

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

August 6, 2023 | *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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.



The Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday, August 6, 2023

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. to 12:00 Noon

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor
Rev. Cyril Johnson, Parochial Vicar
Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager
Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.
Mary Valan, Parish Secretary
Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary
Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director
Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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
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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	Grateful Parishioner
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People of the Parish	

Monday, August 7

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Mary Viggiano	Tim
7:00 PM † Irene F. & Edward W. Moskal, Sr.	Barbara & Edward Moskal
† Blaise & Stephanie Mitkowski	Barbara & Edward Moskal

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 AM † Irene Masi	Vinnie
† Steven R. Maslo	Maslo Family

Wednesday, August 9

8:00 AM † James O'Donohue, Sr.	Daughter Doris
† Joseph Muzetska	Barbara Muzetska

Thursday, August 10

8:00 AM Special Intention: (65th Wedding Anniversary)	Bianca & Bill Kellam
† Katherine Fagan	Katherine Harcsar

Friday, August 11

8:00 AM † Elieen Lucarelli	Lucarelli Family
† Deceased Members of the Russo Family	Family

Saturday, August 12

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson	Husband Dennis
† Kathryn Kellam Ross (16th Anniversary)	Mom & Dad
5:30 PM † Sharon Mazza	The Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group"
† Brian Rogers	Jack & Susan
7:00 PM † Rosanne Steets	Fran & Dave Ebert

Sunday, August 13

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
8:30 AM † Rita N. Cittadino	Christopher M. Cittadino & Children
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
† Herb Osman	Viggiano Family
10:00 AM † Frank A. Buono, Jr.	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Thomas J. Angerio	Wife & Daughters
12:00 PM † Michael Carnevale, Str.	Sheree & Dominick Carnevale
† Eileen Lucarelli	Lucarelli Family
4:00 PM † Bobbie Garvey	Fr. John Butler
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Neighbors of St. Michael's:



Fr. Alphonse

We are grateful that God has given us the gifts of (among many other things!) faith, music, fellowship, and delightful summer evenings here at the Jersey Shore. On Sunday, July 23 here at St. Michael's Parish we hosted Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and His 1940s Big Band for the third time in recent years. We welcomed nearly 300 parishioners, neighbors, and friends to relax on our front lawn and enjoy Fr. Alphonse's music, the beautiful setting, each other's company, and a visit to our beloved

church for a prayer or a Sunday Mass or both.

Gratitude is expressed to the several businesses, families, and individuals who provided financial underwriting and sponsorship contributions to help cover the costs of this event and to the parish volunteers and staff members who once again went above and beyond the call of duty. Our concert benefactors are gratefully acknowledged and their names are listed below.

God is good! We thank Him for His countless blessings. May He continue to bless you, your families, and all your loved ones.

With prayers and good wishes,
Fr. John Butler, Pastor



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Masses

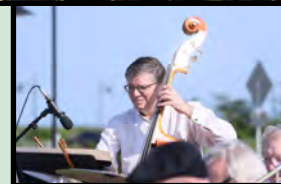
Monday, August 14
4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Tuesday, August 15
7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.,
4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The parish office will be closed for the Holy Day on Tuesday, August 15.

Please Note: There will be no scheduled Confessions following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, August 15th (the Solemnity of the Assumption).



Concert Benefactors; Thank You!

Woolley-Boglioli Funeral Home
Frank R. Rosano and Family
Dorothy O'Hara
Damiano Funeral Home
Fairway Monuments
The Festival of the Atlantic
Fiore Funeral Home

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Meszaros
Christopher M. Borriello
Francesca Stranieri and Family
Stephen J. Makrancy
Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brignola
St. Vincent de Paul Society

This concert was dedicated to the memory and eternal rest of Rosa Alba Stranieri and with gratitude to the Stranieri Family.

St. Michael's Goes to Long Branch's National Night Out

St. Michael's Church participated in the City of Long Branch's local celebration of **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 1 at Slocum Park on Broadway. Several St. Michael's parishioners joined Fr. John at the parish's display table for a very pleasant outdoor summer evening in the park and an opportunity to greet other event-goers, enjoy hot dogs and pizza and music and the fresh air, share parish literature and brochures, and engage in a few friendly games of ring-tossing. Thank you to Sharon and Nick Fornarotto for taking the lead on staging the St. Michael's display table and for organizing our team of parishioner-volunteers for National Night Out.



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 (seven years and over) are welcome to join the Summer Choir. The Summer Acting Parish Music will include attendance at the game, hot dogs and other ball park food, and a pre-game Vigil Mass in the team's Upper Level. All members of the choir will be given a golf shirt and baseball cap with embroidered lettering "St. Michael's Summer Choir". To sign-up or to obtain further information, please contact Lauren Walters at LaRenne1@aol.com or 609-



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



EYES OF CHRIST



FEET OF CHRIST

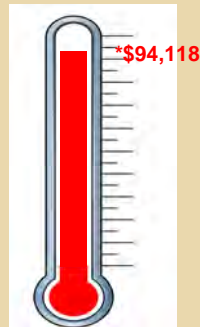
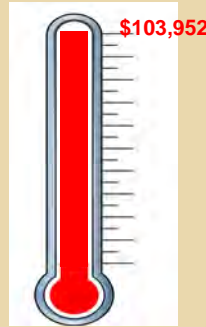
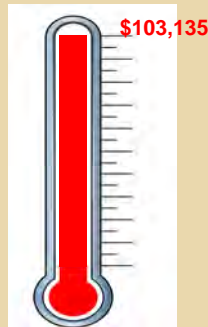


HANDS OF CHRIST



Parish Goal = \$109,000

2021 After Twenty Three Weekends	2022 After Twenty Three Weekends	2023 After Twenty Three Weekends
\$103,135	\$103,952	*\$94,118



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 three weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twenty three 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 August 5-6 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

*This \$94,118 figure is approximately 86.4% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty third weekend of the campaign (tallied as of August 1) from 284 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.4% of the 2,127 registered households of the parish. **Thank you!** The Diocese sent a Diocesan-wide mailing during the week of February 10 to all of our registered parishioners and past ACA contributors asking for prayerful consideration of a pledge/contribution to the Appeal. Please help to the extent that you can.

