October: Month of the Holy Rosary

by Reverend Matthew R. Mauriello



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. That memorial was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church and her spiritual children in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

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The memorial was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the

Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than to the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we, too, can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. The members of our parish's Rosary Altar Society pray the Rosary regularly Mondays through Saturdays in the Upper Church



beginning at about 8:30 a.m. immediately following the conclusion of our 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass that morning. All are invited and welcome. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

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This week's parish bulletin includes an informative and helpful essay on the Rosary by Bishop O'Connell (please see Page 5) in which he relates a first-hand personal experience illustrating the power, beauty, and reach of the Rosary.



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

Confessions are heard Monday through Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.

Monday after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

Sunday after the 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.; 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick. When the office is closed, the answering service will promptly contact the on-call priest. If you or your loved one is in a hospital, the head nurse could also call for the chaplain to make arrangements.

PARISH OFFICE

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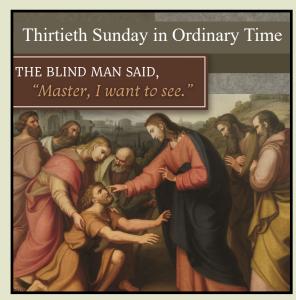
Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am-3:30pm (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

PARISH STAFF

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 24, 2021 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 23

8:00 AM People of the Parish

4:00 PM † Charles Mazza

Mazza, Maslo & McGuire Families

5:30 PM Special Intention: Lisa Virga

7:00 PM † John K. Butler, M.D.

JESUS TOLD THE BLIND MAN,

"Go your way; your faith has saved you.

MARK 10:51-52

October 24, 2021

Wednesday, October 27

8:00 AM † Pamela Gatta

† Mary Alterio

† Joan Easu Tave

Sister

Thursday, October 28

8:00 AM † Edna Traynor

Pat Holden Thayer

† Ed Thayer, Sr.

Pat Thayer & Family

Friday, October 29

8:00 AM † LuLu Bernarte

Aida David

† Nicholas Cattelona, Jr.

Sister

Sunday, October 24

7:00 AM † Mary Alterio

† Rosa Alba Stranieri

8:30 AM † Louis Brignola

† Pamela Gatta

10:00 AM † Frances Denninger

† Marilyn M. Buda

12:00 PM † Margarita Lao

† Janet Schroth

4:00 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM Health & Blessings: Children of the Parish

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause

7:00 PM Special Intention:

8:00 AM † Emma David

Lisa Virga

Monday, October 25

James & MaryLou

Mother Francesca

Rene & Jack Brignola

Madeline & Thomas

Siciliano

Mirarchi

Mary & Steve

Rick & Carol Ferrante

Jane & George Kendall

Saturday, October 30

8:00 AM † Ronald Cattelona

4:00 PM † Mary Alterio

5:30 PM † Janice Brintnall

Ms. Villano Janice, Fred, Kathleen &

Sister & Family

Isabel Carr Tom Bourke

† James Rispolli

7:00 PM People of the Parish

† Dorothy Dalton

Margaret Henneberry

Sunday, October 31

7:00 AM † Rosaleen De Bonis

† Mary Alterio

Joe & Carmel Mirarchi

8:30 AM † Pamela Gatta

Aunt Maria (Beep Boo)

10:00 AM † Peter Cangialosi

Clare Giangreco

George De Bonis

† Michael Ferrara

Rick & Carol Ferrante

12:00 PM † Louis Celmer, Jr.

Josephine Calliendo

4:00 PM † Michael Gal

Maslo Family

† Helen Kwaitkowski

Agnes Serrano

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 26

Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Pat, Jane, Peter, & Katie Farmer

† Aniello & Rosaria Califano

† Walter Jagielski

Aida David Califano Family

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Michael Ebert, requested by Mom, RJ and Joann.





