

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 25, 2021 | Seventeenth 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.



Sunday, July 25, 2021

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.-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.
Mary Valan, Parish Secretary
Jose Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

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I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

July 25, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

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	

Monday, July 26

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Nancy Marie Hall Loughlin	Mark & Dana Viggiano

Tuesday, July 27

8:00 AM † Delia Sheridan	Family
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Wednesday, July 28

8:00 AM † Rita Walker	
† Eleanor Siciliano	
† Eleanor & Nicholas Cattelona	Daughter

Thursday, July 29

8:00 AM † Angela Viverito	Cheryl & Frank Spillane
† Incononata (Nada) Raffa Koenigsberg	Simonelli Family

Friday, July 30

8:00 AM † Rose Macolino	Bill & AnneMarie Lisa
† William Bruno	Joe Ferraina

Saturday, July 31

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † MaryAnn Merkel	Rose & Tom Lang
† Ralph DeFazio	Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
5:30 PM † Jacqueline Ollagnon	Peggy & Anthony Romano
7:00 PM † Daria Renee Amoroso-McCue	Tricia & Louis Vincelli

Sunday, August 1

7:00 AM Health & Blessings: Kevin Connelly and Family	Agnes & Paul D'Angelo
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Jaimee Joyce Lomasang	Mark & Dana Viggiano
10:00 AM † Elizabeth Taylor	Josephine Van Houten
† Rev. Dennis Foley, C.Ss.R.	Clare Giangreco
12:00 PM † Lucia Costagliola	Family
† Roland DeMartino	Ambrosino Family
4:00 PM † Roselyn Mutek	
7:00 PM People of the Parish	
Special Intention: Lisa Virga	

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Harold John Bowman, requested by his loving children Michael, Joe, and Anne Marie.

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

The St. Joseph's Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in prayer for all living grandparents and for the elderly.



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 permit-

ting) until resuming the day 1:00 p.m. During the morning and afternoon session (in the celebrations of the will be Eucharistic Adoration) confessions will be available for vocations. on Page 11 of this bulletin. of parish priests, pray for



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



of prayer at ing session addition to Mass) there tion, we will pray the Rosary, ble, and special prayers will The day's hourly schedule is St. John Vianney, patron saint us.



Fr. Alphonse Returns! Outdoor Summer Concert at St. Michael's: This Weekend 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 this 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: THIS 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 this 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 Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to



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.
- **Group Photo** on the front porch of the Church immediately after this Sunday's 12:00 Noon Mass.

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!*



The Blessed Mother (center) with her parents - - the GRANDPARENTS of Jesus.

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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 Gospel 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

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.***

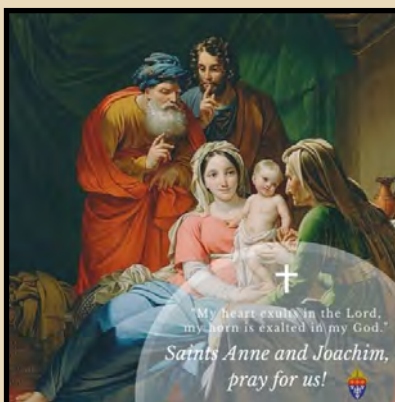
In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They

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 serve our roots, to pass on the faith to Never forget this.***

It makes no difference how old you whether you are alone or have a family, grandfather at a young age or later, need assistance. ***Because there is no reclaiming the Gospel and handing down just need to set out and undertake some-***

At this crucial moment in history, you der: How this can be possible? My endeavor much. How can I begin to act differently? How can I devote myself to those concerned about my family? How can I leave the residence where I live? Isn't burden? ***How many of you are asking ready a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from odemus, who asked, "How can a man born when he is 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....

....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....



The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, Joseph) with the GRANDPARENTS of Jesus (St. Joachim and St. Anne).

are, whether you still work or not, whether you became a grandmother or whether you are still independent or ***retirement age from the work of traditions to your grandchildren. You thing new.***

have a renewed vocation. You may worry is running out and I don't think I can entirely when habit is so much a part of my who are poor when I am already so conbroaden my vision when I can't even my solitude already a sufficiently heavy ***just that question: isn't my solitude al-***

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....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



Pope Francis: “Because there is no retirement age from proclaiming the work of the Gospel.”

