

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

March 20, 2022 | Third 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

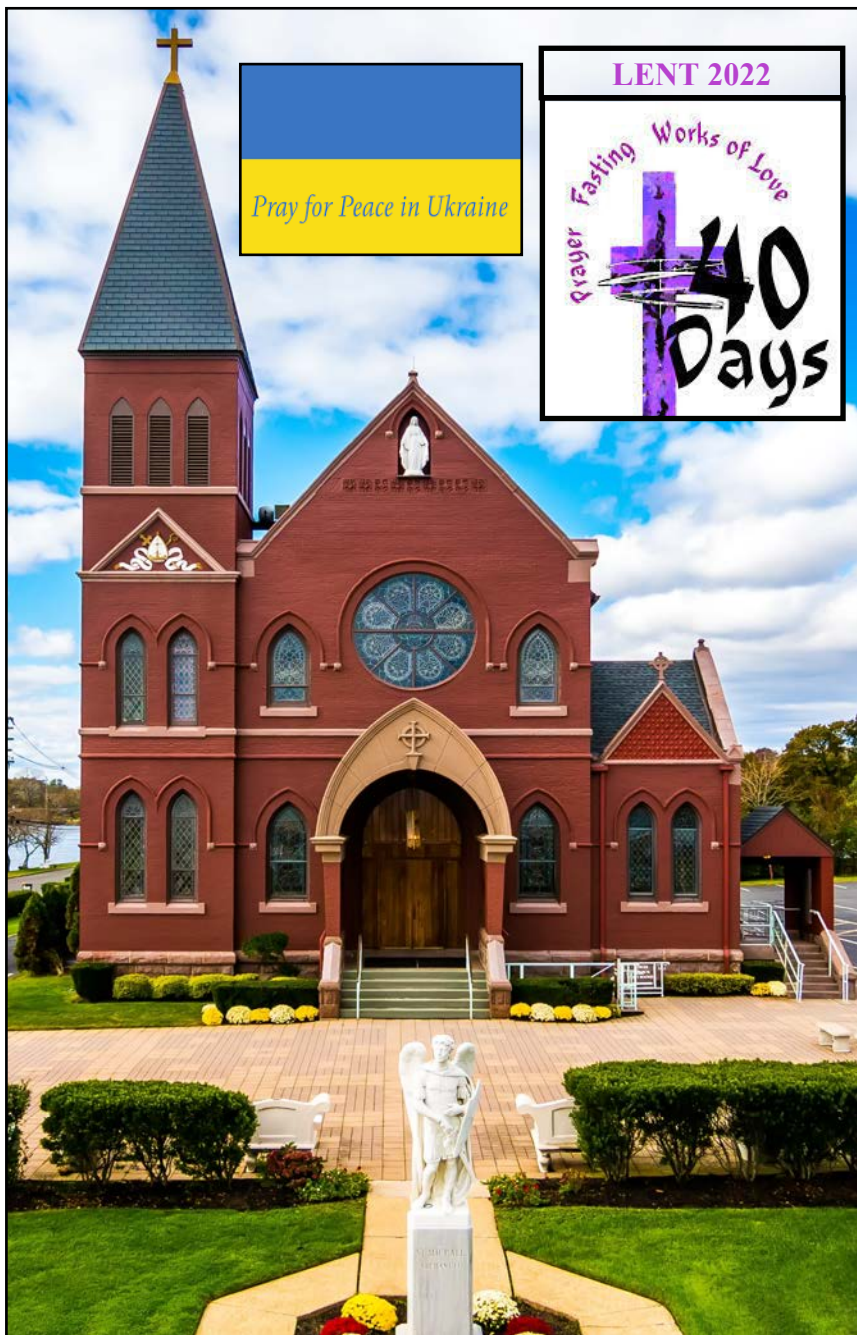
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Joe Agresto	Wife & Children
† William Komazec	Baruzzi Family
† Ed & Ginny Wilbert	Loving Family
5:30 PM † Joan Fiumefreddo	Nancy Fiumefreddo Family
† Irven Miller	Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
7:00 PM † Larry Jones	Maria Simonelli

