

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

*January 21, 2024 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday 12:15 PM 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.

## REGISTRATION

To register with the parish, please call the Parish office for information.

## MARRIAGES

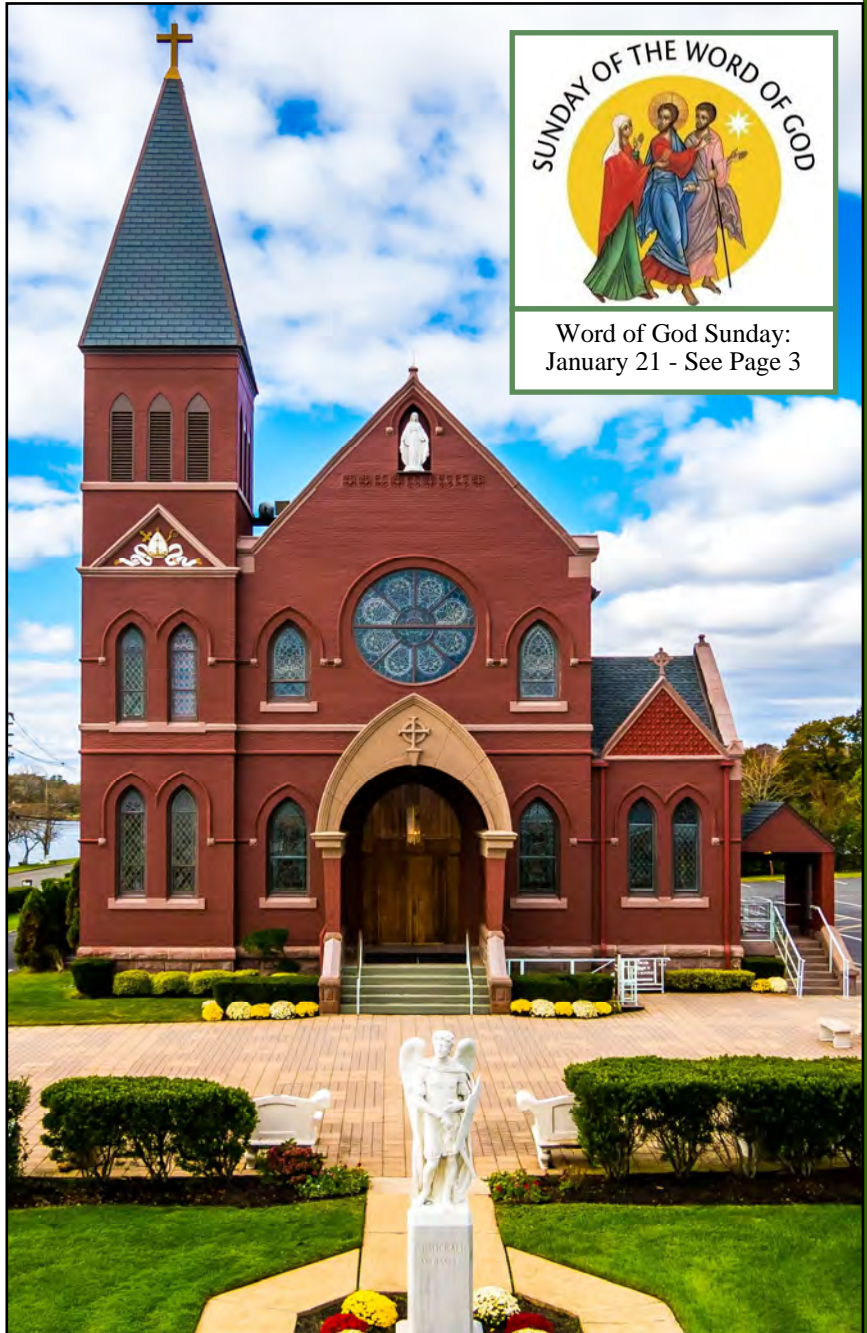
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Word of God Sunday:  
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## PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

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

[www.stmichaelnj.com](http://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 Butler, Pastor

Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

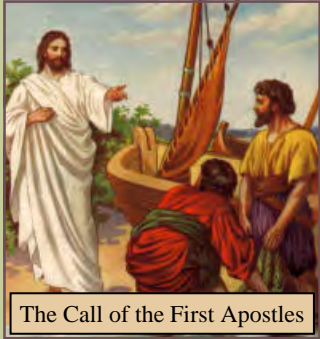
Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,  
NJ 07764

Ph: (732) 483-0360 ext. 2 | Fx: (732) 795-3262

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
732-483-0360 ext. 1



*He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.*

*-Mark 1:19-20*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 20

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Susan Dunn

† Tony Sutera

† Louis Bianchini

5:30 PM † Maria Wojcik

† Fr. Patrick Magee

Special Intention

7:00 PM † Kathryn Fromer

† Frances Riddle

Deborah Foster

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Nagy

Bianchini Family

Angela Lopatka & Family

Family

Family

### Sunday, January 21

7:00 AM † Marsha Matteo

Special Intention:  
Past & Present Priests of St.  
Michael's

8:30 AM † Kathy Heaning

† Anthony Principe

8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):  
Health & Blessings:  
Children of Our Parish and  
Our Catechists

10:00 AM † Jimmy Delehanty

† Richard Stephens

† Gloria Leach

12:00 PM † Rev. Eugene Grohe, C.Ss.R.

† Donna Valesio

4:00 PM Special Intention: Health &  
Blessings - Bishop O'Connell

People of the Parish

7:00 PM Special Intention: Jack Barney

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Pat, Anne Marie & Michael  
Thayer

Linda

Regina & Roy DiPietro

Delehanty Family

Patrick Trollan & Family

Emily & David Beaton

Barney Family

### Monday, January 22

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

† Josephine Vincelli Cittadino

7:00 PM Special Intention:  
Joseph Licata

† Bishop John M. Smith

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Christopher M. Cittadino &  
Children

Friend

### Tuesday, January 23

8:00 AM † Phyllis Meola

Loving Family

Special Intention: Health &  
Blessings - Msgr. Gerard H.  
McCarren

### Wednesday, January 24

8:00 AM † Aniello Daniele

Miguel Zarraga

### Thursday, January 25

8:00 AM † Robert Fortin

Tom Viggiano

† David Dorgan

Jo Ann & Family

### Friday, January 26

8:00 AM Special Intention: Anthony,  
Noelle & Alexander

Friend

### Saturday, January 27

8:00 AM † Anthony Errico

Wife & daughters

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † John Perri, Sr.

John & Deborah Perri  
& Family

† Debbie Harrington

Dad & Family

5:30 PM † Robert Canale

Wife Patricia

† Maria Mignone

Aunt Patricia

Special Intention

7:00 PM † Paul Duffy

Tony & Lisa Monte

† Frank Vasfallo III

Mom & Dad

### Sunday, January 28

7:00 AM † Jay Filippo

Family

8:30 AM † Joseph Moschella

Mary & Steve

† Theresa Fisher

Barbara Meyer

† Michael Wrubel

Wife Maria & Family

8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):  
Health & Blessings:  
Children of Our Parish and  
Our Catechists

10:00 AM † Robert A. Parnell

Nancy Thorne

† Chip Buenafuente

David & Emily Beaton

12:00 PM † Robert Clinton

Margaret Clinton

† Rosemary Goldrick

Toni & Carl Seinfeld

4:00 PM † Caroline Clauser

Daughter

7:00 PM People of the Parish



## February 2, 2024 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



**Candlemas** is a feast celebrated annually on February 2. It celebrates three occasions: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the Temple in Jerusalem; and the celebration of the Virgin Mary's purification. Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles to church to be blessed and that blessing will take place at the conclusion of the Solemn Entrance and Procession that will occur at the beginning of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, February 2. All are invited and welcome.

## Prayer in Honor of St. Blaise (Memorial on February 3)

O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Memorial of St. Blaise is February 3 and falls on a Saturday this year. Throats will be blessed on Saturday, February 3 at the conclusion of each of the 8:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Masses. The priest/celebrant and Lay Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at each of the Feb. 3rd Masses will impart a blessing to each individual in the "pre-covid manner". All are invited and welcome.



## Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis has declared this Sunday – the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) – to be the "Sunday of the Word of God" in order to promote knowledge and love of Scripture and to promote a closer relationship between the People of God and the Bible. This special day is intended to be a celebration of the word of God in and throughout the Church. The Holy

Father said, "A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but, rather, a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord."

Here at St. Leo's we will observe Word of God Sunday at all Masses on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21 with special prayers and with homilies that focus on Scripture – keeping in mind the Pope's words that "we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness. The Bible is not a collection of history books or a chronicle, but is aimed entirely at the integral salvation of the person."

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## INFORMATION NIGHT

### DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY

St. Leo's Parish in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics.

There will be an Information Night on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Leo The Great in the Parish Center Meeting Room, located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft.

If interested, please email: [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.

Visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> for more information about the program or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485.

Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!

## NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION January 14-22, 2024

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 from January 14-22.**

PRAY TO PROTECT  
HUMAN LIFE



JANUARY 14-22

9 DAYS  
FOR LIFE



NOVENA  
to SAINT  
JOSEPH

January 14-22, 2024

## NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

### WHEN:

Thursday,  
September 26, 2024

### WHERE:

New Jersey State Capitol  
State House Annex  
125 W State St  
Trenton, NJ 08608

### SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. NJ March for Life Rally

12:00 p.m. NJ March for Life



New Jersey Right  
to Life

MARCH FOR LIFE

Learn More: [nj.marchforlife.org](http://nj.marchforlife.org)

## January 22, 2024



### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 A.M. Mass and 7:00 P.M. Mass  
on Monday, January 22, 2024

## March for Life 2024 Washington, DC

Parishioners from St. Michael's, St. Luke's of Toms River, St. Agnes of Atlantic Highlands, and other nearby parishes plus college students from the Catholic Campus Ministry of Monmouth University participated in the 2024 Rally and March for Life in Washington, DC this past Friday, January 19. The Respect Life pilgrims traveled to Washington on a chartered bus that departed from St. Michael's at 6:30 a.m. following a 5:45 a.m. "Mass for Life" that was celebrated in our Upper Church. Please continue to pray and work for an end to abortion; for compassionate and competent care for women during pregnancy and post-pregnancy; and for reconciliation, conversion, healing, and mercy. The accompanying photo was taken at last year's National March for Life. Our bulletin publisher's deadline for



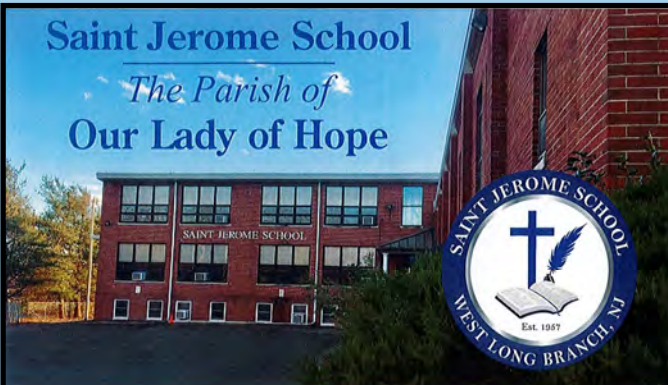
this bulletin preceded this year's 2024 March for Life by several days. Further information about this year's March for Life will be included in next Sunday's parish bulletin.



An IMPORTANT Event  
For Catholic Education,  
For Catholic Learning, and  
For Catholic Life!  
All are Invited & Welcome.

## Saint Jerome School

*The Parish of*  
**Our Lady of Hope**



Join us for our **OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday, January 28th following  
the 9:30 am Mass

Learn about our school,  
visit our classrooms, meet  
our teachers, and talk to  
current school families  
over coffee.

