

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

February 8, 2026 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM  
First Friday 12:15 p.m. 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.

On the Thursday evenings immediately preceding First Fridays, Confessions are heard (7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.) during the monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

## 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.

Sunday's Gospel:

*The Sermon on the Mount*

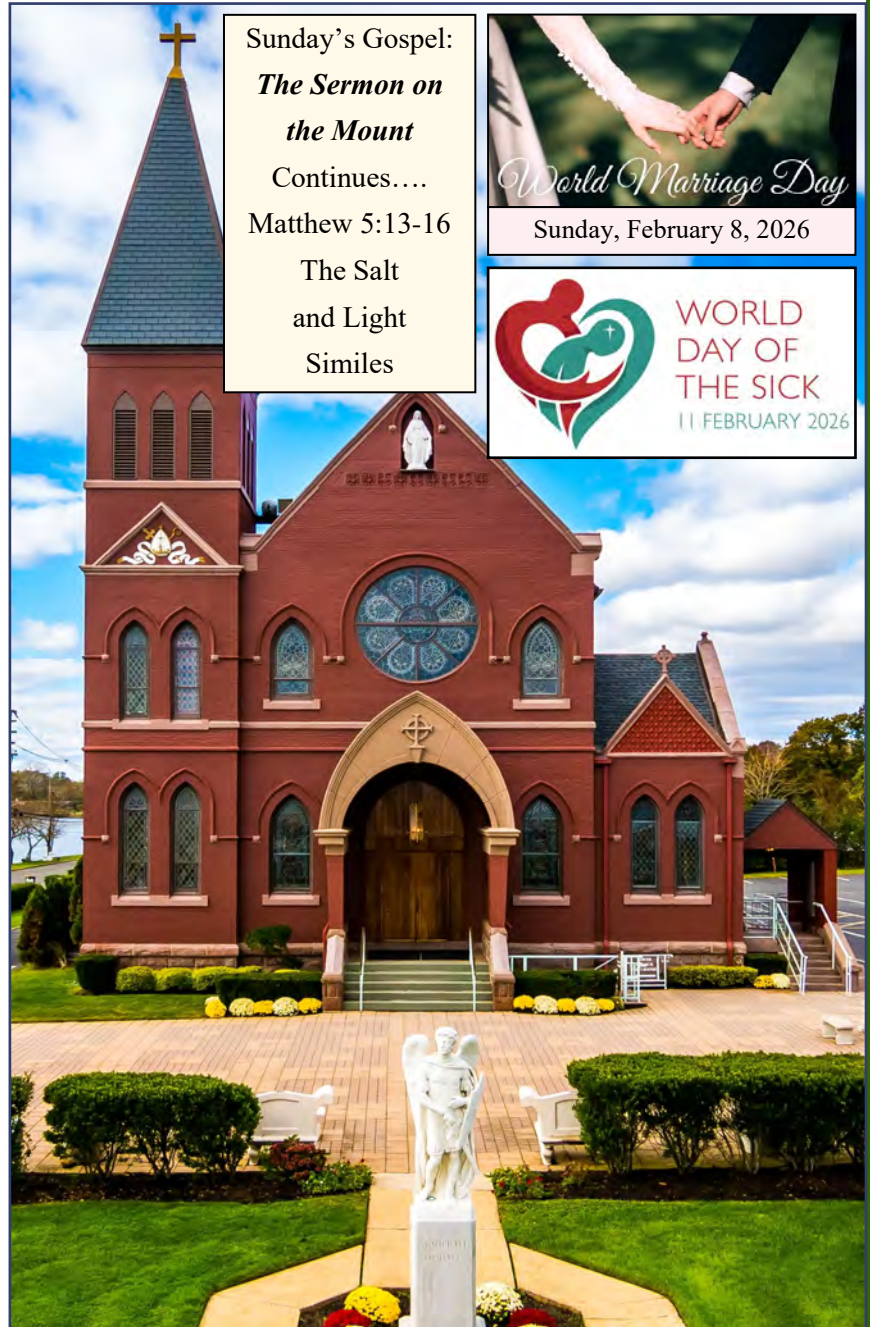
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Matthew 5:13-16

