

He is Risen, Alleluia!

St. Michael's Church

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 4, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS*

Saturday, April 3

8:00 PM † John O'Brien
(11th Anniversary) Noreen O'Sullivan
People of the Parish

Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunday)

6:00 AM † Rosa Alba Stranieri (**Church Courtyard**)
7:00 AM † Marie Albano Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
† Charles Murrin Theresa
† Joseph Welter Family
8:30 AM † Bernie Boglioli Audrey Boglioli
* 10:00 AM † Harold J. & Julia R. Loving Children Michael,
Bowman Joe & AnneMarie
Special Intention: Pro-Life Vincent Lepore
Movement
12:00 PM † Abbot Gerard Lair, O.S.B. (**Upper Church**)
12:00 PM People of the Parish (**Football Stadium**)
5:00 PM † Patty Chavez

Monday, April 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano Loving Family
Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico
Special Intention: Heaning Linda Heaning
Family Thanksgiving for Blessings Russo Family
7:00 PM † Deacon James Kelly

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 AM Special Intention: Cristian Ana Rodrigues & Family
Rodrigues
† Richard Savare

Wednesday, April 7

8:00 AM † Catherine Cassidy

* All Masses listed on this page will be celebrated indoors in the Upper Church with the exception of (a) the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass which are celebrated (weather permitting) in the parish's North Parking Lot and live-streamed via the parish website www.stmichaelnj.com and the parish's YouTube channel and (b) the Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass at 6:00 a.m. outdoors on the church courtyard and the Easter Sunday 12:00 Noon Mass at the Long Branch High School Football Stadium.

Thursday, April 8

8:00 AM † Angelo D'Amico Tom Viggiano

Friday, April 9

8:00 AM † George Sperling, Jr. Thayers
† Danny Mellaci Thayers
† Conrad Russo Wife

Saturday, April 10

8:00 AM † Mark Russo Family
10:00 AM Mass of Remembrance: (**Parking Lot**)
† The COVID-19 Deceased
* 4:00 PM † Diane Salge Camille Doronin
† John Arbia Barbara Ruscel
† Anthony Chiaffullo John & Deborah Perri
† Mary Lu Pingitore Pingitore Family
5:30 PM Special Intention: Dr. Guido Joan & Robert Chiarello
Dalgagni
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 11

7:00 AM † Paul D'Angelo Paul & Agnes D'Angelo
† Anthony F. Russo Mark & Dana Viggiano
8:30 AM † George Arvantis Audrey Boglioli
† John Caruso Donna & Billy Schmidt
* 10:00 AM † Sister Patricia Charles Bazaz & Friends
O'Donnell, OP
† Renee Bazaz
† Maria Cruz Arce
12:00 PM † Joseph C. Olivadoti Ann Olivadoti & Family
† John Michael Caruso Mel & Helene Woda
7:00 PM People of the Parish
† Florence McLane Roberts Family

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



The Blessed Mother and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week in prayer for the nurses, doctors, healthcare workers, family members, and friends who are caring for and treating COVID-19 patients; for their own health and safety; and for their courage, professionalism, and love.

EASTER WEEKEND 2021

HOLY SATURDAY#

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:20 AM - 8:50 AM Confessions
12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (*outdoors at courtyard*)
8:00 PM Great Easter Vigil Mass†

EASTER SUNDAY#

6:00 AM Mass at Sunrise at **Parish Courtyard** (*outdoors weather permitting; otherwise in Upper Church*) †
7:00 AM Mass*
8:30 AM Mass*
10:00 AM Mass† *Parking Lot Mass*
12:00 PM Mass*- *Upper Church*
12:00 PM Mass ☺ - *at Long Branch High School Football Stadium*
5:00 PM Mass*

§ Two priests hearing Confessions.

❖ Three priests hearing Confessions.

No scheduled Confessions on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday except as listed here. Additional times for scheduled Confessions are highlighted in **GREEN** in this announcement. For an urgent penitential need, please speak to the priest celebrant after Mass or phone the parish office.

† There will be hot cross buns at the Church Courtyard after this Mass.

