St. Michael's Church

November 16, 2025 | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM First Friday 12:15 p.m. in Latin in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. In English in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. And 5:30 PM (on First Friday) in English in all months.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM,

4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Monday through Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.

Monday Night: after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass. First Fridays: after the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m.

On the Thursday evenings immediately preceding First Fridays, Confessions are heard (7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.) during the monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

MARRIAGES

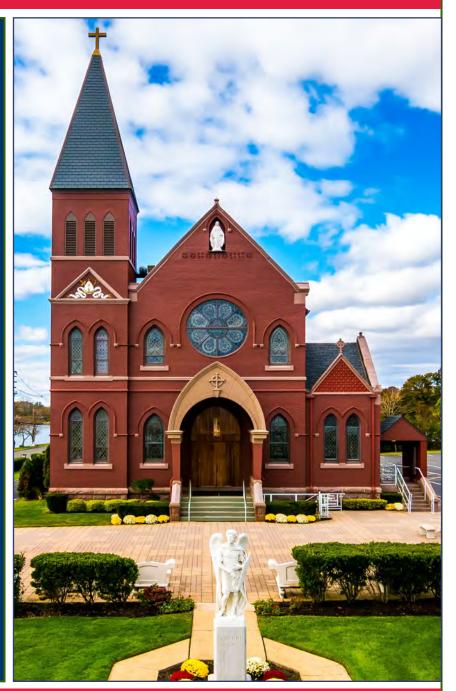
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:15 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, (732)483-0360, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740 Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174 www.stmichaelnj.com

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

Answering service phone coverage at all other

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturda	y, Nove	mber 15	5
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8:00 AM † Elizabeth Zarraga Zarraga Family

4:00 PM † Bobby, Bruce, & Steve Laura, Ann. & Maureen

> † Rev. Russell Abata Rick Binaco

5:30 PM Special Intention

People of the Parish

† Deceased Members of the Liz & Freddie **Brown Family**

7:00 PM † Miriam McLain Graniero Family

> † 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

Joe & AnneMarie Principe † Carol Kuczek

Mary Farrar &

Daughter Catherine

† David Bertorelli His Family

12:00 PM † Emilia & Julius Simonelli Family

> Debbie DeMarco Osborn † Louis Vincelli

4:00 PM † Robert Baeza Palmyra & Sophia Lynch

People of the Parish

Rosa & Rocco 7:00 PM † Patrizia Scerbo

> † Caterina Bongarzone Rosa & Rocco

Monday, November 17

8:00 AM † Raffaele Cittadino Christopher M. Cittadino & Children

> Ann Hines † Marilyn Boucher

Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico

7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

-Luke 21-15

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 AM † Miriam McLain Graniero Family † Mary Lou Blake Carroll Family

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 AM † David Bertorelli His Family

† Arlene Hughes

Thursday, November 20

8:00 AM † Miriam McLain Graniero Family

† Deceased Members of the Family Cattelona Family

Friday, November 21

8:00 AM † William Thomson His Family

> † Deceased Members of the Family Russo Family

Saturday, November 22

8:00 AM † Miriam McLain Graniero Family

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson Dennis Jackson

> † Michael Rosner Margie & Joe Wargo

5:30 PM Special Intention

† Dotty O'Hara Joe & Joan Richter

7:00 PM † Louis Vincelli Tricia

Sunday, November 23

7:00 AM † Delia Russo **Dalton Family** † James F. Simonelli Grandchildren

8:30 AM † Charlotte DeVita Family

Rita Conti † James Simonelli

10:00 AM † Anthony M. Principe Loving Children Joe &

AnneMarie

Brian & Mary Claire † Stephen Caruso Nicholson & Family

12:00 PM † Anna Napierala **Daughters**

† Pauline & Joseph Greca

Janice, Fred, Kathleen, 4:00 PM † Elizabeth Carr

& Isabel Carr

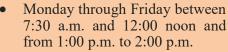
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Greca

† Miriam McLain Graniero Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

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:





- 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 Monday, November 24.
- 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 de-Paul Society at (732) 483-0360 ext. 1 or Mary Jensen at 732-233-0672. Thank you and may God bless you.





For those who may be traveling on Thanksgiving Day itself, we will be celebrating an <u>EVE of Thanksgiving Day Mass</u> on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a Holy Hour.

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.

Jubilee Year of Hope

sary.

Guadalupe Torch Arrives at St. Michael's; Going on to Mother of Mercy (Asbury Park)



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 Gua*dalupe Torch (or "Las Antorchas Guadalupanas") during the month of November. The Guadalupe Torch arrived at St. Michael's last Saturday, November 8 and was received at the Side Altar of Our Blessed Mother during that day's 4:00 p.m. Mass and where it has remained in place until this weekend. The Torch was brought to St. Michael's from its previous destination by parishioners (photo at left) of Our Lady Star of the Sea (November 2-8) and will subsequently move on this Sunday the 16th to the Mother of Mercy Parish

(Our Lady of Mount Carmel) in Asbury Park. The Torch's pilgrimage journey through our area of Monmouth County will conclude at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Lakewood.

Members of the St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society celebrated the arrival of the Guadalupe Torch by leading us in the praying of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary immediately following the November 8th 4:00 Mass. Many members of the 4:00 congregation remained after Mass to participate in this parish praying of the Ro-

In addition, a decorated box has been placed near the Torch and invited to place their handwritten or typed petitions and prayer re-These petitions and prayers will be transported to Our Lady's Basiliwhere they will be placed before the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe

The Guadalupe Torch helps to focus our attention and prayers on lupe and her Feast Day of December 12 and particularly so as the Hope is approaching its conclusion. The Torch directs our minds to the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who carries in her womb Christ. Pope Francis often expressed that the Virgin Mary is a model He saw her as the first disciple of Jesus and a pilgrim of hope who bly serving God ("I am the handmaid of the Lord" – Luke 1:38). sized that the Virgin Mary leads us to her Son, who is the hope that never disappoints. parishioners have been quests into that box. ca in Mexico City for her intercessions.

