

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

February 21, 2021 | First Sunday of Lent

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 our recovery from the pandemic continues. 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 our recovery from the pandemic continues. 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

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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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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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MASS INTENTIONS *

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	

Monday, February 22

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Joan Fornin	Jeremiah & Marlane

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 AM † Ella King	
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Wednesday, February 24

8:00 AM † Ann Miller

Thursday, February 25

8:00 AM † Marjorie Swinerton Thayers

Friday, February 26

8:00 AM Special Intention: Cristian Rodrigues	Ana Rodrigues & Family
12:15 PM † Rush Limbaugh	
5:30 PM † Mary Anne Browne	Dotty O'Hara

Saturday, February 27

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
* 4:00 PM † Rev. Russell Abata	Rick Binaco
5:30 PM † Danny Mellaci	Holly & Chris Geiling
7:00 PM † Patricia Chavez	Nancy Simonetti

Sunday, February 28

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Nicholas Cattelona, Sr. (Anniversary)	Daughter & Family
* 10:00 AM † Adeline Buttacavole	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Principe
† William "Bill" J. McLaughlin	The Families of MTOTSA
12:00 PM † Marie Conti	McCrae Family
† Wally Case	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.*

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.





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 7, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Pastor's Note. Mass attendance was understandably very low at the Sunday morning Masses last week (February 14) due to the ice and snow storm. We are re-publishing Bishop O'Connell's letter that appeared in last Sunday's bulletin and that reminds us of the purposes of Lent and of our Lenten obligations and that encourages "a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter."



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)***. *There will be no Soup & Salad Suppers this year in light of covid precautions.*

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.

The neighboring parishes of "Cohort 17" will be collaborating with each other and again coordinating Confession schedules (see below) during the fourth week of the Lenten Season to maximize opportunities for those desiring the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. **Cohort 17 Lenten Reconciliation Week 2021** begins on Monday, March 15 and continues to Sunday, March 21.... "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the Messiah." (*Acts 3:19-20*) Confessions will be available ***every day that week*** at the church locations and times noted below. The Cohort 17 parishes are Christ the King (Our Lady Star of the Sea and Holy Trinity), Our Lady of Hope (St. Jerome's and St. Mary of the Assumption), and St. Michael's. **Please pause during the Season of Lent and make it a priority to make time for a good Confession.**

"I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more."

Jeremiah 31:34



Cohort 17 Parishes Lenten Reconciliation Week 2021

Monday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Church, Long Branch

Monday, March 15, 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

St. Jerome's Church, West Long Branch

Tuesday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Church, Long Branch

Wednesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Church, Long Branch

Thursday, March 18, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Church, Long Branch

Friday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

St. Michael's Church, Long Branch

Saturday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Church, Long Branch

Saturday, March 20, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church, Long Branch

(Confessions will be heard outdoors in the parking lot in

English, Spanish and Portuguese, with 5 priests hearing confessions)

Sunday, March 21, 7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m., 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

St. Michael's Church, Long Branch



Pastor's Note. Mass attendance was understandably very low at the Sunday morning Masses last week (February 14) due to the ice and snow storm. We are re-publishing Bishop O'Connell's letter and Fr. Butler's letter that appeared in last Sunday's bulletin that pertain to the kick-off of the 2021 Diocese Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The Bishop's ACA video was scheduled to be presented at last Sunday's Masses but will instead be presented at all Masses this Sunday (Feb. 21).

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."*

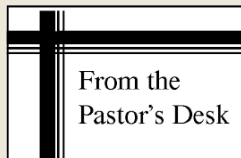
And so, I come to you again and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal so we, together, may continue the work of strengthening parish and family life, evangelizing our community and our world, and reaching out to those in need with love and compassion. Please give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

The 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 **5:30 p.m.** and 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**

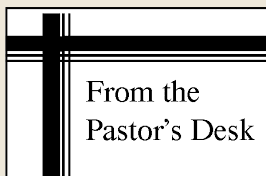
Weekday Public In-Church Masses

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.

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.
- During Lent: After the Friday 12:15 and 5:30 Masses during Lent for 30 minutes.



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LAUNCH SUNDAY-PART II: FEB 20



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 13, 2021

4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass \$1,870.00 101 Cars
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass \$507.00 23 People

Sunday, February 14, 2021 (low attendance-ice/snow storm)

7:00 AM Public In-Church Mass \$189.00 14 People
8:30 AM Public In-Church Mass \$383.00 27 People
10:00 AM Parking Lot Mass \$1,185.00 62 Cars
12:00 PM Public In-Church Mass \$816.00 43 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass \$360.00 57 People

Mailed-in Envelopes for the February 14 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$4,925.00**

This Week's Total: \$10,235.00

Same Week Last Year's Total: \$13,477.50

Second Collection: Church in Eastern Europe \$1,158.00

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



This 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.