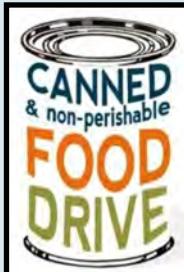
* There will be **one Mass** at this hour; this Mass in the Upper Church will be simulcast to the TV monitor in the Lower Church.

☺ Live-Stream available at parish website.

☺ The 12:00 Noon Easter Sunday Mass at the football stadium will not be live-streamed but will be available in a delayed recording on the parish website beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday.



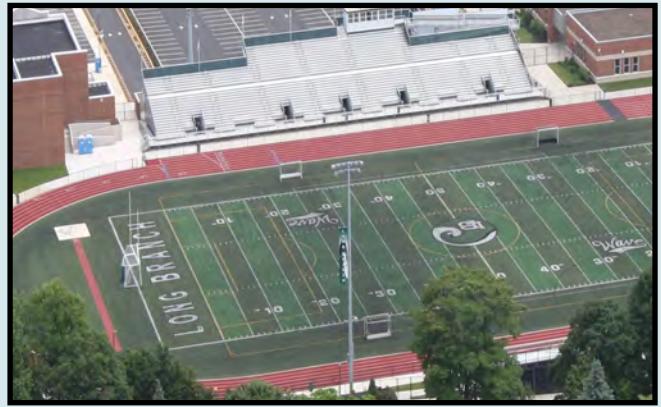
Canned Food Drive at Easter Sunday 12:00 P.M. Mass at Long Branch High School Football Stadium



All who attend our Easter Sunday 12:00 p.m. Mass outdoors at the Long Branch High School football stadium are asked to bring with them a donation of one or two cans of non-perishable food which will be collected by volunteers of the St. Vincent dePaul Society (SVDP) in drop-off bins at the stadium entrances prior to the Mass. The canned food will be distributed to the needy in the community at the next monthly SVDP food pantry at St. Michael's Church on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Thank you for your kindness and generosity and for your support of this Easter Sunday Canned Food Drive.



Instead of an Easter Egg Hunt our Easter Mass at the Football Stadium will be followed by distribution of a "grab-and-go" bag of Easter candy with an Easter Egg for all children 8 years of age and younger.



Divine Mercy Sunday: April 11, 2021



From the diary of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun, "Divine Mercy" is a special devotion that began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition ~ that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. With the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone. The Lord revealed to Sister Faustina a powerful prayer which He wanted everyone to pray ~THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY~ and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it.

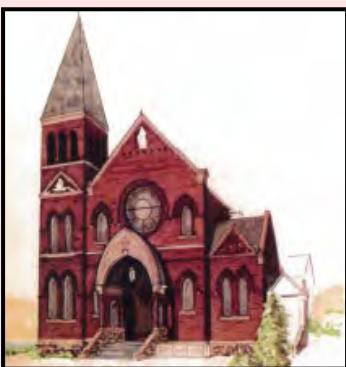
Join us on Sunday, April 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Saint Michael's Church for the praying of this special devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday. Confessions will be available from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Mass of Remembrance for the Covid Deceased of the Long Branch and West Long Branch Communities: Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Parking Lot

The Roman Catholic parishes of Long Branch and West Long Branch invite all to attend a Mass of Remembrance for the COVID-19 Deceased of our repose of their souls, for the consolation and gratitude for the care they received ones, and for perseverance, courage, continue toward the end of the pandemic.

The Mass of Remembrance will be a.m. outdoors in the parking lot of St. Michael's Church at 800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch.

The Mass will be bilingual in English and Spanish and concelebrated by the priests of Christ the King, Lady Star of the Sea, and Holy Trinity, Lady of Hope Parishes, St. Rose of Lima's Church and Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Communion will be distributed at the conclusion of the Mass to all the well-faithful in their cars.



two communities. We will pray for the repose of their families and friends, in from health care providers and loved ones, and strength as we and all the world continue toward the end of the pandemic.

on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the parking lot of St. Michael's Church at 800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber



Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.

