

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

November 5, 2023 | *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday 12:15 PM in Latin in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. In English in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. And 5:30 PM (on First Friday) in English in all months.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Monday through Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.

Monday Night: after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays: after the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

To register with the parish, please call the Parish office for information.

MARRIAGES

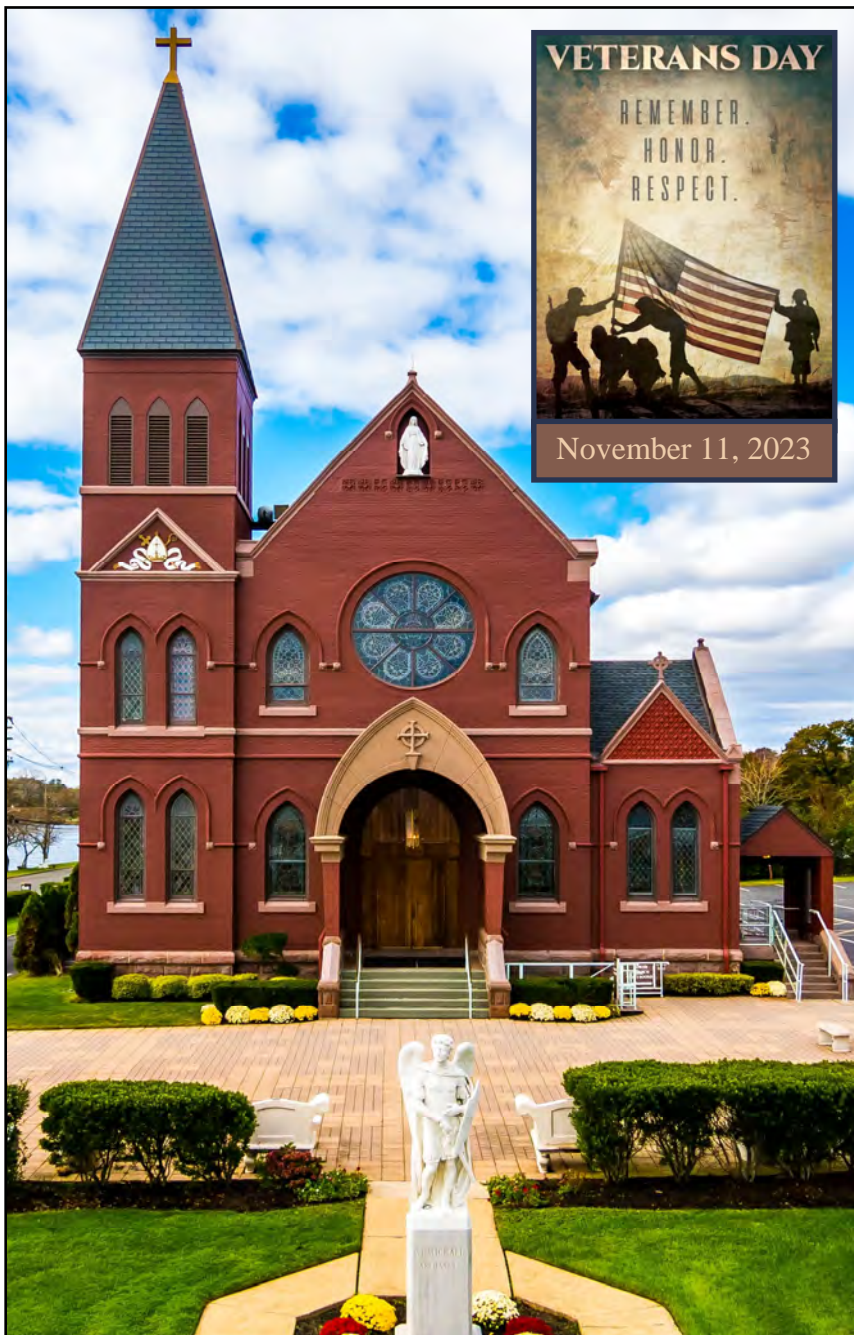
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:15 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, (732)483-0360, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174

www.stmichaelnj.com

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

Rev. Cyril Johnson, Parochial Vicar

Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
732-483-0360 ext. 1



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant."

Matthew 23:8-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Joe Agresto

† Karen Smith

† John K. Butler, MD

5:30 PM † Thomas Serra

Special Intention

7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

Wife & Children

Loving Husband

Butler Family

Wife Dolores Serra

Sunday, November 5

7:00 AM † Sylvia Marsico

8:30 AM † Clarice Viggiano

† Michael Monahan

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

10:00 AM † Alfred Caruso

† Noel Janosi

12:00 PM † Whitney Holmes

† Azon Molino

4:00 PM † Maria Holzer

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Jo Ann

Viggiano Family

Irene Pership

Voglino Family

Thomas & Jane Carroll

Farmer Family

Jane Farmer

Rene & Jack Brignola

Monday, November 6

8:00 AM † Helen Doherty Brown

Pro-Life Cause

7:00 PM † Irene F. & Edward W.
Moskal Sr.