*Call us for more  
information!*



250 WALL STREET | WEST LONG BRANCH  
[www.SaintJeromeSchool.org](http://www.SaintJeromeSchool.org)  
732-222-8686

*The Lord has done great things for me, and holy is His name!* We often overlook the many wonderful things God does for us, or mistakenly take credit for it. So while we appreciate and do thank all those involved in restoring our St. Michael's Lower Church hall, ultimately all of our good works have their origin in God. So, in announcing that CCD 8th Grade Confirmation preparation sessions will return to the Lower Church on January 22, we thank our Lord for the beautiful restoration and those He used to achieve it.



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**OPEN HOUSE | Jan. 28 at 11am**

**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**

**HCARUMSON.ORG**

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732.708.3113 | [admissions@hcarumson.org](mailto:admissions@hcarumson.org)

**Diocesan Youth Conference**

**ON PURPOSE**

"for this purpose have I come."  
Mark 1:37-39

**DYC**  
Saturday  
**Feb. 3rd**  
2024  
Red Bank  
Catholic HS  
Red Bank, NJ

8-12th grade teens invited!  
Adv. Registration \$25  
Walk-in Registration \$35

[www.doyouth.org/dyc](http://www.doyouth.org/dyc)

**Second Collection Next Weekend  
January 27 and 28  
For the Church in Latin America**



Next weekend we will take up a Second Collection (at the request of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) 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 the 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](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

*Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.*

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTION**

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

**YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**FEBRUARY 2024**

† Susan Whitman

r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

**APRIL 2024**

† Rita N. Cittadino

r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

† Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano

r/o The Boeckman Family

† Connie and Tony Criesi

r/o Lin Criesi

† Dick Nolan

r/o Lin Criesi



Please keep Bishop John M. Smith in your prayers. Our former Bishop died on January 22, 2019. We will pray for the repose of his soul and ask for his prayers as our former shepherd at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on his fifth anniversary, Monday, January 22, 2024. Requiescat in pace.

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

If you wish to receive a written statement reporting your 2023 contributions to St. Michael's Church for purposes of your income tax returns, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Submit your request to St. Michael's Church, 800 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740. Or email your request to [parish@stmichaelnj.com](mailto:parish@stmichaelnj.com).

**Faith Direct** – If you make your weekly contributions or other contributions to the parish by means of the *Faith Direct* online method, you may obtain a written statement reporting such online contributions by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and following the instructions on the homepage.

For additional assistance, please call parish Business Manager Thomas Randazzo at the parish office at 732-222-8080 Monday through Friday during business hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## Weekend Collection & Attendance

**Thank You!**

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,784.00	171 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$631.00	82 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$461.00	57 people

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,360.00	83 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,453.00	119 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,485.00	164 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,908.00	139 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,045.00	142 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,123.00	98 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the January 14 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,680.00**

**This Week's Total: \$13,930.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,269.00**

**Christmas Collection: 2023 Total: \$ 66,991.00**

**Christmas Collection: 2022 Total: \$ 60,551.00**

**Christmas Collection: 2021 Total: \$ 80,651.00**

## 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.

## 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

Jack Barney

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



Novena (to St. Joseph) for Life and to End Abortion	January 14-22, 2024 (See Page 3 for details)
Word of God Sunday	Sunday, January 21, 2024 (See Page 3 for details)
Catholic Schools Week	Jan. 28 to Feb. 3, 2024
Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles and Procession at Mass	Friday, February 2, 2024 (See Page 4 for details)
Memorial of St. Blaise; Blessing of Throats	Saturday, February 3, 2024 (See Page 4 for details)
Ash Wednesday	February 14, 2024
Confirmation	Thursday, March 14, 2024
New Jersey March for Life	Thursday, September 26, 2024

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

Live Webinar

# Family Ministry Fair

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Catholic HOM

Damon Owens,  
Communio

Enza Cerami,  
Living Stones, Inc.

Patrick Metts, LPC,  
RESTORE Catholic Marriage  
Resource

- Learn
- Grow parish outreach to families
- Minister to marriages

**Thursday** <<<  
**25** January 2024  
1 - 3:30 P.M.

Zoom  
RSVP to [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)