# ST. VERONICA CHURCH

### **Rectory Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM-3:30PM
Appointments available upon request

Parish Emails: office@stveronica.com communications@stveronica.com



Rectory: 732-363-4200 Rectory Fax: 732-370-3891 Convent: 732-364-2361

Religious Education: 732-364-4137 MSA Office: 732-364-4130

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 4:00 PM

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

Sat. 4PM and Sun. 10:30AM are Live Stream Masses

Daily: Monday-Friday: 12 Noon

Holy Days: As Announced in the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 2-3:30PM Sacrament of Baptism: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday Anointing of the Sick: Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with illness may request the Sacrament by

calling the parish office.

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday 8PM



Pastor: Rev. Peter James Alindogan

Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Chang Weekend Assistant: Rev. Bill O'Brien

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MSA Support Staff: Stephanie Guida

### AUGUST 22, 2021 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for this Week August 22, 2021

SUNDAY, August 22
7:30 John S. GogolWife & sons
Lourdes StaRosaRicky StaRosa 9:00 Joana Lema GonzalezJosephine Krasnoff &
family
10:30 Peter ZiobrioMom and Dad
12:00 For the People of the Parish
Ella FloydBo Rieker
MONDAY, August 23
12:00 Robert FarrellCharlotte Farrell
TUESDAY, August 24
12:00 Helen MuessigPaul Gembara
WEDNESDAY, August 25
12:00 Jonathan GiorgiRacancoj Family
THURSDAY, August 26
12:00 Alba PerrottaLucille & Peter Graffeo
FRIDAY, August 27 St. Monica
12:00 Jorge NunezGonzalez Family
SATURDAY, August 28 St. Augustine
8:00AM Int. of William RiekerBo & Brian
4:00PM John Najar SrCapriotti/Zappi Families
SUNDAY, August 29
7:30 Joseph WojtkowskiJoseph & Carlene Bonica 9:00 For the People of the Parish
Peter AndrewsFamily
10:30 Donna PlenzoD'Alessio Family
Jim Skelton
12:00 Int. of Fr. BillPereira Family

### **Mass Book**

Please visit the parish office to request a Mass Intention. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

There are still Masses available in the 2021 Mass book.

#### **Church Sanctuary Candle**

If you would like to donate a Sanctuary Candle for a loved one, please contact the rectory office at 732-363-4200. Candles will be in memory of or intentions of for the named individual for one week. Church Candle: \$15.00



Sanctuary Candle – Week of August 22, 2021 Robert Farrell......Wife

### Mass Readings for this Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;

Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday**: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Tom Lovito Mark Stoughton Ed Kelly Irma Bennett Christine Clements Thomas Rorke Baby George Capron Karen D'Souza Jodi Fletcher Victoria Burke Theresa O'Malley	MaryAnne Karwowski Mia Castellan Dennis Hayward Ann Donovan Michael McGantham Patti Suplee Robert O'Malley Sr. Roger Lawder Shirley Wesley Gavin Femiano Ralph DeMaio	Greg Mador Mary Henry David Buckley Christopher Keith Ken Kin Mary Alice Carey
Baby George Capron	Robert O'Malley Sr.	Mary Henry
Karen D'Souza	Roger Lawder	David Buckley
Jodi Fletcher	Shirley Wesley	Christopher Keith
Victoria Burke	Gavin Femiano	Ken Kin
Theresa O'Malley	Ralph DeMaio	Mary Alice Carey
John Fitzpatrick	Baby Harper Little	Baby Sarah Little
Raymond Sewing	Jessica Przybylski	Carol Ann Scott
Nikolas Picchierri	Brian Cassidy	Patricia Wallace
Charlotte Barnard	Melissa Couto	Erin Haber
Donald Raulinavich	Angelina Valko	Patrick Lang
Daniel Clare	Gilbert Starks	Edward Sullivan
Alicja Fronc	Bob Hessian	Dawn Mackanic
Robert Logrippo		

Please note: Prayers for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer will be acknowledged in the bulletin for 8 weeks. If anyone would like to add someone to the list, please contact the rectory.



### 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

## Spiritual Life, Worship & Music

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

Wyatt Richard, son of Richard & Hollie Incremona

Thank you for the gift of life.

# Banns of Marriage



Kaitlin Schittig and PhillipStellato

November 6, 2021

Tiffany Mahalchick and Michael Pastore November 20, 2021

### **Eucharistic Adoration**



O Come Let Us Adore Him!

"In order to convert America and save the world what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

St Teresa of Calcutta

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.

Additional Adorer needed - Monday 3 PM.

