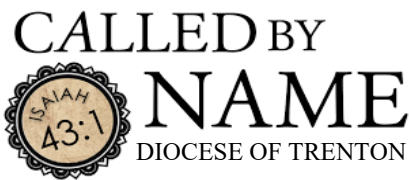


November: A Month to Encourage Priestly Vocations

Called By Name: Weekend #2 ***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 awareness

and action that continues this weekend.

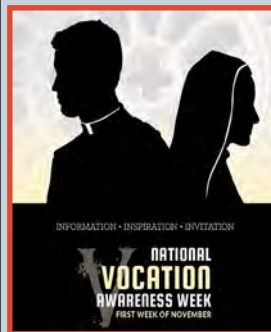
This program offers an opportunity *for all of us* to pray and take action for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage those members to share their gifts in and through the priesthood.

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 this weekend. You may also drop off the card at the parish office.

National Vocation Awareness Week is being celebrated in our country November 7-14, 2021. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, be supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation. If you know of a young man aged 16-40 years old who may have a vocation, or you are thinking about priesthood yourself, please reach out to the Diocese of Trenton's vocations office at (609) 406-7448.

Prayer For Vocations



Let us pray: For young people in our parish, in our community, and in our families, that they may respond generously with open hearts and willing spirits if the Lord calls them to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life. May they be open to God's call to service and to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord.

November: A Month to Pray for the Faithful Departed

of St. Joseph as foster father of Jesus; husband of Mary; carpenter and working man; patron saint of a happy and peaceful death (see the image to the right of Joseph blessed at the hour of his death with the presence by his side of Jesus and Mary – The Holy Family – and relevant as we pray for all the faithful departed and for all the Souls in Purgatory during this month of November); as patron saint of workers and of the Universal Church; Guardian of the Redeemer. Pope Francis reminds us that "After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse." As we approach the conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph, our parish will pray a Novena to St. Joseph at all Masses commencing on Wednesday, November 17 and concluding on Thanksgiving Day Morning, November 25. Further information may be found on Page 5 of this bulletin. St. Joseph, pray for us.

The Year of St. Joseph will be coming to a conclusion soon on December 8, 2021. We think



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

November 14, 2021 | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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
† Nicole Marie Palmer	Mother Judith Mugrace
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Dr. Rosemary Fiore	Mark & Dana Viggiano

Monday, November 15

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause	Friends of Sylvia Marsico
† James J. McEvoy, Sr.	McEvoy Family
7:00 PM † Mary Theresa Alterio	Bianca & Bill Kellam

Tuesday, November 16

8:00 AM † Emilia Genito Simonelli	Pasquale & Maria G. Simonelli
† Danielle Russo	Grandmother

Wednesday, November 17 (First Day of St. Joseph Novena)

8:00 AM † Philip Morici	
† Genovefa Mitchell	

Thursday, November 18

8:00 AM † Nancy Minchello	Linda & Richard Cornelia
† Urbano Molino	Linda

Friday, November 19

8:00 AM † Harry Tokanos	Mary
† Walter O'Neill	Pat, Jane, Peter, & Katie Farmer
† Jim Foggia	Daughter Mimi Paolise

Saturday, November 20

8:00 AM People of the Parish	
4:00 PM Vocations, Vocations, Vocations	
5:30 PM † Brian Mark Kapros	James & Alexis Armenti
7:00 PM † Catherine Ekmekjian	Tony & Lisa Monte

Sunday, November 21

7:00 AM † Mary Alterio	Agnes & Paul D'Angelo
† Gary Carotenuto	Joe & Carmel Mirarchi
8:30 AM † Michael Wrubel	Wife Maria & Family
10:00 AM † Thomas G. Golden	Russo Family
† Larry Daum	Luci, Ed, & Elisa Perez
12:00 PM † Rita McLaughlin	Dottie O'Hara
4:00 PM People of the Parish	
7:00 PM † Lisa Virga	Steve, Maria & Anthony Ferraro

The Center, Blessed Mother's, and the
St. Joseph's Sanctuary Candles will be lit
this week for all the Souls in Purgatory.



*Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."*

-Mark 13:31

November 14, 2021

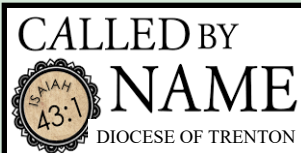
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Called By Name: Weekend #2

An Invitation to Identify and Encourage Discernment of Priestly Vocations

All the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton are participating this month in “*Called By Name*” - - a pro-active program of vocations awareness and action that repeats a similar campaign conducted in 2019 at St. Michael’s and at all Trenton parishes.

This program offers an opportunity *for all* to recognize gifts and potential for leadership naturally, to call forth and encourage those members of 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.*



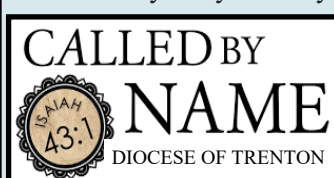
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Please recommend this person by filling out the response card that you will find in the pews this month. Put the card in the collection basket during your Mass. You may also drop off the card at the parish office or mail it to the office. The need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

CALLLED BY NAME: Weekend #2

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 annual National Catholic Vocations Awareness Week, November 7-13, a time set aside to foster vocations of faith. While the Diocese also encourages young women to consider vocation 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 Pope II, observed that “in the Year of the Eucharist, we are reminded that without the Eucharist and without the Eucharist there is no Church.”

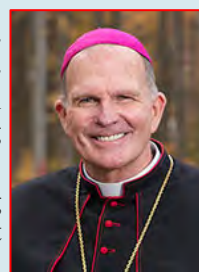
Each parish has been provided with a “Called By Name” kit to use on the weekends of November 6-7 and November 13-14 to begin and end National Vocation Awareness Week. In addition to publications in parish bulletins and announcements from the pulpit, parishioners as well as parish clergy and religious 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



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Advent Parish Mission: Fr. Wade Menezes

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 to coincide with Advent and with our Christmas preparation. 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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God



All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to a

Family Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 A.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 for Confession occurs in order to schedule an appointment.



For the poor you have
always with you
2021

Today is the fifth annual World Day of the Poor, a day established by Pope Francis that reminds us that integral to the teaching of the Gospel is the commitment to supporting and uplifting the poor and vulnerable in our midst. Please take a moment to think about one person or one family whom you know, who has been affected by poverty or related issues such as unemployment, debt, lack of quality health insurance, etc. Or, you might call to mind the impact of the recent economic struggles and inequalities revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic. How has this experience challenged your understanding of poverty? How can you respond in solidarity with your most marginalized neighbors? Please pray for the poor on this the World Day of the Poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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 of a new month.

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.

Year of ST. JOSEPH



By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service (1)

Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus through December 8, 2021. In an apostolic letter entitled *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart)(2), the Pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble.” “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all,” he said.

As Mary's husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned “his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his troubled at first by Pope added, St. Joseph will “regardless of the

“In every situation, Joseph declared *be done*”), like those of Jesus in the end,” the Pope said. “All St. Joseph was called person and mission of the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in the fullness of time salvation and is truly a

St. Joseph's acceptance of Mary and her “good name, her also serves as an example,” Pope added. “Today, psychological, verbal



toward women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man,” he wrote. Pope Francis also highlighted St. Joseph's “creative courage,” not only in finding a stable and making it a “welcoming home for the birth of the Son of God (who came) into the world,” but also in protecting Christ from the deadly threat posed by King Herod.

As a carpenter who earned “an honest living to provide for his family,” Christ's earthly guardian is also an example for both workers and those seeking employment and the right to a life of dignity for themselves and their families. “In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue....there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron,” he said.

During this Year of St. Joseph let us remember this holy, strong, reliable, and courageous; let us hold him up as an example of heroic virtue; and let us call upon him in prayer for his intercessions and support. St. Joseph, pray for us.

1. This article may be found at <https://catholicnews herald.com/93-news/vatican/6516-pope-proclaims-year-dedicated-to-st-joseph>.

