

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

August 20, 2023 | Twentieth 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 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

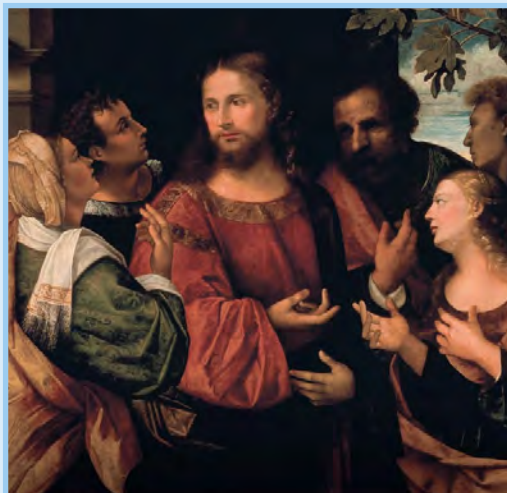
Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

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



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Matthew 15:28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19

8:00 AM † Pedro Dela Cruz, Jr.

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Kevin Williams

Richard Cero

† St. Jude, Sacred Heart and Mary

5:30 PM † Thomas F. Apostolico

Joe & AnneMarie Principe

† Rosanne Steets

Fran & Dave Ebert

7:00 PM † Alana Edelmann

Vicki & Tom Hoagland

Sunday, August 20

7:00 AM † John Burtneck, Sr.

Natia Defaria

† Renee Jeminey

Jim & Ann Maloney

8:30 AM † Sharon Mazza

The Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group"

† Isabel Shaughnessy

Mary & Steve

10:00 AM † Louise San Antonio

Marie & Nick DiGuglielmo

† Msgr. Frederick Valentino

12:00 PM † Florence & Bruno Lucarelli Sr.

Anthony Lucarelli

† Bobby Schiavone

Maureen & Kenny Margolin

4:00 PM † James & Justine Weeden

Marilyn Gill

† Debbie Miotto

Barbara Ruscil

7:00 PM † Leonard Cotugno Jr.

Sharon Cozzetto

People of the Parish

Monday, August 21

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

† Harry B. Tokanos

Mary Tokanos

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 AM † Brian Rogers, Jr.

Pamela & Jim Schembs

† Susan Merriam

Jane, Katie & Peter Farmer

Wednesday, August 23

8:00 AM Special Intention: Regina

Russo Family

† Michelina & Dominick Russo

Russo Family

Thursday, August 24

8:00 AM † Beverly Ann Maggio

Tom Viggiano

† Urbano Molino

Teresa

Friday, August 25

8:00 AM † Jeanne A. Heimbald

Daughter J.E. Boehles

† James Cade Ducharme

Lew & Renee Mazza

Saturday, August 26

8:00 AM † Lena Brown

Loveland Family

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Irvn Miller

Kathryn Miller & Family

† DeAlva Rodgers

J.E. Boehles

5:30 PM † Andrew Bertorelli

Family

† Rosanne J. Steets

Tara & Dominic Lusardi

7:00 PM † Jay Robert Napolitano

Richard Friedman

Sunday, August 27

7:00 AM † James Dillon, III

Friends

† Angelo Rossi

Miguel Zarraga

8:30 AM † Carolee & Norman Lloyd

Rosemary & Robin

† Howard Kavookjian

Margie & Joe Wargo

10:00 AM † Barbara Ann Stetter

Emil Stetter

† Sharon Mazza

Bruce Crowell

† Lena Brown

Loveland Family

12:00 PM † Kingdon & Geraldine Westerlind

Anthony Lucarelli

† Pedro Dela Cruz, Jr.

Pamela & Jim Schembs

4:00 PM † Brian Rogers, Jr.

