

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

April 26, 2026 | Fourth 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

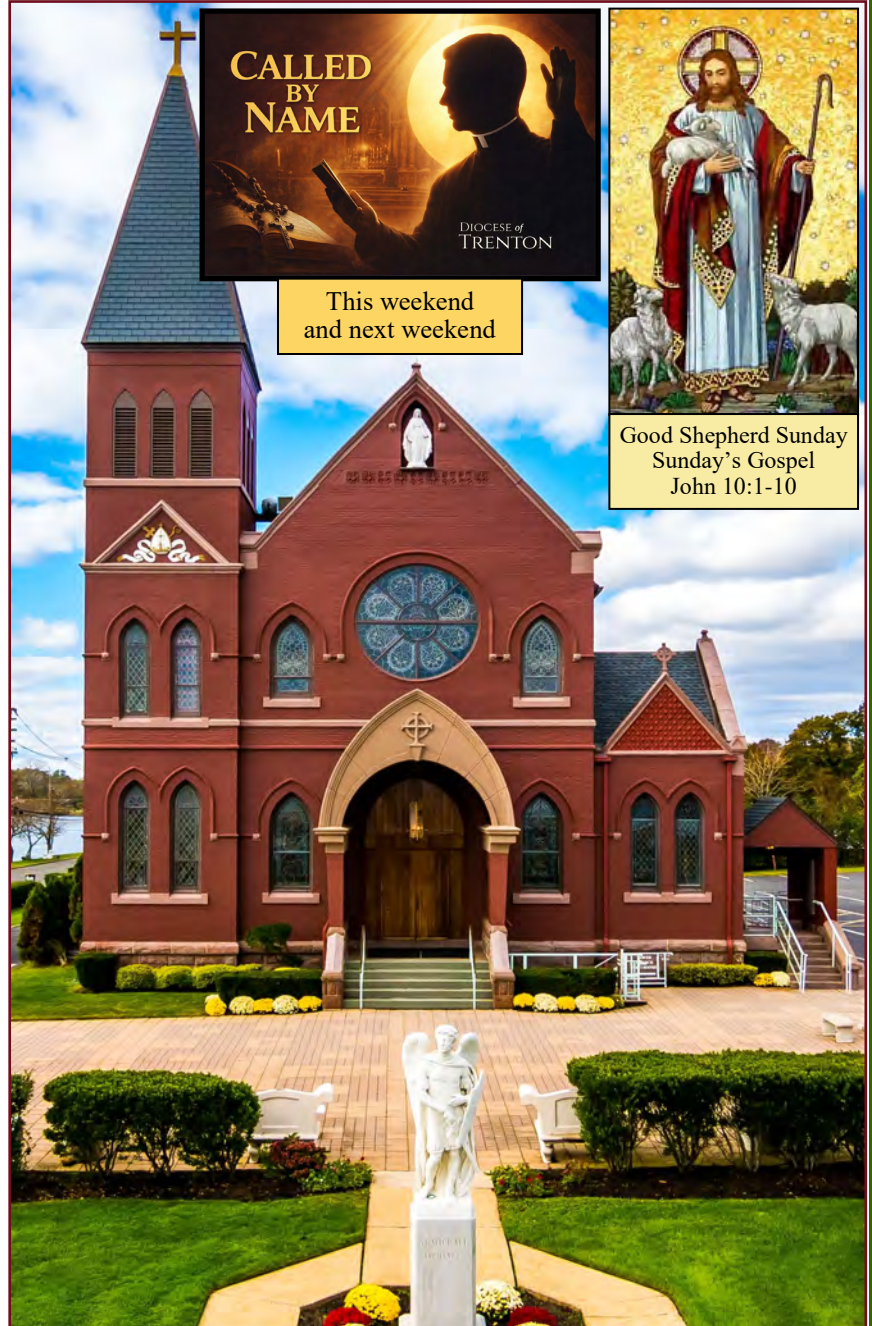
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



CALLED
BY
NAME

DIocese of
TRENTON

This weekend
and next weekend



Good Shepherd Sunday
Sunday's Gospel
John 10:1-10

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

*“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”
John 10:2-3*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

