

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 15, 2023 | Twenty-Eighth 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

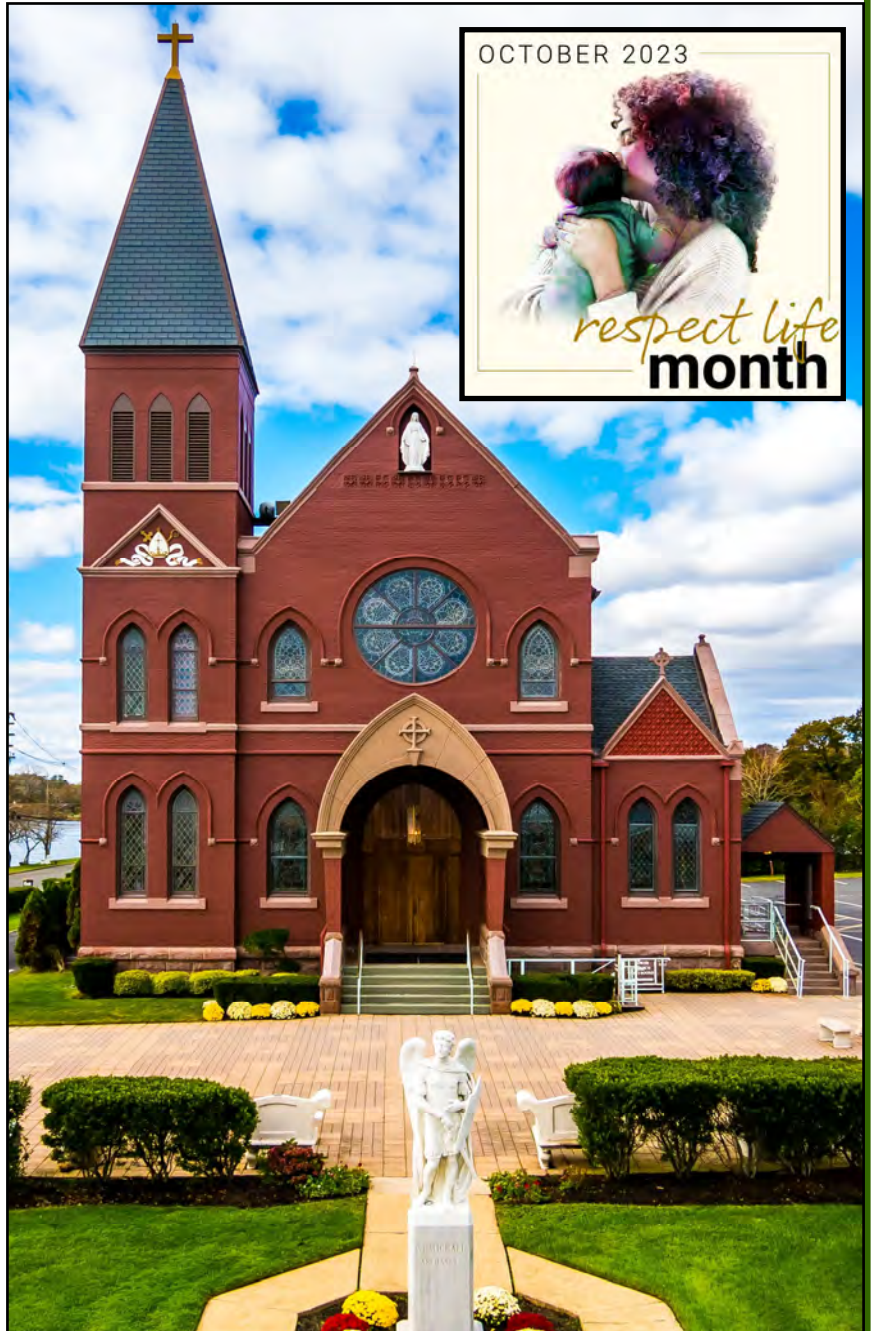
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

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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.



“Come to the Feast.”

