

November 21, 2021: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (also called the Feast of Christ the King) is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honor of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's dominion makes it a fitting end to the liturgical year. Pius XI intended this Solemnity to be a response to the growing nationalism and secularism of the early 20th Century (a time not unlike our own). He recognized that these related societal ills were likely to breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical establishing the Solemnity (*Quas Primas* – "in the first") reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies of political science come and go, Christ Our Lord reigns as king forever.

November 25, 2021: Thanksgiving (Eukharistia) Day



The Eucharist (the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Communion) was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper (the First Mass). The word "Eucharist" is from the

Greek word "eukharistia" for "thanksgiving". The Eucharist and the Mass are the central acts of our Catholic

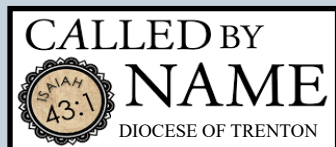
worship, praise, and thanksgiving. May we be always thankful for the Blessed Sacrament -- for THE EUCHARIST! -- and for all of God's gifts.



November: A Month to Encourage Priestly Vocations

Called By Name: Weekend #3 An Invitation to Identify and Encourage Discernment of Priestly Vocations

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November: A Month to Pray for the Faithful Departed

The Year of St. Joseph will be coming to a conclusion soon on December 8, 2021. We think 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 below 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 is praying a Novena to St. Joseph at all Masses. The Novena commenced on Wednesday, November 17 and will conclude on Thanksgiving Day Morning, November 25. Further information may be found on Page 3 of this bulletin. St. Joseph, pray for us.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 22

8:00 AM Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico
 † Eleanor & Nicholas Cattelona Daughter
 7:00 PM † Dwight Ransom
 † John F. Kennedy & John F. Kennedy, Jr. Tricia & Louie Vincelli

Tuesday, November 23

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Carr Janice, Fred, Kathleen & Isabel Carr
 † Anthony Ferrara Sister Quinta

Wednesday, November 24

8:00 AM † Jay Filippo Filippo Family
 † Dr. Rosemary Fiore

Thursday, November 25

7:00 AM † Gwen Baumann Mary Filippo
 No 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day
 9:30 AM Special Intention: Christopher Cullen Mary Filippo
 † Jay Filippo Filippo Family

Friday, November 26

8:00 AM † Martha Pignataro Clinton Family
 † Conrad Russo Wife

Saturday, November 27

8:00 AM † Ed Thayer, Sr. Pat Thayer & Family
 4:00 PM † Dolores Jackson Husband Dennis
 † St. Jude, Blessed Mother & Sacred Heart
 5:30 PM People of the Parish
 7:00 PM † Consalacion Anarcon
 † Sam Tomaini Louis & Tricia Vincelli

Sunday, November 28

7:00 AM † Tamar Asadourian Mr & Mrs Asadourian
 † Mary Alterio Luci, Ed & Elisa Perez
 8:30 AM † Ginger Bauch Janet Brown
 † Frances Welcome Anne & Bill Lisa
 10:00 AM † Nunzia Scotto Rinaldi Family
 † Arthur P. Jacobs Richard & Shirley Jacobs
 12:00 PM † Alfred Castin Loving Wife Marie
 † Joseph Paul Kiernan, Jr.
 4:00 PM People of the Parish
 7:00 PM † Elaine Rusoff Ciufu Family

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

-Revelation 1:5

November 21, 2021

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Year of
ST. JOSEPH



Pastor's Note. In connection with announcing the Year of St. Joseph (which will conclude on December 8, 2021) Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (A Father's Heart) last year to encourage us to remember St. Joseph; to remind us of the important role that St. Joseph played in the earthly lives of Jesus and the Blessed Mother and in salvation history and that he continues to play in our lives; and to recommend to us reflecting "on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience." An excerpt from *Patris Corde* is provided below.

