

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 30, 2023 | Seventeenth 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.

## REGISTRATION

To register with the parish, please call the Parish office for information.

## MARRIAGES

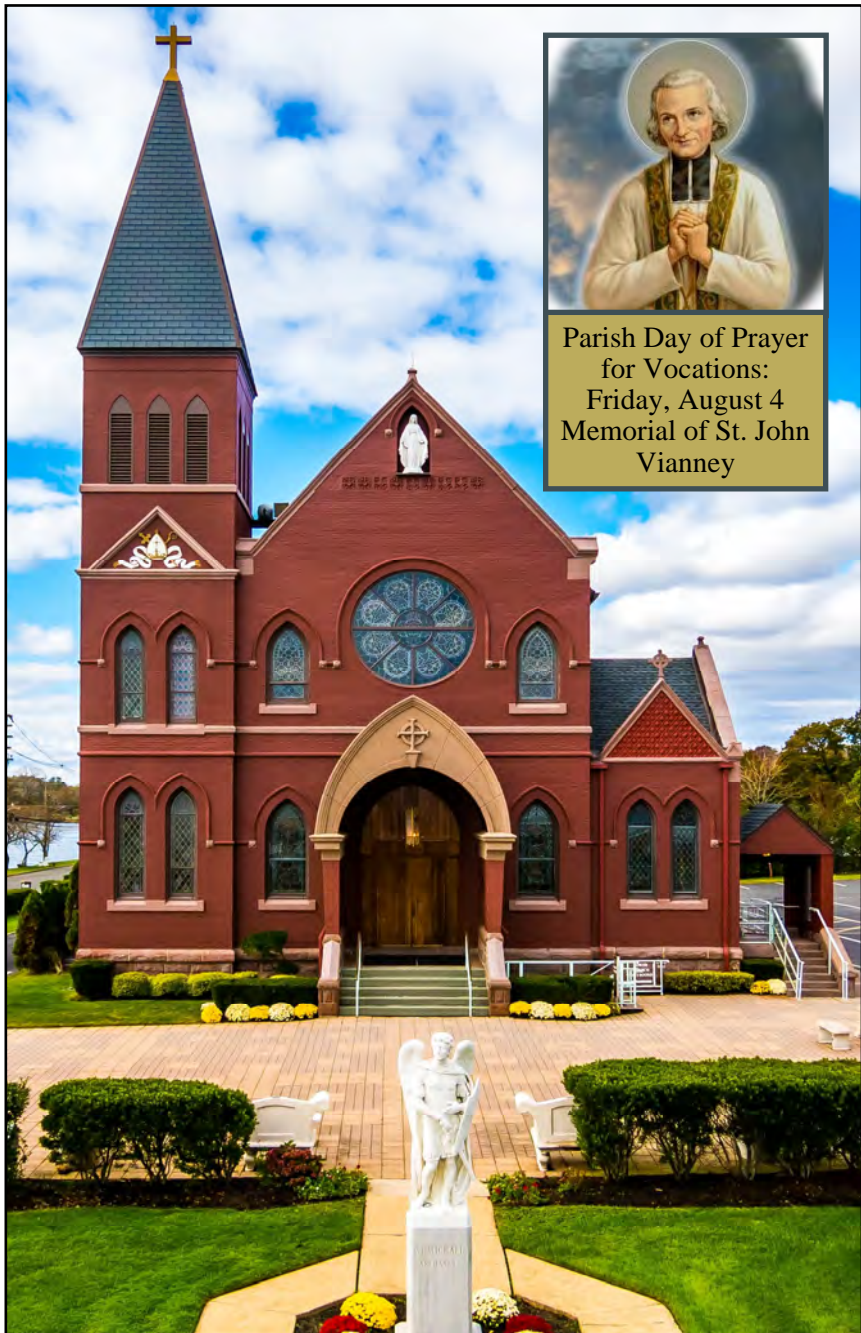
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:15 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, (732)483-0360, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



Parish Day of Prayer  
for Vocations:  
Friday, August 4  
Memorial of St. John  
Vianney

## PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740  
Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174  
[www.stmichaelnj.com](http://www.stmichaelnj.com)

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

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

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

Rev. Cyril Johnson, Parochial Vicar

Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

## CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,  
NJ 07764

Ph: (732) 483-0360 | Fx: (732) 795-3262

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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 30, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, July 29

8:00 AM † James Dillon, III	Friends
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM Special Intention: Health & God's Blessing for Mary and Richard Konarski (50th Wedding Anniversary)	Mary & Richard
5:30 PM † Harold John Bowman	Loving Children Michael, Joe, & AnneMarie
† Patrick Farmer	Jane, Peter & Katie
7:00 PM † Jim Brown	Louie & Tricia Vincelli

