

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

March 27, 2022 | Fourth 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.

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.



Pray for Peace in Ukraine

LENT

A SEASON
OF RENEWAL

PARISH OFFICE

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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 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

Monday, March 28

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† Victor Costello	Grandchildren Cristina & Michael
7:00 PM † Pedro Manuel Bencosme	Patricia Bencosme
† Dale Mainberger	Loving Family

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 AM † Carol Shimko	Angela Pfeiffer
† Anna Marie Cattelona	Russo Family

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 AM † Joe Agresto	Wife & Children
† Robert J. Collins II	

Thursday, March 31

8:00 AM † For All the Deceased Souls in Russia & Ukraine	Sheeba Antony
† Jack Levy	Russo Family

Friday, April 1

8:00 AM † Keith Bradley	Pat, Anne Marie & Michael Thayer
† Regina DeMasi	Pat, Anne Marie & Michael Thayer

12:15 PM † Souls in Purgatory

5:30 PM † Deceased Children of Ukraine and Worldwide

Saturday, April 2

8:00 AM † Anne Elizabeth Feeney	
† Conrad Russo	Family
4:00 PM † Anthony Chiafullo	John & Deborah Perri and Family
† Joe Sorrentino	JoAnn & Family
5:30 PM † Mary Lu Pingitore	Pingitore Family
† Jack Levy	Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, April 3

7:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Carolyn Kuz	Linda Tanchak & Anna DeSouza
† Julia Feeney	
10:00 AM † Dr. Reginald Farrar	Mary Farrar
† Jo-Ann D'Apolito	Joanne & Frank Buono
12:00 PM † Rev. William Halbing	
† Enzo Landi	Greca Family
4:00 PM † George Dudas	Fred & Janice Carr
† John & Yolanda Cole	Farmer & Cole Family
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Dale Mainberger, requested by his loving family.

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



“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.

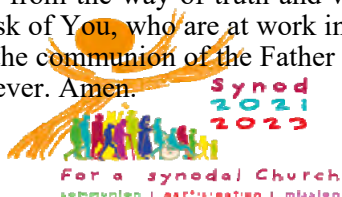
So we are “modifying the menu” but not the fundamental concept of Soup & Salad this year. Instead of the home-made soups and home-made salads and other simple, minimal supper items that have been prepared and then served family-style and buffet-style in past years, this year we will offer coffee, tea,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

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

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

Please keep this parish and worldwide 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.



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.
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, April 13 at 12:00 Noon (in the Prayer Garden at the San Alfonso Retreat House) 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.



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!

***Pastor's Note.** Pope Francis led the world in prayer as he consecrated Russia and Ukraine and all humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this past Friday the 25th. Our Bishop David O'Connell at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton and the priests and people of our parish at a Mass here at St. Michael's at 12:15 on Friday took part in the consecration by uniting with the Pope and the world in prayer at the same hour. The Pope's purpose was and is to have the world join him in the prayer for peace and in the consecration and entrustment of Russia and of Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The consecration of Russia was part of the message that the Catholic Church believes to have been conveyed by the Blessed Mother to three shepherd children at Fatima in 1917. In the text of Pope Francis' prayer of consecration, a key passage for many observers reads: "Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine." Excerpted in part from The Trenton Monitor at <https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/Default/Rotator/Article/Bishop-to-join-Pope-Francis-clergy-worldwide-in-consecrating-Russia-and-Ukraine-to-Mary/-3/276/30218>. The complete text of the Holy Father's Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary follows below. Our Lady Queen of peace, pray for us.*



Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to

Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

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Queen of Heaven, restore God's
Eliminate hatred and the thirst
givenness. Free us from war, pro-
of nuclear weapons. Queen of
need to pray and to love. Queen
ple the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for
O Mother, may your sorrowful
May the tears you shed for us
hatred blossom anew. Amid the
prayer turn our thoughts to
soothe those who suffer and flee
your motherly embrace comfort
and their native land. May your
compassion and inspire us to
our brothers and sisters who are