Sunday, March 20

7:00 AM † Rev. William Halbing	
8:30 AM † Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
† Carolyn Kuz	Linda Tanchak & Anna DeSouza
10:00 AM † Frank Sosnowski	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Marygrace & Silvio Sarro	Kochenash Family
12:00 PM † Patricia Whitney	McCrae Family
† Carlo & Marie Ruggiero	McCrae Family
4:00 PM † Gerald Libertelli	Laura & Mark Rescigno
† Greg Surace	Kathy, Brendan, & David
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Lucy Sweeney	

Monday, March 21

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Harry Tokanos	Mary
7:00 PM † Marilyn Hull	Michael Murphy

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 AM † Angelina Costello	Sandy Collins
† Patrick E. Truax	

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 AM † Liliana Fisher
† Irven Miller

Thursday, March 24

8:00 AM † Ana Lozano
† William Tanchak

Friday, March 25

8:00 AM † Fr. Earl A. Gannon	Pat, Anne Marie & Michael Thayer
Special Intention	Pat, Anne Marie & Michael Thayer
12:15 PM For Peace & Papal Consecration Prayer for Russia/Ukraine	
5:30 PM † Marguerite C. Butler	
12:00 Midnight People of the Parish	

Saturday, March 26

8:00 AM † Eugenio Roco	Margaret & Bob Clinton
People of the Parish	
4:00 PM † Florence Meola	John & Deborah Perri and Family
† Marti DeGhetto	Luci, Ed & Elisa Perez
5:30 PM † Theresa Chenone	Farmer & Cole Family
7:00 PM † Jack Levy	Tricia & Louie Vincelli

Sunday, March 27

7:00 AM † Louis & Billy Celmer	Kathy & Brendan
† Louis & Marion Casanola	Thomas Casanola
8:30 AM † Carolyn Kuz	Linda Tanchak & Anna DeSouza
† Frank A. Pirrello	Debra Amato
10:00 AM † Justin Hamill	Valan Family
† Sophia & Charles Sedoski	Mary Farrar
12:00 PM † Gerald Libertelli	MaryAnn & Anthony Desiderio
† Rev. Russell Abata	Rick Binaco
4:00 PM † Anna Sokalski	Joyce Heller
† Lucy Sweeney	Davey Family
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Danielle Russo	Grandma
† Gary Fichter	Family

The Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph, and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week for the people of Ukraine and for peace in Ukraine.



Pope to Lead Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25; St. Michael's to Participate Simultaneously in Papal Prayer of Consecration at Our 12:15 p.m. Mass

We received notification from Bishop O'Connell this past Friday the 18th that in the context of the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine, Pope Francis will lead an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th at 5:00 p.m. Rome time. The Holy Father is inviting the world to join in this act of consecration, if possible, at an hour corresponding to 5:00 p.m. Rome time. St. Michael's will participate in this Papal Consecration Friday 12:15 March 25. All are invited and welcome. The Pope's Consecration will be provided and will be sung. Please pray for peace and throughout the world. Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.



participate in Prayer of at our Lenten p.m. Mass on are invited The text of Prayer of will be pro- be prayed at Marian sung. Please in Ukraine

Pastor's Note. For further reading on this, please see "Pope to Consecrate Russia, Ukraine to Mary March 25" which is a CNS article available at <https://www.cny.org/stories/pope-to-consecrate-russia-ukraine-to-mary-march-25,23584?> and "Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine. What's that mean? A Pillar Explainer" available at <https://www.pillaratholic.com/p/pope-francis-will-consecrate-russia?sr=rl>.

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

During our 2022 Lenten Season we are offering 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 has arrived, 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.

"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.

LENT 2022

Our Lenten observances will include the following:

- *24 Hours for the Lord* on Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26. See Page 4 for further information.
- 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.
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, April 13 at 12:00 Noon and Friday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, these stations will be prayed in the Upper Church.
- Bishop O'Connell's annual letter regarding Lenten regulations is in the February 27 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.





St. Michael's Church will once again be observing **24 Hours for the Lord**, a Lenten initiative in which churches remain open for 24 consecutive hours for Masses, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and private prayer time and meditation. From March 25 to 26 faithful will have the opportunity to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. Confessions will also be made available during this period. The Mass, Rosary, and Stations of the Cross are also a part of this round-the-clock devotion and preparation for Holy Week.

