

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

August 1, 2021 | Eighteenth 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

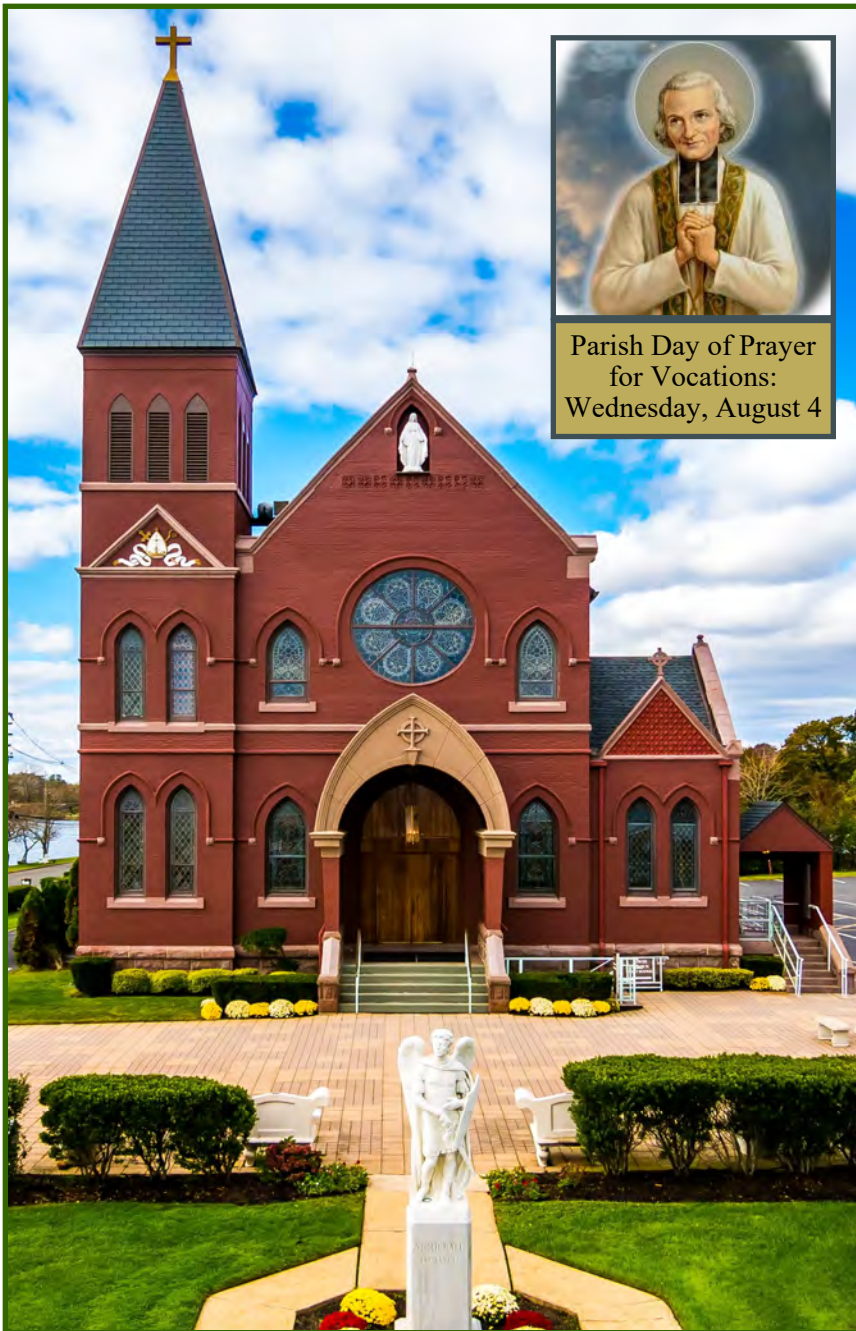
Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

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 Day of Prayer
for Vocations:
Wednesday, August 4

PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174

www.stmichaelnj.com

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-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

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,
NJ 07764

Ph: (732) 483-0360 | Fx: (732) 483-0363

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
732-483-0360 ext. 7

MASS INTENTIONS

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- Tricia & Louis Vincelli
 McCue

Sunday, August 1

7:00 AM Health & Blessings: Kevin Agnes & Paul D'Angelo
 Connelly and Family
 † 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, Clare Giangreco
 C.Ss.R.
 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

Monday, August 2

8:00 AM † Alana Edelmann(10th Class of '70 College of
 Anniversary) St. Elizabeth
 Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico
 † Joan Schiavone Family
 7:00 PM † Rose McVey McVey Family
 † Irene F. & Edward W. Barbara & Edward Moskal
 Moskal, Sr.

