

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

September 10, 2023 | Twenty-Third 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

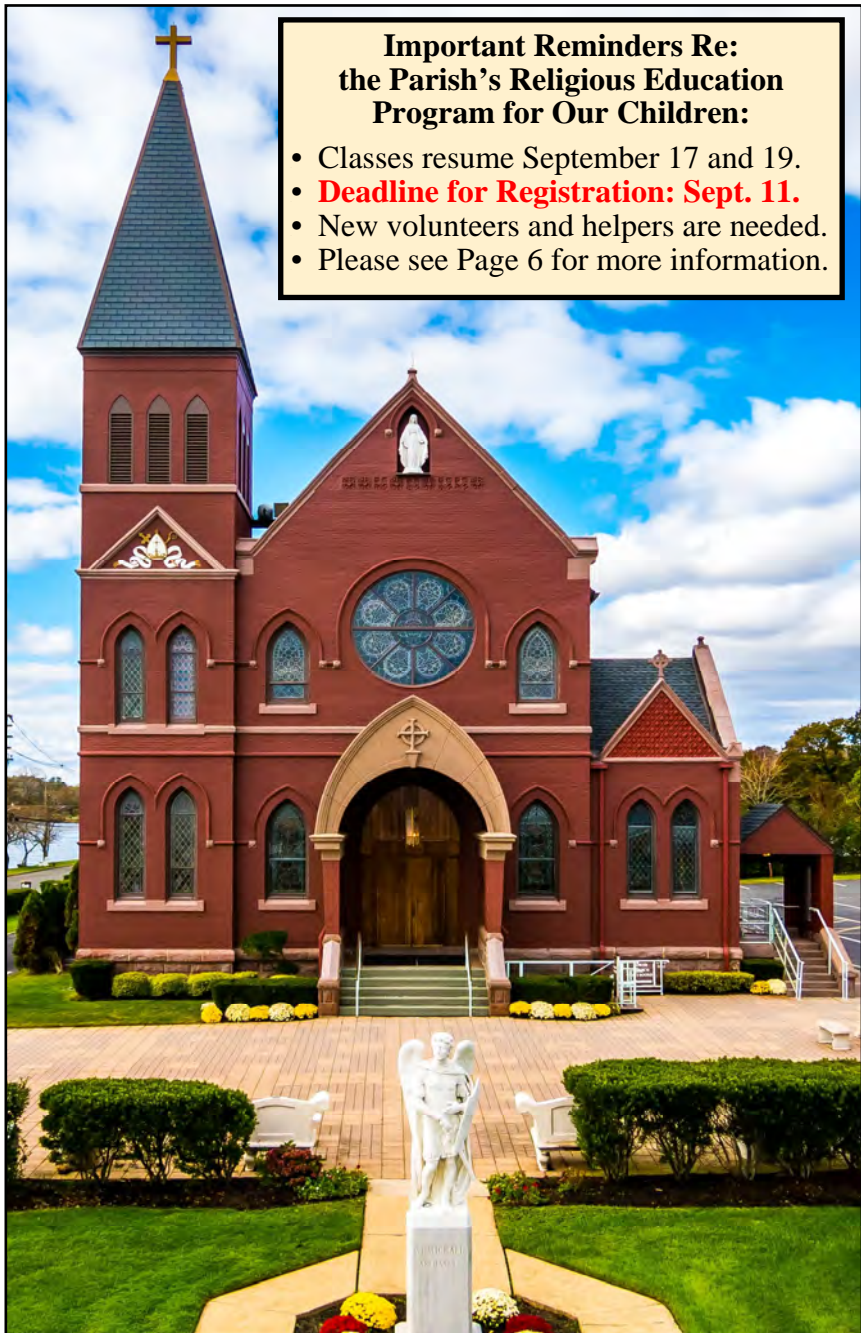
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

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

Ph: (732) 483-0360 | Fx: (732) 795-3262

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



*"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."*

*Matthew 18:15*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 9

8:00 AM † Aborted Children & the Pro-Life Cause  
† 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 † Joseph DeSantis's Birthday      Tony & Lisa Monte

### Sunday, September 10

7:00 AM † Vito Ferlito      Vito & Randy Triolo

8:30 AM † Our Grandparents      Thorne & Cannon Families

† Jay Filippo      Family

Eliora Hayes & Davina Hayes      Mom

10:00 AM † Grandparents of the D'Apolito & Buono Families      Joanne & Frank Buono

† Baby Reece Koa Ebuon

12:00 PM † Mercedes & Edwin Brooks      Gloria Eisenbarth

† Robert Bongo      Anthony Lucarelli

4:00 PM People of the Parish

† Richard Topham Jr.

