

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

January 11, 2026 | The Baptism of the Lord

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

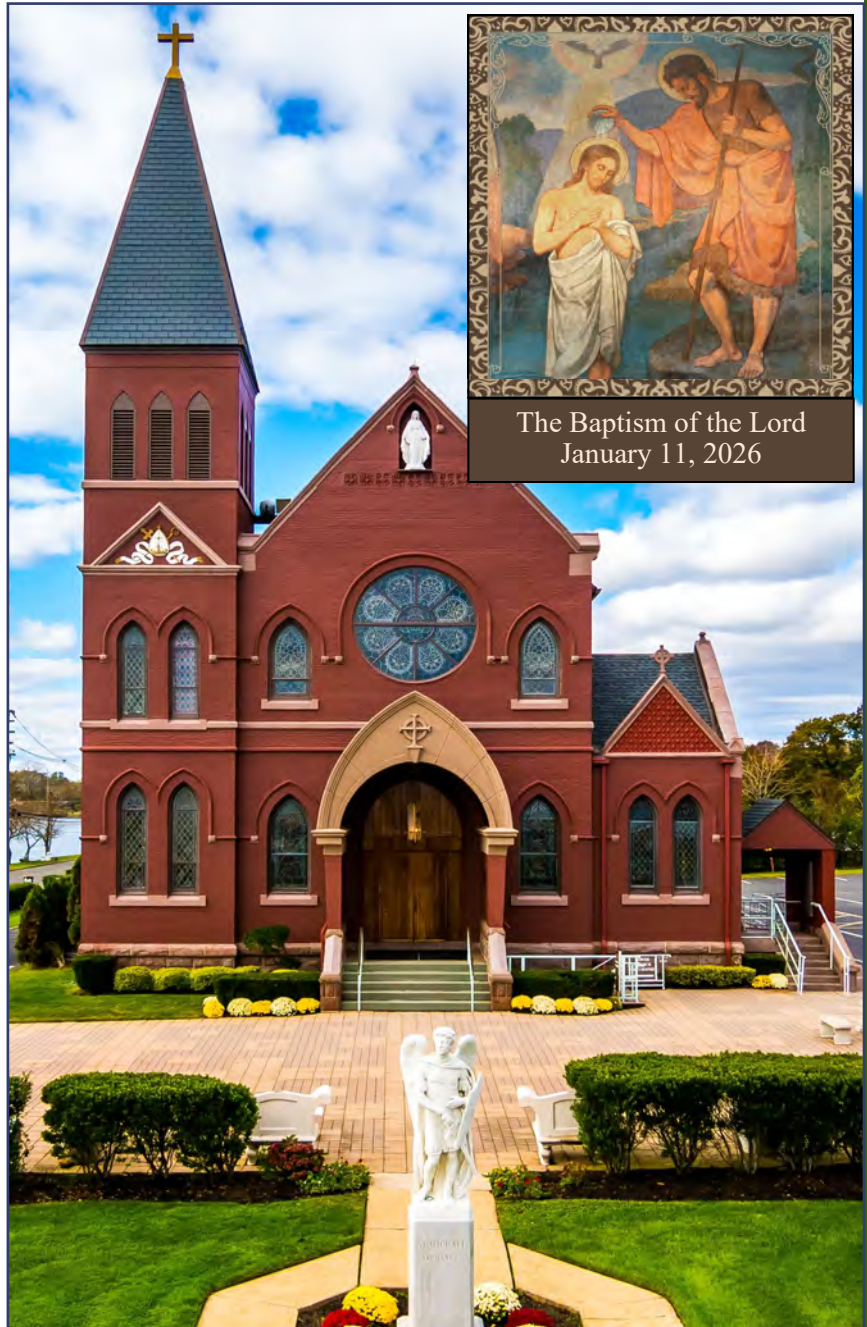
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

732-483-0360 ext. 1



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 10

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| 8:00 AM People of the Parish | |
| 4:00 PM † Florence Cangialosi | Maria & Gerry Caffrey |
| † William Kellam | Rosanne Letson |
| † Louis Vincelli | Tricia |
| 5:30 PM Special Intention | |
| † Gale Stachelek | Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Nagy |
| 7:00 PM † Michael Esposito | Family |

