St. Michael's Church

December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:00 AM | Mon: 7:00 PM First Friday 12:15 PM in Latin in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. In English in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. And 5:30 PM (on First Friday) in English in all months.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Monday through Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.

Monday Night: after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

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

First Fridays: after the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass until 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

To register with the parish, please call the Parish office for information.

MARRIAGES

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

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place generally on Sundays at 1:15 PM. Other days/times can also be arranged. Parents must be registered parishioners, and can call the Parish Office for information and scheduling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To enroll your child for our Religious Education classes, please contact Kevin Connelly, (732)483-0360, ext. 2 at the Catholic Center.

Parish Office

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

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

Answering service phone coverage at all other times.

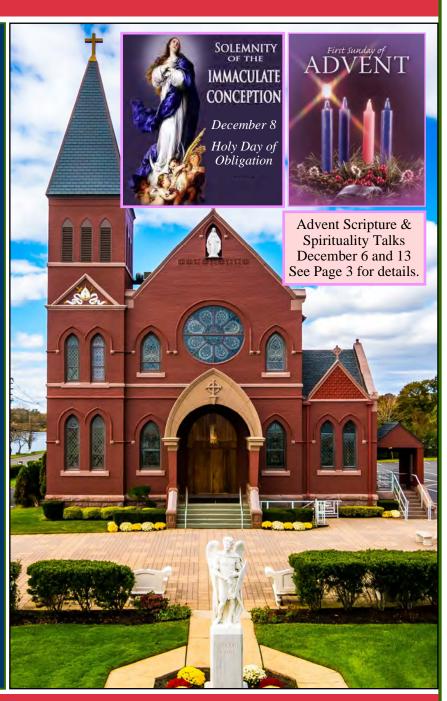
Parish Staff

Rev. John Butler, Pastor Rev. Cvril Johnson, Parochial Vicar Thomas Randazzo, Business Manager Kevin Connelly, Director of Religious Ed. Mary Valan, Parish Secretary Emily Carroll, Assistant Parish Secretary Lauren Walters, Acting Music Director Larry Swenson, Maintenace Coordinator

CATHOLIC CENTER AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

16 Beechwood Avenue | West Long Branch, NJ 07764 Ph: (732) 483-0360 ext. 2| Fx: (732) 795-3262

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 732-483-0360 ext. 1



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2 Wednesday, December 6

8:00 AM † Grace Tho Teresa 8:00 AM † Jack DuBois Friend

† Paolo Paone

7:00 PM † Edward Sullivan

People of the Parish Thursday, December 7

Grateful Parishioner 4:00 PM Special Intention: Parish 8:00 AM † Deceased Military Veterans

Priests of St. Michael's 4:00 PM † Carmen Perez

† Lena Rosania Loving Family 7:00 PM † People of the Parish

† Sadie Colasurdo Daughter Jean Discepola

5:30 PM † Cathy Brown Husband & Children

> Special Intention: Parish Grateful Parishioner Priests of St. Michael's 8:00 AM † Azon Molino Family

Special Intention † Mary Holden Pat, Anne Marie, & Michael Thayer

Friday, December 8

7:00 PM Special Intention: Parish Grateful Parishioner Priests of St. Michael's 12:15 PM † Billy Delehanty

† John Cassidy Patrick Trollan & Family 4:00 PM † Paula Pagliuso Rene & Jack Brignola

Sunday, December 3 Saturday, December 9

7:00 AM Special Intention: Parish Grateful Parishioner 8:00 AM † James Cade Ducharme Lew & Renee Mazza Priests of St. Michael's

People of the Parish † Rosa Alba Stranieri

4:00 PM † Frank Pescatore Janice Pescatore & Family 8:30 AM † Gloria Dean Rose Giordano

† Phyllis Meola Barbara Klotz Grateful Parishioner Special Intention: Parish

Priests of St. Michael's 5:30 PM † Rose Sorrentino Paul & Agnes D'Angelo

8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church): † Deceased Members of the Family

Health and Blessings: Cervellino Family Children of Our Parish and

Our Catechists Special Intention

10:00 AM † Jack Strehl Sally Strehl & Michelle 7:00 PM † Debra Harrington Ed Harrington & Family Murphy

Special Intention: Parish Grateful Parishioner

Priests of St. Michael's Sunday, December 10

12:00 PM † Geraldine Napolitiani Anthony Lucarelli John & Barbara Ferrari 7:00 AM † Anne Ferrari Special Intention: Parish Grateful Parishioner