† John E & Anna I Moskal

Sons

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Barbara & Edward Moskal

Barbara & Edward Moskal

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 AM † Joseph Muzetska

† Azon Molino

Barbara Muzetska

JoAnn Dorgan

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 AM † Brian Mark Valan

† Mr. & Mrs. Molino

Loving Family

Teresa

Thursday, November 9

8:00 AM † James Cade Ducharme

† Azon Molino

Lew & Renee Mazza

Mary & Bill Richards

Friday, November 10

8:00 AM † Azon Molino

Rene & Jack Brignola

Saturday, November 11

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of
the Altar Rosary Society

People of the Parish

Members of the Altar
Rosary Society

4:00 PM † Edwin Wilbert

† Jack McGill

† Madeleine Valentine

5:30 PM † Dennis F. Fallon

Special Intention

7:00 PM † Veronica Szenzenstein

† Salvatore Freda

Family

Family

Family

Bill Mizerak

Ciufo Family

Ciufo Family

Sunday, November 12

7:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr.

8:30 AM † Maria Holzer

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

10:00 AM † George Hoffman

† Michael Monahan

12:00 PM † Donna Shirley

† Anthony & Marilyn Caporale

4:00 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Deceased Veterans

Pat, Anne Marie &
Michael

St. Vincent De Paul
Society

Family

Janet Brown

Margaret Clinton

Nina Pearl

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Brian Mark Valan, requested by his loving family.



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



ACT of FAITH

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

ACT of HOPE

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

ACT of CHARITY

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

Rosary (Around Lake Takanassee) for Life and for Peace; 8th Grade CCD Confirmation Students Lead Our Parish in Prayer

Our 8th Grade religious education students (35 young members of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year in March 2024) prayed the “**Rosary for Life and for Peace**” on Monday, October 30, 2023 during their regularly scheduled Monday evening CCD class. Many parents, grandparents, and other family members of these teen-age Confirmation candidates and others in the community participated in this outdoor praying of the Rosary which took place as the 8th Graders led the group around Lake Takanassee (accompanied by an escort of



three Long Branch Police Department patrol cars and three LBPd police officers for safety's sake and traffic management). Please see the accompanying photos.

The evening began with a talk in the church by Fr. Garry Koch, pastor of St. Benedict's Church in Holmdel, on the origin and history of the Rosary and on the power of prayer and especially the power of the Rosary and our Blessed Mother's intercessions. Fr. Koch and Mr. Connelly, our Director of Religious Education, emphasized to the students that the month of October is both the “Month of the Rosary” and “Respect Life Month”.

This student-led outdoor “Rosary 'round the Lake” was also intended to simulate the outdoor “Rosary for an End to Abortion” often prayed by members of St. Michael's Parish and

others at the Planned Parenthood site in Shrewsbury during the twice-yearly 40 Days for Life campaign. The need for prayers for Life and for Peace is clearly great and it is a work of spiritual mercy and corporal mercy for our 8th Grade Confirmation students to pray for those intentions and to lead all of us in those prayers and to witness their faith visibly, vocally, and vigorously as good, young, practicing Catholics. Our Lady Queen of Peace and Queen of the Rosary, pray for us.



Pastor's Note. The Vatican's Dicastery (formerly "Congregation") for the Doctrine of the Faith ("Dicastery") recently issued a letter on the proper care for bodies of the deceased and providing guidance that the care of the bodies of our Catholic deceased loved ones must align with Church teaching. The letter, sent to our Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., and signed by the Dicastery Prefect, Cardinal Luis F. Ladaria, SJ, follows below. Bishop O'Connell forwarded Cardinal Ladaria's letter to the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Trenton. Cardinal Ladaria's letter refers, in turn, to another earlier Dicastery document on the subject of cremation; that earlier Dicastery "Instruction" was issued by Cardinal Gerhard Muller, Prefect of the Dicastery, in 2016. The Muller Instruction is published in last Sunday's edition of the parish bulletin for convenience and ease of reference; it was also published in our parish bulletin previously on Oct. 30, 2022, Nov. 14, 2021, Nov. 8, 2020, and Sept. 8, 2019. The Ladaria letter focuses on the care for the bodies of the dead in light of new techniques promoted for ecological benefits; some of those techniques have been found to conflict with the teaching of the Church. Cardinal Ladaria's letter may also be viewed on our Diocesan magazine's Trenton Monitor website at <https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/News/Latest-News/Article/CDF-Care-for-bodies-of-deceased-must-align-with-Church-teaching/4/38/30466> and at our parish website's home page at www.stmichaelnj.com. Please review these Vatican/Dicastery documents from time to time for helpful reminders on faithful Catholic practices in these areas, and if there are questions, please feel free to contact the parish priests for further guidance.

