

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

February 11, 2024 | Sixth 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

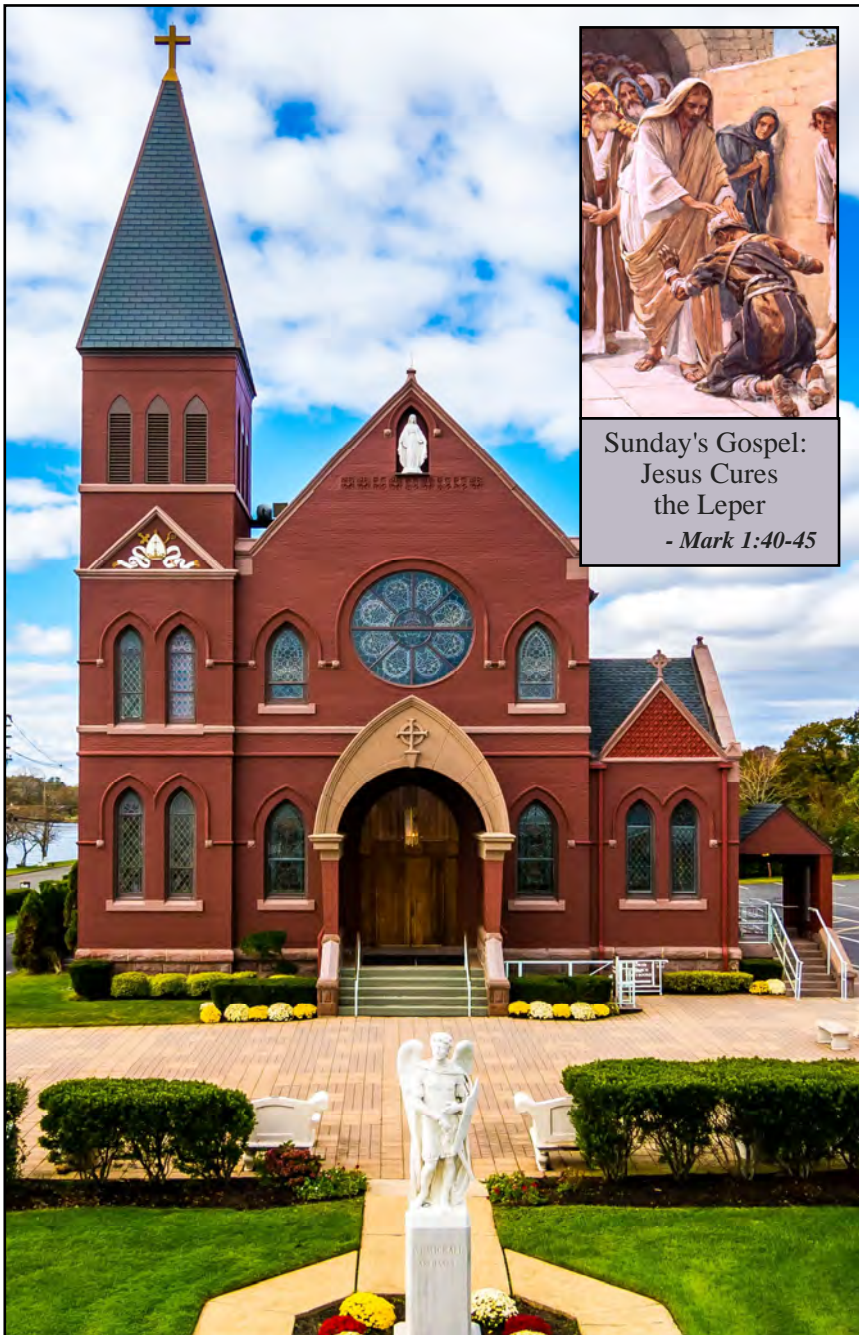
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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's Gospel:
Jesus Cures
the Leper
- Mark 1:40-45

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

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



January 23, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy Thursday morning, March 28, 2024** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.
3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.
4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.
5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “**Easter duty**” -- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

The Blessed Mother Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, requested by Loundy Saint Louis.



The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in Honor of St. Michael, requested by Loundy Saint Louis.