2. *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) will be published in next Sunday's parish bulletin and is available at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html.

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 diocesoftrenton.org.



Donation of Frozen Turkeys for the St. Vincent dePaul Society's Food Drive

Donations of frozen turkeys will be accepted at the church parking lot on Friday, November 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please phone the St. Vincent dePaul Society at (732) 483-0360 ext. 7. Thank you and may God bless you.



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, November 6, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$3,279.00	138 cars
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,096.00	87 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$693.00	63 people

Sunday, November 7, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,711.00	102 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,923.00	96 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,428.00	109 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,030.00	124 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$604.00	91 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$558.00	103 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 7 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$925.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,247.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,223.00

Second Collection Next Weekend November 20 and 21

Next weekend November 20 and 21 at the request of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops we will be taking up the annual special collection that supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

Ralph and Eleanor

r/o The Boeckman Family

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 4

Joanne and Frank
Buono

Week 5

Johnny Mazza, Jr.
Richie Thomas

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

***Pastor's Note:** The Congregation 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 and November 8, 2020) 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 during 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. 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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NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF

Northeast Monmouth
Cohort 17

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

Sundays November 28 and December 5, 12 & 19
at 4:30 p.m. in St. Jerome Church, West Long branch
What is Evening Prayer (Vespers)? Evening Prayer, from
the Liturgy of the Hours, is a collection of psalms, hymns
and intercessions, that the universal Church prays as night
silently falls upon the earth, thereby sanctifying the time of
dusk. It is "a prayer of thanksgiving, not only for what God
has done through Jesus Christ, but for what God is doing
now in our lives and in our world."

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.

Aid For The Hearing Impaired

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

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



"Called By Name": A process of
invitation to inform, promote,
discern, and encourage vocations
to the priesthood

First three Weekends of
November at all Masses;
Ongoing thereafter

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 (novena con-
cludes 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)

Blessing of Long Branch City
Hall's Christmas Creche

Saturday, December 11, 2021
12:30 p.m.

Advent Parish Mission: Fr. Wade
Menezes of the Fathers of Mercy
and of EWTN Television and
EWTN Radio

December 11-15, 2021

Collection for Earthquake Relief/
Reconstruction for St. Francis De
Sales Church in Les Cayes, Haiti

January 2022

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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

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**Christmas Outing to New York City to Attend:
A Christmas Celebration at Carnegie Hall – The New York Pops Orchestra:
“Back Home for the Christmas Holidays”
Private Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral (Mary’s Chapel)
Friday, December 17, 2021**



St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society is pleased to sponsor a Christmas Concert Outing to Carnegie Hall for this cherished annual Christmas celebration with traditional carols and contemporary music. Our memorable day will start with a private Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral; time to see the Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center; three-course dinner; and concert ticket to attend *The New York Pops' "Back Home for the Christmas Holidays" concert with Guest Artist, Laura Benanti, and Music Director and Conductor, Steven Reineke.*

Our memorable day's schedule:

1:00 P.M.	Bus departs from St. Michael's upper parking lot
3:30 P.M.	Private Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral (Mary's Chapel)
4:15 P.M.	Time to visit Rockefeller Center and see the Christmas Tree
5:10 P.M.	Bus departs for the restaurant
5:30 P.M.	Trattoria Dell'Arte, 900 Seventh Avenue, New York City
8:00 P.M.	Concert (Balcony Level seating)
10:00 P.M.	Bus departs for St. Michael's Church

Our reservations:

Tickets are limited so reserve your seat today! **First come, first served.** Reservations must first be made by contacting Dotty O'Hara at 908-310-6497 no later than Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Please include names of attendees and cell phone numbers.



Our price per person: \$135.00.

Checks should be made payable to St. Michael's Church and can be mailed to or dropped off at the Parish Business Office (Attn: Dotty O'Hara). Please note in the remarks section of your check: New York Pops Christmas Concert. **Remember – you must first reserve a seat by calling Dotty.**

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

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

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