

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 29, 2023 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## DAILY MASS

Mon – Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM

First Friday 12:15 PM in Latin in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. In English in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. And 5:30 PM (on First Friday) in English in all months.

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

## 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

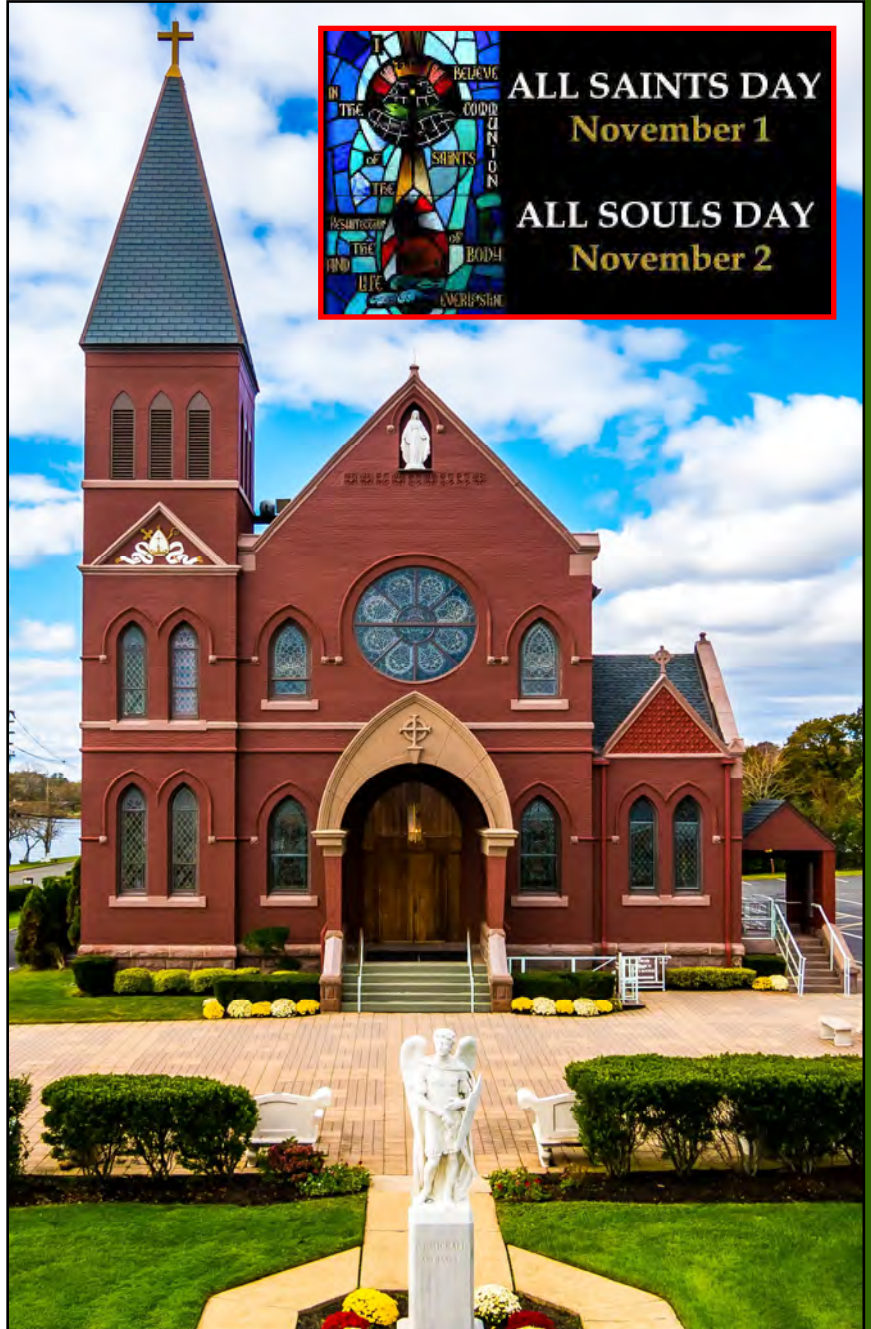
Couples who wish to marry at the parish should contact the Parish Office for a Marriage Request Form, and for further information. The bride or groom, or their parents/grandparents must be registered parishioners for at least eighteen months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements. There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

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:15 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, (732)483-0360, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.



