

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

July 19, 2026 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

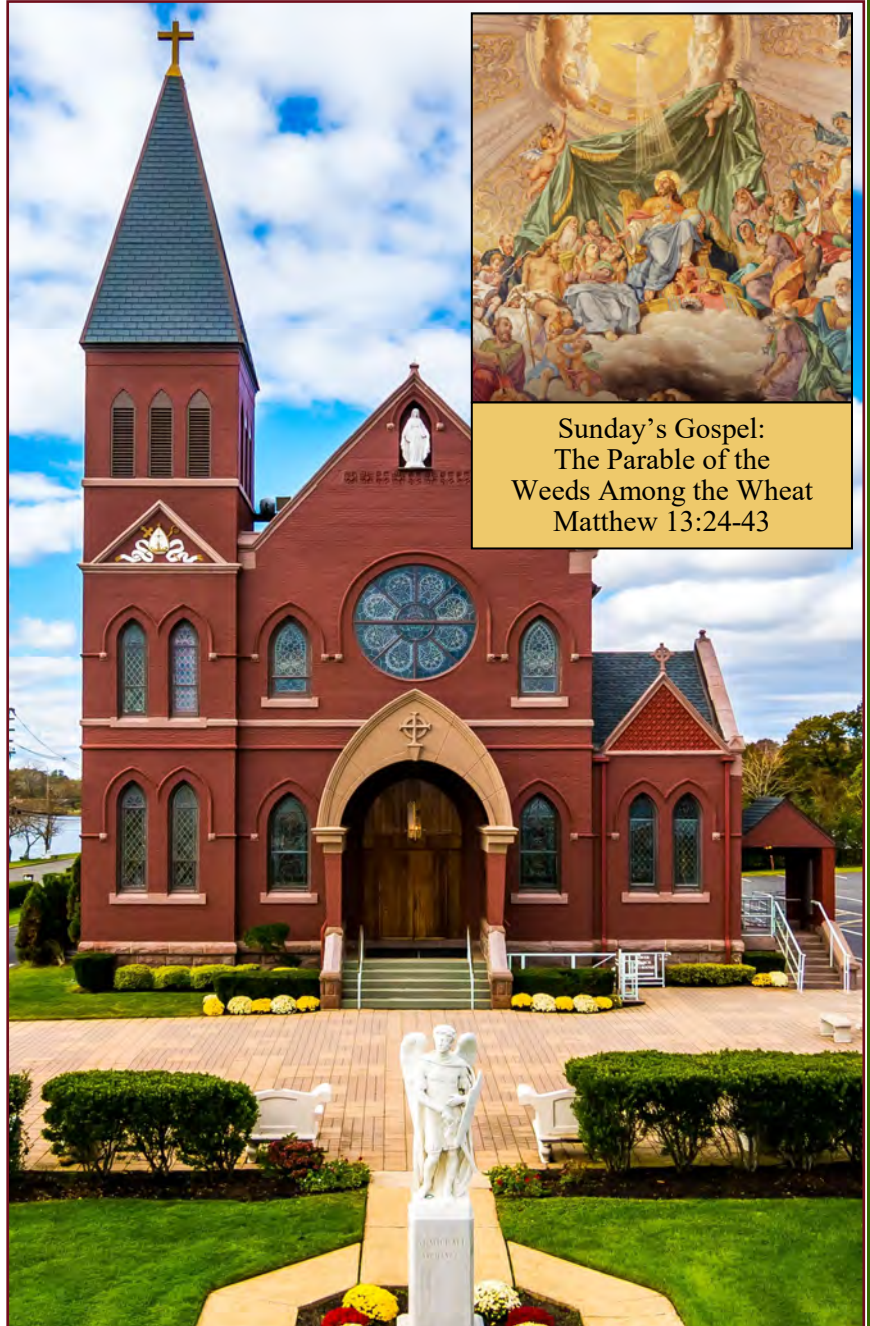
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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:
The Parable of the
Weeds Among the Wheat
Matthew 13:24-43

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

Mark Brown, Parish Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Emily Carroll, Parish Secretary

Mary Valan, Wedding Coordinator

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Lower Church |

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

8:00 AM † Mark Russo Russo Family
 † Robert Czech
 † Fred West
 † Dorothy O'Hara
 4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson Dennis Jackson
 † Deceased Members Granddaughter
 of the Carapella Family
 5:30 PM Special Intention
 † Peter Hogan Joe & Diane Alessi
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 19