7:00 PM † Catherine Heely      Linda & Charles Roberts

### Monday, September 11

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause      Friends of Sylvia Marsico

7:00 PM † Connie & Tony Criesi      Lin Criesi

### Tuesday, September 12

8:00 AM † Brian Rogers, Jr.      Eileen Bolan

### Wednesday, September 13

8:00 AM † Fred Easu      Kathleen West

† Rita N. Cittadino      Christopher M. Cittadino & Children

† Pamela Gatta      Mom, Dad, & Family

### Thursday, September 14

8:00 AM † Sharon Mazza      The Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group"

### Friday, September 15

8:00 AM † Silvio Clauser      Daughter

### Saturday, September 16

8:00 AM † Rodolfo Simon      Friend/Family

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson      Husband Dennis

† Leonard & Lillian Cotugno      Sharon Cozzetto

5:30 PM † Clarke (Pete) Brintnall      Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr

† Emilia & Julius B. Simonelli      Maria & Pasquale Simonelli

7:00 PM † Jim Cherry      Vicki & Tom Hoagland

### Sunday, September 17

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin      Theresa

8:30 AM † Brian L. Rogers, Jr.      Al & Mickie DeBenedictis

† Robert Canale      Philip & Josephine Papa

10:00 AM † Sadie Colasurdo      Jean Discepola

† Robert Canale      Emily O'Connor & Liz Sloomaker

12:00 PM † Bruno Lucarelli Jr.      Anthony Lucarelli

† Rosanne Steets      Gloria & Frank Clementi

4:00 PM † Jay Filippo      Family

People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Ann & Stephen Grogan      Roberts Family

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Louis Celmer, Jr., requested by his wife Barbara and Family.



2023 DIOCESE of TRENTON

# BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50+ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2023 calendar year

Ocean & Monmouth Counties  
**Oct. 8, 2023**  
 3pm Mass  
 Co-Cathedral of  
 St. Robert Bellarmine  
 Freehold, NJ

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE



or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2023




## 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](http://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.**


## National Collection

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Educating Future Catholic Leaders  
 Learn more at [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu)



Scan to learn more!



## Second Collection This Weekend September 9 and 10 for The Catholic University of America

This weekend we will take up a Second Collection at all Masses for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples of how the University is serving the Church and nation. Visit: [futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org](http://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org) to learn more.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.

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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SCAN ME



*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

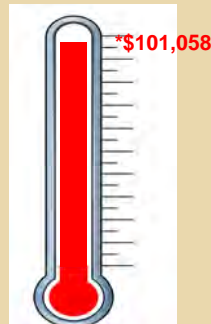
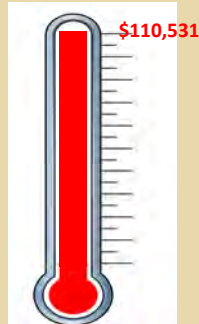
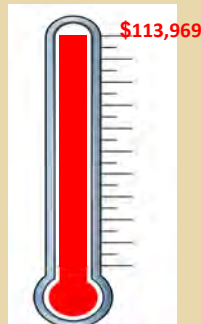


HANDS OF CHRIST

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

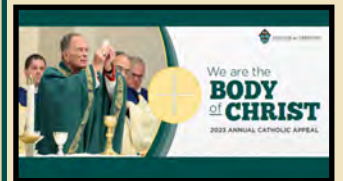
**Parish Goal = \$109,000**

2021 After Twenty-Seven Weekends    2022 After Twenty-Seven Weekends    2023 After Twenty-Seven Weekends



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-seven weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twenty-seven 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 \$101,058 figure is approximately 92.7% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty-seventh weekend of the campaign (tallied as of September 4) from 296 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.9% 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.

