

ST. VERONICA CHURCH

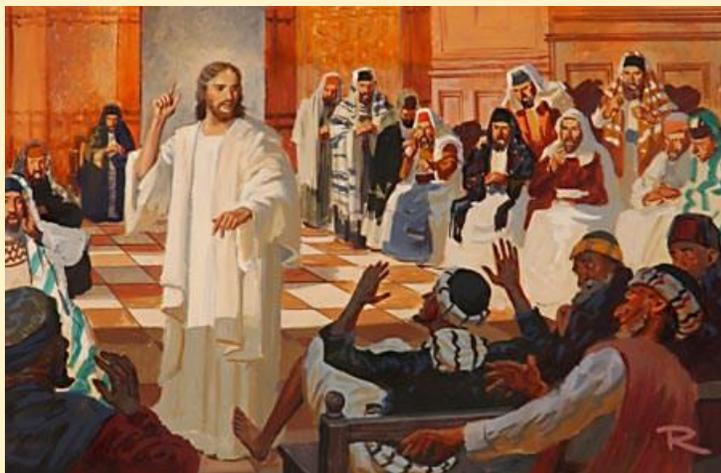
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Rectory Office Hours This Week: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30AM-1:30PM (phone calls only)

(Due to COVID 19, the office is not yet open to the public)



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

10:30AM: Live Stream Mass in parking lot with Communion

Daily, Monday-Friday: 12 Noon

Holy Days: As Announced in the bulletin

Healing Mass: TBA

Miraculous Medal Novena— TBA

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 2-3:30PM

Sacrament of Baptism: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month

Anointing of the Sick: Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with illness may request the Sacrament by calling the parish office.

Parish Census: Every family in the parish should be properly registered. You may do so at the rectory office during regular rectory

Envelopes: The use of parish envelopes enables us to maintain up-to-date records of those who are actively attending & supporting our church.

Pastor: Rev. Peter James Alindogan
Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Chang
Weekend Assistant: Rev. Bill O'Brien
Deacons:

Charles R. Daye, Jr.
John Franey
Gino (Louis) Esposito

Lay Trustees:

Claire McCarthy
Joseph Detting

Religious Education & Youth Ministry
Coordinator:

Sr. Ann Norton, C.R.

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Cecilia Berdar

Pastoral and Support Staff:

Cheryl Wegner
Steve Gurczynski



JANUARY 31, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for this Week

January 31, 2021

SUNDAY (Jan. 31st)

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:00 Jonathan Giorgi.....Karen & Mike Puglisi
 Constance Salvatore.....McCarthy Family
 10:30 Kathleen Herzinger.....Valenti Family
 12:00 Brian Lally.....Kerry & Anthony Vendittoli
 Gerald Duwe.....sons, Sean & Adam

MONDAY (Feb. 1st)

12:00 Robert Muscaro.....Margaret Savner
 Vincent Ferraioli.....son, Robert

TUESDAY (Feb. 2nd).....Presentation of the Lord

12:00 Christine Hess-Washington.....McGreevy Family
 Sal Loggia.....Elizabeth Italiano

WEDNESDAY (Feb. 3rd).....St. Blaise, b. & m.

12:00 Jean Graga.....Family

THURSDAY (Feb. 4th)

12:00 Robert Haemmerle.....Wife, Terri
 Doris & John Pagano.....Dolores Pagano

FRIDAY (Feb. 5th).....St. Agatha, v. & m.

12:00 Nora Morgan.....Sheila McBride

SATURDAY (Feb. 6th)

4:00PM Juan "Pablo" Grandados-Chavez.....Jim Mahon
 Jose Rodrigues.....Family

SUNDAY (Feb. 7th)

7:30 Leo Kim.....Augustin Kim

9:00 For the People of the Parish

10:30 Teresa Knowles.....Liz & Joe Annunziata
 Francesco Iacono.....Eugene Sullivan

12:00 Ronald Martino.....John & Catherine Ortman

Sacrificial Offering Update

Jan. 24th Offering:
 \$7,308.00

Jan. 17th Offering:
 \$9,061.00



Last Year's Offering:
 Jan. 26, 2020
 \$14,031.00

For online giving please go To <https://stveronica.churchgiving.com>

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2020

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Feast of St. Blaise– Blessing of the Throats
 Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. At the 12 noon Mass

St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Cappadocia, and was martyred by beheading about A.D. 316. Not much more can be affirmed of him with any degree of historical accuracy, but legends about him are numerous. One day—so goes the legend—Blaise met a poor woman whose only pig had been snatched up in the fangs of a wolf but at the command of the bishop the wolf restored the pig alive to its owner. The woman did not forget the favor, for later, when the bishop was languishing in prison, she brought him tapers to dispel the darkness and gloom. To this story may be attributed the practice of using lighted candles in bestowing the blessing of St. Blaise. While in prison he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone lodged in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. From this account we have the longtime custom of invoking the Saint for all kinds of throat trouble.