At St. Michael's Church on Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2022

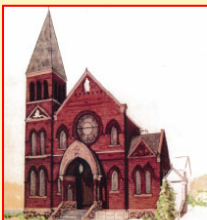
Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon; 1:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.-6:50 p.m.; 7:45 p.m.-11:45 p.m.; Saturday 1:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m. (**Ador-ers' sign-up sheet in church vestibule**)

Confessions: Friday 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon; 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; 7:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Saturday morning 6:00 a.m.-7:45 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Masses: Friday 8:00 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.; 5:30 p.m.; 12:00 Midnight; 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Rosary: To be prayed four times during the 24 Hours at: Friday 8:30 a.m.; Friday 12:45 p.m.; Friday 11:15 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7:00 p.m. (preceded by "Coffee And...." 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.).



St. Michael's Church



Aid for Ukraine: Thank You!!! Dyakuyu!!!



St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church

The response was overwhelming to last weekend's collection of financial aid and humanitarian aid for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. THANK YOU!!! And in the Ukrainian language: Dyakuyu!!! Over \$22,000 was received in the special second collection and through checks that were mailed to the parish business office. Over 75 boxes (of the large, heavy duty moving company variety) were compiled containing the donations of medical supplies, diapers, shirts, socks, hygiene products, backpacks, first aid kits, a few teddy bears, and numerous other items. Special thanks to the Lowy's Moving Service, the David Paul Party Rentals Company, Monmouth Medical Center, and anonymous others



for their products and services and financial support and to the St. Michael's staff and volunteers for their efforts. The financial aid and supplies are on their way to Ukraine via reliable and speedy channels of St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River and the Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. With prayers of gratitude! And with prayers for peace in Ukraine! St. Michael, St. Stephen, and Our Lady Queen of Peace, PRAY FOR US!



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

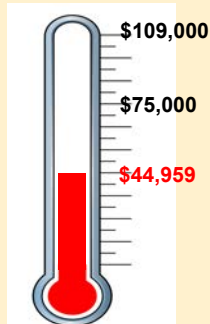


KNOW HIM

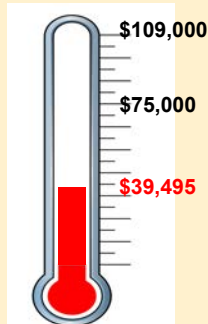


Parish Goal = \$109,000

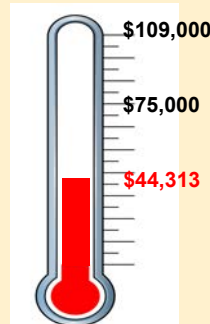
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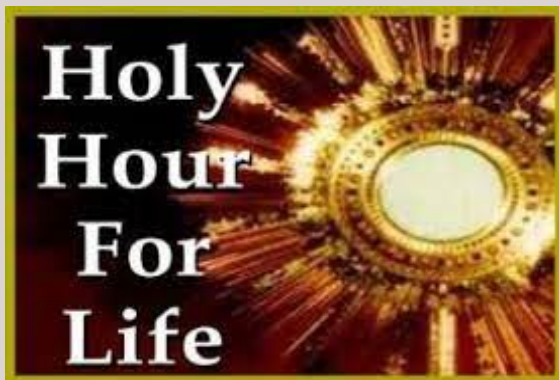
The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2020 vs. 2021 vs. 2022 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The thermometers indicate good news. This year’s total after three weekends is substantially ahead of our parish’s total after three weekends in 2021 and close to 2020’s pace. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. ***Together we can do great things!***

*This \$44,313 figure is approximately 41% of our parish goal. It was received during the third weekend of the campaign (tallied as of March 16) from 103 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 4.2% of the 2,468 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.

What does

LOVE
have to do with it...
everything!

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 22nd 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.

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.”

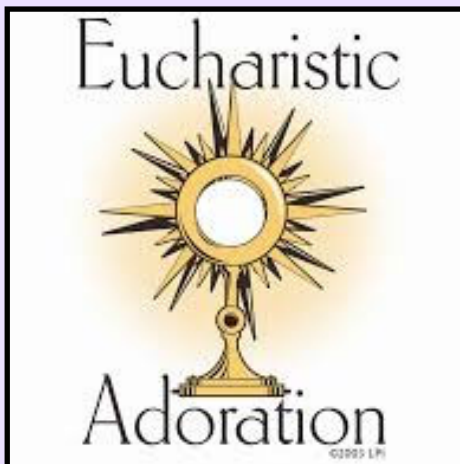
When asked “What would save the world?” Saint/Mother Teresa replied: “My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.”

