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CHURCH

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The Rev. Charles B. Weiser, Pastor  
"Equipping For Growth and Service"

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 4th, 2011

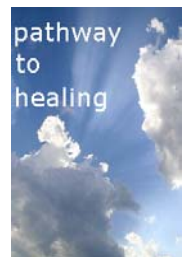
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The Living Room  
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STEPHEN MINISTRY



PADUAN MINISTRY



**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**



## Second Sunday of Advent December 4th, 2011

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.

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Kurt Bruner and Stephen Stroope are Texas pastors who began a movement which expresses itself here as HomeLife.

Their book, "It Starts At Home", will be the basis for a sermon series which will take place most weekends for the next few months. The book is thoughtful and practical. St. Michael's wants to strengthen family life.

As a single person, I am very much aware of the very large number of other single people in our congregation, and was hesitant to focus so long a period on marriage. A staff member pointed out that what we will be talking about is relationships.

Most of what we will be talking about will have some application to everyone. Most of us too are members of families.

I have asked the priests and have challenged myself to make some helpful connections for singles in our sermons.

We seem to be handling the changes on the language as well as any place. I am blessed with a good memory which works against me in this so, no doubt, I will be among the last to adapt smoothly.

Do keep in mind the St. Vincent de Paul Society's campaign for gift certificates and toys. The gift certificates may be placed in the collection basket. Toys can be left off in the back of the Church or at the rectory during business hours.

These gifts will make a real difference in the way some youngsters feel this Christmas.

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 2011**

8:00 AM **MARIE ROGGY**  
r/o her children

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2011**

8:00 AM **JOSEPH RAFFERTY**  
r/o wife, Peggy

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2011**

8:00 AM **ANGELA SABBIA**  
r/o sister, Josephine

**MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

4:00 PM **JOHANN HOLZER**  
r/o wife and family

7:30 PM **DECEASED MEMBERS OF MERKEL  
AND MIMNAUGH FAMILIES**  
r/o Susan and Art Merkel

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2011**  
**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8:00 AM **VIRGINIA HEALY ADAMS**  
r/o Robert W. Adams

4:00 PM **JOHANN HOLZER**  
r/o Esterina Lione

7:30 PM **ROSE MARIE AMATELLI**  
r/o the Edie family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2011**

8:00 AM **ANNA DOUGHERTY**  
r/o Husband

**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, Den-  
nis Ferri, Esterina Lione, baby Adam Lenci, Joe Saker,  
Laura & baby, Lajla Layer, Louis Bevacqui, 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,

The following intentions were posted on our website on our  
Prayer Request Page at [www.stmichaels-westend.com](http://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”

**ELECTRONIC GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT**

With the busy Holiday Season right around the  
corner, enrolling in *Faith Direct* is a great way to  
take one item off your weekly to-do list.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

Last Class for Bible Study will be Wednesday, December  
7th, 2011.

We will resume on Wednesday, January 11th, 2012.



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## “Building Strong Families” HomeLife

**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**

### Christmas@Home: A Family Guide to Celebrating the Birth of Christ

HomeLife’s new holiday brochure filled with fun, festive, faith-based ideas for the whole family to enjoy is available in the HomeLife Centers and throughout the church. Pick up a copy for your family.

### **Celebrating the Season with the Saints**

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Read *The Lady of Guadalupe* by Tomie dePaola to your children and celebrate with feast day with a Mexican inspired meal. Saint biographies can be googled for older children.

**St. Lucia of Sweden, Patron Saint of Light, December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Commemorate the longest night of the year. Traditionally the eldest daughter serves a breakfast of coffee and cinnamon buns to the family.

***Confused by the NEW Mass translation?*** Visit the **Light House Catholic Media displays** in the church vestibule and outdoors. December’s selections feature inspirational talks on the Advent and Christmas seasons. A CD and booklet explaining on the new translation for the mass are also available. Take some home. They are free but donations are gratefully accepted.

**Military Care Packages:** HomeLife and the Religious Ed. Department have collected 177 care packages to send to the US military serving abroad. It’s not too late to join the effort. Pick up and fill a white shopping bag with personal care products and snacks and ARMS will do the rest. **Bags can be found in the ARMS donation box in the church vestibule. Thank you to all who have donated generously!**

**CAT-chat** meets during CCD class time on Sundays (10am) and Tuesdays (4pm) at Deal School. December’s faith and parenting discussions will focus on the FREE newsletter *At Home with Our Faith* (December 2011). Pick up your copy from the HomeLife Centers located near the handicap entrance or at Deal School.

**Lunch Break, Red Bank: Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-1pm.** This is a family service opportunity to assist with serving breakfast to the clients of a local soup kitchen. Space is limited to 10 volunteers. Children aged 7+ must be accompanied by their parents. Call Kelly Lamb at 908-489-8258 to volunteer.



**PADUAN MINISTRY**  
**They're YOUR Ministries**

**Suffering**

We pray Our Lord will open our minds to his blessed Word. We trust that Our Lord will teach us what we should know about suffering. We trust our knowledge will chase away any preconceptions and misconceptions, and let love animate the understating we gain.

