St. Michael's Church

November 9, 2025 | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

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.

For Food Availability **URGENTLY** During the Federal Government Shutdown, please see the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Message on Page 5.

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

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, Maintenace Coordinator

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Lower Church | Long Branch, NJ 07740 Ph: (732) 483-0360 ext. 2| Fx: (732) 795-3262

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 732-483-0360 ext. 1



Saturday, November 8

8:00 AM † Miriam McLain Graniero Family † Brian Valan Loving Family Members of the Rosary † Dotty O'Hara & the Deceased Members of the Society

Altar Rosary Society 4:00 PM † Paul Emma Lin Criesi

People of the Parish

5:30 PM Special Intention

† Dotty O'Hara Joe & Joan Richter 7:00 PM † Claudio Ruiz Vanna & Pasquale

Sunday, November 9

7:00 AM † Miriam McLain **Graniero Family**

> † Mark Russo Mother

8:30 AM † Janet Massaro SVDP of St. Michael's

> † Margaret Elizabeth McKenna James Hundley

† Mary Morgano Petti Granddaughter Paula

10:00 AM Special Intention: Children's Rosary

† Louis Vincelli Russo Family 12:00 PM † Bruce Crowell Donna Scally

† James Simonelli **Ilvento Family** 4:00 PM † Madeline Valentine Sheryl McGill

> † Jack McGill Sheryl McGill † Edwin Wilbert Sheryl McGill

7:00 PM † Linda Brockriede Linda Mellone

> † Joe Ciaglia **Bob & Eve Hampton**

People of the Parish

Monday, November 10

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico

> † Nicholas Cattelona, Jr. Family

7:00 PM † Miriam McLain Graniero Family † James Weeden Grandchildren

Tuesday, November 11

8:00 AM † Elizabeth A. Wenrich

† Marilyn Boucher Ann Hines

Wednesday, November 12

8:00 AM † George Hoffman

† Charlie Kirk Russo Family

Thursday, November 13

8:00 AM † David R. Dorgan

† Rita Cittadino

JoAnn & Family

Hoffman Family

Christopher M. Cittadino

& Children

Friday, November 14

8:00 AM † Nancy Guthrie

† Linda Boxer

Thomas Bourke

Zarraga Family

JoAnn Dorgan

Saturday, November 15

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Zarraga

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Bobby, Bruce, & Steve

† Rev. Russell Abata

Laura, Ann. & Maureen

Rick Binaco

5:30 PM Special Intention

† Deceased Members of the

Brown Family

Liz & Freddie Graniero Family

7:00 PM † Miriam McLain

† Ann Olivadoti Tricia

Sunday, November 16

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin

Theresa

8:30 AM † Elizabeth A. Wenrich

Rene Brignola-Special Intention;

With Gratitude

10:00 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Jepsen

Mary Farrar &

Daughter Catherine

† Carol Kuczek

Joe & AnneMarie Principe

† David Bertorelli

His Family

12:00 PM † Emilia & Julius Simonelli

Family

† Louis Vincelli

Debbie DeMarco Osborn

4:00 PM † Robert Baeza

Palmyra & Sophia Lynch

People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Patrizia Scerbo

Rosa & Rocco

† Caterina Bongarzone

Rosa & Rocco

The Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph, and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week in prayer for all the Souls in Purgatory. Please pray for them.



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!

















2025 NCYC

Pope Leo XIV will engage in a live digital dialogue with young people at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

The encounter will take place on Friday, November 21, at 10:15 am ET at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The encounter will be livestreamed via EWTN, the exclusive multi-cast provider.

A comprehensive digital experience will be available to all in preparation for the encounter! By registering for the Digital Experience, you'll receive access to:

- A pre-event gathering on November 11 at 9:00 pm ET, featuring special guests, prizes, exclusive content, and more
- Instructions for the livestream
- Post-event resources to bring the Pope's message into your home, parish, or classroom



Scan the QR Code to register





PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 5:30PM IN THE LOWER CHURCH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLANS FOR MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER AND THEIR PROPOSED VOGEL MEDICAL CAMPUS IN TINTON FALLS



Eric Carney, President and Chief Executive Officer of Monmouth Medical Center (MMC) and MMC Southern Campus, will share information and answer questions about the future plans for Monmouth Medical Center and the Vogel Medical Campus.



Monmouth Medical Center



FORMED is now available for St. Michael's parishioners. St. Michael's is paying the annual fee so that all of our parishioners may have free access to FORMED at no charge.

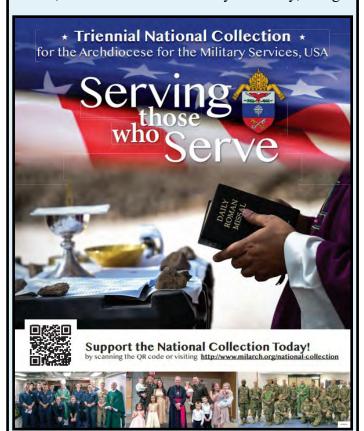


How to register with and access FORMED:

- 1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish
- 3. Enter your name and email

Second Collection This Weekend November 8 and 9 For the Military Services

Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), this weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken up every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being



treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, please go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection

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

During the Govt. Shutdown

A Special Message from the St. Vicent de Paul Society

Many families in our area are experiencing severe food-related hardships because of the federal government shutdown. If you are in need of food or groceries – or if you know someone who is in such need – please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society for information about the Society's next monthly Food Pantry (Saturday, November 15th) and about <u>a sooner, accelerated food distribution if the circumstances warrant.</u> The St. Vincent De-Paul Society is eager to help those in need. Their phone number is on the front cover of this bulletin. Please leave a message on the answering machine and a volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.