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!



The parish’s Summer Choir – under the direction of Acting Music Director Lauren Walters – sang in



August of 2018 and 2019 at a Lakewood Blueclaws baseball game (photo at left). And this year’s Summer Choir – **18 voices strong** – has been rehearsing diligently the past few Saturday afternoons in preparation to sing *God*

Bless America and *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* at the upcoming Blueclaws game on August 7. Thank you for all the effort to the choir members and Mrs. Walters and also to Dotty O’Hara for her help and support.



National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 25-31, 2021



The Diocese of Trenton's 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 commu-

nication, improved physical, emotional and spiritual welfare, and exhibit marital generosity that extends far beyond their immediate family.

Here in the Diocese of Trenton, our NFP Awareness efforts for 2021 – 2022 will emphasize the mother-daughter relationship with a host of events to honor the special role of mothers in teaching their daughters the wonders of their changing bodies, fertility cycles, becoming a woman and perhaps one day a mother.

2021 NFP Awareness Events

The events listed here reflect an emphasis on the importance of the Mother-Daughter relationship in passing on a faith-based, Catholic perspective from generation to generation when it comes to the beauty of God's plan for love, marriage and family.

July 25 – 31, 2021 – Evening Conversations on Fertility Awareness and Parenthood; 7:00 pm each evening on Facebook.

July 29, 2021 – The Wonder of Eve – A virtual evening session on the wonders of the female reproductive system for mothers and their teenage daughters (9th through 12th grade); 7:00 – 8:15 pm.

August 25, 2021 – Wonderfully Made – A virtual evening session on the passage from childhood to womanhood for mothers and their tween and teen daughters (5th through 8th grade).

October 5, 2021 - The Beauty of Eve – A virtual evening session for college-age students and young adult women on the science of charting cycles of fertility and infertility (Fall date to be determined)

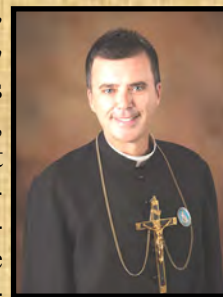
Mother-Daughter Tea – Wonderfully Made – An in-person event for mothers and daughters from 5th through 8th grade on the passage from childhood to womanhood (To be hosted by St. Denis Parish, Manasquan; attendance is limited. Fall date to be determined)

For a complete set of resources on NFP Awareness from the USCCB, visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>

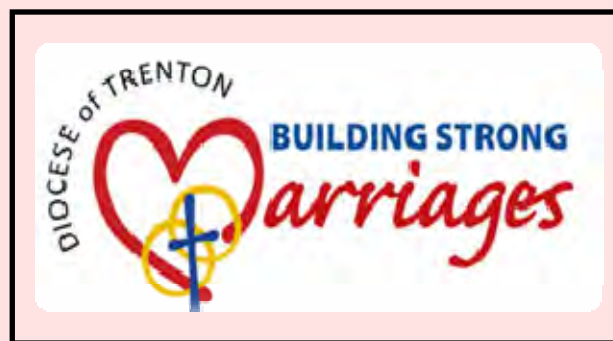
Save the Dates: Parish Mission: Fr. Wade

Our Parish Mission with **Fr. Wade Menezes, of the Fathers of Mercy and of EWTN TV and Radio**, was originally scheduled for May 2-6, 2020 and was postponed twice last year because of the covid pandemic. We have re-scheduled the Parish Mission and Fr. Wade will be here at St. Michael's December 11-15, 2021 for an Advent Parish Mission. Please save the dates. Please pray for the Fathers of Mercy and for vocations, vocations, vocations.



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

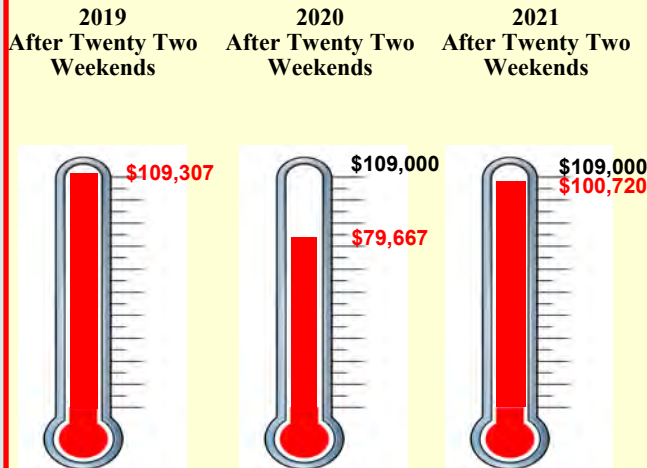


the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but the event will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or 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 **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up *our* Church. *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.



