

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

May 31, 2026 | *The Most Holy Trinity*

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

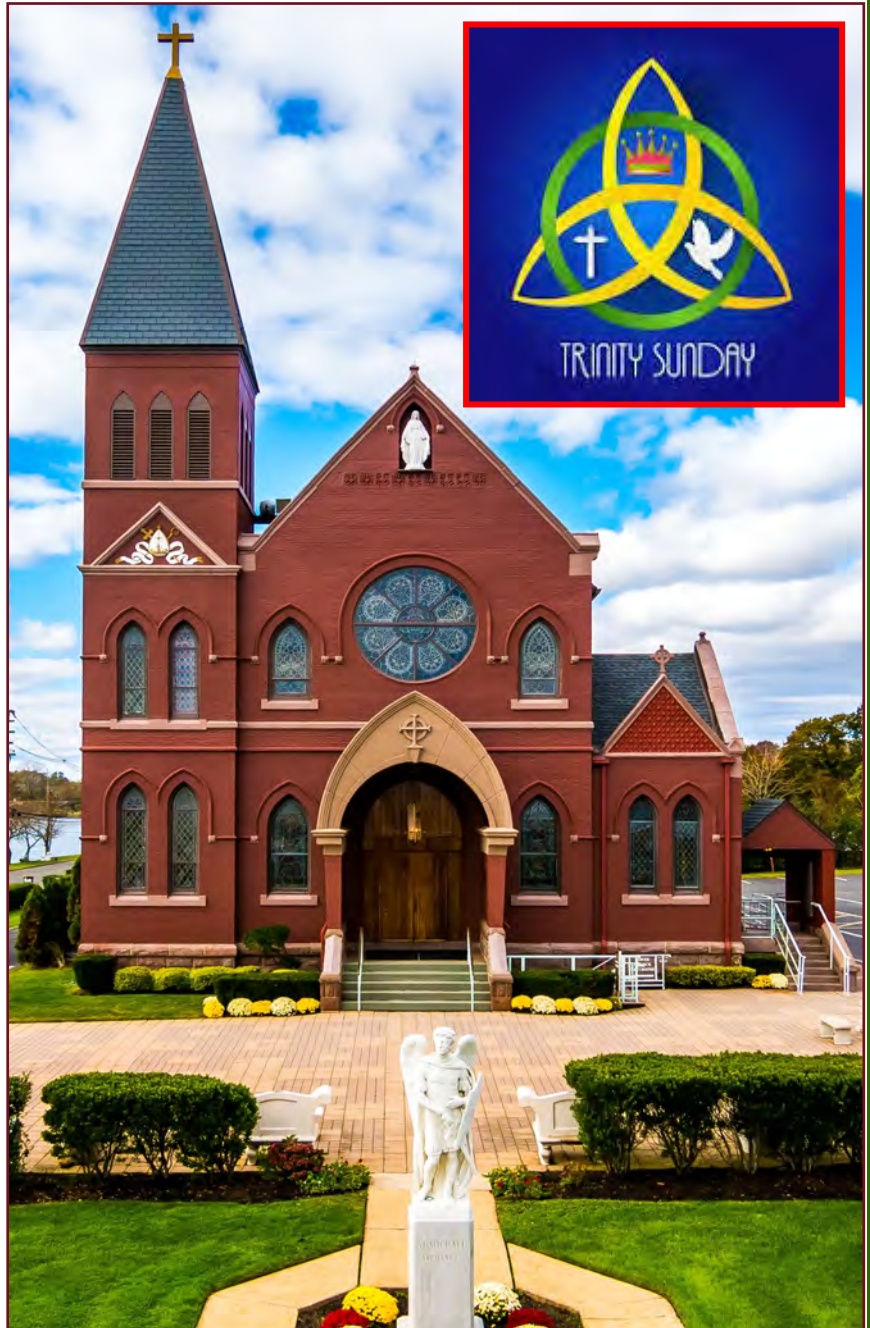
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



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
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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16-17

