

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

September 17, 2023 | Twenty-Fourth 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

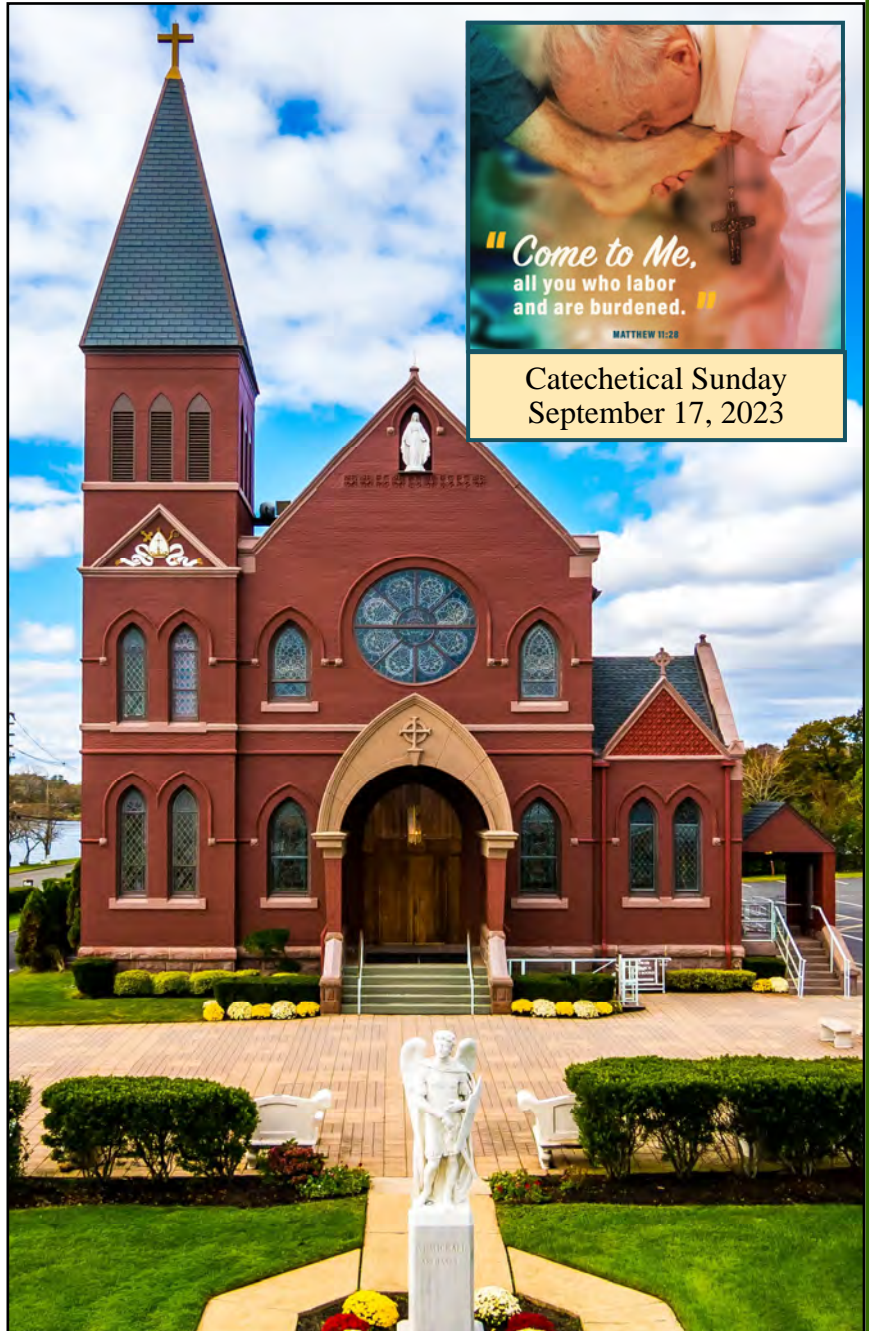
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

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



“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
Matthew 18:33-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16

