

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

March 22, 2026 | Fifth 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 4 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

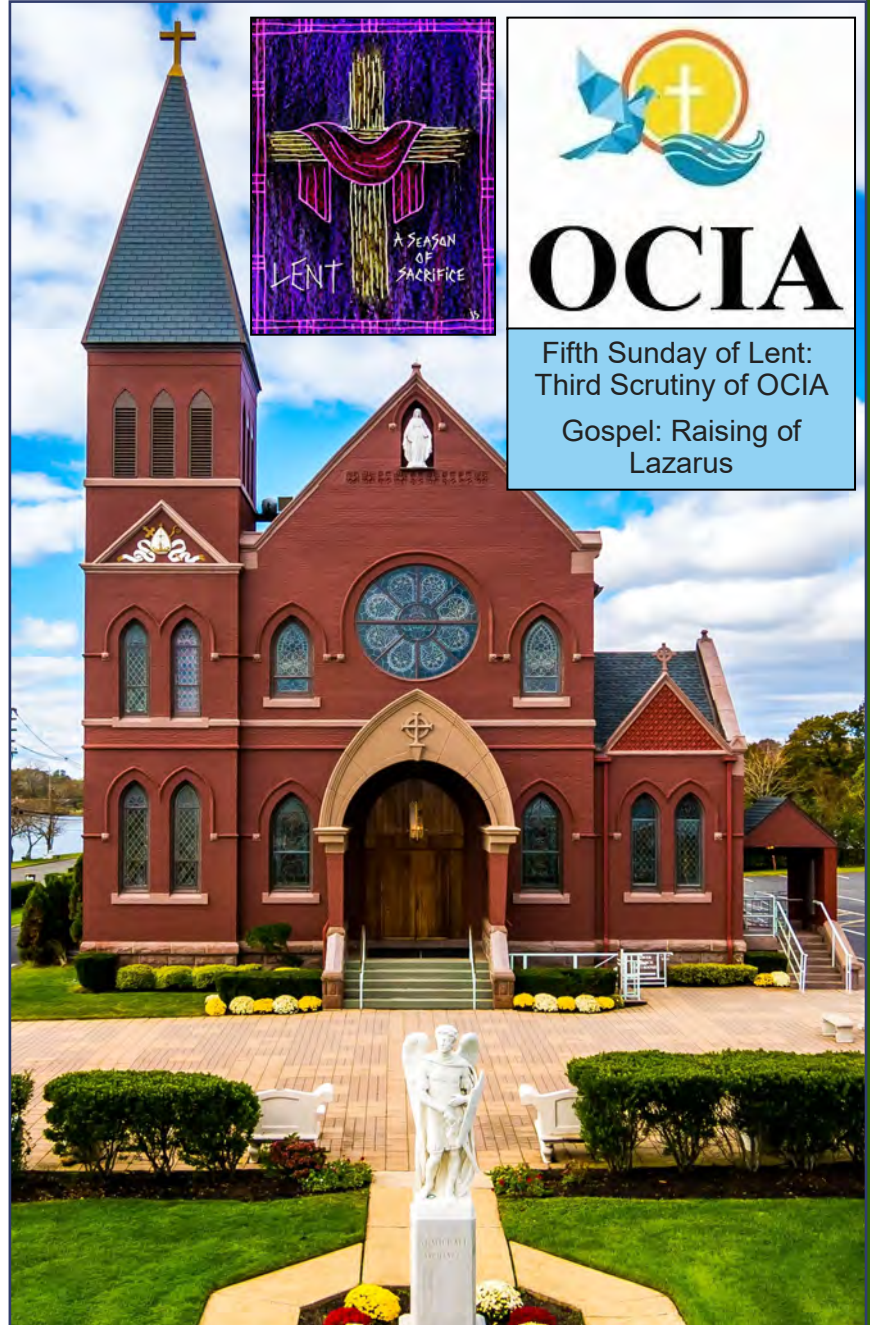
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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
Ph: (732) 483-0360 ext. 2 | Fx: (732) 795-3262

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
732-483-0360 ext. 1

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

4:00 PM † Florence Meola	John & Deborah Perri & Family
† Gregory Surace	Kathy Surace & David Russell
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Douglas McIntyre	Kathryn S. Miller & McIntyre Family
7:00 PM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family
People of the Parish	