We are the
BODY
of CHRIST
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

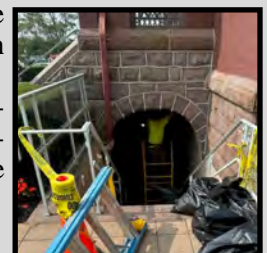
Update re Stairwell to Lower Church



Mass-goers may have noticed the orange traffic cones and yellow “crime scene tape” blocking the east stairwell under the church’s main entrance and blocking the “short road” to the restrooms in the Lower Church. The water drainage problem (the root cause of these inter-connected issues) that was described in the July 23 bulletin has been evaluated and the repair costs have been estimated. We’re in the neighborhood of well over \$6,000 for all the materials and labor. The overall project involves a significant amount of work including: removal of the old ceiling above the stairwell, electrical work, installation of new steel supports (the largest and most expensive component of the project) underlying the porch at the church’s main entrance, a new “egg crate-style” suspended ceiling above the stairwell to maximize air flow and minimize moisture, electrical and painting finish work, re-caulking of the porch’s top step and landing area, etc.

The repairs will take time and money. The work has begun. In the meantime:

- The main entrance to the church may be used (it is safe and sound) but the east stairwell (the “short road”) that leads to the restrooms is not usable. To reach the restrooms, please use the north stairwell (near the church’s side door) and walk through the Lower Church (the “long road”).
- Contributions to cover these specific repair expenses will be gladly and gratefully accepted. Already, donations and pledges of nearly \$3,000 have been received. Please mark any checks intended for these repairs with the words “Lower Church Stairwell Repairs” on the memo line and place such checks in the collection basket or mail them to or drop them off at the parish business office.
- Thank you for your cooperation, patience, and prayers during this repair project.



St. Luke's RC Church of Toms River and co-hosts
St. Michael's RC Church of Long Branch invite you to the

10th Annual "White Mass"
for all Healthcare Workers

**Sunday,
October 15, 2023
2:00PM**

Join us as we praise and honor St. Luke, the Patron Saint of Physicians.
This celebration is for Healthcare Workers of all faiths, their family,
and friends. Feel free to wear your white lab coat or other work
attire as you wish. There will be a blessing of the hands.

Reception to follow immediately after Mass.

Did you know? The "White Mass" is named for the traditional
white coats and uniforms worn by medical personnel and is
a special way to recognize all healthcare staff.

ST. LUKE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1674 OLD FREMOLD ROAD • TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08755

SCAN ME

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, July 29, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,112.00	191 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,303.00	112 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$743.00	88 people

Sunday, July 30, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,759.00	107 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,024.00	139 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,124.00	103 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,175.00	114 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$986.00	136 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$958.00	157 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 30 collection and for previous
Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,300.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,484.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,593.00

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and
checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,433.00. Thank You!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Announcing Important 2023 Dates to Begin the CCD School Year:

- September 11, last day for registration. Forms will be emailed to all parents and available at the back of the church.
- September 11, 6:00 p.m. CCD Parents Meeting in the Lower Church.
- September 17, CCD Family Mass and Social and the First Day of CCD Classes for the New School Year.
- September 25, 5:30 PM: First Session Confirmandus Interviews in the Upper Church.

2024 Dates:

- Confirmation: March 7, 2024
- First Holy Communion: May 4, 2024

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? Or, been baptized and received your First Holy Communion but not yet received the Sacrament of 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. 1 or Mary Valan at the parish office.



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.

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infants who were baptized here in July 2023: Quinn Ivy Sirianni, Hugo Baird Koar, and Mamie Rose DeRario. May God bless them and their families.



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.

From the Lost & Found Department

A significant number of lost or forgotten items has accumulated in the "Lost & Found" area which is in the church vestibule on the window sill near the ushers' closet. Please see the accompanying photo. The articles include eyeglasses, *Magnificat* magazines, Rosary, books, and other items. If any of these might be yours, please stop by at the Lost & Found and reclaim your possessions.



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.



Old Guard of Long Branch is Sponsoring a Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Cost: \$40.00 (Receive \$20.00 back at Casino and free refreshments on the bus).



Bus leaves St. Michael's Church at 10:15 a.m.

For more information and to make a reservation call Peter at 732-801-6886

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
Baptism Class	Saturday, August 12, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A holy day of obligation)	Tuesday, August 15, 2023 (See Page 3 for Mass times)
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. Game 7:05 p.m. (See Page 4 for details)
Blueclaws Baseball Game	
CCD Classes Resume for 2023-24 School Year	September 2, 2023 (See Page 6 for details)
Red Mass of the Diocese of Trenton AT St. Michael's (for the legal profession)	Sunday, October 1, 2023 12:00 Noon
"White Mass" (for the Medical profession and others in the healthcare field)	Sunday, October 2, 2023 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Church, Toms River, NJ (See Page 6 for details)

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



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.

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(closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

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