

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

November 19, 2023 | Thirty-Third 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

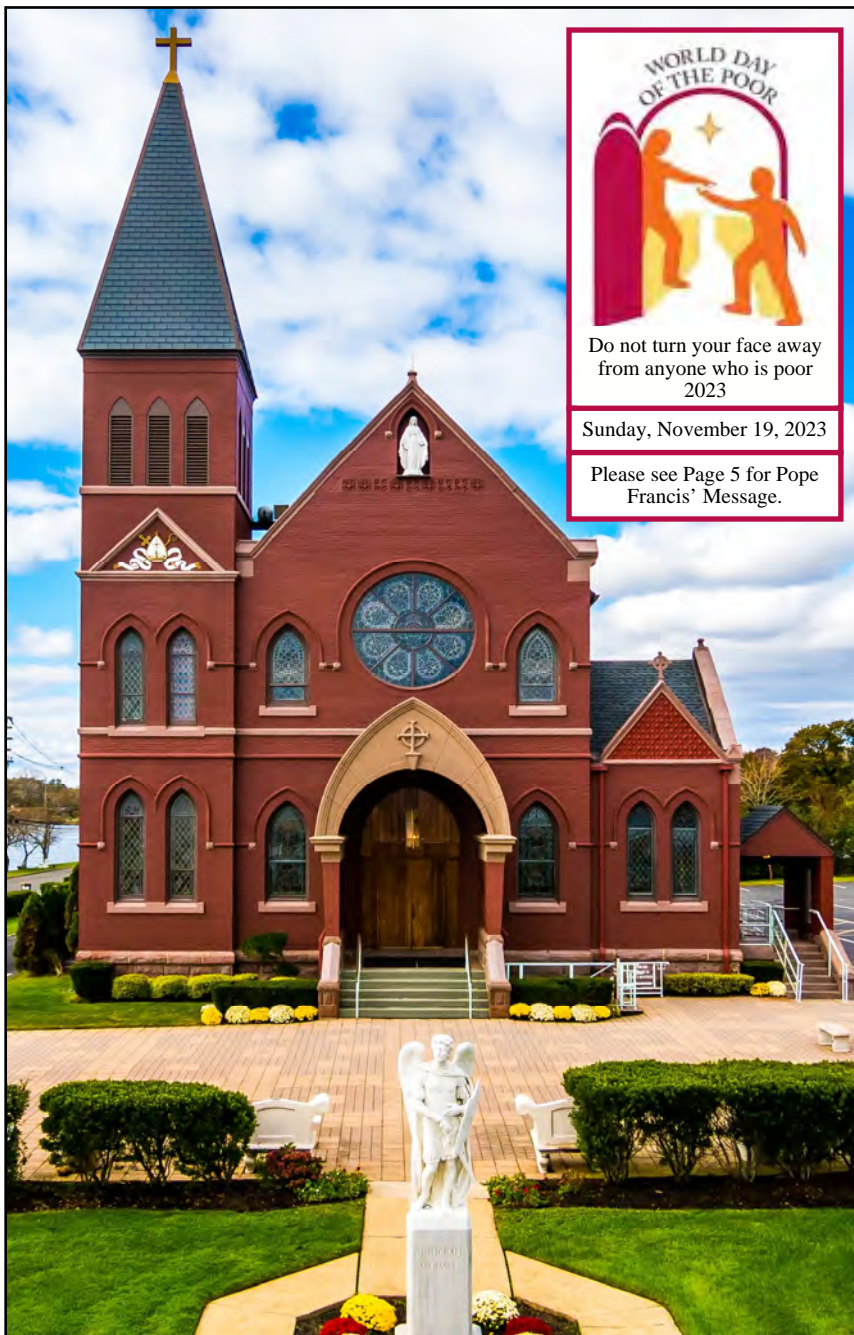
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

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# THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## November 19, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, November 18

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM Special Intention: Jennifer

Special Intention:  
Marilyn Wilbert

5:30 PM † Deceased Members of  
the Brown Family

Special Intention

7:00 PM † Elizabeth Mary Zuppone

† Louis & Anna Vincelli

Family

Sheryl McGill & Family

Elizabeth & Fredrica Brown

Jennifer & Timothy Collier  
and Family

Louis & Tricia Vincelli

#### Wednesday, November 22

8:00 AM † Maria Holzer

† Margaret Roebuck

† Jack DuBois

Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

#### Thursday, November 23

7:00 AM † Elizabeth Carr

† Yolanda DePalma

9:30 AM † Harold & Julia Bowman

Janice, Fred, Kathleen  
& Isabel Carr

DePalma Family

Loving Children Michael,  
Joe & AnneMarie

#### Sunday, November 19

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin

8:30 AM † Jim Foggia  
(20th Anniversary)

† John Cassidy

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

10:00 AM † Nancy Minchello

† Rev. Russell Abata

12:00 PM † Brian L. Rogers Jr.