Matthew 22:4bc

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 14

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| 8:00 AM People of the Parish | |
| 4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson | Husband Dennis |
| † Alicia Mentel | Frances Tice & Family |
| 5:30 PM † Deceased Members of the Troese Family | Elizabeth & Fredrica Brown |
| † Hildegard Schaffner | Thorne Family |
| 7:00 PM † Linda Toelken | Vicki & Tom Hoagland |

Sunday, October 15

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| 7:00 AM † Charles Murrin | Theresa |
| † Danielle Russo | Grandma |
| 8:30 AM † Linda T. Nolan | Maryann & Warren Kruse and Family |
| 8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church): Health and Blessings: Children of Our Parish and Our Catechists | |
| 10:00 AM † Beverly Russo | Sudman Family |
| † Lucille Moloney | Patti Kochenash |
| 12:00 PM † Anthony & Rose Orrico | Daughter Dolores Serra |
| † Fr. Patrick Donohue | Lena Lewis |
| 4:00 PM † Betty Mellone | Daughter Linda |
| 7:00 PM People of the Parish | |

Monday, October 16

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| 8:00 AM † Emilia & Julius B. Simonelli | Maria & Pasquale Simonelli |
| Pro-Life Cause | Friends of Sylvia Marsico |
| 7:00 PM † Elizabeth J. Armstrong | Scavone Family |

Tuesday, October 17

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| 8:00 AM † Joanne McLeod | |
| † Azon Molino | Daughter Tess |

Wednesday, October 18

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| 8:00 AM † Cathy Brown | Husband & Children |
| † Thomas & Jeraldine Traxler | Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr |

Thursday, October 19

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| 8:00 AM † Michael & Joseph Fornino | Pingitore Family |
| † Harry B. Tokanos | Mary Takonas |
| † Christopher Roth | Wife Patty |

Friday, October 20

8:00 AM Vocations, Vocations, Vocations

Saturday, October 21

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| 8:00 AM People of the Parish | |
| 4:00 PM † Joseph Muzetska | Wife Barbara Muzetska |
| † Robert Canale | Joe & Nancy Gallo |
| Special Intention: Marilyn Wilbert | Sheryl McGill & Family |
| 5:30 PM † William Schild | Charlie & Chris McClelland |
| † Bill Larsen | Mr & Mrs Anthony Califano |
| 7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory | |

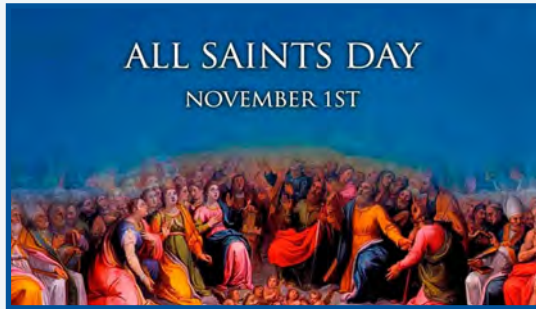
Sunday, October 22

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| 7:00 AM For Peace | |
| 8:30 AM † Michael Monahan | Lucille Solden |
| 8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church): Health and Blessings: Children of Our Parish and Our Catechists | |
| 10:00 AM † Patrick Chambers | Sudman Family |
| † Giuseppina Curto | Brian & Shawn Geiger & Family |
| † Donald J. Burke | Brian & Shawn Geiger & Family |
| 12:00 PM † Dolores Hermann | Thomson Family |
| † Brian McGraw | Carroll Family |
| 4:00 PM † Thomas F. Letson, Jr. | Rosanne Letson |
| † Alfred Caruso | Marguerite Abbate & Stephanie Vennekotter |
| 7:00 PM People of the Parish | |

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

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





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.



September 27 - November 5, 2023

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.



Parishioners from St. Michael's with friends and with parishioners from other nearby parishes prayed the Rosary this past Monday at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Please join them on these Mondays of the 40 Days for Life campaign in praying for an end to abortion. God hears these prayers (remember last year's *Dobbs vs. Jackson* Supreme Court case overruling the *Roe vs. Wade* decision) and there is strength in numbers.

RESPECT
LIFE

Pastor's Note. October is the month of the Holy Rosary as well as Respect Life Month. In our parish bulletin this week and during the weeks of October we will include important teachings and writings of the Church on both of those subjects. That series continues this week with the teaching document below that was published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to help us to know and understand more fully and to live-out more effectively the teaching of our Church on respect for human life (especially the lives of the most vulnerable in the womb) and the sinfulness of abortion. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing.

Respect for Unborn Human Life: The Church's Constant Teaching

A Fact Sheet by the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "**Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion.** This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.