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| 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 |
| Our CCD Children & Parents and Our Catechists | |
| 7:00 PM † Jim Cherry | Vicki & Tom Hoagland |

Sunday, September 17

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| 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 Sloodmaker |
| 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 |

Monday, September 18

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| 8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause | Friends of Sylvia Marsico |
| † Catherine Brooks | Nancy Murphy |
| † Connie Foggia (40th Anniversary) | Mimi Paolise |
| 7:00 PM † Helen Jackson | |

Tuesday, September 19

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| 8:00 AM † May Harrigan | Nancy Murphy |
| † John "Jack" Campion | David & Koorleen & Tom Minton |

Wednesday, September 20

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| 8:00 AM † Sharon Mazza | The Retired Teachers of Wayside School "Breakfast Group" |
| † Anna Damante | Tony & Cindy |

Thursday, September 21

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| 8:00 AM † Harry B. Tokanos | Mary Tokanos |
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Friday, September 22

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| 8:00 AM † Deceased Infants and Miscarried Babies | |
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Saturday, September 23

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| 8:00 AM † Grace Tho | Friend |
| 4:00 PM † Edward & Margaret Roller | Loving Family |
| † Robert Cook | Barbara Schibell |
| 5:30 PM † Sumner & Margaret Shaw | Family |
| † Harold Pfeiffer | Family |
| 7:00 PM People of the Parish | |


Sunday, September 24

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| 7:00 AM † Deceased Priests & Brothers of San Alfonso | |
| 8:30 AM † James Dillon, III | Friends |
| † Jean Monte | Monte Family |
| 10:00 AM † Brian L. Rogers, Jr. | Chris & Michelle Rogers |
| † Christopher J. Rogers, Jr. | Chris & Michelle Rogers |
| 12:00 PM † Robert Canale | Emily O'Connor & Liz Sloodmaker |
| † Jay Filippo | Family |
| 4:00 PM † Laurie Procopio | Christine Lowe, Colleen Gryta, & Kerry Weber |
| 7:00 PM People of the Parish | |

The Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph, and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week for the health and blessing of all children and all teachers as the new school year begins.



Pastor's Note. The new school year has arrived. It is important for the **PARENTS** of our school-age children to remember (and pray!) the prayers known as the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity (each of which is printed below). It is also important for our parents to **PLEASE PRAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN**, to be an **EXAMPLE** of praying and a **LEADER** of praying **within the FAMILY**, to pray these three prayers regularly and frequently **with their children**, and to **PLEASE see to it that the children learn and memorize these prayers** and make a practice of praying them often and from the heart...following the good, prayerful example and following in the footsteps of their parents! May God bless you!



ACT of FAITH

O MY GOD,
I firmly believe
that Thou art one God in Three
Divine Persons,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
I believe that Thy Divine Son became
Man
and died for our sins
and that He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church
teaches
because Thou hast revealed them,
Who canst neither deceive nor be
deceived.
Amen

ACT of HOPE

O MY GOD,
relying on Thy almighty power
and infinite mercy and promises,
I hope to obtain pardon of my sins,
the help of Thy grace
and Life Everlasting,
through the merits of Jesus Christ,
my Lord and Redeemer.
Amen

ACT of CHARITY

O MY GOD,
I love Thee above all things,
with my whole heart and soul
because Thou art all-good
and worthy of all love.
I love my neighbour as myself
for the love of Thee.
I forgive all who have injured me
and ask pardon
of all whom I have injured.
Amen

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!



Mass of the Holy Spirit Catechetical Saturday September 16, 2023 5:30 p.m.

We will celebrate a Mass of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, September 16, 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 Saturday's 5:30 Mass. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Lower Church immediately after this 5:30 Mass. All are welcome.



RED MASS of the Diocese of Trenton At St. Michael's Sunday, October 1, 2023 12:00 p.m.

Our parish will be hosting the 2023 Red Mass of the Diocese of Trenton for judges, lawyers, and others engaged in the administration of justice and the legal profession. Rev. Peter James Alindogan, former Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish, our neighboring parish to the West, will be the homilist and among the concelebrating priests.