Available at americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/02/coronavirus-prayer. *Kerry Weber is an executive editor of America.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MASS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

Weekend Outdoor Parking Lot

In-Car Masses *

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

- Communion distributed in cars at end of Mass.
- Tune your radio to 92.1 FM.
- Live-stream available at parish website and You Tube.
- If inclement weather occurs, the priest/celebrant and Eucharistic Ministers will re-locate to the Upper Church and in that case the church will be open in limited numbers to the public during these Parking Lot Masses.

Schedule of Confessions

- Monday through Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- Monday Night: after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday: after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

 All of the Confession times listed above are conducted indoors in the sanctuary near the St. Joseph Altar. Weather permitting in the event of unseasonably mild temperatures on a given day, the priest-celebrant of the Mass preceding Confessions may elect to move the Confession location outdoors to the north portico of the church; and if that is the case, the priest-celebrant (and confessor) will announce that change of location at the conclusion of Mass.

Weekend Public In-Church Masses

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.

Weekday Public In-Church Masses

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Monday Night at 7:00 p.m.

Church Building Hours For Private Prayer

- These hours are subject to change for funerals, weddings, and other special occasions.
- Monday through Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Monday: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (before and after Monday evening's 7:00 p.m. Mass)
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (before and after Saturday morning's 8:00 a.m. Mass) and 5:00 to 5:30 and 6:45 to 7:00 before the 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Vigil Masses, respectively.
- Sunday: 6:30 a.m. until conclusion at 8:00 a.m. of the Confessions following the 7:00 a.m. Mass when the church will be closed to allow for sanitizing/cleaning before re-opening for the 8:30 a.m. Mass. And 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (respectively, before and after the Sunday 12:00 Noon and Sunday evening 7:00 p.m. Masses).

U.S. Bishops' Statement on Moral Concerns with Using the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine

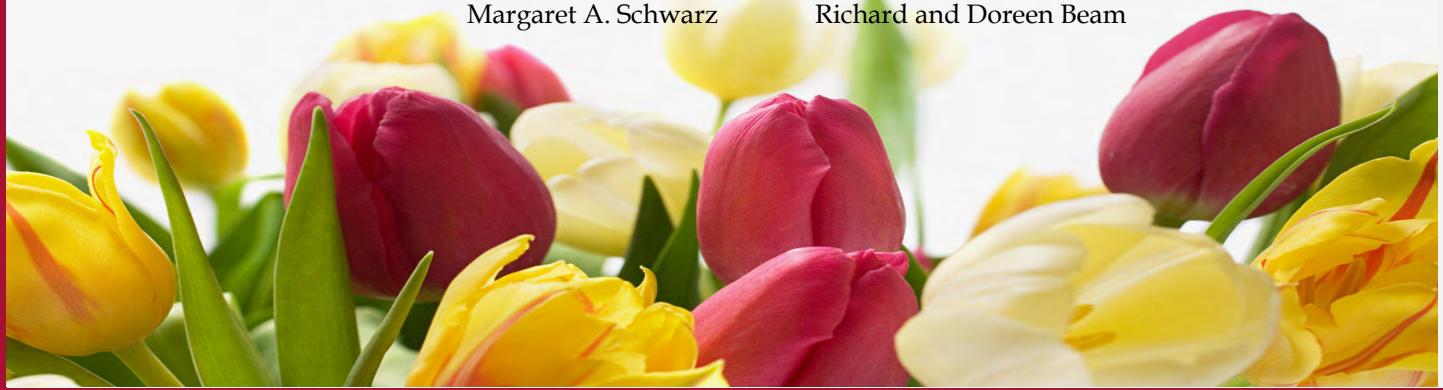


The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a Statement on March 2, 2021 regarding moral concerns with using the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine. The Statement may be accessed at the parish website www.stmichaelnj.com. The Statement says in part, "if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's." The moral concern arises because the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was developed and tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines. The USCCB Statement also quotes the judgment of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican that "when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available...it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19

vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in [the company's] research and production process."

