

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

February 14, 2021 | Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

DAILY MASS

Mon-Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday: 12:15 (in Latin) and 5:30 (in English)

During Lent: Special schedule on Fridays (see page 4)

WEEKEND MASSES

Our weekend Mass schedule is gradually evolving as the pandemic lockdown subsides. Please see the inner pages of this bulletin and our parish website for specific weekend Mass times.

RECONCILIATION

Our Confession/Reconciliation schedule is also gradually evolving as the pandemic lockdown subsides. Please see the inner pages of this bulletin and our parish website for specific Confession times. All scheduled Confessions will be indoors near the St. Joseph Altar of the sanctuary until further notice. For a special need or to arrange for a by-appointment Confession at other times, please call the parish office. **During Lent: Special schedule on Fridays (see page 4)**

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 1:00 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. All families must be registered with the parish.



PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

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www.stmichaelnj.com

Hours (pending return to full schedule):

Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

Closed Tuesday and Thursday until further notice as a Covid precaution.

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

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FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

-1 Corinthians 10:31

MASS INTENTIONS*

Saturday, February 13

8:00 AM People of the Parish

* 4:00 PM † Danielle M. Russo Sons Tyler, Dwayne & Timothy

7:00 PM † Rev. William T. Schneider

Sunday, February 14

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin

Theresa

† Rosa Alba Stranieri

Mother Francesca

8:30 AM † Michael Wrubel

Wife Maria & Family

† Carol Thomas

Joan Sigmond

* 10:00 AM † Patty Chavez

Emily & David Kaplan

Special Intention: Pro-Life Movement

Vincent Lepore

12:00 PM † Bill, Nina & Kurt Kuster

Ried, Kuster & Weiner Families

† Richard Lepore

Don & Maria Cronin

7:00 PM † Joan Fornin

Jeremiah & Marlaine Hampton

People of the Parish

Monday, February 15

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

7:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Connelly Family

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 AM Special Intention: Cristian Rodrigues

Ana Rodrigues & Family

† Danielle M. Russo

Grandmother

† Linda DeLicio

Teresa Molino & the Parishioners of St. Dorothea's Church

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 AM † Hope Finnerty

12:15 PM † Brian Valan Loving Family

* 4:00 PM † Emily O'Hara Dotty O'Hara

5:30 PM Health & Blessings: Children of the Parish

7:00 PM † Romeo Espino

Thursday, February 18

8:00 AM † Carol Thomas

† Mark N. Russo Family
(Anniversary)

Friday, February 19

8:00 AM † Harry Tokanos Mary

12:15 PM † Maria Ortiz

5:30 PM † Francis & Alice Randazzo Loving Family

Saturday, February 20

8:00 AM † Richard Balfour Linda Heaning

People of the Parish

* 4:00 PM † Philip Meola John & Deborah Perri & Family

† Angela Perri John & Deborah Perri & Family

5:30 PM † David Cipriani

7:00 PM † Carol Thomas (Rescigno) Mary Ann & Anthony Desiderio

Sunday, February 21

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri Mother Francesca

8:30 AM † Carol Thomas Thayers

* 10:00 AM † Jay Filippo Family

12:00 PM † Theresa Lamicela Mary & Steve

† Mary Christine Fuller McCrae Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

* All Masses listed on this page will be celebrated indoors in the Upper Church with the exception of the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:00 a.m. which are celebrated (weather permitting) in the parish's North Parking Lot and live-streamed via the parish website www.stmichaelnj.com and the parish's YouTube channel. **Please see Page 6 of this bulletin for further information on winter weather-related contingencies and plans regarding our outdoor parking lot Masses.**



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 7, 2021



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 until Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021** --- 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:

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

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 (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

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.

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, April 20-21, 2021 to Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021**. 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 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

LENT 2021

Our Lenten observances will include the following:

- On Fridays during Lent, *Mass* will be celebrated at **12:15 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m.** in the Upper Church. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays remains unchanged.
- These Friday 12:15 and 5:30 Masses during Lent will be followed by Confessions for 30 minutes. Confession also follows the weekday 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- *Eucharistic Adoration* will follow the 12:15 Mass on these Fridays of Lent until 5:15 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays of Lent **at 7:00 p.m. this year (not 7:30 p.m. as in recent past years).**
- The parish's Lenten Penance Service will occur during the week beginning March 15 (date and time to be announced).

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

Copies of *The Little Black Book* (six-minute reflections on the weekdays' Gospels of Lent) are available in the back of the church after Mass. Please help yourself to one!

