St. Michael's Church

November 8, 2026 | Thirty-Second 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

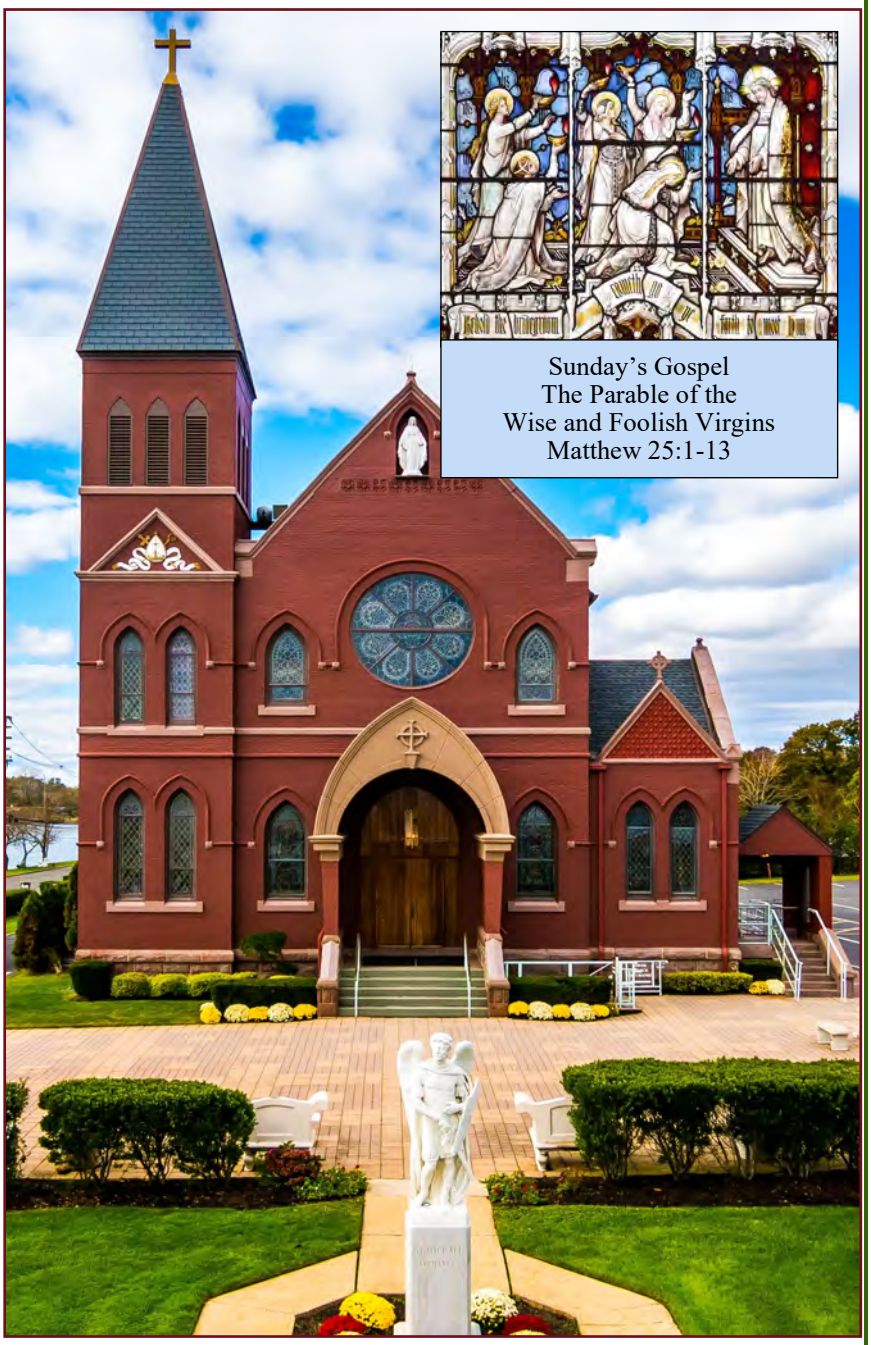
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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
The Parable of the
Wise and Foolish Virgins
Matthew 25:1-13

