

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 10, 2021 | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (outdoors in the Church Parking Lot), 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

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.

REGISTRATION

To register with the parish, please call the Parish Office for information.

MARRIAGES

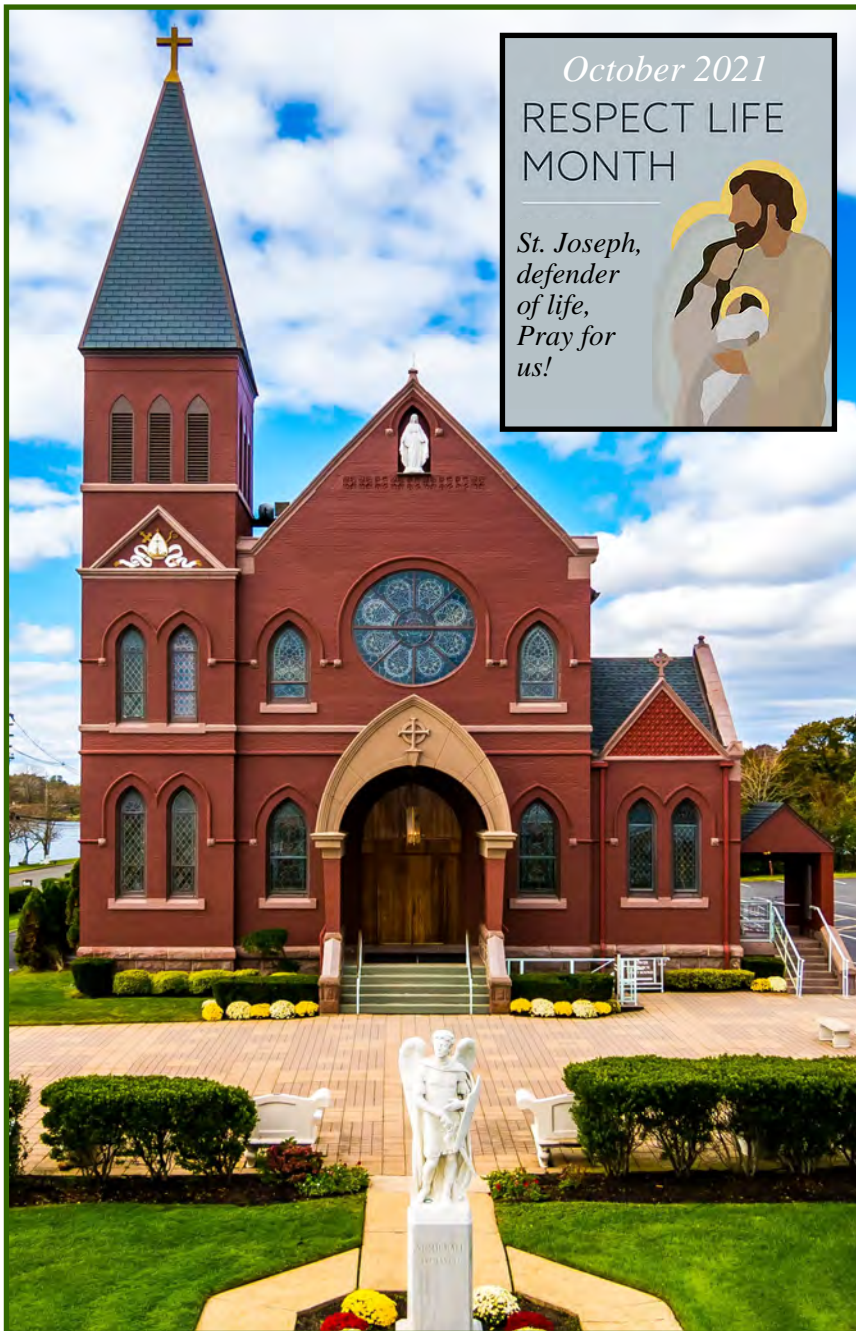
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center. All families must be registered with the parish.



