

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

February 22, 2026 | First Sunday of Lent

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

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. 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 Religious Education Office.



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 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

800 Ocean Avenue | Lower Church | Long Branch, NJ 07740
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
732-483-0360 ext. 1



*Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
Matthew 4:8-9*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21

8:00 AM People off the Parish
 4:00 PM † Philip Meola John & Deborah Perri & Family
 † Angela Perri John & Deborah Perri & Family
 † Ellen Swenson Hughes Kathryn Miller
 5:30 PM Special Intention
 † Jay Filippo Filippo Family
 7:00 PM † Maureen Penta

Sunday, February 22

7:00 AM † Dennis Murrin Theresa
 8:30 AM † Bob Sudman Muoio Family
 † Frank Clementi Simonelli Family
 10:00 AM † Patricia Rescinti Wolff Joe & Diane Alessi
 † Timothy James Maguire, Sr. Kathi West
 10:45 AM Holy Hour for Peace
 (See Page 4)
 12:00 PM † William Kellam Charlotte Rolly
 † Cindy VanBrunt May Simonelli Family
 4:00 PM † Stephen Gill Children
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, February 23

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico
 7:00 PM † Lauren Fluege Family

Tuesday, February 24

8:00 AM † Rogerio Borem Tara & Dominic Lusardi

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 AM Special Intention: His sister
 William Carroll
 † Leigh Ann Basaman Michaelae McKenna & Patty Micale

Thursday, February 26

8:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 27

8:00 AM † Helen Marzarella Anne & Bill Lisa
 12:15 PM † Dorothy O'Hara
 5:30 PM † Deceased Sisters of the Diocese of Trenton

Saturday, February 28

8:00 AM † Nicholas Cattelona Daughter
 4:00 PM † Guy Rayner & Mike Weiner Richard Cero
 † Frank Clementi Maria Voglino
 5:30 PM Special Intention
 † Jay Filippo Filippo Family
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 1

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri
 8:30 AM † Patricia Stephens Leslie DeSimone & Family
 † Ann Olivadoti DeBonis Family
 10:00 AM † Ann & Michael Ciccarone Mary & Catherine Farrar
 † Noel Vassallo Vassallo Family
 12:00 PM † Hugh Keiser Family
 † Robert Scally Donna
 4:00 PM † Helen Marzarella Hilary Michaels
 People of the Parish
 7:00 PM † Jack Hickey Ivy Gonzalez

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



LENT 2026

Our Lenten observances will include the following:

- On all Fridays during Lent, *Mass* will be celebrated at **12:15 p.m. and at 5:30 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 and 5:30 Masses during Lent will be followed by Confessions after the 12:15 Mass until 1:15 and after the 5:30 Mass until 6:30.
- 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 was published on Page 2 of last 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.

Copies of *The Little Black Book* (six-minute reflections that focus this year on the Passion of Jesus according to John) are available in the back of the church. Please help yourself to one!

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis



Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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 7:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FREE-WILL DONATION APPRECIATED



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
February 18-
March 29

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.

St. Michael's parishioners usually gather at this location on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. during these 40 Days for Life.



Diocese of Trenton
Department of Youth & Young Adults invites you to...

Hear His Voice

a young adult
Retreat

03.07.26
ST. DAVID THE KING, PRINCETON JUNCTION

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/yaretreat



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

As announced in last Sunday's bulletin, Catholic parishes and communities in the U.S. have been asked by the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to conduct a "***Holy Hour for Peace***" at local parish churches. Here at St. Michael's this Holy Hour will take place next 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/>.

The call for this ***Holy Hour for Peace*** by Archbishop Paul Coakley, president of the USCCB, in a Jan. 28 statement included the following: "The current climate of fear and polarization, which thrives when human dignity is disregarded, does not meet the standard set by Christ in the Gospel." The Archbishop further noted "tragic examples of violence that represent failures in our society to respect the dignity of every human life. We mourn this loss of life and deplore the indifference and injustice it represents." Referencing Matthew 10:42, he added, "Christ reminds us that even 'a single cup of cold water' given in his name will not go unrewarded."

