy receiving of the Holy Eucharist will surely be addressed.



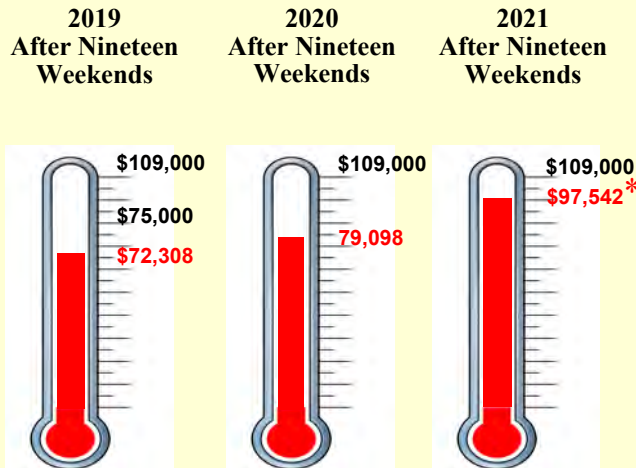
"... The centrality of the Holy Eucharist as the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the life and faith of the Catholic Church ("the source and summit of the Christian life") is not new nor was it ever in doubt," Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., shares in his message concerning the recent discussions on the Holy Eucharist during the USCCB spring assembly. Jeff Bruno photo

The alarming data published regarding Catholics who either don't understand or believe in the true nature of the Holy Eucharist; the steadily declining pre-pandemic numbers of Catholics who have not attended Sunday Mass regularly; and the call for Catholics to return to Mass as pandemic restrictions have been lifted, all make the timing of this new document on the Holy Eucharist spiritually opportune. In addition to this proposed document, the USCCB has initiated plans for a three-year "Eucharistic Revival" throughout all the dioceses and parishes in our country, beginning in the summer of 2022.

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 nineteen weekends is significantly ahead of our parish's total after nineteen weekends both in 2020 and 2019. **We are now more than 85% of the way to our goal!** Thank you! As Saint/Mother Teresa said: **"Together we can do great things!"**

*This \$97,542 figure is approximately 89.5% of our parish goal. It was received as of the nineteenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of June 30) from 359 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 12.4% 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.



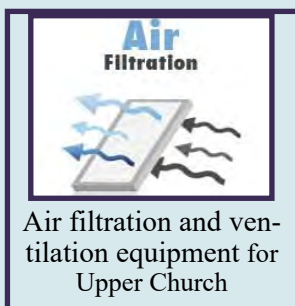
THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021 **IN ACTION!**

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

Catholic Education Administration

Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 27 Catholic elementary schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools

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



Next Weekend: Annual Summer Mission Appeal

Please join us in welcoming Sister Bernadette Schuler, OSF, of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany who will be visiting our parish next weekend July 10 and 11 to present the annual summer mission appeal.

Sister Bernadette has served her Congregation over the years to visit candidates and see first hand several of the Sisters' missions be sharing some of her experiences with us next and financial help of St. Michael's parishioners.

The Allegany Franciscan Sisters were the foreign missions. They minister to those in need, the outcast, and victims of injustice. As a the overwhelming needs of our brothers and sisters in ministries in Brazil, Bolivia, Jamaica, and the Director of Religious Education at Holy Innocent's in education and pastoral ministries during her over 54 years in religious life. We are looking forward to Sister Bernadette's visit and to helping her Congregation with their important and necessary work and to praying with Sister for vocations, vocations, vocations.



tion as Formation Director and has had the opportunity to visit novices in Brazil, Jamaica, and elsewhere and to that help the poor in those countries. Sister will be here this weekend and asking for the prayerful support

first community of American Sisters to have especially the underprivileged and undernourished congregation, the Sisters continue to respond to the needs through education, health care, and social services. Sister Bernadette is currently serving as the Director of Religious Education at Holy Innocent's Parish in Neptune and has been working in education and pastoral ministries during her over 54 years in religious life. We are looking forward to Sister Bernadette's visit and to helping her Congregation with their important and necessary work and to praying with Sister for vocations, vocations, vocations.

