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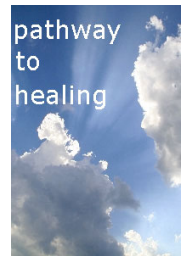
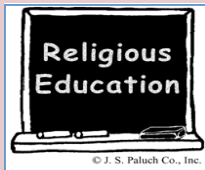
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"Equipping For Growth and Service"

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 8, 2012

WEB: www.stmichaels-westend.com

Outreach & Education Center
The Living Room
6 West End Court
West End, Long Branch, NJ
(732) 483-0360



Visit us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stmichalwestend

Mass is held Monday thru Friday at 8:00 AM

A Communion Service is held every Saturday at 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00, 5:00, 7:30 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 AM and 12 Noon, 4:00, 7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS ARE HELD BETWEEN
12 MINUTES AND 5 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS

WEDDINGS ARE HELD ON FRIDAYS BETWEEN 4 & 6 PM
AND ON SATURDAYS AT 11 AM OR 1:00 PM



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 8th, 2012

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

- Psalm 72:11

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For quite a number of years we have had a reduced Mass schedule on January first.

The reasons are practical. Almost no one attended the 7:30 pm New Years eve Mass or the 7:00am New Years day Mass.

The same held true of the 4 and 7:30 pm Mass on New Years day.

Securing priests for our ten weekend Masses after Christmas is usually far from a certain thing.

This year, some did come looking for the Masses that did not happen. I suspect this was a function of very kind weather and New Years day falling on a Sunday.

We will take a look at the issue next year, and we can better provide notice.

This weekend we will be opening our Facebook page. One hope in doing so is that it will provide parishioners with the chance to engage one another. It is not so much a pastor -parishioner thing as a conversation among parishioners and other interested people.

As we preach in practical support of family life, I am very much aware that most have far more experience immediately of family life than the preachers. One hope is that the preaching might ignite a discussion on our Facebook page to the advantage of all.

Personally, I am not at all disposed to Facebook. I am almost genetically determined with a high privacy need. Professionally, I am certain that the advance of the parish demands that we use the new media.

I may very well show up on the page as Charles parish priest to maintain my comfort level.

It is also clear that we will need to have a video component on the page. I will really not like that but, again...

Please check our page, at www.facebook.com/stmichalwestend.

Make yourself as much a part of it as makes sense to you.

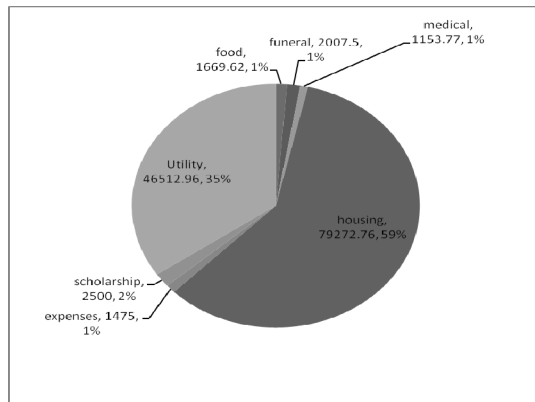
St. Vincent de Paul

January 1, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

As I sat down to write this year's letter, as always, I compare the current year with the past. Last year we dispersed \$95,000. This year \$134,591 has been distributed-a 41% increase! The generosity and dedication to those in need of our parish never ceases to amaze me. Not one eligible person in need was turned down. Our home visitors are able to do their job, knowing that their parish fully supports them. A total of 568 home visits were made, 1213 phone calls, and food and clothing given to 4,273 people. It is estimated that over 12,336 hours of service was donated. (Food Drive, collectors, home visits, office staff, and executive weekly meetings)

The graph below demonstrates how our funds are spent. As you can see, the greatest need is housing and utility help.



Last, but not least, I would like to say a special thank-you to the following benefactors who helped us out during the year:

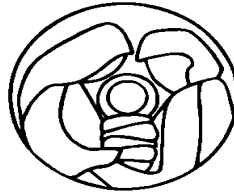
Delicious Orchards	Shop Rite of West Long Branch	Long Branch Post Office
Oceanport Post Office	Dean's Natural Food	St. Michael's Youth Group
Damiano's funeral home	Wakefern Corporation	Our "Mystery Baker"
Panera's Bread of Ocean	Colonial American Bank	St. Michael's Vacation Bible School
Wegman's of Ocean	St. Michael's Staff	Sam Bell (Thanksgiving Turkeys)
Frank Antonides Staff	The "Gift of the Magi" Walkers	St. Michaels CCD students and teachers
Jewelry Broker	SVDP Volunteers	Families that "adopted" other families

If anyone has been inadvertently left anyone out, please accept our apologies and sincere thanks for all that you have done.