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 AM † Shirley Schmidt Doris Schmidt
 Special Intention: Laura Daughter
 Valdez

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 AM † Joe Sorrentino JoAnn & Family
 † Fred West, Jr.
 5:00 PM For Vocations, Vocations, Vocations

Thursday, August 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano (5th Loving Family
 Anniversary)
 Special Intention: Laura Daughter
 Valdez

Friday, August 6

8:00 AM † Mark Lacey Peggy & Anthony Romano
 † Anthony Ilaraza John Giancarlo
 † Conrad Russo Wife
 12:15 PM † Margaret "Peg" Conway
 5:30 PM † Deceased Priests, Deacons, and Consecrated
 Religious of the Diocese of Trenton

Saturday, August 7

8:00 AM † Mark Russo Family
 4:00 PM † Florence Meola Loving Family
 † Robert Ruark Sister Kim
 5:30 PM † Fred West Elizabeth & Fredrica Brown
 † Deceased Members of Elizabeth & Fredrica Brown
 the Bobowicz Family
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 8

7:00 AM † Elaine Hoechele Family
 † Joseph Pellecchia Kerry Weber
 8:30 AM † Jacqueline Ollagnon Barbara Maietta
 10:00 AM † Patty Chavez Kevin & Lisa Garifine
 † Frances Bloom Joanne & Frank Buono
 12:00 PM † Steven Maslo Maslo Family
 † Ryan Christopher Healey Tamara Woolley
 4:00 PM People of the Parish
 7:00 PM † Renato Datar

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Lucia Costagliola, requested by her loving family.



The St. Joseph's Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Alfred Castin, requested by his wife Marie.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**
August 1, 2021

Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations: This Wednesday, August 4



On the Feast of St. John Vianney (this 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 vocale is on Page 5 of this bul-tron saint of parish priests,



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



the day of the morning sion (in ad-the Mass)

Adoration, we will pray the available, and special prayers tions. The day's hourly sched-let in. St. John Vianney, pa-pray for us.

Fr. Alphonse Returns! Outdoor Summer Concert at St. Michael's: **Re-Scheduled for Sunday, August 8**



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, August 8 at 5:00 p.m. on the church's front lawn**. This performance was originally scheduled for the early evening on July 25 but because of that morning's weather forecast of late afternoon thunderstorms, the concert was postponed and re-scheduled to this August 8 make-up date. 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.

Long Branch Police Department



Mark your calendars for a free night of food, games and fun! **National Night Out** is this 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.



*Pastor's Note. The Pandemic of 2020-2021 – sadly – is not over. During the past week the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued new recommendations regarding face-masking. On Thursday of the past week Governor Murphy, New Jersey Commissioner of Health Persichilli, and Bishop O'Connell issued guidance tracking the CDC recommendations. The Governor's announcement is published below in its entirety. It **“strongly recommends that both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents wear masks in indoor settings.”** Bishop O'Connell has asked that our parishes in the Diocese of Trenton take notice of the new guidance and also that the guidance is **“A recommendation NOT a mandate at this time.”** Here at St. Michael's it is recommended and not required that everyone please wear a face mask at all Masses and other occasions in the church and in the parish office and at the Catholic Center. Also, as published in the parish bulletin and announced by our lectors prior to the weekend Masses we continue to strongly encourage (though not require) everyone to please receive Holy Communion on the hand and not on the tongue until further notice when the pandemic has subsided to a greater degree. And as Bishop O'Connell wrote in his email recommending face masks for the time being: “Thanks. Pray that this pandemic ends soon!”*



Governor Murphy and Commissioner Persichilli Strongly Recommend Masking in Indoor Settings with Increased Risk

Following Wednesday, July 27's announcement by the Centers for Disease Control regarding masking, Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli today strongly recommended that both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents wear masks in indoor settings when there is increased risk.

Examples of such situations include:

- Crowded indoor settings
- Indoor settings involving activities with close contact with others who may not be fully vaccinated
- Indoor settings where the vaccine status of other individuals in the setting is unknown
- Where an individual is immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease

Governor Murphy and Commissioner Persichilli made the following statement:

“Our metrics are trending in the wrong direction, and new data suggests the Delta variant is more transmissible even among vaccinated individuals, which is why we are making this strong recommendation. Fortunately, our numbers are a fraction of those in many other states, most of which have significantly lower vaccination rates. Should our numbers reach those levels, we reserve the right to take more drastic action, including a statewide mask mandate. We have crushed this virus repeatedly like no other state in the nation, and we are proud to boast among the country's highest vaccination rates. But at this point, given where our metrics are now, we feel the best course of action is to strongly encourage every New Jerseyan, and every visitor to our state, to take personal responsibility and mask up indoors when prudent.”