October 2021
RESPECT LIFE
MONTH

*St. Joseph,
defender
of life,
Pray for
us!*



PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740
Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174
www.stmichaelnj.com

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)
Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor
Rev. Mark Nillo, Parochial Vicar
Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager
Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.
Mary Valan, Parish Secretary
Jose Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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732-483-0360 ext. 7

*Jesus said "Go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor and you will have treasures in heaven; then come, follow me."
- Mark 10:21*

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 9

8:00 AM † Thomas Viggiano	Tom Viggiano
4:00 PM † John & Yolanda Cole	Cole & Farmer Family
5:30 PM † Linda Richard	Lynam Family
† Selma Will	Richard Cero
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

Sunday, October 10

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
† Pamela Gatta	John & Joanne Durkin
8:30 AM † Janet Schroth	St. Vincent De Paul Society
† Amanda T. Rosel	Cabaddu Family
10:00 AM † Theresa Lisa	Bill & Anne Marie Lisa
† Joseph Jurasic	Bruce Crowell & Sharon Mazza
12:00 PM † Robert Torick	April Caruso
† Todd Minner	McCrae Family
† Daniel "Danny" Anthony Mellaci	
† Deceased Members of Monmouth Bar Association	
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Ann & Mary Sudak	Grogan Family

Monday, October 11

8:00 AM † Jay Filippo	Filippo Family
Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM † Deceased Nuns & Sisters of Trenton Diocese	

Tuesday, October 12

8:00 AM † George Heaning	Linda Heaning
Special Intention: Renee Mazza	Jane & Patrick Farmer

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 AM † Joseph Welter	Family
† Janet Schroth	

Thursday, October 14

8:00 AM † Joseph Di Lauro	Marina M. Kerber
† Patty Chavez	Emily & David Kaplan

Friday, October 15

8:00 AM † Rev. George D. Drexler	Tom Viggiano
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Saturday, October 16

8:00 AM † Urbano Molino	Daughter Teresa
† Daniella Russo	Grandmother & Family
4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson	Husband Dennis
† Emilia Genito Simonelli	Pasquale & Maria G. Simonelli
5:30 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † All Deceased Grandparents	

Sunday, October 17

7:00 AM † Joan Sigmond	Marian Davey
† Robert Mas	Mike Murphy
8:30 AM † Sidonia Campos	Valan Family
† Amanda T. Rosel	Cabaddu Family
10:00 AM † Peter John Szeles	Christoper & Victoria Terry
† Mary Shiro Booth	Star of the Sea 1966 Classmates
12:00 PM † Charles Mazza	The Maslo Family
† Janet Schroth	Audrey Boglioli
4:00 PM † Bert & Gerry Bolton	Tom & Jill Hoffmann
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

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





**Monmouth County
RED MASS**
Sunday, October 10, 2021
12:00 p.m.



Our parish is hosting this Sunday the 2021 Monmouth County Red Mass for judges, lawyers, and others engaged in the administration of justice and the legal profession in Monmouth County. His Excellency David M. O'Connell, C.M., will be the principal celebrant. Rev. Jeffrey E. Lee will be the homilist.



We'll be praying for all those involved in the legal system and asking the Holy Spirit to help and inspire all of us in our efforts for Justice. All are welcome to attend and participate at the Red Mass. Please join us in prayer. St. Thomas More, pray for us.

Our parish marked the approximate midway point to the next St. Patrick's Day with the celebration of the Mass in the Irish language last Sunday evening. Msgr. Harold F. Cullen (third from the left) was the principal celebrant and was joined by Frs. Butler, Jarlath Quinn, Thomas Barry, John Carroll, and Nillo along with bagpiper Michael Calahan. *Dia dhuit!*



Pets and parishioners....Parishioners and pets....gathered on the church courtyard last Saturday with Fr. Mark and Fr. John for the Annual Blessing of Pets in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis, pray for us and "make us and our pets channels of your peace!"



Diocese of Trenton



140 Years
AUGUST
1881 ~ 2021

With gratitude for all we've been given, we ask for God's continued blessings on the parishes and people of our Church family.

