

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 5, 2025 | 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

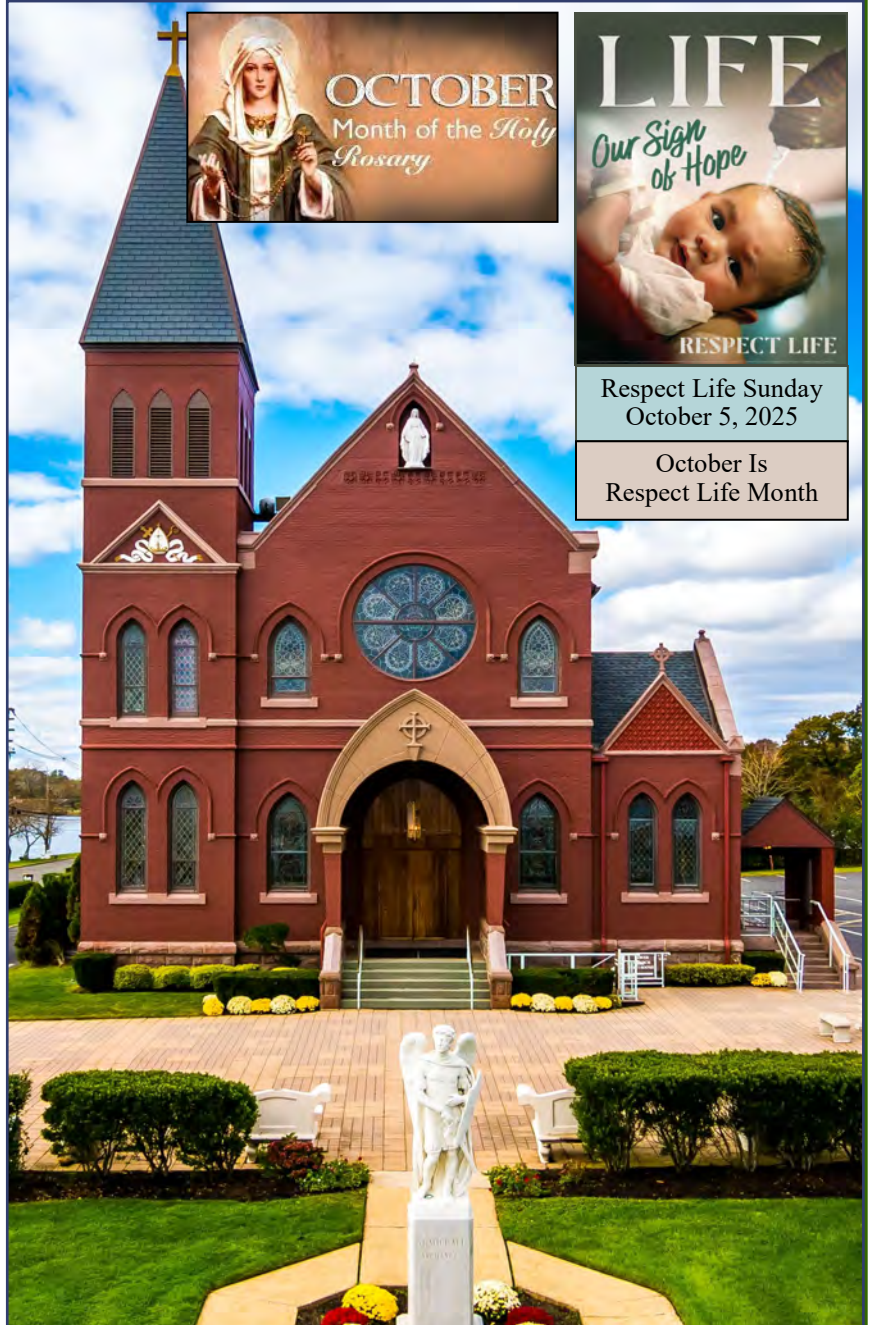
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

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

www.stmichaelnj.com

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John K. Butler, Pastor

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you." Luke 17:5-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 4

