



SAINT ALOYSIUS
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday of Lent

Emergency Information: In the event that the Church and Parish Offices are closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, please check our parish phone number, visit our website and check our Facebook page for updates and information. Please use your judgment when coming to Mass and remember that safety is the primary factor.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish and Religious Education offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm. All visitors must wear a mask and we will limit the amount of visitors at one time.

Mass Schedule - Mass Schedule - Live stream Masses will continue to be available through our website. Masks **MUST** be worn covering the mouth and nose inside the Church.

The Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am through 2:00pm for Private Prayer.

Monday through Friday: 9:00am
Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:30am

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline: 732-370-0098

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Protecting God's Children - Making the Church a safe environment for all, particularly children and at-risk adults, is a major priority of the administration and staff of Saint Aloysius Church. Please take a look at the posters and "Safe Environment & Standards of Conduct Policy" that are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space of the Church and on our website at <http://www.saintalloysiusonline.org/protecting-children>. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how to make our church, homes and community safer, please contact Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jpetrillo@saintalloysiusonline.org.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Dear Parish Family-

On Sunday we will begin the second week of Lent. We have several offerings for Lent even during the Pandemic. Tuesday's at 3pm 'Lacrimarum Vale'-'The Valley of Tears' offers reflections on suffering and Tribulation live and via Live Stream. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month we offer; 7pm Bible Study, Thursday 2pm Bible Study and Friday 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, ending with Benediction. All of these are available via Live Stream or electronic means. Valley of Tears and Friday offerings are live or live streamed and available archived.

On Monday we were informed that the Governor now allows up to 50% occupancy for Churches HOWEVER we are still required to follow all the other Covid-19 restrictions of distancing etc. So while this sounds great, it means nothing. Theoretically we can now seat 572 people (50% of our capacity) however we must follow the other Covid-19 restrictions so that means we can accommodate only 268 people once taking into account the other restrictions still in place. So nothing has changed! We will increase the number for funerals and weddings from 40 to 80 persons.

For the Stations of the Cross we photographed all of our own stations and formatted them into a Powerpoint. Under the current restrictions we are not permitted to process from station to station unless they are online only. We are able to have Stations Live by using this format which also works nicely for those who participate via Live Stream. All of us can "move" from Station to Station electronically. We have to be creative in these challenging times!

Thanks to all those who not only send in their offerings but those who send notes along with the offerings. It is nice to hear from you even if we cannot be physically present to one another. Again, finding creative ways to keep in touch!

I know it is a ways off at this point but the Ceremonies of Holy Week will be different this year due to the pandemic, not drastically different but the Holy See has adapted them due to Coronavirus. More on that as the time approaches. Next Month on March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph Husband of Mary and while it will be quieter due to the Virus, it will also be special because it is the Year of St. Joseph.

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This Saturday Feb. 27 is the feast of St. Gregory of Narek. This is the first year his feast is included, by order of Pope Francis, into the General Calendar of the Universal Church. He is venerated as a Saint in the Oriental Orthodox Armenian Apostolic Church and the Catholic Armenian Church. Pope Francis also declared him a Doctor of the Church (1 of 36). St. Gregory of Narek was an Armenian priest in the 10th Century. The Armenian Church, while small, has been influenced by the Latin, Syriac Churches. Armenia is a small country next to Turkey. St. Gregory created his own alphabet and many words as well. He wrote in a poetic style. Pope Francis called him, "An extraordinary interpreter of the human soul". He is called the 'Doctor of Mercy' because Mercy is at the heart of most of his works. His greatest work is 'The Book of Lamentations', here is a sample called the Prayer of Forgiveness, it is a good prayer for Lent!

The Prayer of Forgiveness

*"Now what prayers in this book may be pleasing to you,
 What smoke of incense acceptable to you shall I offer,
 O Christ, praised heavenly King,
 If I do not pray to you to bless those who are cursed by me
 To release those whom I have bound,
 To free those I have condemned,
 Benefit those I have anathematized,
 Crown those I have offended,
 Console those I have made sad,
 Tend to those I have bruised,
 Care for those I have alienated,
 Give refuge to those I have betrayed,
 And heal the souls of those I have wounded in body?"*