† Michelle

4:00 PM Special Intention

† Adelina Gomes

7:00 PM † Dominick Vincelli

People of the Parish

Theresa

Mimi Paolise

Viola Trollan

Mary & Catherine Farrar

Rick Binaco

Anne & Phil Martinho

Bill & Anne

Gomes Family

Louis & Tricia Vincelli

#### Friday, November 24

8:00 AM † Steven R. Maslo

† John Cassidy

#### Saturday, November 25

8:00 AM † Brian Mark Valan

4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson

† Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello

5:30 PM Special Intention

† Anne DiGenova

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Maslo Family

Dasilva Family

Grandma

Husband Dennis

Charlotte Schatzow

Charlie, Chris & Julia  
McClelland

#### Monday, November 20

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

† Rosa & Paolo Panduri

7:00 PM † Claire B. Garvey and  
Marguerite C. Butler

† Dominick (Dickie) Gallo

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Saverio & Corrina  
Panduri

Louis & Tricia Vincelli

#### Tuesday, November 21

8:00 AM † Harry B. Tokanos

† William Thomson III

4:00 PM Health and Blessings:  
Children of Our Parish and  
Our Catechists

Mary Takonas

Mom

#### Sunday, November 26

7:00 AM People of the Parish

8:30 AM † Brian Mark Valan

10:00 AM † James H. Maynaro, Jr.

† Marti DeGhetto

12:00 PM † Michael Monahan

† John Cassidy

4:00 PM Vocations, Vocations, Vocations

7:00 PM Peace in Ukraine and  
Holy Land

Bill Mizerak

Luci, Ed & Elisa Perez

Aschettino Family

DeSimone Family

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







For those who may be traveling on Thanksgiving Day itself or who may be getting on the road very early that day, we will be celebrating an **EVE of Thanksgiving**

**ing Mass** on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited and welcome.

*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 in advance.



## 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](http://nj.marchforlife.org)





## St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society Annual Christmas Luncheon



### Luncheon Details:

St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society is pleased to once again host our Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Deal Country Club.

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 12:00 Noon.

Place: Deal Country Club, 1 Golf Lane (Roseld Avenue, Deal, NJ 07753).

Menu: Buffet Luncheon (includes coffee/tea/soda).

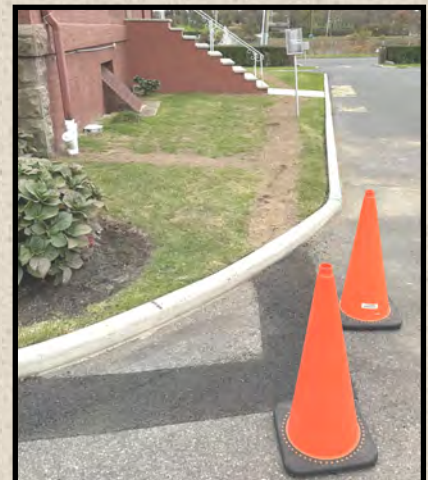
Cost: \$55 per person (includes gratuity). Check should be made payable to **St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society**.

Reservations: RSVP by Friday, December 8th, by calling Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145.

Payment: Mail check to Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764 (Remarks space: Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon).



The first phase of work was completed last week to upgrade the underground rainwater drainage system in and around the church. The crew from A.M.E. Plumbing commenced the digging on the North and West sides of the church on Monday the 6th (please see the accompanying photos) to remove broken and collapsed drain-pipes and to install approximately 250 feet of new storm drain piping. The first phase work was completed on Wednesday the 8th. The cost of this project and related work was \$12,000. A plan is being developed for a second phase project to further mitigate the church's rainwater drainage problems. That second phase will most likely involve installation of additional leaders and gutters on the northeastern exterior wall of the church and connecting that new equipment with the underground drainage system. The cost of this second phase work has not yet been determined.



*Pastor's Note:* This Sunday, November 19, 2023, has been designated by Pope Francis as the World Day of the Poor. It is the seventh annual such day on which the Pope urges us to remember the presence of the poor and their needs and to be attentive and responsive to those needs. The Pope's 2023 Message for the World Day of the Poor (edited to fit within the available space) appears below. The entire message is available at the Vatican's website at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20230613-messaggio-vii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2023.html>. A related news story and photos may be found at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/world-day-of-the-poor-commitment-to-serve-the-poor.html>.

## **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

*19 November 2023, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7)**

1. This, the seventh annual World Day of the Poor, is a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy and a support for the lives of our communities. As its celebration becomes more and more rooted in the pastoral life of the Church, it enables us to discover ever anew the heart of the Gospel. Our daily efforts to welcome the poor are still not enough. A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity. For this reason, on the Sunday before the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe, we gather around his Table to receive from him once more the gift and strength to live lives of poverty and to serve the poor.