Sunday, January 11

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| 7:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered | Russo Family |
| People of the Parish | |
| 8:30 AM † Bill Kellam | Mimi Paolise |
| † Bob Sudman | Podracky Family |
| 10:00 AM Special Intention: Children's Rosary | |
| † Regina Principe | Rinaldi Family |
| 12:00 PM † Ethel Delaney | Family |
| † Nadine Carroll | Family |
| 4:00 PM † Jennifer M. Schaefer | Lusardi Family |
| † Francesco Fasano | Daughter, Paula |
| 7:00 PM † Charles Norris Gannon | Adele Gannon & Family |

Monday, January 12

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| 8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause | Friends of Sylvia Marsico |
| † Louis Vincelli | Chris M. Cittadino |
| 7:00 PM † Dotty O'Hara | |

"Behold, the heavens were opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him."

Matthew 3:16

Tuesday, January 13

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| 8:00 AM † John Paolise (10 Year Anniversary) | Mimi, Nick, & Regina Paolise |
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Wednesday, January 14

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| 8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Cattelona Family | Russo Family |
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Thursday, January 15

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| 8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Russo Family | Russo Family |
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Friday, January 16

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| 8:00 AM † Emilia & Julius Simonelli | Family |
| † Jay Filippo | Filippo Family |
| † Dr. Bart Maggio (10th Anniversary) | Tom Viggiano |

Saturday, January 17

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| 8:00 AM People of the Parish | |
| 4:00 PM † Bob Sudman | Shafritz Family |
| † Maureen Greeley | DeBenedetto Family |
| 5:30 PM Special Intention | |
| † Dorothy O'Hara | Bill & Mary Richards |
| † Ellen Kubar | Bernice McCallister |
| 7:00 PM † Rita Cittadino | Christopher M. Citadino & Children |

Sunday, January 18

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| 7:00 AM † Charles Murrin | Theresa |
| 8:30 AM † William Kellam | Russo Family |
| † Deceased Members of the DiLieto Family | Kathi West |
| 10:00 AM † Maryann Smeriglio | Garifine Family |
| † Mary & William Kresan | Mary & Catherine Farrar |
| † Julia R. Bowman | Loving Children Michael, Joseph & AnneMarie |
| 12:00 PM † Jennifer Schaefer | DeLucia Family |
| † George Cucuzzella | Diane & Family |
| 4:00 PM † Maureen Penta | Doug & Pat Weaver |
| 7:00 PM People of the Parish | |

The three Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week for Peace on Earth and for the Pro-Life Cause.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, January 23, 2026



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FRIDAY

January 23, 2026

11:00 AM | Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold, NJ

Mass for Life

& Life Expo

Celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

■ Pray in solidarity with those travelling to Washington, DC for the national March for Life

■ Engage with local life-affirming organizations that promote human dignity from womb to tomb

■ Foster friendships, network and strengthen bonds to build a culture of life in our community

STANDING TOGETHER
FOR Life

dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026, WASHINGTON, D.C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

***Chartered Bus Transportation from Star of the Sea Church in Long Branch;
All are Welcome; First Come, First Served for Reserved Seats on the Bus***

The annual National March for Life is on Friday, January 23, 2026 in Washington, DC. St. Michael's, Christ the King Parish (Star of the Sea Church and Holy Trinity Church), and Our Lady of Hope of Parish (St. Jerome's Church and St. Mary's Church/Deal) are combining in a three-parish collaboration to provide chartered bus transportation to the March & Rally. All are welcome on this bus; parishioners and non-parishioners alike. The key points of information are:

- Departing at 6:15 a.m. from the Star of the Sea parking lot (111 Chelsea Avenue, Long Branch). Returning to the Star of the Sea parking lot at approximately 10:15 p.m. on Friday night the 23rd. You may park your car for the day in the Star of the Sea parking lot.
- To sign-up for the bus (**reservations in advance are required**) and for additional information, please contact **Kathryn Perez via phone at (732) 581-9735 or via email at prolifekp@aol.com**.
- Fee: \$10.00 per passenger. Cash or check payable to St. Michael's Church may be mailed to the St. Michael's parish office or dropped-off at the St. Michael's parish office (800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740) or paid as you board the bus. Please write on the memo line of your check "Bus to 2026 March for Life". **The deadline to reserve a seat on the bus is Tuesday, January 20. Seating on the bus is very limited**, so it is important to sign-up for a seat as soon as possible (first come, first served). Students may travel on the bus at no charge. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.
- The bus will have a restroom on board. There will be a brief 20-minute break at an I-95 rest stop during our morning southbound travel and during our evening northbound travel. Please pray for an end to abortion.

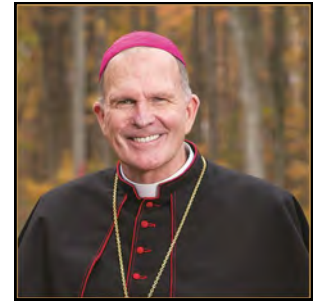




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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF TRENTON
701 LAWRENCEVILLE ROAD
POST OFFICE BOX 5147
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08638-0147



DECREE OF CONCLUSION OF THE HOLY YEAR 2025 IN THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis formally announced the opening of the Holy Year 2025 with his apostolic letter “*Spes non confudit* (Hope does not disappoint), Romans 5:5.” With its theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” the Holy Year 2025 officially began for the universal Church on December 24, 2024, when Pope Francis customarily opened the bronze Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica.

In the Diocese of Trenton, I formally opened the Holy Year 2025 on the weekend of December 28-29, 2024 during Masses at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton, New Jersey (December 28, 2024) and at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold, New Jersey (December 29, 2024).

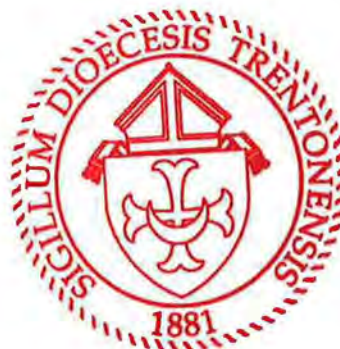
His Holiness Pope Leo XIV will officially conclude the Holy Year 2025 for the universal Church on January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, customarily closing the bronze Holy Door before Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

As Bishop, I decree that the Diocese of Trenton will simultaneously conclude its observance of the Holy Year 2025 on that same date and Solemnity, thanking God for all the graces and blessings He has bestowed on the universal and local Church throughout the Holy Year 2025.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Trenton on January 2 in the Year of Our Lord 2026.

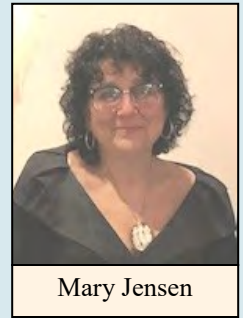
Respectfully yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton





Saint Michael's St. Vincent de Paul



Mary Jensen

January 1, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

As I was gathering my thoughts to write a much needed thank-you note to the parish, I started to look for a biblical verse to jumpstart my letter, instead of delving right in with the statistics of what we did this year. Nothing says it as simply as St. Matthew, 25:35: **"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."** This is, in a nutshell, what St. Vincent de Paul is all about: helping people, feeding people, listening, giving advice if needed and hopefully giving them the financial boost that they need to get them back on track.

Food costs have skyrocketed. Rents have jumped to unaffordable rates- missing a few days' work can be catastrophic. Utility prices are escalating. This fiscal year (October 2024 to September 2025) we (the Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul based at St. Michael's) have disbursed \$119,197 in aid: \$84,351 for housing (rents, mortgages) and \$26,126 for utilities and other items. We are so grateful to our parish and to our parishioners for making this possible. We have distributed food to more than 2,000 people. The average value of food bags distributed to each family from our monthly Food Pantry is more than \$120. We also purchased and added nonfood items such as toilet paper, cleaning supplies, personal care items such as shampoo, soap, and diapers when needed (for both adults and child). From time to time, we are able to get pet food. The majority of the food comes from the local foodbank, which we are a member of. We also receive donations from Delicious Orchards, Amazon and Trader Joe's when available. The pantry is open on the third Saturday of the month. The food truck delivery comes the Friday morning before. Help is always needed to put everything together and to bring the bags to the recipients' cars.