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

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, November 7

8:00 AM	† Joseph A. Bellino	Mom & Family
	† Richard Molloy & Mary Anne Purdy	Margaret Clinton
4:00 PM	† Bobby, Bruce, & Steve	Laura, Ann, & Maureen
	† William Kellam (1st Anniversary)	Wife Bianca
	† Grace Spadoro Anton	Rene & Jack Brignola
5:30 PM	Special Intention	
	† Rose Solan	Esposito Family
7:00 PM	† Robert Thomas Taylor	Joyce & Kelcy Pegler & Family

Sunday, November 8

7:00 AM	† Kathy Hein	
	† Dr. Joseph DeRario	Courtney Pollack
8:30 AM	† Valerie Borgia	Mogila Families
	† Gino Cantaffa	Notaro Family
	† Brian Mark Valan	Loving Family
10:00 AM	Special Intention: Children's Rosary	
	† Eddie & June Ferrara	Sheryl, Chris, & Paul
12:00 PM	† Katherine Josephson	Family
	† Thomas Milmoe	Bob & Ginger Koar
4:00 PM	† Joseph Muzetska	Barbara Muzetska
7:00 PM	† Arthur J. Carroll	
	People of the Parish	

Monday, November 9

8:00 AM	† Thomas Milmoe	
	Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM	† Michael Esposito	Family

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 AM	† Robert Payne Sr	Thomas & Camile Payne
	Special Intention: The Fornarotto Family	Rosary Altar Society

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 AM	† Joseph Muzetska	Barbara Muzetska
	Special Intention: Catherine Russo	Rosary Altar Society

Thursday, November 12

8:00 AM	† George Hoffman	Hoffman Family
	† Bob Sudman	Valan Family

Friday, November 13

8:00 AM	† David R. Dorgan	JoAnn & Family
	† Rita Cittadino	Christopher M. Cittadino & Children

Saturday, November 14

8:00 AM	† Leah Kelly	
	† Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society	
4:00 PM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	† William Kellam (1st Anniversary)	Wife Bianca
5:30 PM	Special Intention	
	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	† Brown Family	Liz & Freddie
7:00 PM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	People of the Parish	

Sunday, November 15

7:00 AM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	† Charles Murrin	Theresa
8:30 AM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	† Walter Falisiewicz	Mogila Family
10:00 AM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	Long Branch First Responders	
	† Sean O'Brien	Rosary Altar Society
12:00 PM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	† Elizabeth Zarraga	Zarraga Family
4:00 PM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	People of the Parish	
7:00 PM	Special Intention: Fr. John Butler and Visiting Priests of the Parish	Grateful Parishioner
	† James McEvoy	McEvoy Family

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!

Next Sunday

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

Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 10:00

All are welcome to attend!



Children's Rosary

Second Sunday

Monthly, after 10am Mass

Join Us November 8th



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"

