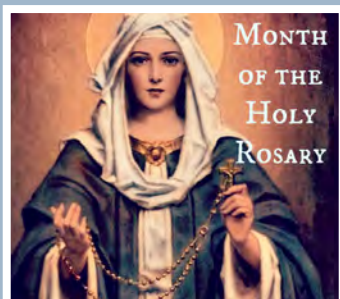


# October: Month of the Holy Rosary & Respect Life



by Reverend Matthew R. Mauriello

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. This memorial was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church and her spiritual children in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.



The memorial was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than to the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we, too, can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

*The above article appeared in the Fairfield County Catholic of January 1996. Reprinted with permission of the publisher and edited to conform to space limitations.*



Our parishioners pray the Rosary on Monday through Saturday mornings beginning at about 8:30 a.m. immediately following the conclusion of our 8:00 a.m. weekday Daily Mass. All are invited and welcome. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Also, during the "40 Days for Life" campaign the Rosary is prayed multiple times by our parishioners and others at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury to support the Pro-Life cause. Please join us. Details are on Page 3.



## 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.

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800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

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Hours: Monday through Friday

8:30am-3:30pm

(closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

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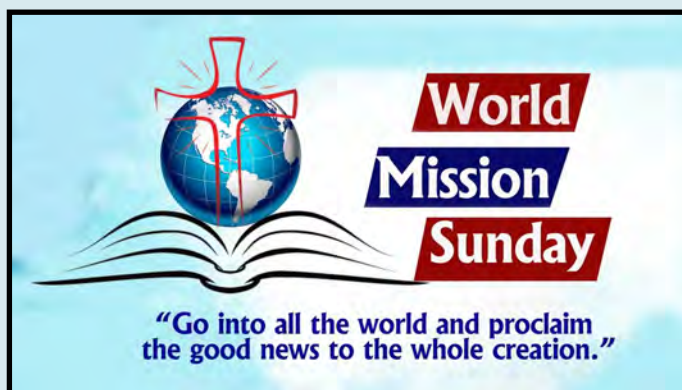
Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 22, 2023 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 21

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Joseph Muzetska

† Robert Canale

Special Intention:  
Marilyn Wilbert

5:30 PM † William Schild

† Bill Larsen

7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

Wife Barbara Muzetska

Joe & Nancy Gallo

Sheryl McGill & Family

Charlie & Chris  
McClelland

Mr & Mrs Anthony  
Califano

### Sunday, October 22

7:00 AM For Peace

8:30 AM † Michael Monahan

8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):  
Health and Blessings:  
Children of Our Parish and  
Our Catechists

10:00 AM † Patrick Chambers

† Giuseppina Curto

† Donald J. Burke

12:00 PM † Dolores Hermann

† Brian McGraw

4:00 PM † Thomas F. Letson, Jr.

† Alfred Caruso

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Lucille Solden

Sudman Family

Brian & Shawn Geiger  
& Family

Brian & Shawn Geiger  
& Family

Thomson Family

Carroll Family

Rosanne Letson

Marguerite Abbate &  
Stephanie Vennekotter

### Monday, October 23

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

† Anna Marie & George  
Cattelona

7:00 PM † Baby Penelope and  
Baby Sarah

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Sister

### Tuesday, October 24

8:00 AM † Louis Brignola

Rene & Jack Brignola

### Wednesday, October 25

8:00 AM † Michael Ebert

Mom, RJ & Joann

(Followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour for Peace  
8:30-9:30 a.m.)

### Thursday, October 26

8:00 AM † Aniello & Rosaria  
Califano

Califano Family

† Ralph T. Apicelli

### Friday, October 27

8:00 AM † Joan Easu Tave

Kathleen West

† Michael Monahan

Chick, Mick & Betsy

### Saturday, October 28

8:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr.

Pat & Family

† Edna Traynor

Pat Holden Thayer

† Conrad Russo

Friend

4:00 PM † Rose Marie Ciroalo

Terry Levic

† Gloria Patti

Chris Muszelik

5:30 PM † William Schild

Dianne Fichter

7:00 PM † Veronica Heaning

Linda Heaning

People of the Parish

### Sunday, October 29

7:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr.

Pat, Ann Marie, &  
Michael Thayer

8:30 AM Peace in Ukraine and Israel

8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):  
Health and Blessings:  
Children of Our Parish and  
Our Catechists

10:00 AM † Irene F. & Edward W.  
Moskal, Sr.

