

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 9, 2023 | Fourteenth 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

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

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

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

Rev. Cyril Johnson, Parochial Vicar

Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
732-483-0360 ext. 1



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

-Matthew 11:28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 8

8:00 AM † Alphonso Vitale & Juana C. Ruiz	Daughter
4:00 PM † Rev. Russell Abata	Rick Binaco
† Silvio Rizzo	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	Lew & Renee Mazza
† Thomas Best	Sudman Family
10:00 AM † Mary & Dan Bolich	Delehanty & Bolich Family
† Esther Manfredi	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

Monday, July 10

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Albert DePalma	DePalma Family
7:00 PM † William Thomson	Carroll Family

Tuesday, July 11

8:00 AM Special Intention: Scott Tave	Kathleen West
† Eleanor & William A. Maslo	Maslo Family

Wednesday, July 12

8:00 AM † Rita Marie Calabro	Margiloff Family
† Vincent Manzo	Lois & Brett

Thursday, July 13

8:00 AM † Rita N. Cittadino	Christopher M. Cittadino & Children
† Pamela Gatta	Mom, Dad & Family
† Rosaleen De Bonis	De Bonis Family

Friday, July 14

8:00 AM † Matilda D'Alessandro	Maria, Ken & her Children
Special Intention for Olivia: Health & Blessings on Her High School Graduation	

Saturday, July 15

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson	Husband Dennis
† Jimmy Delehanty	Delehanty Family
5:30 PM † Deceased Members of the Clauser Family	Grandaughter
† Michael Gal	Maslo Family
7:00 PM † John J. Hoagland	Vicki & Tom Hoagland

Sunday, July 16

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
8:30 AM † Kathryn Ippolito	Annie Jenson
† Fortunato "Freddie" Acerra	John & Joanne Durkin
10:00 AM † Emilia & Julius B. Simonelli	Maria & Pasquale Simonelli
† Joseph M Lucarelli	Anthony Lucarelli
12:00 PM † John Luongo	Luongo Family
† Charles A. Mazza	Mazza, Maslo & McGuire Families
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Carmine J. Monteleone	Mark & Juana Monteleone and Family

The Blessed Mother Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Julia Rose Bowman, requested by her loving children Michael, Joe, and AnneMarie.

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Rita Marie Calabro, requested by the Margiloff family.





FEAST OF ST. CHRISTOPHER
(July 25th)
PATRON SAINT OF
CAR SAFETY AND TRAVELERS

On Saturday, July 22 immediately after the 4:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, July 23 immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, Fr. John will be available in the North Parking Lot for all

those who wish to have their cars blessed. Please park in the area near the garage and the statue of St. Michael in the North Parking Lot and Fr. John will be there right after Mass for this blessing.



St. Christopher Prayer
("The Motorist's Prayer")

Grant me O Lord a steady hand and watchful eye.
That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.
Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company,
From the evils of fire and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others need;
Nor miss through love of undue speed
The beauty of the world; that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.
St. Christopher, holy patron of travelers,
Protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.
Amen.

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 welcome.

Evening
"summer semi-
June 18 and 25
"vocation story"
Michael's). Fur-
Evening Prayer



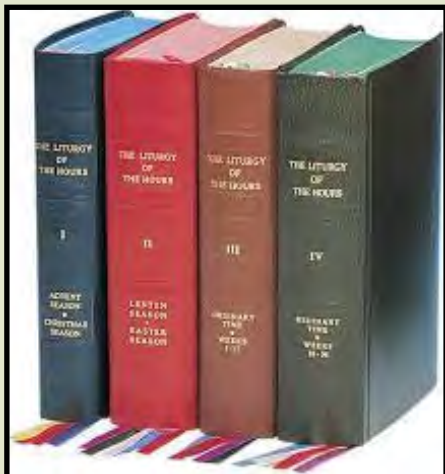
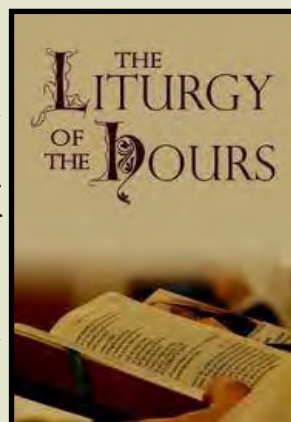
Seminarian
Nicholas Alescio

Prayer (also known as "Vespers") will be led by our "narian" Nicholas Alescio (please see our bulletins of and of July 2 for more information about Nick and his and his summer parish assignment here at St. Michael's). Further information about the Liturgy of the Hours and may be found below.