“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7). These words help us to understand the essence of our witness. By reflecting on the text of the Old Testament, yet wisdom, we can better appreciate what the sacred writer wished to communicate. We find in the Book of Tobit, a little-known one that is charming and full of wisdom, we can better appreciate what the sacred writer wished to communicate. We find in the Book of Tobit, a little-known one that is charming and full of wisdom, we can better appreciate what the sacred writer wished to communicate. We find in the Book of Tobit, a little-known one that is charming and full of wisdom, we can better appreciate what the sacred writer wished to communicate.



Pope Francis at lunch on World Day of the Poor 2022.

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he tells him: “Revere the Lord and do not sin or to transgress his commandments. Live uprightly all the days of your life, and do not walk in the ways of wrongdoing” (4:5).

2. We see immediately that what the elderly Tobit asks of his son is not simply to think of God and to call upon him in prayer. He speaks of making concrete gestures, carrying out good works and practising justice. He goes on to state this even more clearly: “To all those who practice righteousness give alms from your possessions, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift when you make it” (4:7).

The words of this wise old man make us think. We are reminded that Tobit had lost his sight after having performed a work of mercy. As he himself tells us, from youth he had devoted his life to works of charity: “I performed many acts of charity for my kindred and my people who had gone with me in exile to Nineveh in the land of the Assyrians... I would give my food to the hungry and my clothing to the naked; and if I saw the dead body of any of my people thrown out behind the wall of Nineveh, I would bury it” (1:3.17)....

....3. We may well ask where Tobit found the courage and the inner strength that enabled him to serve God in the midst of a pagan people and to love his neighbour so greatly that he risked his own life. That of Tobit is a remarkable story: a faithful husband and a caring father, he was deported far from his native land, where he suffered unjustly, persecuted by the king and mistreated by his neighbours. Despite being such a good man, he was put to the test. As sacred Scripture often teaches us, God does not spare trials to those who are righteous. Why? It is not to disgrace us, but to strengthen our faith in him.

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## 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 few weeks, these tickets have been 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. Online sales will continue.



Beginning *THIS WEEKEND* November 18-19 tickets also will be available for purchase "manually" in the rear of the church and may be paid for there with cash or a check. These "manual sales" of the concert tickets will take place *after* Mass as follows:

- Following the Saturday, November 18th 4:00 p.m. Mass and 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- Following the Sunday, November 19th 12:00 p.m. Mass.
- Following the Saturday, November 25th 4:00 p.m. Mass and 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- Following the Sunday, November 26th 8:30 a.m. Mass and 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- Following the Saturday, December 2nd 4:00 p.m. Mass and 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- Following the Sunday, December 3rd 7:00 a.m. Mass and 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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. *If you purchased your ticket online, please print out the ticket and bring the ticket with you to the concert.*

## Second Collection This Weekend November 18 and 19 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development



This weekend we will take up a Second Collection at all Masses to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development as requested by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

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



Get in the holiday  
spirit by saving a life!



You're the right type  
Thank you for being a blood donor!

## CAMPUS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Monday December 4, 2023

11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rebecca Stafford Student Center  
Anacon Side "B"



400 Cedar Avenue  
West Long Branch NJ, 07764

All donors will receive a \$5 coffee gift card,  
a tee shirt and Jersey Mike subs.

Appointments are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED and available  
by using the QR Code below or contacting  
John Sedlmeir@S1307089@monmouth.edu.



Please eat before you donate  
and bring a photo ID.



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FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

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Tobit, in his time of trial, discovers his own poverty, which enables him to recognize others who are poor. He is faithful to God’s law and keeps the commandments, but for him this is not enough. He can show practical concern for the poor because he has personally known what it is to be poor. His advice to Tobias thus becomes his true testament: “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (4:7). In a word, whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus....

...4. We are living in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard. We are inclined to neglect anything that varies from the model of life set before the younger generation, those who are most vulnerable to the cultural changes now taking place. We disregard anything that is unpleasant or causes suffering, and exalt physical qualities as if they were the primary goal in life. Virtual reality is overtaking real life, and increasingly the two worlds blend into one. The poor become a film clip that can affect us for a moment, yet when we encounter them in flesh and blood on our streets, we are annoyed and look the other way. Haste, by now the daily companion of our lives, prevents us from stopping to help care for others. The parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.