8:00 AM † James F. Simonelli	Nella & Family
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Etta Chiafullo	John & Deborah Perri and Family
† Phyllis Meola	John & Deborah Perri and Family
5:30 PM Special Intention	
Special Intention: Bill McVey	Fahey Family
7:00 PM † Jim Simonelli	Anthony & Bev DeMarco
† Lou Vincelli	Mary Valan

Sunday, October 5

7:00 AM † Linda McDonough	Thayer Family
† Ed Thayer Sr	Pat, Anne Marie, & Michael
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	
8:30 AM † Clarice Viggiano	Viggiano Family
† Charlotte DeVita	Family
10:00 AM † Anthony D'Apolito	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Mary Catherine Rogers	Todd & Jamie Leonhardt

The Diocese of Trenton's Red Mass – Health & Blessings: The Legal Community

12:00 PM † Lucy Baldino	Donna
† M. Napierala	Daughters
† Rev. Joseph Farrell	
4:00 PM Special Intention	
† Louis Vincelli	Sharon & Nicholas Fornarotto
People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family
† Anne Gourney	Russell

Monday, October 6

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Dotty O'Hara	Sharon & Nicholas Fornarotto
7:00 PM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 AM † James Simonelli	Rene & Jack Brignola
† Samuel Mazzella	Lorraine Steiner

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

8:00 AM † Marilyn Boucher	Ann Hines
† Scott Goldsberry	Tom Bourke

Saturday, October 11

8:00 AM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson	Dennis Jackson
† Patsy Delehanty	Delehanty Family
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Dotty O'Hara	Joe & Joan Richter
7:00 PM † Linda Toelken	Vicki & Tom Hoagland
† Judith Cherry	Vicki & Tom Hoagland

Sunday, October 12

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
† Jim Simonelli	Joe Ferraina
8:30 AM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family
Happy & Healthy Marriage: Caroline Sheppard and Kevin Bloodgood	Marty & Marianne McGann
10:00 AM † Andrew Bertorelli	His Family
Special Intention: Children's Rosary	
12:00 PM † Louis Vincelli	Rene & Jack Brignola
† Rev. Russell Abata	Donna
Health & Blessings: Perry DiMaggio (100th Birthday)	
4:00 PM † Thomas F. Letson, Jr.	Daughter Rosanne Letson
† Anne Gourney	Claire
People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Matthew Matero	Virginia Gizzi

The Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph, and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week in prayer for peace throughout the world.



Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on
Sunday, October 12
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
Mrs. Innace at
(732) 616-8498*

Fall Bible Study St. Michael's Church 2 Samuel



“Great are You Lord, there is none like
You and there is no God but
You...” (8:22)

Thursdays September 25-October 23, 2025

All sessions will take place in the
Lower Church

Morning session: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Evening session: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Please call Rene or Jack to reserve a seat and
a study guide 732-222-3164

Bring a Bible, Bring a Friend!



RED MASS of the Diocese of Trenton At St. Michael's Sunday, October 5, 2025 10:00 a.m.

This Sunday our parish will be hosting the 2025 Red Mass of the Diocese of Trenton for judges, lawyers, and others engaged in the administration of justice and the legal profession. His Excellency David M. O'Connell, C.M., will be the principal celebrant. Deacon Joseph Bianco of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY will preach the homily at this year's Red Mass. Deacon Bianco is a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.



We'll be praying for all those involved in the legal system and asking the Holy Spirit to help and inspire all of us in our efforts for Justice. All are welcome to attend and participate at the Red Mass. Please join us in prayer. St. Thomas More, pray for us.

COME JOIN PRECIOUS BLOOD'S PARISH MISSION

Preaching at the Weekend Masses of Oct 5
Nightly Sessions, Mon-Wed, Oct 6-8, 7:00 p.m.
Topic: Mission of Mercy & Hope

Presented by: Fr. Kevin MacDonald, a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, Massachusetts. Fr. Kevin entered the Redemptorist Missionary Order after attending Boston College and playing 7 years of professional baseball. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991 and is currently assigned to San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.



Each night has an hour's worth of prayer, preaching, and reflection. Free, and all are welcome!!

