

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

January 16, 2022 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday 12:15 in Latin in Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, June, Aug. In English in Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July. And 5:30 (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 *And temporarily a Sunday 5:30 PM Mass as described on Page 3.

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.

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 1:00 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There is a Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations that includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. This Monthly Holy Hour is from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the Thursday immediately preceding the First Friday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



PARISH OFFICE

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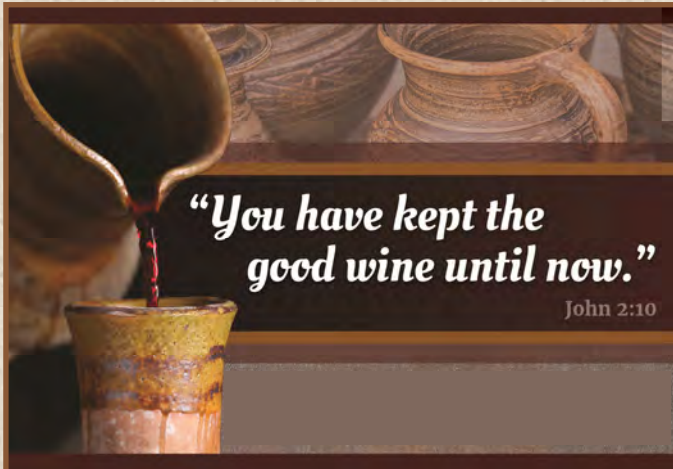
Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)
Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor
Rev. Mark Nillo, Parochial Vicar
Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager
Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.
Mary Valan, Parish Secretary
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Dr. Anthony Micale	Basaman Family
† Carlo Ruggiero	Tocci Family
5:30 PM † Barbara & Jerome Kennedy	Audrey Boglioli
7:00 PM † Stephen F. Baxter	Louis & Tricia Vincelli

Sunday, January 16

7:00 AM † Diane Chmiel	Luci, Ed & Elisa Perez
† Danielle Russo	Family
8:30 AM † Bart Maggio	Tom Viggiano
† Elizabeth McCue Welsh	Matthew & Debbie Welsh
10:00 AM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family
† Emilia Genito Simonelli	Maria & Pasquale Simonelli
12:00 PM † Julia R. Bowman	Loving Children Michael, Joe & AnneMarie
† Jack DuBois	Mango Family
4:00 PM † Urbano Molino	Teresa Molino
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Patricia Esposito	Kathleen Toscano & Family

Monday, January 17

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Jimmy Delehanty	Delehanty Family
7:00 PM Pro-Life Cause	Fr. John & Fr. Mark

Tuesday, January 18

8:00 AM † Margaret & Mary Burnes	Basaman Family
Special Intention: Lorenza and All Covid Patients	Russo Family

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16, 2022

Wednesday, January 19

8:00 AM † Michael Burke	Burke Family
† Paul Roller	

Thursday, January 20

8:00 AM † Kathryn Fromer	Bruce Fromer
† Francis Riddle	Bruce Fromer

Friday, January 21

8:00 AM † Harry Tokanos	Mary
11:00 AM Pro-Life Movement	

Saturday, January 22

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Roger Haas	Sudman Family
† Bridget Deery	Sudman Family
5:30 PM † Gloria Squillante	Maryann Fallica
7:00 PM † Robert Murgittroyd	Brendan Queenan

Sunday, January 23

7:00 AM Special Intention: Dennis Gallo	Anne Marie & Bill Lisa
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
8:30 AM † Edward & Kathleen Basaman	Basaman Family
† Thomas Byrne	Harold & Randee Cassidy
10:00 AM † Jack DuBois	Dorothy, Tony & Sanzone Family
† Joseph Kiernan, Jr.	Richards Family
12:00 PM † Frank & Elizabeth Boglioli	Audrey Boglioli
† Theresa Lawlor	Janice Carr
4:00 PM † Patricia Marciniak	Nancy Robinson
† Thomas Sleavin	Mary Lynn & Frank Mango
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM Pro-Life Cause	Fr. John & Fr. Mark

St. Michael's Church: Parish News of Mid-January

Parish "Mass for Life" on Friday, January 21. We will celebrate a Parish Mass for Life on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Church – the same day that the Rally for Life and the March for Life will be taking place in Washington, DC. All are invited and welcome to attend this Mass for Life. Further details on Page 6.