Ash Wednesday Schedule
 Wednesday, February 17th

Masses

12 noon & 8PM (ashes distributed at Mass)

Services: (not a Mass)

7:30AM; 3:00PM & 6PM (ashes distributed at Service)



Letter From Fr. PJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace and Health to you and your families!

As we begin Catholic School Week, which runs from this Sunday, January 31st till February 6th, I am reminded of an article that Bishop O'Connell wrote about Catholic education. It was written a couple of years ago, but the message is very relevant and timely. Allow me to share part of Bishop's essay:

"As a diocesan bishop who has spent virtually all of his priestly ministry in some form of Catholic education, current challenges to providing and sustaining our Catholic schools, despite the increasing financial burdens involved, weigh heavily upon me. And, yet, our Catholic families cannot lose hope. Catholic schools in the Diocese of Trenton are an excellent choice and a tremendous investment in our future.

During the past summer, I spent a good deal of time researching the "Catholic school situation" in other arch/dioceses. The reasons supporting the choice for Catholic schools there and here in our own Diocese are quite compelling, among them: 1. Catholic schools (and Catholic religious education programs where they are not available) are the major daily way to teach and promote the Catholic faith, building upon the foundations set by Catholic parents and families; "Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily, attend Church more often, retain a Catholic identity as an adult ... (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Our Greatest and Best Inheritance: Catholic Schools and Parental Choice"); 2. Catholic schools provide "strong moral values" modeled by Catholic school teachers (Georgetown University, CARA Institute); 3. Catholic schools create a Catholic community and common focus/purpose for families in parishes and regions; 4. Catholic schools offer an excellent, high quality education demonstrated by outcomes: consistently high graduation rates (99 percent of Catholic school students graduate), performance on national and standardized tests when compared to public and some other private schools (ACT scores are in the top 25 percent), high rates of acceptance, and eventual graduation, at universities and colleges, success of minority students; 5. Catholic schools provide more personal attention to students and develop personal discipline.

These assertions and many others do not simply represent a "mere wish list" or "hopeful thinking." Available data compiled by national, state and regional studies support them. They are not presented here to demean or diminish the work of public schools, but simply, to affirm and demonstrate the difference that enrollment and attendance in a Catholic school can make.

Can these things be said of every individual Catholic school student and alumnus/a? Of course not. Do Catholic schools experience the issues and problems existing in other schools and contemporary society at large? For sure. And there are many reasons why. But success, when identified and established, speaks for itself. The fact of the matter is that CATHOLIC SCHOOLS HAVE MADE AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of Catholic students, and their families, and have contributed historically and mightily to the Catholic Church in our country - "our best and greatest inheritance," according to the United States Conference of Bishops - to American elementary and secondary education in general, and to American society at large. Catholic schools are worth the price and the sacrifice because our Catholic children and their present/future are.

Walk into a Catholic school. Sense and experience the atmosphere, the "feeling." Observe the Catholic school students and their interactions with teachers and one another in and out of the classroom. Do they sense they are a part of something larger than themselves? Talk to Catholic school administrators, faculty and staff. Do they have that same sense? Ask them why they are there and not working in some other school where the salaries and benefits might be more lucrative. Do they have "job satisfaction?" Do they consider their work "just a job" or, rather, a "calling?"

Ask Catholic school teachers why they sign a "Christian Witness Statement" outlining terms of their employment - whether they teach religion or math/science or language arts or computer science or phys ed? Working in and for an institution of the Catholic Church, are they committed to witnessing and supporting the institutional Church's teachings as the Catholic community of which the Catholic school is a part expects and to which they have signed their names, or do they expect the Catholic school to "look the other way" if they do not? Are their Catholic school students learning and being encouraged to pray, to live and love their Catholic faith, to "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with their God (Micah 6:8)?" The substance of those questions and the answers in a Catholic school are what make a school truly Catholic.

Some Catholic schools may not survive in their present form, unfortunately. That is the sad reality. Enrollments may continue to decline and revenues may diminish as a result. Costs may continue to escalate to the point where parishes or even the Diocese cannot afford to keep them open. Other burdens that families encounter may force them to make other, hard choices. Perhaps even - and this is the saddest admission - contemporary culture will render the Catholic faith less relevant and easily replaced by secular values and preferences.

But, for those Catholics who do believe that Catholic education and Catholic schools do make a difference, who want Catholic education and Catholic schools to survive and thrive, who need Catholic education and Catholic schools to help strengthen, grow and hand on the Catholic faith, Catholic schools will continue to be our "best and greatest inheritance," a treasure to be preserved and prized, a "beacon of faith and hope and love" in a world that seems to be losing its way. Catholic schools echo the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel to his Church: "go and teach all nations (Matthew 28:19)." Let's continue to do that through our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Trenton."

I echo our Bishop's call for us to continue supporting the future and faith of our children through our Catholic Schools. Here at Mother Seton Academy, which our parish is honored to host and sponsor, greater things are happening in the lives of our students.

