

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

September 20, 2026 | Twenty-Fifth 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

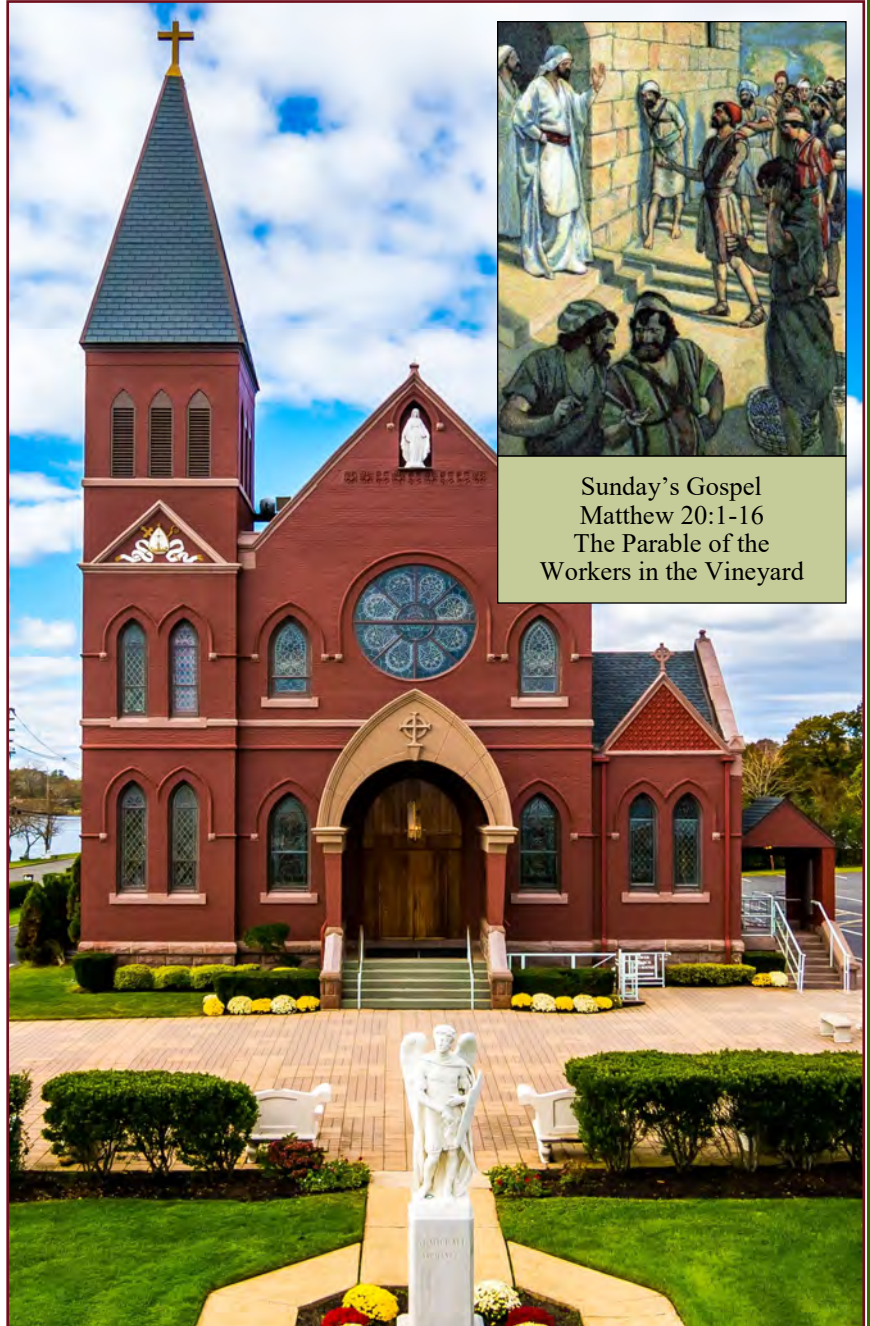
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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 20:1-16
The Parable of the
Workers in the Vineyard

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, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

7:00 AM Special Intention: The Family of Judith & Anna Garifine
 People of the Parish
 8:30 AM † Ralph T. Apicelli Kathi West
 † Anthony Migliaccio 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
 † Terry Hurley Kathy Perri
 4:00 PM † Jay Filippo Family
 † Pierrette Plante Tony, Linda, Mike, Greg, & John
 7:00 PM Special Intention: Timothy Carroll Family

Monday, September 21

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico
 † Marie Corbo Joe & Diane Alessi
 7:00 PM † Ethel Delaney Family

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 AM † Michael Esposito Family
 † Rose Solan

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 AM † Harold Pfeiffer Family
 † Joseph Faccone Joe & Diane Alessi

Thursday, September 24

8:00 AM † Arthur Carroll Carroll Family
 † Ann Carroll Carroll Family

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM † Michael W. Thorne (Birthday) Thorne Family
 † Leigh Ann Basaman Michaelae McKenna & Patty Micale
 † Rev. John Wake

Saturday, September 26

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 4:00 PM † Anthony Migliaccio Tricia Vincelli
 Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish Grateful Parishioner
 5:30 PM Special Intention
 Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish Grateful Parishioner
 7:00 PM Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish Grateful Parishioner

Sunday, September 27

7:00 AM Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish Grateful Parishioner
 8:30 AM † David Marks Francine & Family
 Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish Grateful Parishioner
 10:00 AM † Michael & Maria Scotto Rinaldi Rinaldi Family
 Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish Grateful Parishioner
 12:00 PM † Jay Filippo Family
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 4:00 PM Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish Grateful Parishioner
 People of the Parish
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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.