5. Let us thank the Lord that so many men and women are devoted to caring for the poor and the excluded; they are persons of every age and social status who show understanding and readiness to assist the marginalized and those who suffer. They are not superheroes but “next door neighbours”, ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor. They do more than give alms: they listen, they engage, they try to understand and deal with difficult situations and their causes. They consider not only material but also spiritual needs; and they work for the integral promotion of individuals. The Kingdom of God becomes present and visible in their generous and selfless service; like the seed that falls on good soil, it takes root in their lives and bears rich fruit (cf. *Lk* 8:4-15). Our gratitude to these many volunteers needs to find expression in prayer that their testimony will increasingly prove fruitful....

...9. May our concern for the poor always be marked by Gospel realism. Our sharing should meet the concrete needs of the other, rather than being just a means of ridding ourselves of superfluous goods. Here too, Spirit-led discernment is demanded, in order to recognize the genuine needs of our brothers and sisters and not our own personal hopes and aspirations. What the poor need is certainly our humanity, our hearts open to love. Let us never forget that “we are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 198). Faith teaches us that every poor person is a son or daughter of God and that Christ is present in them. “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (*Mt* 25:40).

10. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. In a page of her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, she tells us: “I have come to realize that perfect charity means putting up with other people’s faults, not being at all taken aback by their faults, being edified by the smallest acts of virtue that we see practised. But above all, I have come to realize that charity must not remain locked in the depths of one’s heart: ‘No one’, Jesus says, ‘lights a candle to put it under a bushel basket, but puts it on a candle-stand, so that it can give light to everyone in the house’. For me, that candle represents the charity that must give light and bring joy not only to those dearest to me, but to everyone in the house, with the exception of none” (*Ms C*, 12r<sup>o</sup>).

In this house of ours, which is the world, everyone has a right to experience the light of charity; no one must be deprived of that light. May the steadfast love of Saint Therese stir our hearts on this World Day of the Poor, and help us not to “turn our face away from anyone who is poor”, but to keep it always focused on the human and divine face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 June 2023 Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, Patron of the Poor.*

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## St. Michael's Church Christmas Flowers Memorial 2023

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please complete the order form below and return this page to the Parish Office with your donation. The price is \$45 per memorial. All names will be included in a memorial booklet. To be included in the memorial booklet, your form and donation must be received at the Parish Office by Thursday, December 7th. *Please print clearly.*

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Please include your name and mailing address to receive your copy of the Christmas Memorial Booklet:

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*Total quantity x \$45.00*

**Total Donation: \$** 

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**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, foremost 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](https://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict).

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

# Behold, I make all things **NEW**



## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



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## Advent Fridays Worship & Liturgy Update

Extra Masses and times for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession will be added to the parish calendar on the first Fridays of this year's Season of Advent as follows. One of these "Advent Fridays" coincidentally will also be a holy day of obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

- Mass.....12:15
- Confessions.....12:45 to 1:15
- Eucharistic Adoration .....12:45 to 5:15
- Benediction.....5:15
- Mass.....5:30
- Confessions.....6:00 to 6:30

## Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 23 and 24, 2023.

The office will re-open on  
Monday, November 27 at 8:30 a.m.

## 2023 Monmouth County

# Simbang Gabi

6:30 p.m. Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12, at Saint James, Red Bank

Wednesday, December 13, at Saint Ann, Keansburg

Thursday, December 14, at Saint Catherine, Farmingdale

Friday, December 15, at Holy Innocents, Neptune

Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family, Union Beach

Sunday, December 17, at Saint Dorothea, Eatontown

Monday, December 18, at Saint Benedict, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 19, at Saint Clement, Matawan

Wednesday, December 20, at Saint Mary, Middletown



## Weekend Collection & Attendance

**Thank You!**

### Saturday, November 11, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,830.00	161 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$867.00	88 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$561.00	52 people

### Sunday, November 12, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,557.00	93 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,405.00	112 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,526.00	120 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$968.00	131 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,804.00	137 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,467.00	84 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 12 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,467.00**

**This Week's Total: \$12,589.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,317.00**

## PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer	r/o Joyce Lubischer
† Celeste Gomes	r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes
† Ilda Jesus Antonio	r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes
† Karen Gomes	r/o Parents
† Maria Amalia Guimar	r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes

### 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



Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, November 18, 2023 11:00 a.m.
CCD Children's and Catechists'	Tuesday, November 21, 2023 4:00 p.m. (at St Michael's Church)
Thanksgiving Mass	Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Mass	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)
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 3, 2023
Advent Penance Service	Date to be announced
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)	Friday, December 8, 2023
Handel's Messiah Sing-Along	Friday, December 8, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Parish Trip to Carnegie Hall Christmas Concert	Saturday, December 9, 2023 (See Page 7 for details)
Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon	Wednesday, December 13, 2023 (See Page 4 for details)
Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's	Sunday, December 17, 2023 1:30 p.m. (See Page 6 for details)
Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)	Monday, December 25, 2023
New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation in 2024)	Monday, January 1, 2024

## 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.



## 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