Solemnity of All Saints

All Saints Day is November 1, 2021 and

<u>not</u> a holy day of obligation this year since this particular holy day

falls on a Monday in 2021. The faithful, however, are encouraged to attend Mass on such days and Mass will be celebrated here at

St. Michael's on All Saints Day at the usual Monday times of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with Confessions after each of those Masses).



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 Remembrance* on Tuesday, *November 2 at 7:00 p.m.* All are invited and wel-

come to attend this evening Mass. Letthe parish and others who have had a Souls' Day inviting them to attend this Prayer and Remembrance for the rethe conclusion of the Prayer of the of the parish's recently deceased will lighting ritual.

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



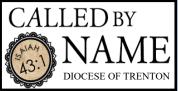
ters have been mailed to the families of death in the family since last year's All 7:00 p.m. Mass and to light a Candle of pose of the soul of their loved one at Faithful during this Mass. The names be read aloud during the candle-

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

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. Let us pray for them.

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 at 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.

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 rescheduled the Parish Mission and Fr. Wade will be here at St. Michael's December 11-15, 2021 for an Advent Par- Fr. Wade Menezes ish Mission. Please save the dates.



Please pray for the Fathers of Mercy and for vocations, vocations, vocations.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

This weekend, 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 4th prize-\$500 ShopRite Gift Card



Thank you to all the parish volunteers who have staffed the Right to Life raffle ticket table and to all those who have purchased raffle tickets and/or made a financial donation to the cause. Please pray for an end to abortion and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing.

Second Collection This Weekend October 23 and 24

This weekend October 23 and 24 the Diocese will be taking up the collection for World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacif-



ic Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in this week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church

Prayer for the Success of the Synod



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 Diocese of Trenton 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, forever and ever. Amen.



For further information about the Synod 2021-2023, please see the parish bulletin of October 17, 2021 and the Diocese of Trenton website at dioceseoftrenton.org.

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.

<u>Pastor's Note</u>. October is the month of the **Holy Rosary** as well as **Respect Life Month**. In our parish bulletin this month we are including important teachings and writings of the Church and of our Diocesan Bishop David O'Connell on both of those subjects. That series began with 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 series continues below with Bishop O'Connell's essay on the beauty and power of the Rosary. 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.

HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE

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

During a recent hospital stay, I had an interesting experience. The night nurse was taking my "vitals" before bedtime when she noticed my rosary on the nightstand. She told me she was a Hindu and never heard of the rosary before. I explained this traditional Catholic prayer and she quickly became interested. I likened praying the rosary to

the use of meditative prayer beads in her rosary prayers, their meaning and purer in our Catholic faith. "I want to say learn them?" I directed her to a website show how we can share our beautiful stance, wherever we are!

The Catholic Church has been blessed God through this prayer since the early olic tradition, she appeared to St. Domithe idea of the rosary. There are various rosary initially came to be but its curjoyful, five sorrowful, five glorious tablished by Pope Pius V (1504-72) in "luminous" mysteries to the decades of

October is the month of the Holy Ro-Lady of the Rosary.

This prayer is one of the most popular, Church. Seeking the intercession and our daily lives is understandably attracthrough her. The mysteries of the rowhole life of the Lord Jesus — his life, sense through Mary's eyes. She was life. The rosary, like all Catholic praywith Mary his Blessed Mother as our

Pray the Rosary

own religious faith. I went through the pose and the role of the Blessed Moththese prayers" she said. "How can I and she seemed so happy. Just goes to Catholic faith anytime, in any circum-

with the intercession of the Mother of 13th century when, according to Cathnic (1170-1221) in 1214 offering him legends and stories regarding how the rent form of fifteen mysteries — five called "decades"— was formally es-1569. Pope St. John Paul II added five rosary in 2002.

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meditative prayers of the Catholic help of the Blessed Mother Mary in tive, praying to her Divine Son sary are really contemplations of the death and resurrection — in a real "there" after all, present throughout his er, should lead us to the Lord Jesus intercessor and guide. She brings our

prayers to him through the rosary. Would any loving Son refuse the prayers of his Mother?