“And we equally encourage every unvaccinated resident or visitor to get vaccinated. The vaccines are proven safe and highly effective, and are the surest way we can end this pandemic.” (emphasis supplied)

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.

Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations: This 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" this 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 (led by the Sisters of the St. Jerome's School), 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

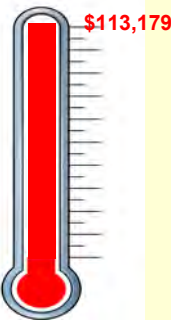
8:00 a.m.	Daily Morning Mass; Followed by Confessions 8:30-9:00
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m.	Prayer to St. John Vianney for Vocations (patron saint of parish priests)
9:30 a.m.	The Rosary (The Joyful Mysteries)
9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Sacrament of 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

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.

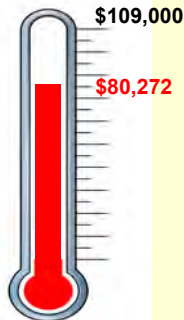


Parish Goal = \$109,000

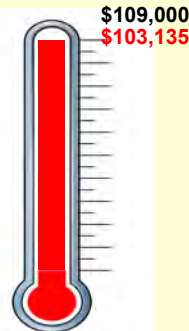
2019
After Twenty
Three
Weekends



2020
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2021
After Twenty
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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 three weekends is significantly ahead of our parish's total after twenty three weekends in 2020 although lower than our parish's total after twenty three 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 \$103,135 figure is approximately 94.6% of our parish goal. It was received as of the twenty third weekend of the campaign (tallied as of July 28) from 391 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.5% 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.



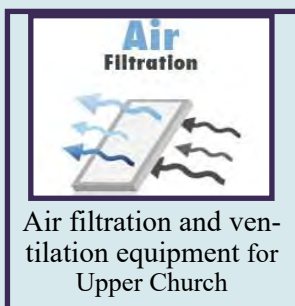
THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021 **IN ACTION!**

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

Catholic Social Services

Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by **Catholic Charities** and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

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



Annual Blessing of Cars



The parish took note of the Memorial of St. Christopher (on the "old church calendar") last Sunday the 25th. St. Christopher is recognized as the patron saint of travelers and safe travel.

Cars were blessed in the upper parking lot that day by Fr. Mark and Fr. John following the 12:00 Noon Mass (please see the accompanying photos). St. Christopher, patron saint of travelers, please protect us and lead us safely to our destinations both here on earth and in eternity.



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 5. 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!

First Friday Mass *In Latin* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on August 6

First Friday Mass *in Latin* will be celebrated on August 6 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 6 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, August 6 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Latin Mass until 5:15 p.m.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Church's first-ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was celebrated around the world last Sunday the 25th (the Sunday preceding the Memorial of Saints Anne and Joachim – the grandparents of Jesus and the parents of the Blessed Mother). Our 12:00 Noon Mass that day was offered for all grandparents (living and deceased) and the elderly. Several in attendance at that Mass (grandparents and grandchildren alike) gathered on the church's steps with concelebrants Fr. Nillo and Fr. Butler for the photo below. Please pray for all grandparents and the elderly as they pursue their vocations of faith and love and the sharing of their wisdom and experience.



Regarding the Latin Mass at St. Michael's Church

On July 16, 2021 Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter (*Traditionis Custodes* – available at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/20210716-motu-proprio-traditionis-custodes.html) known as a *motu proprio* regarding the use of the 1962 Roman Missal of Pope St. John XXIII – that refers to the celebration of the Mass in the Latin language according to the form contained in the 1962 Missal. What many refer to simply as "the Latin Mass" has been celebrated here at St. Michael's for many years and most recently since 2016 on First Fridays at 12:15 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration throughout that afternoon until 5:15 and then 5:30 Mass and First Friday evening Confessions at 6:00 p.m. Bishop O'Connell has authorized on a modified basis the continued use of the 1962 Roman Missal of Pope St. John XXIII (the celebration of "the Latin Mass") here at St. Michael's on the First Friday of alternating months (August, October, December, February, and April). On the other First Fridays of the year, our 12:15 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the English language according to the 1970 Missal of Pope St. Paul VI as revised. We are grateful for this authorization to continue the celebration of the Latin Mass here at St. Michael's and all are invited and welcome to attend and participate.

