

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

September 6, 2026 | Twenty-Third 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.



## PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

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

[www.stmichaelnj.com](http://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

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Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 483-0360 ext. 2

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

# MASS INTENTIONS

*"For where two or three are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them."  
- Matthew 18:20*



## Saturday, September 5

|                                           |                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8:00 AM † Dr. Gabriel Philip<br>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                 |                                    |
| † Francesca 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                          |
| † Irene F. & Edward W.<br>Moskal, Sr. | Barbara & Edward W.<br>Moskal, Jr. |
| 7:00 PM † Sharon Mankin               | Jorie Berube                       |
| † Maxine Mankin                       | Jorie Berube                       |

## Monday, September 7

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 8:00 AM † Pro-Life Cause | Friends of Sylvia Marsico |
| † Betty Jane Shaw        | Jack & Margaret Shaw      |
| 7:00 PM † Ethel Delaney  | Family                    |
| † William Thomson III    | Family                    |

## Tuesday, September 8

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00 AM † Marie Scrivo | Joe & Diane Alessi |
| † Azon Molino          | Family             |
| † Thomas Moore, Sr.    | Michael Murphy     |

## Wednesday, September 9

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 8:00 AM † James McLoughlin | Patricia Monahan |
| † John Eisele              |                  |

## Thursday, September 10

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 8:00 AM † Gennaro Chiarello | Margaret Clinton |
| † James Murdocco            | Margaret Clinton |

## Friday, September 11

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 8:00 AM † Rosemary Lloyd | Jo Ann Dorgan |
| † Vincent Stasio Jr      | Linda         |

## Saturday, September 12

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 8:00 AM † Michael Esposito   | Grandchildren           |
| † Pro-Life Cause             |                         |
| 4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson    | Dennis Jackson          |
| † Sadie Colasurdo            | Daughter Jean Discepolo |
| 5:30 PM Special Intention    |                         |
| † Arlene Albano              | Agnes & Paul D'Angelo   |
| 7:00 PM People of the Parish |                         |

## Sunday, September 13

|                                                    |                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 7:00 AM † Charles Murrin                           | Theresa                                |
| 8:30 AM † Frederick Easu                           | Daughters                              |
| † Rita Cittadino                                   | Christopher M. Cittadino &<br>Children |
| † Pamela Gatta                                     | Mom & Dad                              |
| 10:00 AM Special Intention<br>Children's Rosary    |                                        |
| † Our Grandparents                                 | Thorne, Cannon,<br>Zimmermann Families |
| † Grandparents of<br>Buono & D'Apolito<br>Families | Frank & Joanne Buono                   |
| 12:00 PM † Helen Pardee                            | Mullin Family                          |
| † Scott Opatosky                                   | Mom & Rick                             |
| 4:00 PM † Dan DeSeno                               | Carmel Jasper                          |
| † Jay Filippo                                      | Family                                 |
| 7:00 PM People of the Parish                       |                                        |

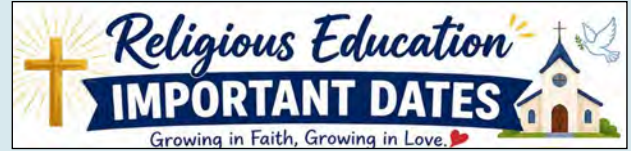
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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](mailto: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.

Mr. Connelly (our D.R.E.) will speak about the CCD program at several of this weekend's Masses.

## **FR. ALPHONSE STEPHENSON AND HIS 1940s BIG BAND** **THIS 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 **this Sunday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m.** on the church's front lawn.

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.

**Second Collection This Weekend  
September 5 and 6  
Catholic University of America**

**SUPPORT THE NEXT  
GENERATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS**



**FORMING MINDS. STRENGTHENING FAITH.**  
Shape future Catholic leaders by giving to The Catholic University of America

This weekend, parishes throughout the United States will take up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. For more information visit: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu) to learn more.

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



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 Saturday of the month. They must be in good, clean condition. If you get a chance, stop in on that third Saturday to see our food organization. New volunteers are welcome!



**25th Anniversary of 9/11**

On Friday, September 11 we will commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11 with a solemn Memorial Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice 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. Members of the Long Branch Fire Department will be attending this Mass. All are invited and welcome.

**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** | **Monmouth  
HEALTH** 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



**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](https://boscovs.com/category/friends-helping-friends-event)

### Inviting All Parish Volunteers

## **Rectory Porch Open House for All Parish Volunteers During Fr. Alphonse's Big Band Concert**

The volunteers of St. Michael's Church – ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, altar servers, collection counters, CCD catechists/teachers and teachers aides, Rosarians, St. Vincent dePaul helpers, gardeners, choir members – are warmly invited to an Open House on the Rectory front porch during Fr. Alphonse's 1940s Big Band Concert this Sunday the 6th. Light refreshments will be served. Limited



seating on the porch for the concert will be available for the parish volunteers attending the performance. The Open House's doors will open at 4:45 p.m. shortly after the conclusion of the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
VOLUNTEER ROSARY MAKERS**



**GOAL Reached!!**

**1,000 Rosaries Handmade by  
St. Michael's Parishioners will  
be Prayed and Blessed at the  
Beatification Mass of  
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**



*Thank you!*



Our Pastor, Fr. John and the members of the Rosary Altar Society extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to and supported our recent project. Thanks to your kindness and dedication, we have successfully reached our goal of creating 1,000 World Mission Rosaries for the Beatification Mass of Fulton Sheen. Your participation has not only helped us achieve this significant milestone, but it has also enriched the spiritual experience of many. Together, we have made a meaningful impact in celebrating and honoring the legacy of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

***Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, Pray for us***

**St. Michael's Church  
Fall 2026**

## **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

*The Acts of the Apostles*

**Where:** St. Michael's Lower Church

**When:** October 1 - November 19  
Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Time:** 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
or 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Please call Rene & Jack at 732-222-3164  
to reserve a seat & study guide**

**BRING A BIBLE, BRING A FRIEND**

**"FOR THE PROMISE IS MADE TO YOU AND TO  
YOUR CHILDREN AND TO ALL THOSE FAR OFF,  
WHOMEVER THE LORD WILL CALL." ACTS 2:39**

Proceeds to Benefit and Support  
the St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society

# BRIC-A-BRAC FALL FUNDRAISER

Hand Made  
Items,  
Knick  
Knacks, &  
Trinkets

St.  
Michael's  
Ornaments  
from  
Christmas'  
Past

Live Music  
1-3 pm by  
The RetroSonics  
Local Cover Band

Boscov's  
FRIENDS  
HELPING  
FRIENDS

Items Donated by Members of the Rosary Altar

**CASH ONLY**  
Bring a bag and  
your fundraising  
Spirit!

**ST. MICHAEL'S  
CHURCH**  
Outdoors  
on the Plaza

**SUNDAY  
SEP 20th  
9am - 4pm**

**CIDER &  
BAKED  
GOODS**

25% Off  
Discounted  
Shopping Pass

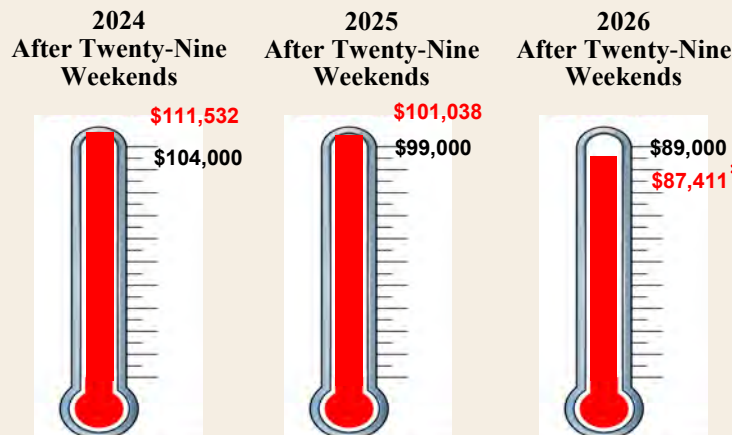
**Don't Miss  
It!**

Will be held in Lower Church if inclement weather.

*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**



\*This \$87,411 figure is approximately 98.2% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the twenty-eighth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of Aug 28) 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-nine 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!**

# 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



A DAY OF FAITH, FAMILY & PRAYER  
FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

# NATIONAL

Day For

# GRANDPARENTS

AND THE ELDERLY

Sunday, September 13

*I will never forget you* 

ISAIAH 49:15



  
**FAITH**  
Passing on the faith  
through generations

  
**FAMILY**  
Strengthening bonds  
across generations

  
**PRAYER**  
United in prayer  
for our families

  
**LOVE**  
A love that endures  
and continues

  
**HOPE**  
Building a legacy  
of hope and faith

Prayers and Blessings for all grandparents and the elderly will be part of all Masses this weekend.

# 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

## 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



## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday, September 12, 2026

On Saturday, September 12, our parish will join in the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on Catholics and pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters. Solemn prayer vigils are being conducted at gravesites across the United States in memory of aborted children. We are encouraged to carry on the spiritual mission of this Day of Remembrance throughout the year by visiting a gravesite of aborted children and by offering of prayers of mourning, prayers for healing and reconciliation, and prayers for an end to abortion.

Prayers for these intentions will be prayed at all of our Masses here at St. Michael's during the weekend of September 12-13. Our 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday the 12th will be concelebrated by our parish priest and several of our weekend visiting priests (with musical accompaniment); the Mass's intention will be for the heavenly rest of aborted children. Holy Mary, Mother of God, please guide our aborted children into heaven, come to our aid in bringing an end to abortion, and assist pregnant women with bringing their babies to term and then with caring for their babies after the births.



### NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The weekend of September 26 & 27 Jersey Right to Life raffle tickets will be sold at all Masses at St. Michael's. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10 per ticket.

Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest Pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

This year's prizes are :

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize-\$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize -\$750 ShopRite Gift Card
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize-\$500 ShopRite Gift Card

## 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>





### Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, September 15, 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



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.

### Weekend Collection & Attendance

**Thank You!**

#### Saturday, August 29, 2026

|              |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$1,808.00 | 181 people |
| 5:30 PM Mass | \$885.00   | 106 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$730.00   | 67 people  |

#### Sunday, August 30, 2026

|               |            |            |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| 7:00 AM Mass  | \$1,644.00 | 98 people  |
| 8:30 AM Mass  | \$1,736.00 | 154 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,242.00 | 129 people |
| 12:00 PM Mass | \$1,978.00 | 132 people |
| 4:00 PM Mass  | \$962.00   | 118 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass  | \$1,404.00 | 163 people |

Mailed-in Envelopes for the August 30 collection and for  
previous Sunday collections: **\$524.00**

**This Week's Total: \$12,913.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,786.00**

**Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,530.00**

## 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

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday,  
September 7 in observance of Labor Day. The  
Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September  
8 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Weekday Masses will be celebrated as usual at 8:00  
a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, September  
7 with Confessions from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and  
after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.**

### 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.  
(Bishop O'Connell presiding) (See Page 9 for details)