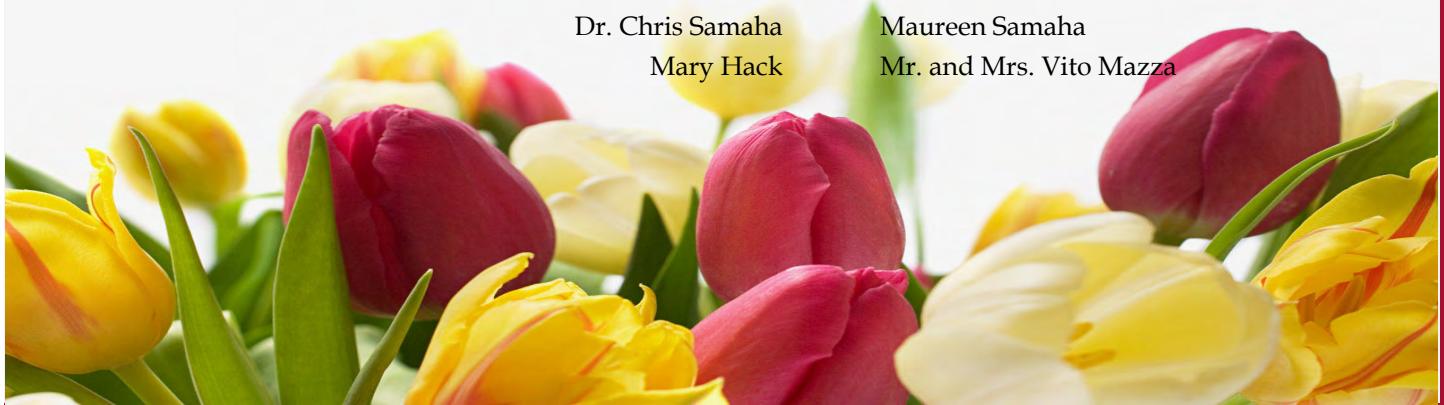
Easter Flowers 2021

Elizabeth Carr
Thomas and Jeraldine Traxler
Clarke (Pete) and Janice Brintnal
Buddy Mandeville
Barbara Sciarrillo
Robert Hindman, Jr.
Dr. Francisco Javier Campos Escalante
Maria Elena Torres de Campos
M. "Sonny" Ciaglia
Harold and Julia Bowman
Hoagland and Serritella Families
Dominic and Ann Scaglione
Diana Feldman
Ted Smith
Fr. Russell Abata C.Ss.R.
The Albano Family
The D'Angelo Family
Driscoll, Crean and Coats Families
Mary Lu Pingitore
Frank P. Pingitore
Anna A. Pingitore
Rose and Frank Notaro
Nina and Bill Simonelli
Olympia and Santo Mazza
Frank and Josephine Grimaldi
Anthony and Nettie Dudick
Deceased Members of the Ferri Family
Deceased Members of the Sconza Family
Michael Wrubel
Carmen and Lena Penta
Raymond F. Woolley
Margaret A. Schwarz
Janice, Fred, Kathleen and Isabel Carr
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Brett, Casey and Riley
Hindman and Sciarrillo Family
Hindman Family
Bergrud Family
Bergrud Family
Anthony Ciaglia
Michael, Joe and AnnMarie
Vicki and Tom Hoagland
Paul, Carmel, and Carly Smith
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Lorraine Szwalek
Mr. and Mrs. Paul D'Angelo
Mr. and Mrs. Paul D'Angelo
Barbara and John Coats
Frank, Marianne, Marissa, Brian, Matt,
Matt, Maddie Lu, Derek and Carina
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Matt, Maddie Lu, Derek and Carina
Rosanna and James Simonelli
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Pat and Fran Grimaldi
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Dr. and Mrs. Donald Ferri
Dr. and Mrs. Donald Ferri
Wife Maria and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Penta
Richard and Doreen Beam
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Frances and Angelo Cieri
Ralph and Josephine Celli
Patricia C. Juliano
Pistilli and Meluso Families
Joseph Conte
The Patten Family
Barbara McCarthy
Joseph McCarthy
Mary Santi
Deceased Members of the Maher Family
Deceased Members of the Welter Family
John Anthony Kmecz
Kathryn Kellam Ross
Deceased Members of the Cassidy Family
Sal and Madeline Tucci
J. Russell and Helen Woolley
Frank Vasfailo III
Living and Deceased Members of the Brignola Family
Living and Deceased Members of the Moutenot Family
James R. and Honor P. Darden
The Barham and Rogers Families
Helen Murphy
Patrick and Delia Sheridan
Alexandria Arce
Jose Bagagem
Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Inverso
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pawlak Jr.
Deceased Members of the Boehles Family
Deceased Members of the Heimbold Family
Michels Sisters
Margaret and William Jacobs
Arthur Jacobs
Geraldine and William Beuther
Dr. Chris Samaha
Mary Hack
George and Mary Catherine
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fiore
Mr. and Mrs. John Pistilli
Patricia Conte
Patricia Conte
Danielle Holobinko
Danielle Holobinko
Danielle Holobinko
Family
Family
John Kmecz
Mom and Dad
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cassidy
Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Tucci
Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Tucci
Love Mom and Dad
Jack and Rene Brignola
Jack and Rene Brignola
Marianne Darden
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barham
Nancy Murphy
Nancy Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Arce
Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Arce
Judy and Joe Pawlak
Judy and Joe Pawlak
Jeanne Boehles
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Richard and Shirley Jacobs
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Mr. and Mrs. William Beuther
Maureen Samaha
Mr. and Mrs. Vito Mazza