† Jack Levy Wife Debbie Priests of St. Michael's 8:30 AM † Ruth Mauer Carr Family

4:00 PM Special Intention: Parish Grateful Parishioner Priests of St. Michael's 8:45 AM (At St. Jerome's Church):

Health and Blessings: People of the Parish Children of Our Parish and **Our Catechists**

Jennifer & Timothy Collier 7:00 PM † Ron Carroll and Family 10:00 AM † Frank Notaro **Daughters**

Grateful Parishioner Special Intention: Parish † Mary Anne Dunphy Thomas Carroll & Family Priests of St. Michael's

12:00 PM † Bruno Charles Lucarelli Anthony Lucarelli

Monday, December 4 † Stanley Betts Nancy & Bill Montgomery

8:00 AM † Capt. James Heimbold Sister J.E. Boehles 4:00 PM People of the Parish

† Esther Hughes De Bonis Family 7:00 PM † Special Intention

Pro-Life Cause Friends of Sylvia Marsico

Friend

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 AM † James Masi Vinnie out the World. † Clarice Viggiano Viggiano Family

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



Luci, Ed & Elisa Perez



....And Christmas Carols, Too!



Immediately after the conclusion of the *Messiah Sing-Along*, our acting music director Lauren Walters and several of the *Messiah*

professional singers will lead us for a few minutes in a Christmas Carol Sing-Along in the Upper Church. All are invited and welcome to participate in the singing of the Christmas Carols.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

Masses:

Thursday, December 7th 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8th 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.



Please remember that there will be <u>no 7:00 p.m. Mass</u> on Friday, December 8 here at St. Michael's because of the Handel's Messiah Sing-Along scheduled for that evening in our Upper Church.

On the evening of Friday, December 8 there will be Masses for the Immaculate Conception holy day of obligation at our neighboring parish as follows:

- 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.
- 7:30 p.m. (in Spanish/Portuguese) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Confessions on Friday, December 8 will be heard after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and after the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

"The Little Blue Book"

Advent and Christmas Season 2023-2024 These books contain six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Liturgical Year A. If you would like a free copy, they are available in the back of the church.



Fr. Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R., the newly appointed and recently arrived new Director of the San Alfonso Retreat House, will be visiting St. Michael's for two Advent Scripture & Spirituality talks (each beginning at 7:00p.m. in our Upper Church).

- Wednesday, December 6: "You Matter in the Eyes of God". Each year during the Advent/Christmas Seasons, we are reminded of God's promise: "Can a mother forget her infant Even if she should forget, I (God) will never forget you".
- Wednesday, December 13: "The Humble Heart: The Birthplace of Christ". The Word became flesh through the Virgin Mary's act of perfect surrender and trust. So, the Word becomes flesh in us when we learn to trust and surrender.
- All are invited and welcome. No admission charge. Weather permitting, light refreshments will be served outdoors on the church courtyard immediately following these talks.



St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society Annual Christmas Luncheon



Luncheon Details:

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

<u>Date</u>: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 12:00 Noon.

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

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

Cost: \$55 per person (includes gratuity). Check should be made payable

to St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society.

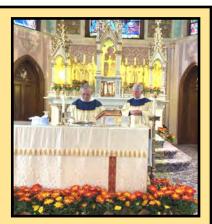
Reservations: RSVP by Friday, December 8th, by calling Sharon Barham at 732-539-7145.

Payment: Mail check to Sharon Barham, 2 Belle Drive, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

(Remarks space: Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon).











Thanksgiving
Day
2023
at
St. Michael's

Advent Fridays Worship & Liturgy Update

Extra Masses and times for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession will be added to the parish calendar on the three Fridays (December 8, 15, and 22) of this year's Season of Advent as follows. One of these "Advent Fridays" (December 8*) coincidentally will also be a holy day of obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. *Please note that on Friday, December 8 (the Immaculate Conception holy day of obligation) there will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass and no 6:00 p.m. Confessions because of preparation for that night's 7:00 p.m. Handel's Messiah Sing-Along. The last Mass on December 8 will be at 4:00 p.m.

•Mass	12:15
•Confessions	12:45 to 1:15
• Eucharistic Adoration	12:45 to 5:15
•Benediction	5:15
•Mass	5:30 *
•Confessions	6:00 to 6:30*

We joyfully welcome into our parish family the following infant who was baptized here in November 2023: Emma Rae Dipersio. May God bless her and her family.