We are the  
**BODY**  
of **CHRIST**  
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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**

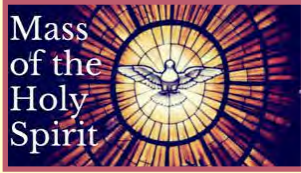
Visit our website  
for ticket information:  
[domesticchurchmedia.  
org/2023-benefit-concert](https://domesticchurchmedia.org/2023-benefit-concert)



With the SUMMER SWING ORCHESTRA



**Mass of the Holy Spirit  
Catechetical Saturday  
September 9, 2023  
5:30 p.m.**



We will celebrate a Mass of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Church. All are invited and welcome to attend. The special focus of this Mass will be the beginning of the new 2023-2024 academic year. We will pray for God's blessings upon all students, teachers, parents, administrators, and staff and especially for the Holy Spirit's gifts of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. In addition, our CCD teachers and volunteers will be commissioned, blessed, and enthusiastically thanked during this Mass. Please join us!

**Thank you, Joe Mirarchi!**

At the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 16 St. Michael's will say "thank you" and "auf wiedersehen" to Joe Mirarchi and his wife Carmel. Joe has generously given many years of service to our parish in numerous capacities and he and Carmel are preparing to retire and re-locate to Virginia.

Please join us to thank Joe and Carmel and to wish them well at this coming Saturday's 5:30 Mass. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Lower Church immediately after this 5:30 Mass.



**Please pray for the priests Of  
the Trenton Diocese  
who will gather at their  
Annual Convocation with  
Bishop O'Connell  
September 12th-14th.**

**Masses and Confessions at St. Michael's will take place at their usual times during the three Convocation days thanks to the help of our visiting retired priests. However, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick might not be available during these three days while the parish priests are attending the Convocation. If a need for Anointing occurs, please contact the parish office.**

**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

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



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing

CCD Parents Meeting Monday, September 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
(See Page 6 for details)

Convocation of the Priests of the Diocese of Trenton with Bishop O'Connell September 12-14, 2023  
(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. And Thank You to Joe and Carmel Mirarchi Saturday, September 16, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
(See Page 6 for details)

Catechetical Sunday Sunday, September 17, 2023

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)

Novena to St. Michael Beginning Thursday, September 21, 2023  
(See Page 10 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 15, 2023  
2:00 p.m.  
at St. Luke's Church, Toms River, NJ  
(See Page 4 for details)



### 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



BACK TO  
REGULAR  
HOURS!

**Regular Friday business  
hours at the Parish Office  
resumed on Friday,  
September 8.**

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



## WHAT IS IT ?

### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL?

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, concerted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The revival has officially begun in June 2022, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father's call for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church in the United States might be "permanently in a state of mission." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 25)

This Eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the U.S.

over the next three years. Each year will have a strategic focus for formation and missionary discipleship.



## WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR ?

### THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 19, 2022

We launch our national response to the Lord's call with widespread eucharistic processions and adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

### YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

2022 – 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

### YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

2023 – 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 2024

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

### YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

2024 – 2025

Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord.



## The Feast of The Archangels

### Novena to St. Michael: September 21-29

The Feast of the Archangels (Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael) and our parish's patron saint's day is Friday, September 29. We will pray at all Masses a novena prayer to our parish's patron saint - St. Michael the Archangel - during the nine days beginning on Thursday, September 21 and concluding on Friday, September 29. St. Michael, pray for us!



**PRAY  
FOR  
PEACE  
IN  
UKRAINE**



## Weekend Collection & Attendance

**Thank You!**

### Saturday, September 2, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,780.00	159 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,401.00	121 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,210.00	79 people

### Sunday, September 3, 2023

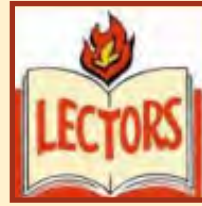
7:00 AM Mass	\$1,441.00	106 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,448.00	162 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,327.00	135 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,223.00	94 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$720.00	124 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$779.00	143 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the September 3 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$385.00**

**This Week's Total: \$12,714.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,031.00**

**Second Collection for Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,236. Thank You!**



Our Parish is in need of lectors/readers for our Sunday 7:00 a.m. Mass, Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mass, and Weekday Masses and from time-to-time for our Funeral Masses at St. Michael's Church.

If you can help, please call the business office, 732-222-8080.

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!



Dear Eagles Up Supporters:

Please continue to support **EAGLES UP!** Donations may be placed in the boxes in the church vestibule. Donation checks towards shipping must now be made payable to: **EAGLES UP / NATIVITY CHURCH.**

All shipping will be handled through Nativity Church in Fair Haven. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

*Please keep this parish and worldwide endeavor in your daily prayers*

## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. Amen.





## 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."