Barbara & Edward  
Moskal

† Stephanie & Blaise  
Mitkowski

Barbara & Edward  
Moskal

12:00 PM † Dolores Hermann

Carroll Family

† Dr. Gus Mazzola

John & Fran Pollina

4:00 PM † Judy Klein

Barbara & Frank

† Alfred Caruso

Joyce Clark & Family

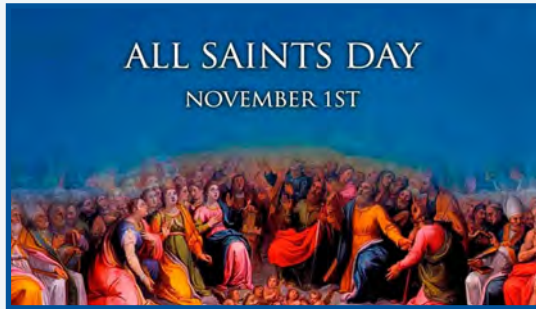
7:00 PM People of the Parish

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week  
in loving memory of Michael Ebert, requested by  
Mom, RJ and Joann.

The Blessed Mother and the St. Joseph Sanctuary  
Candles will be lit this week for the Pro-Life Cause  
and for Peace throughout the World.







## 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, C.M., will be the celebrant and homilist at both of these Vigil Masses on Tuesday, October 31.

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**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](mailto:monmouth4life@hotmail.com)

**Learn More...** [40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury](http://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 two Mondays ago 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 month we are including important teachings and writings of the Church and of our Diocesan Bishop David O'Connell on both of those subjects. That series has included a teaching document 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. The series continues below with Bishop O'Connell's essay on the beauty and power of the Rosary. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing. Please pray the Rosary frequently if not daily. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.*

## HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE (1)

*By David M. O'Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton*

During a recent hospital stay, I had an interesting experience. The night nurse was taking my "vitals" before bed-time when she noticed my rosary on the nightstand. She told me she was a Hindu and never heard of the rosary before. I explained this traditional Catholic prayer and she quickly became interested. I likened praying the rosary to the use of meditative prayer beads in the rosary prayers, their meaning and Mother in our Catholic faith. "I want to I learn them?" I directed her to a web-goes to show how we can share our circumstance, wherever we are!

The Catholic Church has been blessed God through this prayer since the early lic tradition, she appeared to St. Domi-the idea of the rosary. There are various rosary initially came to be but its cur-joyful, five sorrowful, five glorious lished by Pope Pius V (1504-72) in "luminous" mysteries to the decades of

October is the month of the Holy Ro-dy of the Rosary.

This prayer is one of the most popular, Church. Seeking the intercession and daily lives is understandably attractive, her. The mysteries of the rosary are of the Lord Jesus — his life, death and Mary's eyes. She was "there" after all, like all Catholic prayer, should lead us Blessed Mother as our intercessor and through the rosary. Would any loving Son refuse the prayers of his Mother?

I pray the rosary each day. It gives me the chance to remember the many prayer in- recommended to me as Bishop by the faithful I meet wherever I go. I recommend it, all Catholics. It can be recited and prayed anywhere, anytime by anyone, young or as well as sinners. If you have not prayed the rosary, give it a try. If you already do, share it with others.

In this month of the Holy Rosary, which is also Respect Life Month, what better time be for praying the rosary for the protection of human life in all its stages and the for of hearts. As Bishop, I invite all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese to join together the rosary for this and all our special intentions.

Listen to the reflections of some great Saints.

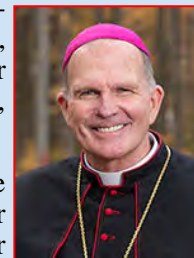


her own religious faith. I went through purpose and the role of the Blessed say these prayers" she said. "How can site and she seemed so happy. Just beautiful Catholic faith anytime, in any

with the intercession of the Mother of 13th century when, according to Catho-nic (1170-1221) in 1214 offering him legends and stories regarding how the rent form of fifteen mysteries — five called "decades"— was formally estab-1569. Pope St. John Paul II added five rosary in 2002.

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meditative prayers of the Catholic help of the Blessed Mother Mary in our praying to her Divine Son through really contemplations of the whole life resurrection — in a real sense through present throughout his life. The rosary, to the Lord Jesus with Mary his guide. She brings our prayers to him



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## HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE (1)

By David M. O'Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton



The mural above our church's Blessed Mother side altar artistically depicts the origin of the Rosary – Mary making a gift of the Rosary to St. Dominic and handing him the first Rosary beads.

See, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/the-origins-of-the-rosary/#:~:text=Dominic%20was%20combating%20a%20popular,much%20success%20if%20he%20did>

*"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description." Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen (1895-1979)*

*"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." St. Padre Pio (1887-1968)*

*"The rosary should be said with faith—for our Blessed Lord said, "Believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you." St. Louis De Monfort (1673-1716)*

*"Do not cease praying for your children; God's grace can touch a hardened heart. Commend your children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When parents pray the Rosary, at the end of each decade they should hold the Rosary aloft and say to her, "With these beads bind my children to your Immaculate Heart", she will attend to their souls." St. Louise de Marillac (1591-1660)*

*"The rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world." Pope St. John XXIII (1881-1963)"by its very nature the recitation of the rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and lingering pace. The rosary is the Bible for those who can neither read nor write." Pope St. Paul VI (1897-1978)*

*"By holding familiar converse with Jesus and the Blessed Virgin, by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and by living the same life in Holy Communion, we can become, to the extent of our lowliness, similar to them and can learn from these supreme models a life of humility, poverty, hiddenness, patience and perfection." ... "The rosary is a prayer both so humble and so simple and theologically rich in biblical content, I beg you to pray it." Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)*

*"With the rosary we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith in meditating on the mysteries of Christ and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel so that it shapes all our lives." Pope Benedict XVI*

*"The rosary is a school of prayer. The rosary is a school of faith." Pope Francis*

*"In times of darkness, holding the rosary beads is like holding your Blessed Mother's hand." A faithful Catholic*

Think of your loving mother, whether still with you or living in eternity. Is there anyone who would not want to reach out and hold her hand again? Reach out for the hand of your Blessed Mother in heaven and hold it through her Rosary.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us - born and unborn - now and at the hour of our death. Amen."



1. Available at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/news/hail-mary-full-of-grace-the-lord-is-with-thee>.

## 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 November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited and Letters were mailed last week to the death in the family since last year's All 7:00 p.m. Mass and to light a Candle of pose of the soul of their loved one at Faithful during this Mass. The names of read aloud during the candle-lighting

The Church encourages the offering 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.



**Remembrance** on Thursday, **November 2** at 7:00 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend this evening Mass. families of the parish who have had a Souls' Day inviting them to attend this Prayer and Remembrance for the re- the conclusion of the Prayer of the the parish's recently deceased will be ceremony.

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## Our Call to Respond to Those Suffering in the Holy Land

**Pastor's Note.** War is being waged in the Holy Land. Pope Francis, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, our Bishop O'Connell, and others have urged faithful Catholics to pray and fast for peace in the Holy Land. The Bishop's message is published below and is available at <https://trentonmonitor.com/news/2023/oct/12/our-call-to-respond-to-those-suffering-in-the-holy-land/>. In response to the situation in Israel and to Bishop O'Connell's request, our parish conducted a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and praying of the Rosary on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 immediately following the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass. **We will conduct a similar Holy Hour and praying of the Rosary "for peace" this coming Wednesday morning October 25 immediately following the conclusion of the 8:00 Mass.** All are invited and welcome.

### A Message from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

As is so often the case, our sisters and brothers in need in our own country and throughout the world depend upon our love and generosity, prompted by our Catholic faith, and turn to us for help in times of crisis. Such is now the case in Israel. I offer some ways to always, we need to pray. In this most effective prayer that cede with her Divine Son for rent war. Pray for peace. The Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzardi request on behalf of the bishop-

We ask that on Tuesday, Ignatius of Antioch, everyone nence and prayer. Let us or- charistic adoration and with Our Blessed Virgin Mary.

together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice and reconciliation. Second, please respond in charity to the extent that you are willing and able to Catholic Relief Services at this link: [support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](https://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict).

Thank you. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!



respond. First, foremost and this month of the Rosary, pray our Blessed Mother will inter- the people affected by the cur- Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, zaballa, has also made this ops in Israel:

October 17, the Feast of St. hold a day of fasting, absti- ganize prayer times with Eu- the recitation of the Rosary to This is the way we all come



**FALL BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS*****New Temporary Location!***

Because of the unavailability of the Lower Church due to the Sept. 29 rainfall and flooding, the Fall Bible Study, GENESIS, will now be held in the basement at Holy Trinity Church as a temporary location for our Fall Bible Study - thank you Fr. Javier!