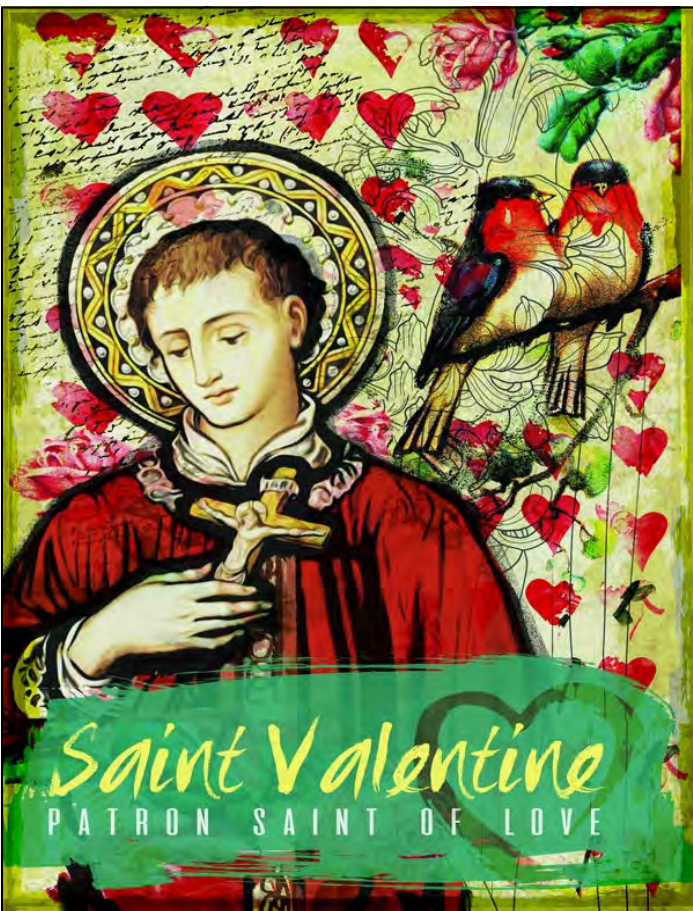
The St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in Honor of St. Joseph, requested by Loundy Saint Louis.



This week the altar flowers have been donated by Loundy Saint Louis in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Lourdes.

Happy Birthday, Fr. Alphonse!

Please extend happy birthday greetings and best wishes to our good friend Fr. Alphonse Stephenson, who celebrated his birthday last week. Ad multos annos, Fr. Alphonse!



Second Collection Next Weekend February 17 and 18 for Black and Native Americans Mission



Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Black and Native Americans Mission as requested by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection. For more information visit blackandindianmission.org.

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

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 3

Jack Barney

Ash Wednesday Children's and Family Mass

Please join us for our annual Children's and Family Ash Wednesday Mass. This Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 5:30 P.M. for all children and their families and friends. All are welcome. Begin this Lenten season with your child and make this a Lent to remember!!!

LENT 2023

Our Lenten observances will include the following:

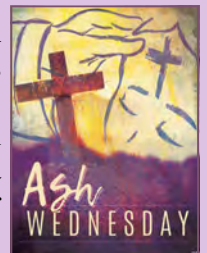
- Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2024
- On Fridays during Lent, *Mass* will be celebrated at **12:15 p.m.** in the Upper Church from February 16 through and including March 22. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays remains unchanged. *Eucharistic Adoration* will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass on these Fridays of Lent until Benediction at 12:00 p.m. There will be no Friday 5:30 Masses during this year's Season of Lent.
- These Friday 12:15 Masses during Lent will be followed by Confessions after the 12:15 Mass until 1:15.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.
- Bishop O'Connell's annual letter regarding Lenten regulations is available on the parish website and is published in today's bulletin.
- The date and time of the parish's Lenten Penance Service will be announced.

May our Lenten journeys nourish our minds, hearts, and souls; strengthen us against the chains of sin; and bring us closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

8:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M., 4:00 P.M.,
5:30 P.M. (Children's & Family Mass),
7:00 P.M.

Ashes will be imposed at all five Masses on Ash Wednesday at the conclusion of the Mass. The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday will focus on the parish's children and families; all are welcome and invited to that Mass. Per guidelines provided by the Diocese of Trenton (and with allowance for local parish-level modifications), the following procedures will be followed for the imposition of blessed ashes this year at St. Michael's: • The minister will use a new/separate cotton swab (Q Tip) for each person (not a cotton ball nor bare thumb nor gloved hand/thumb).



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE 9TH ANNUAL ST. MICHAEL'S**

**SOUP & SALAD
BEFORE
STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

**Lower Church
Six Fridays of Lent**

Beginning February 16, 2024

Soup & Salad from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
FREE-WILL DONATION APPRECIATED**



St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society
St. Valentine's Day Mass and Luncheon
on Tuesday, February 13, 2024



Dear Rosarians and **Women** of the Parish,

You are cordially invited to attend a private Mass and Luncheon to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day (**a day early**) at Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant, 100 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740.



The Rosarians' 2023 Valentine's Day Luncheon.

Rosary Altar Society will celebrate Saint Valentine's Day (**a day early**) with a Mass and Luncheon Tuesday, February 13, 2024. The Sunset Room at Rooney's.

Mass Begins at: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.



The Rosarians' 2023 Christmas Luncheon.