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

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	Loving Children Joseph & Anne Marie
† Paul Grosse	Maslo Family
12:00 PM † Margaret (Maggie) Richard	Dunlap Family
† Ann Marie Fox	Bill Mizerak
4:00 PM † John Dorgan	Sharon & Nick Fornarotto
† Maureen Hakim	Rene & Jack Brignola
7:00 PM † Genevieve & Nicholas Picca	Jean Rant
People of the Parish	

Monday, April 27

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Louis Vincelli	Tricia Vincelli
7:00 PM Special Intention: Mimi Paolise	Renee Mazza
Special Intention: JoAnn Dorgan	Renee Mazza

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 AM † Robert T. Clinton	Karen VanCott
† Catherine Cammarano	

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 AM † Nicole Lynardakis
† Rosemary Lloyd

Thursday, April 30

8:00 AM † Cecilia Schmidt-Madden	Children
† Jay Filippo	Filippo Family

Friday, May 1

8:00 AM † John Dorgan	Russo Family
† Rosemary Lloyd	Linda
12:15 pm † Fr. Donald E. Blumenfeld	
5:30 PM † Fr. Donald E. Blumenfeld	

Saturday, May 2

8:00 AM † Nicole Theresa Moore	Mom
† Brian McAndrew	Donna Schwartz
4:00 PM † James Vacchiano	Vinnie
† Regina Principe	Eileen & Steve McGovern
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Stephanie Mitkowski	Barbara & Ed Moskal
7:00 PM † Grace Tho	Aida David
People of the Parish	

Sunday, May 3

7:00 AM † Marilyn Boucher	Linda
† John D. Dorgan	MaryAnn Hausmann
8:30 AM † Maureen Hakim	Courtney Pollack
† Rosemary Lloyd	Rene & Jack Brignola
10:00 AM † Dr. Reginald Farrar	Mary & Catherine Farrar
† Gloria Brucker	Mary & Catherine Farrar
12:00 PM † Marie Jeffries	Jane Carroll
† Joseph Bellino	Rene & Jack Brignola
4:00 PM † Brian McAndrew	Rosary Altar Society
7:00 PM People of the Parish	



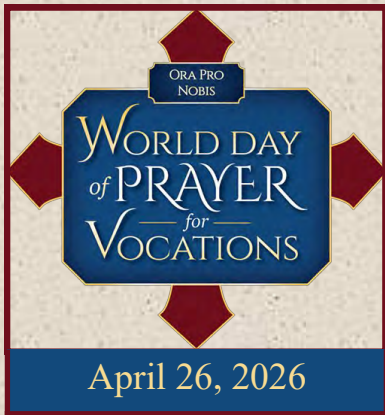
CALLED BY NAME
 This Weekend at St. Michael's
 And Throughout the Diocese of Trenton

(additional information is on Page 5 and
 on the reply cards in the pews)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Diocese of Trenton has been blessed with hundreds of wonderful priests throughout the last two centuries. To continue these blessings, I am announcing a **Called By Name** campaign for this weekend, **April 25 & 26**. *Fittingly, that weekend is also Good Shepherd Weekend.*

