

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

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. Our First Friday 5:30 p.m. Mass has been suspended until further notice.

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

DURING LENT

Please see Page 3 for extra times for Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration during Lent

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.

MARRIAGES

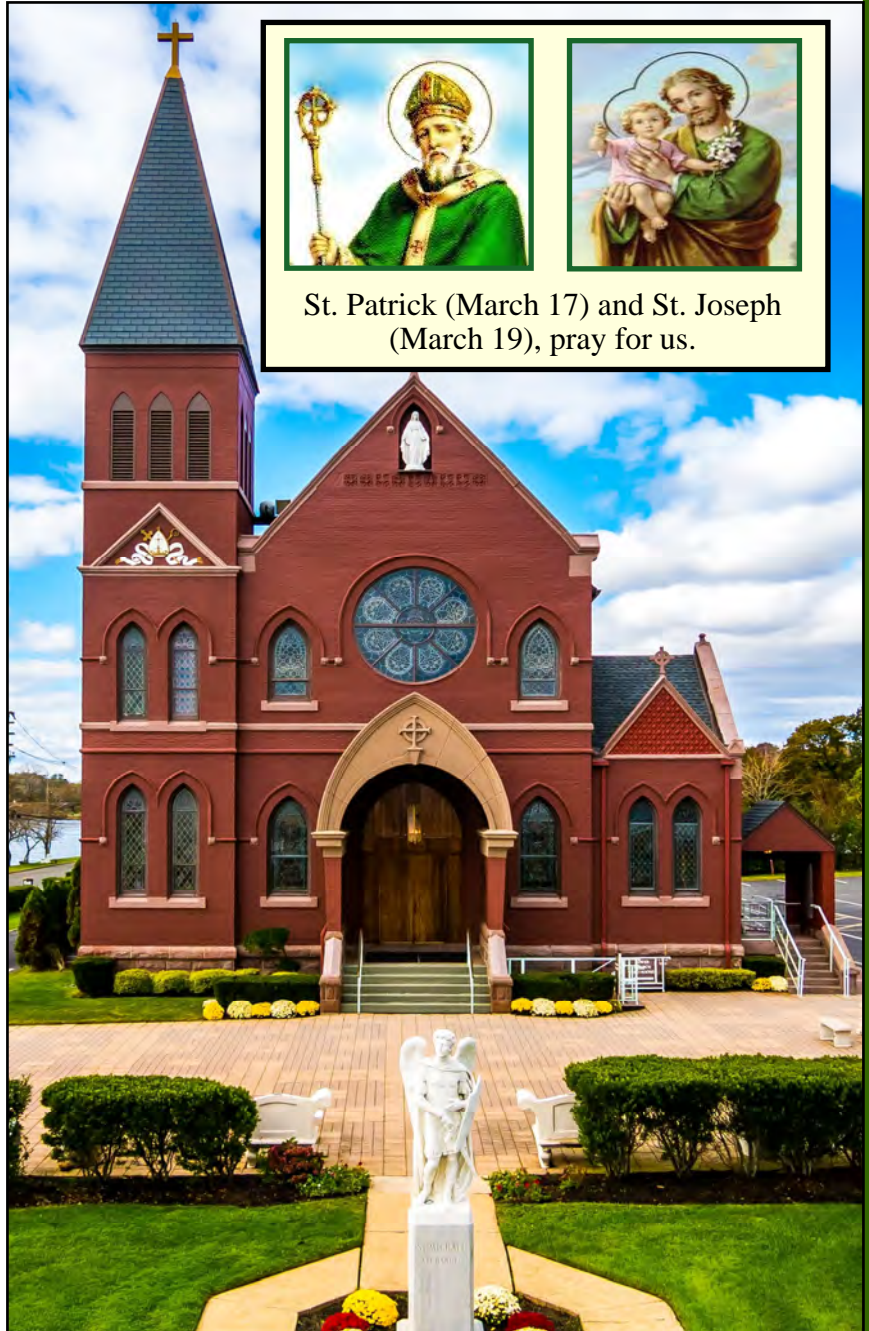
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19), pray for us.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