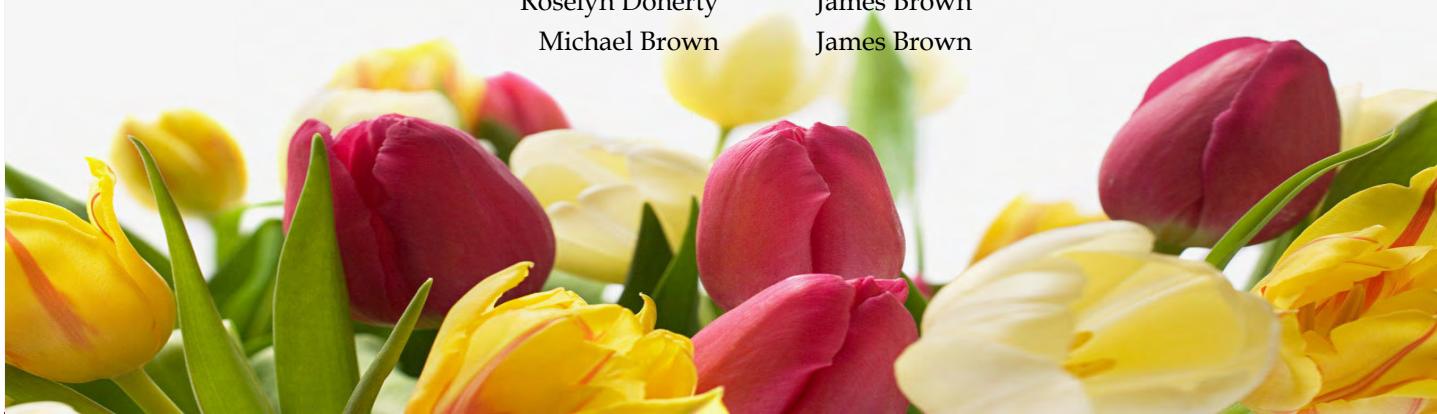
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Theresa Farrell
Frances M. Guminak
The Thorne and Cannon Families
Mary Ellen Harrington
James Harrington
Family
John and Lucie Guire
Our Grandparents
William and Rose Haas
Leo and Iva Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Renzell Sr.
Deceased Members of the Fox and Gartland Families
Peter and Susie Falvo
Frances McKenna
James Ducharme, Sr.
Jean Rost
Katherine Millzar
John "Jack" Gulick
Robert Gouley
Daniel Anthony Mellaci
Nancy Ruotolo
Nicholas Ruotolo
Thomas Serra
Rose Orrico
Tony Orrico
Deceased Members of the Gomes Family
Deceased Members of the Ribeiro Family
George Blasko, Jr.
Natalie Blasko
George Blasko, Sr.
Stella Mudryk
Anna Blasko
Rory Mafi
Rose Mary Przybyla Miller and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Vito Mazza
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stein
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thorne
Kathleen Harrington
Kathleen Harrington
Mr. and Mrs. Felix Foggia
Yvonne Guire
Colowita and Katz Families
Mr. and Mrs. William Haas
Mr. and Mrs. William Haas
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Renzell
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fox
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Falvo
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Falvo
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mazza
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mazza
Robert Farrell
Ellen Gulick
Ellen Gulick
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mellaci
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Becker
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Becker
Dolores Serra
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Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Gomes
Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Gomes
Chelsea Blasko Baetz
Kathleen Miller



