

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

January 28, 2024 | Fourth 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

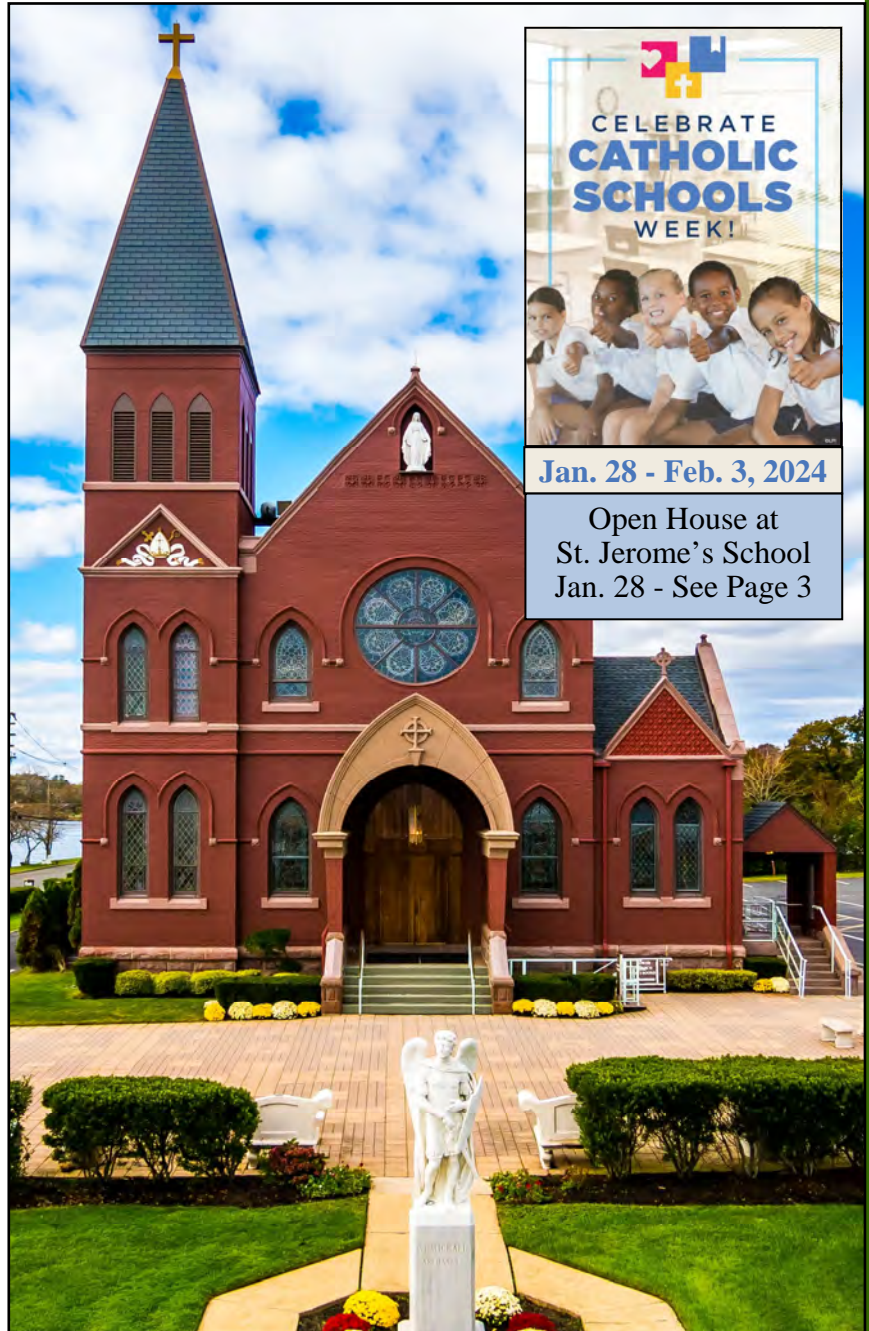
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 28, 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, January 27