The Salt and Light Similes



Sunday, February 8, 2026



## PARISH OFFICE

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[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 K. Butler, Pastor  
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

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*“You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand....Just so, your light must shine before others.”*  
*Matthew 5:13-16*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 7**

8:00 AM † Conrad Russo Family  
 4:00 PM † Deborah Alvarado Mary & Steve  
 † Alfred J. Thorne Thorne Family  
 5:30 PM Special Intention  
 † Frank Clementi Sal & Pat Riggi  
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, February 8**

7:00 AM Special Intention: JoAnn for a speedy recovery Russo Family  
 8:30 AM † Bob Sudman Grippo Family  
 † Frank Clementi Marie Cilurzo  
 † James Simonelli Adoring Grandchildren  
 10:00 AM † Rita Cittadino Sisters Marie & Rosanne  
 Special Intention: Children's Rosary  
 † Alfred J. Thorne Thorne Family  
 12:00 PM † Jay Filippo Filippo Family  
 † Robert Scally Donna  
 4:00 PM † Dennis Kilkeny Linda & Gina DeSieno  
 † Carmina Lusardi Tara & Dominic Lusardi  
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

**Monday, February 9**

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico  
 † Joseph F. Boehles Wife  
 7:00 PM † Marguerite C. Butler

**Tuesday, February 10**

8:00 AM † Maureen Penta

**Wednesday, February 11**

8:00 AM † Josephine Harrington Ed Harrington  
 † Michael Wrubel Wife Maria & Family

**Thursday, February 12**

8:00 AM † Eileen Cacciatore Cacciatore Family  
 † Dr. Emil Maggio Tom Viggiano  
 † Carmine DiDomenico Viggiano Family

**Friday, February 13**

8:00 AM † Rita Cittadino Christopher M. Cittadino & Children  
 † Angelina Marino Joe & Diane Alessio

**Saturday, February 14**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 4:00 PM † Irvn G. Miller Miller & McIntyre Families  
 † Frank Clementi Tricia Vincelli  
 5:30 PM Special Intention  
 † Donald Byington Carroll Family  
 7:00 PM † Claire B. Garvey

**Sunday, February 15**

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin Theresa  
 8:30 AM † Patricia Stephens Patrick Trollan & Family  
 † James Simonelli With Love, Rosanna  
 10:00 AM † Michael Schaffner Thorne Family  
 † Jo-Ann D'Apolito Joanne & Frank Buono  
 12:00 PM † Sal Ippolito Family  
 † Bill, Nina & Kurt Kuster Ried, Kuster & Weiner Families  
 4:00 PM † Betty Mellone Her daughter, Linda  
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

The Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph, and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week in prayer for peace throughout the world.



*Pastor's Note.* Established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1992, the **World Day of the Sick** is observed annually on the liturgical Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb. 11), a significant day of devotion to the Blessed Mother, who is a powerful intercessor for the sick. In a particular way on this day, **the faithful are invited to reflect more deeply on the Church's teachings about sickness and caring for the sick**, as well as to express solidarity with the sick through works of charity and special prayers, including the option of attending Mass, and by encouraging and expressing appreciation toward caregivers. An excerpt from Pope Leo's Message for this occasion is published below. The Papal Message is lengthy (and very worthwhile reading) and the entire document may be found at the Vatican's website at <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/01/20/260120d.html>.

## **Message of the Holy Father**

### ***"The compassion of the Good Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain"***

Dear brothers and sisters,

The thirty-fourth **World Day of the Sick** will be solemnly celebrated in Chiclayo, Peru, on 11 February 2026. For this occasion, I would **recommend reflecting once again on the figure of the Good Samaritan**, for he is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion.



This reflection further **directs our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick**.

