

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter

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

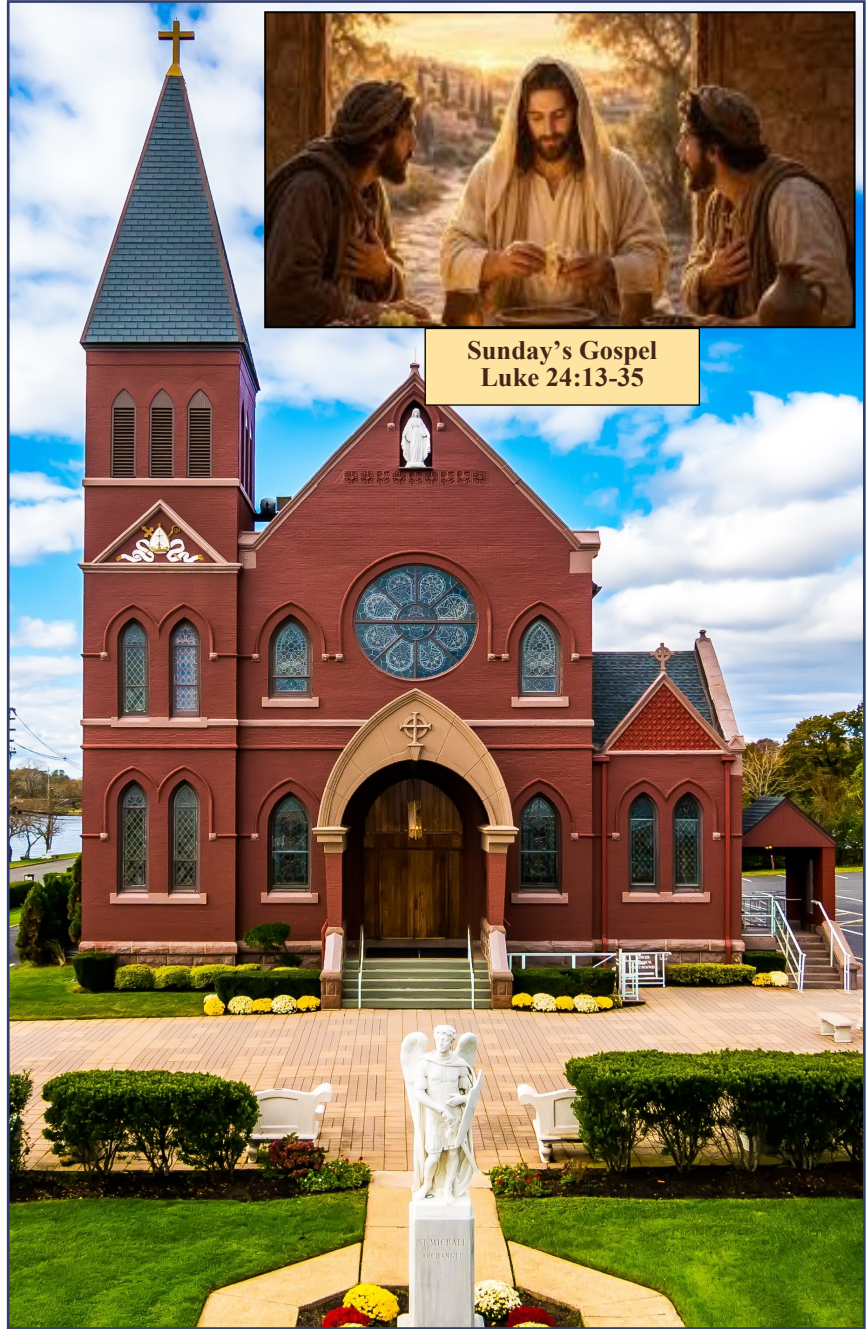
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



Sunday's Gospel
Luke 24:13-35

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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 19, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 19

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin † Marilyn Boucher	Theresa Linda
8:30 AM † John Dorgan † Judith Jones	Emily Carroll Debbie Crapenzano & Robert Scannelli
10:00 AM † Noel Vassallo † Rita Tortora	Vassallo Family Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Principe
12:00 PM Special Intention: Unborn Children † Bernice Mullin	Mullin Family Mullin Family
4:00 PM † Rosemary Lloyd † Miriam R. Bonforte	Mary & Joe Nicholas & Deborah Migliaccio
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Monday, April 20

8:00 AM † George Hoffman Pro-Life Cause	Hoffman Family Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM Dulce & Freddie Arce (30th Wedding Anniv.)	