7:00 AM † Richard Fromer Bruce & Angelica Fromer
 † Msgr. Thomas A. Luebking
 8:30 AM † Rose Notaro With love, Lia
 † Joseph Welter Welter Family
 10:00 AM † Edward, Michael, & Ricky Farrar Mary & Catherine Farrar
 † Kenneth Mellone Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Principe
 12:00 PM † Frances Mullin Family
 † Angela Cataldi Bellotti Domenica Prisciandaro
 † Nancy Farley Butler Family
 4:00 PM † Ann & Nadine Carroll Family
 Special Intention: Christina Grimley Eiola Trollan
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, July 20

8:00 AM † Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico
 † Dorothy O'Hara
 Special Intention: Paul, John, & their families
 7:00 PM † William Thomson III Family
 † Robert Czech

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 AM † Leigh Ann & Edward Basaman Basaman Family
 † Danielle Russo Russo Family

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 AM † James Carr Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr
 † John Dorgan Margaret Clinton

Thursday, July 23

8:00 AM † Joan Harrigan Family
 † Kathy Agresto St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, July 24

8:00 AM † Theresa Brignola Rene & Jack Brignola
 † Leigh Ann Basaman Michael McKenna & Patty Micale
 † Anthony Albano Agnes & Paul D'Angelo

Saturday, July 25

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 4:00 PM † Alexander G. LaSalle His Wife & Children
 † Tony Maher The Crochet Family
 5:30 PM Special Intention
 † Mary & Arthur Caltabilota Maslo Family
 † Charles A. Mazza Maslo Family
 7:00 PM † John Hoagland Sr. Vicki & Tom Hoagland

Sunday, July 26

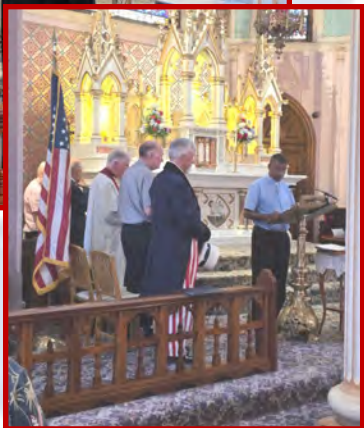
7:00 AM † Michael Esposito Grandchildren
 People of the Parish
 8:30 AM † Angie Muoio Sudman Family
 † Maryann Arias Christine Pfeiffer
 10:00 AM † Harold J Bowman Loving Children Michael, Joseph, & AnneMarie
 † Anna Napierala Daughters
 12:00 PM Special Intention Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio
 † Terry Haupt Jr. Ty Olsen
 4:00 PM † Stefania & Walter Janiw Ann & Lidia
 † Silvana Simoni Simoni Family
 7:00 PM † Stephen O'Connell Jim & Laura Cahill
 † Don Basaman Basaman Family

The St. Joseph's Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Joseph Welter, requested by The Welter Family.



AMERICA 250

Independence Day 2026 at St. Michael's



BLESSING OF CARS FEAST OF ST. CHRISTOPHER (July 25th) PATRON SAINT OF CAR SAFETY AND TRAVELERS

On Saturday, July 25 immediately after the 4:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, July 26 immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, Fr. John will be available in the North Parking Lot for all those who wish to have their cars blessed. Please park in the area near the garage and the statue of St. Michael in the North Parking Lot and Fr. John will be there right after



Mass for this blessing. This blessing of cars is part of the commemoration of the Memorial of St. Christopher which falls on July 25. St. Christopher, pray for us!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



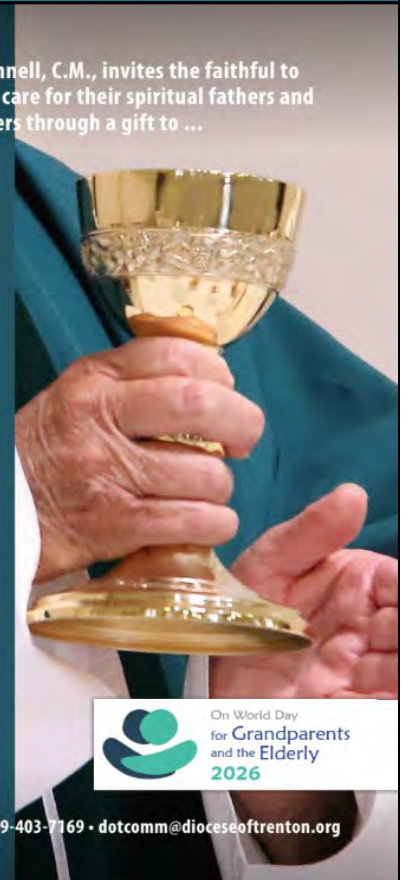
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers through a gift to ...