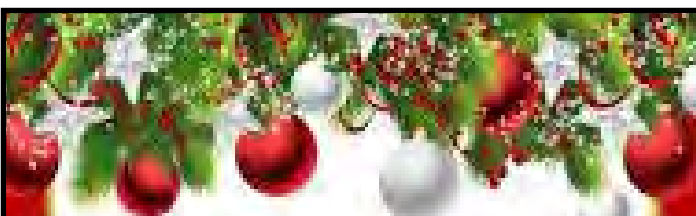
Our first session at this new venue will be Thursday, October 26, 2023. There is a slight change to the morning schedule - Thursdays 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The evening schedule times remain unchanged - Thursdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church is located at 408 Prospect Street, Long Branch.

If you have any questions, please call Rene or Jack at 732-222-3164.



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 a.m. **at a location to be announced.** Please call the parish office to register in advance.



### 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](http://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.



OCTOBER 2023



### We Celebrate World Mission Sunday Together This 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 This 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.*

## 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.

When we buy a house or rent an apartment: • we go to City Hall to register to vote; • we call the gas company and the electric company and the water company and the phone company to arrange for these services; • we call the cable company to have our cable TVs and computers brought online. When we travel, we register at our hotel's front desk.

By the same token, when we move into a new parish (OR, when we have been “going to the parish church for a long time” but for whatever reason have NOT “gotten around” to registering as a parishioner with the parish business office), it's customary, appropriate, necessary, and “good form” to visit the parish office and register. The same rule of thumb applies to our children when they grow-up and reach the age of young adulthood; ***the time has then arrived for that grown-up child to register in his or her own name as a member of his/her parish (whether still residing at home with Mom and Dad or having moved into his/her own home).***

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



NJ CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

# 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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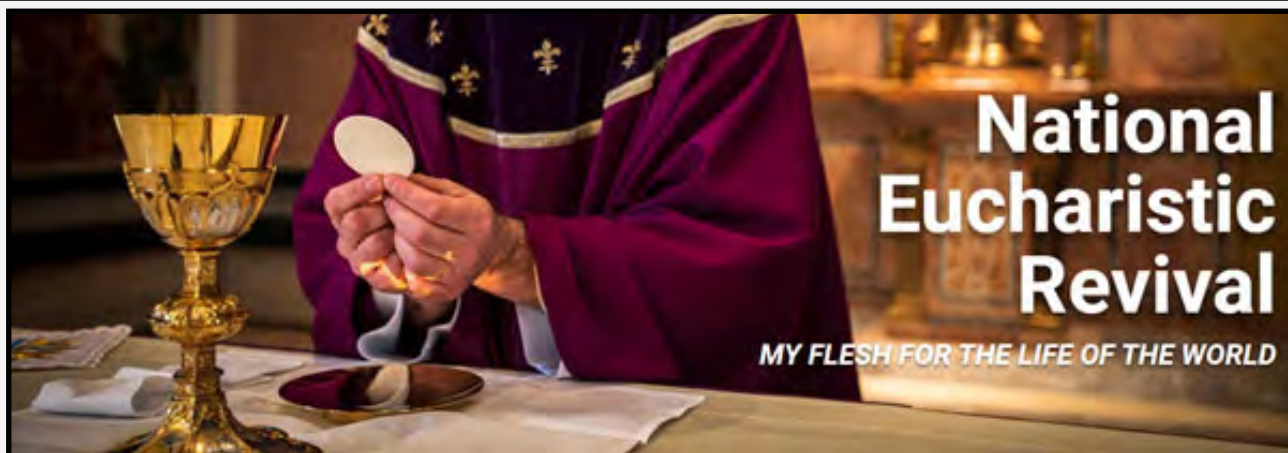
**FRI, OCTOBER 27, 7PM-9PM**  
**SAT, OCTOBER 28, 9AM-9PM**  
ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH  
19 CHERRY TREE FARM ROAD  
MIDDLETOWN, NJ. 07748

The “White Mass” of the Diocese of Trenton for the medical profession and healthcare workers was celebrated last Sunday the 15th at St. Luke's Church in Toms River. The name of the Mass derives from the white coats customarily worn by physicians, the white uniforms that nurses used to wear, and the white coats often worn by laboratory technicians and others in medicine and



healthcare. This year's White Mass was the tenth annual celebrated at St. Luke's. St. Luke (a physician himself; Colossians 4:14) is the patron saint of physicians and healthcare workers. St. Michael's was the co-host of this year's White Mass. Parishioners of St. Michael's assisted their counterparts of St. Luke's in organizing and staging the Mass and were present at the Mass (accompanying photo) which was concelebrated by Fr. Butler and Fr. Michael Kennedy of St. Luke's and other priests of the Trenton Diocese. St. Luke and St. Michael, pray for us.