The Invitation. The homilies at all of the Masses at St. Michael’s this weekend (March 19 and 20) will address Eucharistic Adoration, explain and emphasize its importance and value/benefits, and invite and encourage us to pray a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

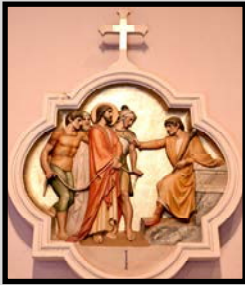
Days and times for Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Michael’s – quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament reposing in the Monstrance on the altar – are listed above. During the current season of Lent extra hours for Adoration have been added to the parish’s weekly calendar to accommodate as best 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 (especially praying for peace in Ukraine as we watch the horrors of war unfolding there) – 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 6:15 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. between the 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses commencing Sunday, March 13.
- Fridays 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. between the 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



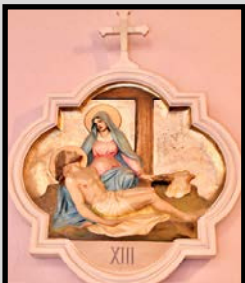
Jesus falls the first time



Jesus meets His Mother



Jesus is laid in the tomb



Jesus removed from Cross



Jesus dies on the Cross



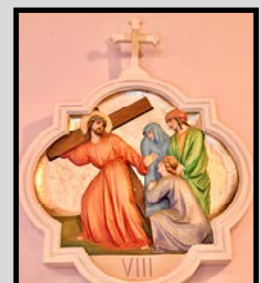
Jesus is nailed to the Cross



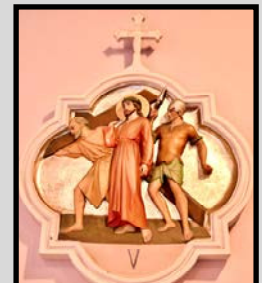
Jesus stripped of His garments



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 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>).



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below and return this page to the Parish Office with your donation. The cost is \$45 per memorial. All names will be included in a memorial booklet and published in the Easter bulletin. Booklets will be available in the back of the church when printed. To be included in the memorial booklet and the Easter bulletin, your form and donation must be received at the Parish Office by **Wednesday, April 6. Please print clearly.**

In Memory Of

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Please include your name and mailing address to receive your copy of the memorial booklet:

Phone Number:

Total Number of Memorials

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Total Donation: \$_____

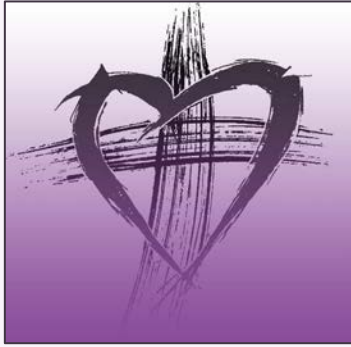
May our Lenten journeys and sacrifices lead us to - - and enrich - - our Easter joy!

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Rev. Monsignor Thomas J. Mullelly at our parish on Thursday, March 10. Prayers and best wishes to our Confirmandi, their sponsors, and their families. Gratitude to Mr. Connelly and to all of our CCD catechists, teachers aides, and volunteers and altar servers.



Dylan Bard <i>Ambrose</i>	Michael Martin <i>Joseph</i>	Mackenzie Rogers <i>Gabriella</i>
Matteo Burgos <i>Michael</i>	Chelsea Matty <i>Abigail</i>	Michael Russomano <i>Michael</i>
Colin Caruso <i>Peter</i>	Matthew McGlennon <i>Thomas</i>	Nicholas Sciacca <i>Anthony</i>
Ava Chebookjian <i>Elizabeth</i>	Jack Miller <i>Francis</i>	Grace Sweeney <i>Lucy</i>
Meghan Chewning <i>Gemma</i>	Kathleen O'Connor <i>Catherine</i>	Andrew Viggiano <i>Francis</i>
Francesca Coppola <i>Cecelia</i>	Katie O'Donnell <i>Elizabeth</i>	Victoria Vitaliano <i>Teresa</i>
Nicholas Gomez <i>George</i>	Olivia O'Rourke <i>Theresa</i>	Nathan Welter <i>Joseph</i>
Grant Gryta <i>Gabriel</i>	Liam Rea <i>John</i>	Jonathan Williams <i>Nathaniel</i>
James Knight <i>James</i>	Alexandra Revolinsky <i>Victoria</i>	Ayden Winters <i>Matthew</i>
Kelin Lopez <i>Philomena</i>	Emma Riccardi <i>Cecelia</i>	Colin Zimmerer <i>Francis</i>