No Soup & Salad Suppers This Year/Lent as a Covid-19 Precaution

Sad to say that this year – this Lent 2021 – we will not be conducting the Soup & Salad Suppers that have preceded Stations of the Cross the past several years/Lents on Friday evenings here at St. Michael's. We are taking this action in the abundance of caution that has characterized much of our lives and decisions recently. The fellowship, camaraderie, and prayerfulness that have marked our pre-Stations suppers will be missed but they will hopefully return in abundance next year. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night of Lent beginning on February 19 and continuing through Good Friday. **Please note the new and earlier starting time of 7:00 p.m. (not 7:30) this year.**



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 17 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!!!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

On Ash Wednesday, February 17 Masses are as follows:

8:00 A.M. Mass

12:15 P.M. Mass

4:00 P.M. Mass (**Parking Lot; Live-Stream**)

5:30 P.M. Mass (Children's & Family Mass)

7:00 P.M. Mass

Ashes will be imposed at all five Masses on Ash Wednesday. 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.

Bishop O'Connell - - with everyone's health and safety in mind on Ash Wednesday and during Lent - - has directed parishes to continue following all covid protocols during Lent and to please be mindful of the following:

- The Church has ***never obliged*** attendance at Mass nor the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation this year nor has it been in the past.
- Imposing ashes in the usual manner is not permitted this year.
- Recommended Method: marking the foreheads of the faithful with ashes ***with the use of a QTip.***
- A new QTip must be used with every person (as currently done with Anointings of the Sick).
- Sprinkling of ashes on the top of the head (the "Roman custom") is not customary in the U.S. and is inadvisable.
- Priests and, only if necessary, other ministers shall sanitize hands before and after imposition of ashes.
- Ashes are to be blessed after the homily of the Mass. They will be imposed at the conclusion of the Mass prior to the departure of the faithful.



LAUNCH WEEKEND: FEB 13 & 14



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Every year at this time, I reach out to the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to ask for your help and support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. But as we all know, this is not just “another year.” I am mindful that I am coming to you during a time that has been and remains very challenging.

At times of need, I often think of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who committed her whole life to serving the most dire needs of the poor, the homeless, the sick she found in the streets. She was known to have said: “I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; but together we can do great things.”

Throughout the pandemic, the Diocese and our parishes have remained steadfast in serving our communities in spite of the challenges, perhaps even more so. All this work requires resources. None of it can happen without you and your support. However, *as St. Teresa reminds us: “Together we can do great things.”*

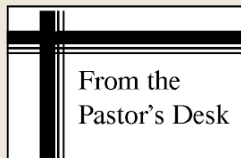
And so, I come to you again and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the *2021 Annual Catholic Appeal* so we, together, may continue the work of strengthening parish and family life, evangelizing our community and our world, and reaching out to those in need with love and compassion. Please give what you can.

I am profoundly grateful for your past generosity and for whatever support you can provide for the significant work that lies ahead.

Yours in Christ,

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





Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Michael’s Church:

This weekend of February 14 and 15 is Pledge Weekend for this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year Bishop O’Connell seeks the support of all of the members of the Diocese of Trenton to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ’s name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Please read the Bishop’s ACA letter published above.

This year St. Michael’s share of the Diocesan-wide goal is \$109,000 (the same goal as in the past eleven years and the goal that we achieved last year and the two years before that for the first times). As the result of reaching our parish ACA goal in each of those three most recent years we not only strongly supported the Diocese in its ministries and charitable works and demonstrated our commitment to stewardship and charitable giving, our parish also gained the financial reward of a \$23,000 rebate in 2018 and a \$16,500 rebate in each of 2019 and 2020. Those ACA rebate funds were utilized for the Lower Church restrooms renovation project, church foundation water-proofing and repairs, CCD/education materials, Covid-related upgrades to the Lower Church’s ventilation equipment, and buildings and grounds repairs. The 2020 ACA rebate was also used in part to fund ordinary operating expenses since - as we all know - the parish’s revenue from Sunday collections and the Easter and Christmas collections was significantly depleted in 2020 due to the pandemic and reduced in-church Mass attendance.

I have proposed to the parish trustees and finance council that if St. Michael’s is successful again in achieving the parish’s \$109,000 ACA goal and earns and receives a rebate of \$16,000 or more that the parish use those rebate funds for: (a) upgrades to the air filtration/ventilation system and equipment in the Upper Church (including a state-of-the-

IF IT’S FEBRUARY IT MUST BE.....