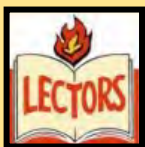
The majority of the people served are working families, seniors, and disabled- very few qualify for food stamps. Please keep SVDP as a part of your grocery list if possible- especially for the nonfood items. These cannot be purchased with food stamps. Food cards are always welcome!

Our board meets every Monday evening to go over the calls that come in during the week. We talk about the cases that our volunteers have interviewed. We have been blessed that through the generosity of the parish and parishioners of St. Michael's, that we have funds that can help so many.

Thank you again to all our volunteers and benefactors for, without your support, we could not continue to do what we do. May God bless you and have a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,
Mary Jensen, President
St. Vincent de Paul Society

800 Ocean Ave, Long Branch NJ 07740
Phone 732-483-0360 ext. 1

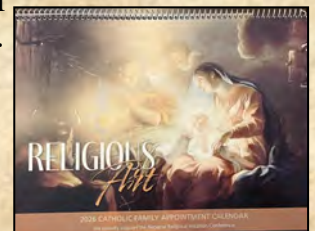


Our Parish is in need of lectors/readers and altar servers for **ALL** of our Masses and especially our Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass, Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mass, Weekday Masses, and from time-to-time for our Funeral Masses. Training will be provided. The rewards are heavenly!

If you can help, please call
the parish business office,
732-222-8080.

2026 parish calendars are available in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one after Mass.

Thank you to the Woolley-Boglioli Funeral Home for their annual onation of the parish calendars!



ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS FOR 2026

***Pastor's Note:** The Proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts of the New Year usually occurs at the Masses in early January on the Feast of the Epiphany, which was last Sunday, January 4. This Proclamation was announced at that day's 12:00 Noon Mass here at St. Michael's. The custom of making this Proclamation on Epiphany Sunday dates from an ancient time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to, and as function of, the date of Easter. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany Proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the Resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.*

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. And so, let it be known as follows that:

On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the fifth day of April we will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[In those places where the Ascension is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter:] On the seventeenth day of May (a **Sunday** now in our Diocese of **Trenton**) will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-fourth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Ad Journal advertisers; Thank you! They are listed below. Many of the advertisers own and operate local businesses. Please patronize them whenever possible.

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David M. Muldowney, Jr., CPA
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Woolley-Boglioli Funeral Home

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Mt. Carmel Cemetery & Columbarium
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Nanno's
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St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society
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Solve It Sherlock Escape Rooms
The DeBenedetto Family
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All Seasons Diner
Amy's
Bagel Guys Deli
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Raizes de Pontugal

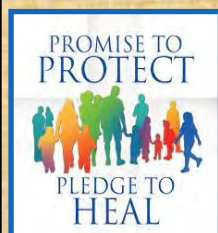
**DYC
FEB 7TH**
10:15 AM
**DONOVAN
CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
8TH-12TH GRADE
ADVANCE REGISTRATION \$25
WALK-IN REGISTRATION \$35

POWER-FUL
"THAT YOUR FAITH MIGHT REST NOT ON HUMAN WISDOM
BUT ON THE POWER OF GOD" 1 Cor 2:5

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE
DIOCESEOFTRENTON.ORG/DYC

The Diocesan Youth Conference is a gathering for ALL teens in the 8-12th grades of the Diocese of Trenton. It is an exciting day filled with great music, powerful talks, fun service projects and more! Most importantly it is a chance to connect with other Catholic teens beyond your parish or school and grow in your faith!

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT: The Diocese of



Trenton and St. Michael's Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION January 16-24, 2026



St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world. As you cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb. May no harm ever endanger them and may

pray to protect
HUMAN LIFE
JANUARY 16-24

no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within. Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will has been fulfilled. St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us. Say the "Our Father," the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be" after this novena prayer. **This novena will be prayed at all Masses at St. Michael's from January 16 to January 24.**



**NOVENA
to SAINT
JOSEPH**

January 16-24, 2026

Please Participate In (or \$\$\$upport) the Parish's
Attendance at the 2026 March for Life in Washington, DC;
Special Second Collection on January 11th and 18th Weekends;
EXTRA Effort (PLEASE!!!)



