

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

August 23, 2026 | Twenty-First 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

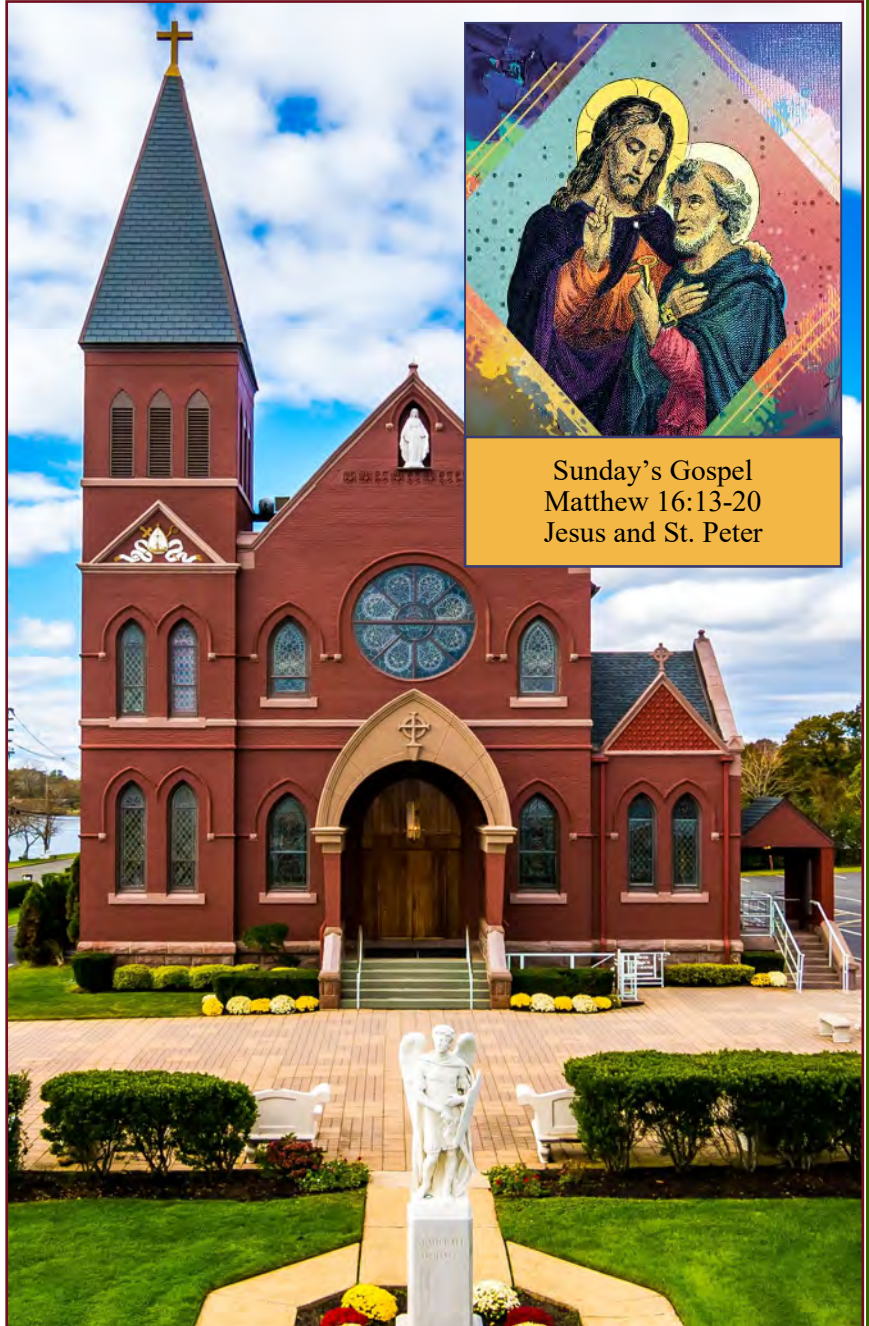
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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
Matthew 16:13-20
Jesus and St. Peter

PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174

www.stmichaelnj.com

Monday through **Thursday**: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Live 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22