8:00 AM † Emilia & Julius Simonelli	Family
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Gregory Surace	Kathy Surace & David Russell
† Gerard Casazza	Sudman Family
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Alma DeMarinis	Victoria Miragliotta
7:00 PM † Rosaleen De Bonis	De Bonis Family

Sunday, March 17

7:00 AM † Kathy Heaning	Linda
† Charles Murrin	Theresa
8:30 AM † Al Thorne	JoAnn Dorgan
† Richard Rebeck	
8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church): Health & Blessings: Children of Our Parish and Our Catechists	
10:00 AM † Rose Notaro	Daughters
† Margaret O'Connor	Sudman Family
† Frank Sosnowski	Frank & Joanne Buono
12:00 PM Special Intention: Staff Sgt. Thomas FX Bender, III	Family
† Peter Falvo	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Greca
4:00 PM † Toni Seda-Morales	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
† Susan Klutch	Russell Murphy
7:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	Loundy Saint Louis
Special Intention: Anton Picini	Lin & Mike
People of the Parish	

Monday, March 18

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Mary Patricia Kelly	Scott & Nina Kelly

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 AM † Joe Agresto	Wife & Children
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 AM † Gregory Surace	Kathy Surace & David Russell
† Rose Notaro	Christopher M. Cittadino & Children

Thursday, March 21

8:00 AM † Harry Tokanos	Mary
Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	Loundy Saint Louis

Friday, March 22

8:00 AM † Catherine O'Donohue	Daughter Doris
† Billy Chasen	Chasen & Meszaros Families
12:15 PM Peace & Unity in the Church	

Saturday, March 23

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Gladys & J. Charles Hanisch	Daughter Audrey
† Ella Dunham	Granddaughter Audrey
† Anna Hanisch	Granddaughter Audrey
5:30 PM † Anthony Errico	Wife & Daughters
Special Intention	
† Gary Fichter	Family
7:00 PM † Christopher Roth	Wife Patty

Sunday, March 24

7:00 AM † Benjamin Gizzi	Wife
† Peter Falvo	Mr. & Mrs. James Simonelli
8:30 AM † Joseph Berardi	Sudman Family
† Msgr. Ron Bacovin	
10:00 AM † Margaret F. Padberg	Geiger Family
Special Intention: Staff Sgt Thomas FX Bender, III	Family
12:00 PM † Anne & Louis Ciccarone	Mary Farrar
† Alfred Thorne	St. Vincent de Paul Society
4:00 PM † Joann Migner	Mary & Family
† Toni Seda-Morales	Testa Family
People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fitzgerald	Liza
† Francisco Cabaddu	Ricky

HOLY WEEK 2024 SCHEDULE

CHRISM MASS

- **Monday, March 25 at 7:30 PM**

Our Bishop, David M. O'Connell, will preside at this especially beautiful Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold. All are invited and welcome to attend this Diocesan Mass. Fr. Butler will be among the 100-plus concelebrating priests. The sacred oils to be used in the parishes will be blessed by the Bishop during this Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- **Wednesday, March 27 at 12:00 Noon - Outdoors** (weather permitting) at the San Alfonso Retreat House Prayer Garden. Meet and begin and conclude in our Upper Church.

- **Friday, March 29 at 5:30 PM**
Outdoors (weather permitting) around Lake Takanassee. We will meet and begin and conclude in our Upper Church.

- **Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM**
Indoors in the Upper Church.

May the final days of your Lenten Season be holy, prayerful, efficacious, and memorable. St. Michael, pray for us.

MORNING PRAYER

- **Holy Thursday at 8:00 AM**
- **Good Friday at 8:00 AM**
- **Holy Saturday at 8:00 AM**

Morning Prayer (from the Liturgy of the Hours) will be prayed in the Upper Church on the days and at the times noted above. Confessions will be heard on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday morning for 30 minutes by one priest after Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer will be 15-20 minutes in length. No Morning Mass on these days of Holy Week.

HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer**
 - 8:20 AM - 8:50 AM Confessions§**
 - 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper†**
- Following Mass, the Church will remain open for Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.*

GOOD FRIDAY#

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer**
No Scheduled Confessions on this day.
- 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord†**
- 5:30 PM Stations (outdoors)**
- 7:00 PM Stations (Upper Church)**

HOLY SATURDAY#

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer**
- 8:20 AM - 8:50 AM Confessions§**
- 12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Food Baskets**
- 8:00 PM Great Vigil Mass†**

EASTER SUNDAY#

- 6:00 AM Mass at Sunrise at Parish Courtyard** (outdoors weather permitting; otherwise in Upper Church) †
- 7:00 AM Mass***
- 8:30 AM Mass***
- 10:00 AM Mass-Upper Church†***
- 12:00 PM Mass-Upper Church* &**
- 5:00 PM Mass***

§ One priest hearing Confessions.

No scheduled Confessions on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday except as listed here. For an urgent penitential need on those days, please speak to the priest celebrant after Mass or phone the parish office.

† There will be coffee and hot cross buns at the Church Courtyard after this outdoor sunrise Mass.

* There will be **one Mass** at this hour; this Mass in the Upper Church will be simulcast to the TV monitor in the Lower Church.

† Live-Stream available at parish website.

& The parish's Easter Choir will sing at this 12:00 PM Mass.

MORNING PRAYER ON MARCH 28, 29, AND 30



Mass is not celebrated on Holy Thursday (except the Mass of the Lord's Supper that night) nor on Good Friday nor on Holy Saturday (except the Easter Vigil Mass that night). **We will pray Morning Prayer on those three mornings** at 8:00 on Holy Thursday, at 8:00 on Good Friday, and at 8:00 on Holy Saturday. **In addition, Confessions** will be heard by Fr. John for **30 minutes on two of those three mornings after Morning Prayer** on Holy Thursday from 8:20 to 8:50 and on Holy Saturday from 8:20 to 8:50. Our praying of Morning Prayer will take approximately 15-20 minutes each morning. All are invited and welcome.

Morning Prayer is a part of the Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (*Opus Dei*), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer...making the day holy (from the start!) with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. The Divine Office "is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father." (SC 84) St. Basil the Great gives an excellent description of Morning Prayer in these words: "It is said in the morning in order that the first stirrings of our mind may be consecrated to God and that we may take nothing in hand until we have been gladdened by the thought of God, as it is written: 'I was mindful of God and was glad.'" (Ps 77:4) Celebrated as it is as the light of a new day is dawning, **this hour also recalls the resurrection of the Lord Jesus**, the true light enlightening all people (see Jn 1:9) and "the sun of justice" (Mal 4:2), "rising from on high." (Lk 1:78) Hence, we can well understand the advice of St. Cyprian: **"There should be prayer in the morning so that the resurrection of the Lord may thus be celebrated."** (GILH, no. 38) From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and available at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/index.cfm>

LENT 2024

Our Lenten observances will include the following:

- On Fridays during Lent, *Mass* will be celebrated at **12:15 p.m.** in the Upper Church from February 16 through and including March 22. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays remains unchanged. *Eucharistic Adoration* will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass on these Fridays of Lent until Benediction at 12:00 p.m. There will be no Friday 5:30 Masses during this year's Season of Lent.
- These Friday 12:15 Masses during Lent will be followed by Confessions after the 12:15 Mass until 1:15.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed *outdoors at the San Alfonso Retreat House's Prayer Garden* on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27 at 12:00 Noon. Please meet in our Upper Church at 11:55 and we will walk together to the Prayer Garden across the street.
- Bishop O'Connell's annual letter regarding Lenten regulations is available on the parish website and was published in the February 11th bulletin.
- **Save the Date:** The parish's Lenten Penance Service will be on Thursday, March 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

May our Lenten journeys nourish our minds, hearts, and souls; strengthen us against the chains of sin; and bring us closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Rev. Daniel F. Gowen
Pastor 2014-2015
Entered Into Eternal Life
March 9, 2024

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE 9TH ANNUAL ST. MICHAEL'S

SOUP & SALAD BEFORE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lower Church
Six Fridays of Lent

Beginning February 16, 2024

Soup & Salad from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
FREE-WILL DONATION APPRECIATED

Each of us has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up **our** Church. **You** make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.

