# St. Michael's Church

January 30, 2022 | Fourth 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.

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.

# Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30-February 5

#### 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 Butler. Pastor Rev. Mark Nillo, Parochial Vicar Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed. Mary Valan, Parish Secretary Jose Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director Susan Cleaver, Ass't Parish Secretary

### CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.

- Luke 4:24

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary January 30, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29

8:00 AM † Deborah Caban Karyn Travalena

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † John Perri, Sr. John & Deborah Perri

and Family

t Irene F. & Edward W. Barbara & Edward

Moskal, Sr. Moskal

Rae & Bart D'Averso 5:30 PM † Angie Costello

† Msgr. James Innocenzi

7:00 PM † Deceased Grandparents

Sunday, January 30

7:00 AM † Robert Michael Rene & Jack Brignola

Hanlon, Sr.

† Robert A. Parnell Nancy Thorne

8:30 AM † Guy Maclin Attkisson Harold J. Cassidy † Lillian Seemann Brendan Queenan

Hoffman

10:00 AM † Thomas McKenna Basaman Family

† Frank Jacobs Sudman Family

12:00 PM † Anne Oliva Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cordero and Family

> † Mario Ercole Landi Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Greca

Sis & Bob 4:00 PM † Angie McMullen Mom & Dad † Frank Vasfailo III

Luci Perez 5:30 PM † Florence Johnson

People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Deceased Nuns &

Monday, January 31

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico

† James O'Donohue, Jr. Sister Doris Mango Family 7:00 PM † Jack DuBois

Tuesday, February 1

Carol & Raymond Devaney 8:00 AM † Daniel V. Kearney

> † Andre Moutenot Rene & Jack Brignola

4:00 PM CCD Mass: Health of All Children

Wednesday, February 2

8:00 AM † Robert Hanlon, Sr. † Joseph Giannotto

Thursday, February 3

8:00 AM † Thomas Byrne Harold & Randee Cassidy

> † Noreen Feehan Mary Jean Lepis & Barbara Burke

> > Sis

Friday, February 4

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of

the Oryll Family

† Conrad Russo Wife

Saturday, February 5

8:00 AM Special Intention: Linda

Nieces & Nephews

† Clarice Viggiano Viggiano Family

4:00 PM † Jack DuBois Mark & Dana Viggiano

> † Angelina Costello James & Ann Galatro

> > Catherine Campen

5:30 PM † John E. Hogan

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 6

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri Mother Francesca 8:30 AM † Eileen & James **Basaman Family** 

† Msgr. James Innocenzi

10:00 AM † Jack DuBois LaMarca Family

† Joseph & Jean Ferrante Rick & Carol Ferrante

12:00 PM † Sister Charlotte Koch Anne Marie & Bill Lisa

> † Robert Hanlon Audrey Boglioli

4:00 PM † Andrew Bertorelli Evelyn & Bob Hampton

5:30 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Donald "Eddie" Blanchett

Health & Blessings: Msgr. James Turro (100th

Birthday)

# 16th Ordinary Synod

### **OUR PARISH'S PARTICIPATION**

### How does a listening session work?

All parishioners and community members are invited to participate in one listening session at their schedule's convenience.

A listening session is a small group session comprised of a facilitator, note taker, and between six and eight participants. These sessions will last a little over an hour. The facilitator will lead the session, posing the primary Synod question: What are the joys or consolations and the difficulties or obstacles of our journeying together as a church and faith community?

Participants will individually share their stories first, and then the participants will be asked to reflect on the stories they have heard from others in the session. After this moment of reflection, the participants will be asked about what moved, touched, or resonated with them. The purpose is not to agree or disagree with one another, but to listen and be moved by the Holy Spirit. Finally, the participants will be asked to share how they feel the Spirit guiding is them to be Church in the future.

The note taker will capture these stories, but not the names of the participants. Notes from each session will be forwarded to the Diocese. The Diocese will in turn, assemble the responses from all the listening sessions throughout the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton in a summary for use at the United States Bishop's Conference. The US Bishop's Conference will then compile their collective summaries to be forwarded to Rome.