***Pastor's Note.** October is the month of the Holy Rosary as well as **Respect Life Month**. In our parish bulletin this week and during all the weeks of October we will include important teachings and writings of the Church on both of those subjects. Thus far in this series we have had a teaching document that was published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to help us to know and understand more fully and to live-out more effectively the teaching of our Church on respect for human life (especially the lives of the most vulnerable in the womb) and the sinfulness of abortion. The next document was an essay on "The Rosary: A Most Holy, Most Excellent, and Most Powerful Prayer" accompanied by "A Few Good Reasons for Praying the Rosary." This week we return to the **Respect Life** topic and you will find below an essay authored by our Bishop - - His Excellency David M. O'Connell, C.M. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing. Please pray the Rosary frequently if not daily. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.*

Please!!! May We All Respect Life!!!

*By David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton*

I am convinced, after 66 plus years on this earth, that all of the problems impacting us in this world of ours derive from a single root cause: the failure to "respect life in all its stages, from conception to natural death."

Abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment; acts of terror and war; escalating crime; violence and wanton killing of innocents; domestic and sexual abuse; drugs and gang crimes; the immigration crisis; poverty and inequality; discrimination and injustice; racism and hatred; breakdown of the family; blatant disregard for the environment — these are all "life issues" because they tear at the most basic obligation of every human: to respect life. Think about it for a moment.

Of all these failures to respect life, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have declared that the threat of abortion remains "our preeminent priority" because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life mentioned above. Our efforts to protect the unborn remain as important as ever, for just as the Supreme Court may allow greater latitude for state laws restricting abortion, state legislators have passed statutes not only keeping abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy but opening the door to infanticide. Additionally, abortion contaminates many other important issues by being inserted into legislation regarding immigration, care for the poor, and health care reform, and so on.

**"I HAVE COME THAT
YOU MAY HAVE LIFE
AND HAVE IT TO THE
FULL." (John 10:10)**

All human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of "women's health." Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include euthanasia and assisted suicide (sometimes falsely labelled as "death with dignity"), human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for research.

October 1 this year begins "Respect Life Month," with October 3 designated as "Respect Life Sunday" in the Catholic Church in the United States. Beginning on the weekend, all Catholics are called to celebrate our Church's commitment to respect life in all its stages. the Church invites us all to consider every means at our disposal to advocate on behalf of every human life.

To believe in God as Creator requires that we must believe that God is the author of life, all life, every life. It is not merely the logical conclusion of that belief: it is the only conclusion. And if that is what we believe; if that is the only conclusion that we can derive from our common human experience, how can anyone reasonably not respect life in all its stages?



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Bishop of Trenton

Even those who do not believe in God as Creator have to admit that respect and care for life must be the thing that differentiates us, as human beings, from everything else that exists. The survival of the human species depends on it. It is not only a religious conviction, and it is certainly that. Respect for life is a profoundly human conviction, a dictate of human reason and science that, when joined to religious faith, elevates respect for life to the level of what is truly sacred about human existence.

One need not be a philosopher or theologian or even particularly intellectual or religious to draw this conclusion. One need only to open one's eyes, to the morning, to hear another's love another to know that life is

And if one is not able to see or to hear or to grasp — for some reason — to love and to be loved is still our existence in this world.

Any Country That Accepts Abortion
Is Not Teaching Its People To Love
But To Use Violence To Get What
They Want.
— MOTHER TERESA —

draw a breath, to get out of bed in voice, to grasp another's hand, to worth living and a gift to be cherished.

Even God himself chose to take on flesh in Jesus Christ, to be born, to be loved by his family, to grow, to laugh, to cry, to make friends, to feel loneliness, to be understood by some and misunderstood by others, to be happy, to be sad, to give himself to others, to suffer for them out of love — in essence, to be fully human while fully divine — and in all of this, to show that human life is sacred, a gift of God, and worthy of respect without exception from conception until natural death.

We who follow Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life, cannot do otherwise than respect life in all its stages. To do less, regardless of any circumstance or situation, is to be less human, rejecting what Jesus has redeemed in his own life. Spirit has sustained. On this truly respect life and know what that

There is no other human choice but pleased to share with you this year's (which follow below. I invite all the Joseph, Defender of Life" and in of his Beloved and Blessed Wife, Mary, to pray her rosary daily or, at least frequently, that human life be cherished in all its stages.