8:00 AM † James F. Simonelli	Nella & Family
† Grace Ciotta	Tommy & Diane
4:00 PM † Irven G. Miller	Miller & McIntyre Families
† Kathy Kellam Ross (Anniversary)	Her Mother Bianca Kellam
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† James Simonelli 1-year Anniversary	Missing you, Your Family
7:00 PM Special Intention: Arthur Carroll	Family
People of the Parish	

Sunday, August 23

7:00 AM † John Dorgan	Rene & Jack Brignola
† Deceased Members of the Russo Family	Russo Family
8:30 AM † Bob Kupic	Mary & Marianne McGann
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
People of the Parish	
10:00 AM † Maria Grandinetti	Marie & Joe Cilurzo
† James Haley	Mr. Michael Bowman
12:00 PM † Kate Briscoe	Family
† Robert Czech	
4:00 PM † Barbara Alexander	Maria & Richard Friedman
† Orty Probo	Basaman Family
7:00 PM † Michael Esposito	Family

Monday, August 24

8:00 AM † Beverly Maggio	Tom Viggiano
† Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Joseph Sciangula	Margaret Clinton
7:00 PM † Angela Mack	

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 AM † Leigh Ann Basaman	Mary & Catherine Farrar
† Jeanne A. Heimbold	Daughter J.E. Boehles

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 AM † DeAlva Rodgers	J. E. Boehles
† Andrew Bertorelli	Family
† Lena Brown	Loveland Family



"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

-Matthew 16:18-19

Thursday, August 27

8:00 AM † Alfred James Golden	Maria & Richard Friedman
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Friday, August 28

8:00 AM † John Dorgan	Mom
† Louis Vincelli	Tricia

Saturday, August 29

8:00 AM † Ethel Delaney	Family
4:00 PM Special Intention: The Gruber 50th Wedding Anniversary	
† Victorino Da Silva	Eiola Trollan
5:00 PM Mass at Blueclaw's	
† Irene F. & Edward W. Moskal Sr.	Barbara & Edward Moskal Jr.
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Joseph Januzis	Carroll Family
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, August 30

7:00 AM † Michael Esposito	Family
People of the Parish	
8:30 AM † Mrs. Victoria Minard	Glenn & JoAnne Albano
† Patrick J. Leone Sr.	Nancy Murphy
10:00 AM † Thomas A Apostolico	Joseph & Anne Marie Principe
† Kathleen Agresto	Frank & Joanne Buono
12:00 PM † Luis Burgos Tejada	
† Angela Mack	
4:00 PM † William Thomson III	Family
7:00 PM † Nadine Carroll	Family

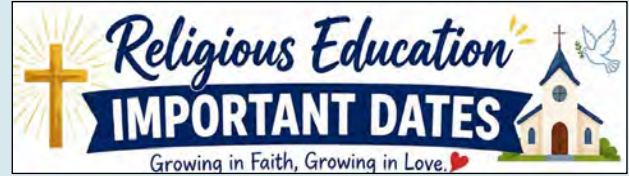
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's that time of year when the sun sets on summer and the children go back to school. And as important as reading, writing, and arithmetic are, nothing is more important than learning our Catholic faith. We cannot truly love God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - if we do not truly know God.

All public-school Catholic children in grades 1 thru 8 should be enrolled in a CCD program.

St. Michael's offers CCD classes at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Jerome's School beginning September 15. (For those who cannot attend at that time, there is a homeschool option.) Children need to be registered now, so please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or request one by email at kconnelly@stmichaelnj.com.

