

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

August 27, 2023 | Twenty-First 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

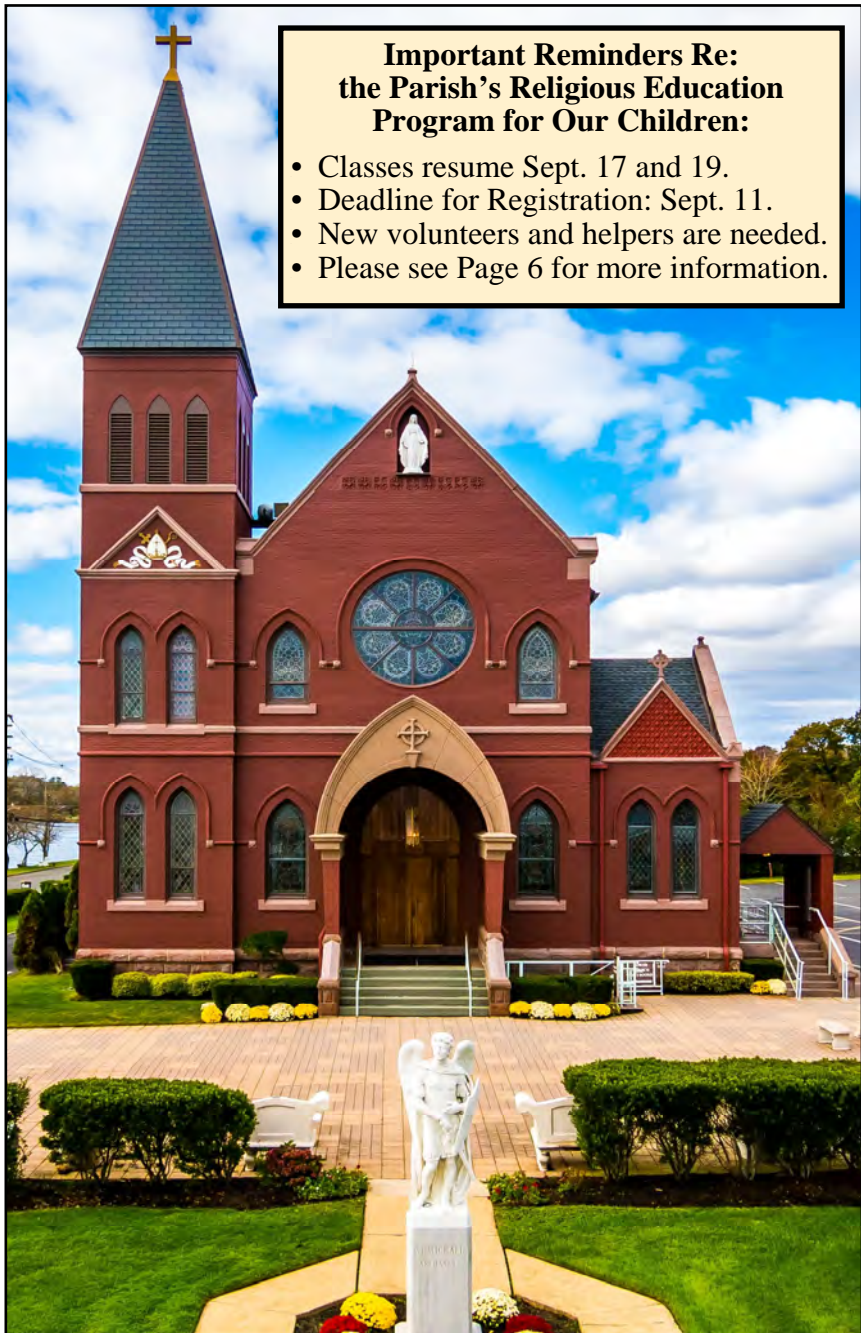
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



### Important Reminders Re: the Parish's Religious Education Program for Our Children:

- Classes resume Sept. 17 and 19.
- Deadline for Registration: Sept. 11.
- New volunteers and helpers are needed.
- Please see Page 6 for more information.

## 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

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



*"I will give you, Peter, the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*  
Matthew 16:19

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 26

8:00 AM † Lena Brown	Loveland Family
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Irven 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.	
4:00 PM † Brian Rogers, Jr.	Pamela & Jim Schembs
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

### Monday, August 28 (Birthday of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Anna Manalili	Marlene Stegman
12:15 PM Children of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Brian Rogers, Jr.	

### Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM † Sharon Mazza	The Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group"
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### Wednesday, August 30

8:00 AM † Baby Reece Koa Ebuon	
† Jay Filippo (5th Anniversary)	Family

### Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM † David R. Dorgan	Jo Ann
† Gene Mellone	Daughter Linda

### Friday, September 1

8:00 AM Special Intention: Heaning Family	Linda
† Brian Rogers, Jr.	
12:15 PM † Harry Dawson	
5:30 PM † Deceased Teachers and Mentors	

### Saturday, September 2

8:00 AM † Grace Tho	Teresa
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † William Hall	Neva & James Salerno
† Mary Ann, Michael, & Christopher McMurray	Bill McMurray
5:30 PM † Catherine Jacobs	Marilyn Gill
† Jay Filippo	Family
7:00 PM † Virginia Wilbert	Family

### Sunday, September 3

7:00 AM † Mary & Ed Holden	Pat, Ann Marie, & Michael Thayer
8:30 AM † Brian Rogers, Jr.	John & Susan Bransley
† Mary Ann Jones	Margie & Joe Wargo
10:00 AM † Rosanne Steets	Fran & Dave Ebert
† Anthony James Esposito, Jr.	Dorothy O'Hara
12:00 PM † Donna Shirley	
† Howard Kavookjian	Family
4:00 PM † Robert Canale	Emily O'Connor & Liz Sloomaker
7:00 PM People of the Parish	



Dear Fr. Butler and Members of the St. Michael Parish Family,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your warm welcome, hospitality and generosity during my visit last weekend. Your prayers for our priests and brothers and your sacrificial gifts for our mission school in Assam, India are deeply appreciated. May God repay you for your generous response to my message.



I assure you of my prayers for you, your families and your intentions.

Yours in the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. Kurt J. Klismet, O.S.S.T.  
The Trinitarians

## 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.

## Celebrate Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton; Mass at Special Time on Monday, Aug. 28



St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton  
Born: August 28, 1774  
Died: January 4, 1821  
Beatified: March 17, 1963  
Canonized: September 14, 1975

Please join us to honor St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on her birthday on Monday, August 28 here at St. Michael's. A concelebrated Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. with light refreshments to follow in the lower level of the church. St. Elizabeth's story

resonates strongly during these challenging times and inspires us to practice the tenets of our faith more fervently.

All are welcome and invited. Alumni and alumnae of Seton Hall University and/or Seton Hall Prep and others affiliated with S.H.U. and/or S.H.P. are especially invited to join us and encouraged to attend on Monday. For further information please call Deacon Mark McNulty at 732-610-0360 or (at Seton Hall University) Safiena Amzad Waters at 973-223-1660.

## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday, September 9, 2023

On Saturday, September 9, our parish will join in the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on Catholics and pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters. Solemn prayer vigils are being conducted at gravesites across the United States in memory of aborted children. We are encouraged to carry on the spiritual mission of this Day of Remembrance throughout the year by visiting a gravesite of aborted children and by offering of prayers of mourning, prayers for healing and reconciliation, and prayers for an end to abortion.



Prayers for these intentions will be prayed at all of our Masses here at St. Michael's during the weekend of September 9-10.



Our 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday the 9th will be concelebrated by our parish priests and several of our weekend visiting priests (with musical accompaniment); the Mass's intention will be for the heavenly rest of aborted children. Holy Mary, Mother of God, please come to our aid in bringing an end to abortion and in assisting pregnant women with bringing their babies to term and then after the birth.

## How to Help Hawaii/Maui Wildfire Victims from Afar

*Pastor's Note. The following is re-printed (with editing) from a news story published by Catholic News Agency on August 21, 2023 and available at <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/255150/how-to-help-maui-wildfire-victims-from-afar#:~:text=Hawaii%20Catholic%20Community%20Foundation&text=The%20HCCF%20is%20a%20nonprofit,efforts%2C%20the%20organization's%20website.>*

By Jonah McKeown

The devastating wildfires on the Hawaiian island of Maui earlier this month continue to cause misery for the island's residents.

As of Monday morning (August 21), more than 1,200 formerly missing people have been located, with about 850 still missing, the county mayor said. So far there are 114 confirmed deaths, many of the bodies still unidentified, with the figure expected to rise. Pope Francis has expressed his sadness and solidarity with all who are suffering due to the destruction caused by the wildfires, which have destroyed hundreds of buildings.