We are all familiar with the moving account found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Jesus responds to a scholar of the law, who asks him to identify the neighbor he must love, with this story: a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers and left for dead. While a priest and a Levite passed him by, a Samaritan took pity on him, bandaged his wounds, took him to an inn and provided for his care....

...Dear brothers and sisters, "the true remedy for humanity's wounds is a style of life based on fraternal love, which has its root in love of God." [16] I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, "Samaritan" spirit – one that is welcoming, courageous, committed and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly or afflicted.



Let us raise our prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, asking her to assist all who suffer and are in need of compassion, consolation and a listening ear. Let us seek her intercession with this ancient prayer, that has been invoked in families for those living with illness and pain:

Sweet Mother, do not part from me.  
Turn not your eyes away from me.  
Walk with me at every moment  
and never leave me alone.  
You who always protect me  
as a true Mother,  
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.

***I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to all who are sick, to their families and to those who care for them – healthcare workers and pastoral workers alike – and in a special way to all participating in this World Day of the Sick.***

From the Vatican, 13 January 2026

**LEO PP. XIV**



January 14, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from *Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, until Holy Thursday morning, April 2, 2026* --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “**Easter duty**” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21-22, 2026, to Trinity Sunday, May 30-31, 2026**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton

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### Ash Wednesday Children's and Family Mass



Please join us for our annual Children's and Family Ash Wednesday Mass. This Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 5:30 P.M. for all children and their families and friends. All are welcome. Begin this Lenten season with your child and make this a Lent to remember!!!

## LENT 2026

Our Lenten observances will include the following:

- Ash Wednesday: February 18, 2026
- On all Fridays during Lent, *Mass* will be celebrated at **12:15 p.m.** in the Upper Church from February 20 through and including March 27. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays remains unchanged. *Eucharistic Adoration* will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass on all of these Fridays of Lent until Benediction at 12:00 p.m.
- 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.
- Bishop O'Connell's annual letter regarding Lenten regulations is available on the parish website and published on Page 4 of this Sunday's bulletin.
- The date and time of the parish's Lenten Penance Service will be announced.

*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.*

### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### MASS SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 18, 2026

7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M., 4:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M. (Children's & Family Mass), 7:00 P.M.

Ashes will be imposed at all six Masses on Ash Wednesday at the conclusion of the Mass. The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday will focus on the parish's children and families; all are welcome and invited to that Mass. For the imposition of blessed ashes this year at St. Michael's the minister will use a new/separate cotton swab (Q Tip) for each person (not a cotton ball nor bare thumb nor gloved hand/thumb).



#### Ashes for the Hospitalized & Homebound

To make visitation arrangements for Ashes on Ash Wednesday for a homebound or hospitalized family member or friend, please phone the parish business office on or before Friday, February 13.

Since the availability of our parish priest and commissioned Lay Eucharistic Ministers is very limited on Ash Wednesday, we will do our best to respond to as many requests as possible on a first come, first served basis. Due to the shortage of manpower and womanpower, it is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate requests for Ashes received after February 13.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 11TH ANNUAL ST. MICHAEL'S SOUP & SALAD BEFORE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lower Church  
Six Fridays of Lent

Beginning February 20, 2026

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

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FREE-WILL DONATION APPRECIATED



**LAUNCH WEEKEND: Feb. 14 & 15**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Shortly after the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV spoke words that continue to echo in my heart and in the heart of the Church: *“This is the hour for love.”* His message was not just poetic—it was prophetic. Love is not meant for later. Love is for now—strong, courageous, joyful, and true.

That same love shapes our 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, *“Love That Strengthens, Joy That Sustains.”* We are invited not only to give, but to love—to care boldly and act with faith. Your gift joins you to something much greater than yourself:

- You sustain joy in our schools, parishes, and youth ministries.
- You walk with the elderly, the poor, the sick, and our retired priests, ensuring they are never forgotten.