Confirmation students have a separate registration form and they meet on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's in the Lower Church.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

1. Aug. 12-Sept. 8: REGISTRATION FORM is due. September 8 is a firm **DEADLINE**.
2. Sept. 8, Tuesday at 7PM: Mandatory Parent Meeting at St. Michael's. At least one parent must attend please.
3. Sept. 15, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Classes 1 – 7 begin at St. Jerome's.
4. Sept. 21, Monday at 5:30PM: Confirmation sessions begin at St. Michael's.
5. Sept. 22, Tuesday at 4PM: Mass of the Holy Spirit to Commence the CCD School Year. At St. Michael's Church. Mandatory attendance for all CCD students in Grades 1-7. Attendance will be taken. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend.
6. Fall Communion Breakfast - TBD

SAVE THE DATE! FOR FR. ALPHONSE AND HIS 1940s BIG BAND: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. Labor Day Weekend



We are pleased to announce that the parish will again be hosting **Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and His 1940s Big Band** for an early evening of delightful outdoor summer music on **Sunday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m.** on the church's front lawn.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!! Further information will be provided in subsequent bulletins. This concert will be free-of-charge and open to the public. Concert goers are invited to bring a picnic-style meal, lawn chairs, beach blankets, etc. **AND ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the 4:00 Mass preceding the concert or the 7:00 p.m. Mass following the concert. Several of the accompanying photos are from Fr. Alphonse's outdoor concert here at St. Michael's in 2023. Please pray for perfect weather and please mark your calendars for this very special evening at St. Michael's.



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

HOMILIST
 Aux. 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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
 DIOCESE OF TRENTON
 DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
 DIOCESE OF PATERSON
 DIOCESE OF METUCHEN
 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PASSAIC

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

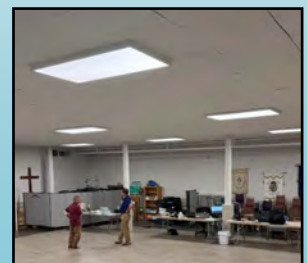
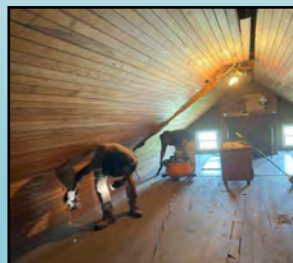
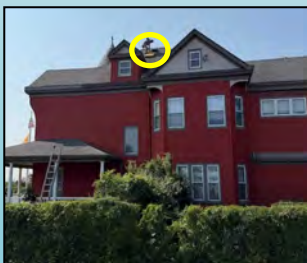
6 THINGS CATHOLICS SHOULD STOP DOING DURING HOLY MASS

- 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 Rain in Spain Stays Mainly in the ATTIC

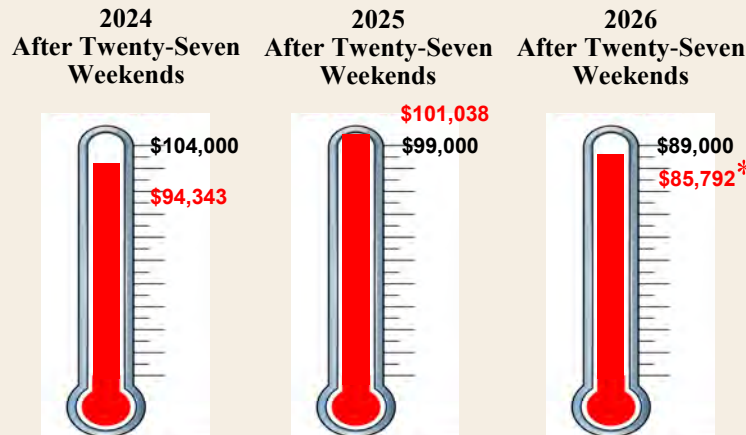
Repair and maintenance work (Phase One) was done last week in the attics and on the roof of the rectory (please see the accompanying photos) where rainwater leakage through the roof, windows, and gaps in the siding panels, eaves, and window frames has combined with the building's advanced age and summertime humidity to create moisture and mold that are being remedied indoors with cleaning, disinfecting, and vacuuming in the attics and ducts as well as the outdoor installation of new roof vents and caulking sealants. Phase Two of related repair and maintenance work in the rectory will begin during the upcoming week. In connection with this indoor work in the rectory, our business office staff has temporarily relocated their work stations and office equipment to the Lower Church for the next two to three weeks. If walking down and up the Lower Church stairs is a concern, please phone the parish office and we will make arrangements to address your office matters without an office visit.



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 \$85,792 figure is approximately 96.4% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty-seventh weekend of the campaign (tallied as of Aug 14) from 263 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.3% 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.