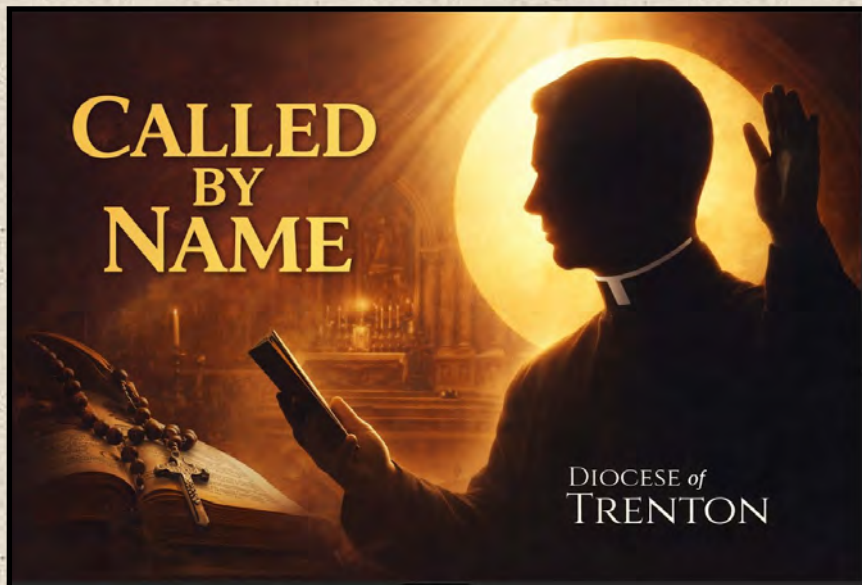


As your Bishop, I am asking you to prayerfully reflect on anyone that you may have encountered in the parish, at home, or even yourself, who you think may have a vocational call to the priesthood. Throughout the Diocese this weekend, our priests will be preaching on vocations and the call to the priesthood. Cards will be distributed throughout the pews and churches which will enable you to nominate or recommend a young man, with his contact information, whom you think might be called to the priesthood. Completed cards may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at or mailed to the parish office.

After gathering all the submitted names and contact information, the Vocations Office will reach out to them and invite them to a special day of prayer and reflection on June 12, the Solemn Feast of the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, to open their hearts and minds to God's potential call to the priesthood. This initiative is near and dear to my own heart. While I was President of Catholic University, this campaign proved to be effective in leading many young men to enter the seminary and eventually to be ordained. I invite you to prayerfully participate in this holy effort.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
 Bishop of Trenton



Welcome Mary into your Home for a Week
Spend a week in Prayer. Experience Her Grace, Peace,
and a Deeper Unity in your home.

TRAVELING MARY



For a Special Celebration, Comfort in Difficult Times, In Thanksgiving, or Just because you Love Her



Reserve your week today!
Reservation Book in the Rear of the Church

Beautiful 10" Our Lady of the Rosary Statue comes in carry case with other sacramentals for a prayerful visit with Our Blessed Mother. All Blessed by Rev. John Butler, Pastor Pray the Rosary, Meditate the Mysteries Please respectfully handle with care and reverence

Sponsored by the St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society

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 4/25-4/26 | Sat-Sun 5/2-5/3




Artwork and Design by Parishioner Theresa J. Trocchia


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

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.

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

Please RSVP by 5/10
Scan QR Code to RSVP



Congratulations
2026-28 Officers

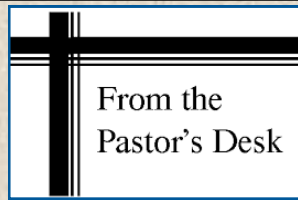
*St. Michael's
Rosary Altar Society*

President, Rose McVey
Secretary, Pam Russo
Treasurer, JoAnn Sorrentino

Installation of New Officers
at the May Crowning
Sunday, May 3rd, 10 AM

*Mary Queen of Peace
Pray for Us*

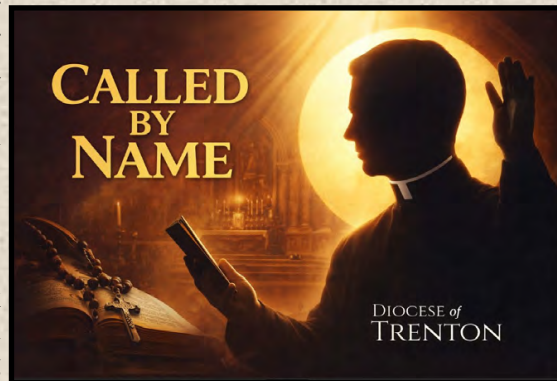
Special Recognition and Appreciation to outgoing President and Treasurer, Sharon Barham, for her Service, Hardwork, and Commitment during her 12 years as a Rosarian Officer. Your dedication and leadership are an inspiration and we are most grateful.



Dear Parishioners:

Beginning this weekend and continuing through May 3 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 before 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 – and have not been – going in a here (***36-to-14-to-10***) and else-approximately 140 diocesan vice in the parishes (97 at precery, etc. of Monmouth, Ocean, (the four counties that comprise 160 in 2019 at the time of CBN looking forecast (undertaken back campaign) anticipated that ten ments, deaths, illness, etc. among approximately 100 active duty current trends continue. Sadly, the trend line appears to be validating that forecast. But there is hope and a plan. And CBN #3 and you are part of the plan.



