

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

September 3, 2023 | Twenty-Second 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

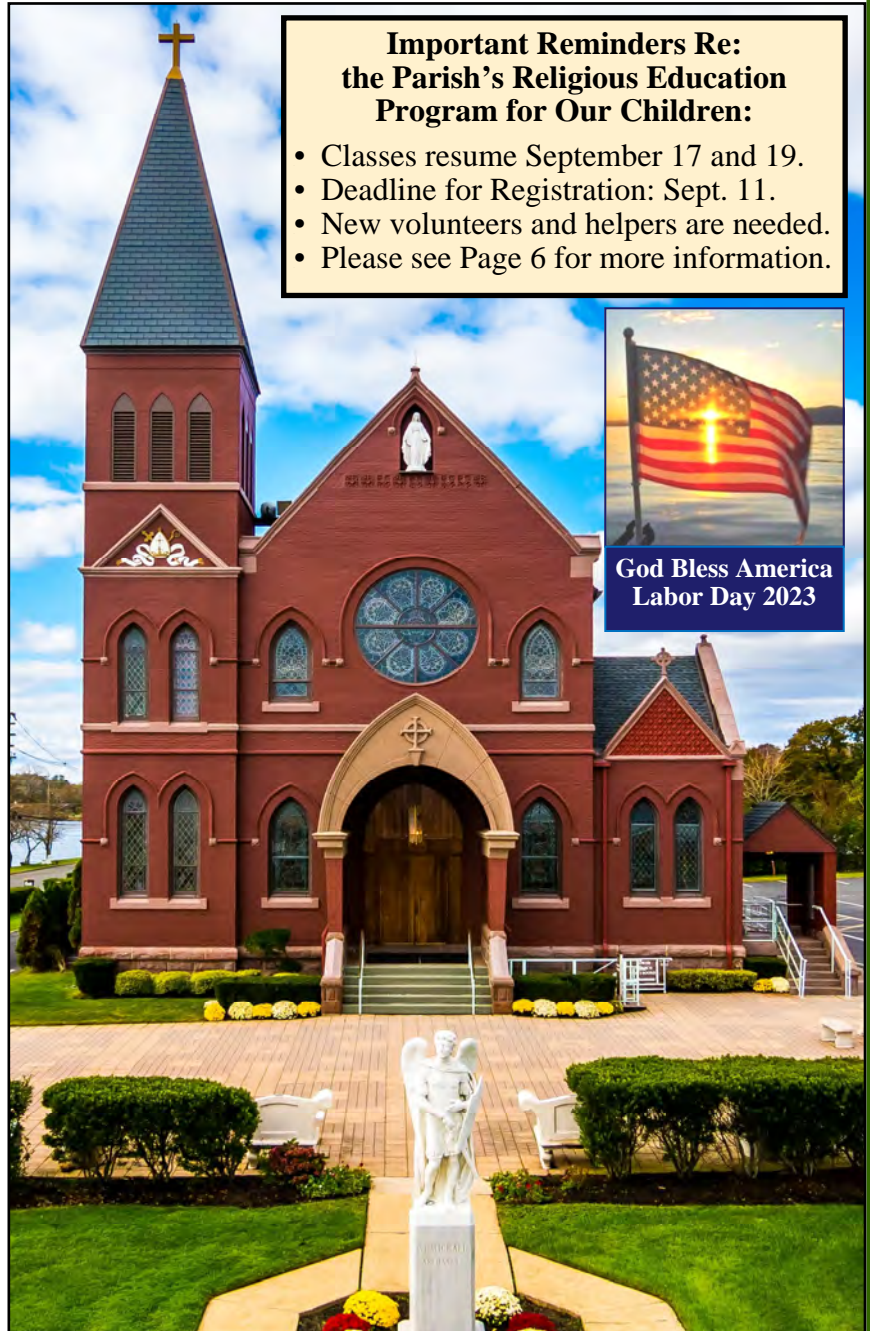
Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:15 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

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



## PARISH OFFICE

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[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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

732-483-0360 ext. 1



*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*  
Matthew 16:24b-25

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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	Family
† Howard Kavookjian	Family
4:00 PM † Robert Canale	Emily O'Connor & Liz Sloomaker
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

### Monday, September 4

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM Laborers & the Unemployed	

### Tuesday, September 5

8:00 AM † William A. Schmidt	Wife Doris
† Clarice Viggiano	Viggiano Family

### Wednesday, September 6

8:00 AM † Daniel Sheehan  
† Nora Dalton

### Thursday, September 7

8:00 AM † Ralph P. Cittadino  
† Robert Canale

Christopher M. Cittadino  
& Grandchildren

### Friday, September 8

8:00 AM Peace in Ukraine

### Saturday, September 9

8:00 AM † James Cade Ducharme	Lew & Renee Mazza
4:00 PM † Sharon Mazza	The Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group"
† Paul Muller	Richard Cero
5:30 PM † Arlene Albano	Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
† Brian Rogers, Jr.	Pamela & Jim Schembs
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

### Sunday, September 10

7:00 AM † Vito Ferlito	Vito & Randy Triolo
8:30 AM † Our Grandparents	Thorne & Cannon Families
† Jay Filippo	Family
10:00 AM † Grandparents of the D'Apolito & Buono Families	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Baby Reece Koa Ebuen	
12:00 PM † Mercedes & Edwin Brooks	Gloria Eisenbarth
† Robert Bongo	Anthony Lucarelli
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Catherine Heely	Linda & Charles Roberts

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Maria Critelli, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Principe.