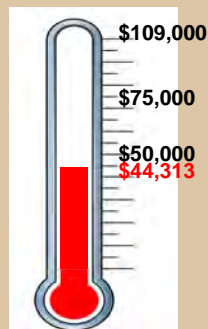


ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

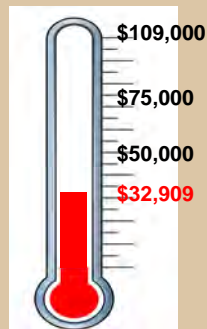
DIOCESE of TRENTON

Parish Goal = \$109,000

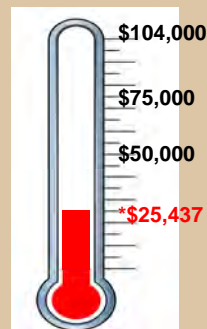
2022
After Three
Weekends



2023
After Three
Weekends



2024
After Three
Weekends



The three "thermometers" above compare our parish's 2022 vs. 2023 vs. 2024 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year's total after three weekends is strong, although it is behind the pace after the same first three weekends of last year and the year before that. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Together we can do great things!**

*This \$25,437 figure is approximately 24.5% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the third weekend of the campaign (tallied as of March 13) from 57 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 2.9% of the 1,972 registered households of the parish. **Thank you!** The Diocese sent a Diocesan-wide mailing during the week of February 11 to all of our registered parishioners and past ACA contributors asking for prayerful consideration of a pledge/contribution to the Appeal. Please help to the extent that you can.

DIOCESE OF TRENTON
2024 Annual Catholic Appeal
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Love • Faith • Family



St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society
Sponsoring
Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection
Thursday, March 21, 2024
At the San Alfonso Retreat House
755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch (parking in the rear).



All women and men of the parish are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection. Our one-day retreat will include community prayer, rosary, spiritual lecture, confession, lunch, and Mass.

Date and Time: Thursday, March 21 - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60.00 (per person) Coffee and Danish upon arrival. Lunch at 12:00 Noon.

Reservations: RSVP by Monday, March 18, 2024 by calling Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145. Payment: Check made payable to: St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society.

Mail check to: Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

For further information contact: Dotty O'Hara 908-310-6497.



Palm Sunday

Fresh palms will be blessed at the beginning of all Masses next weekend and distributed at the conclusion of each Palm Sunday Mass.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

February 14 - March 24, 2024

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!
Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Vigil Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm. Saturday / Sunday - at will.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com


Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury
Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.
Please follow current COVID 19 protocols.


St. Michael's parishioners usually gather at this location on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 p.m. during these 40 Days for Life.

The St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in Honor of St. Joseph, requested by Loundy Saint Louis.



This week the Altar Flowers have been donated by Loundy Saint Louis in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph.

The bread and wine at the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 17 have been donated by Loundy Saint Louis in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph.



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Student-Led Stations of the Cross

LED BY CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22
7:00 P.M.**

At St. Michael's Church

CONTACT CRISTINA AT CDAVERSO@MONMOUTH.EDU

2024 Lenten Soup for the Soul Series
San Alfonso Retreat House
 755 Ocean Ave • Long Branch, NJ • 07740
 March 18 at 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.
LAST NIGHT OF SERIES!

*Looking for some spiritual nourishment this Lent?
 Come to our [Lenten Soup for the Soul Evenings](#)
 this March!*

*Join us for some soup, fellowship, prayer and reflection
 to feed your body, mind, heart, and soul!*

Monday, March 18, 2024
Praying With Jesus' Good News in the
Parables of Mercy
Presenter: Judy Schiavo

Space is limited; registration is required

E-mail Us: info@sanalfonsoretreats.org

Phone: 732-222-2731 ext. 140

To register online or for full program description
 visit www.sanalfonsoretreats.org

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
 Thursday, March 21



The parish's Lenten Penance Service will be on Thursday, March 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Five priests will be available to hear Confessions that night.

All are invited

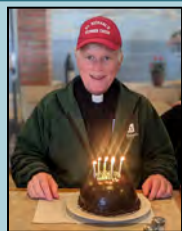
and welcome to attend and receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our spiritual preparation for Easter.



**RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION**

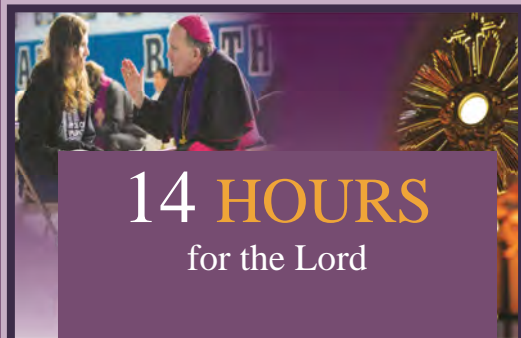
IMPORTANT DATES RE OUR CCD PROGRAM

- First Confessions: Saturday, March 23, 2024.
- First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4, 2024.



Happy Birthday Fr. John

*We wish you a year full of good
 health, joy, and beautiful things
 in life.*



14 HOURS
 for the Lord

Friday, March 22

St. Michael's Church will once again be observing **24* Hours for the Lord**, a Lenten devotion in which churches remain open for 24 (or nearly 24) consecutive hours for Masses, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and private prayer time and meditation. On Friday, March 22 the faithful will have the opportunity to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. Confessions will also be made available during this period at specified times. The Mass, Rosary, and Stations of the Cross are also a part of this 14-hour devotion and preparation for Holy Week.

* This year we have needed to modify the format of the 24 Hours here at St. Michael's and adjust the devotions schedule to 14 hours in light of our reduced number of parish priests, our reduced number of volunteers, and medical and health-related matters that have reduced the number of parishioners who are available to attend and support a full 24-hour cycle.

At St. Michael's Church on Friday, March 22, 2024

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 7:00 a.m.-7:55 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon; 1:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.-6:50 p.m.; 7:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (*Ador-ers' sign-up sheets are available in the church vestibule*)

Confessions: Friday 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon; 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Masses: Friday 8:00 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.

Rosary: To be prayed four times during the 14 Hours at: 8:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 3:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7:00 p.m. (preceded by "Soup & Salad" 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.).

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below and return this page to the Parish Office with your donation. The cost is \$45 per memorial. All names will be included in a memorial booklet and published in the Easter bulletin. Booklets will be available in the back of the church when printed. To be included in the memorial booklet and the Easter bulletin, your form and donation must be received at the Parish Office by **Monday, March 18. Please print clearly.**

In Memory Of

Requested By

Quantity

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Please include your name and mailing address to receive your copy of the memorial booklet:

Phone Number:

Total Number of Memorials

_____ x \$45.00 = \$_____

Additional donation (optional): \$_____

Total Donation: \$_____

May our Lenten journeys and sacrifices lead us to - - and enrich - - our Easter joy!

The Stations of the Cross in OUR Church: Walking the Road to Calvary TOGETHER with Jesus and Mary During OUR 44 Days of Lent



Jesus is condemned



Jesus takes up His Cross



Jesus falls the first time



Jesus meets His Mother



Jesus is laid in the tomb



Jesus removed from Cross



Jesus dies on the Cross



Jesus is nailed to the Cross



Jesus stripped of His garments




Jesus falls a third time



The women of Jerusalem

The Stations of the Cross is a fourteen-step devotion that commemorates (usually with prayer, meditation, song, and artwork) certain of the events of Good Friday – during His Passion and during her sorrows as she walks through Jerusalem to the Cross and to the Tomb. The Stations focus on specific events of that day, beginning with Jesus' condemnation. The Stations are found in most churches and are commonly used as a pilgrimage (especially on Fridays and Wednesdays of Lent and especially on Good Friday) as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual meditates on a specific event leading up to the Crucifixion and burial. Specific prayers are recited and the visual image is contemplated (“*Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.*” Luke 2:19). Then the individual moves to the next station until all fourteen are completed. Here at St. Michael's we are blessed with an especially beautiful set of Stations on the North and South walls of the Nave of the church. Please make a point of praying the Stations of the Cross and walk the road to Calvary – the Way of the Cross – **together** with Jesus and Mary. (Adapted from *The Way of the Cross* available at <https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?>

Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.