December 22, 2021

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

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Your Excellency,

In accordance with civil laws, new techniques for treating the bodies of the deceased as alternative practices to cremation, presented as preferable because they are more ecological, are spreading more and more often in Western countries.

These techniques aim to dispose of the bodies of the deceased in a way that is presumed to be rapid and hygienically safe, as well as respectful of the environment, since the residues of the treatment would be released into nature, with the intent of fertilizing the soil. However, this practice implies an approach which, in fact, tends to eliminate any trace of a sense of the sacred and of effective pity for the mortal remains of the deceased.

In this sense, I would like to point out the following:

1. The Church insistently recommends the burial of the bodies of the dead, as noted in n. 3 of the instruction **Ad resurgendum cum Christo**, published on 25 October 2016.
2. Cremation, chosen for reasons not contrary to Christian doctrine, is not forbidden, but the ashes of the dead must "be kept in a sacred place", for the reasons referred to in the aforementioned Instruction (cf. nn. 4 and 5).
3. "To avoid any kind of pantheist, naturalist or nihilist misunderstanding, the dispersion of the ashes in the air, on earth or in water or in any other way is not permitted" (n. 7).
4. In the cases of new techniques for treating corpses, the same criteria mentioned above are to be applied: what remains after the treatment of corpses must be "kept in a sacred place" intended for burial and not simply in a place blessed by the clergy.
5. Furthermore, if, in the implementation of a new technique for treating corpses there was nothing left [of the body], such a practice would not be acceptable from the point of view of Catholic doctrine.

To face the spread of such unacceptable practices, the Pastors of the Church of this Bishops' Conference are called to explain to the faithful the incompatibility of these practices with the teaching of the Catholic Church. At the same time, it is good that they reaffirm this teaching with special reference to the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the soul, the respect due to the bodies of the faithful departed and the communion between the living and the dead, rejecting any materialistic, naturalistic approach, pantheistic and nihilistic that often underlies these techniques of treating corpses.

Finally, I turn to you with the kind request to make the contents of this letter public.

Most devotedly yours in the Lord,

Luis F. Cardinal Ladaria, SJ

Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to a
Family Mass of Thanksgiving
 at 9:30 A.M.
 on Thanksgiving Day.



At the conclusion of this Mass, loaves of bread will be blessed and distributed.

Please note: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will also be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. (the "early bird Thanksgiving Day Mass") in addition to the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. Mass will not be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Confessions will not be heard on Thanksgiving Day except for an urgent need; please contact the Parish Office if such a need occurs in order to schedule an appointment.

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 **went on sale Monday, October 23rd.** For the first two weeks 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 those first two weeks 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.



2024 Mass Book

The 2024 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, November 28. We kindly ask that when you come to the office for scheduling, please bring a written list including the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.



VETERANS DAY



The Parish Office will be closed for business on Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veterans Day.

An Irish Christmas Concert Celebration at Carnegie Hall Saturday, December 9, 2023



Keith and Kristyn Getty will host their magical Irish Christmas concert at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. This cherished Christmas tradition has blended church music, historic carols, and joyful congregational singing into a beautiful concert appropriate for all ages.

St. Michael's is pleased to offer this Christmas Concert Outing to Carnegie Hall for a joyful celebration of Christmas Carols and contemporary music. Our memorable day will start with a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral for private prayer; time to see the Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center; private Mass at St. Agnes Church; three-course dinner; and concert ticket to the Christmas Concert with Keith & Kristyn Getty and friends.

Our memorable day's schedule:

- 12:30 p.m. Van departs from St. Michael's upper parking lot.
- 2:00 p.m. Leisure time for visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rockefeller Center to see Christmas Tree.
- 3:15 p.m. Van departs for St. Agnes.
- 4:00 p.m. Private Mass at St. Agnes Catholic Church – 143 E. 43rd Street.
- 5:00 p.m. Van departs for restaurant – the Red Eye Grill; (890 Seventh Avenue - across the street from Carnegie Hall - 57th Street & Seventh Avenue).
- 7:30 p.m. Concert at Carnegie Hall – Dress Circle Section.
- 10:00 p.m. Van departs for home.

Our reservations:

Tickets are limited so reserve your seat today! First come, first served. Reservations must first be made by contacting Dotty O'Hara at 908-310-6497 no later than Friday, December 1, 2023. Please include names of attendees and cell phone numbers.

