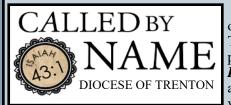
## November: A Month to Encourage Priestly Vocations

# Called By Name: An Invitation to Identify and Encourage Discernment of Priestly Vocations



All the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton are participating in "Called By Name" - - a proactive program of vocations aware-

ness and action that begins this weekend and continues through most of this month.

This program offers an opportunity *for all of us* to pray and take action 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 found in the pews today. Put the card in the collection basket either this weekend or next weekend.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization.

We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire men of our parish here at St. Michael's to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you have blessed with a priestly vocation and are calling to serve and lead the Church in the future.

Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.

#### 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

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

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

#### Parish Staff

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

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

November 7, 2021 | Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

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 Tony & Lisa Monte

Visone

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

Monday, November 8

8:00 AM † Brian Mark Valan Loving Family

† Ed Thayer, Sr. Pat Thayer & Family

† Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico

7:00 PM † Matthew Tomo, Jr.

Tuesday, November 9

8:00 AM † Danny Jagielski Pat, Jane, Peter, & Katie

Farmer

† Anne Brennan Mike Murphy

Thursday, November 11

8:00 AM † Mary Alterio Mary

† Ellen Sheehan Pat & Jane Farmer

Friday, November 12

8:00 AM † Pamela Gatta Agnes & Paul D'Angelo

† Richard Mayo Joanne & Anthony Martino

Saturday, November 13

8:00 AM † David R. Dorgan Jo Ann & Family

† Deceased Members of St. Michael's Church Rosary Altar Society

St. Michaels Church Rosary Altar Society

4:00 PM † Col. Edward B. Vogel Vogel Family

People of the Parish

5:30 PM † Johanna Eger Daniel & Kerry Weber

† Carol Thomas Patricia Tucker
7:00 PM † Richard "Dickie" Kline Tony & Lisa Monte

Sunday, November 14

7:00 AM † Lucia Costagliola Family

† Mary Alterio Jo Ann Dorgan 8:30 AM † Pamela Gatta Al & Stacey Acerra

† James A. Carr Fred, Janice, Kathleen &

Isabel Carr

10:00 AM † Patty Chavez Emily & David Kaplan

† Lawrence Daum Mary George
12:00 PM † Ginger Bauch Marcy Ansell
† Jeanne Smith Family

4:00 PM † Nicole Marie Palmer Mother Judith Mugrace

People of the Parish

7:00 PM † Dr. Rosemary Fiore Mark & Dana Viggiano

Wednesday, November 10

8:00 AM † Louis Celmer

† Barbara Martin Keeley Sisters

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Brian Mark Valan, requested by his loving family.

The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

-Psalm 146:7

### Called By Name:

### An Invitation to Identify and Encourage Discernment of Priestly Vocations

All the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton will be participating this 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.

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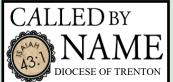
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Please recommend this person by filling out the response card that you will find in the pews next month. Put the card in the collection basket during your Mass. You may also drop off the card at the parish office or mail it to the office. The need 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.

## **CALLED BY NAME**

In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the prophet is speaking in chapter 43 to "Israel in exile," the "Babylonian Captivity" as this period is called. He attempts to re-focus the Israelites' attention from their past life to something new, something better, a way of life that promises deliverance and hope. "Fear not," Isaiah quotes the Lord, "for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine (Isaiah 43:1)."



In 2019, the Diocese of Trenton, through the work of our Director of Vocations Father Jason Parzynski and his vocation team, initiated the parish-based program successfully conducted in various dioceses throughout the country adapted from Isaiah's words to the People of Israel: "Called By Name."

This effort to recruit qualified young men to the priesthood in our Diocese coincides with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual National Cath-

olic Vocations Awareness Week, November 7-13, a time set aside to foster voties of faith. While the Diocese also encourages young women to consider voreligious life through various religious orders during this week, the principal "Called By Name" is for parishes in the four counties to identify young members who might possibly be called to the priesthood here.

Writing to the pastors and priests of our Diocese, Father Parzynski, quoting II, observed that "in the Year of the Eucharist, we are reminded that without charist and without the Eucharist there is no Church."

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Each parish has been provided with a "Called By Name" kit to use on the weekends of November 6-7 and November 13-14 to begin and end National Vocation Awareness Week. In addition to publications in parish bulletins and announcements from the pulpit, parishioners as well as parish clergy and religious leaders, catechists and youth ministers are invited and encouraged to use "pew cards" to prayerfully identify and recommend potential candidates "by name" whom they think might have a priestly vocation. The diocesan vocation team will then follow up directly with those individuals recommended.

Other dioceses throughout the country who have engaged in the "Called By Name Program" have reported great success with this program of outreach.

During my service as President of The Catholic University of America, I frequently asked young men if they had ever thought about becoming priests. It was not uncommon to hear them respond, "No one ever asked me."

In Mark's Gospel, looking at the crowds who were like "sheep without a shepherd," and in Luke's Gospel as well, Jesus told his disciples "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest (Mark 9:38; Luke 10:2)." Now more than ever, we need to heed his message.

Bishop David O'Connell Diocese of Trenton

### 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.



Fr. Wade Menezes

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

# Let us give thanks to the Lord our God



All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to a

## Family Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30A.M. on Thanksgiving Day.

At the conclusion of this Mass, loaves of bread will be blessed and distributed.