#### Sunday, July 30

7:00 AM † Janet Manoco	Russo Family
8:30 AM † Patricia Wargo	Margie & Joe Wargo
† Sharon Mazza	Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group"
10:00 AM † Judith Klein	Hartman Family
† Jean C. Cosentino	Elizabeth & Patrick Gervolino
12:00 PM † Fred Acerra	Barbara Maietta
† Peter Astuni	Fisher Family
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Jim & Justine Weeden	Family

#### Monday, July 31

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Nicole Theresa Moore	Mom
7:00 PM Special Intention	Bill & Anne Lisa

#### Tuesday, August 1

8:00 AM † Msgr. Frederick Valentino	
† Sharon Mazza	Bobbie DeSarno

#### Wednesday, August 2

8:00 AM † Patricia O'Keefe	Jim Brown
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#### Thursday, August 3

8:00 AM † James F. Brown, Sr.	Sons
† Grace Tho	Jo Ann Dorgan

#### Friday, August 4 (Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations)

8:00 AM † Mark Russo	Russo Family
† Joe Sorrentino	JoAnn & Family
Special Intention: Balfour Family	Linda
12:15 PM Vocations, Vocations, Vocations (Latin Mass)	
5:30 PM Vocations, Vocations, Vocations	

#### Saturday, August 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano (7th Anniv.)	Viggiano Family
† Conrad Russo	Russo Family
4:00 PM † Steven Maslo	Fromkin Family
† Florence Meola	Loving Family
Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
5:30 PM † Thomas Salzano	Vinnie
† Billy Chasen	Beth Chasen
Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
7:00 PM Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
People of the Parish	

#### Sunday, August 6

7:00 AM † John Rogowski	MaryAnn Rogowski
† Edward Davey (35th Anniv.)	Davey & O'Brien Families
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
8:30 AM † Louis Celmer, Jr.	Wife Barbara & Family
Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
10:00 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Mandoka	Mary & Catherine Farrar
Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
12:00 PM † Joan M. Dziemian	Family
Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
4:00 PM † Katherine Fagan	
Special Intention: Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
7:00 PM Special Intention Parish Priests of St. Michael's	Grateful Parishioner
People of the Parish	



## Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations: This Coming Friday, August 4



ing Mass at 5:30 p.m. We will break at 12:00 Noon for praying of the Angelus (outdoors at the church court-weather permitting) until re- the 12:15 First Friday Mass in the morning session and af- to the celebrations of the ristic Adoration, we will pray will be available at sched- special prayers will be prayed anney, patron saint of parish

On the Feast of St. John Vianney (Friday, 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, diaco- nate, 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 Clos-



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

yard suming the day of prayer at Latin (1970 Rite). During ternoon session (in addition Mass) there will be Eucha- the Rosary, Confessions uled/announced times, and for vocations. St. John Vi- priests, pray for us.



### Schedule for Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 a.m. ....	Daily Morning Mass
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. ....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) and Rosary
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:15 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)
12:15 p.m. ....	Latin Mass (1970 Rite)
1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. ....	Resumption of Eucharistic Adoration
1:00 p.m. ....	Prayer to the Holy Family for Vocations
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
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)
5:15 p.m. ....	Benediction
5:30 p.m. ....	Closing Mass; Mass for Vocations
6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. ....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

## First Friday Mass *In Latin* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on August 4

First Friday Mass *in Latin* will be celebrated on August 4 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated (in English) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 4 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, August 4 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Latin Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m.



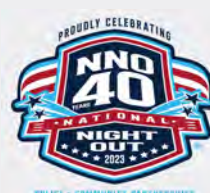
## Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations

There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on August 3.* The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!



## Long Branch Police Department

Mark your calendars for a free night of food, games, and fun!  
**National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1st from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at Slocum Park!**



**Call-Out for Volunteers and Helpers:** We would welcome parishioners of all ages (including children ten years old and older accompanied by a parent) to assist with our parish table and parish exhibit at National Night Out. Assistance is needed with packing our materials, games, tables, chairs, etc. into cars at the church at 5:00 p.m. on "event day" and transporting those materials to Slocum Park (Broadway near the Long Branch Public Library and City Hall) and then setting-up and staffing our parish table during the event and taking-down everything and bringing everything back to the church at the end of the night. Please contact Sharon Fornarotto at (732) 963-9969 for information and to sign-up.

## The St. Michael's Summer Choir to Sing at Blueclaws Baseball Game; Members of All Ages Welcome; Rehearsals Begin on Monday, August 7



Once again (as in the Summers of 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022) 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 renamed the *Jersey Shore Blueclaws*). The team has also invited our

parish choir to sing *The National Anthem* shortly before the game begins. The game will be on Saturday, September 2 at 7:05 p.m. Rehearsals will take place on four consecutive Mondays (August 7, 14, 21, and 28) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.