Holy Mother of God, as you
seeing the disciple at your side,
19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "Fiat", on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope", water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
Bishop to join Pope Francis, clergy worldwide in consecrating Russia and Ukraine to Mary
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., will celebrate the 12:10 p.m. Mass in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton, Friday, March 25, at which time he will unite in prayer with the Holy Father as he consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
All are welcome to attend.
Bishop O'Connell has also invited the priests of the Diocese of Trenton to join in the consecration in their parishes March 25.
Both Masses will be livestreamed on youtube.com/trentondiocese. For reporting on these events and ongoing coverage of the war against Ukraine, visit TrentonMonitor.com/Ukrainian-crisis. To donate to Church-sponsored Ukrainian relief efforts, click [HERE](https://TrentonMonitor.com/Ukraine-relief) or visit TrentonMonitor.com/Ukraine-relief.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
Bishop to celebrate Mass for Peace in Ukraine
The people of war-torn Ukraine will be remembered by the faithful in the Diocese of Trenton March 31 when Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., celebrates a Mass for Peace in Ukraine at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph Church part of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Keyport.
St. Joseph Church is located at 376 Maple Place, Keyport.

peace to the world.

for revenge, and teach us for-
tect our world from the menace
the Rosary, make us realize our
of the Human Family, show peo-

our world.

plea stir our hardened hearts.
make this valley parched by our
thunder of weapons, may your
peace. May your maternal touch
from the rain of bombs. May
those forced to leave their homes
Sorrowful Heart move us to
open our doors and to care for
injured and cast aside.

stood beneath the cross, Jesus,
said: "Behold your son" (Jn

2022 Lenten Soup for the Soul Series
San Alfonso Retreat House
 755 Ocean Ave • Long Branch, NJ • 07740
Last Night! - - March 29
6:00 – 8:30 P.M.
\$25 per Evening

*Looking for some spiritual nourishment this Lent?
 Come to our Lenten Soup for the Soul Evenings
 this March!*

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

Tuesday, March 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
visit
www.sanalfonso retreats.org



There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on March 31.*

The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!

**First Friday Mass *In Latin* at 12:15 P.M. and
 Eucharistic Adoration on April 1**

First Friday Mass *in Latin* will be celebrated on April 1 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated (in English) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, April 1 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Latin Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.

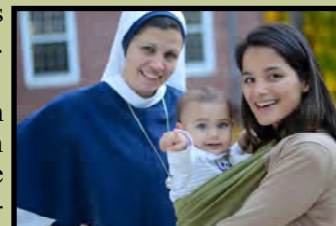


The Sisters of Life to Visit St. Michael's; Next Weekend of April 2-3, 2022

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 2nd and 3rd. During this visit the Sisters will:

- Speak at all ten of our Masses on: the Gospel of Life; the dignity of the human person made in the image and likeness of God; respect for all human life; the **MIRACLE** of human life; that **God chose you** and that **God chose for all persons** to exist and to live; that the Sisters of Life have the vocation and the ability to assist and to support those in need in protecting human life; the story of the founding of the Sisters' community in 1991, the community's unique growth and thriving in a hostile world, and its vital and successful work; and that the Sisters of Life have taken a solemn religious vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of every human life acknowledging the goodness of every person and upholding the dignity and worth of each person created from and for God's great love.
- Conduct classroom visits with our Sunday-session CCD students and share with them the Sisters' stories of growing up in the Catholic faith and living-out the faith.
- Be available for one-to-one conversations or counseling sessions for those who may have a need or desire for conversation, advice, support, prayer. These conversations will take place outdoors (weather permitting) in the parish's gazebo rose garden adjacent to the rectory following each Mass; in the event of inclement weather, these conversations will be in the Lower Church.
- Meet with the college students of Monmouth University's Catholic Campus Ministry for their Sunday 7:00 p.m. on-campus Mass with Fr. Mark and for fellowship and conversation following that Mass.

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.



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

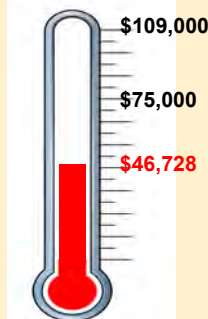


KNOW HIM

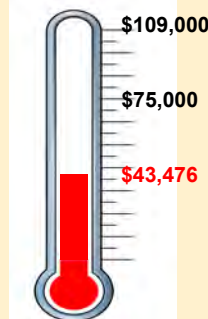


Parish Goal = \$109,000

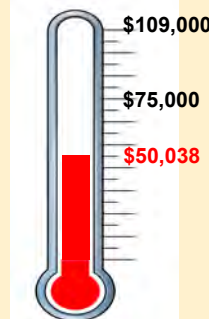
2020
After Four
Weekends



2021
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2022
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Weekends



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 four weekends is substantially ahead of our parish’s total after four weekends both in 2021 and 2020. Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. ***Together we can do great things!***