Covid "Pop Up" Vaccination Clinic at St. Michael's. A covid vaccination "pop up" clinic will be conducted at St. Michael's in the Lower Church for seven consecutive days from Sunday, January 16 through and including Saturday, January 22. BOTH the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be available free of charge. Exact hours of each day's vaccination availability are listed on Page 5 of this bulletin and on the parish website. Similar vaccination clinics were conducted here at the parish on three occasions during 2021. First doses, second doses, and booster/third doses will be available. Receiving the covid vaccination has been approved and encouraged by our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Holy Father Emeritus Pope Benedict, our Bishop David O'Connell, and our parish priests Fr. John and Fr. Mark – all of whom have been vaccinated. If not already covid vaccinated, please prayerfully consider vaccination unless a medical or strong religious or other strong reason guides you otherwise.

Extra Sunday Mass for Covid-Vaccinated and Face Masked. We have added – temporarily – an extra Sunday Mass to our weekend schedule beginning on Sunday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. At **this** Mass **all** will be **required** to **please** follow **ALL THREE of the following**: (a) have been covid-vaccinated at least once, (b) wear a face-mask throughout the Mass except to consume the Eucharist, and (c) receive Communion on the hand only and not on the tongue. Covid vaccination verification cards will NOT be required at this Mass....the honor system will be relied on. One covid vaccination is sufficient for attending this Mass, although the second and third vaccinations are strongly encouraged and preferred. If one is ill or experiencing covid symptoms or symptoms of other illness – as has been requested/recommended in the past – please remain at home. At our other Masses here at St. Michael's we have been following and we will continue to follow the guidelines of the State and Diocese: • vaccinations strongly encouraged (not required), • facemasks strongly encouraged (not required), • frequent handwashing strongly encouraged, • Communion on the hand (per the Diocese; the State is silent of course on this point) strongly encouraged (not required). **With regard to Holy Communion**, receiving **on the hand and not on the tongue** at **ALL** Masses is **VERY, VERY, VERY strongly encouraged** until we are all out of the covid woods (and **required on the hand** at the Sunday 5:30 Mass referred to above). Please pray that the date of emerging from the covid woods is soon!

Outdoor Holy Communion at Two Masses Temporarily. As part of our effort to work through the omicron surge (some are now calling it the "omicron tsunami"....the covid statistics at the nearby hospitals are staggering and sobering; please pray for the patients, hospital staff, and all caregivers) and without over-reacting and with the balancing of numerous factors and limited resources and manpower and womanpower as best we can, Holy Communion will be available in the parking lot in your cars after the Saturday 4:00 indoor Mass and after the Sunday 10:00 indoor Mass beginning on Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 9th for those who attend and participate at those Masses in their cars by means of the live-stream transmission of the indoor Mass being celebrated at those hours. The **radio** transmission of the **audio** of these two Masses on station 92.1 FM will **not** be available because of equipment and technical reasons; the audio and video live-stream transmission of these two Masses may be accessed on your i-phone, tablet, or other similar devices (in your car or elsewhere) via the parish website www.stmichaelnj.com and the parish YouTube Channel. The priest/celebrant of these two Masses will be **indoors** as he celebrates the Mass and not on the stage near the garage in the parking lot. This plan will remain in effect until further notice and is temporary and is of course subject to inclement weather (e.g. winter snow or extreme cold) that would put the health of the Mass-goers, the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, parking lot staff, and priests at risk.

Parish Office Hours and Office Covid Protocols Modified. Our parish business office and all parish staff will be following guidelines recently issued by our Diocese for the Diocese Chancery Office staff members and Chancery Office visitors as an omicron precaution. The parish office staff will alternate days in the office and days working at home through the end of January. Mary or Susan will be in the office on all weekdays during usual business hours from January 10 through the end of January. Office hours will be re-evaluated in light of covid/omicron/etc. and published at the end of this month. All office visitors are asked to please wear face masks while visiting the parish office until further notice.