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**Annual
Catholic
Appeal**

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Outdoor Parking Lot

In-Car Masses *

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

- Communion distributed in cars at end of Mass.
- Tune your radio to 92.1 FM.
- Live-stream available at parish website and YouTube.
- If inclement weather occurs, the priest/celebrant and Eucharistic Ministers will re-locate to the Upper Church and in that case the church will be open in limited numbers to the public during these Parking Lot Masses.



* Regarding Our Parking Lot Masses

Our outdoor parking lot Masses have been very well attended (over 120 cars per Mass lately) and enhanced safety and confidence. We desire to continue celebrating these Masses until winter cold weather makes it unfeasible for the health of the Communion Ministers, ushers, and other volunteers. Please check the parish website for any weather-related notice of a change. If we move a parking lot Mass indoors due to the weather, we will do our best to live-stream the indoor Mass at the same time and to distribute Communion in the parking lot at the conclusion of the indoor in-church Mass.

Weekend Public In-Church Masses

Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.

The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass resumes on February 20

Weekday Public In-Church Masses

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.

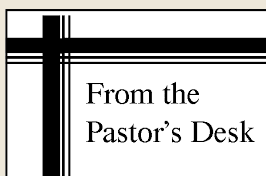
On Fridays during Lent, **Mass** will be celebrated at **12:15 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m.** in the Upper Church.

See page 4 for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) schedule.

Schedule of Confessions

- 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.
- The Friday 12:15 and 5:30 Masses during Lent will be followed by Confessions for 30 minutes.

See page 4 for Lent schedule of extra Confession times.



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LAUNCH WEEKEND: FEB 13 & 14



art germicidal, ultra-violet light air purifier), (b) improvements to the Upper Church's sound system (especially new speakers for increased volume in the area near the first seven pews at the front of the church and near/in the sanctuary, and (c) security cameras and safety/surveillance outdoor and indoor equipment (deferred from last year's work list due to the decline in Sunday collection revenue). Other parish-related uses of ACA proceeds are also under consideration.

The following projects that were earmarked for last year's 2020 ACA rebate funding are in-process presently or already completed: (a) replacing and upgrading the votive candle racks in the rear of the church and in the St. Ann and Virgin Mary Shrine; (b) masonry repairs of the church's 1886 cornerstone, west façade steps, courtyard pavers, and walls of the north stairwell to the Lower Church and other rainwater drainage repairs around the church's foundation; (c) replacement of liturgical vestments that were showing their age; and (d) upgrades to the Lower Church's air ventilation and filtration systems and equipment.

As the people of the Diocese of Trenton, we and you and all of us have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to please take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate. This year we again are striving to do our parish fair share toward helping the Diocese reach the Diocesan/four-county/107-parish goal of \$7 million in the 2021 Annual Appeal.

I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish and to our Diocese. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family and St. Michael's Parish.

With prayers and best wishes,
Rev. John K. Butler
Pastor

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, February 6, 2021

4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass	\$3,224.00	128 Cars
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$848.00	69 People

Sunday, February 7, 2021

7:00 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$695.00	42 People
8:30 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$678.00	37 People
10:00 AM Parking Lot Mass	\$1,055.00	48 Cars
12:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$817.00	31 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$70.00	6 People

Mailed-in Envelopes for the February 7 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,449.00**

This Week's Total: \$8,836.00

Same Week Last Year's Total: \$13,986.00

Please continue your financial support of your parish during the COVID-19 situation by: mailing Sunday collection envelopes to the parish business office; dropping-off Sunday collection envelopes in the rectory mailbox at any time; or by means of online Faith Direct.net where the St. Michael's parish identification code is NJ319. *Thank you very much. And God bless.*

Dear Saint and glorious martyr, teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God and in God each other.

Prayer to Saint Valentine



Presidents' Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day. Daily



Mass that day will take place at the usual Monday 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. times with Confessions after each of those Masses for thirty minutes. The office will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17.

Second Collection This Weekend February 13 and 14 For the Church in Central and Eastern Europe



This weekend February 13 and 14 we will take up a Second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the second collection next weekend. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccce.

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

Second Collection Next Weekend February 20 and 21 For the Black and Indian Peoples



Next weekend February 20 and 21 we will take up a Second Collection for the Black and Indian Peoples. The 125 year-old National Collection for Black and Indian peoples 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.

Please make check payable to St. Michael's Church.