If people spent one hour per week
in Eucharistic Adoration, abortion
would be ended

— Mother Teresa —

that we can conceive of or experience what God has created, rejecting human body, rejecting what the Holy Spirit, only the human being can means and requires.

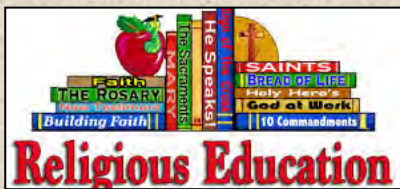
to do this. As your Bishop, I am message from the nation's bishops faithful to pray the "Prayer to St. Joseph" this month dedicated to the rosary

MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Most Reverend Joseph Naumann, Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities

The month of October brings with it our annual observance of Respect Life Month. As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, this year's celebration highlights the example of that great saint. As the faithful protector of both Jesus and Mary, we find in St. Joseph a profound reminder of our own call to welcome, safeguard, and defend God's precious gift of human life. Despite the mysterious circumstances surrounding Mary's pregnancy, St. Joseph took her into his home at the word of the angel. He guided their journey to Bethlehem, found shelter, and welcomed the infant Jesus as his son. When Herod threatened the life of the Christ Child, St. Joseph left his homeland behind and fled with Jesus and Mary to Egypt. Like St. Joseph, we are also called to care for those God has entrusted to us—especially

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From the Desk of Our
Director of Religious Education

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Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

I don't know about you, pilgrim, but I don't remember a time when people were more fearful. Afraid to go outside, afraid to sit in church, afraid to go shopping, and most of all, afraid to encounter, let alone touch, another human being. I am reminded of Lucy's 5 cent advice, 'Charlie Brown, you have panophobia!'

Moved by the Holy Spirit, a prophet is somebody who is ahead of the curve in recognizing and proclaiming truth of some kind. One such person was St. John Paul II whose most commonly used phrase was ***Be not afraid!*** This saint clearly could see the growing darkness in the world and the temptation to mass fear across the globe. It's no coincidence that in another dark era these same words were spoken by the Angel Gabriel in asking Mary to bear a Son who could say, *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

That Light is still with us and will never fade. That is why we Christians need never fear even the most dangerous and darkest of times, for our hope is in Jesus Christ, who has the power to save us for eternal happiness. Realizing this is especially significant in these times. Although we are to do our best in living this earthly existence, our greatest good is not prolonging this life. Our greatest good is the eternal reward to be realized in Heaven.



Be not afraid is not an exhortation to deny fear with reckless fearlessness. That would be foolish and self-destructive. The Angel Gabriel and St. John Paul II both understood that fear is necessary for self-preservation. We need to fear dangerous situations, violent storms and most of all, our final judgment. However, if we trust that God is Love and that He is in control, we can go beyond our fears and move ahead to conquer fear in this present world. Despite their wobbly knees and pounding hearts, heroes do the right thing knowing that "God has their backs." Our destiny is always in God's hands.

Be not afraid also is a call to dispel unreasonable or exaggerated fears that play into the hands of Satan. Ever in opposition to God, Lucifer's genius is in perverting truths to evil ends. So it is that God desires that we appropriately love ourselves, while Satan desires us to be self-absorbed. St. Peter warns us *your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour*. And like a lion he paralyzes his prey, separates them from the pack leaving them fearful, alone and vulnerable. There is something demonic in the idea that we should fear of life itself. Taking reasonable precaution does not mean recoiling from our neighbors who, after all, bear the image of God. Our children should not be afraid of each other, and our grandchildren not looked upon as a threat to our lives.

Be not afraid. Have courage if you trust in God's love and mercy. That doesn't mean being careless, but caring. As human beings, we are creatures meant for both physical and spiritual relationship. We may not be summoned to the kind of heroic virtue of embracing lepers as did St. Francis, Mother Teresa and Bl. Fulton Sheen, but let's not recoil from each other in suspicion and distress. When we withdraw ourselves from the human condition, we hold back God's love – and wickedly Satan smiles and triumphs.

Be not afraid! Our country, indeed peoples of the entire world, need to hear us say these words and to see us live them in our daily lives. ***Be not afraid!*** Challenges and suffering surely lie ahead, but our faith in Christ is the antidote to despair and the source for living joyful and worthwhile lives. Cast away your fears and *peace be with you*.