I pray the rosary each day. It gives me the chance to remember the many prayer inommended to me as Bishop by the faithful I meet wherever I go. I recommend it, in Catholics. It can be recited and prayed anywhere, anytime by anyone, young or old, as sinners. If you have not prayed the rosary, give it a try. If you already do, teach with others.

In this month of the Holy Rosary, which is also Respect Life Month, what better time be for praying the rosary for the protection of human life in all its stages and the for of hearts. As Bishop, I invite all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese to join togeth-the rosary for this and all our special intentions.

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Listen to the reflections of some great Saints.

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"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever

known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description." Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen (1895-1979)

"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." St. Padre Pio (1887-1968)

"The rosary should be said with faith—for our Blessed Lord said, "Believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you." St. Louis De Monfort (1673-1716)

"Do not cease praying for your children; God's grace can touch a hardened heart. Commend your children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When parents pray the Rosary, at the end of each decade they should hold the Rosary aloft and say to her, "With these beads bind my children to your Immaculate Heart", she will attend to their souls." St. Louise de Marillac (1591-1660)

"The rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world." Pope St. John XXIII (1881-1963)"by its very nature the recitation of the rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and lingering pace. The rosary is the Bible for those who can neither read nor write." Pope St. Paul VI (1897-1978)

"By holding familiar converse with Jesus and the Blessed Virgin, by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and by living the same life in Holy Communion, we can become, to the extent of our lowliness, similar to them and can

learn from these supreme models a life of humility, poverty, hiddenness, patience and perfection." ... "The rosary is a prayer both so humble and so simple and theologically rich in biblical content, I beg you to pray it." Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)

"With the rosary we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith in meditating on the mysteries of Christ and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel so that it shapes all our lives." Pope Benedict XVI

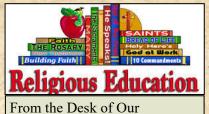
"The rosary is a school of prayer. The rosary is a school of faith." Pope Francis

"In times of darkness, holding the rosary beads is like holding your Blessed Mother's hand." A faithful Catholic



Think of your loving mother, whether still with you or living in eternity. Is there anyone who would not want to reach out and hold her hand again? Reach out for the hand of your Blessed Mother in heaven and hold it through her Rosary.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us - born and unborn - now and at the hour of our death. Amen."



Director of Religious Education

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To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek Him the greatest adventure, to find Him the greatest human achievement.- St. Augustine

There is one desire that we deeply share with every human being, that ever lived or will ever live. Despite the fact that we all know what it is, it is often ignored, given up on, or pursued improperly. All the ills and heartaches of this earthly existence result from the cataclysmic failure of not fulfilling this longing.

Every single one of us wants to be loved for who we are, regardless of what that is. We don't want to be loved because we're good looking or not, intelligent or not, funny or not, powerful or not, and not even for being good or not. Even in our worst moments, we want to be loved for who we are and for no other reason. There is nothing we want more than this.

This hope finds its completeness in second half of our longing. Finding someone to love in the same way. Some-

one who we can confidently and completely give ourselves to. Someone who will fully receive us. Someone who can be trusted to never fail, disappoint or hurt us in any way. A perfect love, even if we have our personal imperfections in measuring up to it ourselves.

Being completely honest, as much as we love our spouse, our parents, our children or our friends, we sometimes tend to hold things back on them out of selfishness, my wants, and out of fear of rejection. There are things of which we are ashamed and keep hidden. It may be something in our past, or in present temptations or in idle crazy thoughts; but we believe if these things were known the reaction would be, "what's wrong with you?" Well there is something wrong with all of us, concupiscence, which is why Scripture tells us in several places not to put our trust in humans – not even in ourselves.