Our Lady of Guadacurrent Jubilee Year of our pregnant Mary, in the True Light of of hope for Christians. lived her faith by hum-Pope Fancis empha-

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.

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

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 went on *sale on Tuesday, November 11*. 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. Ticket prices are \$58, \$53, \$48, and \$40 plus a service and processing charge for the first three levels of tickets. 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. Please print the tickets that you buy online and bring your printed tickets to the concert so that you may be admitted and seated in the correct location.



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.

Help Families Affected by Hurricane Melissa

Hurricane Melissa swept through Jamaica, leaving a path of destruction in its wake.

Help Families in Haiti and Jamaica Devastated by Hurricane Melissa

With sustained winds of 185 miles per hour, Hurricane Melissa swept through Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba, leaving destruction in its wake.

Your gift today can help Catholic Relief Services provide lifesaving support—including emergency shelter, clean water and essential supplies—to families most affected.

Across much of the Caribbean, Hurricane Melissa's intense winds destroyed homes and buildings, uprooted trees, and left tens of thousands of people without electricity.

Jamaica suffered the greatest impact, as the hurricane made landfall there on Tuesday, October 28 at a category 5 strength. In Cuba, residents of Santiago de Cuba—the nation's second-largest city—used machetes to clear debrisclogged streets. While Hurricane Melissa did not make direct landfall in Haiti, the storm has produced heavy rains that have led to flash flooding and landslides in many areas of the Grand Sud, and blocked major national routes. Urgent needs across the region include safe shelter, clean water, food and hygiene supplies.

CRS Is Positioned to Respond

CRS has extensive experience supporting emergency response efforts across the region for decades, with a team of 100 staff in Haiti and local partners in Jamaica and the region. Our emergency

teams are securing offices and warehouses, preparing prepositioned shelter and clean water supplies, and helping people secure their businesses, homes and fields.

Your generosity makes it possible to provide urgent relief in some of the most challenging contexts for families who need it most. You can provide vital relief to extremely vulnerable families to help them meet their most urgent needs, including for shelter, clean water, cash and food assistance, and urgent supplies.

Please give today to help families in Haiti and Jamaica stay safe and recover from Hurricane Melissa. Your gift goes to the Latin America and Caribbean Emergency Fund.

Here's how you can respond immediately:
Donate online: crs.org/donate/tropical-storm-melissa
Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS
Donate by check:

Catholic Relief Services – Hurricane Melissa
P.O. Box 5278
Tipton, IA 52772-05117

Your swift action can make a life-saving difference for families in desperate need.



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 5 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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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 attendcontact please



(our Director of Religious Education) at 732-483-0360 ext. 1 or Emily at the parish office.

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

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.



Second Collection This Weekend November 15 and 16 For the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special 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 coun-



try. 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.



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.



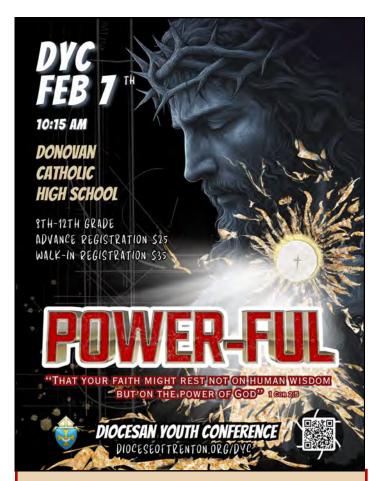
How to register with and access FORMED:

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



A large group of volunteers (including students from nearby schools) gathered on October 18 for the monthly "third Saturday" food pantry conducted by the St. Vincent dePaul Society (SVDP) in the Lower Church. For further information on how to become involved in the St. Vincent dePaul Society, please call the SVDP office's phone and leave a voicemail message at (732) 483-0360 ext. 1 and your call will be promptly returned. Thank you.





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!





PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Fernando Pinho

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 8, 2025

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,383.00	202 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$647.00	104 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$458.00	53 people

Sunday, November 9, 2025

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,905.00	89 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,479.00	132 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,397.00	221 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,767.00	138 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$931.00	127 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$784.00	146 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 9 collection and for previous Sunday collections: \$860.00

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This Week's Total: \$12,611.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,827.00

Second Collection: Military Services: \$3,388.00

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.

Save the Date!

Fr. Pio Mandato will be visiting St. Michael's for an Advent Evening Spiritualty Talk on Thursday, December 11 and for the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 12 (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe). Please save the dates. Additional information will be published in next Sunday's bulletin.



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
Sunday, November 16, 2025
(See Page 4 for details)

Thanksgiving Eve
Holy Hour and Mass

Wednesday, November 26, 2025
5:45 p.m. Holy Hour of Thanksgiving

6:45 p.m. Benediction 7:00 p.m. Mass (See Page 3 for details)

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Early Mass at 7:00 a.m.
Family Mass at 9:30 a.m.
(No 8:00 a.m. Mass on
Thanksgiving Day)
(See Page 3 for details)

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2525

Solemnity of the Immaculate Monday, December 8, 2025

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Advent Spirituality Talk Thursday, December 11, 2025 (Fr. Pio Mandato)

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

Sunday, December 21, 2025
(See Page 5 for details)

Christmas Thursday, December 25, 2025