

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

by Reverend Matthew R. Mauriello



The month of October continues. Each year this month is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually during this month on October 7. This memorial was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church and her spiritual children in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.



The memorial was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than to the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we, too, can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.



Our parishioners pray the Rosary on Monday through Saturday mornings beginning at about 8:30 a.m. immediately following the conclusion of our 8:00 a.m. weekday Daily Mass. All are invited and welcome. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

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DAILY MASS

Mon –Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday 12:15 PM 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.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John K. Butler, Pastor

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8:30am-3:30pm

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 19, 2025 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Luke 18:7-8



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 18

8:00 AM James Weeden	Grandchildren
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Robert Kornfeld	Anthony & Joseph Peronti
† Margaret Riebesell	Michael & Rita Russomanno and Family
5:30 PM † Thomas & Jeraldine Traxler	Janice, Fred, Kathleen, & Isabel Carr
† Michael & Joseph Fornino	Pingitore Family
Special Intention	
7:00 PM † Lou Vincelli	Joe & Carmel Mirarchi
† Matthew Matero	Uncle Malcome, Aunt Maryann, & Owen

Sunday, October 19

7:00 AM † Linda McDonough	Thayer Family
† Chuck James	Eileen Wolff
8:30 AM † Charlotte DeVita	Family
† Carol Orlovsky	Ed & Laura Mogila & Family
10:00 AM † Frank Frankel	Joe & Diane Alessi
† William & Rose Marie Scharle	Kevin & Maryann Rogers
12:00 PM † Carol Mitchell Swanson	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Greca
† Hunne Greca	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Greca
4:00 PM † James Simonelli	Rosanne Letson
† Louis Vincelli	Rosanne Letson
7:00 PM † Linda Brockriede	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Nagy
People of the Parish	

Monday, October 20

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Ann Dahl	Barbara Barber
7:00 PM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family
† James & Mary Weeden	Family

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 AM † Catherine Pacailler	Kathy & Ralph Stubbs
† Joseph Muzetska	Barbara Muzetska

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 AM † Marilyn Boucher	Ann Hines
† Bruce Crowell, Jr.	
† Stephanie Majeski	Chris, Karen, Lori, John, & Alex

Thursday, October 23

8:00 AM † James Simonelli	Joe & Carmel Mirarchi
† Deceased Members of the Russo Family	Family

Friday, October 24

8:00 AM † Louis Brignola	Jack & Renee Brignola
† Miriam McLain	Graniero Family

Saturday, October 25

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Robert Kornfeld	Serena & Frank Berchi
† Michael Ebert	Mom, RJ & Joann
5:30 PM † Aniello & Rosaria Califano	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Califano & Family
Special Intention	
† Dotty O'Hara	Joe & Joan Richter
7:00 PM † Louis Vincelli	Mimi Paolise
† Matthew Matero	Mark & Debra Gizzi

Sunday, October 26

7:00 AM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family
† Ellen Shyne	Michelle Murphy
8:30 AM † Deceased Members of the McGann Family	Marty & Marianne McGann
† Deceased Members of the Sverapa Family	Marty & Marianne McGann
10:00 AM † James Simonelli	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Betsy Krohmer	Bertorelli & Olsen Families
12:00 PM † Anne Gourney	Jane & Sal
† Kevin Patrick Luckie	Bill & Donna Schmidt
4:00 PM † Terrance Todd Fisher	Fisher Family
† Florence Johnson	Luci, Ed & Elisa Perez
7:00 PM † Michael O'Donovan	Ciufo Family
People of the Parish	

The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (also known as All Souls' Day) is celebrated by the Church on November 2. Here at St. Michael's, in addition to our customary Sunday Masses on All Souls' Day we will also celebrate a **Candlelight Mass of Remembrance** invited and welcome to attend this evening families of the parish who have had a death inviting them to attend this 7:00 p.m. Mass for the repose of the soul of their the Faithful during this Mass. The names of aloud during the candle-lighting ceremony. Sunday, we will also have Masses that day a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and the Candlelight Mass at 7:00 p.m.



on Sunday, **November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** All are Mass. Letters were mailed last week to the in the family since last year's All Souls' Day and to light a Candle of Prayer and Remem- loved one at the conclusion of the Prayer of the parish's recently deceased will be read Since All Souls' Day this year falls on a at the usual Sunday hours of 7:00 a.m., 8:30

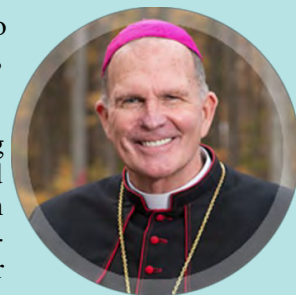
The Church encourages the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed. And the Church teaches that the faithful on earth can assist the departed in attaining the Beatific Vision through their prayers, good works, and the offering of Mass. The Candlelight All Souls' Mass will be preceded by an instrumental Musical Prelude led by Acting Music Director Lauren Walters at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in the Lower Church immediately after the Mass. May perpetual light shine upon the souls of all the faithful departed.