The Society's board meets every Monday at the Parish Outreach center at 7PM. We have a need for caseworkers to help us continue to help the need.-please contact me at 732-483-0360 ext. 13 for more information.

Thank-you again to all our volunteers and benefactors for without your support, we could not continue to do what we do. May God bless you and have a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,
Mary Jensen, President
St. Vincent de Paul Society



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“Building Strong Families”

The mission of St. Michael’s HomeLife ministry is to encourage and empower parishioners to enrich the quality of family relationships and strengthen family values through the use of excellent resources that enable family life to flourish

Let there be peace on Earth...

Upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was asked, “What can we do to promote world peace?” She responded, “Go home and love your family.”

Parents set the tone within the home and if mom and dad aren’t peaceful the kids probably aren’t either. Where should one start? With prayer of course. Resolve to wake an hour earlier than the kids. Spend time in conversation with God sharing your fears, stress, anger, or weaknesses. Ask Him for the wisdom and grace to cope with your concerns. Allow the peacefulness of early morning quiet to set the tone for your day.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, January 11th at 7pm in the Living Room. News members are always welcomed. Could someone you know benefit spiritually during a time of need from receiving a prayer shawl? Contact Kelly Lamb at 908-489-8258 for more information.

7*5*2 Prayer Campaign begins January 28th and 29th. Stay tuned for upcoming events to tie into the Lenten and Easter liturgical seasons.

Save the Date!

The 2nd St. Michaels Irish Festival will take place on Saturday, March 3rd from 9-12:30. The morning begins with an Irish/English Mass followed by a delicious Irish breakfast and Irish music and step dancers. Details are soon to follow.

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 
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MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2012

8:00 AM **IRENE CATTANACH**
r/o Jim Cattanach

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2012

8:00 AM **IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JACKIE MARIE FLOOD**
r/o sister, Terri Dougherty

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11th, 2012

8:00 AM **DR. J.S. CATTANACH**
r/o Jim Cattanach

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2012

8:00 AM **LINDA SABAT**
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cozzone

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2012

8:00 AM **FRANCES WEISER**

THE ROSARIAN PRAYER GROUP will remember your intentions at the 9AM Communion Service on Saturdays

Antonio Bevacqui, John J. Murray, Jr., Michael Meyer, Josephine Mosca, Olga De Sieno, Tiffany Patella Mc Cahill, Ed Keegan, Angelo Boniello, Mary Alterio, Anne Breen, Anthony Califano, Jr., John and Margaret Dwyer, Jason Komisar, Louise Saccaro, Dennis Ferri, Esterina Lione, baby Adam Lenci, Joe Saker, Laura & baby, Lajla Layer, Hope Durkin, Tino Rodriguez, Baby Austin, Baby Lila Rose Mincielli, Doris La Corte, baby Makayla Basile, the Komisar family, Sal Mirabito, Jim Breen, Joan Brickley, Domenick Vincelli, baby Jack Richard, Tony Ceri, Baby Parker Shorie, Andrew Bertorelli, Nancy Vecchione, Patrick Joyce, Elizbieta Napierala, Angela R. Valentino, Joe Olivadoti, Sr., Charles Martino, Loretta Bubunko, A. Fred Maffeo, Paul Beutell, Ryan Fritz, Robert De Sarno, Amanda Johnson, Mary Sweeney, Jason Fazio, Al Keubler, Yvonne Lashley, Jen Arlea, Lottie Colagouri, Adele Arslan, Mike Schulz, Salvatore Nick, James E. Kellam, Barbara Percello, Rustom E. Mody, Linda Scit-Jaska, Elizabeth Catena, Lila Layer, Bob Chirumbola, Neil Bristol, Ms. Nelsen, John Hawryluck, Moskal, Mitkowski and Bajor families, Lucille Moran, Margaret Parker, Marilyn Caputo, Major David White, Peter Fox, Barbara Castrovinci



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The hanging Sanctuary Light will be Lit each week as a Memorial and your loved one's name will be printed in the Bulletin.

If you are interested in this special remembrance to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please call the Rectory office at 732-222-8080, Ext. 11.

