St. Michael's Church

October 8, 2023 | Twenty-Seventh 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.

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CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch, NJ 07764

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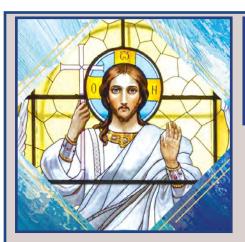
Parish Staff

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, Maintenace Coordinator

Parish Office

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740 Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174 www.stmichaelni.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



Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." Matthew 21:43

Wednesday, October 11

8:00 AM † Patsy Delehanty

Delehanty Family

Thursday, October 12

8:00 AM † Marc Ribaudo

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7

8:00 AM † Conrad Russo

4:00 PM † Etta Chiafullo

† Robert Canale

5:30 PM † Rose & Frank Brown

† Anthony Gennaro

7:00 PM † Kevin F. Tuohy

People of the Parish

Wife

John & Deborah Perri

and Family

Rita, Michael, & Nicole

Russomanno

Elizabeth & Fredrica

Joseph & Anne Marie

Principe

Tricia & Louie Vincelli

Friday, October 13

8:00 AM † Rita N. Cittadino

Christopher M. Cittadino

& Children

Loving Family † Joseph Welter

Saturday, October 14

Sunday, October 15

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson

† Alicia Mentel

Frances Tice & Family

Theresa

Grandma

and Family

5:30 PM † Deceased Members of

† Hildegard Schaffner

the Troese Family

Thorne Family

Elizabeth & Fredrica Brown

Maryann & Warren Kruse

Husband Dennis

7:00 PM † Linda Toelken Vicki & Tom Hoagland

Sunday, October 8

7:00 AM † Josephine Capolino

8:30 AM † Michael Wrubel

† Alfred DeSantis. Sr.

10:00 AM † Scott Tave

† Anthony D'Apolito

12:00 PM † Andrew Bertorelli

† Stephen Podracky

4:00 PM † Joann Magistro

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Paul O'Hare

Wife Maria & Family

Stephen Ferraro &

Family

Kathleen West

Joanne & Frank Buono

Family

Sudman Family

Jo Ellen Basaman

8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):

† Danielle Russo

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin

8:30 AM † Linda T. Nolan

Health and Blessings: Children of Our Parish and

Our Catechists

10:00 AM † Beverly Russo

† Lucille Moloney

Patti Kochenash

12:00 PM † Anthony & Rose Orrico

Daughter Dolores Serra

Sudman Family

† Fr. Patrick Donohue

Lena Lewis

4:00 PM † Betty Mellone

Daughter Linda

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, October 9

8:00 AM † James Cade Ducharme

† Andrew Bertorelli

Pro-Life Cause

Lew & Renee Mazza

Family

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

7:00 PM † Michael Monahan

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 AM † Thomas Viggiano, Sr.

† Edward & Kathleen Basaman

Viggiano Family

Basaman Family

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Charles Murrin, requested by Theresa.

The St. Joseph's Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Joseph Welter, requested by his loving family.

The Blessed Mother Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Hildegard Schaffner, requested by Melanie and Mark Mocerino.



NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

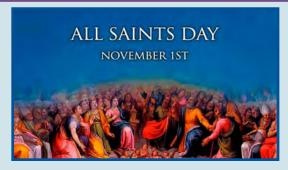
The weekend of October 7 & 8 Jersey Right to Life raffle tickets will be sold <u>at all Masses</u> at St. Michael's. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10 per ticket.

Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest Prolife organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

This year's prizes are:

1st prize - 2024 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
valued at \$42,400

2nd prize-\$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card
3rd prize -\$750 ShopRite Gift Card
4th prize-\$500 ShopRite Gift Card



Solemnity of All Saints

All Saints Day is November 1, 2022 and *a holy day of obligation*. Mass will be celebrated:

Tuesday, October 31

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Our Bishop David M. O'Connell will be the celebrant and homilist at both of these Vigil Masses on Tuesday, October 31.

Wednesday, November 1

8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.



HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman

Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Vigil Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.

Saturday / Sunday - at will.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury

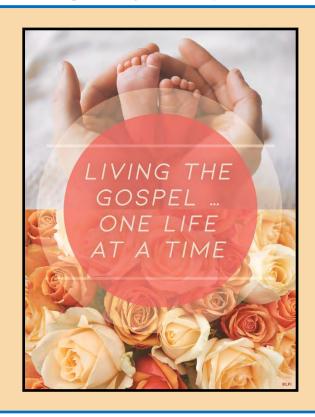
Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.