The Archbishop invited "my brother bishops and priests across the United States to offer a Holy Hour for Peace in the days ahead." He said, "Let us pray for reconciliation where there is division, for justice where there are violations of fundamental rights, and for consolation for all who feel overwhelmed by fear or loss. I encourage Catholics everywhere to participate in a Holy ***Hour for Peace***, whether in parishes, chapels, or before the Lord present in the quiet of their hearts for healing in our nation and communities." And he concluded with "***May this Holy Hour be a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. Entrusting our fears and hopes in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us ask the Lord to make us instruments of his peace and witnesses to the inherent dignity of every person.***"

(Quotations from <https://trentonmonitor.com/2026/01/28/us-bishops-president-calls-for-holy-hour-of-peace-amid-current-climate-of-fear/>).





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



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IF IT’S FEBRUARY IT MUST BE.....



Pastor's Note. The Season of Lent has arrived. It is important for the **PARENTS** of our school-age children to remember (and pray!) the prayers known as the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity (each of which is printed below). It is also important for our parents to **PLEASE PRAY WITH AND TEACH THEIR CHILDREN**, to be an **EXAMPLE** of praying and a **LEADER of praying within the FAMILY**, to pray these three prayers regularly and frequently **with their children**, and to **PLEASE see to it that the children learn and memorize these prayers** and make a practice of praying them often and from the heart....following the good, prayerful example and following in the footsteps of their parents! May God bless you!



ACT of FAITH

O MY GOD,
I firmly believe
that Thou art one God in Three
Divine Persons,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
I believe that Thy Divine Son became
Man
and died for our sins
and that He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church
teaches
because Thou hast revealed them,
Who canst neither deceive nor be
deceived.
Amen

ACT of HOPE

O MY GOD,
relying on Thy almighty power
and infinite mercy and promises,
I hope to obtain pardon of my sins,
the help of Thy grace
and Life Everlasting,
through the merits of Jesus Christ,
my Lord and Redeemer.
Amen

ACT of CHARITY

O MY GOD,
I love Thee above all things,
with my whole heart and soul
because Thou art all-good
and worthy of all love.
I love my neighbour as myself
for the love of Thee.
I forgive all who have injured me
and ask pardon.
of all whom I have injured.
Amen

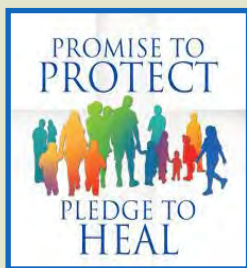
Second Collection This Weekend
February 21 and 22 for
The Church in Central and Eastern Europe



This 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/ceee.

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

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT: The Diocese of



Trenton and St. Michael's Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



*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



**PRAY FOR
PEACE
IN
UKRAINE**



Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on
Sunday, March 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*

DAY OF HEALING AND ANOINTING



MARCH 23, 2026
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Arrival: 11:00 AM

The day begins with a Guided Reflection at 11:30 AM, followed by Lunch at 12 Noon.
 There is Availability for Confession in the afternoon.
 Mass and Anointing of the Sick is at 2:00 PM
 Departure is at 3:30 PM
COST: \$35
 (See attached registration form or register online at sanalfonso retreats.org)

Who can receive this sacrament?
 Any sickness that is serious enough to keep a person from performing their normal daily activities is reason enough to request the anointing. The effects of aging is also a reason to be anointed. Someone may be young in age or look "perfectly healthy" but suffer from some type of chronic illness that seriously impairs their well-being or health (alcoholism or other addictions, depression, cancer, lung/heart disease or other ailments). This is by no means an exhaustive list. A person may also be anointed before surgery. The Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated several times in one's lifetime.

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE
 755 Ocean Avenue
 Long Branch, New Jersey 07740
 (732) 222-2731 ext. 140

Twilight Evening of Reflection for Married Couples


Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Arrival: 4:30 pm - Reflection: 5:00 pm

A gentle evening of prayer and reflection, including the celebration of Mass, renewal of marriage vows and festive dinner.