### Here's how you can help:

- Catholic Charities Hawaii is working in partnership with Catholic Charities USA to help those affected by the fires. The organization's Maui office reopened Monday, August 21 after being shut for nearly two weeks. The organization is **collecting donations specifically for Maui relief**. Call Catholic Charities Hawaii at 808-873-4673 for more information. See also <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief/>.

- DONATION FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions; also available at <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Donation-FAQs-2.pdf>):

- How can I support residents affected by the wildfires on Maui? Monetary donations can be made at <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief/>.

- How much of my gift will support Maui wildfires services? 100% of your donation will support people affected by the Maui wildfires.

- Are in-kind donations like clothes and supplies being accepted? Catholic Charities Hawaii accepts monetary donations only and is not accepting in-kind donations at this time.

- Can I make a donation via mail? Donations can be made via check to "Catholic Charities Hawaii." Please write "Maui Relief" in the memo section and mail your check to: Catholic Charities Hawaii 1822 Keeaumoku St. Honolulu, HI 96822.



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 31.* 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 English* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on September 1

First Friday Mass *in English* will be celebrated on September 1 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, September 1 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, September 1 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.



## 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

[stleothegreat.com/bereavement](http://stleothegreat.com/bereavement)

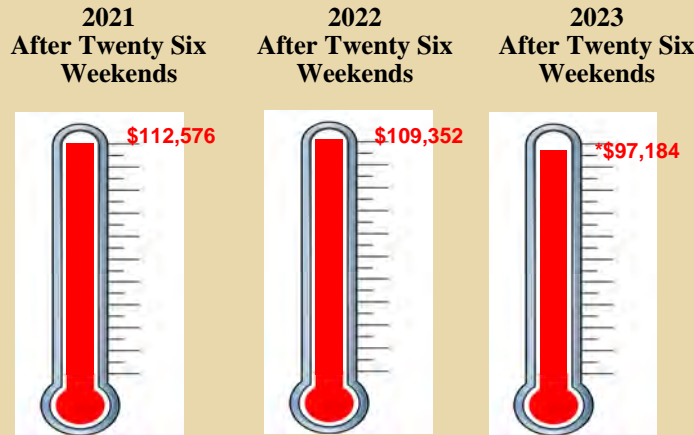




*Each of us* has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make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



### Parish Goal = \$109,000



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 six weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twenty six 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 26-27 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

\*This \$97,184 figure (*unchanged since last week*) is approximately 89.1% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty-sixth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of August 22) 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.



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)



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

**10<sup>th</sup> 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  
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## Weekend Collection & Attendance

### Thank You!

#### Saturday, August 19, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,506.00	124 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,913.00	141 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$420.00	56 people

#### Sunday, August 20, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$2,063.00	103 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,651.00	129 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,086.00	102 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,157.00	82 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$977.00	131 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$677.00	133 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the August 20 collection and for  
previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown:  
**\$2,717.00**

**This Week's Total: \$14,167.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,543.00**

**Assumption of Blessed Mother: \$4,056.00**

**Second Collection: Summer Mission Appeal: \$8,611.00**

## 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.



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.



## Fall 2023 Bible Study

### GENESIS

Who Am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Where: St. Michael's Lower Church.

When: Thursdays - September 21 to November 16.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; OR 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

Please call Rene and Jack at 732-222-3164 to reserve a seat and study guide.

In the words of Julie Andrews in The Sound of Music, "Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start..."



Bring a Bible, bring a friend!

## 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.

**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**

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



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023	Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing
Mass of Thanksgiving Celebration of the Birthday of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Monday, August 28, 2023 12:15 p.m. (See Page 3 for details)
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, August 31, 2023 7:00 p.m.
First Friday	Friday, September 1, 2023 (12:15 p.m. Mass in English, 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.)
Parish Summer Choir: Mass and Songs at Lakewood (Jersey Shore) Blueclaws Baseball Game	Saturday, September 2, 2023 Mass: 5:00 p.m. Game 7:05 p.m.
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)
Mass for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children	Saturday, September 9, 2023 8:00 a.m. (See Page 3 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)
Fall Bible Study: The Book of Genesis	Beginning Thursday, September 21, 2023 (See Page 7 for details)
"Red Mass" of the Diocese of Trenton AT St. Michael's (for the legal profession and those in relat- ed occupations)	Sunday, October 1, 2023 12:00 Noon
"White Mass" (for the medical profession and those in the healthcare and related fields)	Sunday, October 2, 2023 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Church, Toms River, NJ (See Page 6 for details)