

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 16, 2023 | Fifteenth 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

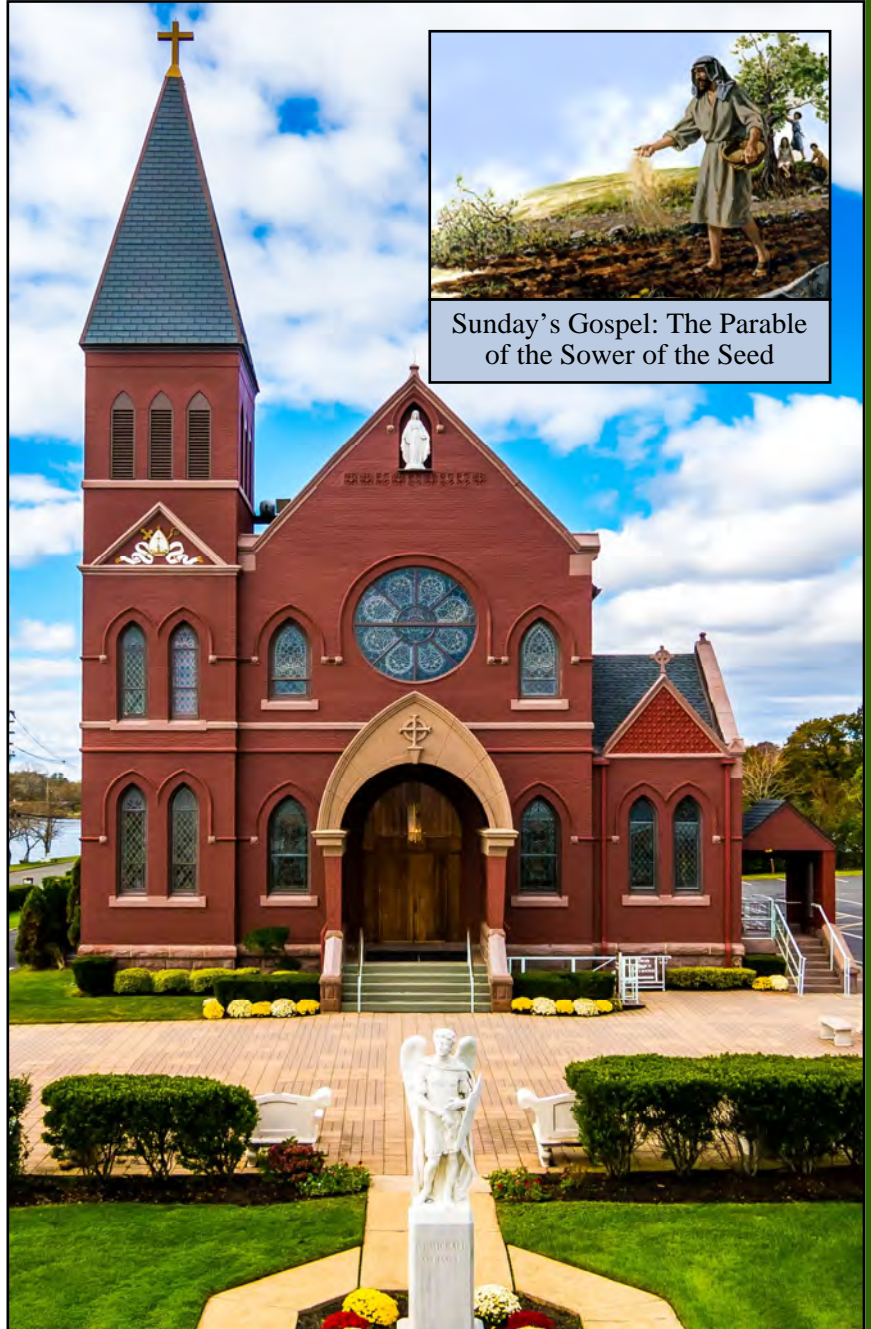
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



Sunday's Gospel: The Parable of the Sower of the Seed

## PARISH OFFICE

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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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The Parable of the  
Sower of the Seed  
*Matthew 13:1-23*

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

-Matthew 13:23

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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 Clouser Family Grandaughter  
† Michael Gal Maslo Family  
7:00 PM † John J. Hoagland Vicki & Tom Hoagland

### Sunday, July 16

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin Theresa  
† Danielle Russo Grandmother  
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

### Monday, July 17

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico  
Special Intention: Jack Barney Barney Family  
7:00 PM † Irene F. & Edward Moskal, Sr. Barbara & Edward Moskal  
† Blaise & Stephanie Mitkowski Barbara & Edward Moskal