A message from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. on World Mission Sunday 2025:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. This day is a powerful call to unite in prayer and solidarity, supporting the Church's missionary work worldwide.

This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples", resonates deeply, echoing the vision of Pope Leo XIV, whose own missionary journey in Peru exemplified the hope and renewal the Church brings to the most isolated communities. As he said, the Pontifical Mission Societies are "the primary means for awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized." His example calls us to renew our commitment to the mission of the Church – both near and far.



Let us remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was once a mission territory, nurtured by the sacrifices of Catholics from Europe and beyond. Today, we are called to extend that same generosity to the Church's 1,124 mission territories, where priests, religious, and lay leaders work in areas of poverty and persecution to bring the Gospel to those in need.

The second collection today supports the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's official means of assisting these communities. Your contribution will support the formation of seminaries and religious, the training of catechists, education for children in Catholic schools, medical care in Church-run hospitals, and the construction of churches and centers for worship. Your prayers and sacrifices today ensure the light of Christ reaches even the farthest corners of the world. The mission is not just for those who serve in distant lands – it is the responsibility of all of us, by virtue of our baptism.

I encourage you to give generously, knowing that your support will make a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the mission of the Church and inspire us to live as Missionaries of Hope in all we do.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Second Collection This Weekend October 18 and 19 World Mission Sunday

This weekend, every parish across the globe will join together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.



This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

Please see Bishop O'Connell's message regarding World Mission Sunday on Page 3 of this bulletin.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.

Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick



Please keep in mind that the parish priests and our lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available and eager to bring Communion to parishioners who are in the hospital (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and hospices, too) and to parishioners who are at home but unable to get to church. Please contact Mary Valan at the parish office to make arrangements. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities **generally do not notify the parish office** regarding their Catholic patients who desire to receive Sacraments. And so it falls to the patient herself/himself or to a family member or friend to contact the parish office to make the request. The parish priests will also very gladly make a hospital visit or home visit to hear a Confession and/or administer the Sacrament of the Sick ("Anointing of the Sick") in addition to bringing Holy Communion. Please remember to contact the parish office to make these arrangements. Thank you.

Kindly RSVP:
SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL:
WhiteMassTR@gmail.com

Join us at **St. Luke in Toms River, NJ** to praise and honor St. Luke, the patron saint of Physicians. **Healthcare workers of ALL faiths, their families, and friends are invited.** Please wear your white coat or other work attire. There will be a **blessing of hands.**
Reception to follow.

ST. LUKE CHURCH IN TOMS RIVER INVITES YOU TO THE 12TH ANNUAL WHITE MASS
for HealthCare Workers

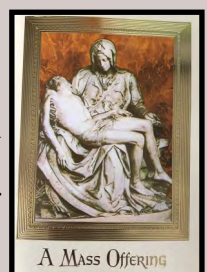
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 | 2PM

1674 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

PLEASE LET EVERYONE WHO WORKS IN HEALTHCARE- (Doctors, Nurses, LPNs, Therapists, Administration, Food Services, Maintenance, etc) know that this Mass is for them in appreciation for all that they do to keep us healthy and care for us when we are ill.

Mass Book

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.



*Pastor's Note. **October** is the **Month of the Holy Rosary** as well as **Respect Life Month**. In our parish bulletin this week and during the weeks of October we are including important teachings and writings of the Church on both of those subjects. That series began one week ago with **A Few Good Reasons for Praying the Rosary** which encouraged the frequent praying of the Rosary and listed many of the graces and benefits to be obtained by doing so. Next week the bulletin will include a teaching document authored by our Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., to help us to know and understand more fully and to live-out more effectively the teaching of our Church on respect for human life (especially the lives of the most vulnerable in the womb) and the sinfulness of abortion. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion; for conversion, reconciliation, and healing; and for competent and compassionate care and support for women during pregnancy and thereafter. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us. St. Gerard Majella, patron saint of expectant mothers, pray for us.*

The Rosary: A Most Holy, Most Excellent, and Most Powerful Prayer

The Rosary is a method of prayer. It is a combination of several prayers. It is a prayer in and of itself. It is a most holy, a most excellent, a most powerful prayer. The Rosary “*sees*” through the eyes of Mary and “*feels*” through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. By means of the Rosary “the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul.” The Rosary employs the words of an angel and assists us in seeking the help, protection, and intercession of a mother: the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God, the Mother of Our Lord and Our Savior and Our Redeemer, the Blessed Mother, **OUR** spiritual mother....The Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary is a most beautiful, a most useful, a most wonderful prayer.