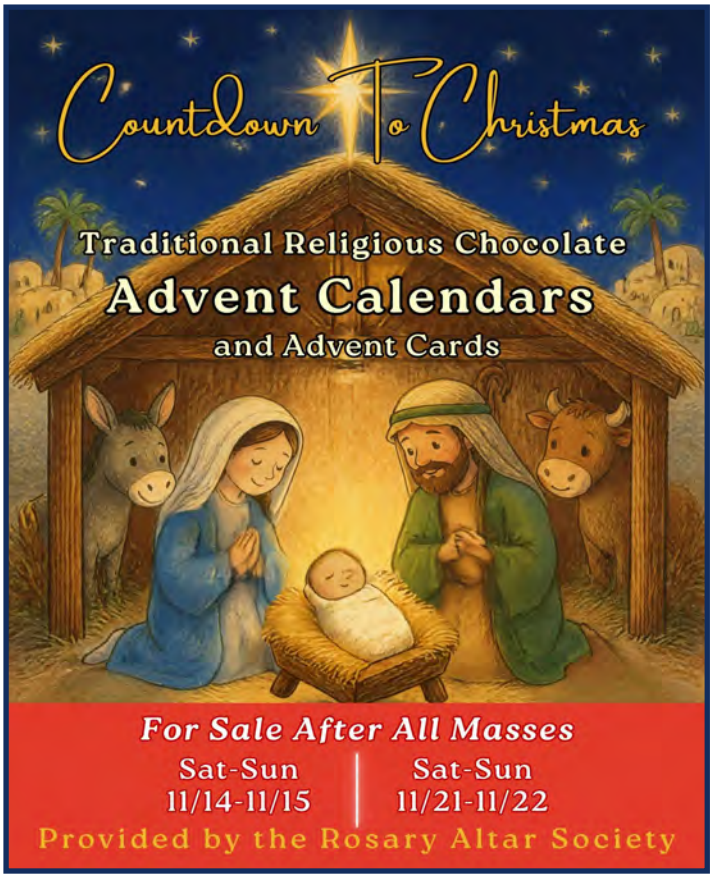
Rosary Leader Renee Mazza

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



For Sale After All Masses

Sat-Sun 11/14-11/15 | Sat-Sun 11/21-11/22

Provided by the Rosary Altar Society

Prayers for Our Loved Ones at All Souls Candlelight Mass

Parishioners and friends numbering close to 200 attended the annual All Souls Day Candlelight Mass this past Monday evening. Please remember the souls of all the faithful departed in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.













Theologically: The Value of Sports

Pope Leo's Remarks at the Vatican Welcoming of the Villanova and Notre Dame Basketball Teams

Pastor's Note. Last Saturday, October 31, Pope Leo met with basketball teams, students, and fans from the University of Notre Dame and Villanova University for a welcoming ceremony ahead of the next day's Eternal City Tip-Off basketball games in Rome. During the Pope's welcoming remarks he offered an instructive theological reflection on the important connection that can be seen between faith and sports as summarized in the following news story excerpts. The complete text of this story may be found at https://www.ncregister.com/cna/pope-leo-xiv-welcomes-thousands-from-notre-dame-villanova-to-vatican-ahead-of-historic-game. Please take a few minutes to read and reflect on the Pope's remarks.

By Abby Strelow/EWTN News October 31, 2026

ROME - Pope Leo XIV welcomed around 7,000 team members, students, and fans from Villanova University and the University of Notre Dame at the Vatican Saturday morning, the day before both schools' men's and women's teams will kick off the college basketball season in a historic doubleheader.

Fans of all ages packed into the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall in Rome for an audience with the Pope, who is himself a Villanova graduate. "Growing up on the south side of Chicago, we oftentimes heard, 'Go Irish!'" Pope Leo told the crowd. "But as you all know, Prevost graduated from Villanova. So, the pope doesn't take sides. Prevost has another opinion, but we won't do that now," he added, to cheers from the Villanova supporters. The November 1 event, called the Eternal City Tip-Off, will open the 2026-27 college basketball season for the Division 1 teams.

Pope Leo drew laughs and cheers from the crowd when he began to dribble a basketball offered by Villanova team representatives. ***The Pope then addressed the gathered fans, speaking about a "vision of sport" proposed by the Catholic Church centered on "the dignity of the human person, on his or her integral development, on education, and on relationships with others."***

He pointed out that the games will take place on the feast of All Saints' Day, saying that the occasion was a valuable reminder ***"that God calls everyone to be a saint. … We are invited, therefore, to ensure that every aspect of our lives, including our athletic endeavors, will help us to love God and our neighbor."***

Pope Leo emphasized ***the importance of sport as "a concrete means of bringing people together,"*** *particularly in an age "marked by the distance that can be created by technology." He added, "****Sport is a medicine for both body and spirit when it is practiced well."***









Remember a Loved One, Send a Christmas Greeting, Market Your Business, Support Your Parish in the St. Michael's 2026 Christmas Concert Ad Journal



St. Michael's Parish will again be hosting Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and his Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea for a spirited concert of sacred and popular Christmas music on Sunday, December 20, 2026 at 1:30 in the afternoon. Please see Page 7 for additional concert information.