The annual Diocesan Collection for Retired, Elderly AND Infirm Priests

To be held in your parish
July 25-26, 2026

Need to mail your donation?
Send check or money order to:
Diocese of Trenton,
P.O. Box 5147, Trenton, NJ 08638-0147

For more information contact: 609-403-7169 • dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org



Diocese's annual collection for retired, elderly and infirm priests set for July 25-26

As Catholics observe on July 26 the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021, the Diocese of Trenton will take up its special collection during July 25-26 Masses for the Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund.

The annual collection is taken up in all Catholic churches across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties, coinciding with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Begun in 2022 by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., the fund supports more than 80 priests of the Diocese in their retirement housing and healthcare needs.

Kevin Cimei, diocesan chief administrative officer, reported that \$339K was collected in the 2025 collection, a 6% increase over the prior year's donations.

Reminding Catholics of the treasure the Church has in the elder members of its community – not only among family members, but clergy as well – Bishop O'Connell called elderly priests of the Diocese "our spiritual grandparents," who continue to pray for our faith community, and many of whom continue to minister in parishes in retirement.

For more information about the collection, contact the Office of Communications at 609-403-7169; dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org

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

PRAY

for the people of

VENEZUELA

Please pray for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that have struck Venezuela.

SHELTER

FOOD

WATER

MEDICAL CARE

Thousands of families need our prayers and our help.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:2

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A

DONATION

TO SUPPORT AFFECTED FAMILIES THROUGH CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

DONATE TODAY AT
www.crs.org

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
 SCAN TO DONATE

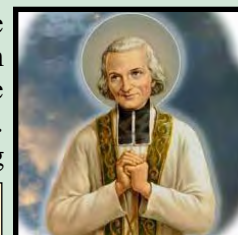
May Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, intercede for all who are suffering and for those risking their lives to bring aid and hope.

Our Lady of Coromoto, pray for us.

Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations: Tuesday, August 4



On the Memorial of St. John Vianney (Tuesday, August 4) we will continue a St. Michael's Church tradition and gather as a parish community throughout the day to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. Please join us. The day of prayer will begin with our regularly scheduled Morning



Mass at 8:00 a.m. and conclude with a Closing Mass will break at 12:00 Noon Angelus (outdoors at the weather permitting) and a Lower Church until re-prayer at 1:00 p.m. During sion and afternoon session



"Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy. To know the Lord means above all learning to entrust oneself to him and to his providence, which is abundant in every vocation."

Pope Leo XIV

celebrations of the Mass) there will be Eucharistic Adoration, we will pray the Rosary, confessions will be available at scheduled/announced times, and special prayers will be prayed for vocations. St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, pray for us.

at 5:00 p.m. We for praying of the church courtyard light lunch in the summing the day of the morning ses- (in addition to the

The St. Michael's Summer Choir to Sing at Blueclaws Baseball Game; Parishioners of **All Ages** Welcome; Rehearsals Begin on Monday, August 3

Our parish's summertime tradition of baseball, song, and Saturday Vigil Mass at the ballpark returns this August after last year's hiatus. Once again (as in the Summers of 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024) the St. Michael's Summer Choir is forming-up and preparing to sing *The National Anthem* on the field prior to the first pitch and *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* during the 7th inning stretch of an upcoming Jersey Shore Blueclaws game at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood.



The game will be on *Saturday, August 22* at 7:05 p.m. *Rehearsals will take place* on three consecutive Mondays (August 3, 10, and 17) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Church (and weather permitting at least one of those rehearsals will be outdoors on the recto-



ry's front porch fol- by a pizza supper). *Parishioners* **ages** (seven years of and over) are wel- will again be di- rector Lauren Wal- at the game, hot



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of all
age

come to participate. The Summer Choir rected by our Acting Parish Music Di- ters. The evening will include attendance dogs and other ball

park food, and a pre-game 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Sunday Mass obligation in the team's Corporate Conference Room on the stadium's Upper Level.

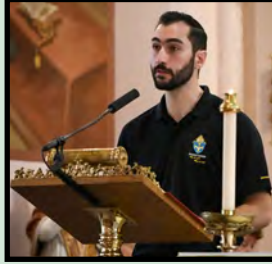
All members of the Summer Choir will be given an "official" choir golf shirt and baseball cap with embroidered lettering "St. Michael's Summer Choir". To sign-up or to obtain further information, please contact Lauren Walters at LaRennel@aol.com or 609-706-0766. Participation in this event is free of charge. May God Bless America! Play ball!



Welcome Back, Deacon Nicholas Alescio!