## PARISH OFFICE

800 Ocean Avenue | Long Branch, NJ 07740

Ph: (732) 222-8080 | Fx: (732) 870-1174

[www.stmichaelnj.com](http://www.stmichaelnj.com)

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. John Butler, Pastor

Rev. Cyril Johnson, Parochial Vicar

Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager

Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed.

Mary Valan, Parish Secretary

Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary

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Larry Swenson, Maintenance Coordinator

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, October 28

8:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr. Pat & Family  
 † Edna Traynor Pat Holden Thayer  
 † Conrad Russo Friend  
 4:00 PM † Rosemary Ciroalo Terry Levic  
 † Gloria Patti Chris Muszelik  
 5:30 PM † William Schild Dianne Fichter  
 Special Intention  
 7:00 PM † Veronica Heaning Linda Heaning  
 People of the Parish

## Sunday, October 29

7:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr. Pat, Ann Marie, & Michael Thayer  
 8:30 AM Peace in Ukraine and Israel  
 8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):  
 Health and Blessings:  
 Children of Our Parish and  
 Our Catechists  
 10:00 AM † Irene F. & Edward W. Barbara & Edward Moskal, Sr.  
 † Stephanie & Blaise Barbara & Edward Mitkowski  
 12:00 PM † Dolores Hermann Carroll Family  
 † Dr. Gus Mazzola John & Fran Pollina  
 4:00 PM † Judy Klein Barbara & Frank  
 † Alfred Caruso Joyce Clark & Family  
 7:00 PM Assunta Vitellio Children  
 People of the Parish

## Monday, October 30

8:00 AM † Janice Brintnall Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr  
 Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico  
 † Blinio Agresti Wife & Family  
 7:00 PM † Deceased Grandparents

## Tuesday, October 31

8:00 AM † Dr. Gus Mazzola  
 4:00 PM † Brian Mark Valan Loving Family  
 7:00 PM † Deceased Parents

## Wednesday, November 1 (All Saints Day; Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 AM † Michael Wrubel Wife Maria & Family  
 † Dr. Bart E. Maggio Tom Viggiano  
 12:15 PM † Beverly Maggio  
 4:00 PM For Peace  
 7:00 PM † Deceased Teachers

## Thursday, November 2

8:00 AM † Harold & Julia Bowman Loving Children Michael, Joe & AnneMarie  
 † Rosaleen De Bonis De Bonis Family  
 † Grace Tho Teresa  
 7:00 PM † Carolee Lloyd Robin Verhose  
 † Souls of All the Faithful Departed

## Friday, November 3

8:00 AM Special Intention: Putkowski Family Linda  
 † Rosa & Paolo Panduri Saverio & Corrina Panduri  
 12:15 PM Vocations, Vocations, Vocations  
 5:30 PM † Matthew & Hannah Bernstein

## Saturday, November 4

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 4:00 PM † Joe Agresto Wife & Children  
 † Karen Smith Loving Husband  
 5:30 PM † Thomas Serra Wife Dolores Serra  
 Special Intention  
 7:00 PM † Souls in Purgatory

## Sunday, November 5

7:00 AM † Sylvia Marsico Jo Ann  
 8:30 AM † Clarice Viggiano Viggiano Family  
 † Michael Monahan Irene Pership  
 8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):  
 Health and Blessings:  
 Children of Our Parish and  
 Our Catechists  
 10:00 AM † Alfred Caruso Voglino Family  
 † Noel Janosi Thomas & Jane Carroll  
 12:00 PM † Whitney Holmes Farmer Family  
 † Azon Molino Jane Farmer  
 4:00 PM † Maria Holzer Rene & Jack Brignola  
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

The Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph, and the Center Sanctuary Candles will be lit this week for Pro-Life Cause and for Peace throughout the World.





### HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

#### Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

**Vigil Location:** Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

**Vigil Hours:** Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.  
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

**Local Contact:** [monmouth4life@hotmail.com](mailto:monmouth4life@hotmail.com)

**Learn More...** [40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury](http://40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury)

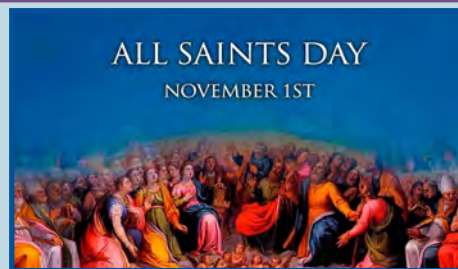
Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

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

*40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.*

Please follow current COVID 19 protocols.

