

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

January 7, 2024 | The Epiphany of the Lord

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

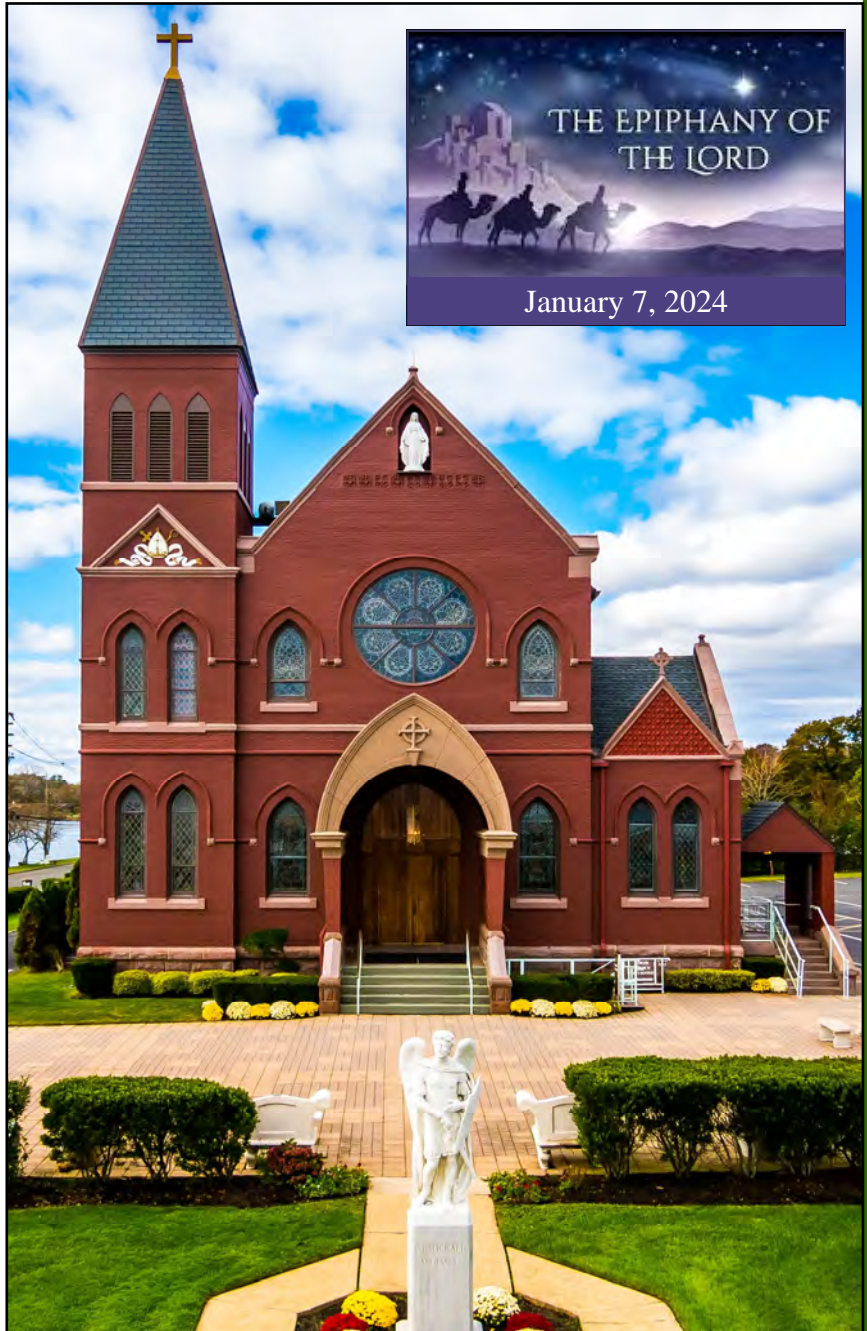
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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 Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)
Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,
NJ 07764