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

- The Obligation to attend Mass is suspended Until Further Notice. You are not obligated to attend Mass at this time due to Pandemic. **Bishop O'Connell encourages Catholics to attend an in-person Mass** or participate in Mass via Live Stream until the dispensation ceases in order to "Keep Holy, the Lord's Day". Please note each week 2 Masses are archived for viewing later in the day.
- Live Streaming of all Masses is continuing. ***Those in high risk categories and those with pre-existing conditions are asked to stay home and participate through Live Stream.***

In person Mass attendance requires:

- ✓ **Mask must cover both the nose and the mouth**
- ✓ 6 feet of social distancing
- ✓ Sit only in pews marked with green tape
- ✓ Red tape areas off limits. Remember green equals 'go' and red equals 'stop'!
- ✓ Bathrooms are for *emergency use only*, please go before leaving your home.
- ✓ Church opens 15 minutes before Mass.
- ✓ Communion is distributed after Mass ends and you must depart immediately.
- ✓ If you watch via Live Stream, you can come to Church for Communion.
- ✓ No gathering in any size group anywhere on our property.
- ✓ It is requested you take Communion in the hand but can be taken on the tongue.

The State currently permits 25% of capacity which is 286 people per Mass in our building. To assist you in assessing the risk the following numbers are the averages during Covid-19 Pandemic:

- Sat. 5pm – 130 people
- Sun. 7am – 70 people
- Sun 8:30am – 110 people
- Sun 10:30am – 190 people
- Total for all Masses = 500

❖ These numbers are averages over a 8 month period and fluctuate +/- 20 people per Mass

- Weekday Mass is 9am M- F attendance average about 40 people +/-.
- Confession by appointment only, masks, 6 feet and outside
- Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other Celebrations limited to 50 people this number includes family, clergy, outside attendants, anyone breathing and all the restrictions found above for weekend Masses.

*Have great weekend, stay safe and remember to wear a mask to help stop Covid-19!

Mother Seton Academy



Registering Now PreK - 8

Contact the School Office for Registration
Monday - Friday ~ 8:30am - 4:00pm

Contact Mrs. Stephanie Guida
732-364-4130 ~ schooloffice@msaedu.org

MASS INTENTIONS

**ST. ALOYSIUS LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE
(VIA WWW.SAIN TALOYSIUSONLINE.ORG)**

Daily Mass Monday through Friday - 9:00am
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30am and 10:30am

An Act of Spiritual Communion is proposed for the faithful who are temporarily unable to receive the Eucharist:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I Love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Sunday, February 28, 2021

- 7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
- 8:30 a.m. **Deceased Members of the DeSantis Family,**
r/o Ralph and Kathi Giordano
- 10:30 a.m. **For the intentions of Vincent Maoine**
r/o Hegedus and Stedman Families
Pete Albany, r/o His Family

Monday, March 1, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. **Ann Savage, r/o Her Husband, Bill**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. **Pete Albany, r/o Joe, Jane and Family**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. **Anne Flynn, r/o Debra Flynn**

Thursday, March 4, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. **John Lombardi, r/o MaryAnn Lombardi**

Friday, March 5, 2021

- 9:00a.m. **Annual Enrollment**

Saturday, March 6, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. **Jim Smith, r/o Susan Fox**

Sunday, March 7, 2021

- 7:00 a.m. **Yvonne Cusanelli,**
r/o Jean and Joe Cosentino
- 8:30 a.m. **Robert Pfeifer,**
r/o Ron and Georgeen Anderson
- 10:30 a.m. **Edward Hegstetter**
r/o Joan Hegstetter
Parishioners

Weekly Readings

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



Weekly Collection numbers for the weekend of February 20 and 21, 2021

Offering: \$10,634 Online Givers: 974, Online Giving: \$5,493

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:

OS2 David W. Beem	CLpL Eric Streiter USMC	WO1 Michael Lynch	MSGT Darryl Guppy
GYSGT Chris O'Shea	CPT Thomas Dirienz	SGT Nicole Marchitto	LCPL Ryan Barbato
LC Sean Ippolito	LT2 George Wolchko	LCPL Nicholas Clemente USMC	IC2 Christy Rabell
PVT Donald C. Cleaves	CPT Chris Mision	SSGT Andrew Monigan	MJR Daniel P. Brady
SPC John E. Daly	MJR Daniel Murphy	LCPL William Nelson	SGT Michael Perez
LCPL Matthew Tracy	CPL Keith Arway	Sgt Christopher Roitzsch USMC	OS3 Steven Chennells
AIC Ryan Johnson	SSGT William Jansen	PVT John Jad DeStefano	LCDR Matthew W. Smith
CPT Patrick Horan	SGT Daniel Sanchez, Jr.	SGT Michael R. Collins USMC	CPT Michael Loconsolo
1st LT. Ross Trampler	CPL Robert P. Kocsis USMC	PVT Sean Brenner	CPT Robert Murphy
CPL Alex Raney	SSGT Philip Raimondo	LCPL Matthew Ribera	CPL Brandon A Densmore
SGT Craig Bauerlein	PFC Timothy Rodman Sheeran	SGT Thomas J. Crennan, Jr	MJR Scott Davis
SPC Daniel Beagan	SPC Martin M. Kabba	CPT Laura A. Newman	SFC Raymond Ostrowsk
SFC Matthew Brickley	PVT Angel Louis Merced, Jr	CPT Patricia McDonald	LT2 Robert F. Farrell
PFC Adam Felibrico	SN Robert Titus	H.M. James S. Cooney, USN	SPC Joe Lovallo
PVT Kyle Haren	HTFA Kevin Thompson	CDR Matthew James Bowen USN	MSGT Leo VanMiert
TSgt Anthony Capasso	EM3 John Questel	CPO Christopher McCormack	LT Karen Sclasani
Lt. Marco Jon Barral	CPT Jason DiDomenico	SGT Johanna Lovallo Medero	SGT Leonard Medero
LT2 Air Force Cameron Lindsey		LT2 Air Force Nicholas James Accardi	
CPT Eric Dixon	SSGT Conor Neil	SGT Justin Silk	Lt2 Scott Maraldo
Sgt. Evan Myhren	Sr. Airman Patrick Robert McCloskey		MJR Kenneth Brady
Capt. Robert F. Farrell			

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers these friends of our Parish who have recently died. Please also pray for all the deceased members of our Parish, the Souls in Purgatory, and those who died in the Service of our Country. May they enjoy peace in new life with Christ Jesus.

Devotional Lamps for the week of February 28 - March 6, 2021

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn For the Special Intention of the Hamm Family, r/o Nana

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS *Lord of Life, you desire wholeness for your people. Be with those who ask for help. Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who ask for our prayers. Amen.* Timothy Dolan, James McMahon, Kathleen McMahan, Diane Carriero, Susan Gardner, Christine Church, Maria Petrocelli, Ercolina Petrocelli, Caryn Cohen, Tony Rosselli, Cathie Lovuola, Curtis Hart, Vinnie Gagliardi, Jen Arico, Margaret Yousses, Vocation Awareness, Janis Bell, Christopher Hunt, Brian Venables, Joyce Dempsey, Andrea Virella, Harriet & Robert Milne, Logan Martucci, Cyril Weaver and Baby Nicholas, Kimmie Luke, Paige Luke, Stephen Maraldo, Christine Vivona, Karen Cassidy, Owen Leccese, Signe Koval, Hank Lilienkamp, Walter Heublein, Kelly Pierfy, Jimmy, Sammy, Melissa Whitehead, Carlos Ascevido, Noreen Harold Fell, Lois Roby, Mary Stewart, Richard Reba, Dan Licknack, Rachel Lynn Franek, Frederick Mcgrathan, Sr., Kevin Barone, Kathryn Ghnoully, Carol Joseph, Ed Long, Michael Willie, Ricky De Blois, Anastasia Aserdziez, Pat Gallagher, Louis Tanini, Sophia, Mike DiS., Michael Murawski, Donna Maglio, A Special Intention, Joey Rubino, Chase Joseph Ruggiero, Bonnie Ruggiero, Ray Perez, Elmire Buannic, Jerry Cohen, Ann Cramer, Annamarie DeLeonardis, Ryan Nodine, Kristen Sotack, Aunt Mary, Marvin Bernstein, Lydia Gonzalez, Nicholas Lacitignola, Nicholas DeVito, Chris Bligh, Tara Gaffney, Ed Skok, Koren Dubbs, Judy Saal, Ayesha Hordugoda, Susan Scalzo, Barbara McCoy, Talia Nielsen, Sonny Panattieri, Family & Friends, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza, Sr., Baby Benso, Ronnie Perry, John Ghnoully, Deirdre Sriwardena, Bernadette Malter Reed, Charles Sharo, Peggy Murphy, Colleen Owens, Brian Camera, Judy Weaver, Roger Kliemisch, Karen Shines, Jaclyn Mooney, Greg Rinaldi, Andrew Harsanyi, John Harsanyi, Marge Sabo, Jacqueline Krutulis, Bertha Vihonsky, Maggie Wright, Anthony DiPaolo, Luka & Amanda Zrno, Richard Pancredi, Peter Rodriguez, Baby Adam Mastrianni Sorge, Paula Ricciardi, Trevor Finamore, William Raimondi, Lauren Brescia, Steve Blecki, Theresa Chowdhury, David Buckley, John Longo, Dana Baker, Denis Campbell, Bernadette Clifford, John Salvatore, Bob Horrigan, Angela Hardie, Melissa Banard, Diane Fitzgerald and Samuel Catalino, Dana Baker, Barbara Scarpetti, Michele Fletcher, Owen McCabe, Lance Hilkene. Pat Tancredi, Kristi Grassi, DeeDee, Barbara O'Reilly, Frederick McGrathan, Mary Galante, Frank Hubit, Frank Jelly, , Richard LoPresti, Gemma Sellitto, Meriel Held, Sharon Knipper, Jodi Fletcher, Catherine Ryan, Vincent Maione, Emil Milano, Zak and Jill, Toni Martorano, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGrathan, MaryAnn Pucilowski, Susan Miluk, Charlotte Barnard, Uku Mannikus, Bozena Lukaszewicz, Melissa Couto, Barbara Sullivan, Robin Costa, Jack Collins, Judith Weaver, Theresa McGrathan, Pat Scimica, Lawrence Fitzimmons, Carol Meltzer, Patricia Atkins, Karen Foerschl, Audrey Campbell, Heather Burr and baby Lola, Ron and Sue Daquila and Kenny, Christine Lanzaro, Chuck Hirsch, Kathy Gray.