Be not afraid. Instead, be a light for the world.

Kevin Connelly
Director of Religious Education

Notes & Reminders from the D.R.E.:

- CCD 8th Grade Confirmation trip to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City: December 4, 2021
- Confirmation (Bishop O'Connell presiding): March 10, 2022

The Outdoor Parking Lot Mass On Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Has Resumed

We have resumed temporarily the celebration of our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass outdoors in the parish's North Parking Lot as of September 11. The Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Parking Lot will continue for roughly two months. The other Masses on our weekend schedule and weekday schedule are not affected by this change on Saturday at 4:00. The Saturday 4:00 Mass will not be celebrated indoors during this roughly two-month time period although we will welcome Mass-goers who desire to be indoors in the church on Saturday at 4:00 to do so, and we have made arrangements for the outdoor Mass to be simultaneously live-streamed to the "big screen" TV monitor that will be in the Upper Church for this Mass. Those viewing the live-stream of the 4:00 Mass indoors in the Upper Church may receive Holy Communion indoors in the Upper Church at the conclusion of this outdoor Mass. These Saturday 4:00 Parking Lot Masses will be celebrated in the same manner (including the dignity of the Mass and the utmost respect for the Blessed Sacrament) as they were during the May 2020 to July 2021 time period.

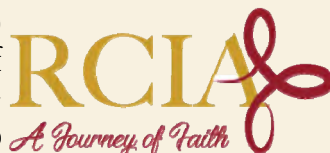
The past week brought a partial close to the summer impatiens floral season at St. Michael's. Steve Makrancy and his staff removed about half of our impatiens and replaced them with our traditional bright yellow Autumn mums. The impatiens near the St. Michael statue have remained hearty and retained their bright pink, red, and orange colors thus far through a mild early October and will be replaced next week.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Would you like to become a Catholic? Or perhaps you have been baptized yet never received First Holy Communion or made your Confirmation?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes begin in the fall. If you are interested in attending these classes to complete your Sacraments, please contact Kevin Connelly (our Director of Religious Education) at 732-483-0360 ext. 2 or Mary Valan at the parish office.



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 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

St. Michael's parishioners usually gather at this location on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 p.m. during these 40 Days for Life.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More at 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury.

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The weekends of October 16 & 17 and October 23 & 24, New Jersey Right to Life raffle tickets will be sold at all Masses. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10 per ticket.

Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest Pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

This year's prizes are :

**1st prize - 2022 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
valued at \$41,340**

2nd prize - \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card

3rd prize - \$750 ShopRite Gift Card

Save the Dates: Parish Mission: Fr. Wade

Our Parish Mission with **Fr. Wade Menezes, of the Fathers of Mercy and of EWTN TV and Radio**, was originally scheduled for May 2-6, 2020 and was postponed twice last year because of the covid pandemic. We have re-scheduled the Parish Mission and Fr. Wade will be here at St. Michael's December 11-15, 2021 for an Advent Parish Mission. Please save the dates. Please pray for the Fathers of Mercy and for vocations, vocations, vocations.



Fr. Wade Menezes



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 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.

NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF

Northeast Monmouth
Cohort 17

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

Our Lady of Hope Parish will be hosting an adult formation session "Advent Light" Wednesday mornings beginning Nov. 3 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall or Thursday evenings beginning Nov. 4 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Jerome Rectory. Please contact Christine Scholtz for required materials and to register. Call 732-222-2927 or email cmscholtz@verizon.net.

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

The next Baptism Preparation Class for parents and godparents will be on Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. Please register in advance by phoning the parish office. A Certificate of Completion will be provided.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There is a Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations that includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. This Monthly Holy Hour is from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the Thursday immediately preceding the First Friday.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH LONG BRANCH, NJ

PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

If you have recently lost a loved one, we invite you to join others who have also experienced a loss, for a series of nine sessions of information, mutual sharing, and peer support in a spiritual, caring, and *strictly confidential* setting.

The group is led by trained facilitators certified by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Trenton. The dates, times, and locations for these meetings will be determined based on the level of interest expressed and on the number of sign-ups that we receive.

