

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

March 6, 2022 | First Sunday of Lent

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.

DURING LENT

Please see Page 3 for extra times for Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration during Lent.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



PARISH OFFICE

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano	Viggiano Family
† Conrad Russo	Family
4:00 PM † Angela Perri	Eileen Rolleri & Family
† Frankie Manzi	Angela Pfeiffer
5:30 PM † John E. Hogan	Catherine Campen
† William Conley	Conley Family
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, March 6

7:00 AM Special Intention: Teresa Tobiaslim	Teresa
† Augustine Tobiaslim	Teresa
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Angelina Costello	Sandy Collins
† Carolyn Kuz	Linda Tanchak & Anna DeSouza
10:00 AM † Jack DuBois	Dorothy, Tony & Sanzone Family
† Jeanne Kenny	Barbara & Edward Moskal
12:00 PM † Robert Hanlon	Audrey Boglioli
† Lily Jalinos	Maggio Family
4:00 PM † Irene F. & Edward W. Moskal, Sr.	Barbara & Edward Moskal
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Rev. William Halbing	

Monday, March 7

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Fr. William Halbing	Lee & Patty Gesner

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 AM † Jack DuBois	Anthony & Dorothy Sanzone
† Judith Hennessey	Daughters

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 AM † Dr. Margaret Boland	
† Jan Smock Faulhaber	

Thursday, March 10

8:00 AM † Ryan Mogila	Ed & Laura Mogila
† Dr. George Komazec	

Friday, March 11

8:00 AM † Joseph Conte	Patricia Conte & Daughters
† Frances Welcome	Rosemarie Gianotto
12:15 PM † James Seppi	Dottie O'Hara
5:30 PM Special Intention: Domenic Salvatore	Mom

Saturday, March 12

8:00 AM † Gerald Libertelli	Patricia & Michael Fede
4:00 PM † Irene F. & Edward W. Moskal, Sr.	Barbara & Edward Moskal
† Diane Cusa	Mary Farrar
5:30 PM † Rosemary Brundage	Agnes & Paul D'Angelo
† Agnes Musto	Billyard Family
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, March 13

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
† Larry Jones	St. Vincent De Paul Society
8:30 AM † Jack DuBois	Mary Ellen DuBois
† Carolyn Kuz	Linda Tanchak & Anna DeSouza
10:00 AM † Donald "Eddie" Blanchett	
† Richard Maglione	Quinta & Daughters
12:00 PM † Angelo Boniello	Ann Goldy
† Gail Yaccarino	Janet Brown
4:00 PM † Michael DeStefano	Maryann Hausmann & Family
† Anna Sokalski	Janet Brown, Jennifer & Emily
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Rommel Sartorio	Patricia Sartorio

The St. Joseph's Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Joseph Welter, requested by his loving family.



“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.

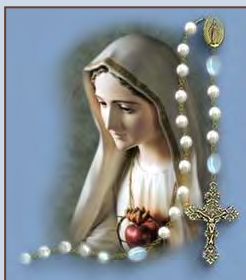
Last year and in 2020 we cancelled the Lenten Soup & Salad Suppers because of the covid pandemic. This year as Lent approaches, the pandemic seems to be waning but it is still not entirely behind us, and the preparation and serving of food and beverages at a community gathering is still of concern for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

St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society Monthly Meeting Notice March 12, 2022

St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society will meet on Saturday, March 12, 2022 immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church. Our Society seeks to foster devotion to the Rosary and to serve the interests of our St. Michael's community with spiritual and corporal works of mercy. All women of the parish are encouraged and welcome to join us. Please note: Our regularly scheduled meeting for April 9th will be cancelled.



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 4 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 in last Sunday's bulletin on Page 3 and on the parish website.
- The date and time of the parish's Lenten Penance Service will be announced.
- Please see the accompanying announcement on this Page 3 regarding “Coffee And...” in place of Soup & Salad preceding Stations of the Cross on the Friday evenings of Lent.

*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.*



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

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Each of us has a vital part **TOGETHER** 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 (ACA). 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. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.