Please rsvp by Sunday, February 11th to Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145.

Please provide the number of attendees in your party along with names and cell phone numbers.

Luncheon Cost is \$25.00 per person. Menu: Garden Salad; selection of entrée - Poached Salmon or Chicken Milanese or Penne Vodka; Cheesecake; Coffee/Tea.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society and mail checks to Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Blessed Mother, Pray for us. St. Valentine, Pray for us. St. Michael, Pray for us.



In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2024) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2024), 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 2 (February 10-11) – World Marriage Day Weekend

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at uscbb.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*)

A CALL FOR PRAYER ON THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:

Sunday, February 11

Saint Pope John Paul II in 1992 designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick. In the letter that Saint John Paul published to institute the World Day of the Sick he referred to "a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind".



On World Day of the Sick, we are called to be especially sensitive to the needs of the ill and homebound, and so.... We pray to You, O God of our Faith. We lift to You imploringly our needs and the needs of the sick throughout the world, particularly those who are cast away because of their illness or advanced age. We pray for the patience of the sick, and the compassion of caregivers. Let Your blessings of healing come upon our sisters/brothers that they may praise You all the days of their lives. God of healing, heal Your people. We pray, merciful God, hear our prayers. Amen.

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Diocese of Trenton 27th Annual Men's Conference



To register go to cmjc.ticketspice.com/2024mensconference

Saint Mary Mother of God Church,
19 Cherry Tree Farm Road, Middletown NJ
Saturday Feb. 24 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Our 2024 Conference Speakers



Joe Klecko
NY Jets, NFL
Hall of Fame



Tim Glemkowski
Speaker
Catholic Evangelist



Xavier Reyes-Ayral
Author Marian
Apparitions Expert



Lenten Soup for the Soul Series

San Alfonso Retreat House

755 Ocean Ave • Long Branch, NJ • 07740

February 21, March 4, March 11 and March 18

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Soup Supper 6:00 PM, Presentation 7:00 pm

\$25 per Evening

Looking for some spiritual nourishment this Lent?

Come to our Lenten Soup for the Soul Evenings!

Join us for some soup, fellowship, prayer and reflection to feed your body, mind, heart, and soul!

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Become What You Celebrate

Presenter: Rev. Timothy Tarnacki, OSPPE

Monday, March 4, 2024

What Does It Mean To Be The Beloved?

Presenter: Sr. Maureen Christensen, RSM

Monday, March 11, 2024

How to Witness To Your Faith in the 21st Century

Presenter: Cristina D'Averso-Collins

Monday, March 18, 2024

Praying With Jesus' Good News in the Parables of Mercy

Presenter: Judy Schiavo

Registration is required

To register: e-mail info@sanalfonsoretreats.org OR

register online: www.sanalfonsoretreats.org

Phone: 732-222-2731, X140

Full program description available at

www.sanalfonsoretreats.org

Join us for a powerful Pro-Life event:

Friday, February 23rd @ 7:00pm at Holy Innocents Church, Neptune

We begin with a presentation by:

Michael Phelps with Good Counsel Homes:

Good Counsel Homes serve and protect the most poor and vulnerable – homeless mothers and their children. They offer a loving home, a 24/7 crisis pregnancy hotline and Lumina – their post-abortion healing program.

Michael's presentation will be followed by a Q & A session

We will continue our program with a viewing of "Unplanned"

We will conclude with give aways of engaging Pro-Life books and copies of the DVD of "Unplanned"

Literature on a variety of pro-life topics will be available for free in the gathering space – along with an opportunity to dialogue with others who share our ardent desire to protect and defend the most vulnerable among us!

"And the king will say to them in reply, Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40



UNPLANNED

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was to help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

For further details please contact: jeanmanigold@hotmail.com

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever.

NOTE: Because of sensitive topics and images, this film is rated R by the MPAA. Viewers under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian or must obtain a signed permission slip to attend.

For further details please contact: jeanmanigold@hotmail.com

**HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!**

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Vigil Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm. Saturday / Sunday - at will.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot. Please follow current COVID 19 protocols.

St. Michael's parishioners usually gather at this location on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 p.m. during these 40 Days for Life.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Rosary Altar Society's St. Valentine's Day Mass and Luncheon Tuesday, February 13, 2024
(See Page 6 for details)

Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024

40 Days for Life February 14 - March 24, 2024
(See Page 9 for details)

Fridays in Lent (Mass at 8:00 and 12:15. Confessions after each of these Masses. Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) Friday, February 16-March 22, 2024
(excludes Good Friday)
(See Page 5 for details)

Lenten Stations of the Cross and "Soup & Salad" Fridays of Lent
6:00 p.m. "Soup & Salad"
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
(See Page 5 for details)

Presidents' Day (Parish Office Closed) Monday, February 19, 2024

Confirmation Thursday, March 14, 2024

First Confessions for CCD Second Graders Saturday, March 23, 2024

Palm Sunday Sunday, March 24, 2024

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

New Jersey March for Life Thursday, September 26, 2024

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, February 3, 2024

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,738.00	182 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$795.00	79 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,117.00	73 people

Sunday, February 4, 2024

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,500.00	74 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,012.00	108 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,345.00	109 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,196.00	151 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$854.00	107 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$637.00	118 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the February 4 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$460.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,654.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,764.00

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.