APOSTOLIC LETTER: PATRIS CORDE (WITH A FATHER'S HEART) OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS (1)

"With a father's heart"...that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "*the son of Joseph*". Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter, betrothed to Mary. He was a "just man," ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law and through four dreams. After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no place for them" elsewhere. He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds and the Magi, who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis, was to establish a relationship.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother. To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph fled to Egypt. After returning to his life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, Jerusalem and the Temple, Joseph and the young Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and found him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law.



After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church," Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers," and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer." Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death"...The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. Indeed, the proper mission of all the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham and Moses and like Jesus, the "one mediator," who is our "advocate" with the Father and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]." The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life." Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart". The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same....We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion."

1. *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) is available in its entirety at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html.

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.

Second Collection This Weekend November 20 and 21



This 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



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.

2022 Mass Book

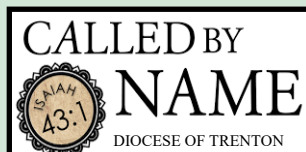
The 2022 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, November 30. We kindly ask that when you come to the office for scheduling, please bring a written list including the names and dates of your requests and your name and phone number. The stipend for Masses is \$10.00 per Mass.

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An Invitation to Identify and Encourage Discernment of Priestly Vocations

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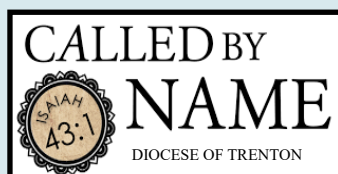
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Please recommend this person by filling out the response card that you will find in the pews this month. Put the card in the collection basket during your Mass. You may also drop off the card at the parish office or mail it to the office. The need 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 #3

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 Catholic Vocations Awareness Week, November 7-13, a time set aside to foster vocations in communities of faith. While the Diocese also encourages young women to consider vocations to consecrated religious life through various religious orders during this week, the principal object

and goal of “Called By Name” is for parishes in the four counties to identify young men from among their 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 the Eucharist there is no Church.”

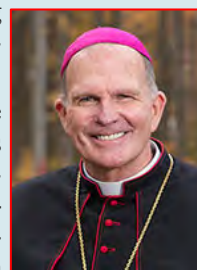
Each parish has been provided with a “Called By Name” kit to use on the 7 and November 13-14 to begin and end National Vocation Awareness to publications in parish bulletins and announcements from the pulpit, parish clergy and religious leaders, catechists and youth ministers are invited “pew cards” to prayerfully identify and recommend potential candidates to 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



Pope St. John Paul II
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Pastor's Note. In 2006, questions regarding the Eucharist and **one's worthiness to receive the Eucharist** (and conversely, **one's lack of worthiness to receive the Eucharist**) were in the news as they are today. In that year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a teaching document entitled *Happy Are They Who Are Called to His Supper: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist*. An excerpt from that teaching document is provided below and it may be found in its entirety at https://www.usccb.org/resources/statement-happy-are-those-who-are-called-to-his-supper-2006-11-14_0.pdf. The document discusses what we believe about Holy Communion and the significance of being united to Christ in Holy Communion. It also covers who may receive Holy Communion and who should refrain from reception of the Blessed Sacrament and why. The final section deals with how we should prepare to more worthily receive Holy Communion. Additional excerpts from *Happy Are They* will be published in this bulletin in the coming weeks.

“Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper”: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist

INTRODUCTION

The celebration of the Mass is the center of the life of the Church. The heart of the Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer, for through this prayer Christ's sacrifice is both recalled and made present and we give our thanks and praise to God. The Communion of Christ. At us and gives doing, Church as immediately the joy of

consummation of the Mass, however, occurs in Holy Communion, where we eat and drink the Body and Blood of each Eucharistic liturgy, Jesus speaks his healing word to us his life-giving Body and Blood—his very self. In so Christ continually nourishes and forms his pilgrim she journeys towards the Kingdom. In the Roman rite, prior to receiving Holy Communion, the priest calls us to receiving the Lord, saying, “This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.” In the presence of such a great gift, we humbly respond echoing the words of the Roman centurion: “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed” (Mt 8:8). Because of our own human sinfulness none of us is worthy of so great a gift. Yet Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist to give us a share in his divine life.

