

# ST. VERONICA CHURCH

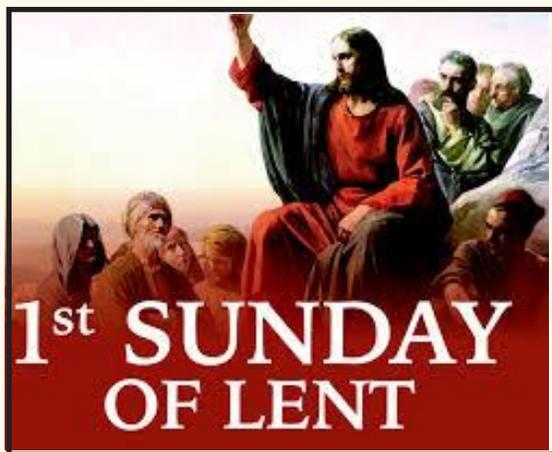
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**Rectory Office Hours This Week:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30AM-1:30PM (phone calls only)

(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 21, 2021**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

# Mass Intentions for this Week February 21, 2021

**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

**MONDAY (Feb. 22nd)**.....The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
 12:00 Int. of Brigida Garcia.....Family

**TUESDAY (Feb. 23rd)**  
 12:00 Int. of John Mitchell.....Mother

**WEDNESDAY (Feb. 24th)**  
 12:00 Joseph Zarzyski.....Bob & Diana Morris

**THURSDAY (Feb. 25th)**  
 12:00 Robert Farrell.....Charlotte Farrell  
       Joseph Zarzyski.....Bob & Diana Morris

**FRIDAY (Feb. 26th)**  
 12:00 Int. of Augustin Deleon.....Family  
       Deacon Al Katzer.....Irma Bennett

**SATURDAY (Feb. 27th)**  
 4:00PM Peter Miceli.....Marianne Wittreich

**SUNDAY (Feb. 28th)**  
 7:30 Joseph Cassidy.....Hyland Family  
 9:00 Genevieve Cordi.....Family  
       Louis Cordi.....Family  
 10:30 Philip Famelio.....Binetta Dolan  
 12:00 Marc Esposito.....Joe & Patti Valentino & Family  
       For the People of the Parish

## Sacrificial Offering Update

Feb. 14th Offering:  
 \$6758.00

Feb. 7th Offering:  
 \$6310.00



**Last Year's Offering:**  
**Feb. 16, 2020**  
**\$14,713.00**

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

**Readings for the Week of February 21, 2020**  
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15  
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C : 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9,10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**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 Health to you and your loved ones!

We were just done with the first Prayer Service for Ash Wednesday. Deacon John Franey led the 7:30 A.M. Service, which is quite reflective of this extraordinary year. The two of us, as ministers for the imposition of ashes, had to get used to using Q-tips for each person. It was so different, to say the least, from the Ash Wednesdays of the past years. The mood was somber. No music was played. Instead, there was prayerful silence, as our fellow parishioners lined up to have ashes on their foreheads. Deacon John pointed out that ashes are signs and symbols of inner repentance. He also reminded us to observe the three spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Incidentally, we launch at all our Masses this weekend our Annual Catholic Appeal. This is a great way and practical means of observing the third pillar—almsgiving. Our parish has been generous in sharing our resources with the needy. Throughout the years since its inception in 2000, we reached our goals four times during the following years: 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Fifteen years later, and that was this past year, we were 19 percent less in reaching it. 294 donors participated, and our goal was \$95,000 (\$76,496.07 was pledged and \$74,367.73 was collected).

Bishop O’Connell wrote sincerely and cordially when he stated that “every year at this time, I reach out to the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to ask for your help and support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.” Furthermore, he affirms that “this is not just “another year.” I am mindful that I am coming to you during a time that has been and remains very challenging.”

May I echo the same sentiments. It is difficult to ask for donations and financial offerings, when all of us are feeling the pains and hardship of this pandemic. Nonetheless, I tell you that it is a very humbling, but awakening, experience to say that we/I need you and your support. Please consider a gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal so that, to quote Bishop again, “we together, may continue the work of strengthening parish and family life, evangelizing our community and our world, and reaching out to those in need with love and compassion. Please give what you can.”

“I can do things you cannot; you cannot do things I cannot; but together we can do great things,” as St. Teresa of Calcutta once said.

Whatever financial support you can provide for the work that lies ahead of our Parish of St. Veronica and the Diocese of Trenton is heartfully appreciated.

With gratitude and 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
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](mailto:hmador@optonline.net). Thank you.

**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

## Lent Prayer for Strength and Guidance

Lord God Almighty, shaper and ruler of all creatures, we pray for your great mercy, that you guide us towards you, for we cannot find our way. And guide us to your will, to the need of our soul, for we cannot do it ourselves. And make our mind steadfast in your will and aware of our soul's need. Strengthen us against the temptations of the devil, and remove from us every unrighteousness, and shield us against our foes, seen and unseen. Teach us to do your will, that we may inwardly love you before all things with a pure mind. For you are our maker and our redeemer, our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope; praise and glory be to you now and forever.

### Baptism



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

Blaize Michael, son of Nathan & Jessica Litowsky

Thank you for the gift of life!

### Sanctuary Candle- Week of February 21, 2021

In memory of Robert Farrell.....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. 17<sup>th</sup> until Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** -- 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. 21<sup>st</sup> to Trinity Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now"  
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.**

**URGENT-- Adorer(s) needed for Tuesday 2 pm immediately. Second adorer for Monday 3pm and Friday 2pm.**

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.

### 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

### Flocknote

Stay connected through our parish wide communication system.

Join St, Veronica's Flocknote and receive occasional messages and important updates via email and text. To join go to <https://stveronicachurch1.flocknote.com>

### Pantry Needs

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