Direct abortion, that is to say, ***abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.***" (No. 2271)

In response to those who say this teaching has changed or is of recent origin, here are the facts:

- From earliest times, Christians sharply distinguished themselves from surrounding pagan cultures by rejecting abortion and infanticide. The earliest widely used documents of Christian teaching and practice after the New Testament in the 1st and 2nd centuries, the *Didache* (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) and *Letter of Barnabas*, condemned both practices, as did early regional and particular Church councils.
- To be sure, knowledge of human embryology was very limited until recent times. Many Christian thinkers accepted the biological theories of their time, based on the writings of Aristotle (4th century BC) and other philosophers. Aristotle assumed a process was needed over time to turn the matter from a woman's womb into a being that could receive a specifically human form or soul. The active formative power for this process was thought to come entirely from the man – the existence of the human ovum (egg), like so much of basic biology, was unknown.
- However, such mistaken biological theories never changed the Church's common conviction that abortion is gravely wrong at every stage. At the very least, early abortion was seen as attacking a being with a human destiny, being prepared by God to receive an immortal soul (cf. Jeremiah 1:5: "***Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you***").
- In the 5th century AD this rejection of abortion at every stage was affirmed by the great bishop-theologian St. Augustine. He knew of theories about the human soul not being present until some weeks into pregnancy. Because he used the Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testament, he also thought the ancient Israelites had imposed a more severe penalty for accidentally causing a miscarriage if the fetus was "fully formed" (Exodus 21: 22-23), language not found in any known Hebrew version of this passage. But he also held that human knowledge of biology was very limited, and he wisely warned against misusing such theories to risk committing homicide. He added that God has the power to make up all human deficiencies or lack of development in the Resurrection, so we cannot assume that the earliest aborted children will be excluded from enjoying eternal life with God.
- In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas made extensive use of Aristotle's thought, including his theory that the rational human soul is not present in the first few weeks of pregnancy. But he also ***rejected abortion as gravely wrong at every stage, observing that it is a sin "against nature" to reject God's gift of a new life.***

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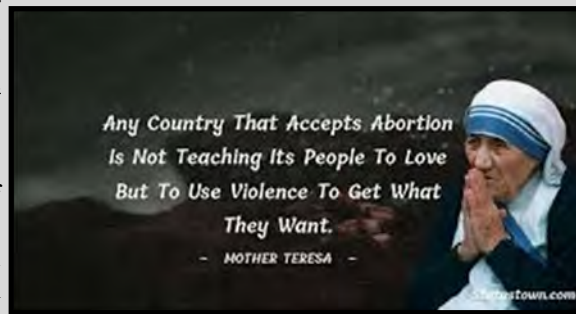
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- During these centuries, theories derived from Aristotle and others influenced the grading of penalties for abortion in Church *law*. Some canonical penalties were more severe for a direct abortion after the stage when the human soul was thought to be present. However, abortion at all stages continued to be seen as a grave moral evil.

- From the 13th to 19th centuries, some theologians speculated about rare and difficult cases where they thought an abortion before "formation" or justified. But these theories were rejected, as the Church refined and reaffirmed *its understanding of abortion as an intrinsically evil act* "ensoulment" might be morally discussed and then always rejected—*that can never be morally right.*



- In 1827, with the discovery of biology of Aristotle was discredited that the union of sperm and living being that is distinct from genetics demonstrated that this is distinctly human, with the inherent and active potential to mature into a human fetus, infant, child and adult. From 1869 onward the obsolete distinction between the "ensouled" and "unensouled" fetus was permanently removed from canon law on abortion.

- Secular laws against abortion were being reformed at the same time and in the same way, based on secular medical experts' realization that *"no other doctrine appears to be consonant with reason or physiology but that which admits the embryo to possess vitality from the very moment of conception"* (American Medical Association, Report on Criminal Abortion, 1871).

- Thus modern science has not changed the Church's constant teaching against abortion, but has underscored how important and reasonable it is, by individual of the human species confirming that the life of each begins with the earliest embryo.

Given the scientific fact that the only moral norm needed to abortion is the principle has inherent dignity, and thus due to a human person. This is social doctrine, including its tal punishment, euthanasia, gration. Conversely, to claim that some live human beings do *not* deserve respect or should *not* be treated as "persons" (based on changeable factors such as age, condition, location, or lack of mental or physical abilities) is to deny the very idea of *inherent* human rights. Such a claim undermines respect for the lives of many vulnerable people before and after birth.



human life begins at conception, understand the Church's opposition—that each and every human life must be treated with the respect the foundation for the Church's teachings on war, the use of capital health care, poverty and immi-

For more information: Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Declaration on Procured Abortion* (1974), nos. 6-7; John R. Connery, S.J., *Abortion: The Development of the Roman Catholic Perspective* (1977); Germain Grisez, *Abortion: The Myths, the Realities, and the Arguments* (1970), Chapter IV; U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, *On Embryonic Stem Cell Research* (2008); Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (1995), nos. 61-2.

