

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 18, 2021 | Sixteenth 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

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. Latin Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 English-language Mass until 6:30 p.m.

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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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.-12:00 Noon

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

Rev. Mark Nillo, Parochial Vicar

Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 17

8:00 AM Special Intention: Healing and Deliverance for Gaelle
Gaelle Annulysse

4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson
Husband Dennis

† Jimmy Delehanty
Delehanty Family

5:30 PM † Patty Chavez
Jackie & Leroy Garifine

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 18

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin
Theresa

† Rosa Alba Stranieri
Mother Francesca

8:30 AM † Mark Russo (Birthday)
Family

† Rev. Dennis Foley
Rene & Jack Brignola

10:00 AM † Joan Schiavone
Renate Mesnikoff

12:00 PM † Ellen Gerbino
Barbara & Vincent Costa

† Judy Ruark
Daughter Kim

4:00 PM People of the Parish
† Frank Mugrace
Daughter Judith

7:00 PM † Anthony Ilaraza
Mike, Michele & Melanie

Monday, July 19

8:00 AM † Harry Tokanos
Mary

† Richard Fromer
Bruce Fromer

† Joseph Welter
Family

Pro-Life Cause
Friends of Sylvia Marsico

† Lucia David
Aida David

7:00 PM Special Intention: Richard & Patricia LaHood
Family

Tuesday, July 20

8:00 AM † Barry Wilson
Bill Lisa

† William G. Leeman
Doris Schmidt

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 AM † Donald Bennett

Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM Special Intention: Healing and Deliverance for Gaelle
Gaelle Annulysse

Friday, July 23

8:00 AM † Joan Harrigan
Family

Saturday, July 24

8:00 AM † Delia Sheridan
Nancy Murphy

4:00 PM † Karen Smith
Loving Husband

† Theresa Brignola
Rene & Jack Brignola

5:30 PM † Ralph Dimaio
Luci, Ed & Elisa Perez

People of the Parish

7:00 PM Special Intention: Gwen Baumann
Mary Filippo

Sunday, July 25 (World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly)

7:00 AM † Anthony Albano
Paul & Agnes D'Angelo

† Eleanor Siciliano
John & Joanne Durkin

8:30 AM † Bernice Sobotka
Dan Wright & Darlene Aikman

† Dora Mercedes Blanchett

10:00 AM † Bernie Boglioli
Audrey Boglioli

† Rev. Russell Abata
Rick Binaco

12:00 PM † Patty Chavez
Tara & Dominic Lusardi

† Eleanor Maslo
The Maslo Family

All Grandparents (living and deceased) and the Elderly

4:00 PM † Michael Gal
The Maslo Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

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

The Blessed Mother's Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of all deceased grandparents.

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in prayer for all living grandparents and for the elderly.



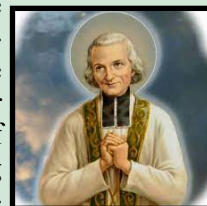
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 18, 2021

Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations: Wednesday, August 4



On the Feast of St. John Vianney (Wednesday, August 4) we will continue a St. Michael's Church tradition and gather as a parish community throughout the day to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. Please join us. The day of prayer will begin with our regularly scheduled Morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. and conclude with a Closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. We will break at 12:00 Noon for praying of the Angelus (outdoors weather permitting) until resuming prayer at 1:00 p.m. During session and afternoon session to the celebrations of there will be Eucharistic Rosary, confessions will be will be prayed for vocation will be in next Sunday's patron saint of parish

the day of the morning vision (in addition the Mass) Adoration, we will pray the available, and special prayers tions. The day's hourly schedule-bulletin. St. John Vianney, priests, pray for us.



I ask parish communities not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to the harvest. May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love.

Pope Francis

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.

FEAST OF ST. CHRISTOPHER, PATRON SAINT OF CAR SAFETY

BLESSING OF CARS: SUNDAY, JULY 25



On Sunday, July 25 immediately after the 12:00 Noon Mass, the parish priests 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 between the statues of St. Anthony and St. Michael and the priests will be there right after Mass for this blessing and a brief prayer.

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.