The exact origin of the Rosary in history is uncertain. It gradually took its present form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God. We find traces of the Rosary in the 13th century and perhaps as early as the 8th century or even earlier. By the 15th century, the Rosary had evolved into the praying of three sets or “chaplets” of 50 Hail Mary’s each (five decades quoting the greetings of the Angel Gabriel and Elizabeth to Mary in the “Infancy Narrative” of Luke’s Gospel) at which time five “meditations” or “mysteries” became associated with each chaplet. The mysteries/meditations show forth the most significant events in the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. By the 16th century, the three chaplets of five decades totaling fifteen mysteries had become generally accepted as the proper way of reciting the Rosary. And in 1569, Pope Pius V (known as the “Pope of the Rosary”) gave official Papal approval to the essential structure of the Rosary as it has become known throughout the world.

Pius referred to the Rosary as “that simple way of praying and beseeching God, accessible to all and wholly pious...in which the most Blessed Virgin is venerated by

the angelic greeting repeated 150 times....and by the Lord’s Prayer with each decade.” In 2002, five new meditations or mysteries were added to the Rosary. Accordingly, the present Rosary now consists of four chaplets (Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous) of five mysteries each for a total of 20 mysteries. The Rosary includes six of Catholicism’s most familiar prayers: the Apostles’ Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Fátima Prayer (“O My Jesus”), and the Hail Holy Queen.

Pope Pius V also established the feast now known as Our Lady of the Rosary in thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother to commemorate the naval victory of the Holy See at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. “The victory was attributed to the help of the Holy Mother of God whose aid was invoked through praying the Rosary” at the direction of Pope Pius. Thus **October** is commonly referred to as “**The Month of the Rosary**.”

The origin of the name “Rosary” is also not known with certainty. There are several theories -- most of which associate the beauty of the prayer with the beauty of the rose. The word rosary itself comes from the Latin word *rosarium*, which means rose garden or garland of roses. One legend tells of Our Lady taking rosebuds from the lips of a young monk as he was reciting Hail Marys and then weaving them into a garland that she placed upon her head.

When you pray the Rosary it is like taking a peaceful walk through Mary’s rose garden -- a garden filled with beautiful, fragrant roses. There are white roses that tell the joys of a Holy Child and His Mother; yellow roses that speak the Truth of a Teacher and His first believer; red roses that tell the sorrows of Man and Woman; and golden roses that tell the glories of a King and a Queen. The name has stuck ever since, and the Rosary is said to be the most popular Catholic devotion in the world.





**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE**
September 24th til
November 2nd



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.

All Saints Day

Reminder: All Saints Day Is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation This Year

The Solemnity of All Saints (celebrated annually on November 1) is ordinarily a "holy day of obligation" requiring attendance and participation at Mass on that day. However, November 1 this year falls on a Saturday and so the obligation to attend Mass that day is "abrogated" or lifted in the United States. Even so, all faithful who are able to *attend Mass on November 1 are still invited and strongly encouraged to do so* or to join the universal Church by celebrating this important solemnity through prayer.



The Mass for All Saints Day will be celebrated here at St. Michael's on Saturday, November 1 at 8:00 a.m. All are invited and welcome to attend that Saturday morning Mass.

If there are any questions, please call the parish business office.

LIFE

Our Sign of Hope



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025

Blessing of Pets 2025

Pets and parishioners....Parishioners and pets....gathered on the church courtyard on Saturday, October 4 with Fr. John for the Annual Blessing of Pets in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis, pray for us and "make us and our pets channels of your peace!"



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 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM

All are welcome to attend!



Volunteering is about helping your community, but it's also about YOU. Whether it's your first-time and you're unsure what to expect, or maybe you are returning to serve again, St. Vincent de Paul hopes you'll experience fulfillment and joy from helping your neighbors in need. As a volunteer you see need first-hand and grow in appreciation for all that you have. You also understand that you made a difference in someone's life who really need it.



Currently, we are looking for people who can help us *interview* those in need who call SVDP for help. Sometimes the need is for rent or utilities, medication or funeral expenses. Training is provided. Please contact Mary Jensen at 732-233-0672 or e-mail: mary.jensen07@gmail.com.

Experience the joy of service.



The volunteers of the St. Vincent dePaul Society (photo above) did another outstanding job preparing and distributing groceries to over 75 local families during the September 20 monthly Food Pantry in our Lower Church. Thank 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. Also donations of shampoo, soap, paper and cleaning products are always needed. If you get a chance stop in on that third Saturday to see our food organization. New volunteers are welcome!

BAPTISM GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a Baptism GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program?

It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone whom a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living the Christian Catholic faith in a complete, strong, and exemplary manner. You model that behavior and faith in the way that you live your life.