### Tuesday, July 18

8:00 AM † Angelina Costello Family  
† Mark Russo Mother & Family

### Wednesday, July 19

8:00 AM † Richard Fromer Bruce Fromer  
† Joseph Welter Loving Family

### Thursday, July 20

8:00 AM † Bob Clinton Family  
(Wedding Anniversary)  
† Edward Del Priore Vinnie

### Friday, July 21

8:00 AM † Harry B. Tokanos Mary Takonas  
Special Intention: Gail Russo Family

### Saturday, July 22

8:00 AM † Michael Pacheco Margolin Family  
4:00 PM † Paul Roller Grandchildren Silvia, Noah, Marco, & Jude  
† Karen Smith Loving Husband  
5:30 PM † James Carr Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr  
† Josephine Torchia Daughters  
7:00 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, July 23

7:00 AM † Msgr. Frederick Valentino  
8:30 AM † Joan Harrigan Nancy Murphy  
† Anthony Albano Paul & Agnes D'Angelo  
10:00 AM † Mary Ann McKenzie St. Vincent De Paul Society  
† Sharon Mazza The Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group"  
12:00 PM † Fred Acerra Peggy & Anthony Romano  
† Maureen Ann Lago  
4:00 PM † Ruben Novoa  
7:00 PM People of the Parish

The St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Joseph Welter, requested by his loving family.

The Blessed Mother Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for our seminarians.







**BLESSING OF CARS  
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.

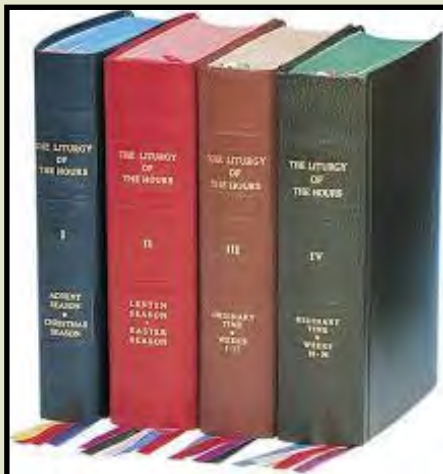
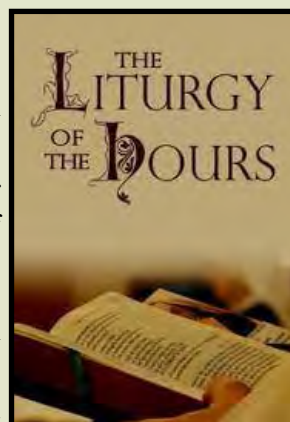
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Evening Prayer



Seminarian  
Nicholas Alescio

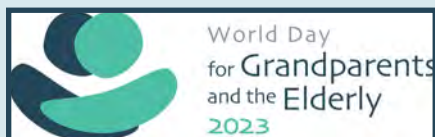
Prayer (also known as "Vespers") will be led by our "narian" Nicholas Alescio (please see our bulletins of and of July 2 for more information about Nick and his and his summer parish assignment here at St. Michael's). Further information about the Liturgy of the Hours and may be found below.

The Liturgy 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 Grandparents and Elderly Day, the Holy Father will preside over a Eucharistic liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica and he 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!



Please see Page 9 of this bulletin for **important information on the Indulgence that may be obtained** by participating in the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 23.

## 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>.

### **Movie Night at St. Michael's Church**

#### ***Nefarious\****

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

**In the Lower Church**



Francis X. Maier, a senior fellow in the Catholic Studies Program at the Ethics and Public Policy Center wrote the following review of *Nefarious* - "*Nefarious* is a film about a demonic possession, a subject that often spells cinematic disaster. But this one is brilliantly acted and spiritually powerful, which makes it hard to dismiss or forget. *Nefarious* is deadly serious about the nature of evil, and thus it's both convincing and memorable."

Refreshments will be available (free popcorn and free bottled water and soda).

No admission charge. A free-will donation will be accepted.

**Suitable for ages 16 and older according to the film's producers. Discretion and caution are advised for all viewers of this movie. Its content is intense and may be upsetting. The movie's storyline and message are important and relevant for our times.**



\*From the writers and directors of *Unplanned* and *God is Not Dead*.

## Collection Scheduled for Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund; Next Weekend July 22 and 23, 2023

Our Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., is again inviting parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton to support the second annual collection for the Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund scheduled for Masses July 22 and 23. The collection is part of the diocesan observance of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly -- established three years ago by Pope Francis to be held on or near the Feast of Jesus' own grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The collection, which will be taken in all Catholic churches across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, will be used to help fund the needs of the retired and elderly priests of the Diocese whose numbers have now reached 85.