In conjunction with this performance, St. Michael's is inviting parishioners, families, friends of the parish, and local businesses and merchants to take part in ***The St. Michael's Christmas Concert Ad Journal*** by subscribing for a space in the booklet. Your space may contain (for example) a memorial message remembering a deceased loved one; a Christmas greeting; a congratulatory message to Fr. Alphonse and the Orchestra, to the Parish, or to another; a business-card-size advertisement of your business.

The ***Ad Journal*** will be distributed at the December 20 concert to approximately 400 audience members and posted on the parish's website. In addition, all advertisers' names will be listed in the parish bulletins of the December 13, December 20, and December 27 weekends (which will be distributed to all of our 1,000-plus weekend Mass-goers and 2,000 Christmas Mass-goers) and posted on our parish website. An ad in the journal will reach all of those households and then some, will be an enormous help towards the financial success of the concert and the support of the parish, and will be greatly appreciated.

St. Michael's is asking all parishioners to please consider placing an advertisement in ***The St. Michael's Christmas Concert Ad Journal 2026*** and to join us in our celebration of Christmas 2026 and Fr. Alphonse's music. The ***Ad Journal*** subscription form may be found below. We are requesting that all ***Ad Journal*** subscription forms, payment, and camera-ready copy please be submitted to the parish business office on or before Tuesday, November 17, 2026; ***submission of your ad's camera-ready copy must be sent via email*** addressed to parish@stmichaelnj.com. Subscription forms and checks may be dropped-off at or mailed to the parish business office. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Carroll, Parish Secretary, at (732) 222-8080. Thank you for considering placing an ad in the Journal.

Ad Journal Subscription Form

Saint Michael's Church Christmas Concert – December 20, 2026
Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea

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Mail or drop off your Subscription Form and payment to: ..... St. Michael's Church Parish Business Office
Email camera-ready electronic (PDF) ad copy:..... ecarroll@stmichaelnj.com
St. Michael's Tax Identification:..... 21-0667472
Contact Person at St. Michael's: ..... Emily 732-222-8080
Ad submission deadline:..... November 17, 2026

Ad prices and sizes are indicated below. Please check the appropriate box.

☐ Full Page (B&W)	$500	4 ½ x 7 ½	☐ Quarter Page (B&W)	$150	4 ½ x 1 5/8
☐ Half Page (B&W)	$250	4 ½ x 3 ¾	☐ Business Cards (B&W)	$125	

Advertiser's Contact Information

Name of Advertiser or Business:_____
Address:_____
Phone Number:_____ **email:**_____
Contact Person at Advertiser's Business: _____

I release the enclosed (or emailed) information for publication in the Ad Journal book for St. Michael's Church.

_____**(signature)** _____**(date)**

_____**(print name)**

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church
Sunday, December 20, 2026
1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church

Tickets go on sale ***online*** on Tuesday, November 10 at 12:01 a.m. Visit the parish website to access the Eventbrite ticket-selling website.





Tickets for Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's will be going ***on sale on Tuesday, November 10 at 12:01 a.m.*** For the first two weeks or so, these tickets will be sold online (and only online) by visiting the parish's website at www.stmichaelnj.com which will take you to the ticket-selling website of Eventbrite. Beginning on a date to be announced after those first two weeks or so of online ticket sales, tickets will also be sold "manually" in the church vestibule after some of the weekend Masses as announced. Tickets purchased manually after Mass in the church may be paid for with cash or a check. All concert seats will be reserved and assigned seating. Tickets will not be available for purchase in the parish business office (except as announced) nor over the phone.

A Thank You Message Re: the 2025 Christmas Concert Ad Journal

Fr. Alphonse's 2025 Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's and the parish's 2025 Ad Journal distributed at the concert were very successful. The Ad Journal helped to pay for concert expenses not completely covered by the revenue from ticket sales such as the musicians' stipends, rental of special sound equipment, and other overhead expenses. St. Michael's is extremely grateful to our 2025 Ad Journal advertisers; Thank you! They are listed below. Many of the advertisers own and operate local businesses. Please patronize them whenever possible.