### SYNOD RESOURCES

### Get your questions answered

Got questions about the synod? See the dedicated Synod page on the diocesan website where you can find Synod prayers, Bishop O'Connell's pastoral letter, a video of the Opening Mass in Trenton, including the homily, video messages from Bishop, a copy of the decree issued by the Bishop inaugurating the Synod in the Diocese – content in English and Spanish Dedicated Synod page on The Monitor website where you can find news reports and updates on events, developments and new resources connected to the Synod from the Vatican and here in the Diocese.

### JOURNEYING THROUGH THE SYNOD

# A message from the Co-Chairpersons on sharing our own experiences

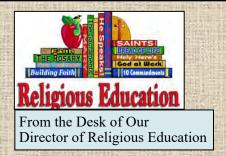
Pope Francis has given all the Catholic faithful an opportunity to take part in the preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops in our own diocese and parishes. You might wonder why the experience of individual people is so important. Our stories illustrate how we live our faith in the concrete everyday of our lives. Listening to each other's stories helps us relate to one another, to empathize, to recognize our common hopes and the faith that sustains us. If we are willing to ponder these stories and consider them in the light of our call to be Church, then we might be able to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church in our time.

### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

# Please keep this endeavor in your daily prayers

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, for ever and ever. Amen.





### **Notes & Reminders from the D.R.E.:**

- CCD Mass Anticipating the Presentation of the Lord: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
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### +AMDG+

Traditions are something handed down from previous generations. Some traditions have endured for thousands of years profoundly influencing human relationships and the development of civilized societies. "Good" traditions not only connect us to our ancestral past, they continue to enrich and unite us in every-day relationships. They remain relevant because authentic traditions and symbols permeate the soul with truths beyond mere verbal communication. "Good" traditions bind humanity together which is why Satan wants us to forget or destroy them. Sacred Tradition, which recalls the movement of God the Holy Spirit in history and in the lives of the people of God, is especially despised by the Evil One.

You don't need me to tell you that our country's traditions and symbols are under malicious assault, but perhaps you do not equally realize that our Catholic traditions are under the same pernicious attack, albeit by more covert methods (at least for the time being.) It would be hard to argue that the awareness of our Holy Days, especially our Holy Seasons, have not been dissipated by neglect, lack of interest and sometimes commercialism. The Twelve Days of Christmas, the Epiphany, the Baptism of Our Lord, the Annunciation, the Easter Triduum, the Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, the Transfiguration, the Assumption, All Saints Day, the Immaculate Conception and other days of profound significance and joy, so worthy of being honored and celebrated, are instead "oh-hums" to many of us Catholics.

In the big scheme of things, does it really make much of a difference that these Holy Days fade away? If you care about the quality of your life it does. We are losing out on the deep meaning, understanding and direction worthy traditions and symbols offer to our lives. They provide another channel of God's communication to us and in the bonding of people into community. It is no coincidence that with the loss of positive social and religious traditions violence, intolerance and apathy are on the rise in our world. With just a little reflection on the growing chaos in our society, it becomes apparent that our disregarded positive traditions are a much-needed source for actual Peace on Earth and Good Will to All because they help us to honor the sacred, see truth and to care about each other. The customs and rituals that make up our traditions aren't mere niceties, they are something we truly need!

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, forty days after Christmas, we come to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as the Purification of Mary, the Holy Encounter and Candlemas. This tradition is linked as far back as Moses, (14 centuries before Christ and 26 centuries before our present time) although it took on a new and fuller meaning with Jesus. And while it is not in the season, it is the last Christmas feast of the liturgical calendar as we commemorate Christ the infant child.