Stream the Stations of the Cross with Bishop O'Connell this Lent



Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., will lead a special, multimedia experience of the Way of the Cross, which will be available for streaming on the Diocese of Trenton's YouTube channel beginning Friday, Feb. 19. The presentation will feature the watercolor portrayal of the 14 stations by popular 19th century French painter James Tissot, one of Bishop O'Connell's favorite artists. After experiencing a spiritual vision while visiting the Church of St. Sulpice in Paris, Tissot dedicated his artistry to portraying the life of Christ in 350 watercolors based upon the Gospels – 14 of which depict the Stations of the Cross. The entire collection was purchased by and remains on display with the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Bishop O'Connell observed that the Stations' portrayal has been "selected to help us prayerfully envision the Passion and Death of the Lord Jesus Christ." Leading prayers first composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Bishop invites the faithful to join him in commemorating the Way of the Cross this

Lent. To stream the Stations, visit youtube.com/trentondioecese.

Saturday 5:30 Vigil Mass Beginning This Weekend

A Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (indoors in the church) goes onto our regular weekly Mass schedule beginning this weekend (February 20), the first weekend of the weekly parish calendar is part of the return in graduated steps to our PRE-and routine. Gratitude is extended to lectors, ushers, and other volunteers and weekend visiting priests who will be bration of this 5:30 Mass. The door is volunteers to step forward and assist with the visible and *invisible* work that goes into the celebration and staging of the Mass. Please call the parish office to learn more about this worthy and helpful, overlooked and under-appreciated form of volunteer service to your parish and to your fellow parishioners.



**Saturday
5:30
Mass**

Lent. Plac-effort at St. covid our Eucha-to our par-participat-always

Expired Missalettes Available

A good number of parishioners often ask about taking home a copy of the paperback Missalettes when a particular issue of the book has expired. The most recent previous issue of the Missalettes covered the period of time from November 29, 2020 to February 16, 2021 and we replaced those now-obsolete books last Tuesday morning after the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to have a copy of that "now-retired" Missalette (for reference to the Scripture readings and prayers, spiritual reading, enjoying the hymns and the artwork, etc.), we have several copies on-hand in the parish office. Please phone the office to request a copy of the missalette and we will be happy to mail one to you or to leave it in our office mailbox for you to pick-up at your convenience.



Baby Patrick Joseph Barone – son of Joseph and Alessandra – was baptized here at St. Michael's last Sunday. Members of the Barone family and friends gathered with Fr. Butler to celebrate the Sacrament. God bless Patrick Joseph and the Barone family.



**Baptism
Preparation
Class**

The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

The Times They Are A-Changin'

With the periodic changing of the Church's liturgical seasons we have the corresponding periodic changing of the colorful banners on the light posts in the church parking lot. This change-over occurs as we move from Advent to Christmas to Ordinary Time to Lent to the Triduum to the Easter Season and back to the remainder of Ordinary Time before the cycle of the Church Year begins again with the start of Advent. The City of Long Branch has for several years generously provided both manpower and equipment for these banner change-overs. Thank you – once again! – to Dave, Stan, Dotty, and the City of Long Branch for hoisting the Lenten purple light post banners that will enhance the parish's North Parking Lot (AND also enhance our outdoor Parking Lot Masses!) from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday.

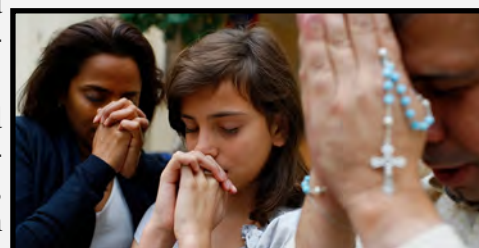


During Lent from February 17 through March 28 our community will once again take part in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the Shrewsbury Planned Parenthood. This is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting or foul language and no graphic signs are carried. We walk, praying, usually saying 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 Planned 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>

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!

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.



**Schedule of Confessions During Lent
Within Cohort 17**

Cohort 17 Parishes Lenten Reconciliation Week 2021

March 15-21. See page 4 for detailed information about
Confessions available *every day this week in our Cohort.*

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

Confessions during Lent from 12:00 Noon to 12:45 p.m.
alternating between St. Jerome and St. Mary's Churches
Saturdays beginning February 20 at St. Jerome Church.

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

Every Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Sacristy at Our La-
dy, Star of the Sea Church.

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

Monday-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. and
6:15-6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass; and after the
12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on Fridays of Lent for
30 minutes.

The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Kick-Off of Annual Catholic Appeal 2021	February 13 and 21, 2021 at all Masses
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
Palm Sunday	Sunday, March 28, 2021
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 4, 2021
Inter-Parish (Cohort 17) Mass of Remembrance for the COVID-19 Deceased of Long Branch and West Long Branch Communities	Saturday, April 10, 2021 10:00 a.m. (outdoors at St. Michael's Parking Lot)
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 9:30 and 11:30

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**WEEKLY MASS INTENTION**

† Alzira Cacoilo r/o Tony & Natalina Gomes and Family

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 2021

Salvatore J. Mirarchi r/o Joe & Carmel Mirarchi

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

Connie Mirarchi

Week 5

Andrew Yeboah

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