LOVE HIM



SERVE HIM

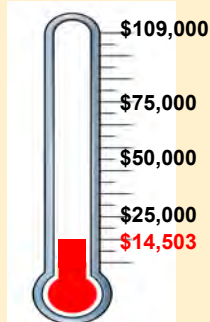


KNOW HIM

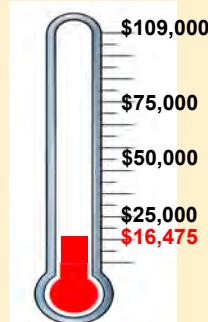


Parish Goal = \$109,000

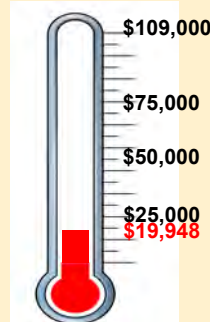
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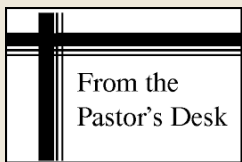


2022
After One
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The three "thermometers" above compare our parish's 2020 vs. 2021 vs. 2022 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year's total after one weekend is significantly ahead of our parish's total after one weekend both in 2021 and 2020. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Together we can do great things!**

*This \$19,948 figure is approximately 18.3% of our parish goal. It was received during the first weekend of the campaign (tallied as of March 2) from 42 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 1.9% of the 2,921 registered households of the parish. **Thank you!** The Diocese sent a Diocesan wide mailing during the week of February 10 to all of our registered parishioners and past ACA contributors asking for prayerful consideration of a pledge/contribution to the Appeal. Please help to the extent that you can.



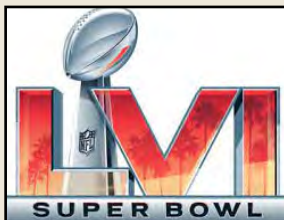
Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Michael's Church:

This past weekend (February 26 and 27) was the 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 diocesan 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 an approximate \$20,000 rebate for 2021. Those ACA rebate funds were utilized for the Lower Church restrooms renovation project,

IF IT WAS FEBRUARY IT MUST HAVE BEEN.....

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**Annual
Catholic
Appeal**

During Lent Please Give Yourself – AND Jesus! – the Gift of Eucharistic Adoration and a Holy Hour



What is “Eucharistic Adoration”? What is a “Holy Hour”? Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is quiet, silent prayer, contemplation, meditation, spiritual/scriptural reading, and the like while reverently seated or kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament in the sacred, holy serenity of the church. Quiet, prayerful, restorative time with God. Some have referred to Eucharistic Adoration (tongue-in-cheek) as “wasting time with God” – and what a wonderful, powerful, grace-filled, revitalizing, beneficial waste of time it is! Peaceful, private time (a full hour or even ten or fifteen minutes) spent adoring, honoring, thanking God – “giving God His due, giving God our ear” and our undivided, undistracted attention – by gazing upon the Eucharistic Presence of Christ as the Blessed Sacrament resides in the Monstrance placed upon the altar.

In a deeper sense, Eucharistic Adoration involves “the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us.” During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait”... we remain silent in the Real/True Presence of Jesus...we

open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. In its fullest essence Eucharistic Adoration is “God and Man (God *and YOU!*) reaching out for each other, at the same time, and being ***TOGETHER*** with each other!”...Time and Time-less Eternity joined for a few miraculous moments of spiritual union.

Why Go To Eucharistic Adoration? Why Pray a Holy Hour? St. Alphonsse Liguori wrote: “Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us. The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating the Eucharist *during* Mass, but also by praying before It *outside* of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellsprings of Grace.”

When asked “What would save the world?” Saint/Mother Teresa replied: “My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.”

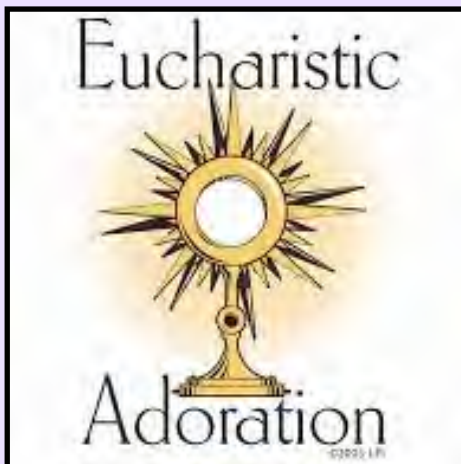
The Invitation. The homilies at all of the Masses at St. Michael’s next weekend (March 12 and 13) will focus on Eucharistic Adoration, explain and emphasize its importance and value/benefits, and invite and encourage us to pray a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Days and times for Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Michael’s – quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament reposing in the Monstrance on the altar – are listed above. During the current season of Lent extra hours for Adoration have been added to the parish’s weekly calendar to accommodate as best we can parishioners’ and visitors’ busy schedules. Please accept the invitation. Please make the effort – especially during Lent as we prepare for Easter and Holy Week – to break away briefly from your routine and to take advantage of the opportunity:

- to give to Jesus the gift of grateful, reverent prayer and worship,
- to give to yourself the gift of God’s peace, strength, encouragement, and love that flow from that wellspring of the Eucharist,
- to give back a few minutes to the Savior who has given you a re-opened gateway to Heaven by the gift of His hours and death on the Cross for Mankind.

During Lent please give yourself – AND give Jesus! – the Gift of Eucharistic Adoration and the Gift of a Holy Hour.

Days and Times For Eucharistic Adoration During Lent

- Sundays 10:50 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. between the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses commencing Sunday, March 13.
- Sundays 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. (prior to 7:00 p.m. Mass) commencing Sunday, March 13.
- Fridays 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. (between 12:15 and 5:30 Masses) commencing Friday, March 4. And 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. (between 5:30 Mass and 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross) commencing Friday, March 11.



The Stations of the Cross in OUR Church: Walking the Road to Calvary TOGETHER with Jesus and Mary During OUR 46 Days of Lent



Jesus is condemned



Jesus takes up His Cross



Jesus falls the first time



Jesus meets His Mother



Jesus is laid in the tomb



Jesus removed from Cross



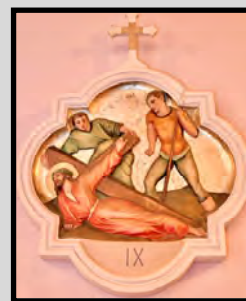
Jesus dies on the Cross



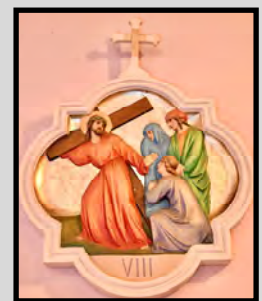
Jesus is nailed to the Cross



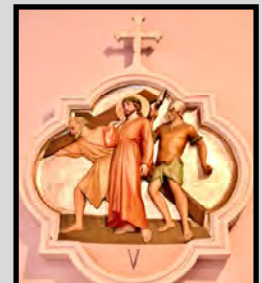
Jesus stripped of His garments



Jesus falls a third time



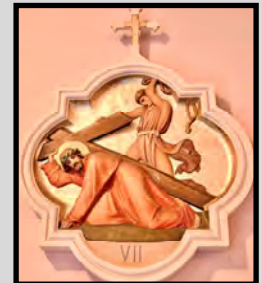
The women of Jerusalem



Simon helps carry Cross



Veronica wipes Jesus' face



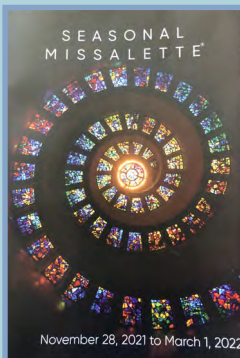
Jesus falls a second time

The Stations of the Cross is a fourteen-step devotion that commemorates (usually with prayer, meditation, song, and artwork) certain of the events of Good Friday during His Passion and during her sorrows as she walks with Jesus through Jerusalem Cross and to the Tomb. Stations focus on beginning with Jesus' Stations are found in commonly used as a (especially during Lent days and Wednesdays individual moves from each station, the individual calls and meditates on a up to Christ's Crucifixion prayers are recited as contemplated and ponder these things, and ponder heart." Luke 2:19), moves to the next station until all fourteen Stations are completed. Here at St. Michael's we are blessed with an especially beautiful set of Stations on the North and South walls of the Nave of the church. Please make a point of praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent and walk the road to Calvary – the Way of the Cross – ***together*** with Jesus and Mary. (Adapted from *The Way of the Cross* available at <https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12231>).



