

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

September 13, 2026 | Twenty-Fourth 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

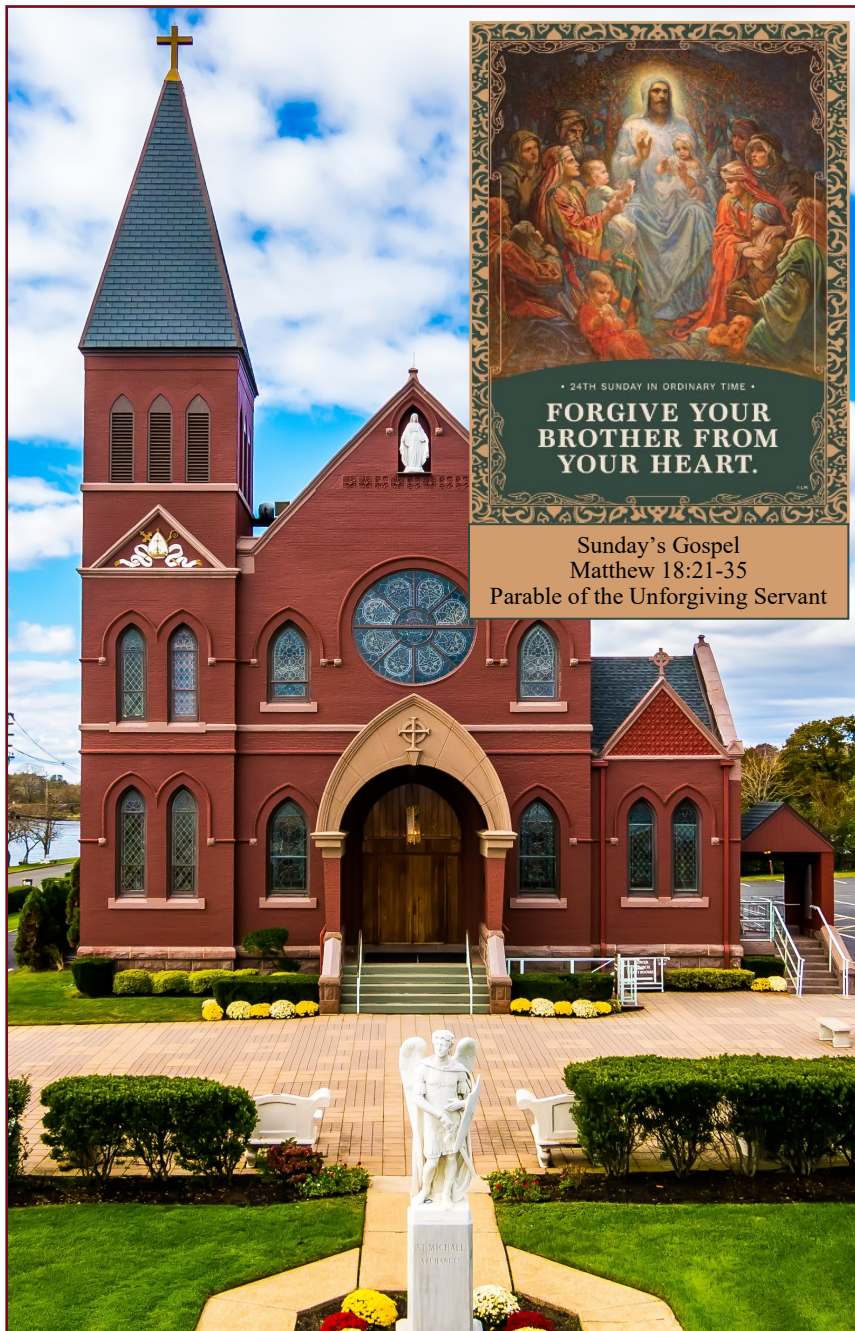
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12

8:00 AM † Michael Esposito	Grandchildren
† Pro-Life Cause	
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson	Dennis Jackson
† Sadie Colasurdo	Daughter, Jean Discepola
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 & Children
† Pamela Gatta	Mom & Dad
10:00 AM Special Intention Children's Rosary	
† Our Grandparents	Thorne, Cannon, Zimmermann Families
† Grandparents of Buono & D'Apolito 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	