In announcing this year's collection, Bishop O'Connell stated, "As we celebrate the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, I am also mindful of the priests of the Diocese who have 'born the heat of the day' in our parishes and institutions, serving and ministering to us and who are now retired. They are truly our 'spiritual grandparents'. Many continue to offer Masses and share the Sacraments in our parishes.

"As Bishop, I invite all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, once again, to show the generosity for which I have come to know you so well by contributing to the annual collection for the retired, elderly and infirm priests of the Diocese. They, too, deserve our love and gratitude in their twilight years!"

*help of those retired priests (and other nearby priests) now that our parish is once again a one-priest parish, making available NINE weekend Masses and hearing Confessions EVERY DAY would not be possible. Please pray for more vocations, vocations, vocations to the priesthood. And, if possible, please contribute within your means to next weekend's Second Collection to help support the retired and elderly priests of our Diocese. Thank you.*

On World Day for  
**Grandparents and  
the Elderly 2023...**

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show  
appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers  
through a gift to the second annual

## Diocesan Retired, Elderly AND Infirm Priests FUND

Collection to be held in all parishes  
of the Diocese of Trenton

### July 22-23, 2023

This year, there are 85 retired priests of the Diocese.  
Please remember them in your prayers and be as generous as your circumstances allow.

*Pastor's Note. Please remember next weekend's Second Collection described by Bishop O'Connell in the message to the left on this Page 6. That collection is intended to help fund the needs of the retired and elderly priests of our Diocese. Please also remember: "Where would St. Michael's Parish be without the dedicated and generous assistance of the several retired priests who regularly visit us to help with celebrating our NINE weekend Masses and to hear our EVERY-DAY-OF-THE-WEEK Confessions?" Without the*



## Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick

Please keep in mind that the parish priests and our lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available and eager to bring Communion to parishioners who are in the hospital (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and hospices, too) and to parishioners who are at home but unable to get to church. Please contact Mary Valan at the parish office or Dotty O'Hara at (908)310-6497 to make arrangements. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities **generally do not notify the parish office** regarding their Catholic patients who desire to receive Sacraments. And so it falls to the patient herself/himself or to a family member or friend to contact the parish office to make the request. The parish priests will also very gladly make a hospital visit or home visit to hear a Confession and/or administer the Sacrament of the Sick ("Anointing of the Sick") in addition to bringing Holy Communion. Please remember to contact the parish office or Dotty to make these arrangements. Thank you.



*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.



EYES OF CHRIST



FEET OF CHRIST

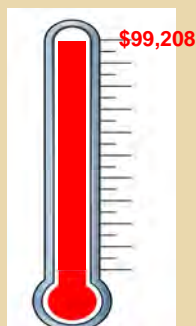


HANDS OF CHRIST

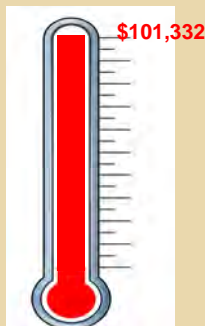
## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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

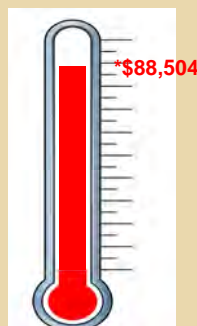
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**2023**  
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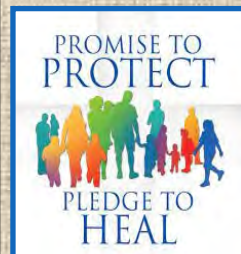
The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2021 vs. 2022 vs. 2023 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year’s total after twentieth weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twentieth weekends of last year and 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 15-16 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

\*This \$88,504 figure is approximately 81.2% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twentieth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of July 11) from 274 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 12.9% 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.

We are the  
**BODY**  
of **CHRIST**  
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

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

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.

For a synodal Church  
communio, participatio, missio

## Weekend Collection & Attendance

### Thank You!

#### Saturday, July 1, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,051.00	154 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$834.00	120 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$863.00	76 people

#### Sunday, July 2, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,812.00	108 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,527.00	169 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,340.00	133 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,171.00	122 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$924.00	108 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$730.00	141 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 2 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,439.00**

**This Week's Total: \$13,691.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,901.00**

**Second Collection: Peter's Pence: \$2,939.00**

## Weekend Collection & Attendance

### Thank You!

#### Saturday, July 8, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,787.00	141 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,257.00	96 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$814.00	78 people

#### Sunday, July 9, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,500.00	93 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,428.00	139 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,448.00	150 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,521.00	106 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$986.00	127 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$586.00	132 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 9 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,223.00**

**This Week's Total: \$13,550.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,263.00**

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,373.00. Thank You!**

## 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.

## 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

## 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

**Morristown**  
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](http://www.dotyouth.org/missionjersey) 609-403-7182



