

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

November 23, 2025 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

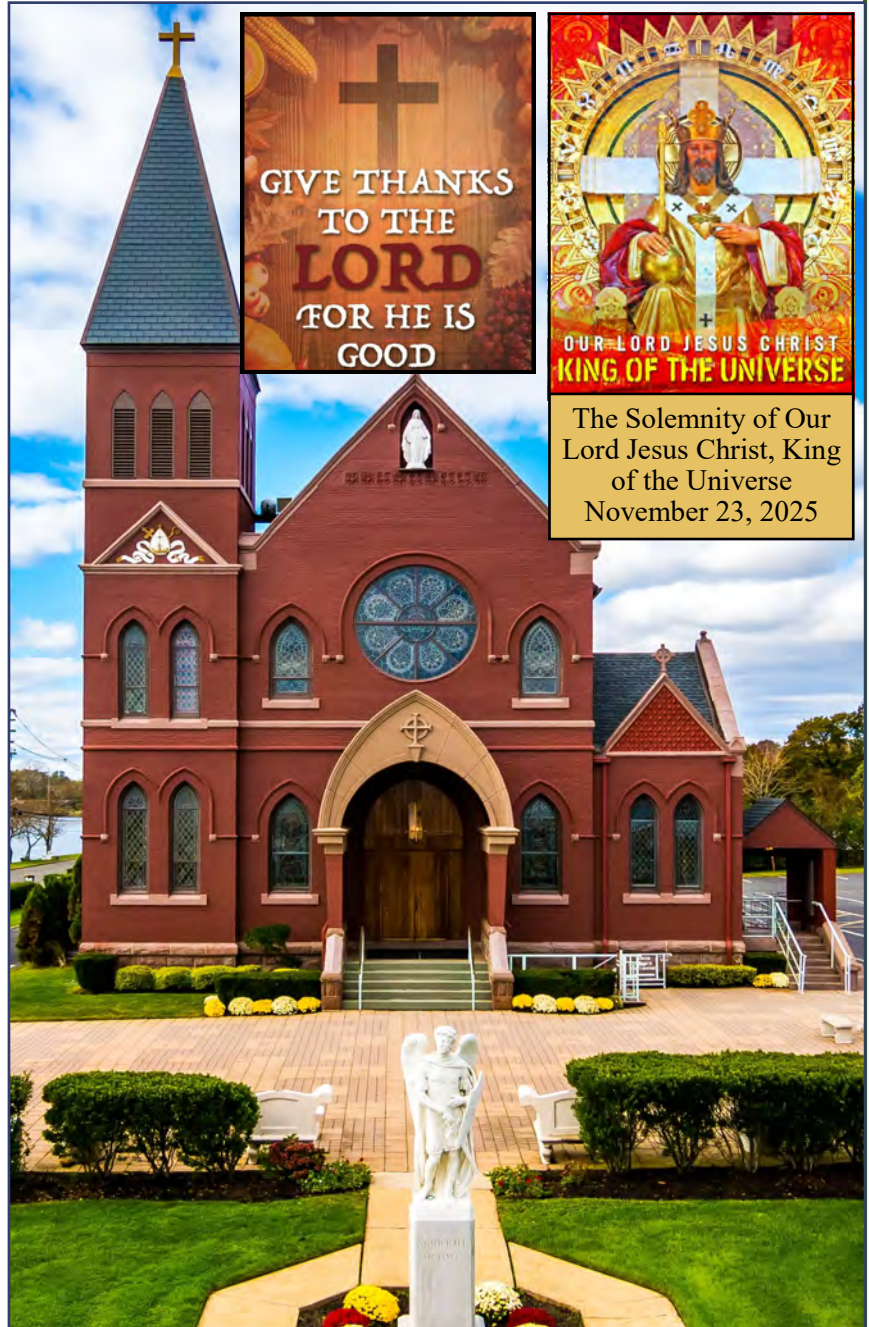
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



The Solemnity of Our
Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe
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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, November 22

8:00 AM † Miriam McLain
People of the Parish
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson
† Michael Rosner
5:30 PM Special Intention
† Dotty O'Hara
7:00 PM † Louis Vincelli

Graniero Family
Dennis Jackson
Margie & Joe Wargo
Joe & Joan Richter
Tricia

Sunday, November 23

7:00 AM † Delia Russo
† James F. Simonelli
8:30 AM † Charlotte DeVita
† James Simonelli
10:00 AM † Anthony M. Principe
† Stephen Caruso
12:00 PM † Anna Napierala
† Pauline & Joseph Greca
4:00 PM † Elizabeth Carr
† Miriam McLain
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Dalton Family
Grandchildren
Family
Rita Conti
Loving Children Joe & AnneMarie
Brian & Mary Claire Nicholson & Family
Daughters
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Greca
Janice, Fred, Kathleen, & Isabel Carr
Graniero Family