Pope Francis' Message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

***Pastor's Note.** Pope Francis announced on January 31 of this year a new celebration in honor of all grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our families, our communities, and our Church. This new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in July (in close proximity to the celebration on July 26 of the Memorial of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus and the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Later this year – on May 31 – the Vatican released Pope Francis' message for the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated around the world and this year falls on Sunday, July 25. The Holy Father's message appears below (edited to accommodate the limited space in this Sunday's bulletin). May God continue to bless our grandparents and the elderly in their vocation of living the faith and transmitting the faith to succeeding generations. Saints Anne and Joachim, pray for us. Complete text available at <https://slmedia.org/blog/pope-francis-message-for-the-1st-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly>.*

"I am with you always."

*Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,
Dear Elderly Friends,*

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.



The observance at St. Michael's Church of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will include the following:

- **Novena Prayer** for Grandparents and the Elderly to be prayed at all Masses (for nine consecutive days) from Saturday, July 17 through and including Sunday, July 25.
- **Book of Prayers** for the entry of names of all living and deceased grandparents and elderly family members. The Book of Prayers will be available in the rear of the church beginning on Saturday, July 17 for appropriate names to be written-in by Mass-goers and visitors to the church. The Book of Prayers will be placed near the altar during the Masses of the July 24-25 weekend and all entries will be prayed for during the Prayer of the Faithful at those Masses.
- **Homilies** during the Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses of the July 24-25 weekend will address the vocation of grandparents and the elderly and their call to live the faith and transmit the faith by their witness and words to subsequent generations.
- **Message of Pope Francis** creating – and articulating the purpose of and vision for – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (printed herewith).
- **Mass of Thanksgiving** for All Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, July 25 at 12:00 Noon. All are invited and welcome.
- **Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration** 10:50 to 11:50 prior to the 12:00 Mass.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this

time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, "Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer"....

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send *angels* to console our loneliness and to remind us: *"I am with you always"*. He says this to you, and he says it to me. *That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!*

At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand. Let us try to read a page of the Scriptures every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send laborers into his vineyard. I was called to

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become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – *always* – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. ***You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.***

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand ***that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.***

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, need assistance. ***Because there is no retirement age from the work of pro-down traditions to your grandchildren. something new.***

At this crucial moment in history, wonder: How this can be possible? My can do much. How can I begin to act of my life? How can I devote myself to so concerned about my family? How even leave the residence where I live? heavy burden? ***How many of you are tude already a sufficiently heavy bur-question from Nicodemus, who asked, old?"*** (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills....



you have a renewed vocation. You may energy is running out and I don't think I differently when habit is so much a part those who are poor when I am already can I broaden my vision when I can't Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently asking just that question: isn't my soli-den? ***Jesus himself heard a similar***

"How can a man be born when he is

....I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" (*ibid.*, 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are *dreams, memory and prayer*. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer....

....As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, ***once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others."*** He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. ***Your prayer*** is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need. Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, ***your intercession*** for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to "his desire to feel himself a brother to all." (*Fratelli Tutti*, 287) The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one's own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2021, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRANCIS

Summer Choir to Sing at Blueclaws Baseball Game; Members of All Ages Welcome; Rehearsals Continue This Weekend



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 **Jersey Shore Blueclaws**). The game will be on Saturday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals 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 a pre-game 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in the stadium's Corporate Conference Room on the stadium's Upper Level. All members of the Summer Choir will be given a bright blue choir golf shirt and baseball cap with embroidered lettering "St. Michael's Summer Choir". *If you are unable to attend the first two rehearsals (July 10 and 17) but can make a firm commitment to attend the last two rehearsals (July 24 and 31 - Saturday at*



3:15 in the Lower Church), you are warmly invited to join the Summer Choir and to sing with us at the game. To sign-up or to obtain further information, please contact Lauren Walters at LaRenne1@aol.com or 609-706-0766.



Long Branch Police Department



Mark your calendars for a free night of food, games and fun! National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3rd from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at Slocum Park!



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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Begins June 24, 2021



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>

Pro-Life Message from Bishop David O'Connell

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I encourage all our Catholic clergy, religious and lay faithful to sign a petition to protect congressional legislative provisions in support of life: <http://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com>. Please access the New Jersey Catholic Conference website: <https://njcatholic.org/protecting-the-hyde-amendment> and also read the Action Alerts posted on the NJCC website: <https://njcatholic.org>.