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7:00 PM People of the Parish

Annual Summer Mission Appeal: This Weekend: August 19 and 20, 2023



This weekend, August 19 and 20, 2023, Rev. Kurt J. Klismet (Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives; O.S.S.T.; the Trinitarians) will be visiting the St. Michael's parish community to share information about the ministry of the Trinitarians and to ask for your prayers and financial support for the Trinitarian mission in India. This Summer's Mission Appeal is with the permission and encouragement of our Bishop David M. O'Connell and the Trenton Diocesan Director of Missions.

Fr. Kurt has been a Trinitarian since 1996, and was ordained a priest in 2002. His hometown is Waupaca, Wisconsin. Father currently serves as Treasurer and Director of Advancement for the Order in the United States. His ministry includes assisting the Trinitarian missions in India with planning and development. The Trinitarians in India are dedicated to educating children and teens whose families are persecuted because of their faith in Christ.

Most of the Christians in the Kamrup region of India, a remote and secluded part of the country, belong to tribal communities and are often persecuted for their faith by non-Christian tribes. In this part of the world children do not have access to a proper education due to extreme poverty and persecution. The Trinitarians in India hope to expand their ministry of Catholic education through their newly opened DeMatha English Medium School. This expansion will allow the school to add additional grade levels, dormitories for boarding students, a monastery for the religious, a playground for the younger children, and an auditorium.

The Trinitarians are hopeful that your generosity during this Mission Appeal will help them to more effectively live their school's motto, "Educate to Liberate." Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God's mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks can be made payable to St. Michael's Church with a notation on the memo line "Trinitarians in India"; checks and cash donations for this Mission Appeal may be placed in the second collection basket or dropped off at, or mailed to, the parish business office.



Rev. Kurt J. Klismet

Fervent prayers for vocations were offered by a large number of parishioners and visitors during the course of the day-long *"Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations"* on Friday, August 4, the Memorial of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. Thank you to all who participated in this very important day of prayer seeking the intercessions of the Saints and the help of the Holy Spirit to send us more priests, deacons, and consecrated religious. St. John Vianney, pray for us.



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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, or call Mary Valan at the Parish Office 732-222-8080. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.



A Few Good Reasons For Becoming An Altar Server



1. Learn why we do everything in the Mass. Increase your understanding of, and respect for, the Mass.
2. Get more involved *in* the Mass and get more *out of* the Mass.
3. Learn skills that will help you throughout life: punctuality, teamwork, self-discipline, sharpening of the memory, planning ahead, reacting calmly and wisely to the unexpected, thinking on your feet, communication, preparation, follow-up.



4. Deepen your relationship with God and better discern your life's vocation (whether religious life, married life, or single life).
5. Be a leader and a teacher. Share your talents. Mentor next year's team of new altar servers.
6. Form new friendships.
7. Get to know and interact with the priests, musicians, lectors, and other altar servers. And maybe get to know the Bishop, too!

8. Be of service to the Church, your parish, and the community. Be engaged in parish life.
9. Be closer to "the action" ... Proximity to the sacred... It's the best seat in the house.
10. Make your parents proud and happy. You'll be happy, too. As an adult, you'll look back with fondness on your altar server years.

11. Being an altar server means *serving God* and *serving His people*. It is a special ministry, a privilege, and an honor.

12. Pope Francis recently told a group of youth altar servers, "You experience the closeness of Jesus, the sweetness and power of His presence... The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord; the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy that you have received."



To become an altar server or to obtain more information, please contact Dotty O'Hara at the parish office at (732) 222-8080. Faithful, practicing Catholics ten (10) years old or older are eligible.