**Thank you for your prayers for all those on our intercessory and armed forces prayer list.
To add or change information please contact the Parish Office.**

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT: Rose Hubit, James and Natalie McMahon, Francesco Oliveira, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard Iacono, Arlene Hassler, Rudolf Augustin, Sr., Nellie Yeager, Jean DeDuca, Gerard Duwe, Maryann Smith, Veronica Margiotta, Amildo Petroceli, Elizabeth Walters, Anna Marrapodi, Victoria Rissi, Roberta Rosen, Michael Polidori, Jack Bollen-tin, Helen Ludowig, Thomas O'Brien, Mary Suchan, Elaine Smith, Daniel Stolz, Pauline Murphy, Veronica Margiotta, Robert Rosen, Robert Chojnacki, Sr., John Joseph Weber, John LaGuardia, Jennifer Curley, John Edwards, Raymond Pavelka, Harriet Milne, Betty Mastrelli, Merced Loterna, Josephine Cerreta, Barbara Yannich, Frank Farrar, Ann Alberta, Alex Stoddard, Campbell Steve Neft, John Genuard, Jr., Rose Petroczelli, Danielle E. Louis, Edna Palumbo, Nicole McGoldrick, Amanda Popacoda, Aida Dierking, Thurston Andrews, Sr., Patricia O'Connor, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Pete Albany, Charles Serreino, John Stasny, Robert Johnson, Amanda Popacoda, Aida Dierking, Patricia Senn, Edith Lane. John Wilkins, John Lombardi, Brendan Maguire, Teddy Domanski, Talph DeJulia, Francis Campbell, Anthony and Joseph Lotito, MaryAnn Lipari, Stephen Caruso, Diane Lotito, Connie Russo-Riley, Juliana Perez, Lorraine Campbell, Albert Holl, Sr. Valerie Paccone, Christopher Benz, Troise, Marino, Flavin and Zisko Families, Pam Esposito, Chris Oliveira, Rev. Michael Carrano, Diane Oderio, Eileen and George Graziano, John Owens, Robert Johnson, John Barnheimer, Dave Blasiak, Adelaide Vitello, Martin Heron, John Riso, Donna Sullivan, John Tachon, Sr. , Anthony Riccio, James Castagana, Rose & John Basiak, Linda Alm, Francis J. Brauner, Tom Fitzsimmons, Antoinette Cerullo, Stephen Flickinger, Anthony Lanni, Elayne Smith, Jose Flores, John Fedor, Margaret Sommer, George Dormanski, RoseMarie Ward, Mario Spina, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Witeczak, Anthony Witeczak, Nely and John Olenski, Tony Galante, Edward Holowienka, Donald Sweeney, Ivan Sriwardena, Harry and Phyllis Gunasekara, Alyce Hering, Peter Miluk, III, Patricia Graf, Edward Kennedy, MaryAnn DeFalco, Joseph Sacina, Mary Vadala, Anthony Giammona, Catherine Watkins, Frances Grieco, Uku and Christal Mannikus, Michael Barone, Barbara and Alice Henriques, Edward Sweeney, Bozena Lukaszewicz, Thomas Cetnar, Ameial Marie Havrilla and the Clifford and Havrilla Families, Msgr John McCarthy, Deceased Members of the Limberti Family, David Murray, Warren Leidenheimer, Teresa Brown, Richard Galati, Bob Uhlman, Virginia Onagura, William McCarthy and Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Alton J. Bennett, Sr., Bergen Mesko and Family, Religious Education Volunteers, Bless our Family through His love and guidance, Manny Oliveira (10 year Anniversary), Boscarino Family, Johnson Family, Joseph Simpson, Jr., Philip Yasso, Elizabeth McGovern, Kuhl, Pitkethley, Quillane and Walters Families, Jim Kraeutler, Lorraine Patanella, Heather Ann Wollack, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thezan, Theodore, Jourdan, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Rosemary Hunter, Jean and Michael Zisa, William Campbell and Merced Loterena, Kathleen Angel, Steven Pirniak, Joseph LaScala, Kathleen Angel, John Congo and Family, Ana Profaca, Marie Roberts, John Castagna, Mark Cabrol, Robert Renode, Jr., Alice Dowling, Cheryl Dowling.