Please email Debbie drev514@aol.com or leave a message at 732-367-7750

#### Parish Census:

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

# ST. VERONICA CHOIRS



### CHERUB CHOIR (Ages 5-7)

Rehearses Fridays 3:30-4:30 Sings at 9 am Mass 1st Sundays



### ST. CECILIA CHOIR (Ages 7-16)

Rehearses Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Sings at 9 am Mass 1st Sundays

### **BL. CARLO ACUTIS CHOIR (Ages 16-26)**

Rehearses alternating Wed 7:30-9pm (Starts Aug 11th) Sings 10:30 Mass 1st & 3rd Sundays

### ST. GREGORY CHOIR (Ages 26+)

Rehearses alternating Wed 7:30-9pm (Starts Aug 4th) Sings 10:30 Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays

Music@stveronica.com



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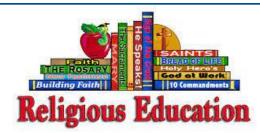
### **Miraculous Medal Novena Prayer**

Mondays 8:00 PM in the church.

Please join in praying the rosary.

All are welcome!





**Registration** for Religious Education Classes has begun!

Open Registration will end on September 9, 2021

Office Hours: The RE office will be open beginning August 2, Monday thru Thursday 10am-4:30pm

Fall In person classes begin on October 4, 2021

**Teachers Needed**- All applicants must be approved by Fr. PJ & Sr. Ann

Sr. Ann Norton, C.R.
Director of Religious Education
Religioused@stveronica.com

732-364-4137



# Saint Veronica Welcome Back Celebration

Dear Parish Community, Your presence is requested on Saturday September 18, 2021

We will gather together for the 4 P.M. Saturday Vigil Mass concelebrated by Fr. P. J., Fr. Chang & Fr. Euk.

We shall offer prayers of Thanksgiving for Fr. Euk's ministry and service to our community at this Mass.

Following this Eucharistic celebration, we will join together on the Mall (grass field) for a joy-filled celebration with food, drinks, cake and 'local' entertainment!

Kindly RSVP by Sunday, September to parishevents@stveronica.com or call Cheryl at 732-363-4200

Bring your family and friends, BYO Lawn Chairs, too! ALL ARE INVITED!!!

### DJ needed for September 18, 2021

Invitation to share your Talent:

Parish Welcome Back Event is in need of a DJ to from 5 pm-8pm.

Please contact Cheryl at the Rectory as soon as possible. 732-363-4200

### Welcome back to School all you Stallions!!

As we start our 2021-2022 school year, the PTA wanted to start it out with a BANG! Please join us Friday, September 10th at 7:05pm at FirstEnergy Park to celebrate the opening of our school year with a Blue Claws baseball game AND Fireworks!!! We have included a ticket link below to purchase and all our MSA purchasers will all be seated together! Tickets are \$15.00 per person and after the game all students will be invited to come down onto the field and run the bases!

Let's kick off this year together! It's a great way for students to introduce each other to their families and make friendships that will last well beyond the halls of MSA!

Here is the link to purchase! <a href="http://fevo.me/motherseton">http://fevo.me/motherseton</a>

Questions, please email pta@msaedu.org

Thank you and God bless, MSA PTA

## Reverend Peter James Alindogan

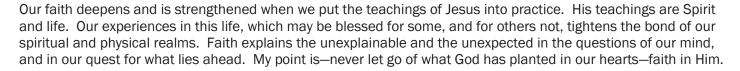
Dear Friends in Christ.

Peace and Joy to you and your loved ones!

It took me awhile to type those words, considering the unfortunate events happening in the world today (pandemic, Haiti, Afghanistan to name a few). Peace may seem to be elusive to those who were affected by these changes. Joy may find it hard to seep into their grieving and worried hearts. But, try we must, we dare say, wish and pray for each other—May we have peace and may we have joy!

Having peace and joy in this life means experiencing and feeling what awaits us who believe in Jesus, our Christ. Jesus is really present in our lives, and we do believe that. Jesus Christ is really present in the Eucharist, which we receive in the Sacrifice of the Mass. That is our core

that. Jesus Christ is really present in the Eucharist, which we receive in the Sacrifice of the Mass. That is our core belief.



It was a haunting question from our Savior—"Do you also want to leave?" He saw that many of his disciples returned to their former way of life. Encountering Jesus did not change them for the better, and that is one of the saddest verses in this weekend's Gospel. Sadder still is the reality that these disciples no longer accompanied our Lord in His journey.

"Master, to whom shall we go?" Simon Peter answered Jesus. This is one shining moment in the foremost impetuous, foot-in-his mouth apostle. "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Jesus Christ is the Holy One of God. That we have come to believe and are convinced. He can give us the peace and joy that we need for all eternity. And so, as we battle our own trials and challenges, may we never waver and weaken in our resolve. To Jesus, we shall go.

