

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 4, 2026 | Twenty-Seventh 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

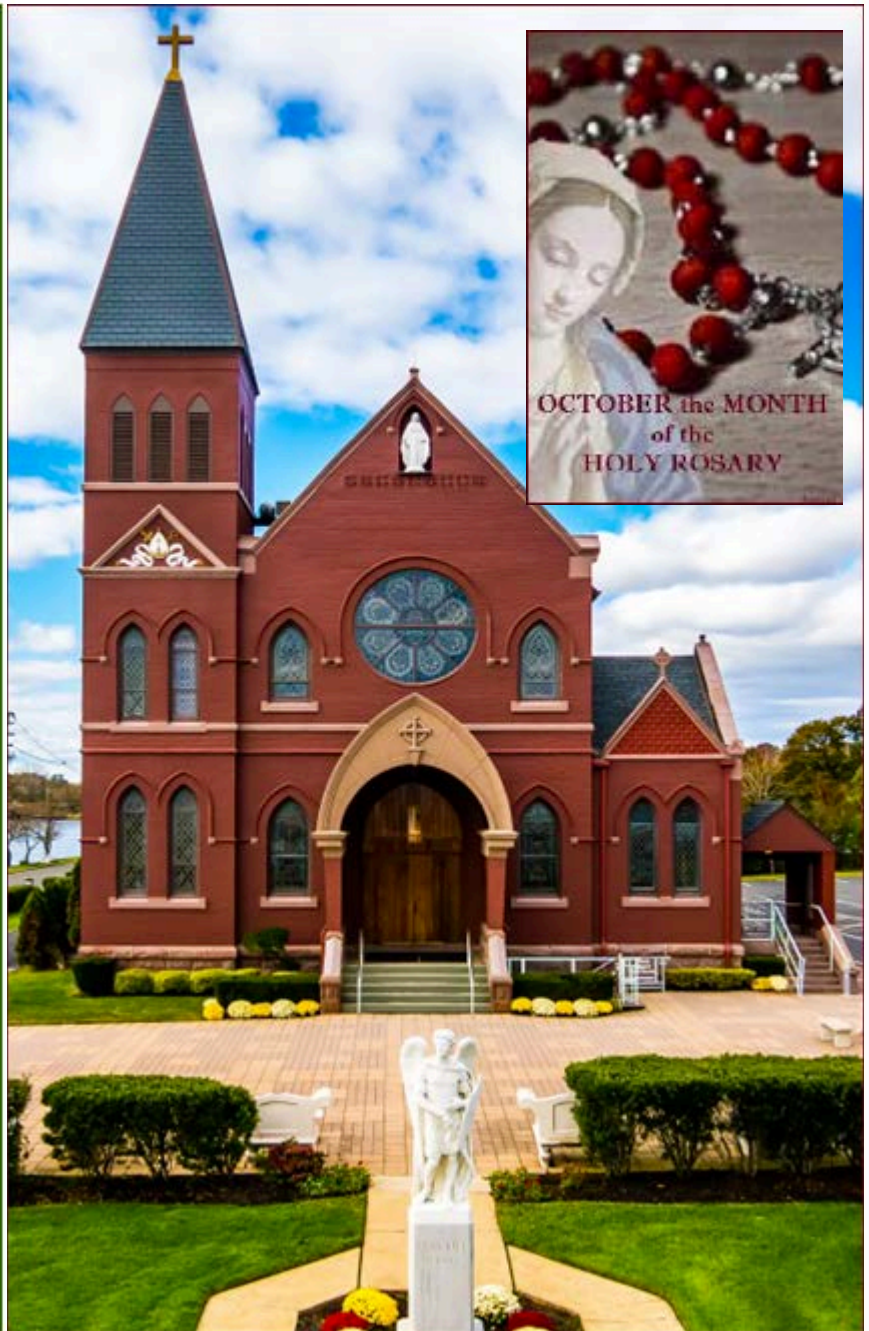
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

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, October 3

8:00 AM † Ellen Boyle	The Butler Family
4:00 PM † Etta Chiafullo	John & Deborah Perri and Family
† Phyllis Meola	John & Deborah Perri and Family
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† John Eisele	Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
7:00 PM † Linda Volken	Vicki & Tom Hoagland
† Gloria Vargas	Thomas & Camile Payne

Sunday, October 4

7:00 AM † Joseph Paczkowski	The Carroll Family
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	
† Francesca Stranieri	
8:30 AM † Rose Notaro	With Love, Lia
† Jay Filippo	Family
10:00 AM † Anthony D'Apolito	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Mieczyslaw Napierala	Daughters
11:00 AM Special Intention	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Principe
The Rinaldi 50 th	
Wedding Anniversary	
† Alma, Noemi, & Alfa	Vikki Miragliotta
12:00 PM † Brian McAndrew	Denise & John Nason
† Rose Solan	Esposito Family
4:00 PM † Colonel Terry A. Gordon, Sr.	The Dunlap Family
Special Intention:	
Jayden Cherenfant	Jeannette Etienne
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Monday, October 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano	Viggiano Family
† Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Marilyn Boucher	Paul Boucher
7:00 PM † Michael Esposito	Family

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 AM Special Intention:	The Carroll Family
Timothy Carroll	