Parishioners of all ages participate. The Summer Acting Parish Music will include attendance at the game, hot game 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in the team's um's Upper Level. All members of the choir golf shirt and baseball cap with emmer Choir". To sign-up or to obtain further information, please contact Lauren Walters at [LaRenne1@aol.com](mailto:LaRenne1@aol.com) or 609-



es (seven years and over) are welcome to mer Choir will again be directed by our Director Lauren Walters. The evening dogs and other ball park food, and a pre-Corporate Conference Room on the stadi-Summer Choir will be given "an official" broidered lettering "St. Michael's Sumther information, please contact Lauren 706-0766.



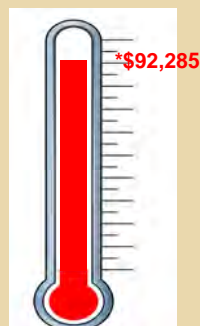
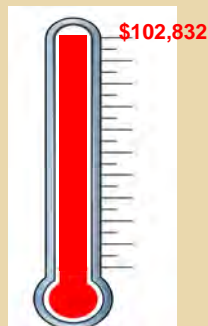
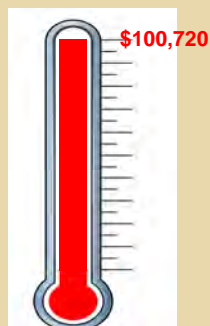
*Each of us* has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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

**2021** After Twenty Two Weekends      **2022** After Twenty Two Weekends      **2023** After Twenty Two Weekends



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 twenty two weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twenty two 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 29-30 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

\*This \$92,285 figure is approximately 84.7% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty second weekend of the campaign (tallied as of July 25) from 282 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.3% 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.



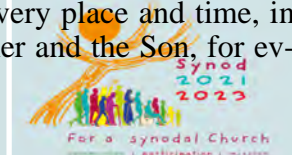
### Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick

Please keep in mind that the parish priest 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 priest 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.

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

### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

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.





2023 DIOCESE of TRENTON

# BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

*All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50+ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2023 calendar year*

Ocean & Monmouth Counties  
**Oct. 8, 2023**  
 3pm Mass  
 Co-Cathedral of  
 St. Robert Bellarmine  
 Freehold, NJ

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE



or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2023



## Bishop O'Connell's Wedding Anniversary Mass and Blessings 2023; Sunday, October 8, 2023 for Monmouth and Ocean Counties

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2023 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 reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing), or call Mary Valan at the Parish Office 732-222-8080. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.



This week the altar flowers have been donated by Mary and Richard Konarski in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for Health and God's blessing for the Shea Family, requested by their loving parents.



The St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for Health and God's blessing for the Fer Family, requested by their loving parents.

The Blessed Mother's Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for Health and God's Blessing for the Chirstodoulatos Family, requested by their loving parents.

## Thank You, Nick!



Our seminarian summer intern Nick Alescio completed his internship with us at St. Michael's last week. Nick served the Mass for Msgr. Carroll (photo at left) on Friday the 21st and later that morning a group of parishioners gathered with Nick in the Lower Church (photo below) for bagels and coffee and to thank him for his service to the parish and to wish him well as he returns to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in August where he will be entering his first year of Graduate Level Studies in Theology.

Please remember Nick and all seminarians in your prayers. St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, please pray for our seminarians and priests and all of us!







## THE STORY OF VOTIVE CANDLES

As early as 200 to 300 AD, lit candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of saints and sacred images and relics. Saint Jerome (d. 420) attested to this practice in his treatise *Contra Vigilantium*. The burning of candles as an act of prayer finds its roots in the Old Testament “burnt offerings” – the light symbolizes the prayer or devotion of the person lighting the candle, the rising smoke/vapor symbolizes the rising of the prayer to heaven, and the burning and consequent consumption of the candle symbolizes the offering of something of value to God – our time, our praise, our resources, and so forth. The lingering flame symbolizes the continuity of our prayers even when we must turn away from the candle and leave the church building.

The term “votive” comes from the Latin word *votum*, which means a vow, pledge or religious engagement or promise. In lighting a votive candle, we visibly express support for the person(s) for whom we are praying, and we offer to God, perhaps through the intercession of a saint, a particular intention or prayer request. The grouping of the candles together symbolizes the union of the prayers that are offered by a church community. The blue and red colors of the glassware containing our votive candles are intended to remind us of the colors traditionally associated with, respectively, our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

Thank you for lighting a candle and saying a prayer today at St. Michael’s Church. May God bless you.

