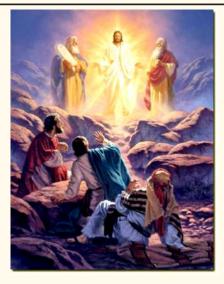
ST. VERONICA CHURCH

Rectory: 732-363-4200 • Rectory Fax: 732-370-3891 • Convent: 732-364-2361 Religious Education: 732-364-4137 Academy Office: 732-364-4130 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-todate records of those who are actively attending & supporting our church.

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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



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Mass Intentions for this Week

SUNDAY (Feb. 28th) 7:30 Joseph Cassidy.......Hyland Family 9:00 Genevieve Cordi.....Family Louis Cordi.....Family 10:30 Philip Famelio.....Family 10:30 Philip Famelio.....Family 10:30 Philip Famelio.....Family 10:30 Philip Famelio....Family 10:30 Philip Famelio.....Family

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THURSDAY (March 4th) 12:00 Theresa Weg	Family
FRIDAY (March 5th) 12:00 George & Olive Wilder	Wegner Family

SATURDAY (March 6th) 4:00PM Raymond Scheer.....Deacon Chuck & Denise Daye For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY (March 7th)

Sacrificial Offering Update

Feb. 21st Offering: \$9,769.00 Mass Count: 668 Feb. 14th Offering: \$6,758.00 Mass Count: 436 "For it is in giving that we receive." - It former of fust

For online giving please go To https:// stveronica.churchgiving.com Readings for the Week of February 28, 2020 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9,10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10 Monday: Dn 9:4-a0; Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Last Year's Offering:

Feb. 16, 2020

\$14,713.00

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 all good to you and your loved ones!

I wish I have a funny picture here (other than my own picture on the side), or maybe a short joke, or even a little feature article just to get your attention. And perhaps, that might give you some interest to read further. I do not wish to give you another fervorino, as some Italian priests might call a short homily, on the Gospel reading this weekend. I rather wish that you'll be in our Church for that, now that Governor Murphy has recently expanded seating capacity to 50 percent. We still have to observe our diocesan safety guidelines, though.

Now, here comes the joke, or something like that, after we heard about that 50 percent capacity limitation.

Pope John XXIII was once asked by a reporter in Rome, "Holy Father, how many people work in the Vatican?" The saintly pope replied, "About half of them." Or how about the time when Pope John XXIII went to visit a friend at the nearby Hospital of the Holy Spirit. The nun, who answered the door, enthusiastically greeted him and said, "Holy Father, I'm the Mother Superior of the Holy Spirit." "Lucky for you, Mother Superior! the Pontiff said. "What a job you have. I am only the "Servant of the Servants of God."

The apostle Peter was first in line in the succession of pontiffs. He had a lot of speaking parts in the Gospels. Most of them were actually vignettes of humiliation and lessons of humility evoking our universal call to redemption. His denial of our Lord after their last meal together is a classic example of betrayal. After the cock crowed three times that night, Peter realized his mistake and readily atoned for his sin. He wept.

The scene on the Mount of Tabor, where Jesus was said to be transfigured, is far different from what Peter had ever felt in his whole life. He called our Savior "Rabbi," meaning "Teacher." It must not have dawned on him yet who Jesus was for him. That happens most of the time in our lives when our eyes get clouded by what limits us, as human beings. We fail to see the divine grace, or element, present right before our very eyes. Then, Peter suggested that they build three tents on that mountain after seeing the figures of Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus. Apparently, he did not know what he was talking about.

Are we not like Peter sometimes? In our impatience to understand those things we can hardly explain, we sometimes take for granted how God portrays Himself in our lives. There is grace, and abundant share of blessings, flowing right before us and sometimes, we do not even notice it. Jesus is continually making Himself present to us in our lives, and we do not even realize it.

Oops, that was a fervorino. But, you know what I mean.

Till then. Keep well and regards.

With my prayers,

Fr. PJ

P.S. If you have registered your email address on Flocknote, you would have been receiving the Lenten Daily Challenge by now. If you haven't, well, you might be missing it in this limited time. Details for signing up are in this bulletin.



OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

Tom Lovito Mark Stoughton Ed Kelly Mike Kuris Christine Clements Thomas Rorke Baby George Capron Robert O'Malley Sr. Karen D'Souza Jodi Fletcher Gary Lindquist Victoria Burke Theresa O'Malley John Fitzpatrick John Ostroski Baby Charlotte Coyle Nancy Rorke Raymond Sewing Nikolas Picchierri **Charlotte Barnard** Theresa McGrantham **Donald Raulinavich**

Marjorie Paulmann Mia Castellan **Dennis Hayward** Ann Donovan John Rodrigues Patti Suplee Corinne Kerod Shirley Wesley Cyndi Roemer Gavin Femiano Ralph DeMaio **Baby Harper Little** John Longo John Butterfield Brian Cassidy Melissa Couto

MaryAnne Karwowski Baby Dylan Gallego Judith Weaver Robin Costa Amara Riccio Greg Mador Mary Henry David Buckley Christopher Keith Ed Skok Ken Kin Mary Alice Carey Baby Sarah Little Karen Casiero Robin Costa Dan Doolan Michael McGantham Erin Haber **Cohen Family**

Please Pray for Our Parishioners Serving Our Country:

Sgt. Sean T. Curran **PV2 William Wotton** Sgt. Krystyna Cechulski SR Steven Brennan **PFC Zackary Burkey** Sgt. Luke Wlodkowski 1st Lt. Ash Young Lt. Brian Michael Dublon, JAG SN Brad D'Antuono PFC Sean Rice PFC Raymond Posa Capt. Jeremy Dublon, MD

Sgt. Brennan Six **GSMI Sandro Farduchi** Major Julio Collazos Sgt. Gregory Hiller LCDR Matthew W. Smith Sgt. Matt Myers Capt. Robert F. Farrell **BU3 Matthew Gurrera** Sgt. Evan Myhren SR Patrick McCloskey Capt. Brian Dublon **PVT Raymond J. Posa**

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 28, 2021

In memory of Anne & Meagan Barnes.....Family

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 guit, 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 <u>hmador@optonline.net</u>. Thank you.

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.

Young Adult Virtual Retreat

We want to invite you to join us for our annual

Diocesan Young Adult Retreat on March 12th and 13th. This year will be completely virtual with a mix of online gatherings and "on your own" talks/reflections. Our Church's "Year of St. Joseph" has inspired the theme and we have some outstanding speaker lined up! More information will

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be coming soon. In the meantime, you can register now and please share this invitation with other young adults!

For registration, please go to: https://dioceseoftrenton.org/yaretreat

Annual Catholic Appeal IN ACTION

Evangelization: Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 40,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith. Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

Contact the School Office for Registration Monday - Friday ~ 8:30am - 4:00pm Contact Mrs. Stephanie Guida 732-364-4130 ~ schooloffice@msaedu.org

Pantry Needs

Shelf stable milk, tea, toilet paper, tissues, dish soap, snacks

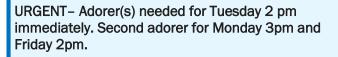
Eucharistic Adoration

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.



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

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