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 and that we have passed the \$85,000 and 95% marks. This year’s total after twenty-seven weekends is still behind the pace of the two previous years but we are gaining and getting closer to the finish line. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Together we can do great things!**

A Thank You Note

Dear St. Michael’s Parishioners,

Thank you for the warm welcome during my recent visit to your church. It was a wonderful moment I will always cherish.

I am especially grateful for your willingness to be part of the construction of our new seminary house. By making donations and supporting this Seminary, you are keeping our Seminary alive. Quite simply, your gifts and contributions for this formation house can have a profound impact on the future Vincentian missionaries and on the poor in Madagascar. And I hope you will continue to support this endeavor with your prayers and future financial contributions.

Thank you for considering your donation. Our seminarians and I will remember you in our daily prayers. May God bless you and your entire family.

Best regards,

Fr. Gontran CM



Coming soon!

St. Michael's
Rosary Altar Society
is Participating in



**ONE DAY ONLY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
SHOP 8AM -11PM**

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

- **25% OFF** DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*
 - **REGISTER TO WIN** A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD
- One Winner at every Boscov's store

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION

Shopping Passes will be Available at St. Michael's Church in the Upcoming Weeks. Please read the Bulletin for Dates and Availability or Contact:

Rose McVey, Call or Text 201-232-3891

*Exclusions apply. For more details visit [boscovs.com/category/friends-helping-friends-event](https://www.boscovs.com/category/friends-helping-friends-event)

St. Michael's Church
and the Rosary Altar Society
Invite All Parishioners for a

Community Meet & Greet

Saturday, September 12, 10 AM
in the Lower Church

Light Refreshments
Community and Fellowship

RWJBarnabas
HEALTH

Monmouth
Medical Center

Meet Eric Carney, President and CEO of
Monmouth Medical Center.
Get the latest updates on the new Tinton Falls
Campus and plans for the Long Branch Campus



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. Training will be provided. The rewards are heavenly! If you can help, please call the parish business office: 732-222-8080.

Thank you
to our friends at Brandywine Living

Members of the Rosary Altar Society visited Brandywine Living, Wall Twp. this week. Miss Peggy, mother of parishioner and Rosarian Joyce Maslo, is a resident there as well as a few retired Catholic Sisters. It was our pleasure to present them with a special gift; a statue of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary to bring them peace and comfort. During our visit we made World Mission Rosaries to donate to the Beatification Mass of Fulton Sheen. The Rosarians enjoyed meeting the residents and spending the afternoon with them.





The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 11:45 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to six sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns, and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest (732-222-8080) for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, August 15, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,576.00	143 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$529.00	81 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,031.00	88 people

Sunday, August 16, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,883.00	127 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,864.00	136 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,140.00	142 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,050.00	161 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,791.00	139 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$983.00	174 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the August 9 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$895.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,742.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$15,476.00

Second Collection: Assumption: \$1,792.00

Summer Mission Appeal: \$7,736.00

Adjustment to Office Hours

The Parish Business Office will be closed all day on the remaining Fridays of August and through and including the Labor Day weekend. This adjustment is temporary and will be re-evaluated in September. If a priest is urgently needed on any of these Fridays for an emergency situation, please call the Parish Office and the answering service will relay your message to Fr. Butler for response.

Lost & Found

These bicycles were found in our parking lot. Please contact Larry at the parish office if you are the owners or know the owners.

Thank You.



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 2027

†Susan Whitman
†Ronald Lubischer

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

August 2027

† Rita N. Cittadino

r/o Christopher M.
Cittadino & Children

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026	Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing
CCD Registration (Registration deadline: Sept. 8)	August 12, 2026-September 8, 2026 Classes begin September 15 & 21 (See Page 3 for details)
Fr. Alphonse's 1940s Big Band Concert	Sunday, September 6, 2026 5:00 p.m. (See Page 3 for details)
Memorial Mass for 25th Anniversary of 9/11	Friday, September 11, 2026 8:00 a.m.
New Jersey Bishops' Mass for Life and March for Life	Thursday, October 8, 2026 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (See Page 4 for details)