8:00 AM † Anthony Errico	Wife & daughters
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † John Perri, Sr.	John & Deborah Perri & Family
† Debbie Harrington	Dad & Family
5:30 PM † Robert Canale	Wife Patricia
† Maria Mignone	Aunt Patricia
Special Intention	
7:00 PM † Paul Duffy	Tony & Lisa Monte
† Frank Vasfallo III	Mom & Dad

#### Sunday, January 28

7:00 AM † Jay Filippo	Family
8:30 AM † Joseph Moschella	Mary & Steve
† Theresa Fisher	Barbara Meyer
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
10:00 AM † Robert A. Parnell	Nancy Thorne
† Chip Buenafuente	David & Emily Beaton
12:00 PM † Robert Clinton	Margaret Clinton
† Rosemary Goldrick	Toni & Carl Seinfeld
4:00 PM † Caroline Clauser	Daughter
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

#### Monday, January 29

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
Special Intention: Jack Barney	Barney Family
7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory	

#### Tuesday, January 30

8:00 AM † Fr. Patrick Magee

#### Wednesday, January 31

8:00 AM † James O'Donohue, Jr.	Doris Schmidt
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#### Thursday, February 1

8:00 AM † Andre Moutenot	Rene & Jack Brignola
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#### Friday, February 2

8:00 AM Special Intention: Nieces & Nephews	Linda Heaning
† Anthony Filippo, Jr.	
† Mark Russo	Family
12:15 PM † John Twamley	
5:30 PM Pro-Life cause	

#### Saturday, February 3

8:00 AM Conrad Russo	Family
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Daniel Bleach	Thomas & Jane Carroll
Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
5:30 PM Special Intention	
Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
7:00 PM Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner

#### Sunday, February 4

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri	
Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
8:30 AM † John Purcell	Bernie & Barbara Meyer
Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church): Health & Blessings: Children of Our Parish and Our Catechists	
10:00 AM † Ralph Apicelli	Sam & Ann Apicelli
Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
12:00 PM † Carmela Bettigole	Husband John
Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
4:00 PM † Peter Falvo	Ralph & Joan Primavera
Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
7:00 PM Special Intention: Fr. John & St. Michael's Parish Priests	Grateful Parishioner
People of the Parish	



## February 2, 2024 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



**Candlemas** is a feast celebrated annually on February 2. It celebrates three occasions: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the Temple in Jerusalem; and the celebration of the Virgin Mary's purification. Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles to church to be blessed and that blessing will take place at the conclusion of the Solemn Entrance and Procession that will occur at the beginning of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, February 2. All are invited and welcome.

## *Prayer in Honor of St. Blaise* (Memorial on February 3)

O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



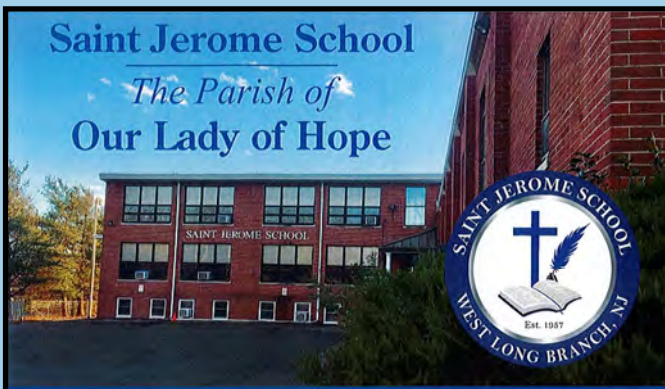
The Memorial of St. Blaise is February 3 and falls on a Saturday this year. Throats will be blessed on Saturday, February 3 at the conclusion of each of the 8:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Masses. The priest/celebrant and Lay Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at each of the Feb. 3rd Masses will impart a blessing to each individual in the "pre-covid manner". All are invited and welcome.



An IMPORTANT Event  
For Catholic Education,  
For Catholic Learning, and  
For Catholic Life!  
All are Invited & Welcome.