Cost: \$145 (Overnight option \$250)
 Register online at www.sanalfonso retreats.org/2026-events
 Phone: (732) 222-2731 ext. 140
 Email: info@sanalfonso retreats.org
 San Alfonso Retreat House
 755 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740





Feeling overwhelmed?
Personal losses impacting life?
Struggling with a relationship?

Everyone can use a little extra support in handling life's challenges.

Parish Counseling Services Are Available.

Through a joint service of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton, short term professional counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available. The fee is \$90 per session but there is financial assistance available for those who need it. Use of an individual's health insurance may also be an option.

Contact your pastor or parish priest for more information and to get assistance with the referral.

HE HEALS THE
BROKENHEARTED
 AND BINDS UP THEIR
WOUNDS.

PSALM 147:3

SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED!

It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter....this program offers hope and healing for anyone that attends!

To learn more about our upcoming program, please join us for an **INFORMATION NIGHT** on Monday, February 23rd at 7 p.m.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine Basement
 (access from Shrine parking lot)
 26 Leonardville Rd, Middletown, NJ 07748

2026 LENT MADNESS SAINT vs. SAINT Weekly Results

INFO: Rose McVey
Text 201-232-3891
rosetmcvey@optimum.net



Before	Update	During
	<p align="center">Re-Finishing of Upper Church Wood Floor Moving Forward</p> <p>The re-finishing of the Upper Church's wood floor is moving along very nicely. Work began during the first week of February as Tony, Ennio, Jose, and other workmen from T. Gomes Construction, LLC have put in numerous hours of labor sanding, staining, and shellacking. And the wonder of their work (and their ingenuity and perseverance) is that they have been able to accomplish amazing results without having to remove the pews and without having to remove the kneelers. Most parishes find that they must incur a substantial amount of money, time, labor, and energy when taking on a church floor re-finishing project such as ours. But Tony and his team – by means of their creative thinking and their agility and determination in cramped, narrow spaces – have been able to come up with a very work-able solution to the pew/kneeler removal issue and make speedy progress as well.</p> <p>The floor on the north side of the church between the north wall and the row of columns is already completely finished. The pews on the south side of the church are next on the to-do list. Thank you to Tony and to his team from T. Gomes Construction, LLC. St. Michael's is grateful!</p>	
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BAPTISM GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a Baptism GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the OCIA program?



It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone whom a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living the Christian Catholic faith in a complete, strong, and exemplary manner. You model that behavior and faith in the way that you live your life.

To receive a letter signed and sealed by the Pastor to verify your eligibility to serve as a Baptism Godparent or as a Confirmation Sponsor (such letters are required by (and issued by) virtually all Catholic parishes in the United States including St. Michael's), please keep the following eligibility criteria in mind:

- Registered at (for at least three months) and active parishioner of St. Michael's Church.
- At least 16 years of age.
- Completed all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
- If married, married in the Catholic Church according to Catholic Church Law, or with the express permission of the Church. If unmarried, living a chaste single life (including not cohabitating).
- Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the sacraments of the Church regularly.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor is to be based on the person's dedication to the faith and consistent practice thereof.

Sponsor letters will be gladly and happily given to individuals who meet all of these criteria and who have been **registered members of our parish for at least three months**. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the Church's teaching on these matters or on the criteria for and interpretation of the qualifications for Baptism godparenthood or Confirmation sponsorship, please feel free to call the parish office to arrange for a telephone conversation or meeting with Fr. Butler.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

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| † Ronald Lubischer | r/o Joyce Lubischer |
| † Manuel Veira Guiomar | r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes |
| † Jose Joao Rocha Labrego | r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes |

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 2026

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| † Susan Whitman | r/o Lex and Janet Tucci |
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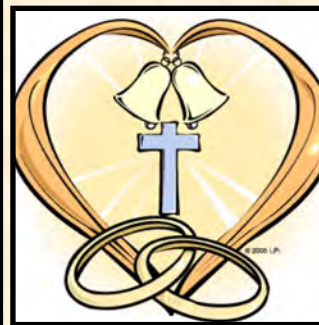
May 2026