St. Michael's will joyfully welcome back newly ordained Rev. Mr. Nicholas Alescio for a Mass of Thanksgiving here on Sunday, July 26 at 8:30 a.m. All are invited and welcome. There will be a reception with light refreshments in the Lower Church immediately following this Mass. Rev. Mr. Alescio will be the Deacon of the Word and Altar and the homilist at this Mass.

"Deacon Nick" had his Summer Seminarian Parish Assignment with us during the Summer of 2023. He was ordained to the Diaconate on May 16 of this year by Bishop O'Connell, has one more year of seminary studies and formation to complete, and is scheduled for Priestly Ordination next year. Please join us next Sunday in welcoming, congratulating, and praying for Rev. Mr. Nick Alescio.



ROSARY MAKERS NEEDED Goal 1,000 Rosaries



MAKE AT HOME DIY Rosary Making Kits

Available for pick up after All Masses
Sat 7/25 and Sun 7/26

Please return completed Rosaries on or
before Sunday, 8/23. Collection Basket
provided in the rear of the Church.

** Scan QR Code for Video, Supplies and Instructions provided

Join St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society and the nationwide spiritual effort to create 75,000 World Mission Rosaries ahead of the historic September 24th Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in St. Louis. Every Rosary made will be PRAYED and BLESSED at the Mass. The World Mission Rosary was designed by Archbishop Sheen.

ROSARY MAKING EVENT

All Ages Welcome

Saturday, August 8th, 11am

St. Michael's Lower Church

Complimentary Pizza Lunch Provided

RSVP by 8/1 to Reserve a Seat(s)
TEXT or CALL Rose McVey 201-232-3891



Supplies purchased and DIY Kits prepared by the Rosary Altar Society
Completed Rosaries must be shipped to Illinois before September 15

MISSION:



~~JULY 15, 2026 -
ST. ROSE LIMA CHURCH
FRENCHTOWN, NJ
9AM - 12PM
(0 SPOTS AVAILABLE)~~

~~JULY 17, 2026 -
CHURCH OF THE VISITATION
AND SEED OF SERVICE
RICHMOND, NJ
8:45AM - 3:30PM
(10 SPOTS AVAILABLE)~~

JULY 21, 2026 -
SACRED HEART CHURCH
TRENTON, NJ
9AM - 4PM
(10 SPOTS AVAILABLE)



"TRUE POWER IS SERVICE!"

-Pope Francis

Mission: Jersey (2026) will consist of THREE, one day, in-person service events around the Diocese in July! This Community Service retreat experience brings teens together from around the Diocese to GO OUT and live out our Catholic Faith to help those in need.

MISSION:



"For we are God's
workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus to do
GOOD WORKS, which
God prepared in
advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

WHO CAN COME?

All teens in the 8th - 12th grade (including those who just graduated high school) are welcome!
Please choose just **ONE** of the dates to attend.



New Jersey MARCHforLIFE

October 8, 2026

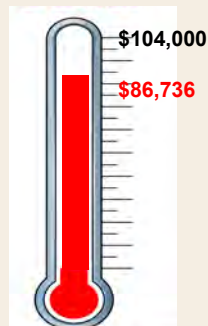
PRE-RALLY CONCERT 10 AM
RALLY 11 AM | MARCH 12 PM
 THE STATE HOUSE ANNEX
 145 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608
MarchforLife.org/NewJersey

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.

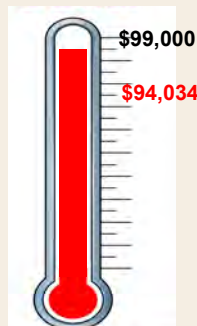
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

Parish Goal = \$89,000

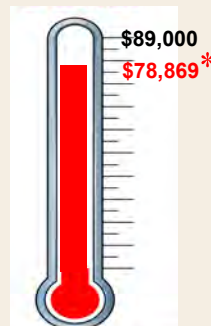
2024
After Twenty-Two
Weekends



2025
After Twenty-Two
Weekends



2026
After Twenty-Two
Weekends



These three "thermometers" compare our parish's 2024 vs. 2025 vs. 2026 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate that the campaign is going well, that there is work ahead of us, and that we had a significant increase (nearly 4.5 percentage points) since last week. This year's total after twenty-two weekends is still behind the pace of the two previous years but we are gaining. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. ***Together we can do great things!***

*This \$78,869 figure is approximately 88.5% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty-second weekend of the campaign (tallied as of July 10) from 239 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 12.1% 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.



HE HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED AND BINDS UP THEIR WOUNDS.

PSALM 147:3

SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED!

It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter....this program offers hope and healing for anyone that attends!

To learn more about our upcoming program beginning in September, please join us for an
INFORMATION NIGHT on Thursday, July 30th at 7 p.m.