Second Collection Next Weekend January 22 and 23 For the Church in Latin America



Next weekend we will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church

Office Closed; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m. Masses and Confessions will take place at their usual Monday times on January 17.

Fr. Wade's Parish Mission Follow-Ups: Books and CDs Have Arrived

The Advent Parish Mission conducted here at St. Michael's last month by Fr. Wade Menezes of The Fathers of Mercy was very successful: three nights of informative and insightful conferences, a dramatic Solemn Closing Mass, at the Morning hours of sacraments. The attendance – over on each of the day, and Wednesday the mission – so much so that Fr. Wade sold out of his books and CDs by the Monday evening session and he had to resort to a pre-order, pre-paid sign-up sheet for the remainder of the mission.



The pre-ordered and pre-paid books and CDs have arrived at the parish business office from The Fathers of Mercy mother house in Auburn, Kentucky. Many (as requested) are personally inscribed and autographed by Fr. Wade. Please call the parish office and speak to Mary or Susan to make arrangements to pick-up your purchases at the office or to have your purchases sent to you via First Class U.S. Mail. And please pray for The Fathers of Mercy and their apostolate and for vocations, vocations, vocations.

COVID-19 Vaccinations at St. Michael's

- Sunday, January 16
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 17
(Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 18
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 19
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 20
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 21
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 22
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines

- Pfizer available for ages 5 and older
- Pfizer booster for ages 12 and older
- Moderna available for ages 18 and older.

*First, second, and booster doses available.
Walk-ins welcome.*

St. Michael's Church will again be participating with the New Jersey Department of Health and with the DocGo Company in the *Grateful for the Shot* program to provide Covid vaccinations free of charge in the St. Michael's Lower Church. No ap-



pointment necessary. No need to provide identification documentation or insurance documentation. No impact on immigration status. First come, first served.

For those unable to walk down and up the Lower Church stairs, a small tent will be set-up in the church parking lot (winter weather permitting) where you may receive the Covid vaccination. Please pray for a swift and complete end to the Covid-19 pandemic, for the recovery of those who are ill with this virus, and for the safety and perseverance of their caregivers.

You are encouraged to bring to this clinic your COVID vaccination verification documentation if you have already received Dose #1 and or Dose #2. But that verification is NOT REQUIRED at this clinic. Prior verification vaccination documentation is NOT NECESSARY at this clinic.



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***Pastor's Note.** In connection with the March and Rally for Life in Washington, DC this coming Friday, January 22 our Bishop David M. O'Connell has sent the following letter to all parishes in the Diocese of Trenton to encourage everyone to please physically participate or spiritually participate in those events.*

January 7, 2022

To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Trenton

At the request of His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, the Apostolic Signatura of the Holy See imparts a plenary indulgence

To those who physically take part in sacred celebrations connected with the annual "March for Life" in Washington, DC on January 20 and 21 2022;

To the aged, sick and those who cannot be physically present for a grave reason but who are able to spiritually participate from home through any/all media presentations.

The usual conditions apply:

A disposition of detachment from any kind of sin;
Sacramental confession (on January 20-21, 2022 or within 20 days)
Reception of Eucharistic Communion (on January 20-21, 2022 or within 20 days)
Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father (on January 20-21, 2022 or within 20 days).

The plenary indulgence may be applied to the person seeking it or for the holy souls in purgatory. It is valid for this event only: January 20-21, 2022 "March for Life" sacred ceremonies.

Respectfully yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton



MARCH FOR LIFE 2022 WASHINGTON, D.C.