More than just interesting, it is the substance that the Presentation holds for us today that makes it important in our lives. In a world crying for purification, liberation and deliverance from darkness, Mary and Joseph went to offer Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. Here they encountered Simeon, an elderly and holy man. Taking Jesus in his arms Simeon exclaims: Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel

Simeon is saying to <u>us</u>, Listen up! God keeps His promises and Jesus, the Messiah, our Priest, Lord and Savior, has come to be the revealing light for all humanity. Right now, in real time, our world seems to be darkening and we need the reassurance of Simeon's words that Jesus will dispel sin and darkness and even in troubling times we can be at peace. We need to be reminded that we have been presented at baptism, becoming a Christian dedicated to God. At that time, we received a candle lit from the Paschal Candle and told, You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart.

Extra Sunday Mass for Covid-Vaccinated and Face Masked. We have added – temporarily – an extra Sunday Mass to our weekend schedule which began 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 facemask 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, January 8th and Sunday, January 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 <u>radio</u> transmission of the <u>audio</u> of these two Masses on station 92.1 FM will not be available because of equipment and technical reasons; the audio and video livestream 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 <u>indoors</u> as he celebrates the Mass and <u>not</u> 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. As Holy Communion is made available post-Mass in the parking lot in this extraordinary way to meet sacramental needs and to satisfy health and safety concerns during the ongoing pandemic, please keep in mind and observe the utmost reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and the utmost respect for the sacredness and dignity of the Mass.



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. Parishioners are

invited to bring their own candles to church to be blessed and that blessing will take place at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, 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 Thursday this year. Throats will blessed on Thursday, February 3 at the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The celebrant at the Feb. 3rd Mass at 8:00 a.m. will impart a blessing to each individual in the "pre-covid manner" with all requested to wear their face masks when they approach for the throat blessing. All are invited and welcome.



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 February. Mary or Susan will be in the office on all weekdays during usual business hours through the end of February. Office hours will be re-evaluated in light of covid/omicron/etc. and published at the end of next month. All office visitors are asked to please wear face masks while visiting the parish office until further notice.

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That brings us to observing **Candlemas**, February 2, 2022 as something we should dust off and celebrate. Not simply to continue a 1500-year-old Catholic tradition to bless candles at Mass, as nice as that is. Candlemas gives us a tangible image to Simeon's proclamation to illumine our hearts and bear witness to Christ. It challenges and hopefully reignites us to be beacons, as individuals and as One blazing Church, that draw others out of the gloom to the light of Christ.

The answer to "how are things" should never be the oft repeated, "same old," Is that how we want to look at the passing precious moments of our lives? No! This Candlemas, let us look upon a lighted blessed candle and be inspired, be excited by the profound understanding of what Christ has done for us and can do in us.

As an aside, you may have realized that February 2 is also known as Groundhog Day. However, it really began long ago as *If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go, Winter, and come not again.* In America, Protestants decided we should replace the Catholic Candlemas Day. It's time to take it back.

Kevin Connelly Director of Religious Education

<u>Pastor's Note</u>. In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week (January 30 – February 6), students from St. Jerome's School (8th Graders and 7th Graders) and Sister Elizabeth Dalessio (School Principal) will be speaking at several of our Masses here at St. Michael's during the February 5-6 weekend. Please welcome Sister Elizabeth and the SJS students and please pray for the good works of Catholic education. St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Jerome, and St. Michael, pray for us.



### MISSION

The Saint Jerome School community strives to guide and motivate all students, to achieve their greatest success, in intellectual and spiritual development by providing an excellent education rooted in Catholic values.

### **EDUCATION**

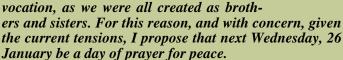
Saint Jerome School is highly respected for its rigorous academic standards, its student interaction, and its safe and nurturing environment. Students have access to current STEM technology such as the Robotics Program and interactive virtual field trips.

Pastor's Note. Pastor's Note. Bishop O'Connell emailed the following message to all parishes of the Diocese of Trenton this past Tuesday, January 25 relaying the request of Pope Francis that Wednesday the 26th be a day of prayer for peace in light of the situation in Ukraine. A petition for peace in the Ukraine was prayed at Wednesday's 8:00 a.m. Mass during the Prayer of the Faithful and we will continue that prayer for peace at all of our Masses this weekend.