Please consider writing letters in strong support of pro-life protections to our NJ senators and congressmen. Thank you and God bless and protect you all, born and unborn.

Bishop O'Connell

Bishop O'Connell's Wedding 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

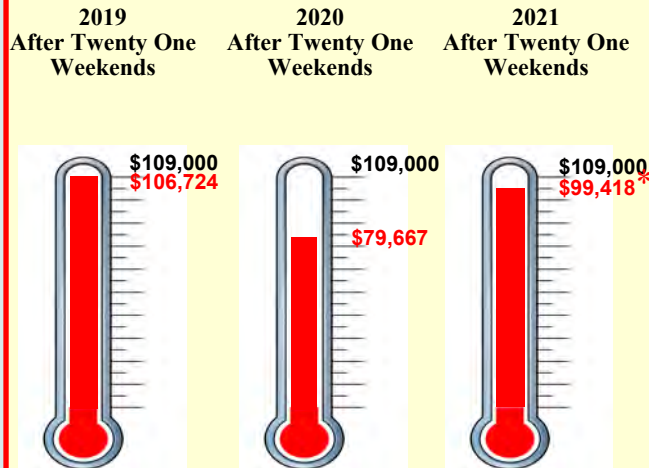


the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but the event will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or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

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 twenty one weekends is significantly ahead of our parish's total after twenty one weekends in 2020 but slightly lower than our parish's total after twenty one weekends in 2019. ***We are now more than 90% of the way to our goal!*** Thank you! As Saint/Mother Teresa said: ***"Together we can do great things!"***

*This \$99,418 figure is approximately 91.2% of our parish goal. It was received as of the twenty first weekend of the campaign (tallied as of July 14) from 381 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.1% 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.



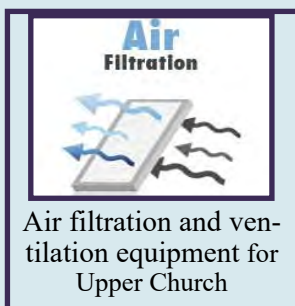
THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021 **IN ACTION!**

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

Evangelization-Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.

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



Pastor's Note. We have received several very kind and thoughtful thank you notes and cards and emails during the past few weeks at the parish office. A sampling of those gratitude messages is below – in particular an email from Sister Bernadette regarding her Summer Mission Appeal visit here at St. Michael's last weekend and a letter from "Debbie in Pittsburgh" expressing gratitude for our Parking Lot Masses that she has been viewing regularly from 400 miles away via the Internet (and asking for prayers for her grandson Ethan). Additional thank you notes from our U.S. Military members stationed overseas will be published in next Sunday's bulletin regarding the Eagles Up! shipments that they have received. Thank YOU!!!

Annual Summer Missionary Appeal

Dear Fr. Butler, Fr. Nillo, and Parishioners,

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to speak at St. Michael's this past weekend. Your warm hospitality and welcome made me feel at home. It was apparent to me that God's love and the mission spirit is alive in your parish family. Thank you for your generous contributions to the mission appeal. Your gifts will provide care for the many people we serve as Allegany Franciscan Sisters in the United States, Brazil, Bolivia and Jamaica.

I will continue to remember the priests and parishioners of St. Michael's in my prayers. May God bless the good work you are doing and keep you in good health.

Gratefully,
Sr. Bernadette, OSF
Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY



From a St. Michael's Parking Lot Mass Parishioner in Pittsburgh, PA

Dear Fr. John Butler, Fr. Mark Nillo, Fr. Alphonse Stephenson, Parishioners and Volunteers,

I am from Pittsburgh, PA area and I wanted to tell you how much I appreciated your 4:00 Saturday Parking Lot Vigil Mass.

I was home, as a lot of people were during the pandemic, and looking for a Mass on the computer when I saw an outside Mass. I thought that would be nice and I was absolutely not disappointed. The Masses and Homilies were meaningful and I enjoyed the outside scenery. When I first heard the horns honking for the Sign of Peace, you had me hooked. I watched the Saturday Parking Lot Mass for over a year and I am honored to be a part, even it was just virtually, of a fun, tight-knit congregation. Again, thank you for inviting me, by the way of the internet, into your Parish.