## Saint Jerome School

*The Parish of*  
**Our Lady of Hope**



Join us for our **OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday, January 28th following  
the 9:30 am Mass

Learn about our school,  
visit our classrooms, meet  
our teachers, and talk to  
current school families  
over coffee.

*Call us for more  
information!*



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[www.SaintJeromeSchool.org](http://www.SaintJeromeSchool.org)

732-222-8686



In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, Joanna, an 8th Grade student at St. Jerome's School, spoke excellently at our 5:30 Mass last Saturday the 21st. Joanna invited everyone to the St. Jerome's Open House on January 28 and spoke about the value and importance of Catholic education.





## St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society St. Valentine's Day Mass and Luncheon on Tuesday, February 13, 2024



Dear Rosarians and **Women** of the Parish,

You are cordially invited to attend a private Mass and Luncheon to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day (**a day early**) at Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant, 100 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740.



The Rosarians' 2023 Valentine's Day Luncheon.

Rosary Altar Society will celebrate Saint Valentine's Day (**a day early**) with a Mass and Luncheon Tuesday, February 13, 2024. The Sunset Room at Rooney's.

Mass Begins at: 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.



The Rosarians' 2023 Christmas Luncheon.

Please rsvp by Sunday, February 11th to Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145.

Please provide the number of attendees in your party along with names and cell phone numbers.

Luncheon Cost is \$25.00 per person. Menu: Garden Salad; selection of entrée - Poached Salmon or Chicken Milanese or Penne Vodka; Cheesecake; Coffee/Tea.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society and mail checks to Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Blessed Mother, Pray for us. St. Valentine, Pray for us. St. Michael, Pray for us.



## March for Life 2024 Washington, DC



Parishioners from St. Michael's, St. Luke's of Toms River, St. Agnes of Atlantic Highlands, and other nearby parishes plus college students from the Catholic Campus Ministry of Monmouth University participated in

the 2024 Rally and March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19. The Respect Life pilgrims traveled to Washington on a chartered bus that departed from St. Michael's at 6:30 a.m. following a 5:45 a.m. "Mass for Life" that was celebrated in our Upper Church. Please continue to pray and work for an end to abortion; for compassionate and competent care for women during pregnancy and post-pregnancy; and for reconciliation, conversion, healing, and mercy. The accompanying photos were taken at this year's March and Congressman Smith's Open House Reception and when the pilgrims returned to the St. Michael's parking lot.







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There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on February 1.*

The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!

### First Friday Mass *In Latin* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on February 2

First Friday Mass *in Latin* will be celebrated on February 2 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated (in English) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 2 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, February 2 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Latin Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.



### INFORMATION NIGHT DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY

St. Leo's Parish in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics.