On Sunday, January 23, our Holy Father spoke after the Angelus about the current situation in the Ukraine:

I am following with concern the increase of tensions that threaten to inflict a new blow to the peace in Ukraine, and call into question the security of the Euro-

pean continent, with wider repercussions. I make a heartfelt appeal to all people of good will, that they may raise prayers to God Almighty, that every political action and initiative may serve human brotherhood, rather than partisan interests. Those who pursue their own interests, to the detriment of others, disregard their human vocation, as we were all created as broth-



I ask that all parishes in the Diocese of Trenton include in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass on Wednesday, January 26, a special petition for "peace in the Ukraine," encouraging the faithful to pray for this intention requested by Pope Francis.

Bishop David O'Connell

### March for Life 2022





St. Michael's parishioners (upper photo below) traveled with parishioners from St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish (Avonby-the-Sea and Bradley Beach) to Washington, DC for the 2022 March for Life on January 21. There they participated with thousands of others – including Fr. John's niece Abby, a freshman at Catholic University (lower photo below) – in praying, rallying, and marching for the protection of the unborn.



There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on* 

*February 3.* The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!

# First Friday Mass *In Latin* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on February 4

First Friday Mass in Latin will be celebrated on Febru-

ary 4 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated (in English) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 4 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, February 4 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Latin Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m.



### PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer † Sabino Noivo r/o Joyce Lubischer r/o Tony & Natalina Gomes

#### YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SEPTEMBER 2022** 

†Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano

r/o The Boeckman Family

### 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 2

Noel DeFazio

Week 3

Joanne and Frank
Buono

Week 4

Paul Anizavino Angelo Stanco

Week 7

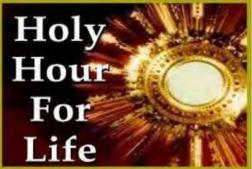
June Scavone Ann Olivadoti

Week 8

Johnny Mazza, Jr.

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### Holy Hours for Life on 1st and 22nd of the Month



The Supreme Court's decision in the *Roe vs. Wade* case was issued on the <u>22nd of the month</u> in January 1973.

The Supreme Court heard the oral argument in the *Dobbs vs. Jackson* case (the case that we pray will overrule *Roe vs. Wade* or at least substantially cutback on *Roe* and substantially increase the protection of the unborn) on the *1st of the month* in December 2022.

The Supreme Court's decision in the *Dobbs* case is likely to be issued in June of this year or perhaps sooner.

During the coming months as we anticipate the *Dobbs* decision, we will conduct a *Holy Hour for Life* on the *1st day and the 22nd day of each month beginning on February 1st* – this coming Tuesday. This Holy Hour

will take place twice on each of these days – immediately after the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass until 9:30 a.m. and again in the evening of each of these days from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Each Holy Hour for Life will include Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, reflection/homily, Rosary, and Benediction. All are invited and welcome. Please pray for an end to abortion; for reconciliation, conversion, and healing; and for compassionate and competent care for women during and after crisis pregnancy. St. Michael, pray for us.

### 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 <a href="https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples">www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples</a>, and for newly married couples, be sure to visit <a href="https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page">www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples</a>, and for 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 usccb.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

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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 usccb.org under "Resources"

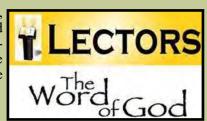
**1643** "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter - appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart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

### Saint Michael's Church: Invitation to Join Our Lector Ministry

To Our St. Michael's Parishioners,

If you have an interest or desire to read at Mass, please consider joining our Altar Service Ministry as a Lector.

The Lector proclaims the Word of God at Mass. When Sacred Scriptures are read, God himself speaks to His people in His word. The readings from the Word of God are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. The Word of God is addressed to His people through the readings from Scared Scripture. In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the Bible are opened to them.