You should be proud of yourselves, you are truly an inspiration.

Thank you!
Debbie

Thank you also to Bishop David M. O'Connell for allowing the Parking Lot Vigil Mass.

I am sorry if I forgot someone.

PS....I am enclosing \$10.00. I am a grandmother of an almost 8 year old autistic grandson. He cannot talk and has many issues. Could you light a candle for him and say a prayer for him? As Fr. Alphonse Stephenson mentioned in his homily, he will pray for someone but in return, I have to pray as if my prayer has already been accomplished and have to be thankful for what I have. I am thankful for my grandson and pray the Rosary every day for him. I worry about him/his future. His name is Ethan. Thank you.






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 volunteer appreciation event.

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

LIVE-STREAMING OF OUR SATURDAY 4:00 P.M. MASS

The live-streaming of our indoor, in-church Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass will continue indefinitely even though the Parking Lot Masses have been discontinued and the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted. For those who are healthy and well and able to attend Sunday Mass or Saturday Vigil Mass, the live-streamed Mass is not a substitute for fulfilling the Sunday Mass Obligation (which is a serious and unchanged obligation). The live-streamed Mass is intended for those who for good, serious, and conscientious reason are genuinely unable to attend the Sunday Mass. This live-streamed Mass may be accessed via the home page of the parish website at www.stmichaelnj.com and will be archived on that home page for subsequent viewing following the live, real-time celebration of that Mass.

Call for CCD Catechists

God has a plan for you - and it might be as a CCD teacher, teacher's aide, or volunteer. Please contact Kevin Connelly (Director of Religious Ed) at 732-483-0360 ext. 2 to join our team. God may be calling **YOU**.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS! Many of our troops are still deployed. There is a complete list of most needed items in the back of the church. Monetary donations towards shipping costs are accepted. Checks may be made payable to Eagles Up. A tax receipt can be provided upon request.

URGENT AND IMMEDIATE NEED

You're the right type
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12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Would you like to become a Catholic? Or perhaps you have been baptized yet never received First Holy Communion or made your Confirmation?

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) classes begin in the fall. If you are interested in attending these classes to complete your Sacraments, please contact Kevin Connelly (our Director of Religious Education) at 732-483-0360 ext. 2 or Mary Valan at the parish office.

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.



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.



Pastor's Note. The priests of the Diocese were notified by Fr. Jason Parzynski (Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Trenton) that the recent vocations discernment event had gone well and was very well attended – the Mass and Barbecue with Bishop O'Connell on June 29 for men considering the priesthood. Thank you for your prayers for the success of that get-together and for more vocations. For the purpose of 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 men who are **discerning a priesthood vocation** and interested in attending will be able to pick up the bus at either the Co-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. Please pray for vocations, vocations, vocations!



VOCATION PILGRIMAGE

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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.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, July 10, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,311.00	137 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,063.00	78 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$849.00	74 people

Sunday, July 11, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,229.00	106 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,687.00	141 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,253.00	124 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$820.00	113 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,508.00	93 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$915.00	134 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 10 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,751.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,386.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,044.00

Second Collection: Summer Mission Appeal: \$10,040.00

Weekend Mass Schedule

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 as of the July 10-11 weekend.

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: 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: 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).



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the parish's Catholic Center at 16 Beechwood Avenue, West Long Branch. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021 *Ongoing; Commenced February 21; Second mailing in week of May 10*

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly *Sunday, July 25, 2021 (see details on Page 3)*

Blessing of Cars (Memorial of St. Christopher) *Sunday, July 25, 2021 After 12:00 Noon Mass*

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 7)*

Vacation Bible Camp *Wednesday, July 28 and August 4 & 11 (see details on Page 12)*

Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations *Wednesday, August 4, 2021*

Baptism Preparation Class *Saturday, August 21, 2021 10:00 a.m.*

Monmouth County Red Mass (Bishop O'Connell presiding) *Sunday, October 10, 2021 12:00 p.m.*

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 3

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Week 7

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