

Pastor's Note: The New Jersey Mass for Life, Rally for Life, and March for Life will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2024 in Trenton. The Mass at the Cathedral followed by the Rally at the Statehouse Annex followed by the March commencing at 9:30 a.m. and ending at the Statehouse Annex. ALL are invited and welcome to attend and participate. Two neighboring Long Branch parishes are partnering to provide a chartered bus with seats for up to 40 passengers to attend these very important Pro-Life events: St. Michael's Parish and Christ the King Parish (Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and Holy Trinity Church). Further information is below.



St. Michael's Church

Chartered Bus Transportation to the
Mass, Rally & March for Life
Thursday, September 26, 2024



Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

At the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton at 9:30 a.m. The New Jersey Mass for Life will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin and Bishop David M. O'Connell just prior to NJ Rally for Life, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. (at the Statehouse Annex), and then the NJ March for Life. This day will mark the first New Jersey Mass, Rally, and March for Life organized and conducted by the national-level March for Life organization and the state-level New Jersey Right to Life organization. A strong turn-out and strong support for these events and for the Pro-Life Cause are vitally important. The Mass for Life will conclude in plenty of time for Mass-goers to walk to the Rally for Life at the Annex, which is about four tenths of a mile from the Cathedral and about a 10-minute walk. When the Rally concludes at 12:00 Noon, the March for Life will commence (a one-mile loop through Trenton starting at the Statehouse Annex and returning to the Annex). After the March and Rally, marchers will return to the Cathedral to board our bus for the ride home. This day in Trenton will conclude at approximately 1:30 and our bus will return to the Star of the Sea parking lot at approximately 2:45.

Registration for a seat on the bus will be on a first come, first served basis. There will be a fee of \$10.00 per passenger (students may ride on the bus at no charge). Mass-goers who have walking difficulty and who may be unable to walk to the Rally or to walk the entire route of the March are welcome to remain at the Cathedral in the church hall after the Mass (where coffee, pastries, and rest rooms will be available) until our bus departs for home. We will gladly and gratefully accept a free will donation to help the parishes cover the expenses of this bus and the bus driver's gratuity. The summarized itinerary for the day is:

8:00 a.m.....Bus departs from Star of the Sea Church. You may park your car there for the day.
9:30 a.m.....Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption.
11:00 a.m.....Rally for Life at the Statehouse Annex.
12:00 p.m.....March for Life and then walk from the Statehouse Annex back to the Cathedral.
1:30 p.m. (approx.) Bus departs from the Cathedral to return to Star of the Sea Church.
2:30/3:00 (approx.) Bus arrives at Star of the Sea Church.

Rest rooms will be available at the Cathedral in the church hall. Feel free to bring your own "brown bag" lunch, snacks, bottled water, etc. In order to travel on this bus, you must reserve a seat and sign-up in advance on or before Monday, Sept. 23. Payment of the \$10 bus fee will be collected on the day of the trip or may be dropped-off at the parish office. For further information and to sign-up for this bus, please contact any of the following members of the parishes' Respect Life Ministry teams.

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