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 two weekends is significantly ahead of our parish's total after twenty two weekends in 2020 but lower than our parish's total after twenty two 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 \$100,720 figure is approximately 92.4% of our parish goal. It was received as of the twenty second weekend of the campaign (tallied as of July 21) from 386 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.3% 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:

Clergy and Religious Administration-Vocations

God calls each person to a life of holiness and service, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Diocesan Ministry of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God's call through the ministerial priesthood. We are committed to fostering an environment where vocations to the priesthood are valued and nurtured within the domestic church of the family and the local parish community. The priest is a servant of the Lord, giving his life to worship, prayer and commitment to God's people. Your gift helps to amplify the call to serve.

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 was in last Sunday's bulletin and is continued below – in particular an email from Sister Bernadette regarding her Summer Mission Appeal visit here at St. Michael's two weekends ago 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 are published below from our U.S. Military servicemen and servicewomen stationed overseas who have recently received shipments from the Eagles Up! Ministry.

The St. Vincent dePaul Society (SVDP) continues with its works of charity and mercy in the community. **Thank You!!!** Pictured below are SVDP volunteers as they prepare to distribute groceries and food to the needy this past Saturday afternoon. A monthly food pantry is conducted on every third Saturday of every month by SVDP. Volunteers are always welcome to pitch-in with the prep work on each of those Saturday mornings and the preceding Friday morning and with the actual food distribution on those Saturdays. For more information please call SVDP President and St. Michael's parishioner Mary Jensen at (732) 483-0360, ext. 7.



Pastor's Note: The following thank you letters and several other similar letters were recently received by our parishioner Toni Seinfeld who coordinates the Eagles Up Program. The U.S. military's servicewomen and servicemen are deeply grateful for all the gifts and supplies that Eagles Up sends them. Thank you for your kindness toward our military overseas and please continue to keep them in your prayers and to support Eagles Up. The names and specific locations of the authors of these thank you letters are intentionally omitted as a security/safety precaution.

Toni,

Good day. I hope this finds you doing well. Thank you so much for the care packages that Eagles Up! has been sending! My sailors and soldiers get very excited when your wonderful boxes come in. On behalf of myself and my team, we appreciate you and the many volunteers of Eagles Up! for the hard work and dedication in supporting service members.

Take Care and God Bless!

Very Respectfully,
USN Captain XXXX
Special Operations Task Force – East Africa

Dear Toni,

You don't know who I am but you probably will in about 5 seconds. My name is Lance Corporal XXXX. A few days ago I received three gigantic packages. You see I never received anything. What it was I had no idea until I opened them up. I opened them up and my eyes exploded with joy, happiness, gratitude, but most of all love. This is my first deployment. I haven't done much yet. So far all I've done is stand Humvee). But then I read the letters and drawings miss home a lot and that we all needed a care pack-feel special. We worked hard to earn the title U.S. YOU! You mean the world to us, your workers, with this stuff. You guys made a hard day turn into all of my fellow Marines said "THANK YOU!" for vice. This is what we volunteered for. We volunteer to live with suffering and pain of not being packages in my life. It's unbelievable. Aside from platoon received the exact same amount of package-jerky, protein powders, protein bars, nuts, snacks, k-cups, chips, razors and all kinds of hygiene products and even comic books and fun stuff. I was stunned. My jaw just drops with excitement, love, respect, joy, and gratitude again. What I did was place all of the care packages on cots. We share everything with our combat brothers. Everyone was so excited. I taped the students' drawings and letters on our wall. Again, our hearts have been filled to the top and I can't say thank you anymore! You guys are the best! We love having people like you. People who care about what we do. We don't know what else more to say but thank you.