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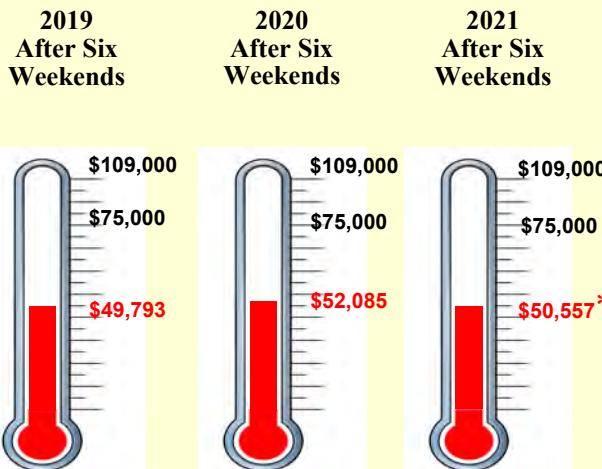
Walter and Mary Przybyla and Family	Kathleen Miller
Msgr. Paul Bradley	Kathleen Miller
Theoharis and Sarames Families	Kathleen Miller
R. Maguire and Family	Kathleen Miller
John and Nora Shaw	William Shaw
Clifford A. and Eugenia Young	William Shaw
Clifford J. Young	William Shaw
Thomas E. Shaw	William Shaw
Conrad, Mark and Danielle Russo Russo	Catherine Russo
Nicholas and Eleanor Cattelona	Catherine Russo
Ronald Cattelona	Catherine Russo
Nicholas Cattelona, Jr.	Catherine Russo
Deceased Members of the Russo Family	Catherine Russo
Josephine Grimaldi	Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Massaro
Joseph DiMaggio	Perry DiMaggio
Pop-Pop	Mr. and Mrs. David Riebe
Connie and Jim Buckley	Patricia Tucker
George Vienott	Patricia Tucker
Rita Walsh	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koar
Rose Bolan	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koar
Dorothy Koar	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koar
Mickey Bolan	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koar
May Walsh	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koar
Josephine Potter	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koar
John A. Cole, Glenda Cole and Family	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farmer
Peter and Catherine Farmer and Family	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farmer
Patrick and Jane Farmer and Family	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farmer
John and Mary Schenone and Family	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farmer
Cathy Brown	James Brown
Mr. and Mrs. James F. Brown, Sr.	James Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schultz	James Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Karl DeVoe	James Brown
Roselyn Doherty	James Brown
Michael Brown	James Brown



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.



Parish Goal = \$109,000



The three “thermometers” above compare our parish’s 2019 vs. 2020 vs. 2021 results-to-date in the Annual Catholic Appeal. This year’s total after six weekends is good but lower than our parish’s total after six weekends in 2020 though slightly higher than our five-week total in 2019. Thank you! **Together we can do great things!**

*This \$50,557 figure is approximately 46.4% of our parish goal. It was received as of the sixth weekend of the campaign (tallied as of March 29) from 224 pledgers or check-writing contributors (and many unidentified, unquantified cash contributors) all of whom comprise approximately 7.7% of the 2,899 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.



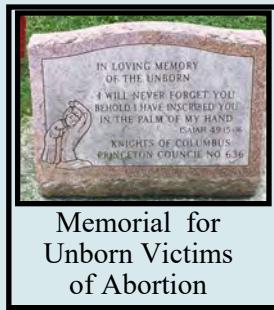
THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021 **IN ACTION!**

1. HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS THE TRENTON DIOCESE HELP OTHERS:

Evangelization-Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be His disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift to the Annual Appeal promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.

2. HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH HERE AT HOME:



Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Monday, April 5. The office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6. Mass will be celebrated at the regular times on Monday, April 5 at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Confessions on Monday, April 5 will be heard at the usual times after the morning Mass until 9:00 a.m. and after the 7:00 evening Mass until 8:00 p.m.



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass	\$2,583.00	156 Cars
5:30 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$544.00	53 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$412.00	27 People

Sunday, March 28, 2021

7:00 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$1,072.00	61 People
8:30 AM Public In-Church Mass	\$1,775.00	79 People
10:00 AM Parking Lot Mass	\$3,025.00	109 Cars
12:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$1,052.00	131 People
7:00 PM Public In-Church Mass	\$836.00	134 People

Mailed-in Envelopes for the March 28 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$3,046.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,345.00

Same Week Last Year's Total: \$9,311.00

Annual Catholic Appeal: \$1,692.00

Please continue your financial support of your parish during the COVID-19 situation by: mailing Sunday collection envelopes to the parish business office; dropping-off Sunday collection envelopes in the rectory mailbox at any time; or by means of online Faith Direct.net where the St. Michael's parish identification code is NJ319. *Thank you very much. And God bless.*

Online Giving

Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Michael's Church. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collection. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Please sign up today by visiting faithdirect.net. Our parish code is NJ319. Thank You.

**Saint Jerome PTA
Gift Auction
CELEBRATING
40 Years
2021**

**Saturday, April 17th from 8am - 12:30pm
Sunday, April 18th from 12pm - 4:30pm**

at Saint Jerome School • 250 Wall St, West Long Branch • Sister Angelina Pelliccia Hall

Each guest can sign up for a one-hour time slot (select times on 4/17 or 4/18) to view the gift baskets and drop tickets for a chance to win wonderful prizes.

www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2021

No more than 50 people will be allowed in the school at the same time, masks are required, and please maintain social distancing.

PRIZE LEVELS	Approx. Values	Choose from 3 ticket packages at check in:
LARGE: \$100-\$200 value	• \$50 Package: includes 25 large, 4 super and 5 mega	
SUPER: \$200-\$400 value	• \$100 Package: includes 50 large, 10 super, and 10 mega	
MEGA: \$400+ value	• \$200 Package: Includes 50 large, 44 super and 21 mega	

Individual tickets will also be available for purchase, as well as the \$1,000 Shopping Spree Tickets, Mystery Prize Tickets and 50/50 Raffle. Acceptable forms of payment will be cash, Venmo and credit card. No checks will be accepted.

Winning tickets will be pulled during a livestream drawing for all guests to watch on **Sunday, April 18th, 2021 at 6:00pm**

Please see reverse side for more detailed information.
For questions contact Inez Bruno: 732-539-6597 or email: inezbruno@icloud.com

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat
for adult children of divorce or separation

Come for a better understanding of the wounds caused by your family's breakdown, and how to heal from them

Hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen, NJ

April 17 & 24. 9 am - 12:30 pm

Virtual, with an in-person Mass on May 1

*Spots reserved for NJ residents until 3.17, then open to all

Register online at <https://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce>

Pastor's Note: *Eagles Up is a parish ministry dedicated to supporting U.S. military troops stationed overseas. The Eagles Up volunteers – among other activities – gather supplies such as toiletries, toothpaste and toothbrushes, batteries, soap and shampoo, socks and t-shirts, bug spray, breakfast cereal, candy, snacks, and the like and ship those supplies to the servicemen and servicewomen at their bases and on their ships. Donations of those supplies and monetary donations to cover the shipping costs are always welcome. The shipping costs are substantial and the Government neither covers nor subsidizes those costs. Toni Seinfeld is the coordinator of the Eagles Up ministry at St. Michael's and she can be reached at toniseinfeld@gmail.com. Toni frequently receives thank you notes (such as the ones below) expressing gratitude for the care packages sent from back home in the U.S. Please consider supporting Eagles Up in its work. And please pray for the U.S. troops overseas....for their safety and health and in gratitude for their service and sacrifices.*



THANK YOU FROM AFGHANISTAN

Hello Toni,
Hope you are doing well.. I'm doing ok....just been missing my kids....I'm definitely ready to be back. Unfortunately I'll still be here at least until mid-April or so....just waiting for a few things to fall in place here. Everyone loves the packages you send, we all greatly appreciate it. It is difficult with the base covid lock down. We have been deployed over a year now. We are so grateful when your boxes arrive. We would appreciate them, but I understand if you cannot send them. We do have a special request if possible....flavored creamers and k-cups.