Ph: (732) 483-0360 ext. 2 | Fx: (732) 795-3262

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



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Matthew 2:10-11a

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6

8:00 AM † Conrad Russo	Wife
4:00 PM † William Gilligan	Loving Family
† Victoria Arvanitis Jenks	Mary, Sam & Cyril Arvanitis
5:30 PM † Margaret & Sunner Shaw	Fichter Family
† Gary Fichter	Fichter Family
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, January 7

7:00 AM † Peter Falvo	
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	
8:30 AM † Agnes Ryan	Wanda Siciliano
8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church): Health and Blessings: Children of Our Parish and Our Catechists	
10:00 AM † Robert Stachelek	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Nagy
† Richard Stephens	Leslie DeSimone & Family
12:00 PM † Roberta Cornell	Kelly Family
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Carol Reasoner	Carr Family

Monday, January 8

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Azon Molino	Family
7:00 PM † Michael Ebert	Mom, RJ & Joann

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 AM † Anna A. Pingitore	Pingitore Family
Special Intention: Fr. John Butler	A Parishioner

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 AM † Paul Kacsmar	Michael Murphy
† Anne Carroll	Family

Thursday, January 11

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Russo Family	Russo Family
† Marilyn Manning Aquino	

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Cattelona Family	Family
Special Intention: Fr. John Butler	A Parishioner

Saturday, January 13

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † John Paolise	Mimi, Nick, & Regina
† Neil Patrick Naughton	Rene & Jack Brignola
5:30 PM † Rev. Eugene Grohe, C.Ss.R.	
† Julia Rose Bowman	Loving Children Michael, Joe & AnneMarie
7:00 PM Souls in Purgatory	

Sunday, January 14

7:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	
8:30 AM † Petr Falvo	
10:00 AM † Richard Stephens	Susan Dasilva & Family
† Esther Petrucci	Joseph Marchitto
12:00 PM † Anita Lucarelli McLean	Anthony Lucarelli
† Anthony Falvo	Family
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † George Maceli	Lin & Mike
† Thomas Sleavin	Louie & Tricia Vincelli

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





Gather to Celebrate Life

From the moment of conception to natural death, and every moment in between

Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church on January 19:

- at 5:45 a.m. prior to the bus departure promptly at 6:30 a.m.
- at 8:00 a.m. (the Parish Mass for Life).

All are invited and welcome to attend these Masses.

January 19, 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME for the 51st annual **MARCH FOR LIFE** in Washington DC

The work to build a culture of life in the United States is not finished, even after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Many national legislative battles lay ahead including keeping Hyde protection limiting government funding for abortion.

We, along with thousands of pro-life advocates, will march to voice our support for the unborn and mothers in need! The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture.

We will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

Transportation Details

- Luxury coach bus sponsored by St. Michaels, St Luke's, Our Lady of Hope, and Christ the King
- Arrive in time for Rally on the National Mall
- March up Constitution, past the Capitol, and finish between the Capitol and Supreme Court
- \$15 per person – Students and Clergy FREE
- Schedule:
 - 6:30 am – Depart from St. Michael's (mass prior)
 - 7 am – Pick up St. Luke's parishioners at Garden State Parkway Exit 98
 - Park and Ride lot
 - 9 pm (approximately) – Drop off at Garden State Parkway Exit 98 Park and Ride lot
 - 9:30 pm (approximately) – Return to St. Michael's lot

For details, reservations, and donations, please call Kathryn Perez: 732.581.9735, email prolifekp@aol.com or email by scanning this QR code:



Please pray for an end to abortion, for compassionate and competent care for pregnant women and new mothers in need; and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing.

Standing Together for Life – Mass for Life; Lunch & Seminar

On Friday January 19, 2024, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life!

All are invited to an 11:00 a.m. Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. No registration is needed for the Mass, seating is first come first served. Mass will be livestreamed on [Youtube.com/trentondioecese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondioecese).

The Mass will be followed by a Lunch & Seminar in the Co-Cathedral's Dentici Hall. A panel of local expert speakers will offer practical, actionable ideas and resources to take back to parishes where they can be immediately applied to build a culture of life in a spirit of inter-ministry collaboration and radical solidarity with vulnerable pregnant women and families. Advanced registration to attend the Lunch & Seminar is required by January 10, 2024.