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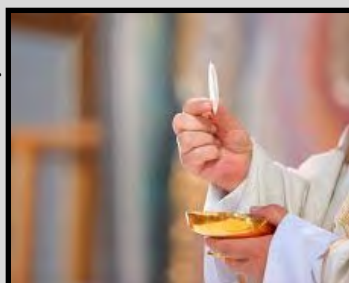
*On the Worthy
Reception of
Holy Communion*



As bishops and shepherds of the Catholic faithful in the United States of America, we recognize our responsibility to nurture the faith of our Catholic brothers and sisters in this most wondrous mystery – ***Jesus' Real Presence in Holy Communion***. In the following series of questions and answers, ***we wish to affirm clearly what the Church believes and teaches concerning the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion***. We also wish to provide a ***clear affirmation as to who may receive Holy Communion within a Catholic Eucharistic celebration***.

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION?

Holy Communion is a sharing in the Eucharist in which sent. The priest, recalling the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, recites ***the bread and wine, which are changed, by the power of the Holy Spirit, into the Body and Blood of Christ***. This is why the Church has traditionally employed the word “***transubstantiation***” to describe the change that takes place (what something is) of bread and wine is ***totally changed into the substance of Christ's Body and Blood***. While the appearances remain, ***the Risen Lord Jesus is actually present, and so it is He who is actually received in Holy Communion – Body and Blood, soul and divinity***.



Christ is truly present at the Last Supper, consecrated ***the Holy Spirit, into the substance of bread and wine***. ***The substance of bread and wine is changed into the substance of Christ's Body and Blood, and so it is He who is actually received in Holy Communion***.

We call our reception of Christ in the Eucharist “Holy Communion,” for through our reception of his Body and Blood we come into communion with him who is All-Holy. The Son of God came to share in our lowly humanity that we might come to share in his holy divinity. When we receive Christ in Holy Communion, we are united to the Risen Christ and come to share in his divine life. Thus, through Christ's indwelling, we are likewise united, in the Holy Spirit, to God the Father, the source of all holiness....

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“Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper”: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist

MAY RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Through Baptism and our shared faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we become members of the visible Church, under the apostolic authority of the pope and bishops. The celebration of the Eucharist expresses and enacts this communion in members of the Catholic Eucharistic liturgy—therefore, conditions for full participation in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which



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communal bond of love, and increases our holiness within the one body of Christ. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life.’”

the Apostles tells us that the first Christians “devoted the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). By its very nature the Eucharist is the fulfillment to which our shared life in

unfolds—it fortifies our common faith, nurtures the com-

SHOULD WE EVER REFRAIN FROM RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION?

In virtue of our membership in the Catholic Church we are ordinarily free to receive Holy Communion. *In fact, it is most desirable that we receive the Lord’s Body and Blood, so that Communion stands out clearly as a participation in the sacrifice being celebrated. Indeed, we should all cherish the grace given to us in the Eucharist. We should strive to receive Holy Communion regularly, fully, and worthily. We may find ourselves in situations, however, an examination of our conscience before God reveals to us that we refrain from partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ. Moreover, should be cautious when making judgments about whether or not one else should receive Holy Communion.*



Holy truly in the grate-where should we some-

Lack of Sanctifying Grace. In order to receive Holy Communion we must be in communion with God and with the Church. Mortal sin constitutes a rejection of communion with God and destroys the life of grace within us. Mortal sin is an act violating God’s law that involves grave matter and that is performed with both full knowledge and complete consent of the will. *If we are no longer in the state of grace because of are seriously obliged to refrain from receiving Holy Communion until ciled with God and the Church.* While we remain members of the body continue to be part of the Catholic Church, we have become lifeless or We no longer share in the common bond of the divine life of the Holy *cause our [mortal] sin has separated us from God and from our broth-in Christ, we have forfeited our right to receive Holy Communion, for by its very nature, expresses and nurtures this lifegiving unity that the now lost.* St. Paul warned the Corinthians that “*whoever eats the bread cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood Lord.*” (1 Cor 11:27) Manifesting the Father’s mercy, Jesus instituted of Penance precisely to allow us to confess our sins in repentance, re-tion from the priest, and so receive again the grace of the Holy Spirit, more makes us living members of Christ’s body, the Church.