The Center Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in loving memory of Joseph and Marie Lepis, requested by Geraldine and Angela

The Sanctuary Candle on the Blessed Mother's side will be lit this week with gratitude from Debbie and Jack Levy

The following intentions were posted on our website on our Prayer Request Page at www.stmichaels-westend.com

- "Please pray for a dear friend of our family who is in the hospital"
- "Please pray for my daughter"
- "Please pray for David's good health"
- "Please pray for Elizabeth who had a serious fall"
- "Please pray for a miracle for David"
- "Please pray for healing for Sandra"
- "Please pray for the restoration of my marriage"
- "Please pray for healing for Frances Green"
- "Please pray for Victor"
- "Please pray for Christine"
- "Please pray for Joe's miraculous healing"
- "Please pray for my daughter, Christene"
- "Please pray for Donna"
- "Please pray for Tom and Pat"
- "Please pray for Edward, who has cancer and diabetes"
- "Please pray for my granddaughter, Abbagail Alexa"
- "Please pray that I avoid conflict with my family"
- "Please pray for Jeevan"
- "Please pray for Carole"



PADUAN MNISTRY
They're YOUR Ministries

A New Year

As we begin a New Year, may God's Spirit inspire the fruit of love in you as the grounding of all that you do, in response to God's own unconditional love for you.

Our Stephen and Paduan Ministers are available for our parishioners to visit the sick; the elderly; and bring Communion. Our Ministers will come to the home as well as make visits to the hospital and rehab center. Please contact us if you need us – 732-483-0360, Ext. 20.

PROPAGATION OF FAITH MASSES:

Walter & Veronica Skowrenski, r/o Skowrenski family
Neil A. Tantum, Sr. & Neil A. Tantum, Jr.,
r/o Helen Tantum
Frank Di Maggio, r/o family
Millie & Butch Celli, r/o daughter, Fran Ebert
John Francis Hoffmann, r/o Mom and Dad
John Liston, r/o Carroll Friscia
Dorothy Brady, r/o daughter, Dee Celli
Ronald Lubischer, r/o wife Joyce & children,
Ronnie & Randy
Parents, relatives, loved ones and friends, living and deceased, of the Trigani & Drummond families
James A. Mazza, Jr., r/o family
John C. Manna, r/o family
John Henry Hoffman, beloved husband & father,
from wife
William F. Kiss, r/o wife and family
John Urban, r/o St. Michael's Staff
Emma Poland, r/o Bernie and Audrey Boglioli
Sonny La Morte, r/o wife
Alfred and Eleanor Vecchia, r/o Anthony and Ellie Cervellino
Silvino De Sieno, r/o Olga, Linda and Gina De Sieno
David De Sieno, r/o Olga, Linda and Gina De Sieno
Charles A. Valantino, Jr., r/o mother, Angela Valentino
Charles A. Valentino, Sr., r/p wife, Angela Valentino
Anthony Scarano, r/o sister, Angela Valentino
Joseph Scarano, r/o daughter, Angela Valentino
Audrey Geiger, r/o Audrey and Bernie Boglioli
Elizabeth SGro (Birthday Remembrance), r/o her brother and family
Vincent O'Donnell, r/o Dorothy O'Donnell
Tom and Mae Swit, r/o Dorothy O'Donnell
Herman Emmons, r/o The Chapmans
Angelina Lidia Roncace, r/o Gina De Sieno and Bryan
Frank J. Tomaino, Sr., r/o Dorothy O'Donnell
Frank J. Tomaino, Sr., r/o Bruce Crowell and Sharon Mazza
Patricia Mc Cole, r/o Carolyn Russell
John Valentino, r/o wife, Josephine



We would like to thank the following people who came out to help us decorate the Church for Christmas:

Donna, Pat and Andrew Clay, Toni Seinfeld, Cathy, Brian, Christopher, Liam and Nora Stewart, Bridget Howe, Joe Mirarchi, Jerry and Jerome Cevetello, Lisa Lane, Thomas Viggiano, Jack and Renee Brignola Alfred Burrell, Carlos Rivera, and Jose Rodrigues.

These people donate their time and talent to help us make the Church look amazing on Christmas. This process takes over 40 hours from start to finish and it also helps differ the cost of thousands of dollars that we would have to spend to have it done.

So please remember these good people in your prayers for all that they do for St. Michael's.

Also a big thank you to: Giovanna Russomanno, Michael Valerio, Clayton Oates, Ean, Delehanty, Clayton Hauck, Michael Durso, Anthony Costello, Cole Conti, and Dante Montesinos, who chose to help decorate the Church for their Confirmation

Service Project. They were a big help!!

Sincerely, Patty Chavez, Debbie Patella and Deacon Somma.