Available at: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/respect-for-unborn-human-life>.

The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (also known as All Souls' Day) is celebrated by the Church on November 2. Here at St. Michael's, in addition to our customary morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. on All Souls' Day we will also celebrate a **Candlelight Mass of Remembrance** on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited and Letters were mailed earlier this week to had a death in the family since last attend this 7:00 p.m. Mass and to light a for the repose of the soul of their loved the Faithful during this Mass. The ceased will be read aloud during the

The Church encourages the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed. And the Church assist the departed in attaining the Beatitudes, and the offering of Mass. The Candlelight All Souls' Mass will be preceded by a Musical Prelude led by Acting Music Director Lauren Walters at 6:30 p.m. (including ensemble cantors and instrumentalists) and will be followed by a reception with light refreshments served outdoors (weather permitting) on the Church Courtyard immediately after the Mass. May perpetual light shine upon the souls of all the faithful departed.



Pope Francis Appeals for Peace and Restraint in Israel-Hamas War

Pastor's Note. Pope Francis usually addresses the people gathered at St. Peter's Square on Wednesday mornings. On this past Wednesday, October 11 at that weekly audience, the Pope spoke about the Israel-Hamas War and the situation in Gaza. The Vatican New published the following story about the Pope's remarks and his appeal for prayers, peace, and restraint. The story is available at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/pope-francis-israel-gaza-war-appeal-holy-land.html#:~:text=Violence%20cannot%20lead%20to%20peace,also%20been%20many%20innocent%20victims.%E2%80%99>

Pope Francis appeals for peace in the Holy Land and says Israel has the right to defend itself, but affirms that violence cannot help achieve a lasting peace built on justice.

By Devin Watkins

Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis expressed his "sorrow and concern" for the war that has broken out between Israel and Hamas, an Islamist militant organization operating in Palestine. The Pope mourned the many people who have been killed and injured. "I pray for those families who have seen a day of celebration turned into a day of mourning and ask for the immediate release of the hostages," he said.

Militants from Hamas launched a surprise attack on the southern part of Israel on Saturday, as Jews marked the feast of *Simchat Torah*, or "joy of the Torah". Hamas took dozens of hostages during its incursion into Israel and has threatened to execute them if Israel attacks areas within the Gaza Strip.

Violence cannot lead to peace

In his appeal, Pope Francis acknowledged that "it is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves". However, he expressed concern for the "total siege facing the Palestinians in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims." Israel announced a "complete siege" on Gaza, promising to shut off access to electricity, food, water, and gas.

The Pope invited both parties to restraint in hopes of reaching a solution to the war. "Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, and revenge, causing suffering to both sides," he said. Pope Francis concluded his appeal for peace in the Middle East with a call for fraternity and dialogue. "The Middle East does not need war but peace, a peace built on justice, dialogue, and the courage of fraternity," he said.





Blessing of Pets Part One and **Part Two**

The parish's "Blessing of Pets" (Part One) took place 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 two weeks ago, we will have a **SECOND** 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.



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.

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 and of the Church. For further information about registering at St. Michael's Church, please call Mary at the Parish Office at 732-222-8080. Thank you.

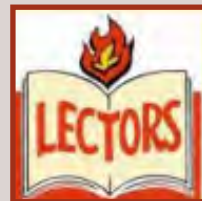


Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church Sunday, December 17, 2023 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church

Tickets for Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's will go on sale Monday, October 23rd. For the first week or so, these tickets will be sold online (and only online) by visiting the parish's website at www.stmichaelnj.com which will take you to the ticket-selling website of Eventbrite. Beginning on a date to be announced after that first week or so of online ticket sales, tickets will also be sold "manually" in the church vestibule after some of the weekend Masses. Tickets purchased manually after Mass in the church may be paid for with cash or a check. All concert seats will be reserved and assigned seating. The pricing levels are \$55, \$50, and \$45. Tickets will not be available for purchase in the parish business office (except as announced) nor over the phone.



Our Parish is in need of lectors/readers and altar servers 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!

We Celebrate World Mission Sunday Together Next Weekend!

