

St. Michael's Church
Sunday, December 28, 2025



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the
prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23



*“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother
by night and departed for Egypt.”
-Matthew 2:14*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27

8:00 AM † Bob Clinton	Margaret Clinton
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Penny Covella	Mark Patella
† Ann V. Olivadoti	Joe & Dorinne Cattelona
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Dotty O'Hara	Joe & Joan Richter
7:00 PM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family
† Donald Kenny	Marian Davey

Sunday, December 28

7:00 AM † Richard Konopada	Carroll Family
† Bill Kellam	Marian Davey
8:30 AM † Christian Diaz	
† Mary Morgano Petti	Granddaughter Paula
10:00 AM † John Krause	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Rita Cittadino	Sisters Marie & Rosanna
12:00 PM † Mary Lou Blake	David & Emily Beaton
† JoAnn Miller	Viola Trollan & Family
4:00 PM † John Richard Turbak	Byington Family
† Doris Johnson	Johnson Family
† Karen Gomes	Mom, Dad & Siblings
7:00 PM † Gienor Santos	His Family
People of the Parish	

Monday, December 29

8:00 AM † Marilyn Boucher	Ann Hines
Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Colin Truax	Mom, Dad, Giana, Ari, & Uncle Rich
† Bryan Dotson	June Aumack

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 AM † Miriam McLain	Graniero Family
† William Kellam	

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 AM † Richard Konopada	Carroll Family
† David Larrick	Thomas Bourke
4:00 PM † Kathryn Fromer	Family
7:00 PM † Maureen Penta	

Thursday, January 1

8:00 AM † Martin McCue	
† William Kellam	Viola Trollan & Family
12:15 PM † Brian Valan	Loving Family
5:00 PM † Dotty O'Hara	

Friday, January 2

8:00 AM † Grace Tho	Aida David
12:15 PM † Stephen Gill	Children
5:30 PM † Barbara Coats	

Saturday, January 3

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Bill Kellam	Rene & Jack Brignola
† Bob Sudman	Valan Family
5:30 PM Special Intention	
† Frank Califano	Califano Family
7:00 PM † Louis Vincelli	Bill & Mary Richards

Sunday, January 4

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri	
8:30 AM † JoAnn Miller	Maureen Chenowetch & Family
† Ralph T. Apicelli	Kathi West
10:00 AM † Bill Kellam	SVPD Society
† Jennifer Schaefer	Mr. & Mrs. D'Ambrosi
12:00 PM † Peter Marrin	Chapman Family
† Paulette Dillon	Mary Jo Waite
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † James & Mary Weeden	

The three Sanctuary Candles will be
lit this week for Peace on Earth.



O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick, and the comfort of the afflicted. You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. By your appearance at the Grotto of

Lourdes you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favors are given to people streaming to it from the whole world. Over the years countless sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities - whether of soul, mind, or body. Therefore I come to you with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my

requests. Through gratitude for Your favors, I will endeavor to imitate Your virtues, that I may one day share in Your glory. Amen.



Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2026

Holy Day of Obligation Masses



Vigil Masses

Wednesday, December 31

4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Holy Day Masses

Thursday, January 1

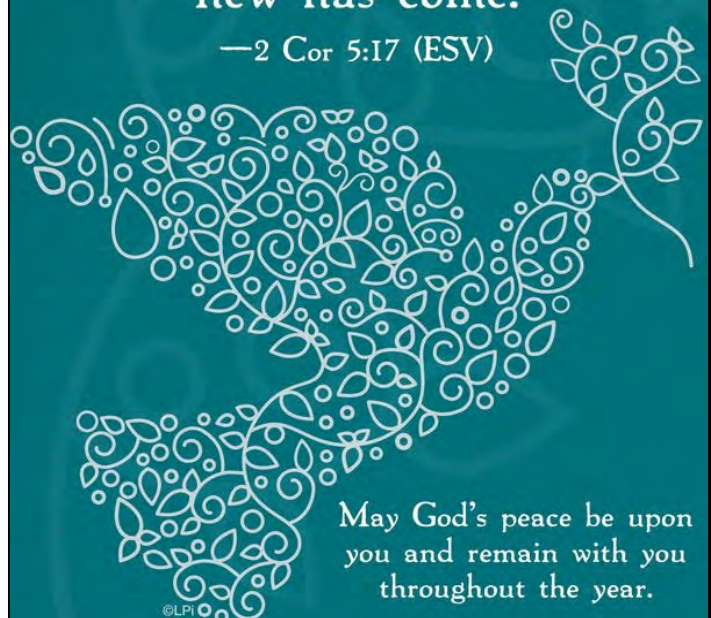
8:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M., and 5:00 P.M.

(no 4:00 P.M. and no 7:00 P.M. Masses on January 1st)

• There will be no scheduled Confessions on the day of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. If an urgent need for Confession on January 1 occurs, arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

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.



The monthly Holy Hour for Vocations is cancelled on Thursday, January 1.

First Friday Mass *In English* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on January 2

First Friday Mass *in English* will be celebrated on January 2 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the morning on Friday, January 2 from the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 2 with Confessions following that 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.



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.



NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The RAS wishes to THANK everyone who purchased Advent Calendars and cards during our November fundraiser. They were a SELL-OUT and we were able to purchase new linen purificators and lavabo cloths for the parish. The new linens were presented to Fr. Butler at our Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 17.



