

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

October 31, 2021 | Thirty-First 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.



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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 30

8:00 AM † Ronald Cattelona	Sister & Family
4:00 PM † Mary Alterio	Ms. Villano
5:30 PM † Janice Brintnall	Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr
† James Rispolli	Tom Bourke
7:00 PM People of the Parish	
† Dorothy Dalton	Margaret Henneberry

Sunday, October 31

7:00 AM † Rosaleen De Bonis	George De Bonis
† Mary Alterio	Joe & Carmel Mirarchi
8:30 AM † Pamela Gatta	Aunt Maria
† Fe G. Directo	Fr. Mark's Family
10:00 AM † Peter Cangialosi	Clare Giangreco
† 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	

Monday, November 1

8:00 AM † Dr. Bart E. Maggio	Tom Viggiano
† Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
7:00 PM For All the Saints	

Tuesday, November 2

8:00 AM † Rosaleen De Bonis	George De Bonis
† Michelina & Dominick Russo	Family
7:00 PM † Souls of All the Faithful Departed	

Wednesday, November 3

8:00 AM † Pasquale Simonetti	Simonetti Family
† Pamela Gatta	

Thursday, November 4

8:00 AM † Joe Agresto	Wife & Children
Special Intention: Jack & Cathy McDonald (50th Wedding Anniversary)	Jack & Cathy McDonald

Friday, November 5

8:00 AM † Clarice Viggiano	Loving Family
† Sylvia Marsico	Friends
Special Intention: Heaning Family	Linda Heaning
12:15 PM † John K. Butler, M.D.	
5:30 PM † Irene F. & Edward W. Moskal, Sr.	Barbara & Edward Moskal

Saturday, November 6

8:00 AM † Conrad Russo	Family
† Mark Russo	Family
4:00 PM † Helen Doherty Brown	Sons
† Karen Smith	Loving Husband
5:30 PM † Raymond Walengewicz	Daniel & Kerry Weber
† Larry Daum	Patricia Tucker
7:00 PM People of the Parish	
† Pasquale & Matilda Visone	Tony & Lisa Monte

Sunday, November 7

7:00 AM † Charles Murrin	Theresa
† Joan Sigmond	Marian Davey
† Rosa Alba Stranieri	Mother Francesca
8:30 AM † Deceased Nuns and Sisters of Trenton Diocese	
10:00 AM † Mary Alterio	Joanne & Frank Buono
† Lawrence Daum	Ann Leuin
12:00 PM † Madeline Hughes	April Caruso
4:00 PM † Pamela Gatta	Lorraine & Bob Steiner
7:00 PM People of the Parish	

*You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

- Deuteronomy 6:5

***Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021***



Solemnity of All Saints



All Saints Day is November 1, 2021 and **not** 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 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 Tuesday, ***November 2 at 7:00 p.m.*** All are invited and welcome to attend this evening Mass. Let the parish and others who have had a Souls' Day inviting them to attend this Prayer and Remembrance for the re-the conclusion of the Prayer of the of the parish's recently deceased will lighting ritual.

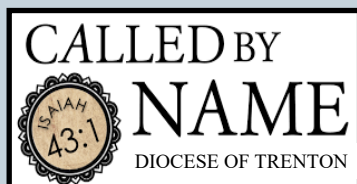


of prayers and Mass for the souls of the teaches that the faithful on earth can tific Vision through their prayers, good Candlelight All Souls' Mass will be

The Church encourages the offering faithful departed. And the Church assist the departed in attaining the Be-works, 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. 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 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

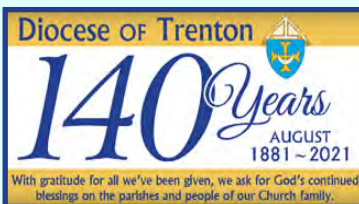


Prayer for the Success of the Synod

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 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- CCD Classes:
 - Classes cancelled on Sunday, October 31.
 - Classes meet as usual on Monday, November 1 and Tuesday, November 2.
- 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



There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Thursday evening that precedes First Friday. *The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be on November 4.* The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Please join with us in praying for vocations!

First Friday Mass *In English* at 12:15 P.M. and Eucharistic Adoration on November 5

First Friday Mass *in English* will be celebrated on November 5 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 5 followed by Confessions until 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will take place throughout the afternoon on Friday, November 5 from the conclusion of the 12:15 English Mass until 5:15 p.m.