Sunday, March 22

7:00 AM † John Coats	SVDP Society
† Tami Vogel	Vogel Family
8:30 AM † Catherine O'Donohue	Daughter & Family
† Tony Bongarzone	Notaro Family
10:00 AM † Bob Dickinson	Linda & Alyssa Sudman
† Susan A. Maley-Eisele	McCrae Family
11:00 AM † Patrick Cahill	
† Dorothy O'Hara	
† Msgr. Sean Flynn	
12:00 PM † Fr. Phil Brady	
† David Michael Dalpiaz	Nancie & Madeline Ambrosino
4:00 PM † Anthony Errico	His Goddaughters
† Maureen Hakim	Garifine Family
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Monday, March 23

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Bill Sumas	Joe & Diane Alessi
7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory	

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 AM † Catherine Haugh	Margaret Clinton
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Wednesday, March 25

8:00 AM † Leigh Ann Basaman	Michaele McKenna & Patty Micale
† David Marks	Francine & Family

Thursday, March 26

8:00 AM † Maureen Hakim	Judy Guido
Special Intention: JoAnn Dorgan	8:00 am Mass Goers and Rosarians



On the Fifth Sunday of Lent it is customary for parishioners and “catechumens” (adults preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism) to witness and participate in the ritual of the “Third Scrutiny” of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (“O.C.I.A.”). This ritual will be celebrated during the 5:30 p.m. Mass this Saturday, March 22.

Friday, March 27

8:00 AM Special Intention: JoAnn Dorgan	8:00 am Mass Goers and Rosarians
12:15 PM † Pope Francis	
5:30 PM † Bishop John M. Smith	

Saturday, March 28

8:00 AM † Robert Graziano	MaryAnn Hausmann
† Rosemary Lloyd	Linda
4:00 PM † Harold Mitchell	Regan & Tony DeBenedetto
† William A. Maslo	Maslo Family
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Ellen Schmale	Granddaughter
7:00 PM † Marilyn Stesner	Filippo Family
People of the Parish	

Sunday, March 29

7:00 AM † Dale Mainberger	Mom
8:30 AM † Susan Eisele	Marian Davey
10:00 AM † Brian McGraw	Carroll Family
† Tony Bongarzone	Niece, Mary Bongarzone
12:00 PM † Rory Mullin	Mullin Family
† Jack Hickey	JoAnn Dorgan
4:00 PM † Dale Mainberger	Mom
† Maureen Ann Hakim	Glen & Theresa Montague
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

HOLY WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE

CHRISM MASS

- **Monday, March 30 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 and many of our weekend visiting priests 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, April 1 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, April 3 at 5:30 PM**

Outdoors (weather permitting) around Lake Takanassee. We will meet and begin and conclude in our Upper Church.

- **Friday, April 3 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 three days and at the times noted above. Confessions will be heard on Holy Thursday morning for 40 minutes by one priest after Morning Prayer until 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer will be 15-20 minutes in length. No Morning Mass on these three days of Holy Week.

HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer**
 - 8:20 AM - 9:00 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**
- No scheduled Confessions on this day.*
- 12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Food Baskets**
- 8:30 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***
- (No 4:00 p.m. Mass. No 7:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.)*

§ *One priest hearing Confessions. The line may be long.*
 # *No scheduled Confessions on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. 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.*

MORNING PRAYER ON April 2, 3, AND 4



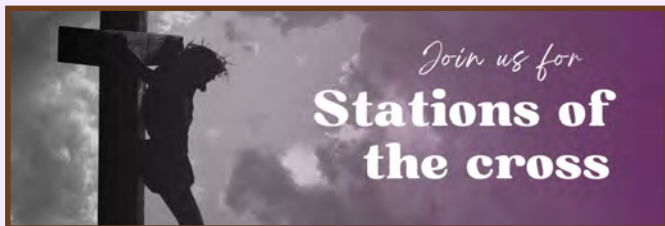
Mass is not celebrated on Holy Thursday (except the Mass of the Lord's Supper that night) nor on Good Friday nor on Holy Saturday (except the Easter Vigil Mass that night). ***We will pray Morning Prayer on those three mornings*** at 8:00 on Holy Thursday, at 8:00 on Good Friday, and at 8:00 on Holy Saturday. ***In addition, Confessions*** will be heard by Fr. John for ***40 minutes on one of those three mornings after Morning Prayer*** on Holy Thursday from 8:20 to 9:00. 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 2026

Our Lenten observances 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.