Our Mission is:

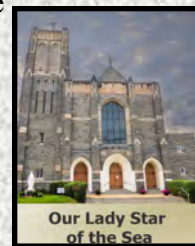
- To provide a Christ-centered group experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one
- To support spiritually and emotionally those who mourn
- To provide knowledge of the grieving process and resources for the journey
- To offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences

If you are interested in joining us and/or would like more information about the group, please contact the Parish office at: (732) 222-3216.

- **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**
- *All calls are confidential.*
- There is no cost to attend.
- In-person participants must be COVID vaccinated.
- Online option available for unvaccinated and homebound.



Holy Trinity Church



Our Lady Star of the Sea

LIVE-STREAMING OF OUR SATURDAY 4:00 P.M. PARKING LOT MASS

As noted on Page 7 of this bulletin, our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass has moved outdoors to the Parking Lot for approximately two months beginning as of September 11. The live-streaming of this Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass will continue indefinitely even though the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted. For those who are healthy and well and able to attend Sunday Mass or Saturday Vigil Mass, the live-streamed Mass is not a substitute for fulfilling the Sunday Mass Obligation (which is a serious and unchanged obligation). The live-streaming Mass is intended for those who for good, serious, and conscientious reason are genuinely unable to attend the Sunday Mass including infirmity, advanced age, or serious concern about the Covid virus. This live-streamed Mass may be accessed via the home page of the parish website at www.stmichaelnj.com and will be archived on that home page for subsequent viewing following the live, real-time celebration of that Mass.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, October 2, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$3,372.00	133 cars
5:30 PM Mass	\$794.00	74 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$413.00	46 people

Sunday, October 3, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,505.00	79 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,030.00	107 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,485.00	102 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$902.00	83 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,050.00	98 people
5:30 PM (Irish Mass)	\$426.00	41 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$513.00	104 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 3 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,300.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,790.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,741.00

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 2021

Salvatore J. Mirarchi r/o Joe & Carmel Mirarchi

SEPTEMBER 2022

Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

Catholic Campus Ministry at Monmouth University

is sponsoring a free screening of the 2020 film, "Fatima" on Friday, October 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church of St. Michael's.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend! The film tells the story of the 1917 apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal and has particular significance for October, the Month of the Holy Rosary. Please contact Cristina at cdaverso@monmouth.edu with questions.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, October 12.

Mass will be celebrated at the usual 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. times on Columbus Day, October 11 with Confessions heard after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m. and after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



40 Days For Life (Witness in Support of the End of Abortion) September 22-October 31, 2021 (see details on Page 7)

Monmouth County Red Mass (Bishop O'Connell presiding) Sunday, October 10, 2021 12:00 p.m.

Bishop O'Connell's Mass & Blessing for Wedding Anniversaries Sunday, October 10, 2021 3:00 p.m. St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold

Columbus Day Monday, October 11, 2021 Parish Office Closed

Baptism Preparation Class Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Right to Life Raffle Fundraiser All Masses on October 16-17 and 23-24

Movie Night "Fatima" in the Lower Church Friday, October 22, 2021 7:00 p.m.

All Souls' Day Candlelight Mass Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission: Fr. Wade Menezes of the Fathers of Mercy and of EWTN Television and Radio December 11-15, 2021



Pastor's Note. *It's the time of year for parishioners to please step forward and answer the invitation and the call to volunteer service in the parish. Below is a frequently published list of reasons to become a parish altar server. Our CCD students in Grades 5 through 8 received classroom presentations on the ministry of altar service last week. Adults, too, are invited and welcome to serve both parish and fellow parishioners in this important way. For more information please contact Doty O'Hara or the parish priests at the parish office at (732) 222-8080. Thank you for saying "yes" to the call and to parish altar ministry service.*

A Few Good Reasons For Becoming An Altar Server



1. Learn why we do everything in the Mass. Increase your understanding of, and respect for, the Mass.

2. Get more involved *in* the Mass and get more *out of* the Mass.

3. Learn skills that will help you throughout life: punctuality, teamwork, self-discipline, sharpening of the memory, planning ahead, reacting calmly and wisely to the unexpected, thinking on your feet, communication, preparation, follow-up.