For more information: 732-222-4756.
Precious Blood Church
72 Riverdale Ave.
Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750

Publication Notice. Our bulletin of Sept 28 was not delivered on time last week because of a shipping problem at our publisher. That bulletin was not available for our Saturday evening Vigil Masses although it arrived late Saturday night in time for the Sunday Masses. We apologize for the inconvenience. Three items that were included in the Sept 28 bulletin are re-published below.



*San Alfonso
Retreat House
100 Years!
Congratulations and
Blessings!*



Fr. Carlos, Thank You!

Earlier this week, Fr. Carlos moved to his new parish assignment at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Toms River. Fr. Carlos is very fond of and strongly devoted to the *Anima Christi* prayer (at right and also on Page 379 of the current issue of the *Seasonal Missalettes* in the pews) which he frequently leads the congregation in praying at the conclusion of Mass. Please pray the *Anima Christi* often and please remember Fr. Carlos and vocations in your prayers.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Separated from Thee let me never be.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
At the hour of death, call me.
And close to Thee bid me.
That with Thy saints
I may be Praising Thee,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Re: Charlie Kirk

A Message from Our Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

In recent days, our nation has been shaken by the tragic assassination of Charlie Kirk — a loss that has deeply wounded many, especially among his young supporters. Such acts of senseless violence are a painful reminder of the fragility of peace in our society and the urgent need for healing.

Charlie Kirk was a husband, a father, and a fellow citizen. His death leaves behind a grieving family and a community in mourning. We extend our heartfelt prayers to his wife and children, and to all who are suffering in the wake of this tragedy.

Violence, especially political violence, has no place in a free and just society. Regardless of our beliefs or political affiliations, we must reject hatred in all its forms. The rhetoric that fuels division and animosity must be tempered with compassion, humility and a renewed commitment to the dignity of every human life.

Let us respond to this tragedy not with vengeance or bitterness but with prayer and resolve. May we pray for his family, for peace in our nation and for the courage to be peacemakers in a time of unrest.

This message was published on the *Trenton Monitor* diocesan website and is available at <https://trentonmonitor.com/news/bishops-corner/>.

Pastor's Note. With respect to the proper care and the proper treatment of the body of a deceased Roman Catholic, the Church has consistently urged pastors to reaffirm and republish for the knowledge and well being of the people a clear statement of the Church's teaching and to do so "with special reference to the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the soul, *the respect due to the bodies of the faithful departed and the communion between the living and the dead.*" (Letter of Cardinal Ladaria to the U.S. Bishops) This subject has become increasingly complex with the arrival of changes and the development of new technologies in the field of mortuary science (although the relevant fundamental principles of Catholic theology have not changed in any respect). One of these new technologies has become known as "*human composting*". Even the name itself is alarming and distressing. The practice of human composting (as you will read below) will be permitted under the Laws of New Jersey effective July 11, 2026. Our Bishop David M. O'Connell describes what human composting involves and summarizes the Church's teaching and the underlying reasoning leading to the conclusion that *the Church "opposes the practice of human composting as it fundamentally conflicts with the Church's reverence for the human body* and its teachings on the resurrection of the body. The Church upholds the dignity of the human body, even after death, as a temple of the Holy Spirit, deserving of respectful care. *While the Church permits cremation as an acceptable alternative to traditional burial, it insists that the remains be treated with reverence and interred in a sacred place dedicated to prayer and remembrance.*" Bishop O'Connell's message is available at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/news/human-composting-and-the-catholic-church>. The USCCB's statement on the proper disposition of bodily remains is available at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/On%20Proper%20Disposition%202023-03-20.pdf>.

Human composting and the Catholic Church

By Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

On September 11, 2025, Governor Murphy signed into law a bill (A4085/S3007) legalizing "natural organic reduction," commonly known as "human composting." This process offers an alternative to traditional burial by transforming a human body into nutrient-rich soil over several weeks. The body is placed in a specialized vessel with organic materials such as wood chips and alfalfa. Naturally occurring microbes, supported by carefully controlled conditions of moisture, oxygen, and temperature, decompose the body and plant matter into usable soil. Upon completion, the soil is sifted to remove any non-organic materials; the remaining bones are ground into sand-like particles, and the mixture is cured for use in planting trees, flowers, or conservation efforts. New Jersey is the 14th state to pass such legislation, and it becomes effective in New Jersey July 11, 2026.