Monday, September 14

8:00 AM † Marie Donofrio	The Houlihan Family
† Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Dorothy O'Hara	Friend

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 AM † Silvio Clauser	Daughter
† John J. Eisele	

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 AM † Emilia & Julius Simonelli	Family
† Clarke (Pete) Brintnall	Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr

“Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?”
Jesus answered,
“I say to you, not seven
but seventy-seven times.”
- *Matthew 18:21-22*

Thursday, September 17

8:00 AM † Ralph P. Cittadino	Christopher M. Cittadino & Grandchildren
† Nick Del Guidice	Joe Dipilato

Friday, September 18

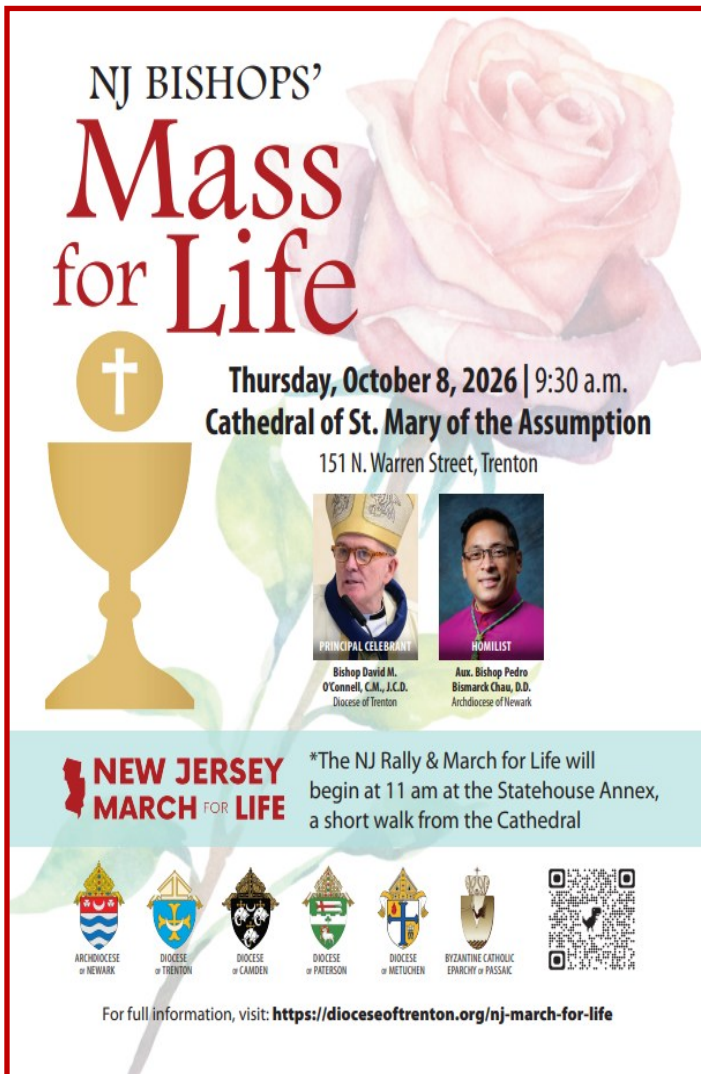
8:00 AM † Catherine Brooks	Nancy Murphy
† Dr. Anthony DiCesare	

Saturday, September 19

8:00 AM † May Harrigan	Family
† Ethel Delaney	Family
4:00 PM † Don & Kathy Basaman	Basaman Family
† Nicholas Sciarrone	Anonymous
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Lucy & Joseph Mazza	Maslo Family
7:00 PM † William Thomson III	Family
People of the Parish	

Sunday, September 20

7:00 AM Special Intention The Family of Mikey Fiore	Family of Judith & Anna Garifine
People of the Parish	
8:30 AM † Ralph T. Apicelli	Kathi West
† Anthony Migliaccio	The Simonelli Family
† John Francis Cooper	Family
10:00 AM † Alex Scopac	Mary & Catherine Farrar
† Michael W. Thorne	Thorne Family
12:00 PM † Luis Burgos Tejada	
† Rose Giordano	
4:00 PM † Jay Filippo	Family
† Pierrette Plante	Tony, Linda, Mike, Greg, & John
7:00 PM Special Intention: Timothy Carroll	Family