To receive a letter signed and sealed by the Pastor to verify your eligibility to serve as a Baptism Godparent or as a Confirmation Sponsor (such letters are required by (and issued by) virtually all Catholic parishes in the United States including St. Michael's), please keep the following eligibility criteria in mind:

- Registered at (for at least three months) and active parishioner of St. Michael's Church.
- At least 16 years of age.
- Completed all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
- If married, married in the Catholic Church according to Catholic Church Law, or with the express permission of the Church. If unmarried, living a chaste single life (including not cohabitating).
- Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the sacraments of the Church regularly.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor is to be based on the person's dedication to the faith and consistent practice thereof.

Sponsor letters will be gladly and happily given to individuals who meet all of these criteria and who have been **registered members of our parish for at least three months**. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the Church's teaching on these matters or on the criteria for and interpretation of the qualifications for Baptism godparenthood or Confirmation sponsorship, please feel free to call the parish office to arrange for a telephone conversation or meeting with Fr. Butler.

Pastor's Note. Several of our CCD 7th Grade students last week worked together in groups and composed the following prayers as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027. Please remember our CCD students and their religious education in your prayers.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for protecting my family and having mercy on us, thank you for keeping my family healthy. Wrap us in your arms with protection we ask of you.
Amen.
Reese, Alessandra, and Fernanda

Dear God,
I love you for protecting me and when I pray I feel closer to you. You help me in many ways. I appreciate you for helping me and my family.
Amen.
Emilia P, Annie M, Julia F

Dear Lord,
I am very sorry for how I have sinned against you, my Lord. From here on, I will do my best to obey you and the Commandments and be a good citizen. I hope you hear this prayer and consider forgiveness on my soul.
Amen.
Carmine, Flammia, Broderick, Samuel, Mike

Dear God,
Please keep me and my family safe and healthy. Please protect others and make the world a better place. Help us to obey you and to stay away from sin.
Amen.
Kylina, Caitlin, Jules

Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on
Sunday, November 9
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*



11-Day Danube River Cruise

(including 2 night pre-cruise stay in Prague)
Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia & Hungary

April 20 – 30, 2026

MORE INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION

PRICING OPTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE

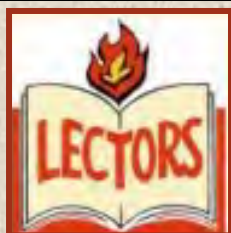
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SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:



REV. CHRISTOPHER COLAVITO
DIOCESE OF TRENTON



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.



Save the Date

Fr. Alphonse's
Christmas Concert
at St. Michael's Church

Sunday, December 21, 2025
1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church

Tickets to go on sale online on
a date to be announced.

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. Interested in attending to complete the sacraments, please contact Kevin Connelly (our Religious Education) at 732-483-0360 ext. 1 or Emily at the parish office.



Christian Initiation (OCIA) classes. If you are interested in these classes, contact your Sacrament Director Kevin Connelly 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."



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.



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.



The Society of St. Cecilia
at the
Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
presents

Mary Klein
In Concert

Performing the works
of Bach, Beethoven
& Mendelssohn

Sunday
October 26, 2025
3:30 p.m.

Admission
A Free Will Offering

For information contact the
Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
27 Oratory Way, Red Bank, NJ 07703
(732) 747-0813
www.web.stanthonysofredbank.net

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**WEEKLY MASS INTENTION**

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer
 † Manuel Ribeiro r/o Tony and Natalina

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



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.

Weekend Collection & Attendance***Thank You!*****Saturday, October 11, 2025**

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,590.00	216 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,087.00	104 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$873.00	71 people

Sunday, October 12, 2025

7:00 AM Mass	\$594.00	73 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,110.00	117 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,026.00	88 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,759.00	142 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$858.00	74 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$367.00	79 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 12 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,645.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,909.00
Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,710.00

Online Giving

Please consider joining the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Michael's Church. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collection. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Please sign up today by visiting faithdirect.net. Our parish code is NJ319. Thank You.

**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

Married at St. Michael's on

October 10, 2025

Julie Weismiller & Thomas Conlon

October 11, 2025

Amanda Manfredi & Zachary Hazley

**ON THE CALENDAR AT
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

Fall Bible Study; 2 Samuel Commenced
Thursday, September 25, 2025

Rosary at Planned Parenthood Monday, October 20, 27
and November 3, 2025
(See Page 6 for details)

All Saints Day Saturday, November 1, 2025
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All Souls' Day Candlelight Mass Sunday, November 2, 2025
 of Remembrance 6:30 p.m. Musical Prelude
7:00 p.m. Mass
(See Page 3 for details)

Rosary Altar Society New Member Monday, November 3, 2025
 Information Meeting 7:00 p.m. (in the Lower Church)

Veterans Day Monday, November 10, 2025
 (Parish Office Closed)

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27, 2025

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert Sunday, December 21, 2025
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 at St. Michael's