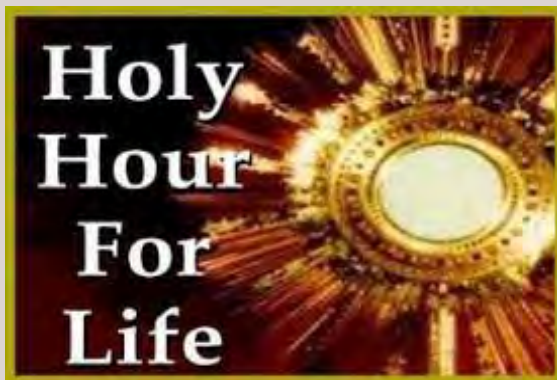
*This \$50,038 figure is approximately 46% of our parish goal. It was received during the fourth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of March 22) from 130 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 5.3% of the 2,468 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 Friday, April 1st at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.*** Please note the early starting time of 6:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, April 1 in order to allow for the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross. 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.

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

Requested By

Quantity

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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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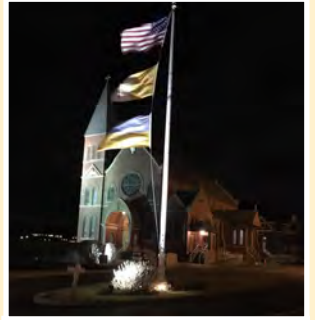
Total Donation: \$_____

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

The Parish's and the Community's Aid for Ukraine Continues....Thank You!



Gratitude is expressed once again to the many members of the parish and the community who have continued to provide financial aid and humanitarian aid for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. The total dollar amount received here to date for Ukraine aid has grown to \$29,000 during the past week. The medical supplies and other donated supplies received at St. Michael's were transported to the central warehouse (please see the accompanying photos) and are on their way to Lviv, Ukraine. In addition, earlier this week parishioner Donna Clay and her son Andrew brought to St. Michael's 150 first aid kits that were purchased with financial support of the Long Branch School Employees Association through a grant program of the NJEA. *Thank you to everyone for all of these efforts!* Plans will be announced for a follow-up drive at St. Michael's next month to receive additional humanitarian aid supplies (most likely to be narrowed down to high priority medical and first aid items) for Ukraine. St. Michael, St. Stephen, and our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for peace in Ukraine. And pray for us.



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT MONMOUTH HOSTS BEFORE I DO

Learn how to
prepare now for
lasting joy in
Catholic Marriage!

RETREAT FOR
YOUNG ADULTS



Sunday, April 10, 2022
9:00am
Church of St. Anselm
Tinton Falls, NJ



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

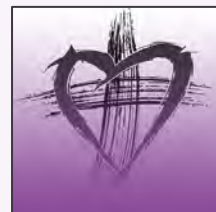
Reservations: RSVP by Thursday, March 31, 2022 by calling Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145. Please provide number of guests, names, contact phone numbers.

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.



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 6

Kevin Epperson

Week 7

Richie Thomas

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

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.

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
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)
First Confessions	Saturday, March 26, 2022 9:30 a.m.
Holy Hour for Vocations	Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:00 p.m.
First Friday	Friday, April 1, 2022 (12:15 Mass in Latin, Eucharistic Adoration 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Mass in English at 5:30 p.m., Confessions 12:45 to 1:15 and 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Sisters of Life Parish Visit	Weekend of April 2-3, 2022 (See Page 6 for details)
Rosary Altar Society Lenten Day of Reflection San Alfonso Retreat House	Thursday, April 7, 2022
Stations of the Cross Led by Students of Monmouth University's Catholic Campus Ministry	Friday, April 8, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Parents' Baptism Preparation Class	Saturday, April 9, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 10, 2022
Easter	Sunday, April 17, 2022
Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday, April 24, 2022
May Crowning of Mary	Sunday, May 8, 2022
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 7, 2022

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, March 19, 2022

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,721.00	142 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$579.00	47 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$737.00	44 people

Sunday, March 20, 2022

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,528.00	67 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,474.00	100 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,731.00	137 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,377.00	123 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,040.00	98 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$250.00	29 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$386.00	81 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the March 20 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,698.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,521.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$13,280.00

Annual Catholic Appeal (cash and checks; omitting pledge cards): \$1,720.00

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!

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



This 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. This weekend, please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

Student-Led Stations of the Cross

LED BY CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8
7:00 P.M.**

At St. Michael's Church

CONTACT CRISTINA AT CDAVERSO@MONMOUTH.EDU



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the parish's Catholic Center at 16 Beechwood Avenue, West Long Branch. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

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