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 AM † Sylvia Marsico † Michael Esposito † Pope Francis (First Anniv.)	JoAnn Grandchildren
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Wednesday, April 22

8:00 AM † Thomas McKenna † Frank Clementi	Michaele McKenna Gloria & Family
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Thursday, April 23

8:00 AM † James Simonelli † Louis Vincelli	Rosanna, Jenna, & Cara Tricia Vincelli
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Friday, April 24

8:00 AM † Nicole Margiloff † Leigh Ann Basaman	Margiloff Family Michaele McKenna & Patty Micale
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Saturday, April 25

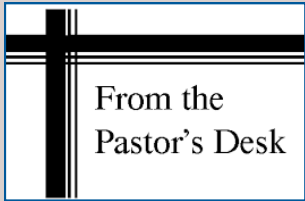
8:00 AM † Jay Filippo Special Intention: Mimi Paolise	Filippo Family Linda
4:00 PM † Josephine Perri † Patsy Delehanty	John & Deborah Perri & Family Delehanty Family
5:30 PM † Mary Lu Pingitore † Frank Vasfailo III Special Intention	Pingitore Family Mom & Dad
7:00 PM † Patrick Farmer People of the Parish	Jane, Peter, & Katie

Sunday, April 26

7:00 AM † Fr. Phil Brady Jo Ann Dorgan "Good Health"	Mary Jensen
8:30 AM Special Intention: Jason & Kathryn Petrick † Clarice Viggiano	Viggiano Family
10:00 AM † Regina Principe † Paul Grosse	Loving Children Joseph & Anne Marie Maslo Family
12:00 PM † Margaret (Maggie) Richard † Ann Marie Fox	Dunlap Family Bill Mizerak
4:00 PM † John Dorgan † Maureen Hakim	Sharon & Nick Fornarotto Rene & Jack Brignola
7:00 PM † Genevieve & Nicholas Picca People of the Parish	Jean Rant

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Nicole Margiloff, requested by the Margiloff Family.

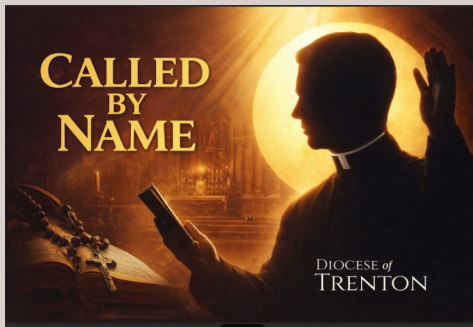




Dear Parishioners:

Beginning next weekend and continuing during the following three weeks throughout our Diocese and here at St. Michael's, the Diocese and your parish priests will be introducing and implementing with your help a vocations awareness and promotion program known as "***Called By Name***". Called By Name (CBN) is a campaign that seeks to identify men 16 years of age or older and invite them to consider a vocation and career as a priest. At the heart of this program is the belief that ***ALL of us share a common calling through Baptism*** to which we are invited in a variety of ways – marriage, single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministry – and that ***ALL of us share a common responsibility to support the Church of today and the Church of the future by actively participating in helping to develop and sustain vocations to the priesthood.*** The Called By Name process focuses on priesthood and stresses ***the role of the entire Christian parish community*** in calling forth men to consider this vocation.

The Diocese and all the parishes and we here at St. Michael's have "done" Called By Name before (in fact twice in recent years); and with success. It needs to be done again; and with success. Our Diocese of Trenton ***currently has 10 men in the seminary*** studying and preparing for the priesthood. Seventeen years ago when I entered the seminary there were ***36 men*** studying for our Trenton diocesan presbyterate. Seven years ago when we undertook Called By Name for the first time (CBN #1) our Diocese had ***14 men*** preparing for priesthood. The numbers are not – and have not been time both here (***36-to-14-to-10***) and has approximately 140 diocesan in the parishes, schools, hospitals, Mercer, and Burlington Counties Diocese) which is down from 160 in most recent forward-looking fore-the 2019 CBN #1 campaign) antici-(due to retirements, deaths, illness, down to approximately 100 active current trends continue. Sadly, the that forecast. But there is hope and part of the plan.



– going in a good direction for some elsewhere. Our Diocese currently priests in active ministry and service Chancery, etc. of Monmouth, Ocean, (the four counties that comprise our 2019 at the time of CBN #1. The cast (undertaken back at the time of pated that ten years later by 2029 etc. among our priests) we will be duty diocesan priests in ministry if trend line appears to be validating a plan. And CBN #3 and you are

The ***situation is serious*** and the time for ***all of us*** to respond to it is ***now***...frankly ***the time for all of us to respond began a long time ago***. The good news is that there ***is*** that plan as mentioned above and there ***is*** sound reason for hope...***for hope combined with ACTION and with PRAYER.***

Parishioners throughout our Diocese will be encouraged by means of Called By Name to ***consider who in your midst might serve well as a priest*** and to ***submit the names of those men*** (along with contact information) during the weekend Masses of the next few weeks. There are many good priests of the future "out there" who are simply waiting to be asked ***or who need your help*** (along with the help of the Holy Spirit) in order to take the first step of vocation discernment! ***YOU*** can be that helping hand of the Holy Spirit! All it takes is ***some thought and prayer by you*** and then jotting down and submitting a name and a phone number or email address. The Bishop's Vocations Office will take the ball and run with it. If even only one parishioner at each of our 97 parishes submitted even only one name and number, the Vocations Office would have a treasure trove of potential seminarian to reach out to! And since many will ask me, you can be assured that ***anonymous submissions are OK***.