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 28, 2021 to March 1, 2022 and we replaced those now-obsolete books last Tuesday morning after the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass in advance of Ash Wednesday. 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 ushers’ closet at the rear of the church. Please feel free to ask one of the ushers to give you a copy.



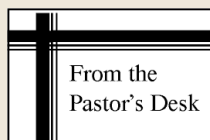
Small Group Meeting *Beacon of Hope*

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.

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church foundation water-proofing and repairs, CCD/education materials, Covid-related upgrades to the Lower Church’s ventilation equipment, new ventilation equipment for the Upper Church’s 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 2020 and 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 parish’s \$109,000 ACA goal and earns and receives a rebate of \$16,000 or more that the parish use those rebate funds in 2023 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, (c) re-staining and re-varnishing of the wood floors in the Upper Church, and (d) upgrades and replacements for the aging computers and office furniture in the parish business office. Carry-over projects from last year include repair of the church’s 1886 cornerstone and purchase and installation of the Prayer Monument in Memory of the Unborn; donations for those two latter projects are still being accepted and most welcome. 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

St. Michael's Parish and some of our neighboring parishes will once again participate in the "40 Days for Life" prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury during the Season of Lent. This Spring vigil starts on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and extends through April 10th. We invite you to please join us! During past campaigns, St. Michael's parishioners have been going to this location to pray on Monday's at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, or 2:00 p.m.



However, if a more convenient time is needed, as indicated in the flyer below, the hours at Planned Parenthood are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and "Saturday and Sunday at will".



All participants are asked to attend with a prayer partner. Please see the flyer below for information and to sign up.



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.

Second Collection This Weekend March 5 and 6 For the Black and Indian Peoples

This weekend March 5 and 6 we will take up a Second Collection for the Black and Indian Peoples. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American,



and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$14,000 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your support.

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

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.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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Nazareth
Tiberias
Sea of Galilee
Cana
Bethlehem
Jerusalem

Hosted by
FR. SHELDON AMASA

10 DAYS: NOVEMBER 8 - 17, 2022



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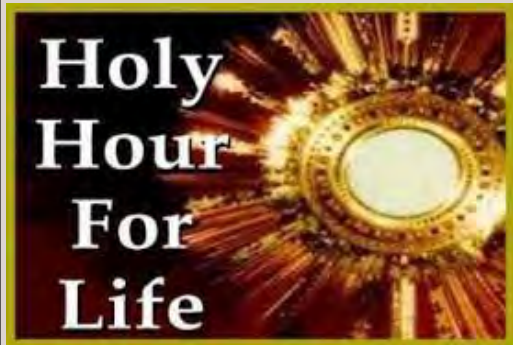
FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT OR DETACH & MAIL TO:

Fr. Sheldon Amasa
Our Lady of Hope Parish
254 Wall Street
West Long Branch, NJ 07764
Tel: (732) 222-1424
Email: donatsson007@gmail.com

NAME: _____
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NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

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. ***The next day of these Holy Hours for Life will be this coming Tuesday, March 1st at 8:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.*** 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, March 10 1:00-7:00 p.m.

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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!

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, February 26, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,172.00	128 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$687.00	71 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$499.00	44 people

Sunday, February 27, 2022

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,549.00	76 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$981.00	82 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,611.00	113 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,465.00	117 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$986.00	84 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$336.00	22 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$571.00	109 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the February 27 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,272.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,129.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$9,838.00

Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,573.00

Collection Envelopes: We Apologize

The parish business office has received several phone calls during the past week notifying us that the new batch of Sunday Collection envelopes had not arrived in the mail at the homes of some of our parishioners. Thanks for letting us know. We apologize for the delay and for any inconvenience. We out-source the printing and mailing of the collection envelopes to a company located in _____. They informed us this week of printing and shipping problems that they are experiencing and they advised that the new batch of envelopes would be arriving in parishioner mail boxes this week. In the meantime, please feel free to use a "regular envelope" for your Sunday contribution to St. Michael's and please write your name and account number on that envelope. You will find your account number pre-printed on your most recent prior batch of collection envelopes or please call the parish office and we will gladly provide the account number. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

2022 Lenten Soup for the Soul Series

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March 8, 15, 22, 29

6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

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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