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| † Rita N. Cittadino | r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children |
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The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Jesus elevated marriage to a **Sacrament** at the Wedding Feast at Cana. All Catholics have the duty, unless dispensed by the Bishop, to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in a Catholic church and witnessed by an authorized Catholic priest or authorized Catholic deacon. The Grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony enhances and supports the permanent and indissoluble bond of marriage and strengthens the love and fidelity, patience and wisdom of the spouses.

Please make contact with the parish office at least one year prior to your intended marriage date to begin the preparation process. This includes attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference and several meetings with one of our



parish priests. A specific wedding date cannot be assured by the parish until **after** this marriage preparation has commenced and initial documentation has been received and reviewed. Therefore, all engaged couples are strongly advised to **speak to the parish staff first** when beginning to make wedding plans and

strongly advised not to make commitments with third-parties (banquet halls, photographers, hotels, airlines, etc.) until **after** the wedding date has been finalized in writing with the parish office.

If you are presently in a civil marriage and desire to receive the Sacrament and enter into a valid Catholic marriage, please contact the parish office at 732-222-8080 to obtain further information about the "convalidation" of your marriage. We also offer direction and assistance on the possibility of receiving an annulment for those who are divorced. Please do not hesitate to call. The annulment process is generally less difficult or cumbersome than imagined.

Please Remember to Catch Up on January 25 & February 8 Sunday Collection Envelopes

Bad winter weather on two recent weekends had a significant negative impact on Mass attendance and the Offertory collections. During the January 25th weekend we had eight inches of snow in Long Branch. During the February 8th weekend we had frigid temperatures and below-zero wind chill. The forecast going into the January 25th weekend was so bad that Bishop O’Connell took the infrequent step of issuing a dispensation (for the sake of safety) excusing the Sunday Mass obligation for everyone in the Diocese of Trenton. The three Saturday evening Vigil Masses were celebrated here on January 24 but the six Sunday Masses on January 25 were cancelled.

Regardless of the bad weather, the parish’s bills for those two weekends still arrived in the mail – for heat, electricity, water, phones, insurance, payroll, snow removal, diocese, equipment, flowers, Ash Wednesday ashes, Palm Sunday palms, etc, etc, etc.

If you did not attend Mass and if you did not make an offertory donation (a Sunday collection envelope) at St. Michael’s on either or both of those very unusual bad weather weekends, please consider “catching up” by using your January 25 and/or February 8 envelopes and placing those envelopes containing your donation in the Sunday collection basket this weekend or next weekend. Or, please feel free to drop-off donations at the parish office or to mail them to the office. Thank you very much. And God bless.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,641.00	202 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$639.00	71 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$334.00	44 people

Sunday, February 15, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$974.00	83 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,795.00	126 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,548.00	148 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$2,227.00	162 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$2,164.00	179 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$760.00	137 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the February 15 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$2,113.00**

This Week’s Total: \$15,195.00

Same Week’s Total Last Year: \$11,508.00

Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,573.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026	Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing (See Page 5 for details)
40 Days for Life	February 18– March 29, 2026 (See Page 4 for details)
Fridays in Lent (Mass at 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.; Confessions after each of these Masses; Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	Friday, February 20–March 27, 2026 (excludes Good Friday) (See Page 3 for details)
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 3 for details)
Children’s Rosary	Sunday, March 8, 2026 (after the 8:00 a.m. Mass) (See Page 7 for details)
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 7 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



Do you have an over abundance of reusable food bags? St. Vincent de Paul’s pantry can use them for their food distribution. They can be dropped off in their food bin at the back of the church during Mass or at our food distribution in the third Saturday of the month. They must be in good, clean condition. Also donations of shampoo, soap, paper and cleaning products are always needed. If you get a chance stop in on that third Saturday to see our food organization. New volunteers are welcome!