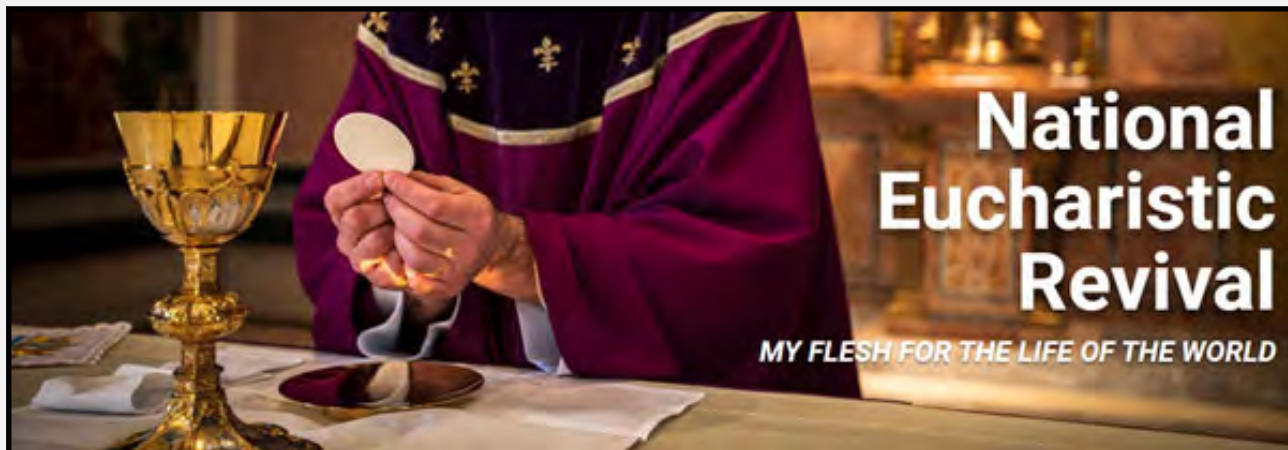
**Pastor’s Note.** Before our seminarian summer intern Nick Alescio completed his summer stay with us (see Page 6) he researched and wrote the accompanying essay on “The Story of Votive Candles”. The essay is on display near each of the votive candle racks in front of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph side altars. Please take a moment to read the essay and to light a candle as a prayer and as an act of charity and devotion.



*Fr. Alphonse and his 1940's Big Band  
Sunday, July 23, 2023*







## WHAT IS IT ?

### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL?

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, concerted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The revival has officially begun in June 2022, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father's call for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church in the United States might be "permanently in a state of mission." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 25)

This Eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the U.S. over the next three years. Each year will have a strategic focus for formation and missionary discipleship.



## WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR ?

### THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 19, 2022

We launch our national response to the Lord's call with widespread eucharistic processions and adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

### YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

2022 – 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

### YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

2023 – 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 2024

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

### YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

2024 – 2025

Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord.



## Weekend Collection & Attendance

### *Thank You!*

#### Saturday, July 22, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,989.00	149 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$705.00	93 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$648.00	84 people

#### Sunday, July 23, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,537.00	109 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,029.00	127 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,076.00	131 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,256.00	82 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$714.00	146 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,056.00	168 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 23 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$875.00**

**This Week's Total: \$11,885.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,264.00**

**Second Collection: Retirement Priest Fund: \$3,709.00**

## *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

*Married at St. Michael's on  
July 22, 2023  
Gina Jelliff & Philip Lehman*



## **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 next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

A BENEFIT  
CONCERT FOR

*Domestic  
Church Media*

*Jim Manfredonia Sings Sinatra*

FEATURING ANGELA MANFREDONIA



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

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

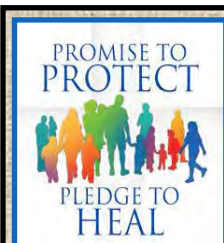
Visit our website  
for ticket information:  
[domesticchurchmedia.  
org/2023-benefit-concert](http://domesticchurchmedia.org/2023-benefit-concert)



With the SUMMER SWING ORCHESTRA





**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.

### Please Register as a Parishioner: The Helpful Reasons Why



Why is it so important to register with a parish? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish by contacting the parish business office. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor or godparent eligibility and qualification letter from the pastor, and getting donation statements for your income tax returns. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. For further information about registering at St. Michael's Church, please call Mary at the Parish Office at 732-222-8080. 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.



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



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations	Friday, August 4, 2023 (See Page 3 for details)
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)	Saturday, September 2, 2023 Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Blueclaws Baseball Game	Game 7:05 p.m. (See Page 4 for details)
Red Mass of the Diocese of Trenton AT St. Michael's	Sunday, October 1, 2023 12:00 Noon

### 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**