Mother Seton Academy has several activities planned for this week: a Fun and Crazy Day (outfits and classroom decorations), Patriotic Day, Sports Day, School Mass and Dressing up for Jesus and MSA Spirit Wear Day. God bless our PTA for all their tireless and dedicated efforts in keeping this week a lifelong learning experience.

Till then. Keep well and safe, everyone.

With my prayers,
Fr. PJ

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer...

Tom Lovito	Marjorie Paulmann	MaryAnne Karwowski
Mark Stoughton	Mia Castellan	Baby Dylan Gallego
Ed Kelly	Dennis Hayward	Judith Weaver
Mike Kuris	Ann Donovan	Robin Costa
Christine Clements	John Rodrigues	Amara Riccio
Thomas Rorke	Patti Suplee	Greg Mador
Baby George Capron	Robert O'Malley Sr.	Mary Henry
Karen D'Souza	Corinne Kerod	David Buckley
Margaret Bolch	Jodi Fletcher	Shirley Wesley
Gary Lindquist	Cyndi Roemer	Ed Skok
Victoria Burke	Gavin Femiano	Ken Kin
Theresa O'Malley	Ralph DeMaio	Mary Alice Carey
John Fitzpatrick	Baby Harper Little	Baby Sarah Little
John Ostroski	John Longo	Karen Casiero
Baby Charlotte Coyle	Nancy Rorke	Robin Costa
Raymond Sewing	John Butterfield	Dan Doolan
Nikolas Picchierri	Brian Cassidy	Michael McGantham
Charlotte Barnard	Melissa Couto	Fr. Peter J. Alindogan
Theresa McGrantham	Erin Haber	Fr. John Chang
Suzanne Veitengruber	Christopher Keith	

Please Note:
Due to COVID-19, the 5PM Sunday Mass is temporarily suspended. Thank you for your understanding.

What is National Catholic Schools Week?

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in **2021** is **January 31 – February 6**. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2021 is **“Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”** Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Please contact **Mother Seton Academy** at 732-364-4130 to schedule your own private tour.

Please Pray for Our Parishioners Serving Our Country:

Sgt. Sean T. Curran	Sgt. Brennan Six
PV2 William Wotton	GSMI Sandro Farduchi
Sgt. Krystyna Cechulski	Major Julio Collazos
SR Steven Brennan	Sgt. Gregory Hiller
PFC Zackary Burkey	LCDR Matthew W. Smith
Sgt. Luke Wlodkowski	Sgt. Matt Myers
1st Lt. Ash Young	Capt. Robert F. Farrell
Lt. Brian Michael Dublon, JAG	BU3 Matthew Gurrera
SN Brad D'Antuono	Sgt. Evan Myhren
PFC Sean Rice	SR Patrick McCloskey
PFC Raymond Posa	Capt. Brian Dublon
Capt. Jeremy Dublon, MD	PVT Raymond J. Posa

St. Joseph by the Sea So. Mantaloking, NJ

March 26-28, 2021 – **FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN** – Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life even without your help? In scripture, God says, “You will be like a watered garden.” (Is 58:11-12) The blooms in the garden of life take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. This weekend offers you time to explore the gardens of your life. Light supper served on Friday, March 26 at 5:30 pm Mass included. Arrival: 4:00-5:00 pm/Departure: 11:00 am (Presenters: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD, and Ellen Murphy, CSD) Cost: \$250
Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

Baptism



St. Veronica's Parish Family wishes to welcome those who have become members through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Gianessa Grace, daughter of Travis & Amanda LaFalce
Julian Forst, son of Maxwell & Alyssa Cohen

Thank you for the gift of life!

Sanctuary Candle– Week of January 31 2021

In memory of Michael Brennan.....Wife, Cathy

Entering the Desert of Lent 2021: These 40 Days

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th until Holy Thursday, April 1st** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face-to-face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below.

All other **Fridays of Lent** are **days of ABSTINENCE (no meat)**. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 21st to Trinity Sunday, May 30th**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Eucharistic Adoration

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

"A Holy Hour of Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament opens up the floodgates of God's merciful love upon the world."
(St Theresa of Calcutta)



It is with great joy that we invite you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament weekdays in the CHURCH of St. Veronica. Registered adorers stand watch on each hour and all visitors are welcome. Come enjoy perfect peace with our Lord.

The church is open for private prayer and to adore Jesus in the tabernacle (no monstrance) Monday through Friday at 10:45AM. After the 12 noon mass is celebrated, the Monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Eucharistic Adoration. At 3PM, the chaplet of divine mercy and rosary are recited orally as a group followed by silent prayer ending at 4PM.

Reminder: Safety protocols are the same as for mass. Masks required, use sanitizer/hand wash before entering, wipe your space with wipes before leaving, and leave nothing in the church but your prayers!

Social Concerns Committee

The church of St. Veronica is forming a new Social Concerns Committee. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. 732-363-4200

Liturgy of the Hours Christian Prayer Guides (for 2021) are available at the rectory. Office Hours are Mon-Thur. 9:30AM-1:30PM
Cost: \$4.00.