Regarding the Latin Mass at St. Michael's Church;

First Friday 12:15 Mass on November 5 To Be in English

On July 16, 2021 Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter (*Traditionis Custodes* – available at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/20210716-motu-proprio-traditionis-custodes.html) in a format known as a *motu proprio* regarding the use of the 1962 Roman Missal of Pope St. John XXIII – that refers to the celebration of the Mass in the Latin language according to the form contained in the 1962 Missal. What many refer to simply as “the Latin Mass” has been celebrated here at St. Michael's for many years and most recently since 2016 on First Fridays at 12:15 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration throughout that afternoon until 5:15 and then 5:30 Mass and First Friday evening Confessions at 6:00 p.m. Bishop O'Connell has authorized on a modified schedule the continued use of the 1962 Roman Missal of Pope St. John XXIII (the celebration of “the Latin Mass”) here at St. Michael's on the First Friday of alternating months (August, October, December, February, April, and June). On the other First Fridays of the year (September, November, January, March, May, July, and including the upcoming November 5th First Friday), our 12:15 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the English language according to the 1970 Missal of Pope St. Paul VI as revised. We are grateful for this authorization to continue the celebration of the Latin Mass here at St. Michael's and all are invited and welcome to attend and participate. In the event of any questions, please feel free to contact one of the parish priests at the parish business office.

***Pastor's Note.** October is **Respect Life Month** as well as the month of the **Holy Rosary**. In our parish bulletin this month we are including teachings of the Church and of our Diocesan Bishop and news articles of interest on both of those subjects. That series began with a teaching document 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 two news stories (excerpted and edited to fit space limitations) reporting on a speech given by Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta in February 1994 at the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC.*

How Mother Teresa Challenged the Clintons on Abortion

by Paul Kengor (1)

The occasion was the annual National Prayer Breakfast, a huge ecumenical gathering in Washington. As president, Bill Clinton was a high-profile attendee....and the keynoter was a very special guest, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and saintly figure who had come all the way from the most impoverished area of the planet, the slums of Kolkata....Near the dais were the president and first lady, along with the vice president and his wife, and a select few VIPs, including Supreme Court justices and the highest-ranking members of Congress....



Mother Teresa emerged from a curtain behind the platform only when she was called and then slowly hunched her way to the microphone....The title of Mother's talk was "Whatever You Did Unto One of the Least, You Did Unto Me." She began by talking about Jesus and John the Baptist in their wombs....She next spoke of love, of selfishness, of a lack of love for the unborn – and a lack of want of the unborn because of one's selfishness....By this point in the talk, [some of the] attendees began shifting in their seats, as a lot of what the holy lady from Kolkata had to say was

striking too close to home. Then the Sister said something that made many very uncomfortable: "But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because Jesus said, 'If you receive a little child, you receive me.' So every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus, the neglect of receiving Jesus"....

Then applause started on the right side of the room and then spread throughout the crowd, as people began clapping and standing; the ballroom was swept up in nonstop applause....Yet some did not clap at all....Mother Teresa continued: "By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. [Abortion is] really a war against the child, and I hate the killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that the mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? ... Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

The little nun [in the direct presence of the President and Vice President of the United States] was doing what pro-choicers find unacceptable and might have booed out of the room if not for her moral authority. She kept describing abortion as "killing." She concluded by asking for prayers for her ministry, by asking for the blessing of God's love and by telling the 3,000 that she would pray for them and their families: "God bless you all". She then parted as she came, through the curtain behind the platform.



1. This article was originally published on September 2, 2016 in The National Catholic Register and is available in its entirety at <https://www.ncregister.com/news/how-mother-teresa-challenged-hillary-clinton-on-abortion>.

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HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

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.

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!

Please note that the Rosary for Life will be prayed on one more additional Monday, November 1st at 10:00 a.m. by parishioners of St. Michael's and Fr. John and Fr. Mark at the usual location outside Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. All are invited, welcome, and encouraged to attend and participate.

Parking Lot Mass to be Discontinued

The Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass that we have been celebrating in the North Parking Lot since September 11 will be discontinued. The last such parking lot Mass will be on Saturday, November 13. Beginning on November 20, the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass will be celebrated entirely in the Upper Church in "the normal manner". The live-streaming of the Saturday 4:00 Mass will continue.

The parking lot Mass had been resumed this past September 11 on a temporary basis with Bishop O'Connell's approval for a two-month period at a time when the covid delta variant was surging and the possibility of other high-risk variants was suspected, the school year was beginning and potential exposure to the virus was thought to be increased, vaccination numbers had not reached targeted goals, etc. Those planned-for two months will come to an end shortly along with the arrival of the colder weather and earlier sunset/darkness (Daylight Saving Time concludes the prior Sunday, November 7) which affect the practical sustainability of the outdoor parking lot Masses.