With my prayers,

Fr. PJ

P.S. Please help the Missionary Comboni Sisters in their ministry of spreading the Good News of Jesus this weekend. Kindly be generous in sharing your blessings with them. I will also be at St. Justin's Church in Toms River, preaching for the missionary needs of the people of East Timor. Keep well and take care!



The Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Following on last week's announcement of the Holy Eucharist, this section gives us the crowd's reaction and that of the Twelve. In the latter, St. Peter gives the classic response.

## Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

# The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus.

#### Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

#### Excerpt from:

https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/stewardship

### Some questions to ponder:

- What obstacles have you faced trying to live as a Christian disciple and steward?
- How and why does it seem difficult to take the focus off self and our own pleasures and fulfilment to focus on others?
- In what ways have you been torn between the fitting in with the secular culture and following the teaching of the Catholic Church?
- What special effort can you make to live the true meaning of stewardship?



There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection

for Mother Seton Academy

Aug 28 & 29, 2021



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"

### SHARING OUR TREASURE August 8, 2021

Envelope Contributions: \$11,973.90 Electronic/Online Contributions: \$4,337.00 Loose Contributions: \$891.00

Total Amount: \$17,201.90

Expenses/Bills Paid for the Week: \$17,150.06
Included in expenses this week is the August of
Diocesan Property Causality and Liability Insurance for
Church, Rectory and Convent \$4,858.14

Thank you for the sacrificial stewardship and continued support of our Parish. May God bless you for the sacrifices that you make.

The use of parish envelopes or on-line-giving enables us to maintain up-to-date records of those who are actively attending & supporting our church.



Unfortunately there was an ACA reporting error to the parish. The following is the corrected pledged amount for St Veronica Parish.

Goal: \$95,000.00 Pledged: \$73,918.50

Donors: 285 Avg gift: \$259.19

Received to Date: \$69,729.50

Percent to Goal: 77.8%

If you have not made your pledge yet you can do so now by visiting <a href="https://dioceseoftrenton.org/aca-donate-page">https://dioceseoftrenton.org/aca-donate-page</a> Please select St Veronica Church, Howell in the Parish Affiliation drop down menu so our parish can receive credit for your gift.

Please continue to make your pledge payments so that the Parish can receive an ACA rebate.

Thank you for your generosity!

### Stewardship continued

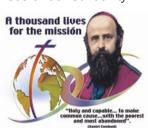
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
Missionary Appeal Weekend
This weekend
August 21 & 22, 2021

This year we are happy to welcome the *Comboni Missionary Sisters*, who are particularly committed in Evangelization, empowering women through formal and informal education, to train community leaders, and to accompany Church and Societal efforts on advocacy, social justice and dialogue.

Let us share with them the liveliness of our faith, our desire to serve, and the kindness of our solidarity!

Thank you in advance of your generosity to this missionary appeal!

Collection will be taken at end of all Masses upon exiting the church.





### **Food Pantry Needs**

Coffee
Juice
Shelf stable milk
Spam
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Plastic grocery bags

Please drop off all food donations in the wagons in the Narthex of the Church.

For more information on food available and pick up information please contact pantry@stveronica.com

No expired food, please! Thank you

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One way St Veronica communicates with parishioners is through Flocknote.

Join St. Veronica's Flocknote and receive occasional messages and important updates.

To Join go to https://stveronicachurch1.flocknote.com

### From The Desk of the Business Manager

Update on financials and facilities...

A few questions have come in about the parish's monthly **2nd collection for Special Projects**. This collection was added this fiscal year 2021-22 to replace the "preventative maintenance" collection. It will fund small and large scale projects around the Parish campus such as installing blinds on the front windows of the convent, painting the interior and exterior of the church, refinishing pews damaged from disinfectant sprays and hand sanitizers. The Church's beatification work— approx. \$15,000. To date you have generously donated \$4906 to this effort. **Thank you** 

#### Other upcoming Special Projects:

- Fob system (Sept)- replace access control panels and move to a web based system vis app and cell phone for easy access. Onsite router, server and fire wall are no longer needed. Approx. \$8,500
- Convent: exterior painting convent windows, frames, doors, facia boards. (Awaiting est./Oct-Nov)
- tree work removal and pruning (Aug/Sept
- Replace camera surveillance equipment in the church slated for Jan 2022.

Many maple trees around the campus are more than 35 years old, have reached their life expectancy & have many dead or broken limbs. It is prudent to be proactive in our tree maintenance and to save dollars on future emergency tree clean-ups. Orange marks are on the trees slated for removal. A Parish Clean-up and beautification event has been planned for Oct 2. PLEASE HELP us clean the campus & new plant trees.