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 in Bishop O'Connell's letter on Page 3 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 this weekend's and next weekend's Masses. 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 one phone number, the Vocations Office would have a treasure trove of potential seminarians 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" are in the Bishop's letter. 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

Upcoming Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults Across the Diocese of Trenton



Service & Social



- MEET OTHER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- HANG OUT AND HAVE LUNCH

JUNE 6, 2026
9AM - 2PM

PROUDLY SERVING WITH
VINCENT'S LEGACY



New Jersey CATHOLIC Youth RALLY at Six Flags

MAY 17, 2026

¡ABIERTO A TODOS LOS JÓVENES Y FAMILIARES!

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH & FAMILIES!





INFO Y BOLETOS
INFO & TICKETS



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DIOCESE OF TRENTON HOSTS THE MASS THIS YEAR!


World Youth Day SNEAK PEEK


April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm EST

Discover more about World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul!
Join Verso Ministries and the Dioceses of Paterson, Metuchen, and Trenton for a preview session on Zoom to walk through the itinerary and ask questions about this exciting trip.



Scan to Register





There will be a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on April 30.* The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!

First Friday Mass *In English* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on May 1

First Friday Mass *in English* will be celebrated on May 1 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the morning on Friday, May 1 from the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 12:00 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1 with Confessions following that 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.



Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on Sunday, May 10 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


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

Year	Amount
2024 After Ten Weekends	\$64,602
2025 After Ten Weekends	\$55,211
2026 After Ten Weekends	\$53,500*

*This \$53,500 figure is approximately 60% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the tenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of April 17) from 181 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 9.1% 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 ten 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**

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.**

Second Collection *This* Weekend April 25 and 26 for Catholic Home Missions

This weekend we will have a Second Collection for the Catholic Home Missions. Over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. 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.

FORMED is available for St. Michael's parishioners. St. Michael's is paying the annual fee so that all of our parishioners may have access to FORMED.

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Forming Catholics for *Life*.



Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet-connected device. Discover small group Bible studies, inspiring children's shows, sacramental preparation resources, family-friendly movies, and more! There is something for every member of the family and your Catholic community to help them grow closer to Jesus Christ and his Church.



Registering on FORMED is easier than ever!

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish
3. Enter your name and email



Happy Anniversary!

Dulce and Freddie Arce celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with family members and Fr. John at this past Monday's 7:00 p.m. Mass together with a special blessing and prayers. Their daughter Olivia was the altar server at her parents' anniversary Mass. Dulce and Freddie were married exactly 30 years ago here at St. Michael's – Fr. Weiser presiding. Congratulations and God bless!



The St. Vincent dePaul Society's team of cheerful and hard-working volunteers (of all ages and sizes!) gathered last week for the monthly "Third Friday" unloading of the food bank delivery truck and preparation of over 100 shopping bags filled with food and groceries and returned the next day for the "Third Saturday" distribution of the groceries to the needy which is based out of our Lower Church. Thank you to the St. Vincent dePaul Society for all that you do!



Join Us in Prayer for Peace

Father Javier Diaz invites you to a

TRILINGUAL ROSARY FOR PEACE

In Union with Catholics Worldwide

Thursday, May 21st at 7:30 PM

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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

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.

PROMISE TO PROTECT
PLEDGE TO HEAL

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.

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, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

Little White Books

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.”

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, April 18, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,214.00	202 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$528.00	104 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$563.00	71 people

Sunday, April 19, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,195.00	73 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,722.00	136 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,392.00	139 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$2,115.00	158 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,222.00	157 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$905.00	144 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the April 19 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,070.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,926.00
Same Week's Total Last Year: \$16,463.00

Mental Health Conference

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

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
Called By Name	Weekends of April 25-26 and May 2-3 (See Pages 3 and 5 for details)
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, April 30, 2026 7:00 p.m.
First Friday	Friday, May 1, 2026 (12:15 Mass in English, Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 Mass until 12:00 Noon, Mass at 5:30 p.m., Confessions 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.)
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 2, 2026 10:00 a.m.
May Crowning of Mary	Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Children's Rosary	Sunday, May 10, 2026 (after the 10:00 a.m. Mass)
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 10, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord	Sunday, May 17, 2026
Second Annual CCD Communion Breakfast	Sunday, May 17, 2026 (See Page 4 for details)
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday, May 24, 2026
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2026