**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.**



## Solemnity of All Saints

All Saints Day is November 1, 2022 and **a holy day of obligation.** Mass will be celebrated:

### Tuesday, October 31

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Our Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., will be the celebrant and homilist at both of these Vigil Masses on Tuesday, October 31.

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### Wednesday, November 1

8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4:00 p.m.,  
and 7:00 p.m.

The All Saints Holy Day Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1 will be livestreamed in the same way that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses are livestreamed.

*The Parish Office will be closed for business on November 1.*

## 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 Thursday, **November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited and welcome. Letters were mailed earlier this month to the families of the parish who have had a death in the family since last year's All Souls' Day in Mass and to light a Candle of Prayer of the soul of their loved one at the Faithful during this Mass. The names of the parish's recently deceased will be read aloud during the candle-lighting ceremony.



The Church encourages the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed. And the Church teaches that the faithful on earth can assist the departed attaining the Beatific Vision through their prayers, good works, and the offering of Mass. The 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 served outdoors (weather permitting) on the Church Courtyard immediately after the Mass. May perpetual light shine upon the souls of all the faithful departed.



*Pastor's Note. 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 has included 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. Please see our October 15, 2023 bulletin. 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 (1)

*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 bed-time 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 the rosary prayers, their meaning and Mother in our Catholic faith. "I want to I learn them?" I directed her to a web-goes to show how we can share our circumstance, wherever we are!

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

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

This prayer is one of the most popular, Church. Seeking the intercession and daily lives is understandably attractive, her. The mysteries of the rosary are of the Lord Jesus — his life, death and Mary's eyes. She was "there" after all, like all Catholic prayer, should lead us Blessed Mother as our intercessor and 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 in- recommended to me as Bishop by the faithful I meet wherever I go. I recommend it, all Catholics. It can be recited and prayed anywhere, anytime by anyone, young or as well as sinners. If you have not prayed the rosary, give it a try. If you already do, share it 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 together the rosary for this and all our special intentions.

Listen to the reflections of some great Saints.

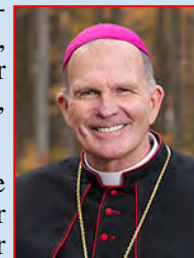


her own religious faith. I went through purpose and the role of the Blessed say these prayers" she said. "How can site and she seemed so happy. Just beautiful Catholic faith anytime, in any

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meditative prayers of the Catholic help of the Blessed Mother Mary in our praying to her Divine Son through really contemplations of the whole life resurrection — in a real sense through present throughout his life. The rosary, to the Lord Jesus with Mary his guide. She brings our prayers to him



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The mural above our church's Blessed Mother side altar artistically depicts the origin of the Rosary – Mary making a gift of the Rosary to St. Dominic and handing him the first Rosary beads.

See, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/the-origins-of-the-rosary/#:~:text=Dominic%20was%20combating%20a%20popular,much%20success%20if%20he%20did>

*"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."







## FALL BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS

### *New Temporary Location!*

Because of the unavailability of the Lower Church due to the Sept. 29 rainfall and flooding, the Fall Bible Study, GENESIS, will now be held in the basement at Holy Trinity Church as a temporary location for our Fall Bible Study - thank you Fr. Javier!



Our first session at this new venue will be Thursday, October 26, 2023. There is a slight change to the morning schedule - Thursdays 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The evening schedule times remain unchanged - Thursdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church is located at 408 Prospect Street, Long Branch.

If you have any questions, please call Rene or Jack at 732-222-3164.