Our price per person: \$145.00

Checks should be made payable to St. Michael's Church and can be mailed to or dropped off at the Parish Business Office (Attn: Dotty O'Hara). Please note in the remarks section of your check: Irish Christmas Concert. Remember – you must first reserve a seat by calling Dotty at 908-310-6497.





A Few Good Reasons For Becoming An Altar Server



1. Learn why we do everything in the Mass. Increase your understanding of, and respect for, the Mass.
2. Get more involved *in* the Mass and get more *out of* the Mass.
3. Learn skills that will help you throughout life: punctuality, teamwork, self-discipline, sharpening of the memory, planning ahead, reacting calmly and wisely to the unexpected, thinking on your feet, communication, preparation, follow-up.



4. Deepen your relationship with God and better discern your life's vocation (whether religious life, married life, or single life).
5. Be a leader and a teacher. Share your talents. Mentor next year's team of new altar servers.
6. Form new friendships.
7. Get to know and interact with the priests, musicians, lectors, and other altar servers. And maybe get to know the Bishop, too!

8. Be of service to the Church, your parish, and the community. Be engaged in parish life.

9. Be closer to "the action" ... Proximity to the sacred... It's the best seat in the house.

10. Make your parents proud and happy. You'll be happy, too. As an adult, you'll look back with fondness on your altar server years.

11. Being an altar server means *serving God* and *serving His people*. It is a special ministry, a privilege, and an honor.

12. Pope Francis recently told a group of youth altar servers, "You experience the closeness of Jesus, the sweetness and power of His presence... The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord; the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy that you have received."



To become an altar server or to obtain more information, please contact Dotty O'Hara at the parish office at (732) 222-8080. Faithful, practicing Catholics ten (10) years old or older are eligible.

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.

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 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023. We also joined Pope Francis in his worldwide Prayer for Peace on Friday, October 27 when parishioners gathered in our church to view the live telecast of the Pope's Holy Hour from St. Peter's Square in Rome at 12:00 Noon our time in New Jersey and followed-up that hour with an additional Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and fasting from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

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 respond. First, fore-

most and always, we need to pray. In this month of the Rosary, pray this most effective prayer that our Blessed Mother will intercede with her Divine Son for the people affected by the current war. Pray for peace. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, has also made this request on behalf of the bishops in Israel:

We ask that on Tuesday, October 17, the Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, everyone hold a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer. Let us organize prayer times with Eucharistic adoration and with the recitation of the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the way we all come 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.

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

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

WHEN:

Thursday,
September 26, 2024

WHERE:

New Jersey State Capitol
State House Annex
125 W State St
Trenton, NJ 08608

SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. NJ March for Life Rally

12:00 p.m. NJ March for Life



New Jersey *Right to Life*

MARCH FOR LIFE

Learn More: nj.marchforlife.org

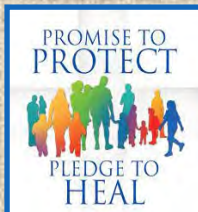
Aid For The Hearing Impaired

We offer the use of radio aids during Mass upon request. The device is tuned to the sound system in the church so that those who have a hearing deficit might hear more clearly. Please ask an usher for assistance.



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.



*Married at St. Michael's on
October 28, 2023*

Lisa Bowen & Michael Carnevale



We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infant who was baptized here in October 2023: Madilyn Elena Tracey. May God bless her and her family.



**PRAY
FOR
PEACE
IN
UKRAINE**



Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick

Please keep in mind that the parish priest and our lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available and eager to bring Communion to parishioners who are in the hospital (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and hospices, too) and to parishioners who are at home but unable to get to church. Please contact Mary Valan at the parish office or Dotty O'Hara at (908)310-6497 to make arrangements. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities **generally do not notify the parish office** regarding their Catholic patients who desire to receive Sacraments. And so it falls to the patient herself/himself or to a family member or friend to contact the parish office to make the request. The parish priest will also very gladly make a hospital visit or home visit to hear a Confession and/or administer the Sacrament of the Sick ("Anointing of the Sick") in addition to bringing Holy Communion. Please remember to contact the parish office or Dotty to make these arrangements. Thank you.



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.

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!

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, October 28, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,584.00	132 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$823.00	78 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$683.00	68 people

Sunday, October 29, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,176.00	96 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,145.00	127 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,135.00	109 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,082.00	114 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$814.00	108 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$677.00	112 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 29 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,286.00**

This Week's Total: \$11,405.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,836.00

Online Giving

Please consider joining the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Michael's Church. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collection. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Please sign up today by visiting faithdirect.net. Our parish code is NJ319. Thank You.

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)

Veterans Day (observed) Friday, November 10, 2023
(Parish Office Closed)

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)
(See Page 6 for details)

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert Sunday, December 17, 2023
at St. Michael's 1:30 p.m.
(See Page 6 for details)

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

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



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

When: Tuesday, November 21, 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