

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

February 20, 2022 | Seventh 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 5.

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.

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.



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

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch,
NJ 07764

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

732-483-0360 ext. 7

**"To you who hear I say,
love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you."**

Luke 6:27



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19

8:00 AM † Robert Wills

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Philip Meola

† Jeanne Kenny

5:30 PM † James Hinze

† Anthony Affa

7:00 PM † Agnes Musto

† Thomas Sleavin

John & Deborah Perri &
Family

Barbara & Edward Moskal

Glenn Henderson & Family

Christopher Palermo

Tony Monte

Louie & Tricia Vincelli

Sunday, February 20

7:00 AM † Msgr. James Innocenzi

† Larry Jones

8:30 AM † Jack Welsh

† Rita Cittadino

10:00 AM † Dr. Angelo Scotti

† Robert Hanlon

12:00 PM † Bill, Nina & Kurt Kuster

† Tyler Napolitano

4:00 PM † Ella Falivene

5:30 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Orest Bedrij

Jo Ann Dorgan

Matthew & Debbie Welsh

Nancy & Joe Gallo

Basaman Family

Carolyn Giordano

Ried, Kuster & Weiner
Families

Stephanie Siciliano

Donald & Arlene Brodie

Edward & Denise Mitchell

Monday, February 21

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

† Harry Tokanos

7:00 PM † Joan Fiumefreddo

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Mary

Tuesday, February 22

8:00 AM † John Hogan

† Larry Daum

Alicia Von Schaumburg

Angela Pfeiffer

Wednesday, February 23

8:00 AM † Angelina Costello

† Michael Shanny

Margaret & Bob Clinton

Thursday, February 24

8:00 AM † Rita Cittadino

† Larry Jones

Friday, February 25

8:00 AM † Betty Ellen Winarski

† Ann Burns

Pat, Jane, Peter & Katie
Farmer

Saturday, February 26

8:00 AM † Nicolo Pierro

People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Angela Perri

† Marie Christine
Ruggiero

5:30 PM † Jack DuBois

† Bernadette Calahane

7:00 PM † Susan Whitman

John & Deborah Perri
and Family

Tocci Family

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lang
and Family

Paul & Agnes D'Angelo

Tony & Lisa Monte

Sunday, February 27

7:00 AM † Dr. Margaret Boland

† John Weiser

8:30 AM † Donald "Eddie" Blanchett

† Carolyn Kuz

10:00 AM † Dr. & Mrs. X. Falivene

† Joseph Dumbra

12:00 PM † Plinio Agresti

† Virginia Larkin

4:00 PM † NYC Police Officer
Jason Rivera

† NYC Police Officer
Wilbert Mora

5:30 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

Mary Jensen

Linda Tanchak &
Anna DeSouza

Stephanie Siciliano

Basaman Family

Wife Dirici Agresti

Michele Agresti

Fr. John & Fr. Mark

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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, March 2 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

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 be wearing a face mask when imposing the ashes. • 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).

LENT 2022

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 from March 5 through and including April 8. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays remains unchanged. *Eucharistic Adoration* will follow the 12:15 Mass on these Fridays of Lent until 5:15 p.m.
- These Friday 12:15 and 5:30 Masses during Lent will be followed by Confessions after the 12:15 Mass until 1:15 and after the 5:30 Mass until 6:30.
- 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 will be published in next Sunday'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.

"Coffee And..." in Place of Soup & Salad This Lent 2022

During our 2022 Lenten Season we are going to offer a new social gathering on Friday evenings immediately prior to 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

Last year and in 2020 we cancelled the Lenten Soup & Salad Suppers because of the covid pandemic. This year as Lent approaches, the pandemic seems to be waning but it is still not entirely behind us, and the preparation and serving of food and beverages at a community gathering is still of concern for some.