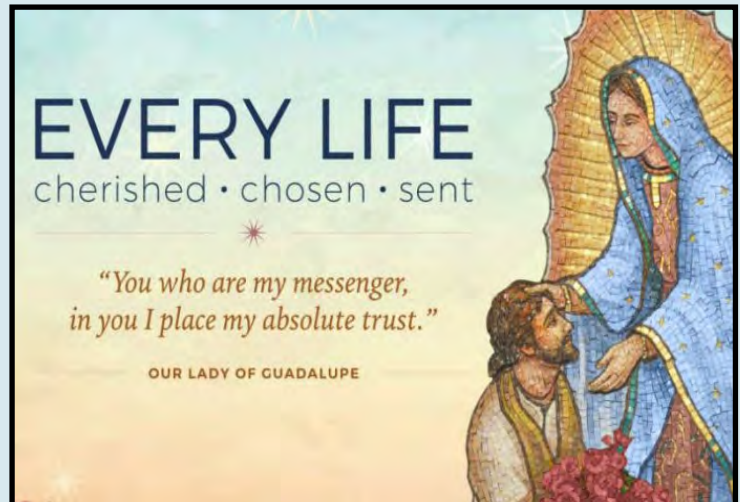
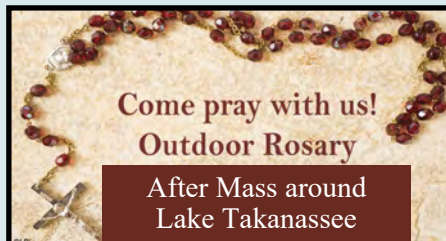
The 49th Annual National March for Life is scheduled for this Friday, January 21, 2022 in Washington, DC. In addition, the New Jersey Rally for Life took place on Friday, January 14, 2022 in Trenton. The plans that had been contemplated jointly by St. Michael's Church and St. Jerome's Church for bus transportation from these parishes to these rallies/marches have been cancelled. Nevertheless, please pray for an end to abortion for conversion, reconciliation, and healing; and for compassionate care during and after crisis pregnancies.

- Please remember our Parish Mass for Life here at St. Michael's on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

For An End to Abortion: 11:00 a.m. Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Fasting at St. Michael's on Friday, January 21, 2022

As part of our parish's concerted efforts to achieve an end to abortion and also to effect reconciliation, conversion, and healing, and for competent and compassionate care for women during and after crisis pregnancies. All are invited to participate in the following on Friday, January 21, 2022:

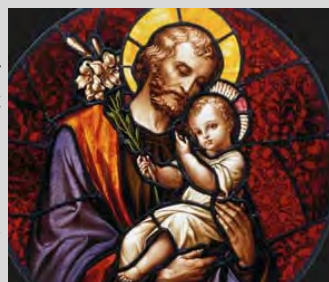
- 11:00 a.m. - Mass For Life (live-streamed).
- Outdoor Rosary (after Mass) while processing around Lake Takanassee (weather permitting).
- Eucharistic Adoration in the Upper Church after the conclusion of the Rosary until 2:00 p.m.
- A day of fast (only one full meal) as on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; a personal sacrifice offered-up for an end to abortion.
- In the event of inclement weather the Rosary will be moved to the Upper Church.



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION January 13-21, 2022

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world. As you cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb. May no harm ever endanger them and may no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within. Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will

has been fulfilled. St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us. Say the "Our Father," the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be" after this novena prayer. **This novena will be prayed at all Masses at St. Michael's on January 13-21 (concluding at our Parish Mass for Life on Friday, January 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.).**



NOVENA to SAINT JOSEPH

January 13-21, 2022

St. Michael's Altar Rosary Society Prayer Chain

Dear Parishioners,

St. Michael's is blessed to have loving, caring, and faithful parishioners. That love and spirituality is especially evident in the membership of our St. Michael's Altar Rosary Society. Our Rosarians are faithfully devoted to praying for St. Michael's parishioners, their families, and friends.

An integral part of our Altar Rosary Society is the St. Michael's prayer chain. The purpose of our prayer chain is to offer to our parishioners immediate access to prayers and support for their families and friends who are facing a health emergency or other critical situations and need urgent prayers.

Our prayer chain membership is **not** limited to Rosarians or women. The St. Michael's prayer chain provides the opportunity to all members of our parish – **men and women** - to become a member of this spiritual group that provides much needed love and prayers for those in need of heavenly intervention. **ALL are welcome to join us as prayer warriors.**

Our St. Michael's prayer chain membership guidelines:

Members must be dependable and willing to communicate a prayer request, either by phone or text messaging, in a timely manner to two or three other members.