Further details about "how the process works" will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. The Called By Name program is an ambitious undertaking which holds great promise for the Diocese of Trenton. It remains ***vitaly important that all of us actively support and promote a future generation of priests to serve a growing Church hungering for Christ in the Eucharist.***

With prayers and gratitude,

Rev. John K. Butler
Pastor

Mother's Day Card Sale

Benefiting St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society

As a Special Gift recipients will be Remembered at the Mother's Day Mass Celebrated at St. Michael's Church Sunday, May 10th, 12pm

**\$10 each, Cash or Check
Payable: St. Michaels Rosary Altar**

Available after Masses
Sat-Sun | Sat-Sun
4/25-4/26 | 5/2-5/3



*Artwork and Design
by Parishioner
Theresa J. Trocchia*

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



Congratulations
Dulce & Freddie

30 Years of
Marriage

St. Michael's parishioners Dulce and Freddie Arce are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this week. They were married here at St. Michael's on April 20, 1996. Their marriage will be blessed during this Monday's 7:00 p.m. Mass. Congratulations! And ad multos annos!



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.

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.

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



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.

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



God Bless
Fr. Angelito

45 Years of
Priesthood

Fr. Angelito Anarcon, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Farmingdale and who regularly celebrates our Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mass, celebrated last week his 45th anniversary of ordination. Ad multos annos!

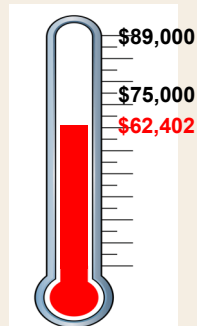


Each of us has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ’s name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up *our* Church. *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.

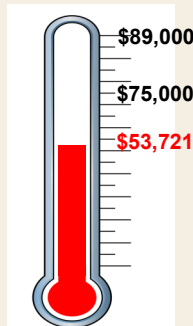
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

Parish Goal = \$89,000

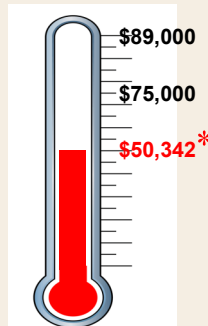
2024
After Nine
Weekends



2025
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*This \$50,342 figure is approximately 57% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the ninth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of April 10) from 170 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 8.6% 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 nine weekends is behind the pace of the two previous years; closing in on 2025. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Together we can do great things!**

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Second Collection Next Weekend April 25 and 26 for Catholic Home Missions

Next weekend we will have a Second Collection Catholic Home Missions. Over 40% of dioceses in the US are considered mission territory because they cannot fund essential pastoral work. Your support provides basic pastoral services, religious education, and seminary formation. Please be generous. Learn more at www.usccb.org/home-missions.





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

You're invited to join us!

Communion Breakfast St. Michael's Church



 **Sunday, May 17, 2026**
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM EDT

 800 Ocean Avenue North,
Long Branch, NJ 07740



Join us for our second annual communion breakfast event celebrating the rich heritage of Catholics in America and their contributions to the founding and development of the nation.

Please RSVP by 5/10
Scan QR Code to RSVP



This gathering will take place in the lower church.
We look forward to celebrating together!

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



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, April 4, 2026

8:30 PM Mass \$3,439.00 191 people

Sunday, April 5, 2026

6:00 AM Mass \$3,120.00 126 people

7:00 AM Mass \$8,492.00 187 people

8:30 AM Mass \$11,949.00 369 people

10:00 AM Mass \$7,449.00 433 people

12:00 PM Mass \$7,706.00 462 people

5:00 PM Mass \$882.00 154 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the April 5 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$5,630.00**

Easter Collection: 2026: \$50,852.00

Easter Collection: 2025: \$48,639.00

Easter Collection: 2024: \$47,338.00

Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: 1,774.00

Good Friday: For the Holy Land: \$2,843.00

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 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, April 11, 2026

4:00 PM Mass \$2,308.00 224 people

5:30 PM Mass \$667.00 97 people

7:00 PM Mass \$1,081.00 61 people

Sunday, April 12, 2026

7:00 AM Mass \$822.00 78 people

8:30 AM Mass \$1,758.00 139 people

10:00 AM Mass \$1,672.00 182 people

12:00 PM Mass \$1,831.00 173 people

4:00 PM Mass \$1,565.00 146 people

7:00 PM Mass \$1,112.00 151 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the April 12 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,348.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,164.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,645.00

Aid For The Hearing Impaired

We offer the use of radio aids during Mass upon request. The device is tuned to the sound system in the church so that those who have a hearing deficit might hear more clearly. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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."

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026 Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing

Spring Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew Commenced April 16, 2026
(See Page 4 for details)

Called By Name April 18-19, 2026
Vocations Campaign 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 Sunday, May 17, 2026
Communion Breakfast (See Page 6 for details)