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>



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

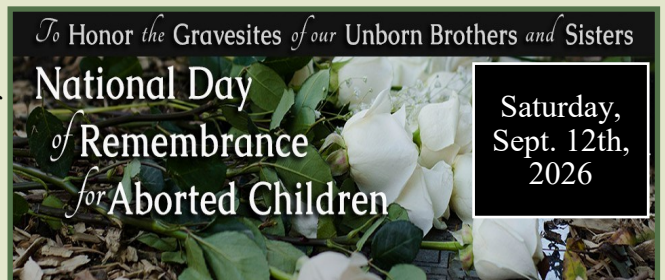
HOPE
Building a legacy of hope and faith

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

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

On Saturday, September 12, our parish joins 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.



To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, Sept. 12th, 2026



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.

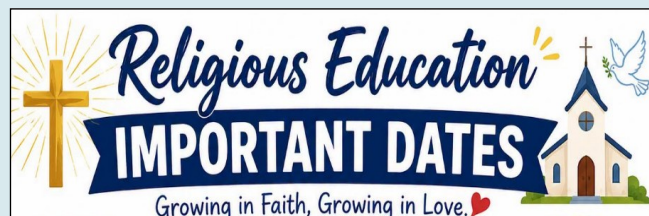
This year's prizes are :

**1st prize - 2027 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
Valued at \$45,650**

2nd prize-\$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card

3rd prize -\$750 ShopRite Gift Card

4th prize-\$500 ShopRite Gift Card



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

1. Sept. 15, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Classes for Grades 1 – 7 begin at St. Jerome's.
2. Sept. 21, Monday at 5:30PM: 8th Grade Confirmation sessions begin at St. Michael's.
3. Sept. 29, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Opening Mass of the school year at St. Michael's. 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.
4. October 6, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Students' Confessions for Advent and in preparation for Christmas.

St. Michael's Church

Fall 2026

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

The Acts of the Apostles

Where: St. Michael's Lower Church

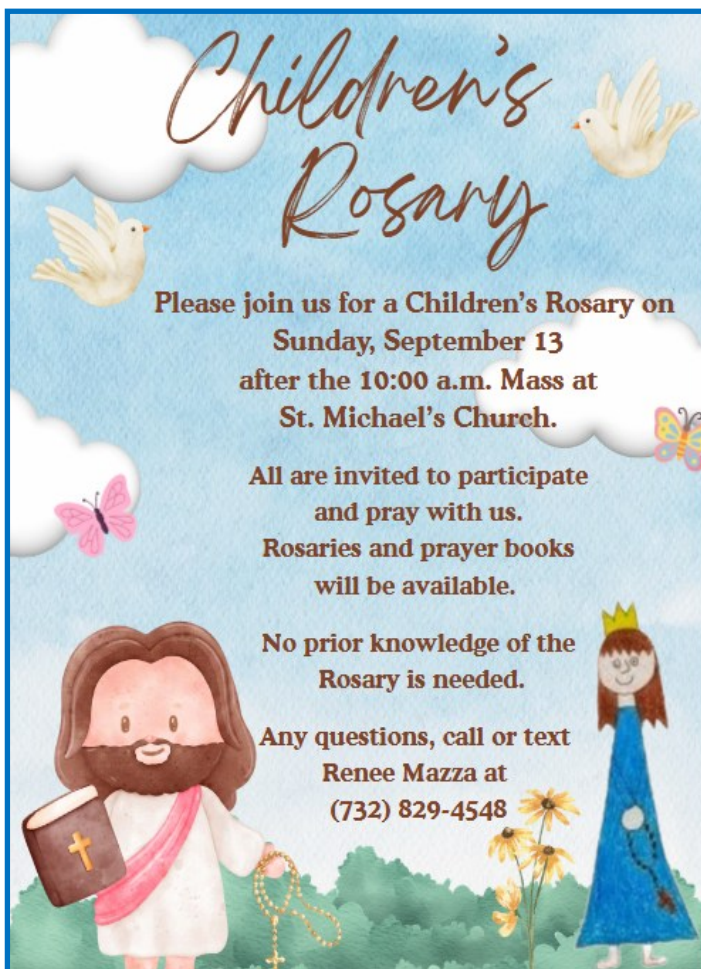
When: October 1 - November 19
on Thursdays