Full Page
Damiano Funeral Home
Brazilian Market
David M. Muldowney, Jr., CPA
Ralph Devito Lawn Maintenance
Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant
Saint Jerome School & The Parish of Our Lady of Hope
The Johnson Family
Stickel Packaging
San Alfonso Retreat House
Monmouth Medical Center
Woodbine Cemetery & Chapel Mausoleum
Woolley-Boglioli Funeral Home

Half Page
Scala's Pizzeria
The Algonquin Theater
Blue Swan Diner
Christ the King Parish
Mt. Carmel Cemetery & Columbarium
Market Street Mission
For Heaven Sake (Religious Gift Shop)
La Scarpetta Italian Grill & Pizza
Nanno's
East Coast Protection Services
Stabile Floors
St. Vincent de Paul Society
O'Brien Funeral Home
JAMM Printing
Paul David Partywares
Burke & Manna Real Estate Agency
Linda Heaning
Fiore-Buckley Funeral Home

Quarter Page
NJ Ink Shop
Paramount Diner
The Parish of St. Rose (Belmar)
St. Michael's Children's Rosary
St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society
Mike Duffy's Personal Training
Solve It Sherlock Escape Rooms
The DeBenedetto Family
Frank's Deli & Restaurant
Shampoochies
Memories Party Boutique

Business Card
Stephen Makrancy
All Seasons Diner
Amy's
Bagel Guys Deli
Kansai Barber Shop
Raizes de Pontugal

Donation of Frozen Turkeys for the St. Vincent dePaul Society's Food Drive



Donations of frozen turkeys for distribution to the needy will be accepted at the side-door entrance to the Lower Church as follows:

- Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday between 6:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- The deadline for dropping-off turkeys is Thursday, November 19.
- Please do not drop-off turkeys or other food items at any other times or at any other locations on the parish grounds.

For additional information, or to make arrangement for other drop-off times, please phone the St. Vincent dePaul Society at (732) 483-0360 ext. 1 or Mary Jensen at 732-233-0672. Thank you and may God bless you.

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!



Prayer for Followers of Saint Vincent De Paul

Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Vincent de Paul with the strength of the Apostles, to work for the salvation of the poor and the instruction of the clergy.

May we who follow the example of His holy life, be driven by unceasing charity, to continue the mission of Your Son in the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen



For those who may be traveling on Thanksgiving Day itself, we will be celebrating an EVE of Thanksgiving Day Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a Holy Hour and Adoration. All are invited and welcome.

- Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration: 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Benediction: 6:45 p.m.
- Mass on Thanksgiving Day Eve: 7:00 p.m.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to a

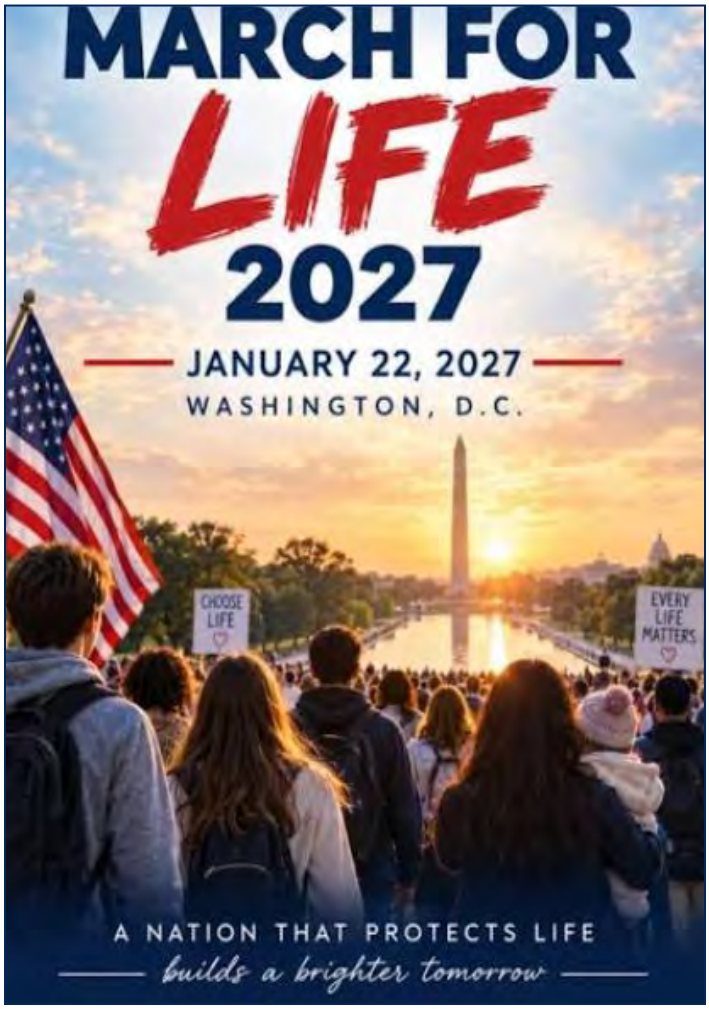
Family Mass of Thanksgiving
at 9:30 a.m.
on Thanksgiving Day.