*Pastor's Note. An Indulgence is available for those who participate in the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 23. Our Bishop David O'Connell has provided the relevant information to all the parishes of our Diocese as stated below in the Decree issued by Cardinal Piacenza. Please see Page 4 of this bulletin for other information about the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.*

## Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of Plenary Indulgence on the Occasion of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 05.07.2023

### DECREE

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and procure the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties attributed to it by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, Pope by Divine Providence, accepting the recent request presented by the Most Eminent Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Kevin Joseph Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, on the occasion of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, already instituted by the Supreme Pontiff on the fourth Sunday of the month of July and which this year will be held on the theme "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50) graciously grants from the heavenly treasures of the Church the Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, participate on 23 July 2023, on the occasion of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, at the solemn celebration over which the Most Holy Father Francis will preside in the Vatican Papal Basilica, or at the various functions that will be held throughout the world, a Plenary Indulgence that may also be applied as a suffrage to the souls in Purgatory.

This Court of Mercy also grants the Plenary Indulgence on this same day to the faithful who devote adequate time to visiting, in person or virtually, through the communications media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled...).

The Plenary Indulgence may also be granted, provided that they free themselves from any sin and intend to fulfill the three usual conditions as soon as possible, to the sick elderly and to all those who, unable to leave their homes for a serious reason, will unite spiritually with the sacred services of World Youth Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, their sorrows and the sufferings of their lives, especially while the words of the Supreme Pontiff and the various celebrations are broadcast through the media.

In order, therefore, that this opportunity to obtain divine grace through the power of the Keys of the Church may be more easily realized through pastoral charity, this Penitentiary firmly requests priests, equipped with the appropriate faculties to hear confessions, to make themselves available, with a ready and generous spirit, for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

This Decree is valid for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary. *Given in Rome, at the Seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 15 June 2023.*

Mauro Cardinal Piacenza  
Major Penitentiary

### Prayer for Followers of Saint Vincent De Paul



Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Vincent de Paul with the strength of the Apostles, to work for the salvation of the poor and the instruction of the clergy.

May we who follow the example of His holy life, be driven by unceasing charity, to continue the mission of Your Son in the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

## The Knights of Columbus Council 12620

In Cooperation with “*Anytime Dance Studio*” Presents

### **BALLROOM DANCING SOCIAL CHARITY FUNDRAISER**

Date: July 22 at 7:00 P.M.  
(Doors Open At 6:30 PM)

Location: St. Dorothea's  
Church, Eatontown

Cost: \$35/person

Save money by purchasing tickets in  
advance

For questions or to purchase tickets in  
advance call 732-927-6029

Event includes a Live Performance  
Dancing Showcase of Talent, a  
group lesson, and additional dance  
time to practice dance steps taught.

Food & Beverages Will Be Provided  
Catering Supplied By Illiano's Cafe



## 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)
Novena to St. Anne and St. Joachim	July 18-26, 2023 At All Masses (See Page 5 for details)
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)
Movie Night: <i>Nefarious</i> (Parental discretion advised)	Wednesday, July 26, 2023 7:00 p.m. (See Page 5 for details)
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations	Friday, August 4, 2023
First Friday	Friday, August 4, 2023 (12:15 p.m. Mass in Latin, 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.)
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A holy day of obligation)	Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Summer Missionary Appeal	August 19 and 20, 2023
Parish Summer Choir: Mass and Songs at Lakewood (Jersey Shore) Blueclaws Baseball Game	Saturday, September 2, 2023 Mass: 5:00 p.m. Game 7:05 p.m.
Red Mass of the Diocese of Trenton AT St. Michael's	Sunday, October 1, 2023 12:00 Noon

## 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.



## The Oceanport Seniors Invite You to FIESTA DE SAN GENNARO

Come join the fun and enjoy the fantastic duo of Julian & Dominique, widely recognized for their "Show of a Thousand Voices" which they performed in Celine Dion's extravaganza in Las Vegas. Add to this celebration Bill Trimarco & The Gondolier Show Band plus a great comedian.

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Where: The Shore Club, Spring Lake

Time: 10:30 a.m. Bus leaves from Port-au-Peck Fire House, 433 Myrtle Avenue, Oceanport

Price: \$75.00

Payment: Cash or check made payable to Oceanport Seniors

**Deadline to register is September 1, 2023**

Please return bottom portion along with your payment and mail to:

Mimi Paolise (any questions call 732-245-4987)

49 Wyandotte Ave.

Oceanport, NJ 07757



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your choice of Entree:

Sirloin of Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Herbal Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Price includes lunch with one-hour open bar (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) Wine and soda will be served during lunch, music, show and bus!

**NO REFUNDS**



**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](http://domesticchurchmedia.org/2023-benefit-concert)



### 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.



*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**