

ST. VERONICA CHURCH

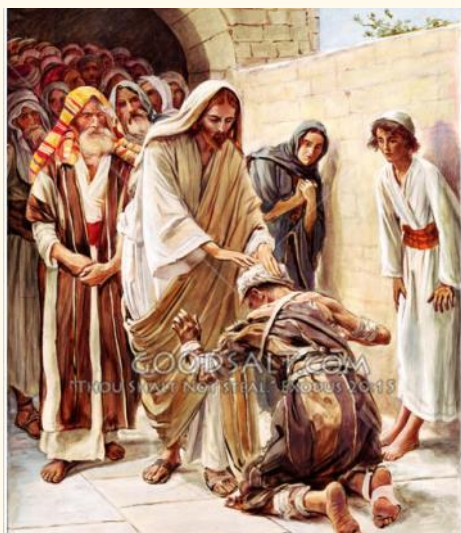
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Rectory Office Hours This Week: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30AM-1:30PM (phone calls only)

(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 14, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for this Week February 14, 2021

SUNDAY (Feb. 14th)
 7:30 Kathleen Herzinger.....Hyland Family
 9:00 Ronal Martino, Sr.....Troop #300
 10:30 Antonino Scire.....Wife
 For the People of the Parish
 12:00 John S. Gogol.....Wife & Sons

MONDAY (Feb. 15th)
 12:00 Louis Cordi.....Dominick Cordi & Family

TUESDAY (Feb. 16th)
 12:00 Joan Smith.....Lynch Family

WEDNESDAY (Feb. 17th)
 12:00 Jean Graga
 Christopher McCafferty.....Bill & Cheryl Wegner
 8:00PM Mary Jo Coppola.....Debbie & Ernie Revoir

THURSDAY (Feb. 18th)
 12:00 Christine Hess-Washington.....McGreevy Family
 Sal Loggia.....Elizabeth Italiano

FRIDAY (Feb. 19th)
 12:00 Robert Muscaro.....Margaret Savner
SATURDAY (Feb. 20th)
 4:00PM Peter Meduri.....Placanica Family

SUNDAY (Feb. 21st)
 7:30 Walter Gauer.....Nicole Guilmette
 9:00 Genevieve Cordi.....Dominick & Family
 Ronald Martino, Sr.....Weg Family
 10:30 Virginia Pettignano.....Friends at Friendship Gardens
 12:00 Marie Galang.....Maria & John Dublon
 For the People of the Parish

*Please note that we have an additional Mass on Ash Wednesday, 2/17 at 8PM.

Sacrificial Offering Update

Feb. 7th Offering:
 TBA

Jan. 31st Offering:
 \$7783.00

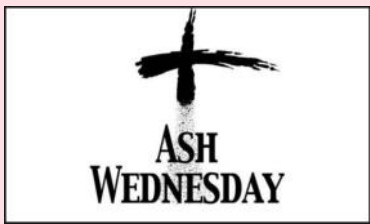


Last Year's Offering:
Feb. 9 2020
\$14,213.00

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

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2020
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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 to you and your loved ones!

On this Valentine's Day weekend and on the Day set for Married Couples, there is something about love that is in the air. However, with all our masks filtering the air we breathe, there is something in addition to love that is in this Sunday's Gospel.

It is about the story of the leper, who approached our Lord Jesus. Contaminated and infected by a slow growing bacteria crippling his hands and feet, he came to Jesus. He knelt down and begged our Lord for cleansing. Now, Jesus was moved with pity, as St. Mark recorded. He stretched out his hand and touched him. It was risky, but Jesus touched the leper nonetheless.

There was no hesitance on our Lord to expose himself to the disease, just as there is no hesitance from Him to touch the leprosy of our lives by his healing hand. There was no reprimand ("Stand up and keep your distance!"), no prejudgment ("You must have been that sinful to have leprosy") and no demanding condition ("What will you do if I heal you?"). That is how our Savior relates with those who are sick—physically or morally. He is so eager to be in a relationship with us that he took on our human form, with our Blessed Mother's fiat, uniting us in flesh and blood.

Touching the leper became a personal and intimate encounter. When we listen to this story, we can relate with the leper who comes to Jesus. There are so many crippling sins that can contaminate our souls. Our plea, like the leper sought, is to be made clean. The Sacrament of Penance mirrors that encounter with our Lord. With all our uncleanness, with our limbs analogically peeling off caused by sin, we need to fall on our knees and ask to be cleansed.

As we begin the Season of Lent this Wednesday, may we keep in mind God's eagerness to keep us all in His fold. He does not want us to be apart from Him, for we are created in His own image and likeness. Please ask Him to keep us continually clean. Please go to Confession during these sacred times. May that be our humble offering to the sacrifice He endured.

Blessings and regards,

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
Jodi Fletcher	Shirley Wesley	Christopher Keith
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	
Theresa McGrantham	Erin Haber	

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:

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



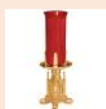
St. Veronica's Parish Family wishes to welcome those who have become members through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Brayden Rudy, son of Rudolph & Carly D'Ambrisi

Thank you for the gift of life!

Sanctuary Candle– Week of February 14, 2021

In memory of Margaret Bolch.....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

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.

Pantry Needs

Shelf stable milk, tea, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, Toilet paper, tissues, dish soap