

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 Dettling

Religious Education & Youth Ministry
Coordinator:

Sr. Ann Norton, C.R.

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Cecilia Berdar

Pastoral and Support Staff:

Cheryl Wegner
Steve Gurczynski



FEBRUARY 7, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for this Week

February 7, 2021

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

MONDAY (Feb. 8th)

12:00 Ronald Martino, Sr.....Horvath Family

TUESDAY (Feb. 9th)

12:00 Katherine LaBelle.....Joseph Gippetti

WEDNESDAY (Feb. 10th)

12:00 Bill and Mary Wegner.....Wegner Family

THURSDAY (Feb. 11th)

12:00 Judy & Charles Moore.....Wegner Family

FRIDAY (Feb. 12th)

12:00 Dec'd Mem. of Wegner and Lynch Families.....Wegner Family

SATURDAY (Feb. 13th)

4:00PM Carmen Garcia.....M/M William Nagy
 Evan Liu Perez Davies.....Family

SUNDAY (Feb. 14th)

7:30 Kathleen Herzinger.....Hyland Family
 9:00 Ronald Martino, Sr.....Troop #300
 10:30 Antonino Scire.....Wife
 For the People of the Parish
 12:00 John S. Gogol.....Wife & Sons

Sacrificial Offering Update

Jan. 31st Offering:

Jan. 24th Offering:
 \$7,308.00



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 February 7, 2020

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Schedule of Upcoming Events



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)

Stations of the Cross

Please join us each Friday night during Lent for the Stations of the Cross; beginning Friday, February 19th through Friday, March 26th. Time: 7:00PM



Letter From Fr. PJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace and Blessings to you and your loved ones!

Meetings are crucial to any organization. Whether virtual or physical, most of the meetings we have for now are in its planning stages. We have yet to set up some other ministries/committees, so that once this pandemic is over, we can move forward with our pastoral programs and projects.

Here are some of the meetings that are set in my calendar during the past months: Board of Trustees, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Parish Staff and Liturgy Committee. Soon, we will set up the Social Concerns Committee and Stewardship Committee. These meetings have been regular at most, barring pandemic and weather issues as in the past. And, I am grateful to note that our fellow parishioners, who comprise these meetings, have been so dedicated with their presence, input and efforts in making sure that St. Veronica's is on a more solid footing. Parenthetically, since our parish is also sponsoring Mother Seton Academy, I am also involved in the School Board Meetings.



It takes a Parish Community to keep ourselves together in our journey of faith. We have been through this pandemic for quite a while. Your kind patience and understanding (especially with all our diocesan safety guidelines) have clearly delineated our love for our Sacraments, liturgies, worship and prayer. Even with masked faces and muffled voices, we empty ourselves before our loving God with our Mass responses. I sense your warmth and welcome, not only to me but to our fellow parishioners, even when we have a bleak winter or elbow greeting each other. No one can tell us that we are not in this together. We are.

And so, in the days ahead, we keep our hopes high. We will never cease praying because the end may be in sight. We will continue to have our masks for protection and deterrence, distance ourselves responsibly, and sanitize. And hopefully, sometime this year, most of us will be more involved and engaged anew with this Church and parish we love. By then, we all can say, either "See you at Mass," or "see you at one of our meetings."

Take care and regards.

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...

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| 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 | |

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life is a campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion here in America, **from February 17 to March 28**. Since its inception in 2007, 18,003 babies have been saved, 211 abortion workers have quit, and 107 abortion centers have closed. 40 Days for Life also involves prayerful, peaceful witnessing in front of an abortion clinic. People are asked to simply stand (or walk) and say the Rosary or other prayers for one hour. Here in Monmouth, the site is the Planned Parenthood facility at 69 E. Newman Springs Rd in Shrewsbury. We have been asked to staff each Wednesday from February 17 to March 28. That would be 6 Wednesdays, Feb 17, Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24. The hours are from 8 AM to 6 PM. Visit the 40 Days for Life web site <http://40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury> for a wealth of information. Please consider joining in this life saving effort for just one hour on one or more Wednesdays. Please give Hu or Joan Mador a call at 732-367-2565, or send us an email at hmador@optonline.net. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council Corner

The Parish Pastoral Council here at St Veronica's has been in existence for many years. One of its primary goals is to identify the needs of our parish community and then to prayerfully guide ourselves and other church members to meet those needs.

Soon after arriving this past summer, Father PJ convened the council along with Fr. Chang in mid-July. Currently, we are reviewing the seven elements of parish life – evangelization, worship, word, community, service, stewardship and leadership. Father PJ has asked the group to identify a specific area under each element where we can improve for the good of our parishioners. Following the council's preliminary work, outreach to the SVC community will be apparent.

We are excited for the future of St. Veronica Church. We enjoy discussing and attaining a consensus in order to address the areas requiring improvement and growth, especially in our spiritual lives. The mission of the council is to know and understand the needs of our parishioners and to motivate people to seek and know Christ in us, as we bear His Face to the world.

The members of the Council are as follows: Sister Laurie-Marie, Mark A Bonjavanni, Denise Daye, Chris Fenimore, Lora Franceschina, Gail Kohan, Bob Morris, Phil Thompson

Please Pray for Our Parishioners Serving Our Country:

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| 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 |

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 February 7, 2021

In memory of Walter Gauer.....Family



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, 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.

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

Mother Seton Academy has put together a video for viewing in observance of Catholic Schools Week. Please visit the school website or use the address below to view.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wxJSK6LBRdIwn24ycQotjH211MRwXA13/view>

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

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.