Full details for the day's events, including a registration link for the Lunch & Seminar can be found at: dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life. Questions, contact Belem Perez at 609-403-7133 or bperrez@dioceseoftrenton.org



Friday, January 19, 2024

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Lunch & Seminar 12:30-3:30 p.m.

FEATURING 5 EXPERT PANELISTS



JAMES J. KING
Executive Director, New Jersey Catholic Conference, the non-partisan public policy voice for the Catholic Church in New Jersey



SUSAN LOUGHERY
Associate Executive Director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton



DR. LINDA DIX
President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Moonstown; Diocesan Chairperson, Holy Innocents Society



ENZA CERAMI
Licensed social worker and professional Catholic speaker on God's plan for sexuality and His call to authentic love



JENNIFER MAHER
Speaker and contributor for diocesan Family Life initiatives; M.S. in Mental Health Counseling, embracing her Catholic faith and an integrative approach



FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR LUNCH & SEMINAR



**FRIDAY
JANUARY 19, 2024**

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Mass for Life

11:00 a.m.

CELEBRATED BY
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

All are Welcome

Lunch & Seminar

12:30-3:30 p.m.

FEATURING
5 Expert Panelists

Advanced Registration Required



For full information about the day's events, visit:
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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.



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

Diocesan Youth Conference


ON PURPOSE

"for this purpose have I come."
Mark 1:29-39



DYC
Saturday
Feb. 3rd
2024
Red Bank Catholic HS
RED BANK, NJ

8-12th grade teens invited!

Adv. Registration \$25
Walkin Registration \$35



www.dotyouth.org/dyc

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

"The Little Blue Book"

Advent and Christmas Season 2023-2024

These books contain six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Liturgical Year A. If you would like a free copy, they are available in the back of the church.

2024 parish calendars are now available in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one after Mass.



Thank you to the Woolley-Boglioli Funeral Home for this donation of the parish calendars!

**PRAY FOR
PEACE
IN
UKRAINE**



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,028.00	202 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,339.00	87 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$663.00	71 people

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,193.00	83 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,533.00	104 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,290.00	138 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,816.00	129 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,348.00	142 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$531.00	63 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the December 31 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,898.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,639.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,014.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$2,070.00

Christmas 2023 Collection

The tallying of the Christmas collection is a work in progress at this time since cash and checks earmarked for Christmas continue to come in through the mail and drop-offs at the parish office. We'll publish the amount of the Christmas collection and attendance in the Sunday bulletin in the next few weeks, promptly after we close the books on the counting process. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and financial support of the parish.

2024 Mass Book

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.



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.

New Year Prayer

*A special prayer is offered
For you*

On New Year's Day—

May God in His unceasing love

Send many gifts your way,

And may He fill your heart with peace

And be forever near,

Blessing you and guiding you

Throughout the coming year.

Happy New Year

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 7, 2024
CCD Classes Resume	Sunday, January 7, 2024 Monday, January 8, 2024 Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Baptism Class	Saturday, January 13, 2024 11:00 a.m.
March for Life and Rally for Life in Washington, DC	Friday, January 19, 2024 Mass at 5:45 a.m.; Bus departs at 6:30 a.m. (See Page 3 for details)
St. Michael's Parish Mass for Life	Friday, January 19, 2024 8:00 a.m.
Diocese of Trenton Mass for Life; Lunch & Seminar	Friday, January 19, 2024 (See Page 4 for details)
New Jersey March for Life	Thursday, September 26, 2024

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infant who was baptized here in December 2023: Mary Shea Nelson. May God bless her and her family.



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

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

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org




Family Ministry Fair






Dr. Gregory Popcak,
Catholic HOM

Damon Owens,
Communio

Enza Cerami,
Living Stones, Inc.

Patrick Metts, LPC,
RESTORE Catholic Marriage
Resource

- Learn
- Grow parish outreach to families
- Minister to marriages

Thursday <<<
25 January
2024 **1 - 3:30 P.M.**

Zoom
RSVP to cdaverso@diometuchen.org



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

When: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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

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.