We have many options for a long term remembrance of a loved one. Please call the Parish Secretary, Pat Mulholland, at the Parish Office for additional information.

Annual Enrollment – 12 Masses celebrated the 1st Friday of each month at 8:00am (\$25.00 donation for 12 Masses).

The Gift of Bread and Wine – Can be offered for one week (Sunday through Saturday) for a donation of \$50.00.

Devotional Lamps are silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord even when we cannot be physically present in the church. You can honor or remember a loved one with one of the Devotional or Shrine Candles in the Church.

Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Holy Family Devotional Candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one (\$25.00 donation for one week)

Shrine Candles – Located at the entrance of the Church, these candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one and includes a label listing your loved one's name for a period of **one year** (\$250.00 donation per year).



Lenten Fast & Abstinence Guidelines: Abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Good Friday is a day of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: Lent is above all a time of prayer. To enhance the practice of prayer, St. Aloysius is offering the following opportunities to grow your relationship with Jesus. The Church also invites her members to follow the custom of fasting & to accompany that fasting with an increase of almsgiving for the needs of the poor.

+ **Every Tuesday of Lent at 3:00pm** Fr. Bambrick offers the series “Lacrimarum Valle”, The Valley of Tears. He prayerfully explores the meaning of tribulation and suffering in the Christian Pilgrimage of Life. Available live in the Church and on our website via YouTube.

+ **Every Thursday in Lent at 2:00pm**, join Fr. Jim as he examines Sunday readings and how they apply today in Breaking Open the Word. The class is offered online. Contact the parish office to register.

+ **Every Friday in Lent join fellow parishioners at 3:00pm** for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Live in the Church or view on the parish website.

+ **Study the Gospel of Mark with Fr. Jim the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:00pm.** This online Bible Study focuses on this year’s Gospels from Mark. Book purchase and registration is required. Contact the parish office for information.



CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION: Catholic schools in Ocean, Monmouth, Burlington, and Mercer, counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers

to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 27 Catholic elementary schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools. Please visit our website to find out how to give to the 2021 Catholic Appeal.

Daily Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage, and defend us
from every evil. Amen*

Offering Envelopes



2021 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. If you registered for online giving, you will not have envelopes this year. If you would prefer using envelopes, contact the parish office and a set will be reserved for you.



Prayer to Our Lady Health of the Sick

O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross
took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure
you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to
feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.

May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Prayer composed by Kerry Weber, Executive Editor, America Magazine