St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society
Sponsoring
Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection
Thursday, April 7, 2022

All women and men of the parish are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection. Our one-day retreat will include community prayer, Rosary, spiritual lecture, Confession, lunch, and Mass.

Date and Time: Thursday, April 7, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch (parking in the rear).

Cost: \$50.00 (per person)
 Coffee and Danish upon arrival
 Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Reservations: RSVP by Thursday, March 31, 2022 by calling Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145. Please provide number of guests, names, contact phone numbers.

Payment: Check made payable to: Saint Michael's Rosary Altar Society.

Mail check to: Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Further information contact: Dotty O'Hara (908-310-6497)

Please note: Covid protocols will be followed when attending the retreat at San Alfonso. Masks (please bring your own) should be worn at all times (other than when eating), social distancing will be required, and there will be designated pews and/or seats in all areas of the Retreat House. Temperature of guests will be taken upon arrival.

Outdoor Holy Communion at Two Masses Temporarily. As part of our effort to work through hopefully the final phase of the pandemic, 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.

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 started on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and extends through Monday, April 11th. 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 11, 2022

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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.*

The Sisters of Life to Visit St. Michael's; Weekend of April 2-3, 2022

The Sisters of Life – a remarkable, vibrant, and gifted/talented community of religious sisters – will be visiting St. Michael's Parish during the weekend of April 2 and 3. The Sisters will speak at all of our Masses and conduct classroom visits with our Sunday-session CCD students. Additional information will be provided in next Sunday's bulletin.



The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. Like all religious communities, the Sisters take the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They also are consecrated under a special, fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. The Sisters of Life are well known to many for (among many other things) their support and counseling of pregnant women in need of practical assistance, their inner-city apostolate and respite residences, and public speaking appearances including the memorable address by Sister Bethany at the National Rally for Life in Washington, DC in January 2018 (see <https://marchforlife.org/tag/sisters-of-life/>). Please welcome the Sisters of Life to St. Michael's and pray for their important and vital work.



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 5

Kevin Epperson

Week 6

Richie Thomas

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Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**Watch and Pray: A Contemporary Meditation on
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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@sanalfonso retreats.org****Phone: 732-222-2731 ext. 140****To register online or for full program description
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YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS**SEPTEMBER 2022**

†Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

FEBRUARY 2023

†Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

**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 and 6:00-6:50)	March 4-April 8, 2022 (excludes Good Friday)
40 Days for Life – Mondays in Lent: Rosary Prayer to End Abortion at Planned Parenthood	March 7- April 11, 2022 (See Page 9 for details)
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)
24 Hours for the Lord	Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26, 2022
First Confessions	Saturday, March 26, 2022
Sisters of Life Parish Visit	Weekend of April 2-3, 2022 (See Page 11 for details)
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
Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday, April 24, 2022
May Crowning of Mary	Sunday, May 1, 2022
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 7, 2022

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, March 12, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	\$1,384.00	117 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$551.00	41 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$413.00	32 people

Sunday, March 13, 2022

7:00 AM Mass	\$898.00	52 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$613.00	57 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,993.00	128 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,598.00	179 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$875.00	131 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$256.00	24 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$414.00	93 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the March 13 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,463.00**

This Week's Total: \$10,458.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$14,973.00

Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$548.00

Second Collection: Aid for Ukraine: \$22,691 (and counting)

Second Collection Next Weekend March 26 and 27 For Catholic Relief Services



Next weekend March 26 and 27 we will take up a Second Collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this Collection provide food to the

hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next weekend, please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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Sunday, April 10, 2022
9:00am
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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.

NOTA BENE: Dispensation On Friday, March 25

Bishop O'Connell has reminded the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton that this year the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord falls on a Friday of Lent and therefore on that day the usual Lenten fast/abstinence on a Friday is dispensed. An alternative act of penance is recommended and may be substituted that day.

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!



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