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 AM † Arthur Carroll	Family
† Conrad J. Russo	Wife



Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM † Scott Tave	Aunt Kathi
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family

Friday, October 9

8:00 AM † Thomas Viggiano, Sr.	Viggiano Family
† Andrew Bertorelli	Family

Saturday, October 10

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Rachel Mescael	Viola Trollan
† Michael Woodward	Viola Trollan
† Etta Chiafullo	John & Deborah Perri & Family
† Phyllis Meola	John & Deborah Perri & Family
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Paul Brennan	The McMurdo Family
† Muriel Y. Larsen	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Califano
7:00 PM † Judith Cherry	Vicki & Tom Hoagland

Sunday, October 11

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
† Larry Lee Redaelli	Russo Family
8:30 AM † Ilmars H. Damberg	Fred & Janice Carr
† Michael "Mikey" Fiore	Miss Ro Ro & Family
10:00 AM Special Intention	
Children's Rosary	
† Patsy Delehanty	Delehanty Family
12:00 PM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Thomas F. Letson, Jr.	Daughter Rosanne Letson
7:00 PM † John Friscia	Wife, Carroll



St. Michael's Mass in Italian

We will celebrate the Mass in the Italian language this Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 11:00 AM in the Upper Church. Fr. Anthony DiPalma 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



ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have participated in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. St Michael's Parish has surpassed its goal of \$89,000!

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

GOAL:	\$89,000.00
Pledged to date:	\$94,082.00
No. of donors:	280
Percent of Goal Paid:	104%

Thank you to all those who have made a pledge/donation to this year's 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made a pledge and would like to do so, log onto: Givecaca.org

Thank you for your generosity

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!



Rescheduled due to Nor'Easter



New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Fundraiser

This weekend October 3 & 4 New 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., I.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>

St. Michael's Church
Fall 2026

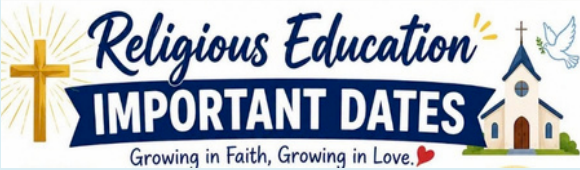
SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

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

 **Religious Education**
IMPORTANT DATES
Growing in Faith, Growing in Love.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

1. October 6, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Confessions to begin the new school year.
2. October 18, Sunday at 10:00AM: CCD Family Mass followed by CCD Students and Parents Communion Breakfast.
3. December 15, Tuesday at 4PM: CCD Students' Confessions for Advent and in preparation for Christmas.



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, First Aid, and Lifeguards 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!









Church Devotions Each Month

The Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church gives shape and meaning to the year, allowing us to order our days more toward God. But the liturgical daily feasts are just the beginning. The monthly dedications have great significance, too. Since the 16th century, the Church has assigned special devotions to each month of the year to help us grow closer to God, His Son, The Holy Spirit and the Saints. Read on to learn about the devotion and meaning given to each month.



For more information please visit:

1. <https://www.pietrafitness.com/pietra-fitness-blog/church-dedications-each-month>.
2. <https://liturgicalyear.wordpress.com/2011/07/12/dedication-of-the-months-of-the-year/>.
3. <https://immanugrace.jimdofree.com/prayers/monthly-dedications-and-devotions/>.
4. <https://ssmcatholic.org/monthly-dedications>.

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 next weekend 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 Nicosia 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.

**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.

Current participants must sign the Statement of Peace online:

www.40daysforlife.com/en/shrewsbury/sop

And follow the behavior guidelines

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.

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.

Weekend Collection & Attendance***Thank You!***

Saturday, September 26, 2026

4:00 PM Mass \$1,207.00 108 people

5:30 PM Mass \$611.00 72 people

7:00 PM Mass cancelled due to inclement weather

Sunday, September 27, 2026

7:00 AM Mass \$449.00 34 people

8:30 AM Mass \$1,160.00 81 people

10:00 AM Mass \$541.00 66 people

12:00 PM Mass \$1,572.00 113 people

4:00 PM Mass \$816.00 122 people

7:00 PM Mass \$606.00 117 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the September 27 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,940.00**

This Week's Total: \$8,902.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,640.00

Propagation of the Faith

Yearly Mass Intentions

May 2027

† Susan Whitman

r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

† Ronald Lubischer

r/o Joyce Lubischer

August 2027

† Rita N. Cittadino

r/o Christopher M.

Cittadino & Children

Children's Rosary

Second Sunday

Monthly, after 10am Mass
Join Us October 11th

**Children who pray the Rosary**

- Grow in their Catholic faith
- Learn to pray together
- Build friendships and community
- Develop confidence and leadership skills
- Learn to serve and care for one another

All Parishioners Welcome
Rosaries and Prayer Books Provided
Knowledge of the Rosary not Needed

"To Jesus through Mary"

Rosary Leader Renee Mazza

Supported by the St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society

Resources EWTN and childrensrosary.org

Worldwide Prayer Movement

Papal Blessing by Pope Leo XIV, June 2026

On the Calendar at

St. Michael's Church



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 3 for details)

Diaper Drive

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

Communion Breakfast and
Mass for CCD Students and
Parents

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Following 10:00 a.m. Mass