Diocese of Trenton

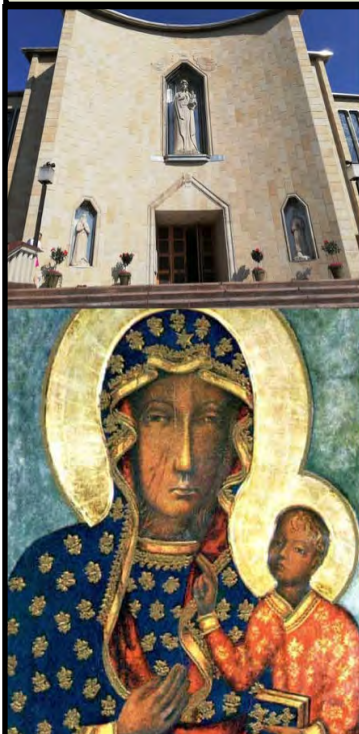


140 Years

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1881 ~ 2021

With gratitude for all we've been given, we ask for God's continued blessings on the parishes and people of our Church family.

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

Why Not You? Why Not Now?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2021

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

- Transportation & Lunch Provided -
Space is Limited - Register Today!!!

vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org

(609) 406-7448

Visit our website for additional information

www.GodIsCallingYOU.org

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**.

URGENT AND IMMEDIATE NEED

Our community's blood supply is dangerously low.

Your help is needed now to save a patient's life!



You're the right type

Thank you for being a blood donor!

BLOOD AND PLATELET DRIVE

**Monday August 9, 2021
12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Monmouth University
Rebecca Stafford Student Center | Anacon Hall, 2nd floor
USE LARCHWOOD AVE. GATE TO ENTER CAMPUS

Appointments are strongly encouraged and available at rwjhdonorclub.org or by calling 732-235-8100 ext 221.

All donors enjoy Jersey Mike Subs and raffles for gift cards and tee shirts!

Social distancing and enhanced disinfecting protocols are in place at all blood drives. Your health and safety is our top priority. Masks Required.



St. Michael's
Christ the King Parish
Our Lady of Hope Parish

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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.

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**.

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 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.

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?

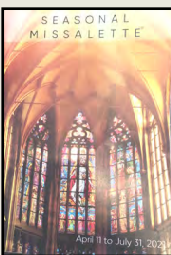


RCIA
A Journey In Faith

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.

Expired Missalettes Available

A good number of parishioners often ask about taking home a copy of the paperback Missalettes when a particular issue of the book has expired. The most recent previous issue of the Missalettes covered the period of time from April 11, 2021 to July 31, 2021 and we replaced those now-obsolete books on Saturday morning after the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to have a copy of that “now-retired” Missalette (for reference to the Scripture readings and prayers, spiritual reading, enjoying the hymns and the artwork, etc.), we have several copies on-hand in the parish office. Please phone the office to request a copy of the missalette and we will be happy to mail one to you or to leave it in our office mailbox for you to pick-up at your convenience.



Cancellation of 2021 Vacation Bible Camp

Our 2021 Summer Vacation Bible Camp has been cancelled. The cancellation is due to the low number of enrollments this year and to Mr. Connelly's recuperation from his recent illness and hospitalization. We're looking forward to an enthusiastic, fun, and enriching Vacation Bible Camp in the Summer of '22.

THE JOY OF LOVE AND FAMILY CONFERENCE SERIES 2021

The Joy of Love and Family 2021 is a conference series in celebration of the *Year of the Family* as declared by Pope Francis. The Diocese of Trenton, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey, is co-sponsoring the series. Premiering in June of this year and continuing into December 2021, this series of free talks has been and will be covering topics for every stage of family life. 20+ speakers. The conference is free! Full schedule and details are available at www.lightingheartsonfire.org. To register please go to <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/signup>. Questions or concerns, email cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

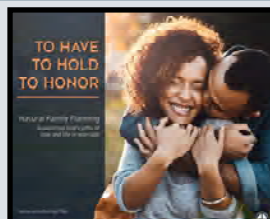
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The Diocese of Trenton's Department of Evangelization is pleased to announce plans for the observance of National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week 2021. Couples who embrace NFP report high levels of marital satisfaction, enhanced communication, 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 National Family Planning 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.

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>

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, July 24, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,602.00	112 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$839.00	67 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$970.00	81 people

Sunday, July 25, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,252.00	97 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,356.00	103 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,667.00	129 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,422.00	118 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,633.00	144 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$615.00	116 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 24 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,716.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,072.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,344.00

Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,415.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021	Ongoing; Commenced February 21; Second mailing in week of May 10
Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations	Wednesday, August 4, 2021
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, August 5, 2021 7:00 p.m.
First Friday	Friday, August 6 (12:15 p.m. Mass in Latin, Eucharistic Adoration 1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Mass in English)
Fr. Alphonse's Outdoor Summer Concert (Re-Scheduled)	Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:00 p.m.
University & Inter-Parish Blood Drive	Monday, August 9, 2021 (see details on Page 9)
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.



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.

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.

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infants who were baptized in July 2021: Joseph Jordan Blumetti, Zachary Thomas Monge, and Thomas Owen Bauberger. May God bless them and their families.



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.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer
† Millie & Butch Celli 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 5

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