So we are "modifying the menu" but not the fundamental concept of Soup & Salad this year. Instead of the home-made soups and home-made salads and other simple, minimal supper items that have been prepared and then served family-style and buffet-style in past years, this year we will offer coffee, tea, bottled water, individual containers of fruit juices, and individually wrapped portions of cakes and cookies – "light fare" – to be enjoyed along with conversation and fellowship beginning at 6:15 p.m. each Friday with the Praying of Grace and before moving to the Upper Church shortly before 7:00 p.m. for Stations of the Cross. These evening refreshments are intended to make us mindful of foregoing a more substantial meal on the Fridays of Lent in favor of smaller portions that provide sustenance while also highlighting the Lenten themes of fasting, sacrifice, self-denial, and penitential practices.

"Coffee And..." will take place in the Lower Church. Thanks once again to the Parish Hospitality Committee members for their vision and efforts in putting this spiritual and social event together for us. May our Lenten journeys nourish our minds, hearts, and souls; strengthen and refresh us; and bring us closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

Please keep this parish and world-wide 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.



Small Group Meeting

Beacon of Hope

In 1886 the Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor as a Beacon of Hope for all immigrants coming to the United States through New York. That same year, Saint Michael's Church was opened to serve, in particular, the local Irish immigrants as a Beacon of Hope as they journeyed through life to their final destination, Heaven. This Lent, we will talk about how our parish church continues to be that beacon, that refuge, that place of calm in the storm, by looking at the art, the paintings, the stained glass windows, and the statues found in our parish church, each with its own story. We invite you to join us.

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, and 23, 2022
9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in the Upper Church

Please call Rene/Jack at 732-222-3164 to register so we will be sure to have a take home packet for you.

Rosary Altar Society's St. Valentine's Day Mass and Luncheon

The members of the Rosary Altar Society gathered to celebrate St. Valentine's Day on February 14 with an 11:30 Mass and luncheon at Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant (see photo). Fr. John, Fr. Mark and Fr. Rafael concelebrated the Mass.

The Rosary Altar Society is a group of dedicated women whose mission is to foster devotion to the Blessed Mother through frequent praying of the Rosary and to promote the spiritual welfare of the Society's members and of the parish. Their activities include works of charity, caring for Mass, decoration of the church's sanctuary area, conducting days of spirituality and reflection, sponsoring cultural/social events, daily prayer at home and after the Saturday morning Mass for the sick of the parish, and managing the St. Michael's prayer chain of 50-plus members. New members are always welcome. Please contact Dotty O'Hara at (908) 310-6497 for information.



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 this month. All office visitors are asked to please wear face masks while visiting the parish office until further notice.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022

LAUNCH WEEKEND: FEB 26 & 27



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If someone asked you “What does love have to do with it?” what would you say? Perhaps you would think of special people in your life – family, friend or a child or grandchild – or perhaps you reflect on a personal moment that you witnessed or experienced.

As I thought about this question, “What does love have to do with it,” I immediately said, “everything!” As we look around at the many challenges we are faced with today, we need more of God’s love in everything we do. St. John said, “Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4:8).

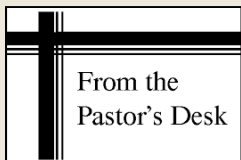
Sisters and brothers, every year at this time, I reach out to the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to ask for your help and support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The theme this year is “What does love have to do with it... Everything!” Help us share the love with so many of your neighbors in need here in the Diocese of Trenton. Remember, love is not what you say, love is what you do.

And so, once again I ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, so we may share the love by reaching out to provide the essential ministries, programs and services that make a critical difference in the lives of so many.

May God bless you for your past generosity and for whatever support you can provide for the vital 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:

Next weekend (February 26 and 27) is Pledge Weekend for this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). 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.

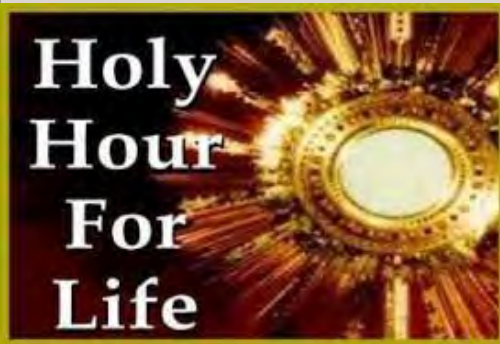
Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Please read the Bishop’s ACA letter published above.