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.

**Last week, your Stephen and Paduan Ministers made 17 communion calls, 6 visits and 3 telephone calls.**

**We pray that we have helped to bring God's love and peace to His people in need.**



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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 Candles will burn this week for the birthday remembrance of Chester A. Fratantonio, requested by family***

***The Sanctuary Candle on the Blessed Mother's side will burn this week for wishes for good health for Maureen Tierney, requested by family***

***The Sanctuary Candle on St. Joseph's side Will burn this week in loving memory of William Fromer, requested by Bruce and Joan Fromer***

**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  
 Jean Baldino, r/o Audrey and Bernie Boglioli  
 John Urban, r/o St. Michael's Staff  
 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  
 Andrew Padberg, r/o Barbara O'Hagan  
 John Valentino, r/o wife, Josephine  
 Helen Stubbs, r/o Kathy and Ralph Stubbs  
 Bertine Withka, r/o Margaret Cosentino  
 Jacques Guire (Birthday Remembrance), r/o Yvonne Guire  
 Antonio M. Lopes, r/o Greg Papailiou  
 Gladys Esperon, r/o the Cheney family  
 Stephen Petillo, r/o the Cheney famioy  
 Nettie Gemo, r/o David and Renee Mc Mullin  
 Audrey Geiger, r/o Mr. Ed Keegan

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

**Support Elderly Religious. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God."**

**Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's special Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious.**

## St. Michaels Respect Life

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At three (3) months from conception...You were a well defined HUMAN BEING and you could SUCK YOUR THUMB, HICCUP and GRASP objects. You were VERY ACTIVE but your mother couldn't feel you move just yet.

At four (4) months from conception...Your mother could feel YOU MOVE now. You could HEAR music, traffic, TV, people talking, and most of all YOUR MOTHERS VOICE! You could BLINK your EYE-LIDS. Your HEART was pumping 6 GALLONS OF BLOOD a day!

To be continued.

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](mailto:rpr6@verizon.net)



Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We prepared bags for 140 families. Every turkey and chicken was disbursed, as well as most of our pantry.

Thank-you for providing a wonderful Thanksgiving meal to so many families.

Next month we are asking again to be generous with your food donations as we anticipate the same amount of families. Our funds collected this drive amount to \$3,739.82.

Thank-you to Dean's Natural Food, Delicious Orchards, ShopRite of West Long branch, Panera Breads of Ocean, St. Michael's Youth Group and our CCD program. Thank-you to Sam Bell who purchased 100 turkeys for this month.

**We are collecting toys and gift cards from locals stores, as well as movie cards, and FYE cards. We ask that they be given by December 17th when we have out toy wrap. We are also collecting black or khaki pants in adult sizes (no cargo's) for the local school system.**

Thank-you for your generosity.



The Youth continues to be the most amazing group! We met last week for our group meeting :)

With the Thanksgiving holiday fast approaching, we collected food items for S.V.D.P. It was important to all of us that everyone had a yummy Thanksgiving dinner.

We also watched a Real Faith T.V episode entitled "Everybody is human : We all make mistakes" these DVD's put today's issues into kids terms. Real Faith is set up like a teen talk show. There are 2 host who are around 14 years old. They ask the panel of kids, all around the same age, different questions about the topic. After the show we created a "Forgiveness Box" we all wrote down a mistake that we have made, and dropped it in a wooden box. In order to move on and change our ways, we first must forgive ourselves for the mistakes we have made, learn from them, and not make them again! Then we shut the box and let the problem go!!!!

Keep checking the bulletin for all Youth Group Updates.



### OFFERTORY MEMORIAL

The bread, water and wine at each Mass can be donated as a memorial to a loved one, living or deceased. Your intentions are printed in the Bulletin.

If you are interested in donating these items, please call Jen at St. Michael's Rectory at 732-222-8080, Ext. 11.

*The bread, water and wine at the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, December 4th, 2011 were donated in loving memory of Agnes Houlihan Howe (22nd Anniversary), requested by family*





All women of the parish are invited to attend St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon. It will be held at The Deal Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 at 12 Noon. Price is \$30.00 per person.

For reservations, please call Gloria Brucker at 732-870-9530. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society and mail to Peggy Larsen, 130 West Palmer Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you Dotty O'Hara and Barbara Mc Glennon for making sure that the cards for the Mass translation changes were placed in the pews. They graciously volunteered to complete this task.

Just another way that the Rosary Altar Society assists our parish.

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED, AND WIDOWED MINISTRY**

How many times do we not value our own needs. We don't ask for what we want and need, we discount ourselves. We need to believe that we deserve better. We have to value and take seriously our own needs. This is not selfishness it is placing value on ourselves so that others will take us seriously.

The good will come to you. Don't worry, obsess, think you have to control it, tangle your mind to figure out how and when you will find it. Trust in God. Trust that the answers will become apparent. Be open to them.