The Catholic Church, through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), opposes the practice of human composting as it fundamentally conflicts with the Church's reverence for the human body and its teachings on the resurrection of the body. The Church upholds the dignity of the human body, even after death, as a temple of the Holy Spirit, deserving of respectful care. While the Church permits cremation as an acceptable alternative to traditional burial, it insists that the remains be treated with reverence and interred in a sacred place dedicated to prayer and remembrance.

In its statement dated March 23, 2023, the USCCB emphasized that the complete disintegration of the body into soil, leaving no distinguishable remains to be interred, prevents the establishment of a sacred burial site. This absence of a tangible, respectful place for prayer and memorialization is inconsistent with the Church's understanding of Christian burial, which expresses the hope of the bodily resurrection and honors the dignity of the deceased.

It is important for all funeral homes in New Jersey to be aware of Catholic teaching on this process.



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.



RESPECT LIFE

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Holy Innocents Society, DOT

All Are Welcome! All Belong!
join us at our

ANNUAL SENSORY FRIENDLY* MASS
Sunday October 12, 2025 at 2 PM

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish
Church of the Assumption
28 Monmouth Road - Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Celebrated by Monsignor Joseph Rosie

Join us afterwards for refreshments,
games, and more

RSVP to hisdot2022@gmail.com

*Adapted to accommodate individuals with autism or other sensory needs





*October is the Month of
the Holy Rosary
Renew your devotion to the
Blessed Mother
and the mysteries of the Rosary*

**Join the St. Michael's
Rosary Altar Society**

**New Member Registration
after all Masses
Oct. 11 and Oct. 12**

*All New Members entered into Drawing
for 24" Our Lady of Fatima Statue*

**Welcoming New Members
Information Meeting
Monday, November 3rd
7pm in the Lower Church**

Prayer and Service through Our Lady's Rosary



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 2026

† Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

May 2026

† Rita N. Cittadino r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,994.00	167 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$747.00	94 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$517.00	72 people

Sunday, September 28, 2025

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,422.00	96 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,000.00	139 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,515.00	148 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,850.00	141 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,016.00	123 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,230.00	184 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the September 28 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,349.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,640.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,477.00



Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, October 21, 2025
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



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to become a Catholic? Or perhaps you have been baptized yet never received First Holy Communion or made your Confirmation? Or, been baptized and received your First Holy Communion but not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation?



The Order of Initiation of Adults begin in the fall. If in attending these complete your Sacraments, please contact Kevin Connelly (our Director of Religious Education) at 732-483-0360 ext. 1 or Emily at the parish office.

Christian Initiation (OCIA) classes you are interested in attending, please contact Kevin Connelly (our Director of Religious Education) at 732-483-0360 ext. 1 or Emily at the parish office.

P.S. "OCIA" and "Order of Christian Initiation for Adults" is the fairly new name for religious instruction that many of us knew (until recently) as "RCIA" and the "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults."

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Fall Bible Study; 2 Samuel

Commenced

Thursday, September 25, 2025
(See Page 3 for details)

"Red Mass" of the Diocese of Trenton At St. Michael's (for the legal profession and those in related occupations; Bishop O'Connell presiding)

Sunday, October 5, 2025
10:00 a.m.
(See Page 3 for details)

Rosary Altar Society New Member Registration

October 11 and 12, 2025
(After all Masses)

All Saints Day

Saturday, November 1, 2025

All Souls Day

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Rosary Altar Society New Member Information Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2025
7:00 p.m. (in the Lower Church)
(See Page 6 for details)

Aid For The Hearing Impaired

We offer the use of radio aids during Mass upon request. The device is tuned to the sound system in the church so that those who have a hearing deficit might hear more clearly. Please ask an usher for assistance.