Pastor's Note. The priests of the Diocese were notified by Fr. Jason Parzynski (Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Trenton) that this past Tuesday's vocations discernment event had gone well and was very well attended – the Mass and Barbecue with Bishop O'Connell for men considering the priesthood. Thank you for your prayers for the success of this get-together and for more vocations. In continuing to build more opportunities for young men to discern their vocation, the Diocese has planned (please see the announcement below) a **Vocation Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA on Saturday, August 7th.** Bus transportation is being arranged and those interested in attending will be able to pick up the bus at either the Cathedral of St. Robert in Freehold or at the Chancery in Lawrenceville. Please help by encouraging young men 15-40 years of age to consider registering for this exciting opportunity. Fr. Mark and I are praying for all of our young men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood and for our young women who may be discerning a vocation to consecrated religious life.



VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

Why Not You? Why Not Now?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2021

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

- Transportation & Lunch Provided -

Space is Limited - Register Today!!!

vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org

(609) 406-7448

Visit our website for additional information

www.GodIsCallingYOU.org





Fr. Mark with 2019 Vacation Bible Campers.

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 await. 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 please 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: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Home church: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Persons to contact in the event of an emergency:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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.



Mr. Kevin Connelly (D.R.E.) with 2019 Vacation Bible Campers.

An Important Message from your St. Vincent DePaul Society!

The moratorium on evictions from non-payment of rent, mortgage foreclosures, and utility shut-offs is ending soon. If anyone is behind by more than a couple of months in utility payments, rent or mortgage payments, please contact SVDP to discuss getting help in resolving this situation. These payments will become due once the moratorium is lifted. Please call us at (732) 483-0360 ext. 1.

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.



The Marina at Oceanport is a lively restaurant in the heart of Oceanport, NJ. We use the best ingredients and provide a great atmosphere.

Looking forward to hosting you soon!

A special thank you to
the Oceanport Marina
for hosting our St.
Michael's Church volun-
teer appreciation event.

10 Riverside Avenue
Oceanport, NJ 07757
(848) 456-4396
www.marinaatooceanport.com



The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Monday, July 5** in observance of Independence Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated at the usual 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. times on July 5 with Confessions after each Mass.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 2021

Salvatore J. Mirarchi r/o Joe & Carmel Mirarchi-

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 1

June Scavone

Week 5

Joanne Buono

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)

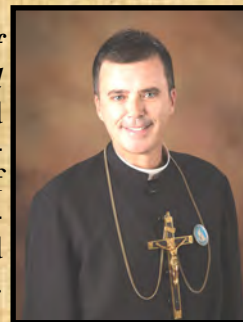
Mother-Daughter Tea – Wonderfully Made – An in-person event for mothers and daughters from 5th through 8th grade on the passage from childhood to womanhood (To be hosted by St. Denis Parish, Manasquan; attendance is limited. Fall date to be determined)

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>

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.

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.

Please Register as a Parishioner

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.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, June 26, 2021

4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass	\$1,703.00	91 Cars
5:30 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$758.00	72 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$432.00	47 People

Sunday, June 27, 2021

7:00 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$1,989.00	103 People
8:30 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$1,495.00	89 People
10:00 AM Parking Lot Mass	\$1,855.00	106 Cars
12:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$642.00	111 People
4:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$408.00	48 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$812.00	119 People

Mailed-in Envelopes for the June 27 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2,134.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,228.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,731.00

Second Collection: Holy Father-Peter's Pence: \$2,649.00

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.*

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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).

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.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021	Ongoing: Commenced February 21; Second mailing in week of May 10
Independence Day Prayer Service (Reading of Declaration of Independence)	Saturday, July 3, 2021 9:00 a.m.
Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, July 10, 2021 10:00 a.m.
World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday, July 25, 2021 (see details on Page 3)
Fr. Alphonse's Outdoor Summer Concert	Sunday, July 25, 2021 5:00 p.m.
National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week	July 25-31, 2021 (see details on Page 12)
Vacation Bible Camp	Wednesday, July 28 and August 4 & 11 (see details on Page 10)
Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations	Wednesday, August 4, 2021
Monmouth County Red Mass (Bishop O'Connell presiding)	Sunday, October 10, 2021 12:00 p.m.



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

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infants who were baptized in June 2021: Mattison Kane, Landon DeSantis, Vera Fernicola, and Colton Hart. May God bless them and their families.



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 through 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



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