You support future priests, deacons, catechists, and leaders of our Church, investing in the future with love. This Appeal is not about numbers but about hearts—saying “yes” to love, joy, strength, and courage, all lived out through our diocesan ministries. I have seen the grace that flows when we come together in faith. Love gives strength, and joy sustains us. Even in difficult times, it is the joy of Christ, not the ease of life, that carries us through.

Your continued support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is a beautiful act of faith, an expression of love that continues to touch countless lives within our parish and beyond. Every gift you make is a living witness to your faith and compassion, and I am deeply grateful for your commitment each year.

With all my heart, I ask you to continue with me in this holy work. Give as you are able—generously, joyfully, and with great hope. Your gift is a declaration of faith, proclaiming that love is stronger than fear and that Christ’s joy is for everyone.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton



[Donate Now → https://dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-letter](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-letter)

**IF IT’S FEBRUARY IT MUST BE.....**



**“In Loving Memory of Mae Vinci” – Thank You**

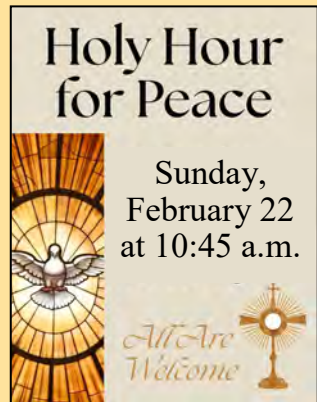


Please remember in your prayers the eternal repose of the soul of Mrs. Mae Vinci, the grandmother of our St. Michael’s parishioner Mary Jensen. Mary recently made a donation to St. Michael’s Church in memory of Mae – a beautiful red chasuble (please see the accompanying photos) which will be ideal for our celebrant-priests to wear during Mass on certain “red days” of the Church’s liturgical year such as Good Friday, Palm Sunday, and the feast days of the Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs. The “Jensen chasuble” was made in and imported from Poland and is elegantly monogrammed with the words “In loving memory of Mae Vinci from her granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Jensen.” Mary, thank you very much! May God bless you, your grandmother Mae, and all your family.



**Holy Hour for Peace  
Sunday, Feb. 22 at 10:45 a.m.**

Catholic parishes and communities in the U.S. have been asked by the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to conduct a “Holy Hour for Peace” at local parish churches. Here at St. Michael’s this Holy Hour will take place on Sunday, Feb. 22 immediately following the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



*All are invited and strongly encouraged to attend and participate.*

Information about the call for this Holy Hour is available at the *Trenton Monitor* website at <https://trentonmonitor.com/2026/01/28/us-bishops-president-calls-for-holy-hour-of-peace-amid-current-climate-of-fear/>.

Further details about this Holy Hour for Peace at St. Michael’s will be published in next Sunday’s parish bulletin.

**St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society  
Announces**

**LENT MADNESS  
SAINT VS. SAINT  
Bracket Challenge  
First Round Ash Wednesday  
Limited to 100 Entries**

**Info & Bracket Sheets  
After All Masses**

**Sat-Sun | Sat-Sun  
2/7-2/8 | 2/14-2/15**

**Bracket Entries Must be  
Submitted by February 15th  
For Chance to Win Prizes**

**\$10  
Donation**

Rose McVey, call or text 201-232-3891  
rosetmcvey@optimum.net

**A “P.S.” from the Bishop (continued from Page 4):**

1. Ashes should be distributed in an appropriate liturgical manner on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. “Drive-thru” distribution and self-imposition of ashes (leaving ashes in Church for people to impose on themselves) are prohibited.
2. **General Absolution:** General Absolution is **NOT** permitted in the Diocese of Trenton without the Bishop’s permission in accordance with the provisions of canon law. Individual Confessions are encouraged during Lent.
3. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated before dark, that is, **not** before sunset (7:30 pm EST).



## PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples  
so that they might reflect the union of Christ  
with his Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of  
your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR  
MARRIAGE  
foryourmarriage.org

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## Second Collection on the Weekend of February 21 and 22 for The Church in Central and Eastern Europe



On the February 21-22 weekend our special Second Collection (requested by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to this collection. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

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

## PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

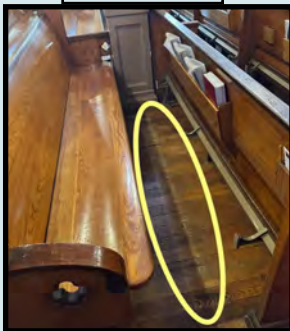
A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to six sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns, and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest (732-222-8080) 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.

### Children’s Basketball Free Throw Contest

Children from St. Michael’s and several other nearby parishes competed last Sunday in this year’s Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest. Thank you to the Knights for conducting the competition, to Holy Trinity Church for hosting the event, and to the volunteers who helped with rebounding and scorekeeping. And congratulations to all participants.



Before



During



### Re-Finishing of Upper Church Wood Floor Moving Forward

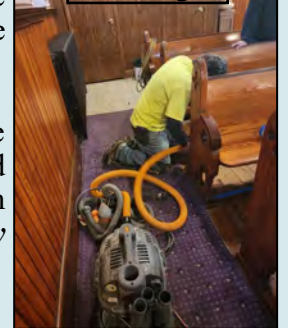
Phase One (the experimental phase) of the re-finishing of the Upper Church’s wood floors was successfully completed during the past week. Parishioner Tony Gomes and his crew gave the floor at Pew 87 on the St. Joseph side of the church a thorough sanding and then applied multiple coats of carefully selected shellac and polyurethane. The color and the sheen have turned out very well. And the experiment proved that this work can be done (though not easily) *without removing* the pews and the kneelers.

So plans are now being made for moving forward with the phased, section-by-section re-finishing of all the exposed wood floors in the Upper Church. Thank you to Tony and to his team from T. Gomes Construction, LLC. St. Michael’s Church is *very grateful!*

After



During





*Sunday Mass of St. Patrick in the Gaelic Language*



Sunday, March 22, 2026  
11:00 A.M.



St. Michael's Church  
800 Ocean Avenue



Long Branch, NJ 07740

All are Invited and Welcome!

Bagpipe music before and during the Mass. Hospitality, fellowship, and Irish-themed refreshments and music will be available in the church hall immediately after the Mass.

Principal Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Daniel Cahill  
Concelebrants: Msgr. John Carroll & Rev. John Butler



# Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on Sunday, February 8 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's Church.



All are invited to participate and pray with us. Rosaries and prayer books will be available.

No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed.

Any questions, call or text  
Renee Mazza at  
(732) 829-4548

## 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.

# ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

If you wish to receive a written statement reporting your 2025 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.

**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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 2026

† Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

May 2026

† Rita N. Cittadino r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.



**Presidents' Day**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day. Daily Mass that day will be celebrated at the usual Monday 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. times with Confessions after each of those Masses. The office will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17.

**Weekend Collection & Attendance**

**Thank You!**

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,820.00	211 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$492.00	82 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$508.00	44 people

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,201.00	67 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,281.00	113 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,694.00	118 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,564.00	166 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,210.00	149 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,338.00	122 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the February 1 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$615.00**

**This Week's Total: \$13,723.00**  
**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,142.00**



**Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City**

When: Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
 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

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



Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal: February 14-15, 2026  
 Kick-Off Weekend Appeal (See Page 4 for details)

Rosary Altar Society's St. Valentine's Mass and Brunch Saturday, February 14, 2026

Parents Baptism Class Saturday, February 14, 2026  
 11:30 a.m.

Presidents Day (Parish Office Closed) Monday, February 16, 2026

Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026

First Night of Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup & Salad Suppers Friday, February 20, 2026

St. Patrick's Day Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Sunday Mass of St. Patrick in the Gaelic Language (Fr. Daniel Cahill presiding) Sunday, March 22, 2026  
 11:00 a.m. (See Page 10 for details)

Confirmation Thursday, March 26, 2026

Palm Sunday Sunday, March 29, 2026

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 2, 2026

Second Annual CCD Communion Breakfast Sunday, May 17, 2026