This year St. Michael’s share of the Diocesan-wide goal is \$109,000 (the same goal as in the past twelve years and the goal that we achieved last year and the three years before that for the first times). As the result of reaching our parish ACA goal in each of those four 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, a \$16,500 rebate in each of 2019 and 2020, and approximate \$20,000 rebate for 2021. 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, new ventilation equipment for the Confessionals. and buildings and grounds repairs. The 2021 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 depleted in 2021 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

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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 22nd of the month 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 2021.

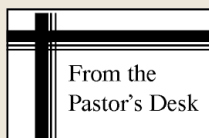
The Supreme Court's decision in the *Dobbs* case is likely to be issued in June of this year or perhaps sooner.

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 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.

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!

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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) further upgrades to the air filtration/ventilation system and equipment in the Upper Church, (b) painting of the Lower Church and new ceiling light fixtures in the Lower Church, and (c) re-staining and re-varnishing of the wood floors in the Upper Church. Other parish-related uses of ACA proceeds are also under consideration.

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/97-parish goal of \$6.5 million in the 2022 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

COVID-19 Vaccinations at St. Michael's

● Friday, February 25
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

● Saturday, February 26
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

● Sunday, February 27
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

● Monday, February 28
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines

- Pfizer available for ages 5 and older
- Pfizer booster for ages 12 and older
- Moderna available for ages 18 and older.

*First, second, and booster doses available.
Walk-ins welcome.*

St. Michael's Church will again be participating with the New Jersey Department of Health and with the Pharmacy Town Company in the



Grateful for the Shot program to provide Covid vaccinations free of charge in the St. Michael's Lower Church. No

appointment necessary. No need to provide identification documentation or insurance documentation. No impact on immigration status. First come, first served. For those unable to walk down and up the Lower Church stairs, a small tent will be set-up in the church parking lot (winter weather permitting) where you may receive the Covid vaccination. Please pray for a swift and complete end to the Covid-19 pandemic, for the recovery of those who are ill with this virus, and for the safety and perseverance of their caregivers.

You are encouraged to bring to this clinic your COVID vaccination verification documentation if you have already received Dose #1 and or Dose #2. But that verification is NOT REQUIRED at this clinic. Prior vaccination verification documentation is NOT NECESSARY at this clinic.

Pastor's Note. Last weekend we welcomed Fr. Paul Janvier and Fr. Jean Felicien to our parish to celebrate Mass; to describe to us the need for spiritual and financial help in Haiti for the rebuilding of the earthquake-destroyed Church of St. Francis DeSales there; and to preach the homilies (based on the Sunday Gospel of the first segment of the Sermon on the Plain – Luke 6:17, 20-26) about solidarity, hope, and fraternal charity. The people of St. Michael's responded to that appeal – as they have many times in the past – with great generosity, open hearts, and fervent prayers. Thank you! Over \$8,000 was received in the special second collection and those proceeds are being transmitted to Fr. Constant, the Pastor at St. Francis DeSales, for their rebuilding fund. Fr. Paul's thank you letter follows below. Those who may still desire to contribute to this appeal are asked to phone the parish business office to make arrangements. May God bless the good people of St. Francis DeSales and the good people of St. Michael's.

Fr. John, Fr. Mark, and St. Michael's Parishioners,

Hearing and seeing are effectively two different things. What I experienced last weekend at St. Michael's Church in Long Branch was unbelievable. Despite of the bad conditions of the weather, every single Mass was full in the church also in the parking lot. As the Queen of Sheba said to King Solomon after seeing his wisdom: "I see with my own eyes, you have far exceeded the report I heard." (1Kings 10:7c) This is exactly what happened to me last weekend at St. Michael's. I really appreciated the experience. Like Solomon you and your staff have done a wonderful job. I was very impressed by the organization, by your team from adults to altar servers. I felt at home. Congratulations to all of you.