2021 Mass Book

We kindly ask that when you drop your Mass Intentions off to the office mailbox for scheduling, please include a written list stating the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Jesus elevated marriage to a Sacrament at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Catholics have the duty to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in a church. The Grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony enhances and supports the permanent and indissoluble bond of marriage and strengthens the love and fidelity, patience and wisdom of the spouses.

Please make contact with the parish office at least one year prior to your intended marriage date to begin the preparation process. This includes attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference and several meetings with one of our parish priests. A specific wedding date cannot be assured by the parish until *after* this marriage preparation has commenced and initial documentation has been received and reviewed. Therefore, all engaged couples are strongly advised to *speak to the parish staff first* when beginning to make wedding plans and *strongly advised not to make commitments with third-parties* (banquet halls, photographers, hotels, airlines, etc.) until *after* the wedding date has been finalized in writing with the parish office.



If you are presently in a civil marriage and desire to receive the Sacrament and enter into a valid Catholic marriage, please contact the parish office at 732-222-8080 to obtain further information about the "convalidation" of your marriage. We also offer direction and assistance on the possibility of receiving an annulment for those who are divorced. Please do not hesitate to call. The annulment process is generally less difficult or cumbersome than imagined.

The Blessed Mother, the Center, and the St. Joseph Candles will be lit this week in prayer for the nurses, doctors, healthcare workers, family members, and friends who are caring for and treating COVID-19 patients; for their own health and safety; and for their courage, professionalism, and love.



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.



During Lent from February 17 through March 28 our community will once again take part in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the Shrewsbury Planned Parenthood. This is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting or foul language and no graphic signs are carried. We walk, praying, usually saying a rosary. We pray for the babies; for the moms and dads; for the workers inside; and for reconciliation, conversion and healing. We hope to change minds and hearts and to make a difference inside and outside of the clinic. We walk on the sidewalk in prayer for one hour, giving back to Jesus just a tiny bit of ourselves...This campaign over the years has saved thousands of babies.



St. Michael's and some of our surrounding parishes do this vigil Mondays at Panned Parenthood. Please consider coming and joining us.

We do not go on the property, we do not go on the driveway or park in the Planned Parenthood lot. We follow all COVID-19 precautions including wearing a mask and social distancing.



If you would like information and/or, to join us on Mondays, during Lent, please contact Mary Richards at 732-222-1562. To learn more about 40 Days for Life or to sign up for a different day, go to:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury>

Save the Dates: Parish Mission: Fr. Wade

The Parish Mission with **Fr. Wade Menezes, of the Fathers of Mercy**, was originally scheduled for May 2-6 and was postponed twice last year because of the covid pandemic. We have re-scheduled the Parish Mission and Fr. Wade will be here at St. Michael's December 11-15, 2021 for an Advent Parish Mission. Please save the dates.



NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF

Northeast Monmouth
Cohort 17

**Schedule of the Stations of the Cross
During Lent Within Cohort 17**

Our Lady of Hope Parish (www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

St Jerome's Church: Fridays of Lent beginning
February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church: Mondays of Lent beginning
February 22 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

Holy Trinity Church: Every Friday during Lent at 6:30
p.m. in English.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church: Every Friday during
Lent at 3:00 p.m. in English.

St. Michael's (www.stmichaelnj.com)

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.



Why is it so important to register with a parish? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish by contacting the parish business office. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor or godparent certificate, and getting donation statements for your taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. For further information about registering at St. Michael's Church, please call Mary at the Parish Office at 732-222-8080.



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PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS**

OCTOBER 2021

Salvatore J. Mirarchi r/o Joe & Carmel Mirarchi

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



Kick-Off of Annual Catholic Appeal 2021	February 13-14, 2021 at all Masses
Parish Office Closed (Presidents' Day)	Monday, February 15, 2021
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 17, 2021 (see page 4 for Mass times)
Fridays in Lent (Mass at 8:00, 12:15, 5:30. Confessions after each of these Masses. Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-5:15. Stations of the Cross 7:00)	February 19-March 26, 2021 (excludes Good Friday)
Confirmation (Msgr. Gervasio presiding)	Thursday, March 4, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Cohort 17 Lenten Reconciliation Week	March 15-21, 2021
First Confessions	Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 9:30 and 11:30
Mass of Remembrance for COVID Deceased of Long Branch and West Long Branch Communities (Outdoors at St. Michael's Church Parking Lot)	Saturday, April 10, 2021 10:00 a.m.
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 9:30 and 11:30

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

Connie Mirarchi

Week 4

Andrew Yeboah

Week 6

Walter Fiore

Week 8

Jennifer Abate





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FARE DAY**

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