DAILY MASS
Mon - Fri: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM
Sat: 9:00 AM | First Friday in Latin at 12:15 PM

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:30 PM

RECONCILIATION
Confessions are heard 12 minutes to 5 minutes before each Mass; on First Friday before the 12:15 Latin Mass from 11:45 AM to 12:05 PM and after this Mass until 1:15 PM, and during the Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations.

REGISTRATION
To register with the parish, please call the Parish Office.

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 to make arrangements. There is a twelve month timeline for wedding preparation.

BAPTISMS
Baptisms take place Sundays at 1:00 pm. 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 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Thursday immediately preceding the First Friday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
To sign your child up for our Tuesday or Sunday Religious Education classes, please contact Patty Chavez, ext. 110 at the Outreach Center. All families must be registered with the parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the Parish Office for anointing of the sick for yourself or a relative. When the office is closed, the answering service will appropriately direct your call. If you or your loved one is in a hospital, the head nurse could also call for the chaplain.
JANUARY 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
-- Psalm 95:6

Saturday, January 27
9:00 AM People of the Parish
4:00 PM † Plinio Agresti Wife & Family
† Lourdes Dimartino Richard Cero
5:00 PM † Albert Colaguori
7:30 PM People of the Parish
† Frank Vasfailo III Mom & Dad

Sunday, January 28
7:00 AM † Dr. James & Bessie Cattanach Anniv.
Cattanach Name
People of the Parish
9:00 AM † Rosa Panduri Corrina & Saverio Panduri
† James McNamara Kendra & Mark Wilson
10:00 AM † Caroline Clauser Daughter
† Deborah Sargeant Christopher & Cari Vainella
11:00 AM Special Intention: Deacon George Family
Eugene Somma
† Anthony Sgro Kay & Diane Sparandeo
12:00 PM † Joan Brickley Emily & David
4:00 PM † Georgette Soriano Debra & John Nunziato
† Vivian DeStefano Geraldine & Angela Viverito
7:30 PM People of the Parish

Bread & Wine Offering

The bread and wine at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 28 have been donated by the Chavez and Wilson Family in thanksgiving to St. Anthony, St. Peregrine and Fr. Solanus Casey.

At the 12:00 PM Mass the bread and wine have been donated by Barbara Driscoll Coats & Mimi Driscoll Williams on their 70th Birthday in memory of the living and deceased members of the Driscoll Family.

Monday, January 29
8:00 AM † Pro-Life Cause Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 30
8:00 AM † St. Michael Mirlande Josey Semexant

Wednesday, January 31
8:00 AM † Thomas J. Angerio Wife & Daughters

Thursday, February 1
8:00 AM † Andre Moutenot Jack & Rene Brignola
12:15PM † Ellen M. Boyle

Friday, February 2
8:00 AM † Salvatore P. Mirabito Sandy Lehrer

Saturday, February 3
9:00 AM People of the Parish
4:00 PM † Robert J. McNamara Wife & Children
† Salvatore P. Mirabito Geraldine & Angela Viverito
5:00 PM † Ellen M. Boyle
† Rev. Richard Rodgers
7:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 4
7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri Mother Francesca
† Gloria Flattery Agnes & Paul D’Angelo
9:00 AM † Deborah Sargeant Joe & Virginia Vainella
† Anthony DeAngelis Bruce Crowell & Sharon Mazza
10:00 AM † Antionette Chiarella Chiarella Family
11:00 AM † Albert Colaguori Fran & Joe Bendick
† Vivian DeStefano Barbara Lefurge & Family
12:00 PM † Salvatore Mirabito Matt & Debbie Patella
† Richard Atencio Patricia Atencio
4:00 PM † Georgette Soriano Patricia & Michael Fede
† Georgette Soriano Laura & Mark Rescigno
7:30 PM People of the Parish
Respect Life; Pray for an End to Abortion
and for Healing; Love Saves Lives!

Last week, 33 parishioners from St. Michael’s and St. Jerome’s Parishes traveled together to Washington, DC on Friday (the 19th) for the 45th annual March for Life and 15 parishioners from St. Michael’s and other nearby parishes traveled to Trenton on Monday (the 22nd) to attend the Diocesan Mass for Life at the Cathedral with Bishop O’Connell and to participate in the Rally for Life at the New Jersey Statehouse. Please see the accompanying photos. They joined with hundreds of thousands of peaceful, faithful demonstrators to express opposition to the Supreme Court’s Roe vs. Wade decision and to pray for an end to abortion. At the conclusion of the Washington, DC March, the St. Michael’s/St. Jerome’s group met with Congressman Chris Smith in the Rayburn Office Building.

At the same time many parishioners gathered here at St. Michael’s on Friday the 19th at 12:00 Noon to celebrate a Mass for Life and to pray a Rosary for Life. All the homilies at all of the weekend’s Masses here at St. Michael’s during the January 20-21 weekend addressed the Pro-Life cause. Please pray for an end to abortion and for reconciliation, mercy, and healing.

The following is an excerpt from the homily that Fr. Anthony DiPalma preached at St. Michael’s on Sunday, January 21, 2018 on the topic of Respect for Life.