## 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.

## BAPTISM GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a Baptism GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program?

It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone whom a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living the Christian Catholic faith in a complete, strong, and exemplary manner. You model that behavior and faith in the way that you live your life.



To receive a letter signed and sealed by the Pastor to verify your eligibility to serve as a Baptism Godparent or as a Confirmation Sponsor (such letters are required by (and issued by) virtually all Catholic parishes in the United States including St. Michael's), please keep the following eligibility criteria in mind:

- Registered at (for at least three months) and active parishioner of St. Michael's Church.
- At least 16 years of age.
- Completed all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
- If married, married in the Catholic Church according to Catholic Church Law, or with the express permission of the Church. If unmarried, living a chaste single life (including not cohabitating).
- Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the sacraments of the Church regularly.

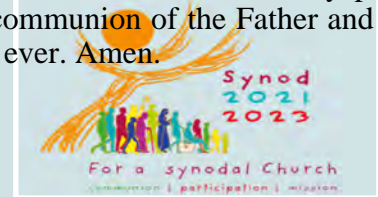
The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor is to be based on the person's dedication to the faith and consistent practice thereof.

Sponsor letters will be gladly and happily given to individuals who meet all of these criteria and who have been **registered members of our parish for at least three months**. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the Church's teaching on these matters or on the criteria for and interpretation of the qualifications for Baptism godparenthood or Confirmation sponsorship, please feel free to call the parish office to arrange for a telephone conversation or meeting with Fr. Butler.

*Please keep this worldwide endeavor in your daily prayers*

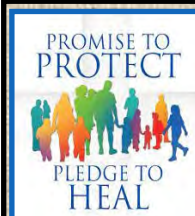
### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

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.



### 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.



### 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](mailto: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.



## WHO DOESN'T LIKE CANDY?

All the fun and surprises of Halloween will be back this year.

Let us share the treats to bring the Halloween spirit to our deployed Military HEROES! serving overseas. Please donate candy to our troops who are overseas protecting our freedoms.

Candy donations may be placed in the plastic tubs in the church vestibule. The candy will be shipped by the Eagles Up Ministry team to our men and women in uniform to show our support and thank them for their service. All shipping will be handled through Nativity Church in Fair Haven.



## Weekend Collection & Attendance

### Thank You!

#### Saturday, October 14, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,367.00	123 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,025.00	89 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$390.00	65 people

#### Sunday, October 15, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,757.00	88 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,666.00	106 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,448.00	123 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,313.00	119 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$766.00	98 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,324.00	115 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 15 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,111.00**

**This Week's Total: \$12,167.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,014.00**

## 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



40 Days for Life	Commenced September 27; Ongoing (See Page 3 for details)
Holy Hour for Peace in the Holy Land	Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (See Page 6 for details)
Baptism Class	Saturday, October 28, 2023 10:00 a.m. (See Page 7 for location and other details)
All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)	Wednesday, November 1, 2023 (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, 2023 7:00 p.m. (See Page 6 for details)
First Friday	Friday, November 3, 2023 (12:15 p.m. Mass in English, Eucharistic Adoration 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Mass in English at 5:30 p.m., Confessions 12:45 to 1:15 and 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Veterans Day (Parish Office Closed)	Friday, November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23, 2023 Early Mass at 7:00 a.m. Family Mass at 9:30 a.m. (No 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day)
Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's	Sunday, December 17, 2023 1:30 p.m. (See Page 7 for details)

## Prayer For Followers of Saint Vincent De Paul

O God, You are a God of Justice, mercy and compassion. Support us, Your servants of the poor. As we endeavor to bring Your love and compassion to people who are homeless and in need of Your love. We pray that we will see You, our all-loving God, in each homeless person we encounter, and in our service to those in need. Amen



**St. Vincent De Paul**  
Serving those in Need