**22nd ANNUAL
BLUE MASS
& Luncheon**

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON'S
**CELEBRATION of
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Thursday, April 4, 2024 • 10:30 AM

Principal Celebrant: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral | Freehold

PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL NEW JERSEY are invited to pray for law enforcement personnel who work to keep their communities safe when the Diocese of Trenton hosts the 22nd Annual Blue Mass April 4, 2024 in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

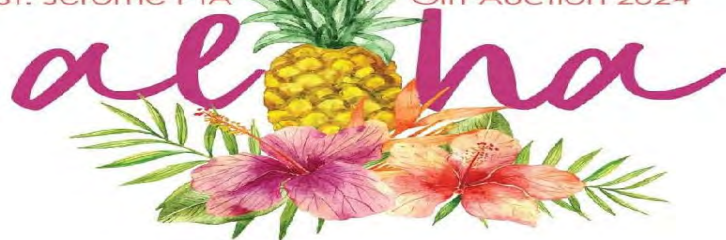
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., will serve as principal celebrant and homilist and will be joined at the altar with priests from across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties. Bagpipers, fife and drum corps members, and color guard processions will once again be part of the day's tribute.

The Mass is open to the public. Afterward, a luncheon will be held for law enforcement personnel and their families. All those who wish to attend the luncheon are asked to register online at dioceseoftrenton.org/blue-mass; Tickets are \$20 per person; all immediate family members of law enforcement personnel are invited to the luncheon at no charge.

You Are Invited!!!

Representatives of the St. Jerome's PTA will be speaking at all of our Masses on March 16 and 17.

St. Jerome PTA Gift Auction 2024



**Saturday,
April 20, 2024
11am - 4pm**

ST. JEROME PTA 43rd ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION & FASHION SHOW

New Venue this Year!

The Venue by Jimmy Pecci - St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1033 West Park Avenue, Ocean Township, NJ

www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2024

Buffet Luncheon includes:

Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka,
Eggplant Rollatini, Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Dessert, Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea.

This is a BYOB event (glassware provided)

All guests attending must be 21 years of age or older.

2 attendance options available:

Option 1:

Attendance to: Gift Auction, Luncheon and 8th Grade Fashion Show

\$60 per person (includes buffet lunch and live viewing of auction)

*Raffle tickets purchased at additional cost

Option 2:

Gift Auction Only- 10-11:30am

Access to gift room only for ticket drop and link to livestream drawing to watch from home.

*Scan with phone
to RSVP and
purchase tickets*



A LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY



The Civil Service Exam is now OPEN

 The City of Long Branch Police Department is actively seeking new police officer recruits to join our team!

Applications for the
Law Enforcement Examination
are being accepted **March 1 - April 1, 2024**

Visit the NJ Civil Service Website
<https://www.nj.gov/csc/>
or Call: Lt. Cahill @ 732-222-1000 x 1318

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, March 9, 2024

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,645.00	154 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$841.00	81 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$696.00	49 people

Sunday, March 10, 2024

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,121.00	74 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,546.00	97 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$2,120.00	216 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,567.00	158 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,264.00	152 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$800.00	153 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the March 10 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,280.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,880.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,178.00

Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services: \$3,008.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



40 Days for Life	February 14 - March 24, 2024 (See Page 6 for details)
Fridays in Lent (Mass at 8:00 <u>and</u> 12:15. Confessions after each of these Masses. Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	Friday, February 16-March 22, 2024 (excludes Good Friday) (See Page 4 for details)
Annual Catholic Appeal 2024	Commenced February 24-25; Ongoing
Lenten Stations of the Cross and "Soup & Salad"	Fridays of Lent 6:00 p.m. "Soup & Salad" 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (See Page 4 for details)
Confirmation	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Parish Lenten Day of Recollection at San Alfonso	Thursday, March 21, 2024 (See Page 5 for details)
Parish Lenten Penance Service	Thursday, March 21, 2024 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (See Page 7 for details)
14 Hours for the Lord	Friday, March 22, 2024 (See Page 7 for details)
First Confessions for CCD Second Graders	Saturday, March 23, 2024
Palm Sunday	Sunday, March 24, 2024
Easter	Sunday, March 31, 2024
Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday, April 7, 2024
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 4, 2024
May Crowning of Mary	Sunday, May 5, 2024
New Jersey March for Life	Thursday, September 26, 2024



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

When: Tuesday, March 19, 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