

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

August 30, 2026 | Twenty-Second 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

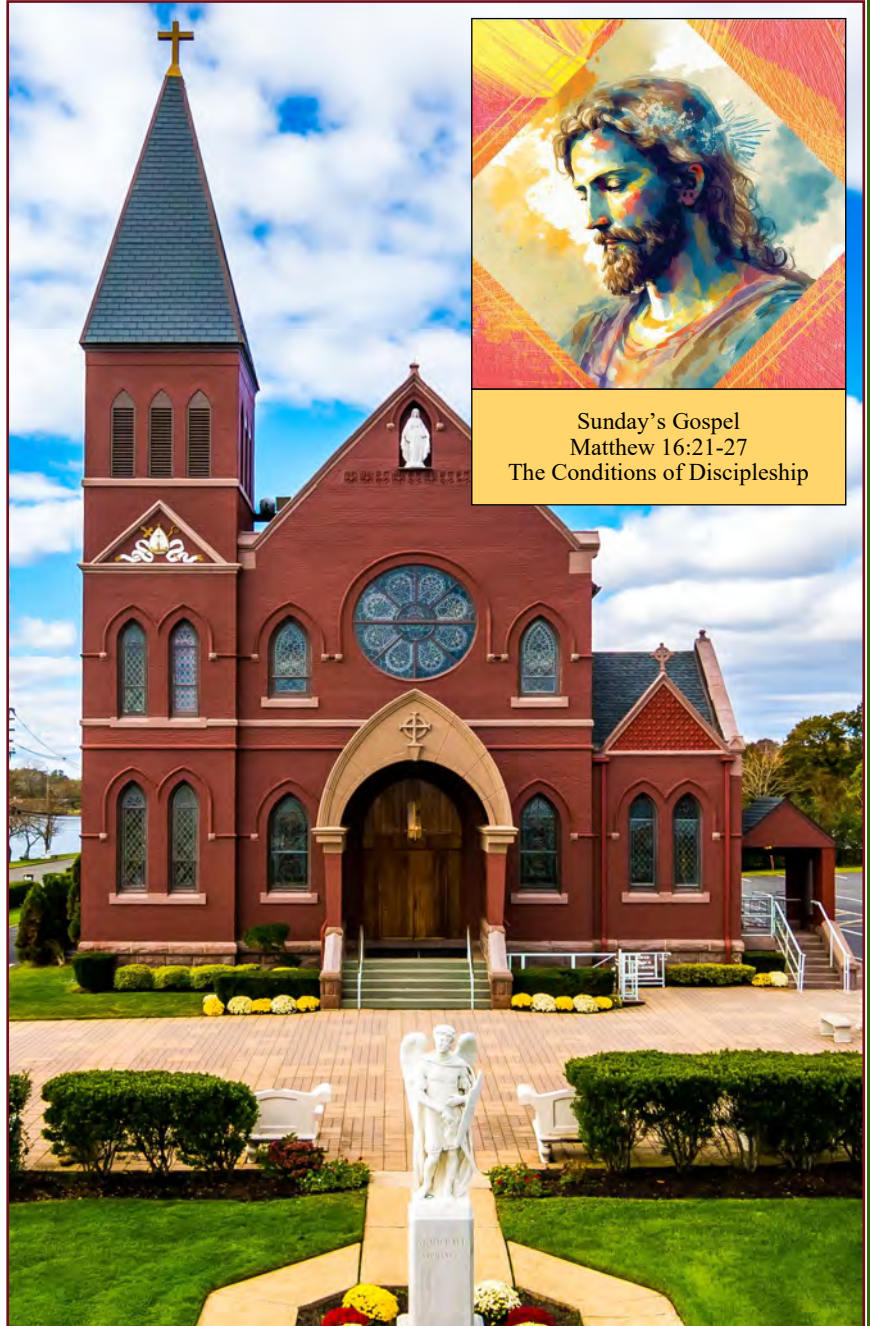
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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 16:21-27
The Conditions of Discipleship