We'll be praying for all those involved in the legal system and asking the Holy Spirit to help and inspire all of us in our efforts for Justice. All are welcome to attend and participate at the Red Mass.



MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: BLESSING OF THE PETS

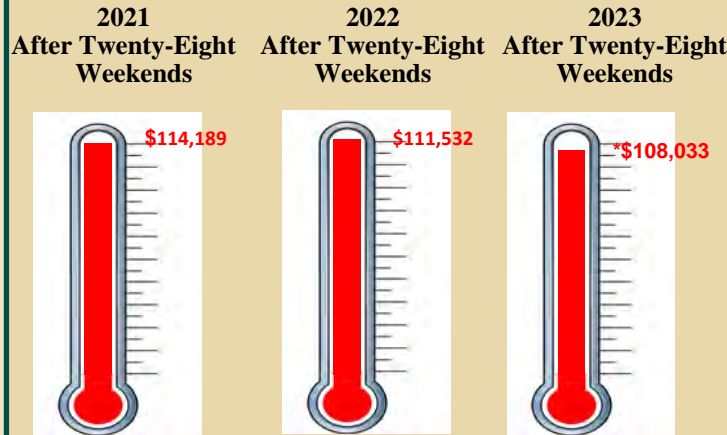
The parish's annual Blessing of the Pets will take place on Saturday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m. on the courtyard in the front of the church. All of your pets and animals are welcome! People are welcome, too!



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.



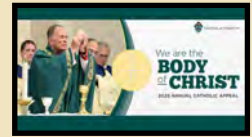
Parish Goal = \$109,000



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-eight weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first twenty-eight 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 16-17 to support the Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

*This \$108,033 figure is approximately 99.1% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty-eighth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of September 12) from 301 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 14.1% 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.

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.

Please Register as a Parishioner: The Helpful Reasons Why



Why is it so important to register with a parish? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish by contacting the parish business office. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor or godparent eligibility and qualification letter from the pastor, and getting donation statements for your income tax returns. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. For further information about registering at St. Michael's Church, please call Mary at the Parish Office at 732-222-8080. Thank you.



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
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Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, September 9, 2023

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| 4:00 PM Mass | \$2,473.00 | 147 people |
| 5:30 PM Mass | \$908.00 | 93 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$666.00 | 71 people |

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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| 7:00 AM Mass | \$1,543.00 | 92 people |
| 8:30 AM Mass | \$1,491.00 | 127 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,206.00 | 126 people |
| 12:00 PM Mass | \$641.00 | 55 people |
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$1,743.00 | 132 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$1,204.00 | 136 people |

Mailed-in Envelopes for the September 10 collection will be counted next week with the September 17 Sunday collections.

This Week's Total: \$11,875.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,204.00

Second Collection : Catholic University: \$2,430.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Announcing Important 2023 Dates
to Begin the CCD School Year:**

- September 11, 6:00 p.m. CCD Parents Meeting in the Lower Church. **Postponed and to be re-scheduled.**
- September 16, 5:30 p.m. CCD Family Mass (in the Upper Church) and Social (in the Lower Church).
- September 17 (Sunday Classes) and September 19 (Tuesday Classes): The First Day of CCD Classes for the New School Year.
- September 25, 5:30 PM: First Session of Confirmation Interviews in the Upper Church.

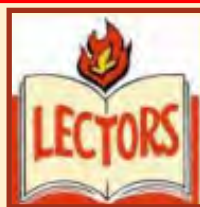
2024 Dates:

- 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.



Our Parish is in need of
lectors/readers for our Sun-
day 7:00 a.m. Mass, Satur-
day 7:00 p.m. Mass,
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.

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



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| Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 | Commenced February 18-19; Ongoing |
| 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 4 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 4 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 (See Page 4 for details) |
| "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 6 for details) |
| All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) | Wednesday, November 1, 2022 |
| All Soul's Day Candlelight Mass | Thursday, November 2, 2022 7:00 p.m. |



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

When: Tuesday, September 19, 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



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.