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www.sanalfonsoretreats.org

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

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

Kevin Epperson

Week 4

Richie Thomas

Week 7

Noel DeFazio

Week 8

Joanne and Frank Buono



Spaghetti, Pizza, and Basketball: Youth Altar Servers' Winter Outing 2022

The St. Michael's youth altar servers and family members enjoyed their Winter Outing this past Friday night the 25th (please see the accompanying photos). A group of 32 gathered at Attilio's Restaurant at the Ursula Plaza for a pre-game spaghetti and pizza supper....dessert included cupcakes with chocolate icing in the shape of a basketball. After dinner, the group moved on to the OceanFirst Bank Center for the basketball game between Monmouth University and St. Peter's University. Thank you to Dotty O'Hara for organizing this event. And thank you to our youth altar servers for your service to the people of St. Michael's. Those interested in becoming a member (youth or adult) of the parish's altar servers ministry are asked to contact the parish business office (732-222-8080).



2022 Mass Book

We kindly ask that when you come to the office for scheduling, please bring a written list including the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.



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Please Register as a Parishioner: The Helpful Reasons Why



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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 eligibility and qualification letter from the pastor, and getting donation statements for your income tax returns. 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. Thank you.

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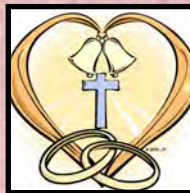
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The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Jesus elevated marriage to a Sacrament at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Catholics have the duty to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in a Catholic 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 to begin the preparation process. This includes at-meetings with one of our parish priests. A specific *after* this marriage preparation has commenced and viewed. Therefore, all engaged couples are strong-beginning to make wedding plans and *strongly advised* (banquet halls, photographers, hotels, airlines, etc.) writing with the parish office.



least one year prior to your intended marriage date tendance at a Pre-Cana Conference and several wedding date cannot be assured by the parish until initial documentatio has been received and rely advised to *speak to the parish staff first* when *vised not to make commitments with third-parties* until *after* the wedding date has been finalized in

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.

Outdoor Holy Communion at Two Masses Temporarily.

As part of our effort to work through the omicron surge (some have been calling it the "omicron tsunami"...the covid statistics at the nearby hospitals have been staggering and sobering; please pray for the patients, hospital staff, and all caregivers) and without over-reacting and with the balancing of numerous factors and limited resources and manpower and womanpower as best we can, Holy Communion will be available in the parking lot in your cars after the Saturday 4:00 indoor Mass and after the Sunday 10:00 indoor Mass beginning on Saturday, January 8th and Sunday, January 9th for those who attend and participate at those Masses in their cars by means of the live-stream transmission of the indoor Mass being celebrated at those hours. The radio transmission of the audio of these two Masses on station 92.1 FM will not be available because of equipment and technical reasons; the audio and video live-stream transmission of these two Masses may be accessed on your i-phone, tablet, or other similar devices (in your car or elsewhere) via the parish website www.stmichaelnj.com and the parish YouTube Channel. The priest/celebrant of these two Masses will be indoors as he celebrates the Mass and not on the stage near the garage in the parking lot. This plan will remain in effect until further notice and is temporary and is of course subject to inclement weather (e.g. winter snow or extreme cold) that would put the health of the Mass-goers, the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, parking lot staff, and priests at risk. As Holy Communion is made available post-Mass in the parking lot in this extraordinary way to meet sacramental needs and to satisfy health and safety concerns during the ongoing pandemic, please keep in mind and observe the utmost reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and the utmost respect for the sacredness and dignity of the Mass.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022	Commenced February 26-27; Ongoing
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 "Coffee And...."	Fridays of Lent 6:15 p.m. "Coffee And...." 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (See Page 3 for details)
Confirmation (Msgr. Mullelly presiding)	Thursday, March 10, 2022
Baptism Class for Parents	Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:15 a.m.
24 Hours for the Lord	Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26, 2022
First Confessions	Saturday, March 26, 2022
Rosary Altar Society Lenten Day of Reflection San Alfonso Retreat House	Thursday, April 7, 2022
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 10, 2022
Easter	Sunday, April 17, 2022
May Crowning of Mary	Sunday, May 1, 2022
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 7, 2022

Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick

Please keep in mind that the parish priests 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 priests 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.





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