At the conclusion of this Mass, loaves of bread will be blessed and distributed.

Please note: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will also be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. (the "early bird Thanksgiving Day Mass") in addition to the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. Mass will not be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Confessions will not be heard on Thanksgiving Day except for an urgent need; please contact the Parish Office if such a need occurs in order to schedule an appointment.


The Diocese of Trenton
presents
George Frideric Handel's
Messiah
Celebrate the magic of
Christmas through music!
Performed by the Diocesan
Festival Choir, Oratory Choir &
the Oratory Chamber Orchestra
DECEMBER
6
3:30 PM
Admission: Adults $20
Seniors & Students $15
under 8 free
St. Michael Church
800 Ocean Avenue N
Long Branch, NJ 07740



2027 Mass Book

The 2027 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, November 17. We kindly ask that when you come to the office for scheduling, please bring a written list including the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is $10.00 per Mass.



PARISH COUNSELING SERVICS

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to six sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns, and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest (732-222-8080) for additional information and referral. The fee is $90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

Second Collection During the Weekend of
November 14 and 15
For The Catholic Campaign
for Human Development



Next weekend our parish will take up the Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church





Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, November 17, 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 Parish Office will be closed for business on Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. The parish office will reopen on Thursday, November 12. Mass will be celebrated at the usual Wednesday 8:00 a.m. time on Veterans Day, with Confessions heard at the usual time after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, October 31, 2026

4:00 PM Mass	$1,724.00	156 people
5:30 PM Mass	$350.00	59 people
7:00 PM Mass	$507.00	34 people

Sunday, November 1, 2026

7:00 AM Mass	$1,497.00	132 people
8:30 AM Mass	$2,489.00	143 people
10:00 AM Mass	$1,213.00	142 people
12:00 PM Mass	$2,299.00	171 people
4:00 PM Mass	$1,233.00	178 people
7:00 PM Mass	$1,133.00	179 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 1 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **$375.00**

This Week's Total: $12,820.00
Same Week's Total Last Year: $13,500.00
All Saints Day Collection: $1,790.00

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*



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Sunday, November 22 at 10:45 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

On the Calendar at St. Michael's Church

First Responders' Mass	*Sunday, November 15, 2026 10:00 a.m. (See Page 3 for details)*
Veterans Day (Parish Office Closed)	*Wednesday, November 11, 2026*
Thanksgiving Day	*Thursday, November 26, 2026 Early Mass at 7:00 a.m. Family Mass at 9:30 a.m. No 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday*
First Sunday of Advent	*Sunday, November 29, 2026*
Handel's Messiah Performed by the Diocese Festival Choir	*Sunday, December 6, 2026 3:30 p.m. (See Page 9 for details)*
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *(a holy day of obligation)*	*Tuesday, December 8, 2026*
Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert	*Sunday, December 20, 2026 1:30 p.m. (See Page 7 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.