Monday, November 24

8:00 AM † Steven Maslo
Pro-Life Cause
7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

Maslo, Mazza & McGuire Families
Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 AM † Mary Lou Blake
† Dianne Saunders

David & Emily Beaton

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 AM † Billy Delehanty
† Ed Thayer Sr
† Conrad J. Russo
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Delehanty Family
Thayer Family
Wife

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)

7:00 AM † Miriam McLain
Graniero Family
No 8:00 a.m. Mass today
9:30 AM † Michael Trocchia
† Leigh Ann Basaman
Barbara
Micheale McKenna & Patricia Micale

Friday, November 28

8:00 AM † Mary Bolich
† Bob Clinton
Delehanty & Bolich Family
Margaret Clinton

Saturday, November 29

8:00 AM † Ann Olivadoti
People of the Parish
4:00 PM † Chip Buenafuente
Special Intention: Fr. John
5:30 PM Special Intention
Special Intention: Fr. John
7:00 PM † Richard & Sarah Salmon
Special Intention: Fr. John
JoAnn Dorgan
Carroll Family
Grateful Parishioner
Grateful Parishioner
Emilee & Sheamus Salmon
Grateful Parishioner

Sunday, November 30

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri
Special Intention: Fr. John
8:30 AM † Charlotte DeVita
Special Intention: Fr. John
10:00 AM † Kathleen Pangaro
Special Intention: Fr. John
12:00 PM † Noemi & Antonio Landi
Grateful Parishioner
Family
Grateful Parishioner
Carroll Family
Grateful Parishioner
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Greca

Health & Blessings:
Rev. John McGowan, C.S.s.R.

Special Intention: Fr. John
4:00 PM Special Intention: Fr. John
† Robert Sudman
People of the Parish
7:00 PM † Justine Weeden
Special Intention: Fr. John
Grateful Parishioner
Grateful Parishioner
Carol & Bill Ring
Family
Grateful Parishioner

This week the Blessed Mother Sanctuary Candle will be lit for the children of the world, the St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle for all the souls in Purgatory, and the Center Sanctuary Candle for cancer patients.

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

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



- Monday the 24th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday the 23rd 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 dePaul 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 **EVE of Thanksgiving Day Mass** 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.

Countdown To Christmas



FR. ALPHONSE'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 21
1:30pm, Upper Church

TICKETS FOR SALE
IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH
AFTER ALL MASSES
CASH, CHECK, CREDIT CARD

St. Michael's Ornaments
"Stained Glass"
Window Images
Available For Sale Too!!

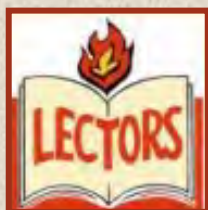


Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church
Sunday, December 21, 2025
1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church

Tickets may be purchased online by visiting the parish website's home page at www.stmichaelnj.com where a Click Here link immediately below the concert announcement will take you to the Eventbrite ticket-selling website.



Tickets for Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's went on ***sale on Tuesday, November 11***. These tickets will be sold online by visiting the parish's website at www.stmichaelnj.com which will take you to the ticket-selling website of Eventbrite. ***During the weekend of November 22-23, tickets will also be sold "manually" in the church vestibule after all of the weekend Masses.*** 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.





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 4 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 your consideration of placing an ad or message 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**

Mail or drop off your Subscription Form and payment to: St. Michael's Church Parish Business Office
Email camera-ready electronic (PDF) ad copy:..... ecarroll@stmichaelnj.com
St. Michael's Tax Identification:..... 21-0667472
Contact Person at St. Michael's: Emily 732-222-8080
Ad submission deadline:..... November 24, 2025

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (B&W)	\$500	4 ½ x 7 ½	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (B&W)	\$150	4 ½ x 1 5/8
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page (B&W)	\$250	4 ½ x 3 ¾	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Cards (B&W)	\$125	

Advertiser's Contact Information

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

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

_____ (signature)

_____ (date)

_____ (print name)

Advent Talk

Save the Date!

Fr. Pio Mandato will be visiting St. Michael's for a one-night Advent Evening Retreat in the Upper Church on Thursday, December 11 and for the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 12 (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) and to hear Confessions following that Mass. Please save the dates. Additional information will be published in next Sunday's bulletin.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Masses:

Sunday, December 7th

4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 8th

8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.



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."