Hold on, it is not as bad as it sounds. Of course, we must trust each other and to the extent we can be trusted and trust, all the better. And what is wrong with us can be fixed by the Divine Physician, Jesus. However, just as we have failed others we must always keep in mind (with empathy and forgiveness) that even the people we love and admire most may let us down. God's design for perfect lovers who would nourish their children and all of human-kind by their pure love ended abruptly when Adam failed to protect Eve and the Garden, and Eve disappointed in listening to Satan. Nonetheless, although it went unsatisfied, our nature given to us by God endures. We are human beings created to be loved just for who we are and to fully love in return. Due to sin, there is an emptiness inside all of us that needs to be occupied.

History and our personal lives are replete with people trying to fill their interior void with all kinds of things, good and bad. Be it relationships, power, pleasure, money or good works – some may seem to help, but none can satiate that longing to experience pure love. Were it not for the Mercy of God, who sent His only Son into the World to save us, we would be forever frustrated and incomplete. But Jesus came to love us simply for who we are and to reveal himself as someone Whom we can love in full certainty and Who will never abandon us. Talk about Good News! But Good News that is not heard or believed doesn't do much good.

I know that many of us are rightly concerned about the numbers of people falling away from our faith, including our own family and friends. And while they may offer are all kinds of reasons why, this truth, that we know the one and only place where our deepest yearnings can be gratified, our greatest need fulfilled, is a powerful and comforting response we need to use over and over again. But mere words won't be good enough, especially in this cynical age.

Our own authentic experience of being in love with God and knowing his love for us is the witness that will draw others to Christ. Not out of the intellect, but from the heart. Love is passionate, enchanting and exhilarating. Love compels us to talk of, think of, and become part of the person of our affection. Does that describe our relationship with Jesus? Or like a marriage that's been allowed to go stale, do we keep to our obligations and routine but are no longer impressed by what He gives to us?

In my next column I hope to pursue the greatest romance, greatest adventure and greatest human achievement that Saint Augustine (quoted above) speaks of as our starting point for loving others into faith.

Kevin Connelly
Director of Religious Education



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 1:00 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!

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 Edu-



cation) at 732-483-0360 ext. 2 or Mary Valan at the parish office.

Aid For The Hearing Impaired

We offer the use of radio aids during Mass upon request. The device is tuned to the sound system in the church so that those who have a hearing deficit might hear more clearly. Please ask an usher for assistance.



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.

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

Peer Support Group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group is led by trained facilitators certified by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Trenton. For more information contact the parish office 732-222-3216

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

New Jersey Right to Life will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses at St. Michael's during the weekend of October 23-24 to support the pro-life cause and to help protect all human life from conception to natural death.

Parish Mission: Fr. Wade Menezes of the Fathers of Mercy,
 EWTN Television, and EWTN Radio will be leading an
 Advent Parish Mission at St. Michael's during the evenings of December 13,14, and 15; evening starting times to be announced. Please save the dates. All are invited and welcome.

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.

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 1

Joanne and Frank Buono

Week 2

Johnny Mazza, Jr. Richie Thomas

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

As noted on this page of the 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 livestreamed Mass in 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 16, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$3,688.00	164 cars
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,444.00	63 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$505.00	49 people

Sunday, October 17, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,067.00	88 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,387.00	91 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,321.00	122 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$742.00	114 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$542.00	87 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,293.00	116 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 10 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2.100.00**

This Week's Total: \$14,089.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$10,413.00

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

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.

ON THE CALENDAR AT St. Michael's Church 40 Days For Life (Witness in September 22-October 31, 2021 (see details on Page 8) Support of the End of Abortion) All Masses on October 23-24 Right to Life Raffle Fundraiser All Saints Day Monday, November 1, 2021 Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) All Souls' Day Candlelight Mass Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:00 p.m. (Details on Page 3) Thursday, November 25, 2021 Thanksgiving Day Early Mass at 7:00 a.m. Family Mass at 9:30 a.m. (No 8:00 a.m., Mass on Thanksgiving Day) Parish Mission: Fr. Wade Menezes December 11-15, 2021 of the Fathers of Mercy and of **EWTN Television and EWTN** Radio

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