## Our Call to Respond to Those Suffering in the Holy Land

***Pastor's Note.** War is being waged in the Holy Land. Pope Francis, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, our Bishop O'Connell, and others have urged faithful Catholics to pray and fast for peace in the Holy Land. The Bishop's message is published below and is available at <https://trentonmonitor.com/news/2023/oct/12/our-call-to-respond-to-those-suffering-in-the-holy-land/>. In response to the situation in Israel and to Bishop O'Connell's request, our parish conducted a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and praying of the Rosary on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023. We also joined Pope Francis in his worldwide Holy Hour for Peace on Friday, October 27 when parishioners gathered in our church to view the live telecast of the Pope's Holy Hour from St. Peter's Square in Rome at 12:00 Noon our time in New Jersey and followed-up that hour with an additional Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and fasting from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

### A Message from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

As is so often the case, our sisters and brothers in need in our own country and throughout the world depend upon our love and generosity, prompted by our Catholic faith, and turn to us for help in times of crisis. Such is now the case in Israel. I offer some ways to always, we need to pray. In this most effective prayer that cede with her Divine Son for rent war. Pray for peace. The Cardinal Pierbattista Pizrequest on behalf of the bish-

**CRISIS  
IN THE  
HOLY LAND**

**How you can help ...**



respond. First, foremost and this month of the Rosary, pray our Blessed Mother will inter-the people affected by the cur-Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, zaballa, has also made this ops in Israel:

We ask that on Tuesday, Ignatius of Antioch, everyone nence and prayer. Let us or-charistic adoration and with Our Blessed Virgin Mary.

together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice and reconciliation. Second, please respond in charity to the extent that you are willing and able to Catholic Relief Services at this link: [support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](https://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict).

Thank you. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

There will be no Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2 due to our All Souls Candlelight Mass of Remembrance at 7:00 p.m. Please check our All Souls Day Mass schedule on Page 3 of this bulletin.

First Friday Mass *In English* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on November 3



First Friday Mass *in English* will be celebrated on November 3 at 12:15 p.m. Confessions will be heard after that Mass until 1:15 p.m. And First Friday Mass will also be celebrated (in English) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, November 3 from the conclusion of the 12:15 Mass until Benediction at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.

OCTOBER 2023



A tremendous thank you goes out to Mia Rosselli, Cole Murphy, Maguire Harnett, Jackson, Stella and Harrison Hampton and Jack Gasiorowski. Last Saturday morning, they came and helped move a great amount of donated food from our church basement to the parish garage. Our Thanksgiving food distribution will take place from the parish garage due to the water damage in our basement last month. This was a lot of work and in the rain besides. These kids cheerfully gave their time to help out in any way they could. Thank you! Kids are always welcome to help on the third Saturday of the month bringing up the bags of food to the recipients' cars. The kids have a lot of fun and also learn the value of helping others. St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

## Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023  
1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church

Tickets for Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's *went on sale Monday, October 23rd*. For the first two weeks or so, these tickets will be sold online (and only online) by visiting the parish's website at [www.stmichaelnj.com](http://www.stmichaelnj.com) which will take you to the ticket-selling website of Eventbrite. Beginning on a date to be announced after those first two weeks or so of online ticket sales, tickets will also be sold "manually" in the church vestibule after some of the weekend Masses. Tickets purchased manually after Mass in the church may be paid for with cash or a check. All concert seats will be reserved and assigned seating. The pricing levels are \$55, \$50, and \$45. Tickets will not be available for purchase in the parish business office (except as announced) nor over the phone.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN TOMS RIVER PRESENTS

## "Left to Tell"

The Miraculous Story of  
Immaculee Ilibagiza,  
a Rwandan Genocide Survivor

St. Joseph's Church, Toms River is proud to present guest speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan Genocide Survivor. Immaculee lost most of her family during the 1994 Rwandan Genocide however, she was *left to tell* how faith and forgiveness can heal hearts and change the world.

The New York Times best-selling author of "*Left to Tell*," will share her witness to the life-saving power of faith and praying the Rosary during the 91 days she, along with seven other women, were huddled in a bathroom while killers lurked outside the door.

Immaculee's visit is part of the Church's Special Marian Devotion to Our Lady of Kibeho which will culminate in praying the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary followed by celebration of the Eucharist, on November 28.

Cost for the event is \$12.00  
per person.