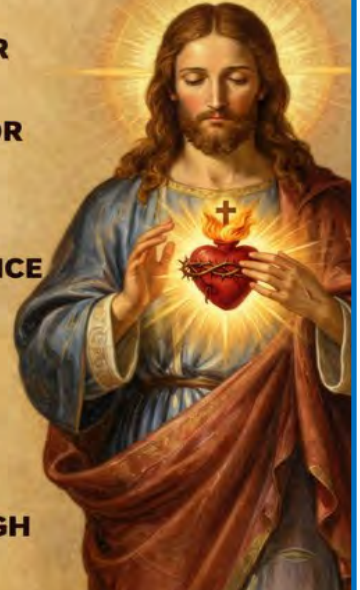
Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine Basement
24 Leonardville Road, Middletown, NJ 07748

To register, RSVP to Elaine Anzalone at
healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com and
include your phone number as well!



6 THINGS CATHOLICS SHOULD STOP DOING DURING HOLY MASS

- 1. ARRIVING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY**
- 2. USING PHONES FOR NON-SPIRITUAL PURPOSES**
- 3. CASUAL ATTIRE WITH NO REVERENCE**
- 4. CHEWING GUM OR EATING**
- 5. TALKING AND WHISPERING UNNECESSARILY**
- 6. RUSHING THROUGH RESPONSES**



 The Diocese of Trenton
Dept. of Youth and Young Adults
w/ St. AL's YA Group invite you to...



AUGUST
18TH
7PM



REGISTER NOW:
WWW.DIOCESEOFTRENTON.ORG/THEOLOGY-ON-TAP



**Join Us and
Open the Door
of Your Heart**

*A retreat for young adults ages 21-35
intended to reflect on God's goodness
and to be renewed in spirit.*

Retreat starts
Friday, August 14, 2026
at 5:00 PM
and concludes
Sunday, August 16, 2026
at 12:00 PM



San Alfonso Retreat House
755 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740

Cost: \$325/person all inclusive (food & lodging)

Director: Brother Ken Stigner, C.Ss.R.
Email: KStigner@gmail.com

For more information or to register visit:
www.sanalfonso retreats.org
or scan the QR code.



NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life



Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin,
C.Ss.R., D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark



HOMILIST
Bishop Pedro Bismarck
Chau, D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark

NEW JERSEY
MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will
begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex,
a short walk from the Cathedral



For full information, visit: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life>



BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50th** (or more) anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2026 calendar year



October 18, 2026
Co-Cathedral
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

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




Join Us For Our **GOLF OUTING**

ST. CATHERINE LABOURE CHURCH MIDDLETOWN, NJ
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026
Pebble Creek Golf Club
224 County Rd 537, Colts Neck

- ✓ 8am Breakfast
- ✓ 8:30am Putting Contest
- ✓ 9:00am Shotgun Start
- ✓ 1:30pm Lunch & Awards
- ✓ Individual Golfer \$200
- ✓ Foursome \$800

REGISTER NOW!
StCatherineGolf.com

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!



Scan to Sign Up!

FROM THE LIBRARY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
LENDING LIBRARY

Our Rosary Altar Society is offering a Collection of Catholic Reading for Parishioners of All Ages, Kids Too

BORROW, ENJOY, RETURN

Located in the Vestibule, next to the St. Anne Statue



Donations of 2-3 books accepted before or after Mass. Kindly give to Ushers.
Info: Text Sharon Barham 732-539-7145



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2026!

FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, DJ, DANCING, K9 DEMO,
GIVEAWAYS, INFLATABLES, TOUCH A TRUCK,
ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, PRIZES,
COMMUNITY INFORMATION TABLES, PETTING ZOO & MORE!



AUGUST 4, 2026, 6-9 PM

SLOCUM PARK
(BROADWAY & SLOCUM PLACE)



JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, July 11, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,070.00	228 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$787.00	79 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$478.00	67 people

Sunday, July 12, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,095.00	91 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,719.00	172 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,800.00	133 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,320.00	106 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,275.00	114 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,760.00	182 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the July 11 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,635.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,939.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,573.00

Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,545.00



Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, July 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

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 2027

†Susan Whitman
†Ronald Lubischer

r/o Lex and Janet Tucci
r/o Joyce Lubischer



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, July 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026	Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday, July 26, 2026
Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations	Tuesday, August 4, 2026 (See Page 5 for details)
Summer Missionary Appeal	August 15 and 16, 2026
Parish Summer Choir Singing at Lakewood Blueclaws	Saturday, August 22 (See Page 5 for details)
New Jersey March for Life	Thursday, October 8, 2026 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.