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

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

St. Michael's Ornaments from Christmas Past

Items Donated by Members of the Rosary Altar

CASH ONLY Bring a bag and your fundraising Spirit!

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH 800 Ocean Ave Long Branch On the Plaza

SUNDAY SEP 20th 9am - 4pm

CIDER & BAKED GOODS

25% Off Discounted Shopping Pass Don't Miss It!

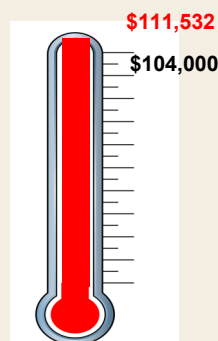
Will be held in Lower Church if inclement weather.

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.

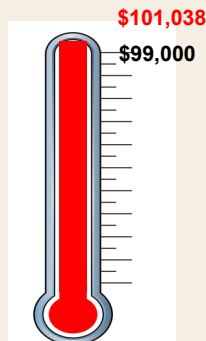
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

Parish Goal = \$89,000

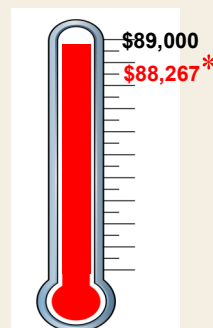
2024
After Thirty
Weekends



2025
After Thirty
Weekends



2026
After Thirty
Weekends



*This \$88,267 figure is approximately 99.2% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the thirtieth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of Sept 4) from 274 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 13.9% 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.

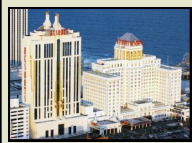
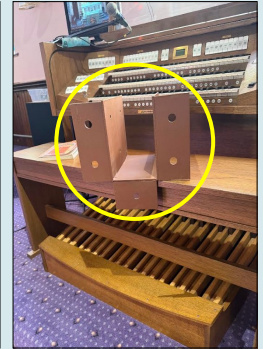


These three "thermometers" compare our parish's 2024 vs. 2025 vs. 2026 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate that the campaign is going well and that we have passed the \$88,000 and 99% marks. This year's total after thirty weekends is still behind the pace of the two previous years but we are very close to the finish line. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Together we can do great things!**



Installation of Steel Collars in Church Attic:

Work began this past week on the installation of six steel collars (or cradles) to reinforce and secure the beams in the church attic that run the east-to-west length of the building. Please see the photos to the right. The cost of this job is in the \$5,000 range as we work to care for our aging parish structures. Our "old, red church" has now reached the age of 140 and the rectory is only a few years younger at approximately 115 years of age. God bless the Parish of St. Michael's.



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

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

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, September 5, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,272.00	182 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$714.00	86 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$678.00	57 people

Sunday, September 6, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,755.00	113 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,711.00	184 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,697.00	139 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,809.00	118 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$999.00	148 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$999.00	186 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the September 6 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$876.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,510.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,626.00

Second Collection: Catholic University: \$1,530.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026 *Commenced February 14-15; Ongoing*

Blessings for the National Day for Grandparents and the Elderly *Weekend of September 12-13, 2026*
All Masses

Children's Rosary *Sunday, September 13, 2026*
10:00 a.m.
(See Page 4 for details)

CCD Classes Resume *Tuesday, September 15, 2026*
for the 2026-2027 School Year *(See Page 4 for details)*

New Jersey Bishops' Mass for Life and March for Life *Thursday, October 8, 2026*
(Bishop O'Connell presiding) *9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*
(See Page 3 for details)

First Responders' Mass *Sunday, November 15, 2026*
10:00 a.m.