Mail or drop off your payment to:  
St. Joseph's Church  
685 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753

Make checks payable to:  
St. Joseph's Church - Att: OL Kibeho

Pay online by scanning the QR Code

Friday,  
November 3rd  
at 6:30pm

St. Joseph's Church  
685 Hooper Ave.  
Toms River





## Rosary (Around Lake Takanassee) for Life and for Peace; 8th Grade CCD Students to Lead Parish in Prayer; **All Are Invited and Welcome!**

Our 8th Grade religious education students (35 young members of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year in March 2024) will be praying the Rosary “for Life and for Peace” on Monday, October 30, 2023 during their regularly scheduled Monday evening CCD class. The **parents and other family members** of these teen-age Confirmation candidates – **and all members of our parish and others in the community – are invited and welcome to join in this outdoor praying of the Rosary** which (weather permitting) will take place as the 8th Graders lead us around Lake Takanassee (accompanied by an escort of two Long Branch Police Department patrol cars and two LBPD police officers for safety’s sake and traffic management on North Lake Drive, South Lake Drive, and Ocean Avenue).

The Rosary and our walk around the Lake will begin at 5:45 on Monday the 30th. The walk will commence and conclude in our Upper Church. We expect to conclude the Rosary at approximately 6:15. The 8th Grade students will report for class that evening at the usual time of 5:30 and meet in the Upper Church and they will be dismissed at the usual time of 6:45 p.m. After this praying of the Rosary concludes (time permitting) there will be approximately 15 minutes of silent prayer and Eucharistic Adoration in the Upper Church followed by Benediction at 6:40 followed by preparations for that evening’s 7:00 p.m. Mass and 7:30-8:00 p.m. Confessions.

The **month of October** is both the “**Month of the Rosary**” and “**Respect Life Month**”. Both of these “month of” topics have been written about in our parish bulletins of the recent Sundays of October. The month of October is also at the heart of the “40 Days for Life” campaign (See Page 3) which this year runs from September 27 to November 5. Members of St. Michael’s Parish often pray the Rosary outdoors at Planned Parenthood during these 40 days seeking the end of abortion as well as reconciliation, conversion, and healing. And as we all know, war has broken out in the Holy Land and is continuing in Ukraine. The need for prayers for Life and for Peace is clearly a great need and it is a work of spiritual mercy and corporal mercy for our 8th Grade Confirmation students to pray for those intentions and to lead all of us in those prayers and to witness their faith vocally and vigorously as good, young, practicing Catholics. Please join us. Our Lady Queen of Peace and Queen of the Rosary, pray for us.



# RESPECT LIFE

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## NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

### WHEN:

Thursday,  
September 26, 2024

### WHERE:

New Jersey State Capitol  
State House Annex  
125 W State St  
Trenton, NJ 08608

### SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. NJ March for Life Rally  
12:00 p.m. NJ March for Life



New Jersey  Right  
to Life

 MARCH FOR LIFE

Learn More: [nj.marchforlife.org](http://nj.marchforlife.org)



## ***Catholic Church Teaching on Cremation, the Conservation of Cremated Remains, and the Burial of the Deceased***

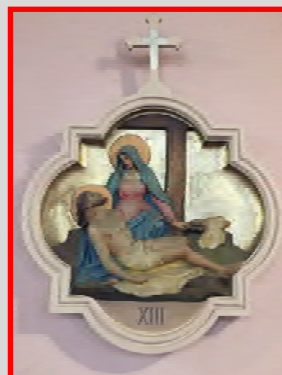
***Pastor's Note:** The Congregation (now "Dicastery") for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican in Rome has brought together in one document several of the Church's teachings with respect to the cremation of Christian bodies for burial or entombment. This Instruction was promulgated in August 2016. Published below (as it was in our parish bulletins of September 8, 2019, November 8, 2020, November 14, 2021, and October 30, 2022) is an excerpt from the document as issued by Cardinal Gerhard Muller on behalf of the Congregation. The Instruction states the principles that apply and govern when we Catholics are considering, and making plans for, certain end-of-life matters especially when cremation is one of the considerations. The Instruction is published here for the purpose of providing accurate, definitive, and reliable information on the Church's teaching to enable our knowledge to be well informed and our consciences to be well formed. This Instruction is being provided with an eye towards the month of November, which is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the month in which we commemorate (All Souls' Day on November 2nd) and particularly pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, and the time when we as Catholics make special efforts to visit the graves, mausoleums, and columbariums of our deceased loved ones to pray for their eternal rest. A related letter from the Dicastery on the subject of properly treating the bodies of the deceased was authored by Cardinal Luis Ladaria and issued in December 2021 and published in our May 15, 2022 bulletin. The Ladaria letter will be re-published in next Sunday's parish bulletin. It is informative and important reading for all Catholics. If there are questions, please feel free to contact the parish priests for further guidance.*

1. To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must "be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Cor 5:8). With the Instruction *Piam et Constantem* of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that "all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed", adding however that cremation is not "opposed per se to the Christian religion" and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated, under the condition that this choice has not

been made through "a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church". Later this change in ecclesiastical discipline was incorporated into the Code of Canon Law (1983) and the Code of Canons of Oriental Churches (1990) ... the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.