- Stations of the Cross will be prayed **outdoors at the San Alfonso Retreat House's Prayer Garden** on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1 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 on Page 2 of the February 15 bulletin.

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.

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.




Sunday Mass of St. Patrick in the Gaelic Language

This 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 by the St. Rose High School Pipe Band. 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

40 Days for Life is an internationally and locally coordinated campaign that aims *to end abortion through prayer* and fasting, community outreach, and *public peaceful vigils in front of abortion businesses* such as Planned Parenthood. Each day during **40 Days for Life**, individuals, churches, families, and groups are asked to join together in public prayer so that the entire Body of Christ can unite around our common focus – an end to abortion.

Two groups of St. Michael's parishioners usually meet on the Mondays of **40 Days for Life** (one group at 10:00 a.m. and the other group at 1:00 p.m.) at Planned Parenthood at 69 East Newman Springs Road in Shrewsbury. A few members of the March 9th 1:00 p.m. group are pictured in the photo above. Please consider joining us in prayer for this very important cause.

Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society

St. Michael's Parish Lenten Day of Prayer

San Alfonso Retreat House
755 Ocean Ave, Long Branch, NJ

Members \$50 per person
Non-Members \$60 per person

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Men and Women of the Parish are invited to Join the Members of the Rosary Altar Society for a One Day Retreat this Lent

9:00am Check -in
9:30am Continental Breakfast
10:00am Morning Prayer and Recitation of Rosary
11:00am Conference
12:00pm Lunch, Confession, Free time, Gift Shop
2:30pm Mass

RSVP by March 21 to Sharon Barham
Call or Text 732-539-7145
Checks payable to: St. Michael's Rosary Altar
Mail to: 2 Belle Dr, West Long Branch 07764

This event has been cancelled due to a schedule conflict.

Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

In the Upper Church

A Lenten Conference Entitled
Living a Life of Faith

By Sister Shirlee Tremont
of the Religious Teachers Filippini and
St. Jerome's School.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE MONDAY, MARCH 23



The parish's Lenten Penance Service will be on Monday, March 23 in two sessions (before and after the 7:00 p.m. Mass); from 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Three priests will be available for Confessions from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m.; then a break for the 7:00 p.m. Mass - all penitents are encouraged to remain after the first session to attend that Mass, or to arrive early for the second session in order to attend the 7:00 Mass. Two priests will be available for Confessions during the second session from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.



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

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
and The Rosary Altar Society

EASTER EGG HUNT
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
11:30 AM

FRONT LAWN OF CHURCH
Bags Provided

NO RAIN DATE
If inclement weather
Eggs distributed at
Easter Sunday Masses

FREE Event!

INFO: Rose McVey
Call or Text 201-232-3891

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. ROBERT BELLARMINO

DAY OF ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
A DAY OF DEVOTION AND REVERENCE

- 12 PM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 10 PM BENEDICTION

CONFESSIONS WILL BE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AS WE WORSHIP OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday, March 24th

WWW.STROBERT.CC, 732-462-7429
61 GEORGIA RD, FREEHOLD, NJ



Our Parish is in need of lectors/readers and altar servers for **ALL** of our Masses and especially our Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass, Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mass, Weekday Masses, and from time-to-time for our Funeral Masses. Training will be provided. The rewards are heavenly!

If you can help, please call the parish business office, 732-222-8080.



Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention: “For Disarmament and Peace”

Pope Leo XIV recently released his prayer intention for the month of March, inviting Catholics to pray with him for “disarmament and peace,” and praying that “the nuclear threat may never again dictate the future of humanity.”

By Deborah Castellano Lubov of Vatican News

Pope Leo XIV's monthly prayer intention for March is "for disarmament and peace. The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the [Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network](#). Pope Leo begins his prayer by recalling that the Lord has shaped every human being in His image and likeness and that He created us "for communion, not for war," "for fraternity, not for destruction."

"Today," Pope Leo said, "we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy." He asked the Lord to help us "disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference," so we "may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples."