Thank you so much Toni!! God Bless!!

Toni,

My team in Afghanistan received a few boxes from you and we are all very thankful for all the items you sent. It is important to know that we have support from home. Please accept this heart felt thank you for everything you do to support the deployed military members.

Thank you
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Toni,

Another box stuffed with goodies and supplies arrived today! Thank you SO much. We have everything out for the troops to come and pick up. I wish I could send you everyone of the smiles I have seen today. I gave the black Lenten booklets to our Catholic Priest and he will be distributing them this evening at Mass. He asked me to thank you for them. Please thank the children for the lovely cards and letters. The troops are far from their families but hearing from the children is comforting. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings,
Chaplain

Grace and Peace to You This Day,

We have 7 Chaplains and 7 Religious Affairs Airmen serving a very large base population. While I can't give you numbers due to Operational Security I can tell you that we have a very large population of male and female personnel working long hours on their deployments. So any donations that you send our way will be distributed through the chapel as well as through the unit resiliency rooms. We hear such great feedback from folks of how much they appreciate the simplest snack or toiletry or note from back home. Definitely helps with morale and keeping their spirits up.

And thank you for praying for us and for all of our military, as well as their families back home. May the Lord richly bless you and your friends/volunteers who continue to show such great love and support.

Grace and Peace to you this day,
Chaplain Rick



Baptism Preparation Class

The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the **Upper** Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to six sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns, and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021	<i>Commenced February 21; Ongoing</i>
Easter Sunday	<i>Sunday, April 4, 2021</i>
Parish Business Office Closed	<i>Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Monday, April 5</i>
Inter-Parish (Cohort 17) Mass of Remembrance for the COVID-19 Deceased of Long Branch and West Long Branch Communities	<i>Saturday, April 10, 2021 10:00 a.m. (outdoors at St. Michael's Parking Lot)</i>
Divine Mercy Sunday	<i>Sunday, April 11, 2021 2:30 p.m.</i>
Baptism Preparation Class	<i>Saturday, April 17 11:00 a.m.</i>
First Holy Communion	<i>Saturday, May 8, 2021</i>

NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF

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Our Lady of Hope Parish (www.ladyofhopeparish.org)
The St. Jerome School Fashion Show is Saturday & Sunday, April 17 and 18 at St. Jerome School
If interested in attending or supporting please call the school at 732-222-8686 for more information.

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

The Easter season spans the days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (50 days). Each week one group will meet on Thursdays, from 1pm to 2:30 pm in Holy Trinity Church. We will follow in Jesus' footsteps to visit and learn about places that were important in Jesus' life in the Holy Land. We will explore these hallowed places with the sacred texts associated with the life of Christ. Here we can imagine Jesus teaching with his disciples at his side as they visit villages, mountainsides, and places we hear about in the Bible. Judith Garafine and Deacon Somma will facilitate the group. Questions?? Email Deacon Somma at deaconsomma@yahoo.com.

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

Mass of Remembrance for the COVID-19 Deceased of Long Branch and West Long Branch Communities on Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. Mass will be held outdoors at St. Michael's Parking Lot. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 5:30 Vigil Mass; Call for New Volunteers

**Saturday
5:30
Mass**

A Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (indoors in the church) went onto our regular weekly Mass schedule beginning on February 20, the first weekend of Lent. Placing this Mass on the weekly parish calendar is part of the effort at St. Michael's to return in graduated steps to our PRE-covid Mass schedule and routine.

Gratitude is extended to our Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, and other volunteers and to our parish priests and weekend visiting priests who will be participating in the celebration of this 5:30 Mass. The door is always open for new volunteers to step forward and assist with the visible and invisible work that goes into the celebration and staging of the Mass. Please call the parish office to learn more about this worthy and helpful, overlooked and underappreciated form of volunteer service to your parish and to your fellow parishioners.



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.

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Week 5

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