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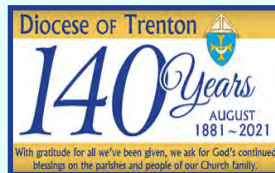
Prayer for the Success of the Synod



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.



The next Baptism preparation class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the parish's Catholic Center at 16 Beechwood Avenue, West Long Branch. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,221.00	96 cars
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,294.00	88 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$404.00	39 people

Sunday, November 14, 2021

7:00 AM Mass	\$984.00	74 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,688.00	126 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,732.00	133 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,123.00	97 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$793.00	81 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$735.00	82 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 14 Collection and for Previous Sunday Collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$1,485.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,459.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$20,227.00

SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Simbang Gabi is the Filipino custom of offering a nightly Mass each day for nine nights preceding Christmas Day to help the faithful prepare themselves for the joyous, yet solemn, celebration of the birth of our Lord. The novena of Masses, which signifies the nine months our Lord was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has been a



beloved tradition and devotion to the Blessed Mother since the 1600s in the Philippines. Here in Monmouth County, and in every county that is covered by the Diocese of Trenton, an organizing committee is formed to ensure that all the faithful throughout the Diocese are given an opportunity to pray this novena. All are welcome to attend and participate in our county's Simbang Gabi. The Rosary will be prayed and confessions will be heard before every Mass. Please refer to the schedule on page 7 for a complete listing of the dates, times, and venues of the Simbang Gabi 2021 in Monmouth County. And please observe the health and safety protocols that are in place in parishes that are hosting the Simbang Gabi.

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 5

Joanne and Frank Buono

Week 6

Johnny Mazza, Jr.
Richie Thomas

Simbang Gabi

sa Monmouth County

December 13-21, 2021

Monday, December 13 | 6pm Mass | St. Veronica Church, Howell

Celebrant: Rev. PJ Alindogan

Our Lady of Guadalupe Apostolate & Music Ministry

Tuesday, December 14 | 7pm Mass | St. Catherine Church, Farmingdale

Celebrant: Rev. Gel Anarcon

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Wednesday, December 15 | 7pm Mass | Holy Innocents Church, Neptune

Celebrant: Rev. Gregg Abadilla

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Thursday, December 16 | 7pm Mass | St. Benedict Church, Holmdel

Celebrant: Rev. AL Gamalo

BLD-Trenton Choir

Friday, December 17 | 7pm Mass | St. Jerome Church, West Long Branch

Celebrant: Rev. Sheldon Amasa

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Saturday, December 18 | 7pm Mass | St. Ann Church, Keansburg

Celebrant: Rev. Richard Vila

Our Lady of Guadalupe Apostolate & Music Ministry

Sunday, December 19 | 7pm Mass | St. Joseph Church (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), Keyport

Celebrant: Rev. Vic Magdaraog

Young Servants of the Lord Choir

Monday, December 20 | 7pm Mass | St. Dorothea Church, Eatontown

Celebrant: Rev. Daison Arepparampil

Young Servants of the Lord Choir

Tuesday, December 21 | 7pm Mass | St. Clement Church, Matawan

Celebrant: Rev. Mark Nillo

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Rosary & Confessions will start 30 minutes before Mass

Advent Worship & Liturgy Update

Extra Masses and times for Eucharistic Adoration will be added to the parish calendar on the first three Fridays of the Season of Advent as follows (excluding Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24):

- Mass.....12:15*
- Confessions.....12:45 to 1:15
- Eucharistic Adoration12:45 to 5:15
- Benediction.....5:15
- Mass.....5:30
- Confessions.....6:00 to 6:30

*12:15 Mass on Dec. 3 will be in Latin and according to the 1962 Roman Missal. 12:15 Mass on Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 will be in English.