2024 Mass Book



The 2024 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, November 28. 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.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

† Ronald Lubischer

r/o Joyce Lubischer

YEARLY MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 2024

†Susan Whitman **APRIL 2024**

r/o Lex and Janet Tucci

†Rita N. Cittadino

r/o Christopher M. Cittadino and Children

SEPTEMBER 2024

†Ralph and Eleanor Siciliano

r/o The Boeckman Family r/o Lin Criesi

†Connie and Tony Criesi †Dick Nolan

r/o Lin Criesi

Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church Sunday, December 17, 2023 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church Tickets for Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's went on sale Monday, October 23rd. For the first few weeks, these tickets have been sold online by visiting the parish's website at www.stmichaelnj.com which will take you to the ticket-selling

website of Eventbrite. Online sales will continue.

Tickets also will be available for purchase "manually" in the rear of the church and in the parish business office and may be paid for there with cash or a check. These "manual sales" of the concert tickets will take place in the Church after Mass as follows and in the parish office as follows:

In-Church Sales

- •Following the Saturday, December 2nd 4:00 p.m. Mass and 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- •Following the Sunday, December 3rd 7:00 a.m. Mass and 8:30 a.m. Mass.

In-Office Sales

- •Tuesday-Thursday, December 5-7 from 9;00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- •Tuesday-Thursday, December 12-14 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All concert seats will be reserved and assigned seating. The pricing levels are \$55, \$50, and \$45. Tickets will not be available for purchase over the phone. If you purchased your ticket online, please print out the ticket and bring the ticket with you to the concert.





OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT:



The Diocese of Trenton and St. Michael's Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse

allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on

Monday, December 11th, 7:30 p.m. (Spanish) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and



Tuesday, December 12th, 7:30 p.m. (Portuguese/Spanish) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and

Tuesday, December 12th, 12:10 p.m. (English)
at Holy Trinity Church



Advent Days of Prayer San Alfonso Retreat House 755 Ocean Ave, Long Branch, NJ 07740

Come join us for our Advent Days of Prayer:

Join us for fellowship, prayer and reflection to prepare your mind, heart, and soul for Christmas!

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

The Lion and the Lamb: A Vision of Peace this Advent

Presenter: Br. Ken Stinger, C.Ss.R. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Stipend: Sliding scale \$45 - \$55

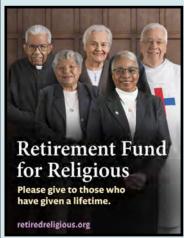
Sábado 16 De Diciembre 2023

(To be conducted in Spanish)
Tú Importas a Los Ojos De Dios
(You Matter in God's Eyes)
Presenter: Fr. Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Stipend: \$30

To register: e-mail info@sanalfonsoretreats.org
Visit our website: www.sanalfonsoretreats.org

Phone: 732-222-2731, X140

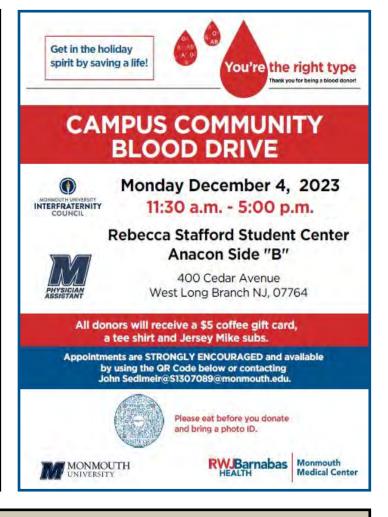
Second Collection Next Weekend December 9 and 10 for the Retirement Fund for Religious



Next weekend we will take up a Second Collection at all Masses to support the Retirement Fund for Religious. The elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others through praying for us, ministering to us, educating the young,

caring for those who are sick and more-most for little or no pay, leaving a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference in providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Learn more about the Retirement Fund for Religious at retiredreligious.org Please give generously.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church.



St. Vincent dePaul Society: Food Pantry - November 2023



Many thanks to the members and volunteers of the St. Vincent dePaul Society (and to their clients) who conducted the November 18th monthly food pantry outdoors and in the parish garage while the church hall is undergoing repairs after the September 29 rainstorm and flooding. May God continue to bless the SVDP members, volunteers (several local high school and grammar school students). their clients. St. Vincent dePaul, pray for us.