Jubilee Year of Hope

Guadalupe Torch Departs St. Michael's for Mount Carmel

St. Michael's parishioners said "farewell" to the Diocese of Trenton's **Guadalupe Torch** (or "**Las Antorchas Guadalupanas**") during last Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Torch and its accompanying Prayer Box were carried from the church and transported to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Asbury Park where they were presented by members of the Altar Society received by Fr. Stephen Michael, Pasco County parishioner and dance center and at the Torch's pilgrimage journey. The Torch's pilgrimage journey to Mount Carmel will conclude at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Lakewood. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!



Simbang 2025 Gabi

Presented by the
Monmouth County Simbang Gabi
Community

All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses.

*Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards,
Simbang Gabi (Misa De Gallo) is a Catholic devotion of
nine consecutive nights for the joyful anticipation of
Christmas.*

6:30pm Rosary Prayer followed by the 7pm Holy Mass

Friday, December 12

St. Anselm Church, Tinton Falls

Saturday, December 13

Holy Innocents Church, Neptune

Sunday, December 14

St. Catherine of Siena Church, Farmingdale

Monday, December 15

St. James Church, Red Bank

Tuesday, December 16

St. Rose Church, Belmar

Wednesday, December 17

Church of the Nativity, Fair Haven

Thursday, December 18

St. Benedict Church, Holmdel

Friday, December 19

St. Michael Church, Long Branch

Saturday, December 20

St. Dorothea Church, Eatontown

We encourage everyone to wear traditional Filipino attire
on the **FINAL** night. Reception and fellowship to
follow the **FINAL** Mass celebration.



@Monmouth County Simbang Gabi



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Scan to Donate to Monmouth County Simbang Gabi





With Thanksgiving Day less than two weeks away and the need for donated food and groceries greater than ever and continuing in the days following the federal government shutdown, the St. Vincent de Paul Society increased its efforts to respond to the needs of the community by inviting and calling in additional volunteers on Friday, November 14 and by arranging with local food donors for increased donations of vegetables, fruit, produce, dairy products, meat, and other grocery items for the Monthly Food Pantry distribution on Saturday, November 15 in the Lower Church. The response was very positive. Please see the accompanying photos. Dozens of volunteers helped for several hours to unload the Friday delivery truck and to

unpack and sort the hundreds of crates and to package the donations into well over 100 shopping bags for the Saturday distribution. Many students and senior citizens and other volunteers assisted with the work.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society welcomes new members and new volunteers to join the group and to help with the Monthly Third Saturday Food Pantry. For further information on how to become involved in the St. Vincent de Paul 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.



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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



St. Michael's Church

Christmas Flowers Memorial 2025

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please complete the order form below and return this page to the Parish Office with your donation. The price is \$45 per memorial. All names will be included in a memorial booklet. To be included in the memorial booklet, your form and donation must be received at the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 10th. *Please print clearly.*

<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
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Please include your name and mailing address to receive your copy of the Christmas Memorial Booklet:

Total quantity x \$45.00

Total Donation: \$



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 Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes begin in the fall. If you are interested in attending these classes to complete your Sacraments, please contact Kevin Connelly (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.”

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!

SAVE THE DATE
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, CM

- 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

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS THIS YEAR?

St. Mary Mother of God Church is pleased to announce that it is offering a “Surviving the Holidays” Seminar that will be offered for anyone that is divorced and/or separated. This year our “Surviving the Holidays” Seminar will be held on Monday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting in the basement of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine (access from Shrine parking lot), 26 Leonardville Road, Middletown.

Please know that this seminar has been offered since 2014 and it has helped many people. We are lay people that have been through divorce, and this program is so helpful. We get it! We would like to bring it to you and help you! If interested, or if you need any more information to decide if you want to attend, please email Elaine Anzalone at healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any of your questions!

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**WEEKLY MASS INTENTION**

† Fernando Pinho r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes
 † 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

Weekend Collection & Attendance***Thank You!*****Saturday, November 15, 2025**

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,279.00	184 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,213.00	133 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$489.00	51 people

Sunday, November 16, 2025

7:00 AM Mass	\$990.00	66 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,721.00	142 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,358.00	141 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,931.00	157 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,098.00	139 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$746.00	148 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 16 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$1,256.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,081.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,977.00

Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$2,746.00

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.

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

CCD Families' Thanksgiving Mass Tuesday, November 25, 2025
4:00 p.m.
(at St. Jerome's Church)

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, 2025

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation) Monday, December 8, 2025

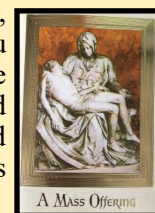
Advent Spirituality Talk (Fr. Pio Mandato) Thursday, December 11, 2025

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Sunday, December 21, 2025
(See Page 5 for details)

Christmas Thursday, December 25, 2025

2026 Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book opened 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.

**PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES**

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