St. Michael's Receives Bequest

St. Michael's Church recently received a bequest from the Estate of Rose Marie Buono.

Rose had established the Frank A. Buono Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships have been awarded to altar servers here at St. Michael's. Frank served on the altar until his passing and was our most senior "altar boy". Each year Rose and her family have honored Frank's memory by awarding these scholarships. We are pleased to be able to continue to with these awards and to remember both Frank and Rose for their dedication to our great parish.

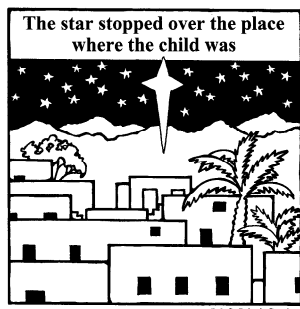
St. Michaels Respect Life

Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Yourself. Let's act together to end abortion and build a Culture of Love. Questions, more information, or to Stand up for Life call Raymond at 732-870-0427 or email rpr6@verizon.net

YEAR END GIVING

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION AS OF 1.3.12	\$233,788.00
REGULAR COLLECTION AS OF 12.31.11	\$ 6,457.50
GIFT OPTION PLEDGES TO DATE	\$ 15,025.00
DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS	\$ 6,700.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	\$ <u>7,877.32</u>
<u>TOTAL YEAR END GIVING</u>	<u>\$269,847.82</u>

We are truly thankful to our Parishioners for their continued generosity To St. Michael's Parish



WEEKEND ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS

Saturday, December 31st, 2011

4:00 PM Mass 498 people - \$4,638.00
 5:00 PM Mass 280 people - \$2,551.00
 NO.7:30 PM MASS TODAY

Sunday, January 1st, 2012

NO 7:00 AM MASS TODAY
 9:00 AM Mass 164 people - \$1,501.00
 10:00 AM Mass 149 people - \$1,405.00
 11:00 AM Mass 214 people - \$1,678.00
 12:00 Noon 256 people - \$1,711.00
 4:00 PM Mass 280 people - \$1,796.00
 NO 7:30 PM MASS TODAY

Attendance 1,841

Collection for Holy Day \$3,198.00

Weekly Collection 1.1.12:

St. Michael's \$13,107.00
 Building Fund Weekly Envelope \$ 1,469.00

**TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION
 FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH \$14,576.00**

**Weekly Envelope Collection for
 St. Vincent de Paul \$704.00**

MONTHLY BREAK DOWNS OF COLLECTIONS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S FOR THE MONTH OF DEC 2011

Ordinary Collection - \$ 55,605.02
 Building Fund - \$ 5,742.83

Received through
 Faith Direct Donations \$ 5,394.64

**TOTAL DONATIONS
 TO ST. MICHAEL'S
 FOR DECEMBER 2011 \$66,742.49**

BREAKDOWN OF ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOR DEC 2011

Envelope Donations \$7,068.83

Monetary Donations
 For December Food Drive \$5,387.82

**TOTAL DONATIONS
 TO ST. VINCENT
 DE PAUL SOCIETY
 FOR DECEMBER 2011 \$12,456.65**



Parents make sure you are making a commitment to your child's religious education. Children are expected to be present at each class session.

If your child is ill or will be absent for another reason please notify the teacher or myself; they will be required to make up any work that they have missed. If a child is out more than 5 times in a semester you will be asked to go on Home Study.

Children are expected to be prepared for class each week with their books and writing implements. Please check your child's folder each week for any information that may be from the teacher or myself. It should be all of our hopes that religious education be a top priority in the lives of our children since they are the future of our Catholic faith.

Attention CCD Home Study Students and Parents:

Please make sure you are keeping up with your lessons you should be on lesson 15 by the end of December and your midterms will be online or mailed on Sunday, January 8th. You will have one week to take your test. Christmas break is a good time to get caught up if you have fallen behind. Any questions call Patty 732 483-0360 ext. 10.

Our Next Family Mass will be for our 4th graders on Sunday, January 22nd at 10am in the Upper Church. All of the 4th graders will be given their Bibles on this day. Reminders will be sent in the mail.

BIBLE STUDY

Happy New Year to all!!! Our weekly Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 11th at 7pm at the Outreach Center located at 6 West End Ct. The course of study will continue with the Gospel of Luke. So come on by, all are welcome! No need to make a Commitment—just stop by and check it out. Come and meet some new people for the new year and travel through the Bible with us!!!! Any questions call Patty at 732-483-0360 ext 10. Hope to see you there.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, AND WIDOWED GROUP

With The holidays over, the parties and entertaining on the wane, we sometimes seek a more even flow of life. We sometimes go from one extreme to another. We sometimes seek a balance. So too with our feelings, we can obsess about them or we can refuse to deal with them. Being gentle with ourselves and trying to reach the middle ground of balance is a good goal for the New Year.