Fr. Paul Janvier, IVD

From your team, I learned a lot. The coffee team was wonderful. Thanks for your openness, especially for the Pastors you are Fr. John and Fr. Mark. Continue to be the priests you are called to be in the Church of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Francis de Sales at Mersan in Haiti, I am sending wholeheartedly my sincere gratitude to all of you. Looking forward to welcoming you at the Haitian Mass at 2:00 p.m. any Sunday at Mount Carmel Church in Asbury Park. Thanks again for your goodness and generosity.

You are in my humble prayers.

Fr. Paul Janvier, I.V.Dei

Rosarian Prayer Group

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

This is a list of parishioners, relatives, and friends who are in need of our prayers for healing. Our Rosarians also pray every Saturday for all the parishioners of St. Michael's. Please note that intentions will be listed for two months and then removed, unless the requestor calls to renew for another two months. Please also note that

according to the HIPPA & privacy laws only the sick themselves or family members may request to be added to the list. Contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests. Thank you and may Our Lord grant healing to all those who are suffering and in need of our prayers.

Week 1

Kevin Epperson

Week 2

Richie Thomas

Week 5

Noel DeFazio

Week 6

Joanne and Frank Buono

Week 7

Paul Anizavino

Angelo Stanco



2022 Lenten Soup for the Soul Series San Alfonso Retreat House

755 Ocean Ave • Long Branch, NJ • 07740

March 8, 15, 22, 29

6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

\$25 per Evening, \$80 for all 4 Evenings



Looking for some spiritual nourishment this Lent?

Come to our Lenten Soup for the Soul Evenings this March!

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

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Living the Lent You Get

Presenter: Christine Marie Eberle

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

The Slow, Brave Work of Forgiveness

Presenter: Janet Corso

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Watch and Pray: A Contemporary Meditation on The Way of the Cross

Presenter: Michelle Sullivan

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

A Lenten Heart for the Cosmos

Presenter: Immacolata Cassetta, CND

Space is limited; registration is required

To register: e-mail register@sanalfonsoretreats.org

Phone: 732-222-2731 ext. 140

To register online or for full program description visit

www.sanalfonsoretreats.org



March 2 - April 10, 2022

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.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

†Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

FEBRUARY 2023

†Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2022

As part of the continuing and ongoing 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 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 4 (February 26 and 27)

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at uscbb.org under “Resources”
1644 The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: "so they are no longer two, but one flesh." They "are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving." This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, February 12, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	\$3,061.00	134 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$471.00	67 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$949.00	71 people

Sunday, February 13, 2022

7:00 AM Mass	\$847.00	49 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$650.00	58 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,438.00	113 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,093.00	102 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$829.00	56 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$83.00	12 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$97.00	18 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the February 13 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,490.00**

This Week's Total: \$11,008.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$8,836.00

Second Collection: Church Rebuilding in Haiti: \$8,079.00



Presidents' Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 21 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. The office will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Synod Spiritual Listening Conversations	February 15 to 28, 2022 (See Page 5 for details)
Presidents' Day (Parish Office closed)	Monday, February 21, 2022
Holy Hour for Life	Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. (See Page 6 for details)
Youth Altar Servers' Spaghetti Dinner & Monmouth University Basketball Game	February 25, 2022
Covid Vaccinations in St. Michael's Lower Church	Friday, February 25 to Monday, February 28, 2022 (See Page 7 for details)
Kick-Off of Annual Catholic Appeal 2022	February 26-27, 2022 at all Masses
Ash Wednesday	March 2, 2022 (See Page 3 for details)
Fridays in Lent (Mass at 8:00, 12:15, 5:30. Confessions after each of these Masses. Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-5:15)	March 4-April 8, 2022 (excludes Good Friday)
Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup & Salad Suppers	Fridays of Lent 6:00 Supper 7:00 Stations of the Cross
Confirmation (Msgr. Mullely presiding)	Thursday, March 10, 2022
First Confessions	Saturday, March 26, 2022
First Holy Communion	May 7, 2022

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