Members must be respectful of the person being prayed for and only share that information with members of the prayer chain. **Confidentiality** is extremely important.

All prayer chain requests must be directed to our lead contact member who, in turn, will contact the next three members... and so on... until all prayer requests have reached the last member of the prayer chain.

If you would like to join our Prayer Chain Ministry, please complete the requested information (below) and return this form by dropping it off at the parish office side door lower beige mailbox. You will be contacted by a Prayer Chain member.

Name: _____

Cell number: _____

Email address: _____

Thank you,

St. Michael's Altar Rosary Society Board Members: Dotty O'Hara, Sharon Barham, Shirley Jacobs, and JoAnn Dorgan.



Rosarian Prayer Group

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

This is a list of parishioners, relatives, and friends who are in need of our prayers for healing. **Our Rosarians also pray every Saturday for all the parishioners of St. Michael's.**

Please note that intentions will be listed for two months and then removed,

unless the requestor calls to renew for another two months. Please also note that according to the HIPPA & privacy laws only the sick themselves or family members may request to be added to the list. Contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests. Thank you and may Our Lord grant healing to all those who are suffering and in need

of our prayers.

Week 1

Joanne and Frank
Buono

Week 2

Paul Anizavino
Angelo Stanco

Week 3

June Scavone
Ann Olivadoti

Week 4

Johnny Mazza, Jr.

Week 5

Jacob and Jaxson
Rivera

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

† Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

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 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.

World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2022



In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 13, 2022) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2022), the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*, 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better*, and 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage*. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples, and for newly married couples, be sure to visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! (Part of the *BuildingStrongMarriages.org* initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)

Week 1 (February 5 and 6)

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at uscgb.org under “Resources”

1601 "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

Week 2 (February 12 and 13) – World Marriage Day Weekend

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at uscgb.org under “Resources”

1605 Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

Week 3 (February 19 and 20)

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at uscgb.org under “Resources”

1643 "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter - appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

Week 4 (February 26 and 27)

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at uscgb.org under “Resources”

1644 The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: "so they are no longer two, but one flesh." They "are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving." This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,476.00	141 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$437.00	67 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$251.00	38 people

Sunday, January 9, 2022

7:00 AM Mass	\$612.00	52 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,075.00	73 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,292.00	114 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$2,590.00	109 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$773.00	86 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$325.00	22 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$279.00	57 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the January 9 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$4,737.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,847.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,221.00

Christmas 2021 Collection

The tallying of the Christmas collection is a work in progress at this time since cash and checks earmarked for Christmas continue to come in through the mail and drop-offs at the parish office. We'll publish the amount of the Christmas collection in the Sunday bulletin in the next few weeks, promptly after we close the books on the counting process. *Thank you for your faithful stewardship and financial support of the parish.*

Prayer for the Success of the Synod



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are

weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Novena for Life	January 13-21, 2022 (see Page 6 for details)
Covid Vaccinations in St. Michael's Lower Church	Sunday, January 16 to Saturday, January 22, 2022 (See Page 4 for details)
Parish Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 17, 2022
Parish Mass for Life	Friday, January 21, 2022 11:00 a.m.
Rally for Life	January 21, 2022 in Washington, DC
Collection for Earthquake Relief/ Reconstruction for St. Francis De Sales Church in Les Cayes, Haiti	January 2022 (Dates TBD)
World Marriage Day and Related Observances	February 13 to 27, 2022 (See Page 8 for details)
Ash Wednesday	March 2, 2022

Prayers for Deceased High School Hockey Player in Connecticut and Family



Some may have heard recently the heart-breaking story of the accidental death of a Connecticut high school hockey player. He died after an on-ice collision during the normal course of a game, officials said. The player was identified as student athlete Teddy Balkind, a 10th Grader at St. Luke's School in New Canaan. Prayers are requested for Teddy and his family, teammates, fellow students, and the community. Many are placing hockey sticks at the front doors of their homes as a symbol of their prayers (accompanying photo). May Teddy rest in peace. Please pray for the safety and health of all our children.



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