Please follow current COVID 19 protocols.

St. Michael's parishioners usually gather at this location on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 p.m. during these 40 Days for Life.





Annual Catholic Appeal: The Parish's Goal Has Been Reached!



THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to ALL who have contributed at St. Michael's to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). There is GOOD NEWS!!! We have reached and exceeded our parish goal of \$109,000 both as to pledges and as to actually collected funds. Our ACA subtotal of actually collected funds stands at \$112,194 as of October 4 and

the amount of uncollected pledges is \$2,371. And so the parish has earned the 15% rebate for reaching the goal in collected funds and St. Michael's will be receiving a check from the Diocese of Trenton for roughly

\$17,000 early next year which will come in handy as we make the roof repairs and basement repairs and other repairs necessitated by last week's rain, winds, and flooding. *Again, thank you to EVERYONE!* And if you have made an ACA pledge and need to complete the payment, the "books are still open" and please submit the payment to the Diocese or to the parish business office at your earliest opportunity. *Together we can do great things!*



The Red Mass 2023 of the Diocese of Trenton At St. Michael's

Our parish was the host last Sunday of this year's Red Mass of the Diocese of Trenton at St. Michael's. The Red

Mass is a celebration of profession and especial-Mass gets its name from turies ago by those purments worn by the cler-Monday of October" to U.S. Supreme Court Summer Recess and to



the Eucharist with extra added prayers and blessings for the members of the legal ly for judges, lawyers, and others engaged in the administration of Justice. This the red color of the academic robes worn at the universities of Europe many censuing advanced studies in the field of Law and from the red color of the vest-gy at this Mass. The Red Mass usually occurs on the Sunday closest to the "First mark the traditional date of the commencement of the new Judicial Term of the when that Court and many other courts come back into session following the pray for the blessings of the Holy Spirit on the new Court Year.

This year's Red Mass at St. Michael's was attended by many of the Judges of Superior Court and by retired Chief Justice of New Jersey James Zazzali. The homby Fr. P.J. Alindogan, J.C.L., pastor of St. Veronica's Church in Howell. The conwere Fr. Alindogan, Fr. Jean Felicien, J.C.L., Msgr. John Carroll, Fr. Alphonse SteButler. Please see the photos of this year's Red Mass on Page 4 of today's bulletin. for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be shared with our judges, lawyers, and all those in sion and engaged in the administration of Justice. St. Thomas More, patron saint of politicians, civil servants, statesmen, and difficult marriages), pray for us!



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Blessing of Pets Part One and *Part Two*

The parish's "Blessing of Pets" took place last Saturday, Sept. 30 as scheduled despite less-than-perfect weather that morning. The rain and wind subsided briefly at 11:00 a.m. and a hearty group of parishioners and dogs attended the Blessing with rain gear and umbrellas and dog biscuits. Please see the accompanying photos.

In light of the poor weather last Saturday, we will have a <u>SECOND</u> Blessing of Pets on Saturday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. outdoors at the church courtyard. All are invited and welcome. St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, pray for us.



Pastor's Report: Summary re Leaks in Roof and Flood in Basement

Dear St. Michael's Parishioners:

The foul weather of the past few weeks has taken a toll on our church building. Heavy winds and rainfall have resulted in new leaks in the church roof in the areas above the St. Joseph side altar, the visiting priest's confessional, and the Epiphany stained glass window on the south side of the church. The rising groundwater and record-setting rainfall of September 29 (7.8 inches of rain in one day in Long Branch and I think most of those 7.8 inches came down right here at St. Michael's!) resulted in flooding in the church basement (the "Lower Church") and the unavailability of the Lower Church's meeting area, kitchen, and restrooms.

The work to repair the church's roof and the Lower Church has begun. The "water intrusion mitigation" crews were here before the rain had even come to a conclusion on the 29th in order to begin their assessments and work plans. Other nearby parish churches and parish schools were also hard hit by the same water intrusion damage.

The expense for the repairs to our church basement will be well in excess of a minimum of \$25,000. Much of that expense, thankfully, is covered by insurance. Water extraction and dehumidifying were commenced immediately by our parish staff and outside contractors. Evaluation of wooden baseboards and sheet rock for water damage is under way; anti-microbial agents have been applied to the appropriate areas and surfaces. A new floor covering will be installed once the water mitigation work is finished.