FULL of GRACE



HAIL MARY

We also THANK local artist, Richard Osborn, who beautifully restored Our Lady of Lourdes Blessed Mother Statue and sweet St. Bernadette. Over the years they sustained some chipping and fading which Mr. Osborn lovingly repaired. Please stop by the Grotto at the back of the church to offer a "Hail Mary" for your intentions and the intentions of Mr. Osborn.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

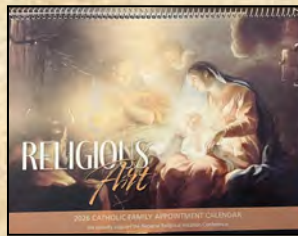
The parish office will be closed on
December 30 and 31 and January 1 and 2

The Parish office will be open on December
29 from 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.

The parish office will reopen for regular
business hours on Monday, January 5 at
8:30 a.m.

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

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



Children's Rosary

Please join us for a Children's Rosary on
Sunday, January 11
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at
St. Michael's Church.



All are invited to participate and
pray with us.
Rosaries and prayer books will be
available.

No prior knowledge of the
Rosary is needed.

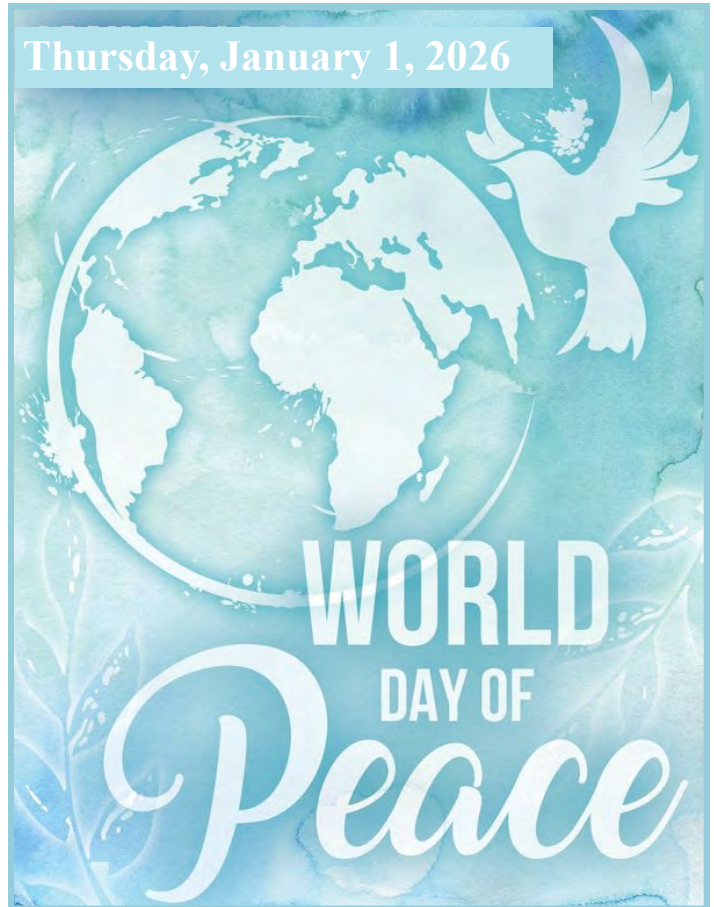
*Any questions, call or text
Renee Mazza at
(732) 829-4548*

"The Little Blue Book"

Advent and Christmas Seasons 2025-2026

These books contain six-minute reflections on the
Sunday Gospels of Liturgical Year A as well as daily
weekday reflections beginning on November 30 (First
Sunday of Advent) through January 11 (the conclu-
sion of the Christmas Season on the Feast of the Bap-
tism of the Lord). If you would like a free copy, they
are available in the vestibule in the back of the
church.

Thursday, January 1, 2026



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 num-
ber. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, the Mother of God
(a holy day of obligation)

Thursday, January 1, 2026
(See Page 3 for Mass Schedule)

First Friday

Friday, January 2, 2026
(12:15 Mass in English, Eucharistic
Adoration after the 8:00 Mass until
12:00 Noon, Mass at 5:30 p.m., Confes-
sions 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.)

Rally & March for Life in
Washington, DC

Friday, January 23, 2026
(See Page 6 for details)

Diocese Mass for Life & Life Expo

Friday, January 23, 2026
(See Page 6 for details)

SAVE THE DATE



Friday, January 23, 2026



Bus to D.C.

Plans are being made for a chartered bus to bring parishioners to the March for Life. Details will be announced soon in the bulletin. Please save the date!

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

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

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.

**NYC
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, C.M.



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

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

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

STANDING TOGETHER
FOR *Life*

dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life



*Married at St. Michael's on
December 13, 2025*

Alexandra Cottone & Elpidio Cruz



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,306.00	244 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$834.00	112 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$696.00	58 people

Sunday, December 14, 2025

7:00 AM Mass	\$608.00	38 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$721.00	49 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$378.00	51 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$397.00	39 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,926.00	133 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$657.00	116 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the December 14 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$611.00**

This Week's Total: \$9,134.00 (snowstorm affected attendance)
Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,933.00

Second Collection: Support for Religious Retirement:
\$3,558.00

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,804.00	166 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$936.00	143 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$412.00	41 people

Sunday, December 21, 2025

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,810.00	102 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,273.00	127 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,566.00	131 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$3,446.00	153 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,026.00	194 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,158.00	138 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the December 21 collection and for previous Sunday collections: **\$749.00**

This Week's Total: \$15,174.00
Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,411.00

DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

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

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

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

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

Sunday: after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays: after the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m.

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

MARRIAGES

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

BAPTISMS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174

www.stmichaelnj.com

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

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John K. Butler, Pastor

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

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