The annual National March for Life and Rally for Life in Washington, DC will be on Friday, January 23, 2026. This event has taken place every year since 1974 – the first anniversary of the dreadful *Roe vs. Wade* abortion decision of the United States Supreme Court (issued on January 22, 1973). The March and the Rally “bring together the pro-life movement across the nation, on the Friday closest to this somber anniversary to stand up for the 63 million lives of aborted babies lost since *Roe*.” (<https://marchforlife.org/frequently-asked-questions/>). “Since 1974, the March for Life [has rapidly grown] to be the largest pro-life event in the world. This peaceful gathering of hundreds of thousands is a powerful witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.” (<https://marchforlife.org/frequently-asked-questions/>).

Parishioners of St. Michael's Church have faithfully attended the March for Life for many years – rising extra early in the morning, bundling-up for the cold January weather, attending early Morning Mass here in Long Branch, boarding our chartered bus for the journey to DC, attending the 12:00 noon Rally for Life at the National Mall, and then at 1:00 p.m. joining in the March for Life and walking up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court Building – peacefully, earnestly, and with solemn dignity praying for and advocating for the end of the practice and the legality of abortion; urging the world to be transformed and to view abortion as ***not only illegal but UNTHINKABLE***.



If at all possible, PLEASE consider being a member of our parish group and personally participating in this year's March for Life. Yes, it is a sacrifice. And yes, it isn't “easy” in light of the distance and the winter weather and the 16-hour day and so forth. But for the sake of preventing another 63 million unborn babies from being aborted (murdered) and for the sake of standing up for our Catholic doctrine of the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life, please consider making that sacrifice if at all possible.



If your personal participation in the March and on the bus is not possible, (due to age, health, infirmity, commitments; please use common sense and good judgement), another option that will be greatly appreciated (in addition to your prayers) and that will go a long way to supporting “the cause” and to supporting the parish's pro-life efforts would be ***a financial contribution to help St. Michael's and the nearby collaborating parishes pay for the expense of the chartered bus to Washington*** (in the range of \$4,000 this year for a 55-seat bus). Checks may be dropped-off at or mailed to the parish business office (made payable to “St. Michael's Church” and with a memo line notation “Bus – March for Life 2026”).

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In addition, we will have a second collection at all of our Masses during the weekends of January 10-11 and January 17-18 for this same special March for Life bus purpose. In the event that the proceeds of this special-purpose appeal and collection exceed the bus expense, a donation in the amount of the excess in the name of “St. Michael’s Church” will be made to New Jersey Right to Life and to other pro-life organizations for the specific purpose of financially supporting ultra-sound sessions for pregnant women.

Please remember that supporting this year’s March for Life is especially vital since:

- It is important and necessary to keep in mind (and to keep the efforts alive and active) that the pro-life cause



and struggles did not come to a conclusion when the *Roe vs. Wade* decision was overruled by the Supreme Court in its 2022 *Dobbs vs. Jackson* decision (issued on the date of the Church’s celebration of the **BIRTH** of St. John the Baptist (June 24, 2022): “the baby leaped in his mother’s womb when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting” – Luke 1:41). Awareness and efforts need to be maintained at the Federal/national level as well as at the State and local levels.

To sign-up for a seat on the parish’s bus to Washington, please phone or email Kathryn

Perez (phone: (732) 581-9735; email: prolifekp@aol.com). The itinerary for this day and further information may be found on Page 3 of this bulletin.

Thank you for considering all of the above. Please pray (and work) (“Ora et Labora!”) for the end of abortion and for competent and compassionate care and support for women in need before, during, and after their pregnancies. May God bless you. St. Gerard (Patron Saint of mothers, pregnant women, childbirth, children, and the Pro-Life Movement), pray for us!



Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on
Sunday, January 11
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
Renee Mazza at
(732) 829-4548*

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



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| Novena to St. Joseph to End Abortion | January 16-24, 2026 (See Page 7 for details) |
| Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (parish office closed) | Monday, January 19, 2026 |
| Rally & March for Life in Washington, DC | Friday, January 23, 2026 (See Page 3 for details) |
| Diocese Mass for Life & Life Expo | Friday, January 23, 2026 (See Page 3 for details) |
| Catholic Schools Week | January 25-31, 2026 |
| Ash Wednesday | February 18, 2026 |
| Confirmation | Thursday, March 26, 2026 |

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

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following baby who was baptized at St. Michael's in December 2025: Carolina Linda DeLicio. May God bless her and her family.



The following is one of the prayers that the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society use when they meet every Monday to review applicants' requests for financial assistance. It helps the members to focus on their mission and on the example that was set by St. Vincent himself many years ago.

"So be very careful in attending to all their needs...do not get angry with them and never speak harshly to them. They have enough to put up with in their misfortunes...Weep with them; God has made you their consolers."



Feeling overwhelmed?

Personal losses impacting life?

Struggling with a relationship?

Everyone can use a little extra support in handling life's challenges.

**Parish Counseling Services
Are Available.**

Through a joint service of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton, short term professional counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available. The fee is \$90 per session but there is financial assistance available for those who need it. Use of an individual's health insurance may also be an option.

Contact your pastor or parish priest for more information and to get assistance with the referral.



Diocese of Trenton

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, December 27, 2025

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| 4:00 PM Mass | \$2,172.00 | 156 people |
| 5:30 PM Mass | \$841.00 | 67 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$1,244.00 | 42 people |

Sunday, December 28, 2025

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| 7:00 AM Mass | \$317.00 | 74 people |
| 8:30 AM Mass | \$1,735.00 | 101 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,218.00 | 163 people |
| 12:00 PM Mass | \$2,095.00 | 158 people |
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$2,098.00 | 169 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$911.00 | 128 people |

Mailed-in Envelopes for the December 28 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,248.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,879.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,428.00

Due to an early publication deadline for the January 4 bulletin, the attendance and collection data for the week-end of December 27 and December 28 is published in this January 11 bulletin. Thank you for your attendance at Mass and for your faithful stewardship and financial support of the parish.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, January 3, 2026

| | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$1,882.00 | 224 people |
| 5:30 PM Mass | \$712.00 | 116 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$427.00 | 62 people |

Sunday, January 4, 2026

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| 7:00 AM Mass | \$1,283.00 | 78 people |
| 8:30 AM Mass | \$2,533.00 | 127 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$2,012.00 | 156 people |
| 12:00 PM Mass | \$1,466.00 | 203 people |
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$1,646.00 | 159 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$1,306.00 | 191 people |

Mailed-in Envelopes for the January 4 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,563.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,830.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,194.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$7,092.00

Christmas Collection 2025

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 4:00 PM Mass (LBMS) | \$3,950.00 | 222 people |
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$11,787.00 | 423 people* |
| 5:30 PM Mass | \$5,753.00 | 211 people |
| 7:00 PM Mass | \$3,516.00 | 146 people |
| 8:30 PM Mass | \$5,656.00 | 134 people |
| 10:00 PM Mass | \$2,993.00 | 157 people |

"LBMS" indicates Long Branch Middle School

*Includes both Upper Church and Lower Church (seating capacity in the Upper Church limited by law to 440)

Thursday, December 25, 2025

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| 7:00 AM Mass | \$6,419.00 | 93 people |
| 8:30 AM Mass | \$8,475.00 | 138 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$3,495.00 | 121 people |
| 12:00 AM Mass | \$5,328.00 | 279 people |
| 5:00 PM Mass | \$1,771.00 | 96 people |

Rec'd at Masses: **\$59,143.00**

Mail In Envelopes for the Christmas Collection:
\$17,246.00

Christmas Collection 2025 Total: \$76,389.00

Christmas Collection 2024 Total: \$74,446.00

Christmas Collection 2023 Total: \$66,991.00

Thank You!



Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, January 20, 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
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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.