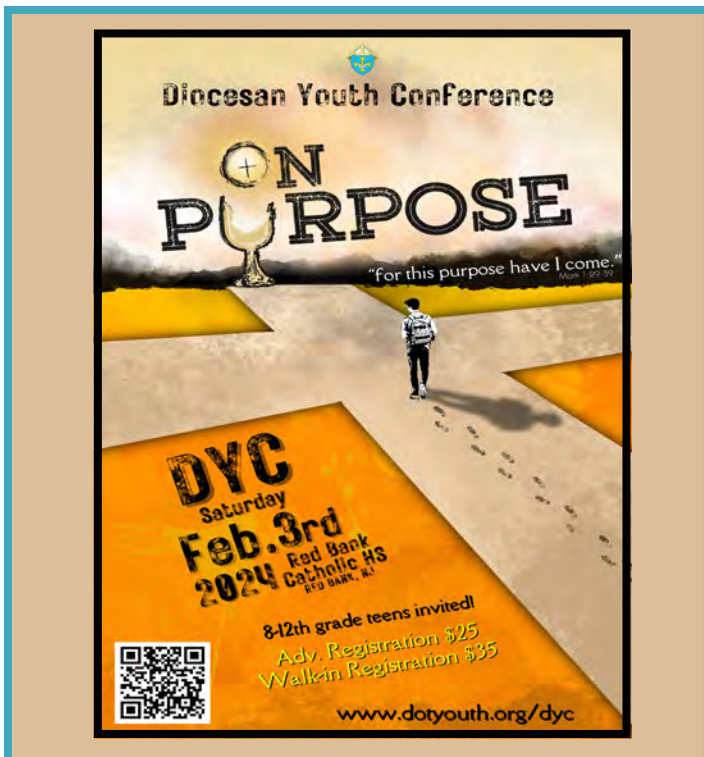


There will be an Information Night on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Leo The Great in the Parish Center Meeting Room, located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft.

If interested, please email: [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.

Visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> for more information about the program or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485.

Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!




**Diocesan Youth Conference**

**ON PURPOSE**

"for this purpose have I come."

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

8-12th grade teens invited!  
Adv. Registration \$25  
Walk-in Registration \$35



[www.dotyouth.org/dyc](http://www.dotyouth.org/dyc)

**Second Collection This Weekend  
January 27 and 28  
For the Church in Latin America**



This weekend we will take up a Second Collection (at the request of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training,

catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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

Our Assistant Parish Secretary Emily Carroll celebrated her birthday last week with parish staff members, friends, birthday cake, candles, and flowers. Happy birthday, Emily!



## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

If you wish to receive a written statement reporting your 2023 contributions to St. Michael's Church for purposes of your income tax returns, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Submit your request to St. Michael's Church, 800 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740. Or email your request to [parish@stmichaelnj.com](mailto:parish@stmichaelnj.com).

**Faith Direct** – If you make your weekly contributions or other contributions to the parish by means of the *Faith Direct* online method, you may obtain a written statement reporting such online contributions by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and following the instructions on the homepage.

For additional assistance, please call parish Business Manager Thomas Randazzo at the parish office at 732-222-8080 Monday through Friday during business hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## Weekend Collection & Attendance

**Thank You!**

### Saturday, January 20, 2024

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,735.00	177 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$701.00	72 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$711.00	46 people

### Sunday, January 21, 2024

7:00 AM Mass	\$978.00	68 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,562.00	91 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,079.00	162 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,641.00	129 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$762.00	114 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$429.00	77 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the January 21 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,060.00**

**This Week's Total: \$10,658.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,025.00**

## 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

## Rosarian Prayer Group

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

This is a list of parishioners, relatives, and friends who are in need of our prayers for healing. Our Rosarians also pray every Saturday for all the parishioners of St. Michael's.

Please note that intentions will be listed for two months and then removed, unless the requestor calls to renew for another two months. Please also note that according to the HIPPA & privacy laws only the sick themselves or family members may request

to be added to the list. Contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests. Thank you and may Our Lord grant healing to all those who are suffering and in need of our prayers.

### Week 2

Jack Barney

## ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Catholic Schools Week	Jan. 28 to Feb. 3, 2024 (See Page 3 for details)
Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles and Procession at Mass	Friday, February 2, 2024 (See Page 3 for details)
Memorial of St. Blaise; Blessing of Throats	Saturday, February 3, 2024 (See Page 3 for details)
Rosary Altar Society's St. Valentine's Day Mass and Luncheon	Tuesday, February 13, 2024 (See Page 4 for details)
Ash Wednesday	February 14, 2024
Confirmation	Thursday, March 14, 2024
First Confessions for CCD Second Graders	Saturday, March 23, 2024
New Jersey March for Life	Thursday, September 26, 2024

## 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.

On the same afternoon (January 19) that the National March for Life was taking place in Washington, DC, a group of approximately 25 individuals (including several St. Michael's parishioners) gathered at 3:30 p.m. to pray a local Rosary for Life at the Planned Parenthood site in Shrewsbury. The gathering was organized by and the prayers were led by Fr. Rick Osborn, parochial vicar at St. James Church, Red Bank. Please see the accompanying photo. Thank you to Fr. Osborn and to all who participated in the several Respect Life events on January 19.