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Lower Church |

Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 483-0360 ext. 2

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29

8:00 AM † Ethel Delaney	Family
Special Intention: Maria & Gerry Caffrey	Thomas Bourke
4:00 PM Special Intention: The Gruber 50th Wedding Anniversary	
† Victorino Da Silva	Eiola Trollan
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Joseph Januzis	Carroll Family
7:00 PM People of the Parish	
† Jason Patrick Berube & Sean Michael Berube	Jorie Berube

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
† Jay Filippo	Family
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
† Brian McGraw	Family
7:00 PM Special Intention: Alice Santos	Jorie Berube & Margaret Carlos
† Nadine Carroll	

Monday, August 31

8:00 AM † David R. Dorgan	JoAnn
† Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Lauren Fluegge	Family

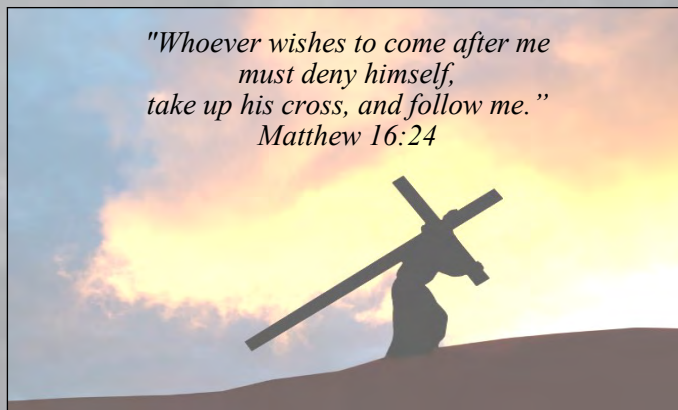
Tuesday, September 1

8:00 AM † Gabriella Maria Hillgrube	Anonymous
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Wednesday, September 2

8:00 AM † Grace Tho	Aida David
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*"Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."
Matthew 16:24*



Thursday, September 3

8:00 AM Special Intention: Lin Criesi	Rosary Altar Society
Special Intention: Richard Osborn	Rosary Altar Society

Friday, September 4

8:00 AM † Frank Clementi	Wife Gloria
† Claire Buehler	Margaret Clinton
12:15 PM † Ann Carroll	Family
5:30 PM † Michael Esposito	Family

Saturday, September 5

8:00 AM † Dr. Gabriel Philip Jasper MD	Anonymous
4:00 PM † Bill McNiskin	Jane, Katie & Peter
† Drew Szmania	Jane Farmer
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† William A. Schmidt	Wife & Children
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, September 6

7:00 AM † Rose Solan	Esposito Family
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	
8:30 AM † Carol Orlovsky	Ed & Laura Mogila Family
† Rose Notaro	with love, Lia
† Jay Filippo	Family
10:00 AM † Kathleen Agresto	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Romano
† Robin Cornell Polara	Lynn DeCastro
12:00 PM † Don & Kathy Basaman	Basaman Family
† Martha Napierala	Grandaughters
4:00 PM † Giuliana Hillgrube	Anonymous
People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Sharon Mankin	Jorie Berube
† Maxine Mankin	Jorie Berube

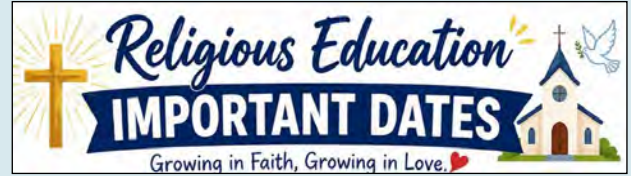
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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: NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. Labor Day Weekend



The parish will again be hosting **Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and His 1940s Big Band** for an early evening of delightful outdoor summer music next **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.



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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










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



25th Anniversary of 9/11

On Friday, September 11 we will commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11 with a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at 8:00 a.m. Fr. Alphonse Stephenson will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Fr. Butler and several of our weekend visiting priests will concelebrate. All are invited and welcome.

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

Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on
Sunday, September 13
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*



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

August 29 and 30 in the Lower Church

Holy Land Christian Art

Olive Wood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

The olive wood carving industry has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Holy Land Christians over many centuries. Many Holy Land Christians in the Bethlehem area rely exclusively upon income generated from this art form. Local Catholic artisans carve the items.