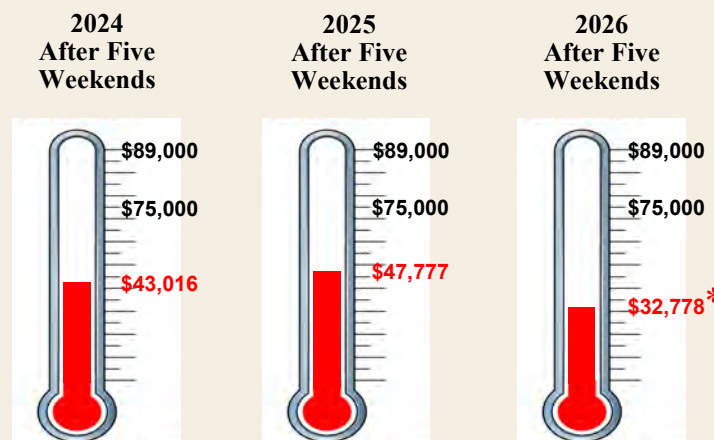
The Pope also prayed the Lord may enlighten the leaders of the nations, "so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center. May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity."

Finally, Pope Leo prayed that every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world. Complete text available at the *Vatican News* website at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-03/pope-s-march-prayer-intention-for-disarmament-and-peace.html#:~:text=%22Today%2C%22%20Pope%20Leo%20said,may%20become%20instruments%20of%20reconciliation.%22>.

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.



Parish Goal = \$89,000



*This \$32,778 figure is approximately 37% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the fifth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of March 13) from 119 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 6% of the 1,972 registered households of the parish. **Thank you!** The Diocese sent a Diocesan-wide mailing during the week of February 12 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.



The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2024 vs. 2025 vs. 2026 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate a good start and that there is work ahead of us. This year’s total after five weekends is

behind the pace of the two previous years. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Together we can do great things!**

save the date

St. Jerome School's
45th Annual Gift Auction
A NIGHT IN NEVERLAND
SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2026

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.

*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!*

2026 LENT MADNESS SAINT vs. SAINT Weekly Results

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



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 **Wednesday, March 25. 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!

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

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites law enforcement personnel of all faiths who live or serve in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties to ...



The Diocese of Trenton's **BLUE MASS** & Luncheon

24th Annual Celebration of Law Enforcement



TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 • 10:30 AM
Principal Celebrant: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMIN CO-CATHEDRAL
 61 GEORGIA ROAD, FREEHOLD

Luncheon donation: \$20 per person • No charge for immediate families
 For information and to order tickets online, go to bluemass.org or scan the QR code
 Questions? Write to dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org
 Mass will be livestreamed on youtube.com/trentondioocese

SPRING SEMINAR SERIES



Living and Dying Well:

Facing the Pastoral & Practical Challenges at Times of Severe Illness and End-of-Life



SEMINAR PRESENTER:
Charles Camosy, PhD.
 Catholic Moral Theologian, Author and Speaker


SESSION #1
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
 9 AM to 12:00 PM •
 8:30 AM arrival
FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS
 St. Anselm, Wayside

SESSION #2
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
 9 AM to 12:00 PM •
 8:30 AM arrival
PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS
 St. Luke, Toms River

SESSION #3
SUNDAY, MAY 17
 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM •
 2:00 pm arrival
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING
 St. Anthony of Padua, Hightstown

Registration Link
 Attendance at all sessions is recommended but not required.

Full Information: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

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.

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



Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, March 24, 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

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,245.00	218 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$549.00	91 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$595.00	59 people

Sunday, March 15, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$797.00	67 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,191.00	146 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,383.00	173 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$2,126.00	162 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,668.00	147 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$877.00	154 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the March 15 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,680.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,111.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,320.00

Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services: \$3,190.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026	Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing
40 Days for Life	February 18– March 29, 2026 (See Page 5 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 4 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 4 for details)
First Communion Confessions	Saturday, March 21, 2026
Sunday Mass of St. Patrick in the Gaelic Language (Fr. Daniel Cahill presiding)	Sunday, March 22, 2026 11:00 a.m. (See Page 5 for details)
Parish Lenten Penance Service	Monday, March 23, 2026 6:00-6:50 p.m. and 7:30-8:15 p.m. (See Page 6 for details)
St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society's Day of Prayer (at San Alfonso Retreat House)	Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (See Page 5 for details)
Confirmation	Thursday, March 26, 2026
Parents Baptism Class	Saturday, March 28, 2026 10:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn of church)	Saturday, March 28, 2026 11:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday	Sunday, March 29, 2026
Easter	Sunday, April 5, 2026
Easter Mass at Sunrise (church courtyard)	Sunday, April 5, 2026 6:00 a.m.
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 2, 2026
May Crowning of Mary	Sunday, May 3, 2026
Second Annual CCD Communion Breakfast	Sunday, May 17, 2026