The fourth and final Gospel to be written, the Gospel of Saint John opens with a glorious and lofty hymn to the pre-existent and eternal Word of Almighty God. John writes: “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God.” This hymn identifies and extolls Jesus of Nazareth as the eternal Word who existed from all time, the one through whom all things came into being. John concludes his Prologue with a joyful proclamation of the great mystery of the Incarnation: “And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us!” As some may remember, up until 1965, in the old Latin Liturgy, at the conclusion of every Mass, this Gospel of Saint John was read after the final blessing. In a powerful way, our Church understood that this joyful hymn to the Eternal Word represented a perfect and a precise summation of the Christian Gospel itself.

In the birth of Jesus Christ, the great feast we have just celebrated, Christians everywhere profess that with great and unbounded love, God has humbled himself to share in our humanity. At one and the same time, in the person of Jesus, the God made man, our Church teaches that divinity and humanity are forever concomingled and eternally united. It is precisely in the advent of Jesus that Christians have come to understand and to believe that all life has been made sacred, holy and worthy of immeasurable respect.

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Respect Life; Pray for an End to Abortion and for Healing; Love Saves Lives!

This week our Church is celebrating Respect for Life Sunday. Throughout these days there will be Masses celebrated, prayer services offered, and even demonstrations this past Friday in Washington, DC and this coming Monday in Trenton promoting a greater Respect for Life! In defending and celebrating Respect for Life, the Church is setting before us its ancient and long held belief regarding the uniqueness and sanctity of every single human being. Our Holy Father and the American bishops have reminded us over and again that as a gift from God, every human life is sacred from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death. Our bishops have taught that the life and the dignity of every individual must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition of life. In addition, the bishops have noted that the right to life is in fact the very foundation, the cornerstone of the Church’s consistent teachings on justice and peace in our world.

Respect for Life is obviously a multifaceted reality. Those who defend the rights of the weakest among us are likewise called to be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us. Against a strong opposition of powerful lobbies and political forces, the Church has consistently taught that every child in the womb of its mother has a right to life and should be protected and treasured. At the same time, the lives of the old and the young, the sick and the incurably ill, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker must be protected and defended from disparagement and vilification, from exploitation and abuse of every kind.

In proclaiming the sanctity of all life, the Church calls the followers of Jesus to oppose any and all affronts to the dignity and sacredness of human life. Fittingly the Church denounces anywhere and everywhere all forms of racism, discrimination and prejudice; our Holy Father and bishops throughout the world have called for an end to unjust warfare and especially to the targeting of innocent civilian centers in times of war. The Church likewise pleads for an end to a justice system that condones the use of capital punishment and to an economic system that tolerates the abuse and the degradation of our shared environment. All these teachings – taken together – are tied to and flow from the Church’s proclamation on the sanctity and the sacredness of Human Life!

My friends, in demonstrating our Respect for Life, there is no greater honor that we as Christians can show to the God whom we cannot see than to love, cherish and respect the same God who dwells here on earth within the lives of all humanity.
There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday.

The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on February 1st. The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!

**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; and the celebration of the Virgin Mary’s purification.

**First Friday Mass In Latin**

*First Friday Mass in Latin will be celebrated on February 2 at 12:15 PM.*

Confessions will be available after this Mass.

**Pastoral Care**

Stephen and Paduan Ministries

Our Extraordinary Ministers made 13 Communion/shut-in visits and one Stephen Ministry visit during this past week. We pray that we have helped to bring God’s love and peace to His people in need.

**Wisdom** is the reflection of the everlasting light and a spotless mirror of the power of God. Wis 7:26

“Every day, look into the spotless mirror that is Jesus Christ, and study well your reflection. In that way, you may adorn yourself, mind and body, with every virtue.” St. Clare of Assisi

Our Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to dwell often on the manner in which I am following You. Let me strive each day to become more and more like You in all things. Our Stephen and Paduan Ministers are available for our parishioners -- to visit the sick; the elderly; and bring Communion. Please contact us if you need us – 732-483-0360, Ext. 120.

**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 Saturday, February 3. Throats will blessed on February 3 at the conclusion of the 9:00 morning Mass and at the conclusion of the 4:00, 5:00, and 7:30 Vigil Masses.
Annulment Information Presentation

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors *Annulment Information Sessions* annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. For more information, call 609 406-7411 or e-mail rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org. Below is the schedule of sessions:

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Meet parents, students, and faculty. A tour of the school will also be available. Additional tour times available upon request. Call 732-222-8686 for more information.

**REGISTRATION:** Tuesday, February 6th and Wednesday, February 7th (8:30-11:00 am) in the church hall.

All are invited.

Join us as we kickoff
Catholic School’s Week at
St. Jerome’s School

When: Sunday, January 28
Where: St. Jerome Church
Time: 10:00 am Mass
Reception: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Meet parents, students, and faculty. A tour of the school will also be available. Additional tour times available upon request. Call 732-222-8686 for more information.

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**Religious Education**

**Attention Seventh Grade Confirmation Families:**

Reminder: Rite of Enrollment Mass for your child will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at the 7:30 PM Mass. This is a very special presentation for the Confirmation students. At this Mass the children will be introduced to the parish. The congregation will be asked to pray for our students while they embark on this journey towards Confirmation in the Fall.

All students please be at church by 7:15 PM to sign in and you will be presented with a candle for the ceremony.

All families will sit together in the front pews with the bows. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion!!!