Perhaps God is calling **YOU** to be a Minister of the Word by becoming a Lector in His Church. The Lector qualifications include the following:

- Candidates for this ministry must have received all of the Sacraments (Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation); age 16 and older.
- The Lector believes that Sacred Scripture is the Word of God and has deep respect for God's presence in that Word.
- Candidates are truly suited to perform the Lector's s function. They are receptive to comprehensive training based on their skills, possess a willingness to complete formation in this ministry, and demonstrate evidence of a deep spirituality.
- Candidates need to fulfill the Diocese of Trenton Child Protection Program's requirements, and be a registered parishioner of St. Michael's Church

Please consider joining this special Ministry. We promise YOU will find it a most rewarding and spiritual experience. And, it is not hard! And, the training is not difficult! Further, our Altar Service Ministry Coordinator, Dotty O'Hara, will work with you to accommodate

your schedule.

If you would like to talk more about your interest in joining our Lector Ministry, Father John, Father Mark, and Dotty will be more than hap-

py to answer your questions and tell you more about St. Michael's Lector Ministry.

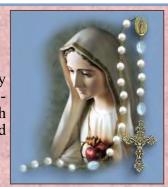
Please prayerfully consider becoming a Lector at St. Michael's. Perhaps God is calling you to serve Him as a Reader in His church. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or concerns you might have by calling the Parish Office or seeing us after Mass.



Yours Faithfully in Christ, Fr. John, Fr. Mark, and Dotty O'Hara

# St. Michael's Altar Rosary Society Monthly Meeting Saturday, February 4, 2022

St. Michael's Altar Rosary Society will meet on Saturday, February 5, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church. Our Society seeks to foster devotion to the Rosary and to serve the interests of our St. Michael's community with spiritual and corporal works of mercy. All women of the parish are encouraged and welcome to join us.





# The Center in Asbury Park Presents an Evening of Song Celebrating its 30th Anniversary February 2, 2022

## Tim McLoone's Supper Club 1200 North Ocean Avenue Asbury Park, NJ

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Proof of vaccination and masks required.

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If you wish to receive a written statement reporting your 2021 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.

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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.).

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### **Weekend Collection & Attendance**

### Thank You!

#### Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,403.00	109 people
<b>5:30 PM Mass</b>	\$412.00	71 people
<b>7:00 PM Mass</b>	\$410.00	42 people

### Sunday, January 23, 2022

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<b>7:00 AM Mass</b>	\$1,331.00	69 people
<b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	\$1,233.00	84 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,424.00	98 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,955.00	103 people
<b>4:00 PM Mass</b>	\$696.00	111 people
<b>5:30 PM Mass</b>	\$355.00	27 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$293.00	46 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the January 23 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: \$920.00

This Week's Total: \$11,432.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,525.00 Second Collection: Latin America \$2,553.00



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### On the Calendar at St. Michael's Church



CCD Anticipated Mass of the Presentation	Tuesday, February 1,2022 4:00 p.m.
Holy Hour for Life (See page 8 for details)	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Candlemas Day (Presentation of the Lord)	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 (See Page 5 for details)
Memorial of St. Blaise	Thursday, February 3, 2022 (See Page 5 for details)
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, February 3, 2022 7:00 p.m.
First Friday	Friday, February 4 , 2022 (12:15 Mass in Latin, Eucharistic Adoration 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Mass in English at 5:30 p.m., Confessions 12:45 to 1:15 and 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Collection for Earthquake Relief/ Reconstruction for St. Francis De Sales Church in Les Cayes, Haiti	February 12 and 13, 2022
World Marriage Day and Related Observances	February 13 to 27, 2022 (See Page 8 for details)
Valentine's Day (Rosary Altar Society Luncheon)	February 14, 2022
Baptism Class for Parents	Saturday, February 19, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Presidents' Day (Parish Office closed)	Monday, February 21, 2022
Ash Wednesday	March 2, 2022
Confirmation (Msgr. Mullelly presiding)	Thursday, March 10, 2022

### 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.



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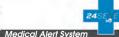
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