Our roofer was here on Monday and we will have his proposal and price quote later this week (not available as of our Wednesday bulletin publisher's printing deadline) and I will keep you posted as information becomes available.

Our beautiful church is in remarkable condition for a building that is 137 years young. Consideration is being given to establishing a "building repair/maintenance fund" and setting aside funds for the rainy days of the future; more on that subject in future parish bulletins and announcements from the pulpit. Please keep our church in your prayers and the workers who are laboring to return her to the very best state of repair.

With gratitude and prayers, Fr. John Butler, Pastor



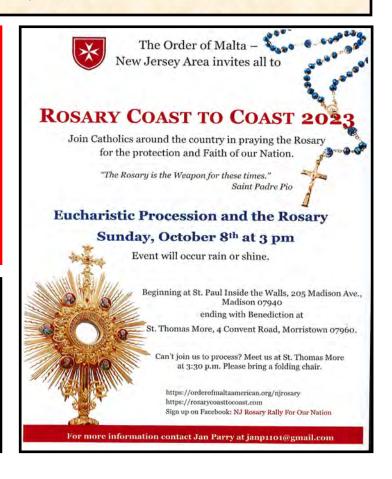
Our Parish is in need of lectors/readers for our Sunday 7:00 a.m. Mass, Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mass, Weekday Masses, and from time-to-

time for our Funeral Masses at St. Michael's Church.

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

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.



St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society Monthly Meeting Notice October 14, 2023

The St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society will host its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Satur-

day, October 14, 2023. We will meet after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church with praying of the Rosary, followed by our meeting agenda. The Lower Church will be unavailable for our meeting due to serious water damage caused by last week's heavy rain storms. Our Soci-



ety seeks to foster devotion to the Rosary and to serve the interests of our St. Michael's community with spiritual and corporal works of mercy. All women of the parish are encouraged and welcome to join us.

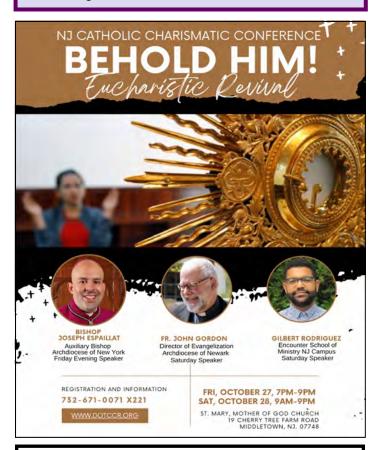
> "Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us."





The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish

office to register in advance.



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, September 30, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$3,810.00	178 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$678.00	83 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$961.00	49 people

Sunday, October 1, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,717.00	88 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,350.00	116 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,398.00	104 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$2,081.00	148 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,641.00	112 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,452.00	171 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 1 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: \$1,023.00

This Week's Total: \$17,111.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,705.00



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.



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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 United States the miaht 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 re-



newal 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 Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, Octo-

ber 10. Mass will be celebrated at the usual Monday 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. times on Columbus Day, October 9 with Confessions heard at the usual Monday times after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m. and after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

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.

Please keep this 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.





OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT:

The Diocese of Trenton and St. Michael's Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard

to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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

†Connie and Tony Criesi

†Dick Nolan

r/o The Boeckman Family

r/o Lin Criesi

r/o Lin Criesi



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!

On the Calendar at St. Michael's Church



Fall Bible Study: Commenced September 21; Ongoing

The Book of Genesis

Commenced September 27; Ongoing 40 Days for Life (See Page 3 for details)

October 7 and 8, 2023 NJ Right to Life Raffle (See Page 3 for details)

Columbus Day; Monday, October 9, 2023

Parish Office Closed

"White Mass" (for the medical Sunday, October 15, 2023 2:00 p.m. profession and those in the

at St. Luke's Church, Toms River, NJ healthcare and related fields) (See Page 8 for details)

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Bishop O' Connell will be presiding and preaching at the 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Vigil Masses on

Wednesday, November 1, 2022 (See Page 3 for details)

All Soul's Day Candlelight Mass

October 31.

Thursday, November 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Job Opportunity

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ is seeking a "Food Prep Chef" from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Salary is between \$16.00-\$18.00 per hour. Depending on experience. Send resume to pharrington@ssjphila.org ASAP or call 215-248-7263 for further information.





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

When: Tuesday, October 17, 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