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

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
Bommarck Chan, 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>

Mass for the First Responders of the City of Long Branch

Please join us for a special Mass showing support for Long Branch Police, Fire and First Aid and praying for the safety and health of members and their families!

Saint Michael's Church • 800 Ocean Avenue • Long Branch, NJ

Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 10:00

All are welcome to attend!



St. Michael's Church
Fall 2026

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

The Acts of the Apostles

Where: St. Michael's Lower Church

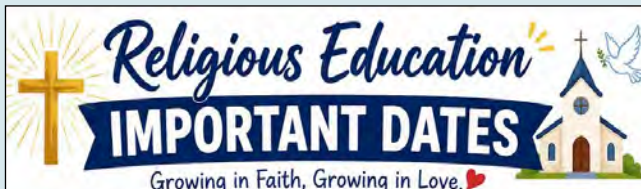
When: October 1 - November 19
on Thursdays

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



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

1. 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.
2. October 6, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Confessions to begin the new school year.
3. December 15, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Students' Confessions for Advent and in preparation for Christmas.





St. Michael's Mass in the Italian Language

We will celebrate the Mass in the Italian language on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 11:00 AM in the Upper Church. Fr. Alphonse Stephenson will be the principal concelebrant and homilist. All are invited and welcome.

All are welcome to join!

**Sunday,
October 4, 2026**

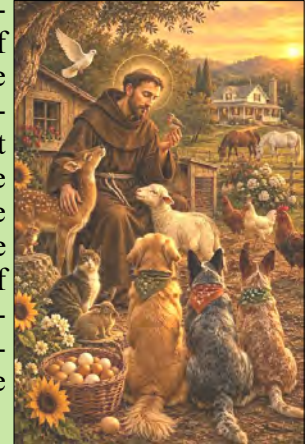
Mass at 11:00 AM

800 Ocean Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740



MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: BLESSING OF THE PETS

The parish's annual Blessing of the Pets will take place on Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m. on the courtyard in the front of the church. All of your pets and animals are welcome! People are welcome, too!

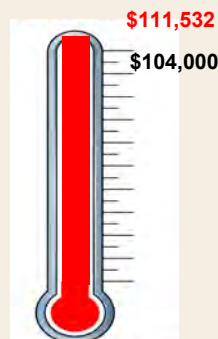


Each of us has a vital part **TOGETHER** in all we do in Christ's name, and *each of us* can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up *our* Church. *You* make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.

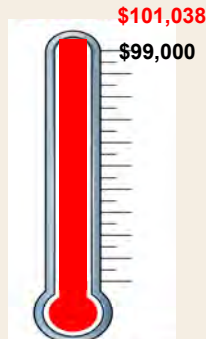
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

Parish Goal = \$89,000

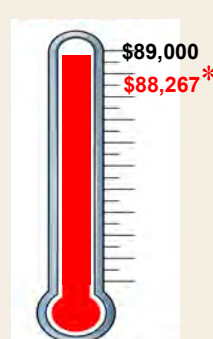
2024
After Thirty-One
Weekends



2025
After Thirty-One
Weekends



2026
After Thirty-One
Weekends



*This \$88,267 figure is approximately 99.2% of our parish goal. It was received through and including the thirty-first 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-one 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!**

SECOND ANNUAL PARISH DIAPER DRIVE

Help us make a change....A **DIAPER** change that is!

PLEASE help support the Diaper Bank at
Child Care Resources of Monmouth County

WHAT IS DIAPER INSECURITY?

The condition where families cannot afford a sufficient supply of diapers to ensure their children are clean, dry, and healthy. Diaper insecurity is surprisingly common.

WHEN:

Our Parish Diaper Drive will run from Saturday, October 10 through and including Sunday, October 18.

NOTE: On weekends, please place your diaper donations in the plastic storage tubs that will be in the church vestibule. On weekdays, please place your diaper donations in the Diaper Bank trailer to be located in the center parking lot near the dumpsters.



WHAT IS NEEDED? While all diaper sizes are needed and accepted, the greatest need at this time is for Sizes 4, 5, 6 & 7 and 4/5T Pull-ups for Boys and Girls and Wipes.

To introduce and to help us launch the Diaper Drive, Deacon Matt Nicotia of St. Clement's Church in Matawan will be here during the October 10-11 weekend to speak at all of our Masses and to preach the homily at three of the weekend's Masses. Deacon Matt is the organizer of many of these diaper drives at several parishes and at other organizations in the Monmouth County area.

On behalf of the Children and Families served by the Diaper Bank, THANK YOU for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Matt via email at deacon_matt@optimum.net.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
September 23 - November 1



St. Michael's parishioners usually gather at this location on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. during these 40 Days for Life.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Vigil Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury.

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.
Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.

Please follow current COVID-19 Protocols.

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

Bric-a-Brac *Sunday, September 20, 2026*
Rosary Society Fundraiser *(See Page 5 for details)*

Small Group Bible Study: *Commences Thursday,*
Acts of the Apostles *October 1, 2026*
(See Page 4 for details)

Mass in the Italian Language *Sunday, October 4, 2026*
11:00 a.m.
(See Page 5 for details)

Diaper Drive *Commencing Saturday,*
October 10, 2026
(See Page 6 for details)

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 3 for details)*

City of Long Branch *Sunday, November 15, 2026*
First Responders' Mass *10:00 a.m.*
(See Page 4 for details)

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, September 12, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,996.00	171 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$796.00	104 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$541.00	72 people

Sunday, September 13, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,078.00	78 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,326.00	153 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,322.00	122 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,652.00	136 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,444.00	152 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,027.00	177 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the September 13 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$806.00**

This Week's Total: \$11,988.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,619.00

Second Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,249.00