This holiday season can be brutal for those who have experienced loss through divorce or death. There are strategies to help you not only get through the season but to enjoy it. Trust that the good you need will find you. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7pm in our Outreach Center located at 6 West End Court, Long Branch, N.J. They are open to all who are divorced, separated, or widowed in the Jersey Shore area. For more information call Deacon Somma, 732-483-0360 ext 12.

The topics this month:

- December 8 Valuing Our Needs
- December 22 Good Things Are Coming and Holiday Strategies

**WEEKEND ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Saturday, November 26th, 2011**

4:00 PM Mass	370 people - \$4,060.00
5:00 PM Mass	238 people - \$2,510.00
7:30 PM Mass	119 people - \$1,287.00

**Sunday, November 27th, 2011**

7:00 AM Mass	125 people - \$1,711.00
9:00 AM Mass	214 people - \$3,109.00
10:00 AM Mass	187 people - \$1,899.00
11:00 AM Mass	249 people - \$2,234.00
12:00 Noon	144 people - \$ 867.00
4:00 PM Mass	193 people - \$1,446.00
7:30 PM Mass	218 people - \$1,321.00

Attendance 2,057

**Weekly Collection 11.27.11:**

St. Michael's	\$17,243.50
Building Fund Weekly Envelope	<u>\$ 2,043.50</u>

**TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH \$19,287.00**

<b>Weekly Envelope Collection for St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$1157.00</b>
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**MONTHLY BREAK DOWNS OF COLLECTIONS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2011**

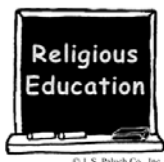
Ordinary Collection -	\$ 74,351.00
Building Fund -	\$ 6,230.50
Received through Faith Direct Donations	<u>\$ 2,117.43</u>

**TOTAL DONATIONS TO ST. MICHAEL'S FOR NOVEMBER 2011 \$82,698.93**

**BREAKDOWN OF ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2011**

Envelope Donations	\$4,657.00
Monetary Donations For November Food Drive	\$3,739.82

**TOTAL DONATIONS TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOR NOVEMBER 2011 \$8,396.82**



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.

**First Confessions will take place on: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 10:30AM AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH. PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR A BIG WHITE ENVELOPE MARKED FIRST PENANCE INFO.**

Please use the enclosed material to begin reviewing prayers necessary to receive the sacrament and practice how to make a Good Confession with your child. The teachers are also reviewing in class with the students.

Refreshments will be served in the lower church all family members are welcome to join in the celebration!!

Parents please remember you are the primary educators of your children. The CCD teachers are here to assist you and can only accomplish so much in a 1 hour weekly program. It is essential that you reinforce the learning at home and attend Mass weekly.

Parent please remember your children will be starting to review for midterms within the next few weeks please make sure that they are at CCD so that they do not fall behind. Every student must take a midterm and a final to advance to the next grade.

**HOLIDAY MITTEN TREE!!!!**

St. Michael's CCD Program is sponsoring a collection of **MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS & SCARVES** for those in need....

Collections take place during Sunday and Tuesday CCD Classes on Dec. 4, 6, 11 and 13.

Simply decorate our tree with your donations!

Our tree is located in The Deal School Gymnasium Foyer On Roseld Avenue, Deal.

We are accepting child and adult sizes, NEW please!

Thank you for your contributions and for helping us teach this valuable lesson in giving to our children!

**THE 2ND ANNUAL GIFT OF THE MAGI MILE**

**WHAT: A FAMILY FUN RUN/ WALK TO RAISE MONEY FOR SVDP**

**WHEN: DECEMBER 18, 2011@ 1PM (after 12 noon Mass)**

**WHERE: ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH (front Plaza)**

**COST: \$3.00 PER ENTRY AND A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY**

The magi, as you know, were wise men – wonderfully wise men – who brought gifts to the new-born King in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. In a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. **Of all who give and receive gifts, such as donors they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the Magi**

This is an excerpt from a special book, The Gift of the Magi, that Patrick and Francesca Antonucci based their idea; the Gift of the Magi Mile, off of in hopes for all to truly realize the meaning behind the season. Please join them in making this Christmas Season wonderful for all

**As a special thank you, The Antonucci Family would like to invite the participants to enjoy hot cocoa and donuts after the run/walk in the lower Church**

Names of participants: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please e mail attendance to: [giftofthemagimile@comcast.net](mailto:giftofthemagimile@comcast.net) or mail to The Antonucci Family, 129 Beechwood Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

7th Grade CCD Confirmation Students can use this as a service Project.



**HOLD THE DATE!!**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 7:30 PM**  
**CANDLELIGHT**  
**CAROL SING 2**

**Bringing to St. Michael's the rich beauty  
Of a festive Candlelight Carol Sing.**

**Your voices will join those of our Parish Choirs in joyous medleys  
of well-known carols with a wonderful  
Candlelight finale!**

**The singers of the Concordia Youth Chorale will add their own  
carol arrangements and a performance of the wonderful  
*SEVEN JOYS OF CHRISTMAS.***

*Tickets will be sold at the door.*  
*\$10 general admission*  
*\$5 for 12 and under and 65 and older.*

**St. Michael's – celebrating our faith in song!!**

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