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.

Jubilee Year of Hope

Guadalupe Torch Coming to St. Michael's

St. Michael's Church is taking part in the Diocese of Trenton's run-up to the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe by being a participant in a series of parish-to-parish visits of The Guadalupe Torch (or "Las Antorchas Guadalupanas") during the month of November. The Guadalupe Torch is arriving at St. Michael's on Saturday, November 8 and will be received at the Side Altar of Our Blessed Mother during that day's 4:00 p.m. Mass and where it will remain in place until the following weekend. The Torch will be coming to St. Michael's from its previous destina-

tion at Our Lady Star of 8) and will subsequently of Mercy Parish (Our Lady Asbury Park. The Torch's through our area of Monconclude at Our Lady of Lakewood.

Members of the St. Society will celebrate the lupe Torch by leading us in Joyful Mysteries of the following the November invited and encouraged to this parish praying of the

In addition, a decorated the Torch and parishioners

November 8, 2025 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass THE TORCH IS COMING TO OUR PARISH! St. Michael's Church 800 Ocean Ave. Long Branch, NJ 07740

the Sea (November 2move on to the Mother of Mount Carmel) in pilgrimage iourney mouth County will Guadalupe Parish in

Michael's Rosary Altar arrival of the Guadathe praying of the Rosary immediately 8th 4:00 Mass. All are remain after Mass for Rosary.

box will be placed near are invited to place

their handwritten or typed petitions and prayer requests into that box. Your petitions and prayers will be transported to Our Lady's Basilica in Mexico where they will be placed before the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe for her intercessions.

The Guadalupe Torch helps to focus our attention and prayers on Our Lady of Guadalupe and her Feast Day of December 12 and particularly so as the current Jubilee Year of Hope is approaching its conclusion. The Torch directs our minds to our pregnant Mary, in the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who carries in her womb the True Light of Christ. Pope Francis often expressed that the Virgin Mary is a model of hope for Christians. He saw her as the first disciple of Jesus and a pilgrim of hope who lived her faith by humbly waiting on and serving God ("I am the handmaid of the Lord" – Luke 1:38). Pope Fancis emphasized that the Virgin Mary leads us to her Son, who is the hope that never disappoints.

During this special Jubilee Year in our Church, let us unite as the people of God - "pilgrims of hope" - with the assistance of our Blessed Mother to spread her timeless message of bringing Jesus into the hearts of all people.

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, Eucharistic 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

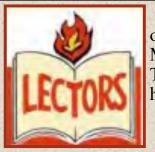
not notify the parish office regarding their Catholic patients who desire to receive Sacraments. And so it falls to the patient herself/himself or to a family member or friend to contact the parish office to make the request. The parish priests will also very gladly make a hospital visit or home visit 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.



Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church Sunday, December 21, 2025 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church



Tickets for Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's will be going *on sale on Tuesday, November 11 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.



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.



Happy 100th Birthday, Perry!!!

Perry DiMaggio, a St. Michael's parishioner and catechist and a Long Branch resident for many years, celebrated her 100th birthday last month. The celebrations included a birthday party at Mar Belo's Restaurant at-



tended by family and friends and the presentation of a congratulatory proclamation by Long Branch Mayor John Pallone at the 12:00 Noon Mass on October 26. Happy birthday, Perry! Ad multos annos!



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

The following is one of the prayers that the members of the St. Vincent dePaul 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."

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



Remember a Loved One, Send a Christmas Greeting, Market Your Business, Support Your Parish in the St. Michael's 2025 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 21, 2025 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 21 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 14, December 21, and December 28 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 2025* and to join us in our celebration of Christmas 2025 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 Monday, November 24, 2025; *submission of your ad's camera-ready copy is preferred 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 or need assistance with creating your ad, please contact Emily Carroll, Assistant 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 21, 2025 Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea

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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

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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.



"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 Catholics teens beyond your parish or school and grow in your faith!

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 tion of Adults begin in the fall. ested in attend-to complete ments, please Connelly (our



Christian Initia-(OCIA) classes If you are intering these classes your Sacracontact Kevin Director of Re-

ligious Education) at 732-483-0360 ext. 1 or Emily at the parish office.

P.S. "<u>O</u>CIA" and "<u>Order</u> of Christian Initiation for Adults" is the fairly new name for religious instruction that many of us knew (until recently) as "<u>R</u>CIA" and the "<u>Rite</u> 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.





PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Fernando Pinho r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes † Jose Reis Bento r/o Amadeu Gomes

† Maria Santos r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes
† Linda Brockriede r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes

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, November 22 at 10:15 a.m. in the

Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, November 1, 2025

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,258.00	209 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$584.00	93 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$875.00	71 people

Sunday, November 2, 2025

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,955.00	107 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,325.00	136 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,590.00	134 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,800.00	152 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$966.00	149 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$2,282.00	258 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 2 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$2,489.00**

This Week's Total: \$17,124.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,500.00

All Saints Envelopes: \$1,891.00

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, November 18, 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

On the Calendar at St. Michael's Church



Guadalupe Torch at St. Michael's
Saturday, November 8, 2025 to
Saturday, November 15, 2025
(See Page 6 for details)

Children's Rosary
Sunday, November 9, 2025
(after 10:00 a.m. Mass)
(See Page 8 for details)

Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Parish Office Closed)

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27, 2025

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 30, 2525

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert Sunday, December 21, 2025 at St. Michael's (See Page 7 for details)

2026 Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, November 18. 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.



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.