Saturday, May 30

8:00 AM † Rosemary Lloyd	Mary Ann Hausmann
† Estelle Nastasi	Children
4:00 PM † Maureen Hakim	Kim & Barry Pollack
† Paul Caliendo	Rosemary Finnegan
† Carol Cero	Husband Richard
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Maureen Costagliola	Joe & Susie Rinaldi
7:00 PM † Nicholas Fornarotto	Bianca Kellam
People of the Parish	

Sunday, May 31

7:00 AM † George Cattelona	Sister
† Michael Esposito	Grandchildren
8:30 AM † Brian McAndrew	Rene & Jack Brignola
† Patricia Wood	Sudman Family
10:00 AM † Josephine D'Apolito	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Corrine Sosnowski	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Walter E. Pienkowski	His Loving Family
12:00 PM † Louis Mullin	Family
† Cindy Van Brunt May	Rick & Carol Ferrante
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
Msgr. John Carroll 60th Anniv. of Ordination	
7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory	
† William Thomson, III	Family

Monday, June 1

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Catherine O'Donohue	Daughter & Family
7:00 PM † Ethel Delaney	Family
† Michael Esposito	Family

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 AM † Grace Tho	Aida David
† Mary Ann Smith	Gerry & Maria Caffrey & Anna Smith

Wednesday, June 3

8:00 AM † Nancy Baggs	Clair Murphy & Steve Buday
† Jay Russo	Aunt

Thursday, June 4

8:00 AM † Joseph Conte (7 years)	Wife
† Katharine Heimbold	J. E. Boehles

Friday, June 5

8:00 AM † Natalie Easu	Daughters
† Clarice Viggiano	Viggiano Family
12:15 PM † Tracy Madonia	Joe Lynam
† Nadine Carroll	Family

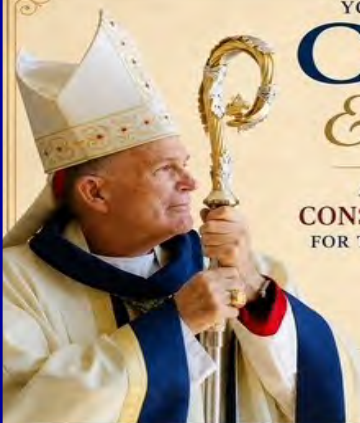

Saturday, June 6


8:00 AM † Nancy Farley	People of the Parish
4:00 PM † Robert Breeden	Breeden Family
† Maureen Hakim	Jackie & Leroy Garifine
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Angelo Pucci	Mr & Mrs Joseph Principe
7:00 PM † Joseph P. Vassallie	Monteleone Family
† Maria Conceicao Vieira	Julio & Angela Pereira
† Maria & Jose Ribeiro	Julio & Angela Pereira


Sunday, June 7

7:00 AM † Nicholas Cattelona	Family
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	
8:30 AM † James Simonelli	All my love, Rosanna
† Charlotte DeVita	Family
10:00 AM † Madiline DiGiovanni	Mary & Catherine Farrar
† Noel Vassallo	Vassallo Family
12:00 PM † Gertrude Mullin	Family
† Fr. Albert Ricciardelli	
4:00 PM † William A. Schmidt (7th Anniversary)	Wife & Children
† Michael Esposito	Family
7:00 PM † Stephen O'Connell	Jim & Laura Cahill
People of the Parish	


YOU ARE INVITED TO
COME & SEE
 AN INVITATION TO
CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD
 FOR THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

 <p>5:00 PM HOLY HOUR Adoration, prayer, and time before the Blessed Sacrament.</p>	<p>6:00 PM MASS Principal Celebrant and Homilist BISHOP DAVID M. O'CONNELL</p>
<p>—** DINNER TO FOLLOW **—</p>	


FRIDAY, JUNE 12
ASCENSION CHURCH
 501 BRINLEY AVENUE
 BRADLEY BEACH, NJ 07720
*Join us for prayer, fellowship, and discernment
 as we seek the Lord's will together.*

A Novena for Life
 honoring the Feast of the Visitation



On May 31st (a Sunday this year), the Church usually celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because of the Sunday coincidence this year, the Sunday Mass takes precedence over the Feast Day Mass. The Visitation feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Even though the Sunday Mass takes precedence on this year's May 31, in connection with the Visitation and to honor that sacred event, we will pray a Novena for Life at all Masses at St. Michael's beginning on Saturday, May 23, 2026 through and including Sunday, May 31, 2026. Further information about the Feast of the Visitation Novena for Life may be found at respect-life.org/visitation. Please join Catholics nationwide in praying this Novena for Life!



