

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

April 12, 2026 | Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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 Religious Education Office.



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12; Please see Page 3

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 Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and so not be unbelieving, but believe.’”
John 20:27

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11

8:00 AM † Rosemary Lloyd Linda
 People of the Parish
 4:00 PM † Anthony Chiafullo John & Deborah Perri & Family
 † John I. Leahy Mary Anne & Greg Nagy
 5:30 PM Special Intention
 † Angie Albano Agnes & Paul D'Angelo
 † Paul D'Angelo Agnes & Paul D'Angelo
 7:00 PM † Margaret Glynn Vicki & Tom Hoagland
 † John Dorgan Rosary Altar Society

Sunday, April 12

7:00 AM † John Dorgan Jane Farmer
 † Marilyn Boucher Linda
 8:30 AM † Maureen Hakim Connie Castaldo
 † Clara May Burke Marian Davey & Family
 10:00 AM Special Intention: Children's Rosary
 † Janice Tomaine Joanne & Frank Buono
 12:00 PM † Priscilla Thomson Beaton Family
 † Donald Byington Dave & Emily Beaton
 4:00 PM People of the Parish
 7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

Monday, April 13

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico
 † Rita Cittadino Christopher M. Cittadino & Children
 † James Sheridan Family
 7:00 PM † Rev. Albert Ricciardelli

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 AM † Lois Tafro
 † John Coats

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 AM † John Albertson
 † Daniel Julio

Thursday, April 16

8:00 AM † George Christopher Kathi West
 † Emilia & Julius Simonelli Family

Friday, April 17

8:00 AM † Louis Vincelli Tricia Vincelli
 † Rosemary Lloyd Linda
 † Ed Thayer, Sr. Thayer Family

Saturday, April 18

8:00 AM † Jay Filippo Filippo Family
 Special Intention: JoAnn Dorgan 8:00 a.m. Mass Goers and Rosarians
 4:00 PM † Marie Jeffries Phyllis Thomson
 † Maureen Hakim Tara & Dominic Lusardi
 5:30 PM Special Intention
 † Louis, Rose & Delta Albano Agnes & Paul D'Angelo
 7:00 PM † Kevin McQuillan Larry Desmond
 People of the Parish

Sunday, April 19

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin Theresa
 † Marilyn Boucher Linda
 8:30 AM † John Dorgan Emily Carroll
 † Judith Jones Debbie Crapenzano & Robert Scannelli
 10:00 AM † Noel Vassallo Vassallo Family
 † Rita Tortora Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Principe
 12:00 PM Special Intention: Unborn Children Mullin Family
 † Bernice Mullin Mullin Family
 4:00 PM † Rosemary Lloyd Mary & Joe
 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 and for the Pro-Life cause.



Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on Sunday, April 12 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

This Rosary will be prayed outdoors (weather permitting) at the Gazebo Rose Garden in order to make the church available for the Divine Mercy devotion.

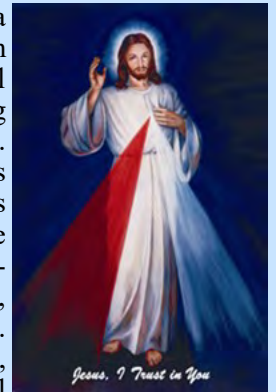
Copies of *The Little White Book* for the Easter Season 2026 (49 six-minute daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels of the Easter Season from Cycle A) are available in the back of the church. Please help yourself to one! And please give one to a friend!

These booklets are free of charge and are inspiring and motivating. On nearly every page they remind us and encourage us to:

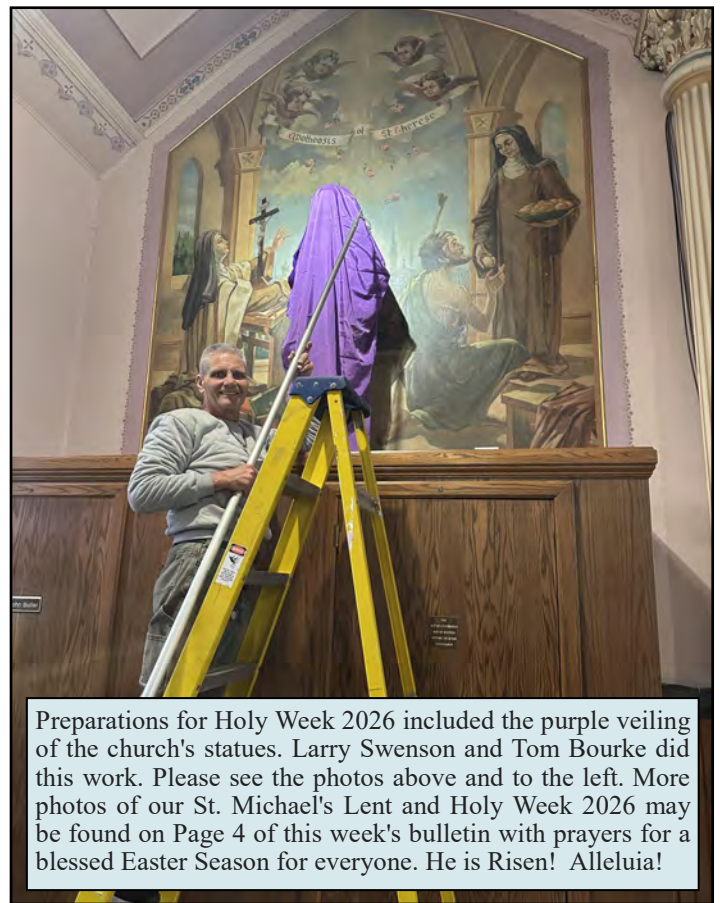
"Spend some quiet time with the Lord."

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12, 2026

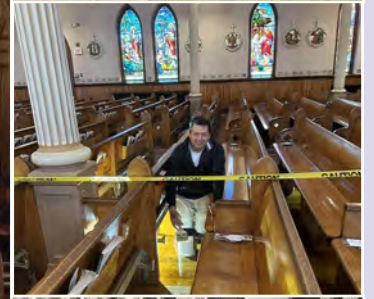
From the diary of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun, "Divine Mercy" is a special devotion that began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition ~ that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. With the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone. The Lord revealed to Sister Faustina a powerful prayer which He wanted everyone to pray ~THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY ~ and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it.



Join us on Sunday, April 12 at 10:45 a.m. at St. Michael's Church for the praying of this special devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday. Confessions will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Msgr. Carroll and Fr. Janvier will be hearing these Confessions.



Preparations for Holy Week 2026 included the purple veiling of the church's statues. Larry Swenson and Tom Bourke did this work. Please see the photos above and to the left. More photos of our St. Michael's Lent and Holy Week 2026 may be found on Page 4 of this week's bulletin with prayers for a blessed Easter Season for everyone. He is Risen! Alleluia!



March & Lent
April & Holy Week
2026



**St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society
2026
LENT MADNESS
SAINT VS. SAINT**

BRACKET CHALLENGE WINNER



Congratulations Brian!

*"Bracket Sheet Point Scores
Available in the Rear of the Church*

Info: Call or Text Rose McVey, 201-232-3891

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 12:28**

**All sessions will be held in the
St. Michael's Lower Church**

Thursdays April 16 through May 28

**Morning Session: 9:00 am -10:30 am
Evening Session: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Please call Rene and Jack at
732-222-3164 to reserve a seat
and a study guide.**

Sensory Friendly Masses



**April 26 | 2 p.m.
St. Rose Belmar**

**May 31 | 2 p.m.
Holy Innocents Neptune**

**June 14 | 2 p.m.
St. Benedict Holmdel**

Fellowship and refreshments to follow. These services are inclusive to the **Special Needs Community.**

For more information, please contact NorMonHIS@gmail.com



The Society of St. Cecilia
at the
Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
presents

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN'S

*Mass in Time of War
&
Symphony No 92 in G Major*

performed by
the Oratory Choir of St. Anthony of Padua,
the Diocesan Festival Choir
& the Orchestra of St. Cecilia

**Friday, April 24, 2026
at 7:30 PM**

ADMISSION
A FREE WILL OFFERING

For further information contact the
Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
27 Oratory Way, Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732-747-0813 web.stanthonysofredbank.net



Easter 2026 Collection

The tallying of the Easter collection is a work in progress at this time since cash and checks earmarked for Easter continue to come in after Easter Sunday through the mail and drop-offs at the parish office. We'll publish the amount of the Easter collection and attendance in the April 19 bulletin. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and financial support of the parish.