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.

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 Counsel-

ON THE CALENDAR AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



"Called By Name": A campaign to encourage priesthood vocations November at all Masses

Novena to St. Joseph During the Year of St. Joseph (novena concludes 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)

Holy Hour for Vocations Thursday, December 2, 2021

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

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/Radio December 11-15, 2021

Christmas December 25, 2021

Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2022

March for Life January 21, 2022
Washington, DC

Collection for Earthquake Relief/ Reconstruction for St. Francis De Sales Church in Les Cayes, Haiti January 2022
(Dates TBD)



Blood Drive at Monmouth University

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Save the Date:

Wednesday, December 1 – 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Anacon Hall in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center at Monmouth University - 2nd floor
(Use Larchwood Ave. gate to enter campus)

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or by calling 732-235-8100 ext 221.

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St. Michael's Church Christmas Flowers Memorial 2021

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please complete the order form below and return this page to the Parish Office with your donation. The price is \$45 per memorial. All names will be included in a memorial booklet. To be included in the memorial booklet, your form and donation must be received at the Parish Office by Friday, December 10th. *Please print clearly.*

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“Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper”: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist

Objectively, certain thoughts, actions, and omissions entail grave sinful matter. As Catholics, we are obliged to form our consciences regarding what constitutes grave matter in accordance with the Church’s teaching. While it is not possible to make a complete list of thoughts and actions that involve grave matter, they would all be serious violations of the law of love of God and of neighbor. ***If we follow the order of the Ten Commandments, some examples of such thoughts and actions would be:***

- Believing in or honoring as divine anyone or anything other than the God of the Holy Scriptures.
- Swearing a false oath while invoking God as a witness.
- Failing to worship God by missing Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation without a serious reason, such as sickness or the absence of a priest. ***The Code of Canon Law obliges the faithful to participate in the Mass on each and every Sunday and holy day of obligation*** (see CIC, c. 1247).
- Acting in serious disobedience against proper authority; dishonoring one’s parents by neglecting them in their need and infirmity.
- Committing murder, including abortion and euthanasia; harboring deliberate hatred of others; sexual abuse of another, especially of a minor or vulnerable adult; physical or verbal abuse of others that causes grave physical or psychological harm.
- Engaging in sexual activity outside the bonds of a valid marriage¹
- Stealing in a gravely injurious way, such as robbery, burglary, serious fraud, or other immoral business practices.
- Speaking maliciously or slandering people in a way that seriously undermines their good name.
- Producing, marketing, or indulging in pornography.
- Engaging in envy that leads one to wish grave harm to someone else Catholics who are conscious of committing any mortal sin must receive the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. Assistance in examining one’s conscience is available from confessors and spiritual directors.

Lack of Adherence to Church Teaching. As Catholics we believe what the Church authoritatively teaches on matters of faith and morals, for to hear the voice of the Church, on matters of faith and morals, is to hear the voice of Christ himself. ***To give selective assent to the teachings only deprives us of her lifegiving message, endangers our communion with her.***

The Second the Church (*Lumen* “Bishops who teach be revered by all as faithful, for their decision, made in morals, and to ad-
giance of mind. This be given, in a spe-



Vatican Council’s *Dogmatic Constitution on Gentium*), no. 25 teaches on this point: in communion with the Roman Pontiff are to witnesses of divine and Catholic truth; the part, are obliged to submit to their bishops’ the name of Christ, in matters of faith and here to it with a ready and respectful alle-loyal submission of the will and intellect must cial way, to the authentic teaching authority of

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the Roman Pontiff, even when he does not speak ex cathedra in such wise, indeed, that his supreme teaching authority be acknowledged with respect, and that one sincerely adhere to decisions by him, conformably with his manifest mind and intention, which is made known principally either by the character of the documents in question, or the frequency with which a certain doctrine is proposed, or by the manner in which the doctrine is formulated.” Referring to the authority of the pope bishops as authentic teachers of the faith, the declaration *Mysterium Ecclesiae* states that the faithful are not simply to listen to them as experts in Catholic trine, but “must accept their teaching given in Christ’s name, with an assent proportionate to the authority that they possess and that they mean to exercise” (Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Declaration in Defense of the Catholic Doctrine on the Church Against Certain Errors of the Present Day* [*Mysterium Ecclesiae*], no. 2).