Pastor's Note. During the past week we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Memorial Day. It was an infrequent coincidence (not since 2015) that all three occasions fell within the same three-day span. The historical origin of Memorial Day has an interesting story. In a nutshell, one tradition attributes the holiday's origin to General Order No. 11 (set forth below) issued in 1868 by General John A. Logan of the Union Army (retired) and of the Grand Army of the Republic ("G.A.R."). General Order No. 11 was read aloud in our church last Sunday during our inaugural Memorial Day Prayer Service by Larry Mihlon (retired Chief of the West Long Branch Police Department) costumed as General Logan in Civil War military attire. That prayer service was also part of our parish's celebration of the Nation's approaching 250th anniversary. May God Bless America!

General Order No.11, WASHINGTON, D.C., May 5, 1868

i. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

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Congratulations, Msgr. Carroll; 60 Years of Priesthood



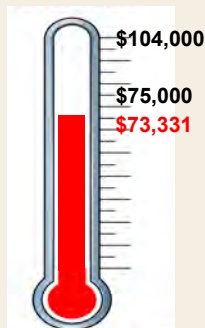
Monsignor John J. Carroll celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by presiding and preaching at our 8:00 a.m. Mass this past Thursday, May 28, the exact date of his ordination in 1966. Born in Paterson in 1940, Msgr. Carroll was ordained a Catholic priest at St. John's Cathedral in his hometown in 1966 and served that church as assistant pastor. His career has also included assignments at Our Lady of Pompeii in Paterson, superintendent of schools for the Paterson Catholic Diocese, pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Chatham, and pastor at Our Lady of the Magnificat in Kinnelon. Msgr. Carroll frequently celebrates Mass here at St. Michael's and is a good friend to our parish. Msgr. Carroll, may God continue to bless you. 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.

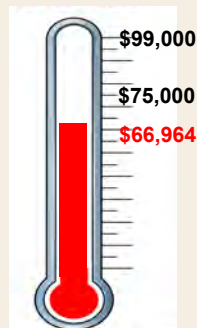
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

Parish Goal = \$89,000

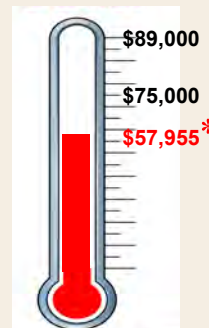
2024
After Fifteen
Weekends



2025
After Fifteen
Weekends



2026
After Fifteen
Weekends



*This \$57,955 figure is approximately 65% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the fifteenth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of May 22) from 197 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 9.98% 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 fifteen weekends is behind the pace of the two previous years; although closing in on 2025. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Together we can do great things!**

America 250! Plans at St. Michael's

As the United States of America prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, plans to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime occasion are also progressing at St. Michael's. The plans include the following and further details will be published in the coming weeks. The anniversary events and religious services leading up to the 4th of July began here during the Memorial Day Weekend and will be continuing.

◦ Memorial Day Weekend:

◦ Following the Sunday 10:00 Mass, we conducted a Memorial Day Prayer Service during which "General Order No. 11 of the Grand Army of the Republic" dated May 5, 1868 was read by Civil War re-enactor Larry Mihlon costumed as Union Army General and G.A.R. General John A. Logan. General Order No. 11 is often cited as the origin of Memorial Day and sets forth the purposes of The Day and the ceremonials for its observance.

• On Monday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. we celebrated our parish's annual Memorial Day Mass at the Woodbine Cemetery Mausoleum to pray for all those who have died in the course of serving in our Nation's military.