## This Weekend! 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.

## 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 celebrated 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.

A BENEFIT  
CONCERT FOR

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Jim Manfredonia Sings Sinatra  
FEATURING ANGELA MANFREDONIA



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

Notre Dame High School Theater  
601 Lawrence Road  
Lawrenceville, NJ

With the SUMMER SWING ORCHESTRA



# **THE TRINITARIANS**

THE ORDER OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY AND OF THE CAPTIVES

August 21, 2023

Rev. John Butler and the parish community,

Prayerful Greetings from Fr. Binoj Mathew, O.S.S.T.,

**Pastor's Note:** The Annual Summer Missionary Appeal was conducted here at St. Michael's during the August 19-20 weekend. Our parishioners donated a very generous \$8,600 to help support the work of the Trinitarian priests in India. Fr. Klismet, who was here in-person to conduct the Appeal, sent a very gracious thank you note which was published in last Sunday's bulletin. In today's bulletin we are publishing (here on Page 4) a second thank you note from the Trinitarians, sent by Fr. Binoj, their Assistant Director of Mission Development.

Thank you to everyone at St Michael's for your financial and prayerful support of the parish, the overseas missionaries, the Diocese, and our special second collections. May God bless you!

I would like to take this particular time to thank you for allowing us to speak at all the Masses at your parish. It was most gracious of you to give us the opportunity to pass on the work of the Trinitarians to your parishioners. To say thank you is not enough for making a generous contribution to the Trinitarians. It will most definitely help to continue the missionary work of our Order.

It is truly humbling to witness every day the incredible faith, kindness, and generosity of faithful people like you. We are privileged not only to serve God's people but also to witness God's love in the boundless compassion of our supporters. By any measure, your gift is extraordinary. And we are keenly aware that without the support of people like you, we would be unable to continue our ministry for the less fortunate. Again, thank you so much for helping us and participating in our mission as on Trinitarian Community.

On behalf of myself, the Assistant Director of Mission Development and the other priests, brothers, and seminarians of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives in India, as well as all of those we serve in our various ministries, especially DeMatha English Medium School, Assam, India, I wish to express our deep gratitude for your hospitality and generous contribution towards our project. Thank you for being very attentive to the sermon and being sensitive to the needs of the poor and the captives of our time.

May God reward you abundantly for your goodness, prayers, and support. Know that you and your intentions are remembered in my prayers each day.

Yours in the Most Holy Trinity,

*Binoj Mathew, O.S.S.T.*  
*August 21, 2023*

Rev. Binoj Mathew, O.S.S.T.  
Assistant Director of Mission Development



Fr. Kurt Klismet, O.S.S.T.

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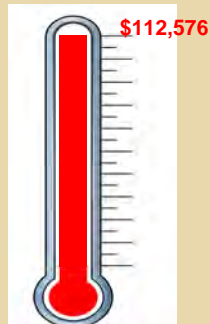
*Each of us* has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make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



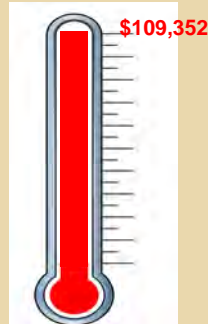
## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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

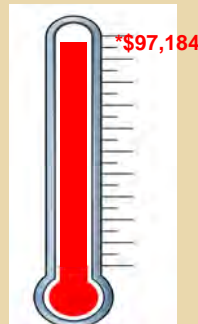
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After Twenty Six  
Weekends



**2022**  
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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 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 September 2-3 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

\*This \$97,184 figure (*to be updated next 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.



### 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)

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m.**

Weekday Masses will be celebrated as usual at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th with Confessions from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.



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 26, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$4,358.00	161 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$903.00	94 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$748.00	66 people

### Sunday, August 27, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,207.00	91 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,501.00	139 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$884.00	126 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,922.00	82 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,014.00	102 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$934.00	141 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the August 27 collection and for  
previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown:  
**\$500.00**

**This Week's Total: \$13,731.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,863.00**

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and  
checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,388.00. 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.



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

##### FEBRUARY 2024

† Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

##### April 2024

† Rita N. Cittadino r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children

##### SEPTEMBER 2024

† Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

† Connie and Tony Criesi r/o Lin Criesi

† Dick Nolan r/o Lin Criesi



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. Regular Friday hours (8:30am-3:30pm closed 12:00pm-1:00pm for lunch) resume on Friday, September 8. 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

Parish Summer Choir: Mass and Songs at Lakewood (Jersey Shore) Saturday, September 2, 2023  
Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
Blueclaws Baseball Game Game 7:05 p.m.

Sale of Holy Land Artwork and Religious Merchandise Saturday and Sunday September 2 and 3, 2023  
(Before and after all Masses.  
(See Page 3 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: Beginning  
The Book of Genesis Thursday, September 21, 2023  
(See Page 7 for details)

Baptism Preparation Class Saturday, September 23, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

"Red Mass" of the Diocese of Trenton AT St. Michael's (for the legal profession and those in related 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)

PRAY  
FOR  
PEACE  
IN  
UKRAINE