*The deceased body of Jesus in the arms of The Blessed Mother as depicted in the Pieta sculpture of Michelangelo as the sculpture was prepared for shipment from the Vatican to New York City for display at the 1964 World's Fair.*



*The photo above is from our church - - the Thirteenth Station: Mary holds the body of Jesus before He is placed in the Tomb.*

2. Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body. The Church who, as Mother, has accompanied the Christian during his earthly pilgrimage, offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of her grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory... burial in

a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit and in which "as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works".... the burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints.

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## ***Catholic Church Teaching on Cremation, the Conservation of Cremated Remains, and the Burial of the Deceased***

3. In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.

4. "The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine"... In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives, and taking particular care to avoid every form of scandal or the appearance of religious indifferentism.

5. When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, ***the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.*** From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes "in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church". ***The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventuality is possible, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has too passed away.*** Also it prevents any unfitting or superstitious practices.

6. ***For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted.*** Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. ***Nonetheless, the ashes may not be divided among various family members*** and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation.

7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, ***it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.*** These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.

8. When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law."

The Sovereign Pontiff Francis, in the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect on 18 March 2016, approved the present Instruction, adopted in the Ordinary Session of this Congregation on 2 March 2016, and ordered its publication. Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 15 August 2016, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Gerhard Cardinal Müller, Prefect



## Weekend Collection & Attendance

**Thank You!**

### Saturday, October 21, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,538.00	162 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$875.00	88 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$767.00	54 people

### Sunday, October 22, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,153.00	89 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,403.00	128 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,401.00	120 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$974.00	122 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,372.00	136 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$1,227.00	131 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 22 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2,128.00**

**This Week's Total: \$14,838.00**

**Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,687.00**

**World Mission Sunday: \$2,921.00**

## 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 (732-222-8080) 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.

## PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

### YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### FEBRUARY 2024

† Susan Whitman r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

#### April 2024

† Rita N. Cittadino r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

† Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano r/o The Boeckman Family

† Connie and Tony Criesi r/o Lin Criesi

† Dick Nolan r/o Lin Criesi

## ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



40 Days for Life Commenced September 27; Ongoing  
(See Page 3 for details)

All Saints Day Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
(Holy Day of Obligation) (See Page 3 for details)

Bishop O'Connell will be presiding and preaching at the 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Vigil Masses on October 31.

All Saints Day Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
(Parish Office Closed)

All Soul's Day Candlelight Mass Thursday, November 2, 2023  
7:00 p.m.  
(See Page 3 for details)

First Friday Friday, November 3, 2023 (12:15 p.m. Mass in English, Eucharistic Adoration 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Mass in English at 5:30 p.m., Confessions 12:45 to 1:15 and 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Rosary for Life & Peace Monday, November 6, 2023  
(Around Lake Takanassee) 5:30 p.m.  
(See Page 8 for details)

Veterans Day Friday, November 10, 2023  
(Parish Office Closed)

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23, 2023  
Early Mass at 7:00 a.m.  
Family Mass at 9:30 a.m.  
(No 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day)

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert Sunday, December 17, 2023  
at St. Michael's 1:30 p.m.  
(See Page 7 for details)

## WHO DOESN'T LIKE CANDY?

All the fun and surprises of Halloween will be back this year.

Let us share the treats to bring the Halloween spirit to our deployed Military HEROES! serving overseas.

Please donate candy to our troops who are overseas protecting our freedoms.

Candy donations may be placed in the plastic tubs in the church vestibule. The candy will be shipped by the Eagles Up Ministry team to our men and women in uniform to show our support and thank them for their service. All shipping will be handled through Nativity Church in Fair Haven.