The Liturgy
Work of God

of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the (*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>.

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.** The Memorial of Saints Anne and Joachim (parents of the Blessed Mother and grandparents of Jesus) is on Wednesday, July 26. As we approach and celebrate that Memorial and also celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (which falls on Sunday, July 23), we will be praying the following Novena Prayer to St. Anne and St. Joachim at all Masses during the nine-day period beginning on Tuesday, July 18 and concluding on Wednesday, July 26.*

Novena Prayer to St. Anne and St. Joachim



Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus and parents of Mary, we seek your intercession. We beg you to direct all our actions to the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls. Strengthen us when we are tempted, console us during our trials, help us when we are in need, be with us in life and in death.

O Divine Savior, we Joachim and Anne to be the and so to be your beloved their patronage this day. We recommend, and our grandchildren. Keep them Grant that they may ever grow in great-

Saints Joachim and Anne, we have cede for us before the throne of your our special intentions, our own special intercession our prayers may be granted and particularly the special grace that we now implore: [pause briefly and silently mention your request here]. Saints Joachim and Anne, please pray for us. Amen.



thank You for having chosen Saints parents of our Blessed Mother Mary grandparents. We place ourselves under mend to them our families, our children from all spiritual and physical harm. er love of God and others.

many great needs. We beg you to inter-Divine Grandson. All of us here have needs, and we pray that through your



Instructions: Please pray this prayer daily for nine days.

Available at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/novena-to-st-anne-and-st-joachim>.

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

For more information please see the parish bulletin of June 25, 2023 at Page 9 (also available on the parish website) or call the parish office.

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

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

**Notre Dame High School Theater
601 Lawrence road
Lawrenceville, NJ**

Visit our website
for ticket information:
domesticchurchmedia.org/2023-benefit-concert

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

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Monday Nights	Mondays, June 19 to July 17 at 6:40 p.m. (See Page 3 for details)
Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, July 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Blessing of Cars	Saturday, July 22, 2023 and Sunday, July 23, 2023 (See Page 3 for details)
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday, July 23, 2023 (See Page 4 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) (See Page 4 for details)
Summer Missionary Appeal	August 19 and 20, 2023

Weekend of July 1 and 2 Attendance and Collection

Due to an early bulletin publication deadline, the attendance and collection data for the weekend of July 1 and 2 will be published in the July 16 bulletin. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and financial support of the parish and for your attendance at Mass.

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.

**Old Guard of Long Branch
is Sponsoring a Bus Trip to
Resorts Casino in Atlantic City**

When: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Cost: \$40.00 (Receive \$20.00 back at Casino and free refreshments on the bus).

**Bus leaves St. Michael's Church at
10:15 a.m.**

For more information and to make a reservation call Peter at 732-801-6886

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.dotyouth.org/missionjersey 609-403-7182


**SUMMER
OFFICE HOURS**

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

Due to an early publication deadline, the updated Annual Catholic Appeal figures for Week 19 were not available for this bulletin and will be published next week in the July 16 bulletin. The figures published here are a repeat of last Sunday's (July 2) data after 18 weeks.

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). *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.



FEET OF CHRIST

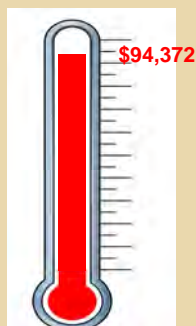


HANDS OF CHRIST

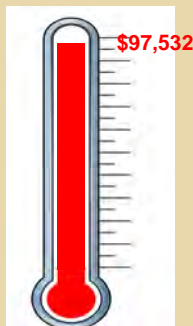
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

Parish Goal = \$109,000

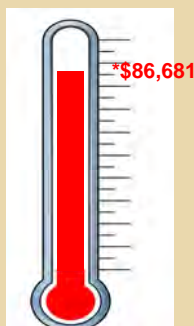
**2021
After Eighteen
Weekends**



**2022
After Eighteen
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**2023
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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 Collection 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.



The Sisters of St. Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove has a full time opening for an **Administrative Assistant** to provide support to the core staff, ensuring the Center runs smoothly and

efficiently. The successful candidate will provide a vital role in promoting the vision of the Center. A Bachelor's degree, proven successful admin experience, proficiency in using Microsoft Office and Publisher and familiarity with setting up IT connections such as ZOOM are required.

Qualified, interested candidates should send resume and cover letter to S. Joanie Cassidy at jcassidy@ssjphila.org.

Save the Date

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

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Ballroom Dancing Fund-raiser 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 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.