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

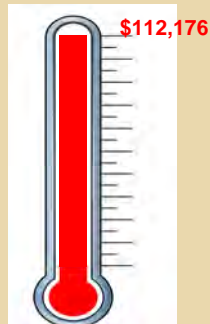


HANDS OF CHRIST

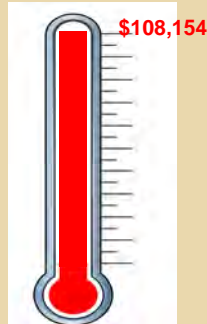
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

Parish Goal = \$109,000

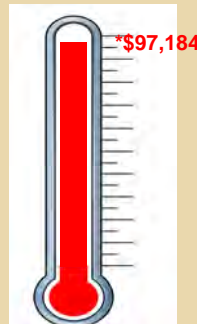
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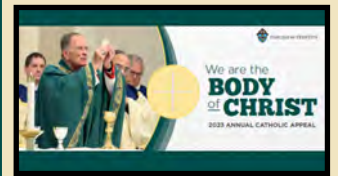


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The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2021 vs. 2022 vs. 2023 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year’s total after twenty five weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twenty five 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!***

*This \$97,184 figure is approximately 89.1% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty fifth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of August 15) from 288 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.6% 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.



September 2 and 3 In the Lower Church

Holy Land Christian Art Olive Wood Handcrafted from the Holy Land A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians



The olive wood carving industry has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Holy Land Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area rely exclusively upon income generated from this art form. Local Catholic artisans carve the items.

Many families are facing critical situations. Without income, artisans leave their traditional art and trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their homeland.

The loss of the Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for all Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

We are dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the Holy Land and to preserving the Christian presence.

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 FREEHOLD ROAD • TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08855

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Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, August 12, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,555.00	162 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$881.00	110 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$678.00	72 people

Sunday, August 13, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,078.00	88 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,175.00	141 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,217.00	126 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$714.00	78 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,641.00	107 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$902.00	128 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the August 13 collection and for
previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown:
\$500.00

This Week's Total: \$11,341.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,982.00

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and
checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,155.00. 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 16, 5:30 p.m. CCD Family Mass and Social.
- September 17 (Sun. Classes) and 19 (Tues. Classes) 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.



Mass Book

We kindly ask that when you come to the office for scheduling, please bring a written list including the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.



Saint Leo the Great
Bereavement
Ministry
A Way Forward

For anyone suffering from the loss of a loved one we are offering
6 weeks of guided grief sessions for adults August 31 at 11am or 6pm
In the Parish Center
50 Hurleys Lane
Registration required
stleothead.com/bereavement

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
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	
Sale of Holy Land Artwork and Religious Merchandise	Saturday and Sunday September 2 and 3, 2023 (Before and after all Masses. (See Page 5 for details)
CCD Parents Meeting	Monday, September 11, 2023 6:00 p.m. (See Page 6 for details)
Family Mass and CCD Mass of the Holy Spirit for Blessings Upon the New School Year; followed by Family Social	Saturday, September 16, 2023 5:30 p.m. (See Page 6 for details)
CCD Classes Resume for the 2023-24 School Year	September 17 and 19, 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)

HEALING MINISTRY TO THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

INFORMATION NIGHT

What is an Information Night?

An Information Night will provide all the details to help you decide whether to attend one of our upcoming 12-week programs.

During this informative session, we will be introducing our Team, which consists of divorced people who have attended a 12-Week Program and have been trained and certified as Facilitators to run a program called "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family."

We will also be introducing you to the 12-Week program so that you can decide if it is right for you. You will get a sense of how the program works, the format for each meeting, the topics to be discussed, and how to heal through this challenging time in your life.

Our primary, collective goal is to bring about healing in your own time and support you along the way.

The website to learn more about the program can be found by visiting www.MyLifeChangeCoach.com to visit the Divorce Ministry tab.

WE DO NOT ASK YOU IF YOU ARE CATHOLIC,
WE ONLY ASK YOU IF YOU NEED TO BE HEALED.



IT IS A CATHOLIC PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HEAL
EVERYONE THAT COMES TO IT!

August 23, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Good Shepherd Room
Behind the Parish Center
building
50 Hurleys Lane
Lincroft 07738

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

<https://stleothead.com/divorced-separated>



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