Old Guard of Long Branch is Sponsoring a Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City

When: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Cost: \$40.00 (Receive \$20.00 back at Casino and free refreshments on the bus).



Bus leaves St. Michael's Church at 10:15 a.m.

For more information and to make a reservation call Peter at 732-801-6886

21 Main Ave.
Ocean Grove
NJ 07756



SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH
CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY

Silent Directed Retreat Weekend

February 23 - 25, 2024



Silent Directed retreats allow us to deepen our relationship with God. They offer an experience grounded in solitude, silence, and prayer, including daily meetings with a trained spiritual director. This time invites one to listen deeply to the movements of the Spirit.

Directors

Carol Beevers SSJ
Joannie Cassidy SSJ
Maureen Conroy RSM
Joe Costantino SJ
Cathy Looker SSJ

Ways to Register and Participate:

- Donation: \$270 (includes meals)

To register for the February 23-25, 2024 **Silent Directed Retreat Weekend** please email S. Joannie Cassidy at jlc.cassidy@gmail.com or call (732) 898-9981.

21 Main Ave.
Ocean Grove
NJ 07756



SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH
CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY

Living the Lent We Get

March 2, 2024 • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Presenter: Christine Eberle



What if we approached Lent as an invitation, rather than a challenge? In the first part of this retreat, we will explore how to let life become its own Lenten discipline, calling us to prayer, sacrifice, and generosity through the ordinary experiences of each day. In the afternoon, in the company of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, we will listen for Jesus' invitation to allow ourselves to be seen, known, and cherished by God—just as we are.

Christine Marie Eberle passionately connects scripture, spirituality, and everyday life. She is the author of two books of daily meditations—*Finding God in Ordinary Time* and *Finding God Abiding*—and is known for her interpretations of Biblical women.

Ways to Register and Participate:

- In-person for the day—Donation: \$30 (includes lunch)
- Overnight Friday and attending the Retreat Saturday—Donation: \$85
- Virtual Participation Donation: \$20

To register for the **Living the Lent We Get Retreat** please email S. Joannie Cassidy at jlc.cassidy@gmail.com or call (732) 898-9981.

BAPTISM GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a Baptism GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program?

It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone whom a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living the Christian Catholic faith in a complete, strong, and exemplary manner. You model that behavior and faith in the way that you live your life.



To receive a letter signed and sealed by the Pastor to verify your eligibility to serve as a Baptism Godparent or as a Confirmation Sponsor (such letters are required by (and issued by) virtually all

Catholic parishes in the United States including St. Michael's), please keep the following eligibility criteria in mind:

- Registered at (for at least three months) and active parishioner of St. Michael's Church.
- At least 16 years of age.
- Completed all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
- If married, married in the Catholic Church according to Catholic Church Law, or with the express permission of the Church. If unmarried, living a chaste single life (including not cohabitating).
- Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the sacraments of the Church regularly.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor is to be based on the person's dedication to the faith and consistent practice thereof.

Sponsor letters will be gladly and happily given to individuals who meet all of these criteria and who have been **registered members of our parish for at least three months**. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the Church's teaching on these matters or on the criteria for and interpretation of the qualifications for Baptism godparenthood or Confirmation sponsorship, please feel free to call the parish office to arrange for a telephone conversation or meeting with Fr. Butler.

Behold, I make all things **NEW**



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

PROMISE TO
PROTECT
PLEDGE TO
HEAL

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT:

The Diocese of Trenton and St. Michael's Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick



Please keep in mind that the parish priest and our lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available and eager to bring Communion to parishioners who are in the hospital (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and hospices, too) and to parishioners who are at home but unable to get to church. Please contact Mary Valan at the parish office or Dotty O'Hara at (908)310-6497 to make arrangements. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities **generally do not notify the parish office** regarding their Catholic patients who desire to receive Sacraments. And so it falls to the patient herself/himself or to a family member or friend to contact the parish office to make the request. The parish priest will also very gladly make a hospital visit or home visit to hear a Confession and/or administer the Sacrament of the Sick ("Anointing of the Sick") in addition to bringing Holy Communion. Please remember to contact the parish office or Dotty to make these arrangements. Thank you.



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