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."

Second Collection Next Weekend October 21 and 22



On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

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

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

**THIS SUNDAY,
October 15!**

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.

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BEHOLD HIM!
Eucharistic Revival

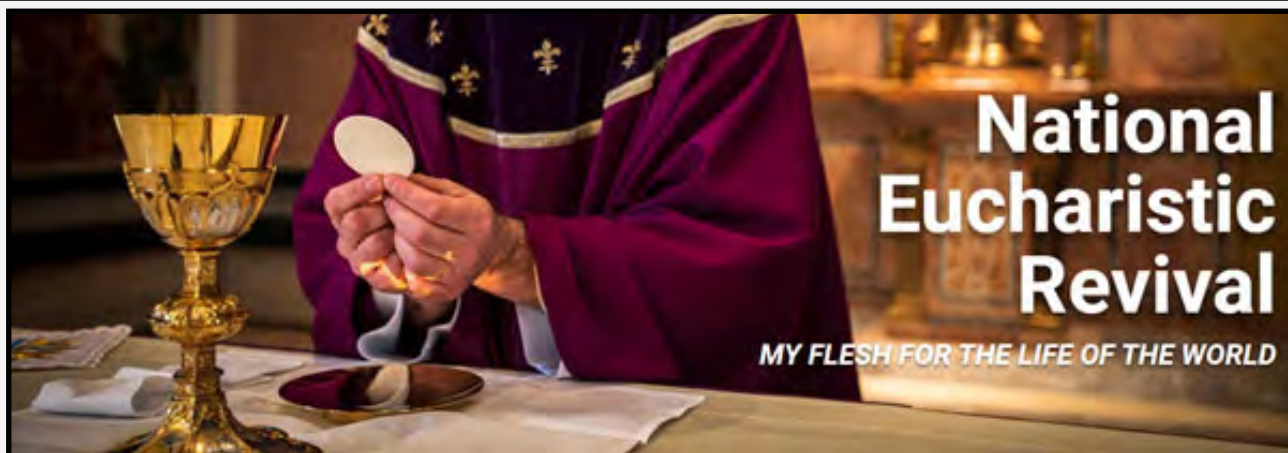
**BISHOP
JOSEPH ESPALLAT**
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of New York
Friday Evening Speaker

FR. JOHN GORDON
Director of Evangelization
Archdiocese of Newark
Saturday Speaker

GILBERT RODRIGUEZ
Encounter School of
Ministry NJ Campus
Saturday Speaker

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SAT, OCTOBER 28, 9AM-9PM**
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19 CHERRY TREE FARM ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, NJ, 07748



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

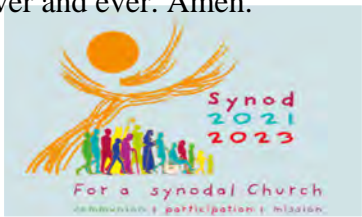
2024 – 2025

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.

*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.



The logo features a stylized sun with orange rays at the top. Below the sun, a group of colorful, simplified human figures in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) are standing together. To the right of the figures, the text "Synod 2021 2023" is written in a colorful, blocky font. At the bottom, the text "For a synodal Church" is written in a red, serif font, followed by "celebration | participation | mission" in a smaller, green, sans-serif font.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, October 7, 2023

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| 4:00 PM Mass | \$1,944.00 | 143 people |
| 5:30 PM Mass | \$1,036.00 | 88 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$871.00 | 73 people |

Sunday, October 8, 2023

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| 7:00 AM Mass | \$1,143.00 | 89 people |
| 8:30 AM Mass | \$1,550.00 | 124 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,419.00 | 127 people |
| 12:00 PM Mass | \$1,169.00 | 106 people |
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$719.00 | 87 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$845.00 | 112 people |

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 8 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,895.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,591.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,128.00

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

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



Fall Bible Study: Commenced September 21; Ongoing
The Book of Genesis

40 Days for Life Commenced September 27; Ongoing
(See Page 3 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 8 for details)

All Saints Day Wednesday, November 1, 2022
(Holy Day of Obligation) (See Page 3 for details)
Bishop O'Connell will be presiding and preaching at the 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Vigil Masses on October 31.

All Soul's Day Candlelight Mass Thursday, November 2, 2022
7:00 p.m.
(See Page 6 for details)

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert Sunday, December 17, 2023
at St. Michael's 1:30 p.m.
(See Page 7 for details)

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.



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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