4. Deepen your relationship with God and better discern your life's vocation (whether religious life, married life, or single life).

5. Be a leader and a teacher. Share your talents. Mentor next year's team of new altar servers.

6. Form new friendships.

7. Get to know and interact with the priests, musicians, lectors, and other altar servers. And maybe get to know the Bishop, too!

8. Be of service to the Church, your parish, and the community. Be engaged in parish life.

9. Be closer to "the action" ... Proximity to the sacred... It's the best seat in the house.

10. Make your parents proud and happy. You'll be happy, too. As an adult, you'll look back with fondness on your altar server years.

11. Being an altar server means *serving God* and *serving His people*. It is a special ministry, a privilege, and an honor.

12. Pope Francis recently told a group of youth altar servers, "You experience the closeness of Jesus, the sweetness and power of His presence... The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord; the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy that you have received."



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Please!!! May We All Respect Life!!!

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vulnerable mothers and children. We can follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph as protector by advocating against taxpayer-funded abortion, which targets the lives of millions of poor children and their mothers here in the United States. We can imitate his care and provision by helping to start Walking with Moms in Need at our parishes, "walking in the shoes" of mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy, especially low-income mothers in our communities. At times, we may feel uncertain of our ability to answer the Lord's call. But He invites us to faithfully respond, despite our own fears or weaknesses: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). May we imitate St. Joseph's faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us! To learn more about preventing taxpayer-funded abortion, visit www.notaxpayerabortion.com. To walk with moms in need through your local parish, go to www.walkingwithmoms.com.

The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (also known as All Souls' Day) is celebrated by the Church on November 2. Here at St. Michael's, in addition to our customary morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. on All Souls' Day we will also celebrate a **Candlelight Mass of 2 at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited and wel-

ters were mailed earlier this week to a death in the family since last year's this 7:00 p.m. Mass and to light a Candle of Prayer and Remembrance for the soul of their loved one at Faithful during this Mass. The names be read aloud during the candle-

The Church encourages the offering faithful departed. And the Church assist the departed in attaining the Beatitudes, and the offering of Mass. The

preceded by a Musical Prelude led by Acting Music Director Lauren Walters at 6:30 p.m. (including ensemble cantors and instrumentalists) and will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in the Lower Church immediately after the Mass. May perpetual light shine upon the souls of all the faithful departed.

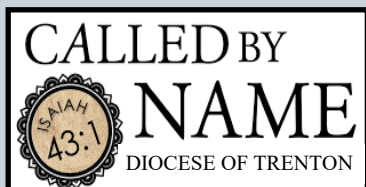


Remembrance on Tuesday, **November** come to attend this evening Mass. Let the families of the parish who have had All Souls' Day inviting them to attend the conclusion of the Prayer of the of the parish's recently deceased will lighting ceremony.

of prayers and Mass for the souls of the teaches that the faithful on earth can tific Vision through their prayers, good Candlelight All Souls' Mass will be

Called By Name:

An Invitation to Identify and Encourage Discernment of Priestly Vocations



All the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton will be participating next month in "**Called By Name**" - a pro-active program of vocations awareness and action that will repeat a similar campaign conducted in 2019 at St. Michael's and all Trenton parishes.

This program offers an opportunity **for all of us** to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage those members to share their gifts in and through the priesthood.

Perhaps you know a man (high school age or older) here in our parish who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to be a good priest. **Now is the time to identify that man, pray for his potential vocation, and encourage him to come forward and explore the priesthood discernment process.**

Please recommend this person by filling out the response card that you will find in the pews next month. Put the card in the collection basket during your Mass. You may also drop off the card at the parish office or mail it to the office. The need is right now to help the future priests of tomorrow to discern their vocations and to say "YES!" to God's call. No one wants to wake up one day to find that his or her parish no longer has a parish priest because there aren't enough priests to staff all the parishes. Please give this urgent request immediate prayerful thought and action.



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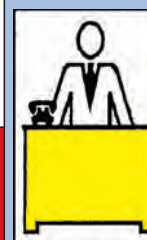
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