Respectfully,
Lance Corporal XXXX




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.

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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

Our community's blood supply is dangerously low. Your help is needed now to save a patient's life!

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BLOOD AND PLATELET DRIVE

**Monday August 9, 2021
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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.

AA Weekly Meetings Resume at St. Michael's

Weekly meetings of AA have resumed at St. Michael's in our Lower Church on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. These meetings have been conducted at St. Michael's for many years and had to be suspended until recently because of the covid protocols governing the church's facilities. For more information about these meetings please visit https://findrecovery.com/aa_meetings/nj/long-branch/ or call 866-641-9190.

Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

As part of our effort to respond to the "clear and pressing" need for priests and also for vocations to the diaconate and consecrated life, our parish will be conducting a "Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations" on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - the Memorial of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. The "day" will be a day-long, continuous prayer for vocations beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding with Mass at 5:00 p.m. All are invited and urged to attend and to participate for all or any portion of the day at any time that is convenient for your schedule. The Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations will commence with Morning Mass at our usual time of 8:00 a.m. and include a special concelebrated **Mass for Vocations that will be offered at 5:00 p.m.** The principal cele-

brant and homilist at 5:00 will be Fr. Garry Koch, Diocesan Director of Vocations for the Diocese's Oceanside Region.

Throughout the day we will have Eucharistic Adoration and also several intercessory prayers for vocations, the Rosary (in its entirety) at four points during the day, The Angelus at 12:00 Noon, and Confessions at specified times. The complete schedule for the day is below.

"In traditionally Christian countries, the worrying fall in the number of priests, the rising of their average age and the requirements of the new evangelization are shaping a new situation for the Church....The Christian community's prayer has always reinforced in the people of God a shared awareness with regard to vocations, a sense of a 'spiritual solidarity'. Wherever an integrated pastoral ministry - with families, young people or in the mission field - develops and grows together with a pastoral ministry for vocations, there is a flowering of priestly vocations. The local

Church becomes truly 'responsible for the birth and development of priestly vocations.'.....All the members of the Church are responsible for looking after priestly vocations. 'The Second Vatican Council was quite explicit in this regard: "The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives". Only on the basis of this conviction will pastoral work on behalf of vocations be able to show its truly ecclesial aspect, develop a harmonious plan of action, and make use of specific agencies and appropriate instruments of communion and co-responsibility.'....Prayer initiatives, and most especially Eucharistic adoration, which are prepared and conducted in a meaningful way and with a profound liturgical sense, can highlight the extraordinary importance of the priestly vocation."

-Pastoral Guidelines for Fostering Vocations to Priestly Ministry (March 2012) by Archbishop Jean-Louis Bruguès, Congregation for Catholic Education



Schedule for Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 a.m.	Daily Morning Mass; Mass for Vocations
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m.	Prayer to St. John Vianney for Vocations (patron saint of parish priests)
9:30 a.m.	The Rosary (The Joyful Mysteries)
9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
11:00 a.m.	The Rosary (The Glorious Mysteries)
11:55 a.m.	Prayer to Saint Teresa of Calcutta for Vocations
12:00 Noon	The Angelus (outdoors weather permitting)
12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Midday Break for Lunch and Cleaning of the Church
1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Resumption of Eucharistic Adoration
1:00 p.m.	Prayer to the Holy Family for Vocations
2:30 p.m.	The Rosary (The Sorrowful Mysteries)
3:00 p.m.	Prayer to St. Therese of Lisieux for Vocations
4:00 p.m.	The Rosary (The Luminous Mysteries)
4:10 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
4:45 p.m.	Benediction
5:00 p.m.	Closing Mass



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 17, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,827.00	116 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$666.00	67 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$632.00	58 people

Sunday, July 18, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,501.00	102 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,728.00	134 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,348.00	123 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,461.00	127 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,074.00	99 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$841.00	141 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 18 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2,121.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,199.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,872.00

Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,302.00

An Important Message from your St. Vincent DePaul Society!

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



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.

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.



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 4)
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
University & Inter-Parish Blood Drive	Monday, August 9, 2021 (see details on Page 10)
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
† Joan Fornin r/o Fran Ebert

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 4

June Scavone

Week 8

Joanne Buono



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