Please note: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will also be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. (the "early bird Thanksgiving Day Mass") in addition to the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. Mass will not be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Confessions will not be heard on Thanksgiving Day except for an urgent need; please contact the Parish Office if such a need occurs in order to schedule an appointment.

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



St. Michael's Altar Rosary Society will resume its monthly meetings starting this month 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.

## RE !IGI US EDUCA FION

- CCD 8th Grade Confirmation trip to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City: December 4, 2021
- Sacrament of Confirmation: March 10, 2022



The Parish Office will be closed for business on Thursday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

Mass will be celebrated at the usual 8:00 a.m. time on Veterans Day with Confessions heard after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.



Pastor's Note. The parish's response (as usual!) to Sister Bernadette's missionary appeal in July was outstanding and generous. Thank you! The following thank you letter from Sister Bernadette's religious community recently arrived in the mail. Please pray for vocations and for the missions.



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## **Communion Visits**; **Confession Visits**; Anointing of the Sick



Please keep in mind that the parish priests and our lay Extraordinary Ministers of the and eager to bring Communion to parishioners who are in the

hospital (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and hospices, too) and to parishioners who are at home but unable to get to church. Please contact Mary Valan at the parish office or Dotty O'Hara at (908)310-6497 to make arrange-

ments. Hospitals and other healthcare ties generally do not notify the parish office regarding their Catholic patients who desire to receive Sacraments. And so it falls to the patient herself/himself or to a family member or friend to contact the parish office to make the request. The parish priests will also very gladly make a hospital visit or home visit to hear a Con-



fession and/or administer the Sacrament of the Sick ("Anointing of the Sick") in addition to bringing Holy Communion. Please remember to contact the parish office or Dotty to make these arrangements. Thank you.

## Please Register as a Parishioner: The Helpful Reasons Why



Why is it so important to register with a parish? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish by contacting the parish business office. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the

religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor or godparent eligibility and qualification letter from the pastor, and getting donation statements for your income tax returns. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. For further information about registering at St. Michael's Church, please call Mary at the Parish Office at 732-222-8080. Thank you.

### 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.



### **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.

## Weekend Collection & Attendance

### Thank You!

### Saturday, October 30, 2021

<b>4:00 PM Mass</b>	\$2,815.00	146 cars
<b>5:30 PM Mass</b>	\$1,449.00	78 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$440.00	63 people

#### Sunday, October 31, 2021

<b>7:00 AM Mass</b>	\$1,061.00	66 people
<b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	\$1,294.00	102 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,359.00	107 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,592.00	104 people
<b>4:00 PM Mass</b>	\$554.00	71 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$635.00	69 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the October 31 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: \$3.868.00

This Week's Total: \$15,067.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,471.00

All Saints Day: \$1,711.00 All Souls' Day: \$3,760.00

### 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 3

Joanne and Frank Buono

#### Week 4

Johnny Mazza, Jr. Richie Thomas

### 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.

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

As noted on Page 7 of this bulletin, our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass has moved outdoors to the Parking Lot for approximately two months beginning as of September 11 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 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.

On the Calendar at St. Michael's Church	CALENDAR
"Called By Name": A process of invitation to inform, promote, discern, and encourage vocations to the priesthood	First two Weekends of November at all Masses; Ongoing thereafter
Veterans Day (Parish Office Closed)	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Last Parking Lot Mass	Saturday, November 13, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Baptism Class	Saturday, November 13, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Novena to St. Joseph During the Year of St. Joseph (concluding on Thanksgiving Day)	November 17 to November 25 (at all Masses)
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 of the Fathers of Mercy and of EWTN Television and EWTN Radio	December 11-15, 2021
Collection for St. Francis De Sales Church in Haiti	January 2022



Baptism The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, November 13 at

10:00 a.m. in the Lower Church. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infants who were baptized in October 2021: Capriana Lynn Calvosa, Alessia Rose Bassi, Valentina Rose Cremen, and Angelo Gino Fedele. May God bless them and their families.



### 2022 Mass Book

The 2022 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, November 30. We kindly ask that when you come to the office for scheduling, please bring a written list including the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.

## BAPTISM GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a Baptism GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program?



It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone whom a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living a strong, Christian Catholic faith. You model that behavior in the way that you live your life.

To receive a letter signed and sealed by the Pastor to verify

your eligibility to serve as a Baptism Godparent or as a Confirmation Sponsor (such letters are required by (and issued by) virtually all Catholic parishes in the United States including St. Michael's), please keep the following eligibility criteria in mind:

- Registered and active parishioner of a Roman Catholic parish.
- At least 16 years of age.
- Completed all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
- If married, married in the Catholic Church according to Catholic Church Law, or with the express permission of the Church. If unmarried, living a chaste single life (including not cohabitating).
- Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the sacraments of the Church regularly.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor is to be based on the person's dedication to the faith and consistent practice thereof.

Sponsor letters will be given to individuals who meet all of these criteria and who have been registered members of our parish for at least three months.

### 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.

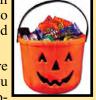
## Online Giving

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

### 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, uno-



pened 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.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS! Many of our troops are still deployed. There is a complete list of most needed items in the back of the church. Monetary donations towards shipping costs are accepted. Checks may be made payable to Eagles Up. A tax receipt

can be provided upon request.

### PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer † Millie & Butch Celli r/o Fran Ebert

### YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

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Ralph and Eleanor

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