The Church Wifi and Live steam were not working this past weekend due to a faulty modem. It was replaced this past Monday! Continued prayers to St. Isidore of Seville, patron saint of technology that we have no more technology issues!! Also, our IT work continues with the Diocese to separate MSA school from the Church. The rectory's spotty internet service was finally fixed with a new cable line from the pole to the rectory.

Rectory building Update: A subcommittee was formed to consider options, a plan is being developed by the Finance Council, estimates are being gathered and additional repairs are being considered. More accounting to follow in the future.

The website is being updated with great information. Please take a look. Archived bulletins are now available for anyone wishing to review past information. We are looking to update our history. Volunteers are needed to preview the bulletin before it goes to print and to create new information for the bulletin and website.

God's blessings to you and your family and May God continue to bless St Veronica Parish.

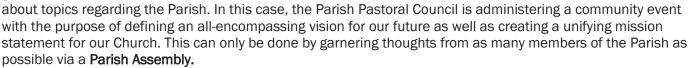
Linda Dickinson-Pancila

### The Parish Assembly

Greetings to all Saint Veronica parishioners! In this segment of the Parish Bulletin, the **Parish Pastoral Council** would like to introduce a venue for your opinions to be heard about an assortment of topics regarding our Church.

### What is the Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a way for the Church to gather several perspectives from members of the community





#### The Parish Assembly will discuss:

- the future of our Parish,
- what parishioners would like to see more of,
- how we can grow and be forward looking with such important questions as:

If Jesus were here today, what words would he give us to direct our future? What do I as a member expect of my parish?

The Parish Assembly on October 12th will culminate in the creation of a mission statement for Saint Veronica's.

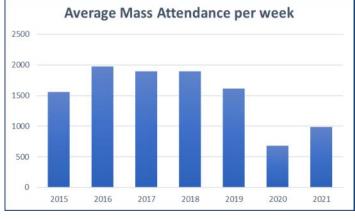
Since Saint Veronica's establishment in 1962 by the Most Reverend George W Ahr of the Diocese of Trenton, our Parish has been united in a common destiny to bring the immaculate light of our Lord Jesus Christ to the dark and sinful world around us by acting as an embassy/house of God's heavenly kingdom on earth. The flame of the Holy Spirit is within our Church, but it shines, and dims based on the faith of its parishioners. Saint Veronica's Parish is steadfastly working to recover from years of spiritual decline. (Whether based on factors within the Church or the spiritually hostile world around us.) For the past, several years Mass attendance has been either stagnating or declining and we are still feeling the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic lock down.

Saint Veronica's changed greatly in its community and Church life in its short existence, it was only 6 decades ago when Fr Mitchell J. Cetkowski was appointed our first pastor. Nevertheless, we must continue to hold dearly our initial roots as a young and ambitious parish, continuing to march forward no matter the obstacles. We are now reaching a point where this current period of uncertainty in the future growth of our parish will end. The outcome of the Parish Assembly and the new Mission Statement for the Church will mark a new era, formed from a solid foundation, for our parish and flourishing community!

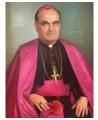
#### To RSVP for the event please contact the following:

Call: 732-363-4200 or Email: office@stveronica.com

More information of the event can be found via our fellow parishioners and current **members of the Parish Pastoral Council:** Sister Laurie-Marie Parisi, C.R., Pat Bigg, Mark Bongiovanni, Denise Daye, Chris Fenimore, Gail Kohan, Bob Morris, Marietta Racancoj, Phil Thompson. *Ex officio* members: Fr. PJ Alindogan, Fr. John Chang



George W Ahr was the reigning Bishop of Trenton from 1950 to 1979 and oversaw a Catholic population increase of 300,000 to 800,000, more than a 2x population growth. Our Parish was established for that reason and by looking back at history we can see that magnificent victories in the name of God are not impossible and can happen again. Today,



we are presented with the same problem as he was, in a different form. To manage and facilitate a 2x parishioner growth. This would be the amount of people needed to return the Parish back to pre-covid levels.

PASTORAĽ COUNCII



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All bulletin ads must be received by the Friday prior to the following weekends' bulletin. THX

Previous weeks bulletin available on our website

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### Parish CLEAN-UP and Beautification Event

Saturday, October 2, 2021 8:00am to 1:00pm All are invited to join in cleaning up the parish grounds and plant trees.

More information to follow!!



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If you would like to purchase tickets for OPERATION:ESPO, please call Cheryl at the rectory. 732-363-4200. Thank you