St. Michael's Church Christmas Flowers Memorial 2023

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 Thursday, December 7th. Please print clearly.

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Please include your name and mailing address to ceive your copy of the Christmas Memorial Book	re-	
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WHAT IS IT?

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL?

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, concerted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist - the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The revival has officially begun in June 2022, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father's call for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church United States the might be "permanently in a state of mission." (Evangelii Gaudium, n. 25)

This Eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the re-

newal of the Catholic Church in the U.S. over the next three years. Each year will have a strategic focus for formation and missionary discipleship.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 19, 2022

We launch our national response to the Lord's call with widespread eucharistic processions and adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

WHAT'S NEXT?

YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

2022 - 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

2023 - 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

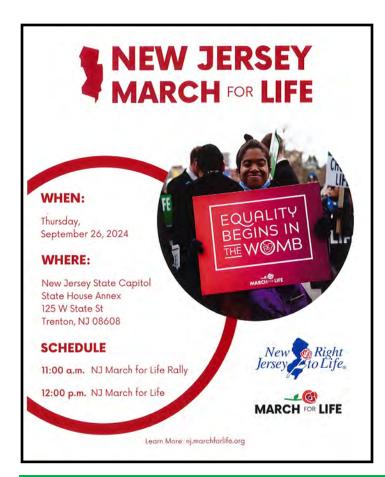
July 2024

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

2024 - 2025

Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord.



The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 8, 2023 in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to six sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns, and bereavement. Contact your pastor or parish priest (732-222-8080) for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

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.



2023 Monmouth County

Simboung Gabi 6:30 p.m. Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12, at Saint James, Red Bank
Wednesday, December 13, at Saint Ann, Keansburg
Thursday, December 14, at Saint Catherine, Farmingdale
Friday, December 15, at Holy Innocents, Neptune
Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family, Union Beach
Sunday, December 17, at Saint Dorothea, Eatontown
Monday, December 18, at Saint Benedict, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 19, at Saint Clement, Matawan

Wednesday, December 20, at Saint Mary, Middletown

Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, November 18, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,029.00	153 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$878.00	70 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$482.00	50 people

Sunday, November 19, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,573.00	101 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$2,442.00	158 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,080.00	130 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$986.00	126 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,638.00	132 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$735.00	114 people

Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 19 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$2,142.00**

This Week's Total: \$13,985.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$11,992.00

Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human

Development: \$2,645.00



Weekend Collection & Attendance

Thank You!

Saturday, November 25, 2023

4:00 PM Mass	\$2,496.00	171 people
5:30 PM Mass	\$1,031.00	94 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$371.00	46 people

Sunday, November 26, 2023

7:00 AM Mass	\$1,517.00	87 people
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,760.00	109 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,415.00	104 people
12:00 PM Mass	\$1,539.00	108 people
4:00 PM Mass	\$811.00	123 people
7:00 PM Mass	\$906.00	92 people

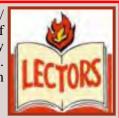
Mailed-in Envelopes for the November 26 collection and for previous Sunday collections during the Pandemic Lockdown: **\$637.00**

This Week's Total: \$12,483.00

Same Week's Total Last Year: \$12,520.00

On the Calendar at St. Michael's Church	CALENDAR
First Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 3, 2023
Advent Penance Service	Monday, December 18, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Campus Blood Drive at Monmouth University	Monday, December 4, 2023 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (See Page 11 for details)
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)	Friday, December 8, 2023 (See Page 3 for Mass schedule)
Handel's Messiah Sing-Along	Friday, December 8, 2023 7:00 p.m. (See Page 3 for details)
Parish Trip to Carnegie Hall Christmas Concert	Saturday, December 9, 2023
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Tuesday, December 12, 2023 (See Page 6 for details)
Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon	Wednesday, December 13, 2023 (See Page 4 for details)
Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's	Sunday, December 17, 2023 1:30 p.m. (See Page 5 for details)
Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)	Monday, December 25, 2023
New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation in 2024)	Monday, January 1, 2024

Our Parish is in need of lectors/ readers and altar servers for *ALL* of our Masses and especially our Sunday 7:00 a.m. Mass, Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mass, Weekday Masses, and from time-to-time for our Funeral Masses.





If you can help, please call the parish business office, 732-222-8080.

Thank you!