We've been blessed to have the outdoor facilities and **extremely blessed** to have the volunteer manpower and womanpower here at St. Michael's that have made it possible to offer the parking lot Masses. Gratitude is extended to all the volunteers and staff members and Mass-goers who have participated in the parking lot Masses since the Spring of 2020. May God bless us and protect us and keep us healthy and safe. St. Michael, pray for us.

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)

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 2

Joanne and Frank Buono

Week 3

Johnny Mazza, Jr.
Richie Thomas

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

As noted on Page 6 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 and concluding on November 13. 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.

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 and concluding on November 13. 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.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, October 23, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$3,648.00	148 cars
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,329.00	67 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$622.00	53 people

Sunday, October 24, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$964.00	64 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,613.00	96 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,396.00	122 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,322.00	129 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$838.00	91 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$489.00	112 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 24 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,532.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,753.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$9,604.00

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday \$3,166.00

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



40 Days For Life (Witness in Support of the End of Abortion) *September 22-November 1, 2021*
(see details on Page 6)

All Saints Day *Monday, November 1, 2021*
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation *Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. this year*)

All Souls' Day Candlelight Mass *Tuesday, November 2, 2021*
(Details on Page 3) *7:00 p.m.*
(Musical Prelude at 6:30 p.m.)

Holy Hour for Vocations *Thursday, November 4, 2021*
7:00 p.m.

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

Last Parking Lot Mass *Saturday, November 13, 2021*
4:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day *Thursday, November 25, 2021*
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
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Radio

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

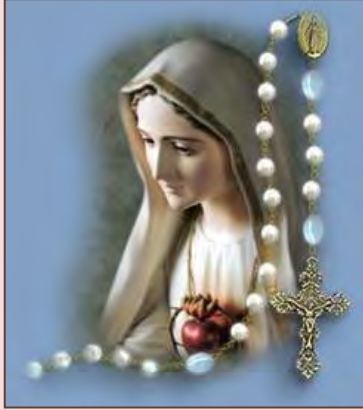
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Salvatore J. Mirarchi r/o Joe & Carmel Mirarchi

SEPTEMBER 2022

Ralph and Eleanor r/o The Boeckman Family

Saint Michael's Altar Rosary Society Monthly Meeting Saturday, November 13, 2021



St. Michael's Altar Rosary Society will resume its monthly meetings starting in November on Saturday, November 13, 2021, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and recitation of the Rosary. Our formal meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Refreshments will be served.

Our Society seeks to foster devotion to the Rosary and to serve the interests of our St. Michael's community with spiritual and corporal works of mercy. ***All women of the parish are encouraged and welcome to join us.*** For further information, please contact Dotty O'Hara at 908-310-6497.

Thank you to all the parish volunteers who have staffed the Right to Life raffle ticket table the past two weekends and to all those who have purchased raffle tickets and/or made a financial donation to the cause. St. Michael's collected \$4,823 for Right to Life with a couple of raffle books still available for purchase. Please pray for an end to abortion and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing.



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.



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

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!



Please donate candy to our troops who are overseas protecting our freedoms. You may place such candy (in sealed, unopened packages) in the Eagles Up! soldiers box in the vestibule of the church.

The candy will be mailed to our men and women in uniform to show our support and thank them for their service.



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When Mother Teresa Dared to Tell a U.S. President that Abortion is Murder

by Zelda Caldwell (2)

Five years after her canonization, St. Teresa of Calcutta's bold words are needed now, more than ever.



With the recent passage of a new Texas law outlawing abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected, the issue of whether a right to abortion exists under the United States Constitution has become the subject of intense debate. It is fitting that on the fifth anniversary of her canonization, we turn to the words of Mother Teresa, who once, in the presence of a U.S. president, made the case in the most compelling way possible, that abortion – the law of the land at present in the United States – is evil.

At the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, on February 5, 1994, Mother Teresa stood before President and Mrs. Bill Clinton, and Vice President and Mrs. Al Gore, along with 4,000 others in attendance, and Mother called abortion “murder.” Here is what she said:

“I feel that ***the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself.*** And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? ***How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion?*** As always, ***we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts.*** Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

“By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. ***Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.***”

Mother Teresa concluded her speech ***with words of hope***, and a reminder that we are called to use our freedom for higher purposes than murder: “If we remember that God loves us, and that we can love others as He loves us, then America can become a sign of peace for the world. From here, a sign of care for the weakest of the weak - the unborn child - must go out to the world. If you become a burning light of justice and peace in the world, then really you will be true to what the founders of this country stood for. God bless you!”



2. This article was originally published on September 4, 2021 in *Aleteia* and may be found at <https://aleteia.org/2021/09/04/when-mother-teresa-dared-to-tell-a-u-s-president-that-abortion-is-murder/>. A link to a video of Mother Teresa’s speech may be found at the conclusion of that same *Aleteia* article.



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