Parishioners and parish staff are invited to attend a one-day conference on mental health entitled: **“From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church.”** The conference will take place on Saturday, **May 2, 2026**, from 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM at the **Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, NJ.** The conference is an opportunity for individuals to learn more about the mental health crisis and how they can accompany individuals and families affected by mental health challenges in our parish and community. For more information and registration, please visit www.njconf.com



BINGO NIGHT – Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – Father McGivney Council #6392
Join Us For a FUN-Filled Evening!
FRIDAY, APRIL 24th
7PM TO 11PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6PM)
Saint Leo the Great AAC (Gym)
Hurleys Lane, Lincroft.

SUPER Jackpot ~ \$500
(depending on number of people in attendance)

8 Regular Games: (4 Boards per Game) Plus Super Game: (3 Boards), Free Dabber - \$25.00 per Package. Game boards distributed at time of check-in. Additional boards available for purchase.

Must be 18 years or older to play. All Participants Should Bring Food and Refreshments. Sign up at <https://stleothegreat.com/bingo>

ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES Wednesday, April 22nd AT 3:00 P.M. After that time, you may pay at the door.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026	Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing
Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday, April 12, 2026 (See Page 3 for details)
Children's Rosary	Sunday, April 12, 2026 (after the 10:00 a.m. Mass) (See Page 3 for details)
Spring Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew	Begins Thursday, April 16, 2026 (See Page 5 for details)
Called By Name Vocations Campaign	April 18-19, 2026 All Masses
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 2, 2026 10:00 a.m.
May Crowning of Mary	Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 10, 2026
Second Annual CCD Communion Breakfast	Sunday, May 17, 2026



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.

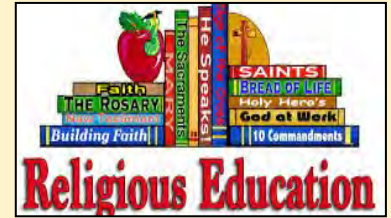
Contact your pastor or parish priest for more information and to get assistance with the referral.



Diocese of Trenton

Notes & Reminders from the D.R.E.:

- First Holy Communion: May 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- Crowning of Mary: Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- CCD classes continue through and including April 28 except no classes on Tuesday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 7 for the Easter Recess.



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, April 21, 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.

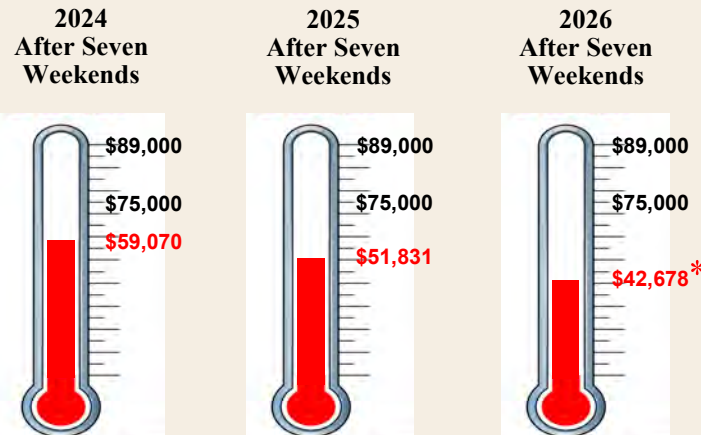


For more information and to make a reservation call Peter at 732-801-6886

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 \$42,678 figure is approximately **48%** of our parish goal. It was received through and including the seventh weekend of the campaign (tallied as of March 27) from 151 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately **7.6%** 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 seven 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!**