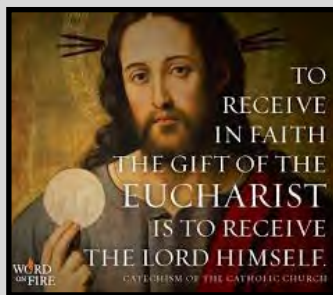
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Some Catholics may not fully understand the Church’s doctrinal and moral teaching on certain issues. They may have certain questions and even uncertainties. In these situations of honest doubt and confusion, they are welcome to partake of Holy Communion, as long as they are prayerfully and honestly striving to understand the truth of what the Church professes and are taking appropriate steps to resolve their confusion and doubt. Individuals who experience serious difficulties with or doubts about Church teaching should carefully study those Church teachings from authentic sources and seek advice from a confessor or pastor.

If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain.

Giving Public Scandal. When a person is publicly known to have committed serious sin or to have rejected definitive Church teaching and is not yet reconciled with the Church, reception of Holy Communion by that person is likely to cause scandal for others. This is a further reason for refraining from receiving Holy Communion.

On this point Pope St. John Paul II wrote in his Encyclical Letter *On the Eucharist* (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*), no. 37: “The judgment of involved, since it is a **outward conduct norm, the Church, and out of respect**



To give scandal what one does. Rattitude or behavior becomes his neighbor **matter.** “Anyone

ers to do wrong becomes guilty of scandal and responsible for the evil that he has directly or indirectly encouraged. “Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come!” (Lk 17:1). (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2287)

one’s state of grace obviously belongs only to the person in question of examining one’s conscience. However, **in cases of which is seriously, clearly and steadfastly contrary to the moral in her pastoral concern for the good order of the community for the sacrament, cannot fail to feel directly involved.**”

means more than to cause other people to be shocked or upset by ther, one’s action leads someone else to sin. “Scandal is an attitud which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal bor’s tempter.” **To lead others into sin is indeed a very serious** who uses the power at his disposal in such a way that it leads oth-

Those who decide appropriately to refrain from receiving Holy Communion for whatever reason should, nonetheless, participate in the sacrifice of the Mass. In hearing the Word of God and responding to it through acclamations, singing, and prayerful silence they can allow that Word to work within them. At Communion time they can express in their hearts the desire to unite themselves to the Lord in the reception of his sacred Body and Blood. Moreover, they are encouraged to join themselves in heart and mind with Christ in Eucharistic adoration, such as Benediction.

Saint Michael's Rosary Altar Society Annual Christmas Luncheon

St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society is pleased to host our Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Deal Country Club

Luncheon details:

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

Place: Deal Country Club, 1 Golf Lane (Roseld Ave, Deal, NJ 07753)

Menu: Buffet Luncheon (includes coffee/tea/soda).

Cost: \$45 per person (includes gratuity). Check should be made payable to **St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society**

Reservations: RSVP by Thursday, December 9th, by calling Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145.

Payment: Mail check to Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764 (Remarks space: Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon)



Our Newest Parishioner



Congratulations to Joan, Billy, and (older sister) Daisy Chasen-Meszaros on the birth of Baby Beatrix Lovely this past Tuesday, November 16. The baby arrived at Monmouth Medical Center at about 7:30 p.m. and weighs 8 pounds, 11 ounces and is quite healthy and beautiful. Her mother

Beth and grandmother Joan are catechists in our St. Michael's CCD program. May God bless Baby Beatrix (nickname Trixie!) and all the family.



Communion Visits; Confession Visits; Anointing of the Sick



Please keep in mind that the parish priests and our lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available 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 arrangements. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities **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 Confession 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.



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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.

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

AN OINTING 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.

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8:30am-3:30pm

(closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

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