We can learn how to not get hooked into unhealthy behaviors. We can learn to identify the triggers which bring us to an imbalance. We can learn to see the cues from others and ourselves which lead to the creation of imbalance in our lives. If someone baits the hook, we don't have to bite.

Our meetings are open to all and are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Living Room, 6 West End Court, Long Branch, NJ. Meetings are from 7 to 8:30 pm. For more information call Deacon Somma at 732-483-0360 ext 12.

January's topics are:

**January 12- Finding Balance
January 26- Off the Hook**

Yoga at St. Michael's

When you hear the word "Yoga", most people assume you are talking about strange positions to contort the body! The ultimate goal of Yoga (union) is to come to a place of freedom from the agitations of the mind, and into a deeper connection with that quiet peaceful place within. Yoga integrates physical poses, called "asanas", along with concentration (meditation) and deep relaxation to calm and focus the mind. When you connect to this peaceful place within, your mood and approach to life become more positive, upbeat and focused.

Please join us on Monday evenings from 7:15-8:30 PM in the Lower Church for our ongoing gentle beginners Yoga.



This letter was written to Caitlin Chapski, who is a current member of our Youth Group. She applied for her Girl Scout Gold Award, and she received it. The requirements for the Award was to create a mural of self expression, we recruited the Youth Group for there creativity. Together we made a mural full of beautiful paintings and words of positivity. Caitlin and the Y.G did an amazing job. Congratulations to all who participated!!!



Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore

Monmouth	Ocean
Service Center	- Service Center
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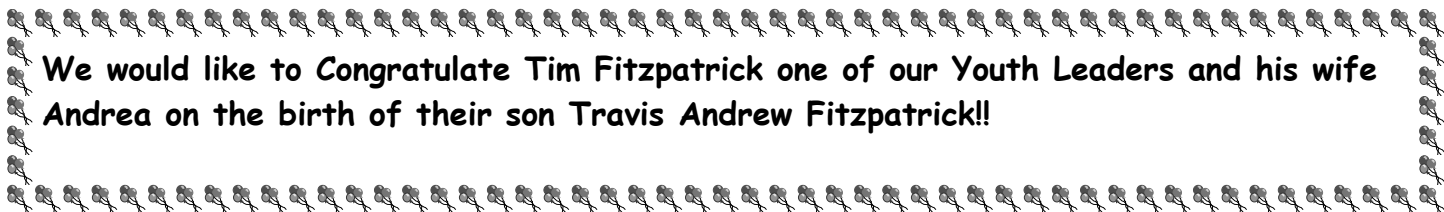
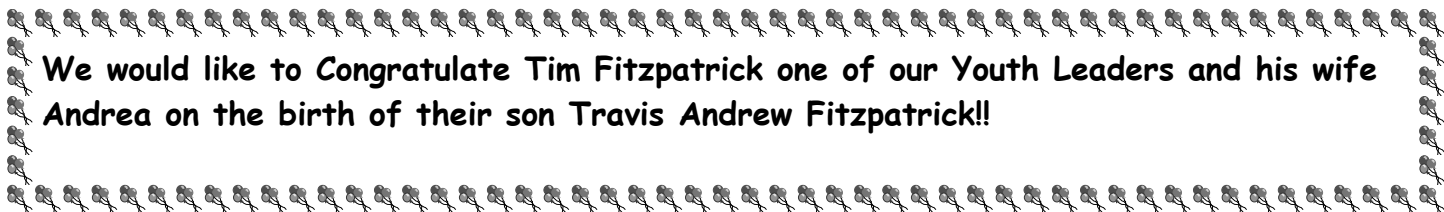
Dear Caitlin:

The Silver/Gold Awards Committee has reviewed your Gold Award Final Report and Time Log. We were very impressed with your project and the great job that you did. Congratulations from all of us on completing your award.

The Gold Award Ceremony will be in May, a date has not been set, but once it has you will be notified, and a few weeks before the ceremony you will receive details of the ceremony in the mail. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Jenny Cody
Director of Program Services


We would like to Congratulate Tim Fitzpatrick one of our Youth Leaders and his wife Andrea on the birth of their son Travis Andrew Fitzpatrick!!


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