• The Solemnity of Corpus Christi:

• At the conclusion of the Sunday 10:00 Mass on June 7, we will have the traditional outdoor Eucharistic Procession in reverent celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

◦ Flag Day Weekend:

◦ On Sunday, June 14 (Flag Day) the special intention of our 12:00 Noon Mass will be "God Bless America" as we honor our flag and the Republic and the freedoms for which it stands.

◦ An American flag was recently donated to St. Michael's by parishioner Gloria Clementi in memory of her husband Frank. The flag had been presented to Gloria during the military honors ceremony at Frank's funeral in January. Frank served in the U.S. Air Force as a Sergeant, specializing in communications. The "Clementi Flag" will be raised and flown from our parish flag pole all day on this year's Flag Day and on Gloria and Frank's Wedding Anniversary, September 4.

• Religious Freedom Week:

• From Monday, June 22 to Monday, June 29 Religious Freedom Week is sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in appreciation of and to promote religious liberty for all faiths. The week will feature daily prayer and reflection focusing on protecting freedom of belief and freedom of religious exercise. St. Thomas More, St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, and St. Paul, pray for us!

• 4th of July Weekend:

• On Saturday, July 4 (Independence Day) we will conduct our traditional parish Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. including the Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Revolutionary War re-enactor Larry Mihlon costumed as Uncle Sam.

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If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

ii. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to lend its friendly aid in bringing to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

iii. Department commanders will use efforts to make this order effective.

Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on Sunday, June 14 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

The Parish of Saint Teresa of Calcutta



CDA Court St. Elizabeth #1486

Sights & Sound Theatre



Thursday, September 17, 2026

\$195 per person

Bus Leaves at 8:30 am - Ascension Church Parking Lot - Bradley Beach

Price Includes: Luxury Bus Transportation, The Show - JOSHUA, Orchestra Seat, Smorgasbord Lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant along with time in their wonderful Gift Shop - All tips included!

For more information call: Janice Cuttingham - (732) 539-9915

Make Checks payable to - CDA #1486

Remit to: Bernadette Mount, 35 Tremont Dr., Neptune, NJ 07753

Please bring snacks & water for return drive

Please Return Completed Form With Payment

Name _____

Cell Number _____ Email _____

Number of Tickets _____ x \$195 each = \$ _____ Total Paid

Check Number _____



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

MASS FOR CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

JUNE 7, 2026 ~ 1:00PM

THE CHURCH OF EPIPHANY
615 THIELE ROAD, BRICK, NJ 08724

This Mass is for Catholics who are in recovery from addictions such as alcohol, drugs, gambling, food, etc. as well as their family members and friends.

Our Celebrant: Fr. Mike Santangelo
Guest Speaker: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF

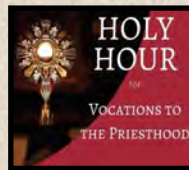


For more information, please contact the parish office at 732-458-0220 or email Kim@churchofepiphany.org

First Friday, June 5:
Mass In Latin at 12:15 P.M.;
Schedule Change: **5:30 Mass & Confessions Cancelled**

First Friday Mass in Latin according to the Novus Ordo will be celebrated on June 5 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, June 5 from the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The usual Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Confessions at 6:00 p.m. on a First Friday are cancelled on June 5 because of a 5:00 p.m. wedding that day (and will resume next month in July).



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 June 4.* 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!

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 2026

†Rita N. Cittadino

r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children

May 2027

†Susan Whitman

r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

†Ronald Lubischer

r/o Joyce Lubischer

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, May 23, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,142.00	223 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$761.00	111 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$591.00	52 people

Sunday, May 24, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,225.00	88 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,749.00	146 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,380.00	147 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,861.00	224 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,050.00	159 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$905.00	148 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the May 24 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,085.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,749.00

Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,929.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,642.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026	Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing
Novena for Life	May 23-May 30, 2026 (See Page 4 for details)
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Sunday, May 31, 2026
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday, June 7, 2026
Religious Freedom Week	June 22-29, 2026 (see Page 5 for details)
4th of July Reading of Declaration of Independence & Prayer Service	Saturday, July 4, 2026 9:00 a.m.
Summer Missionary Appeal	August 15 and 16, 2026