Many families are facing critical situations. Without income, artisans leave their traditional art and trade and emigrate with their families to find relief from the difficult conditions of their homeland.

The loss of the Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for all Christians worldwide.

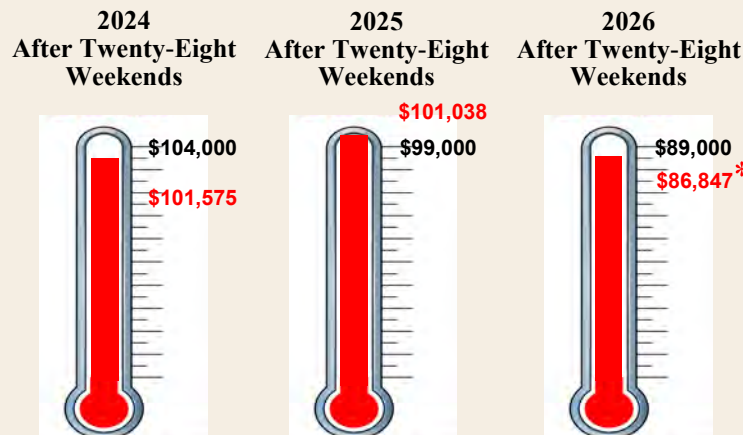
Thank you for your vital support for Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

We are dedicated to supporting the Christian community in the Holy Land and to preserving the Christian presence.

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 \$86,847 figure is approximately 97.6% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty-eighth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of Aug 21) from 269 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.6% 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.



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-eight 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!**

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



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

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

**St. Michael's
Rosary Altar Society
is Participating in**



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

Available after Masses
Saturday | Sunday
Sept 5 | Sept 6

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*

•REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD

One Winner at every Bosco's store

*Exclusions apply. For more details visit boscovs.com/category/friends-helping-friends-event

St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society Prayer Chain

Let us Pray...

Do you have an urgent prayer request
for yourself or a loved one?

Our Prayer Chain Ministry has over 35 members who
would like to pray for you and your intentions!

Many Parishioners have shared with us that they
have been truly Blessed by our prayers.

WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR INTENTIONS

CALL OR TEXT MARY, 908-433-3779

Prayer requests may remain anonymous and kept in
confidance with those on the Prayer Chain



Do you have an over abundance of
reusable food bags? St. Vincent de
Paul's pantry can use them for their
food distribution. They can be
dropped off in their food bin at the back
of the church during Mass or at our
food distribution in the third Satur-
day of the month. They must be in
good, clean condition. If you get a
chance, stop in on that third Satur-
day to see our food organization.
New volunteers are welcome!





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.



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 September 3.*

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!

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following who were baptized here in August 2026:



Isabella Regina Bianchini
Aria Laura Semko
Viviana Grace Sturchio
Michael Anthony DeRario, Jr.
Hannah Lily Sampson
Parker Scott Nelson



First Friday Mass *In English* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on July 3



First Friday Mass *in English* will be celebrated on September 4 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place beginning at 10:15 a.m. until Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 4 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, August 22, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,689.00	206 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,107.00	113 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$986.00	71 people

Sunday, August 23, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,042.00	82 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,536.00	119 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,422.00	144 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,823.00	107 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,047.00	118 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,260.00	203 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the August 9 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,490.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,402.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,839.00

Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,654.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026 Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing

CCD Registration August 12, 2026-September 8, 2026
(Registration deadline: Sept. 8) Classes begin September 15 & 21
(See Page 3 for details)

Fr. Alphonse's 1940s Sunday, September 6, 2026
Big Band Concert 5:00 p.m.
(See Page 3 for details)

Memorial Mass for Friday, September 11, 2026
25th Anniversary of 9/11 8:00 a.m.
(See Page 4 for details)

Baptism Preparation Class Saturday, September 12, 2026
11:45 a.m.

New Jersey Bishops' Mass for Thursday, October 8, 2026
Life and March for Life 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(See Page 4 for details)