

October 25, 2020 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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The Parish and Religious Education offices have re-	Business Manager: Sherri Kroesch		
opened. Hours are Monday through Friday from	skroesch@saintaloysiusonline.org, Ext. 203		
8:30am until 3:30pm. All visitors must wear a mask	Director of Music: Naomi Capasso		
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will continue to be available through our web-	youthministry@saintaloysiusonline.org, Ext. 202		
site. Masks MUST be worn covering the mouth and			
nose inside the Church.	Mother Seton Academy		
	4219 Rt. 9 North, Howell, NJ 07731		
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10:00am through 2:00pm for Private Prayer.	Phone: 732-364-4130		
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Saturday - 5:00pm			
Sunday - 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:30am	Religious Education Department:		
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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.saintaloysiusonline.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@saintaloysiusonline.org.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or a<u>buseline@dioceseoftrenton.org</u>. *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-

Last week this space was taken up with a message from Bishop O'Connell. While the message was long it was very informative and helpful during this time of pandemic. As the pandemic drags on it is apparent it will be with us for a very long time.

The restrictions in place may seem onerous to some but they are there to protect us all. Please abide by all of them. Sunday Mass attendance has reached only 13% of occupancy, with low numbers it is relatively safe to go to Mass, but not required. 1 do encourage you, if you are not coming to Mass to participate via Live Stream. 1 strongly suggest you also use the Live Stream for weddings and funerals as well.

Monday the Very Reverend Edward Blanchett, the new Episcopal Vicar for Ocean County will be the minister for Confirmation. We have 141 young men and women receiving Confirmation at two ceremonies. The Confirmations will be Live Streamed; no guests will be permitted due to the Pandemic. With Covid-19 cases rising in our part of Ocean County, we want to provide a safe and healthy environment. The health and safety of all is paramount during a deadly outbreak and we are finding safe ways to administer sacraments. Congratulations to our young men and women who are receiving in a unique time, certainly a memorable time!

While I have explained this topic several times, I keep getting inquiries so here goes again! Several people have questioned why Holy Communion is allowed to be administered on the tongue. First, it is the right of the Communicant to choose how to receive communion, this is a right enshrined in the Code of Canon Law of the Latin Church. It is not the right of the priest or bishop to decide, it is the right of the communicant. No one may usurp the rights of another according to the Code of Canon Law. The priest or bishop may suggest, such as in times of pandemic, to receive on the hand but cannot outlaw one or the other. Secondly, the Church also uses the best knowledge of Science, Medicine and Epidemiology to assist us in our practices during times of viral contagion. Scientists, Medical Doctors and Epidemiologists tell us the risk is identical. Covid-19 is primarily spread through large and small droplets expelled through cough or sneeze, shouting or singing. None of these apply to the reception of Communion. Additionally the priest sanitize their hands, as a precaution, after someone has received on the tongue.

During the outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo several years ago, Communion was distributed even in the Hot Zone and there were no transmission of the Ebola virus. Ebola is among the deadliest of virus; contracting it you have a 60-80% chance of dying.

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As in past years the parish will hold the **Turkey Drive and the Christmas Adopt-A-Family**, however in very different forms from past years. We will hold the Turkey Drive under strict protocols with very few volunteers and in a safe manner, the same will hold true for the Christmas Adopt-A-Family. Information on both programs are available in the parish bulletin found online and will be available soon on the website or call the Parish Office. We will not be having a giving tree this year as we cannot comply with the health and safety regulations.

Please do not bring any of your unwanted items to the Church. We cannot accept new or used items of any kind for any reason. This includes everything and anything you are trying to get rid of such as cards, calendars, magazines, holy cards, statues, clothing, furniture, pictures etc. We are <u>NOT accepting any goods of any kind, DO NOT bring them here.</u> If they are old throw them out at your home or call a local charity such as Vincent's Legacy (furniture) 609-557-7837 or Habitat for Humanity in Freehold or Toms River. As far as I am aware due to Covid-19 no charity is accepting used clothing, toys or stuffed animals at this time. If it is too precious for you to throw away then don't part with it, if you want to get rid of it then throw it in the trash. Please help to stop the spread of the virus not increase it!

This Tuesday is the last in the October Spirituality Series "An Encounter with Christian Mysticism", this week we will encounter the Rhineland Mystics; these were a sizable group of mystics who lived along the Rhine River in Germany, we will encounter Meister Eckhart and St. Hildegard of Bingen.

If you have a topic you think would be of wider interest and would like to see the parish offer in the future please feel free to drop me a line and I would be happy to consider it.

Finally, thanks to the Mother Seton Academy PTA for "stomping" the priests. This is a PTA fundraiser and a "fun" raiser too, they stomp your house or your friends house. We woke up Sunday morning to find stallion heads all over the lawn. It was a wonderful surprise!

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

- The Obligation to attend Mass is suspended <u>Until Further Notice</u>. 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 preexisting 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 you arrive.
- ✓ Church opens 15 minutes before Mass.
- ✓ Communion is distributed <u>after</u> 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.
- \checkmark Communion can be taken on the tongue or the hand, the risk is identical.

The State permits us to have 1/3 of capacity which is 377 people, for safety we are using 25% or 286 people per Mass. The highest # of people at Mass has been at 10:30am and we have only reached 13% of capacity. To assist you in assessing the risk the following numbers from last weekend may be of help to you. For the weekend of October 17/18:

- Sat. 5pm 120 people
- Sun. 7am 68 people
- Sun 8:30am 125 people
- Sun 10:30am 187 people
- Total for all Masses = 500
- Weekend of Oct. 10/11 Mass total = 485
- Weekend of Oct. 3/4 Mass total = 495
- Weekend of Sept. 26/27 Mass Total = 491
- Weekend of Sept. 19/20 Mass total = 490
- 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!

MASS INTENTIONS ST. ALOYSIUS LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE (VIA WWW.SAINTALOYSIUSONLINE.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 Mass Intentions Thursday, October 29, 2020 Sunday, October 25, 2020 9:00 a.m. Antimo Guardascione. 7:00 a.m. Parishioners r/o Antonio and Amalia Schiano Mrs. Brant, r/o Tee Hvidsten and Family Timothy Paul Guzman, r/o Silva Family 8:30 a.m. Friday, October 30, 2020 10:30 a.m. Christopher Brady, r/o Revoir Family Carlo Rivieccio, r/o Don and Linda Marotto 9:00 a.m. Mark Schiavone, r/o Bivona Family Saturday, October 31, 2020 Monday, October 26, 2020 9:00 a.m. Dennis Pacyna, r/o Harold Dower 5:00 p.m. Parishioners Alexander Flack, r/o Irene Flack Tuesday, October 27, 2020 Newlin Carr, r/o Carol Ann Carr Sunday, November 1, 2020 – All Saints Day 9:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. Antimo Guardascione, r/o Francesco and Rosana Spinelli Wednesday, October 28, 2020 Michael Anderson, r/o Nancy Belardo 8:30 a.m. Grazia Pedone. 9:00 a.m. r/o Mr. and Mrs. Rick Pedone Paul Spampanato, 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Readings

r/o Spampanato and Tice Families

Monday: Eph 4:32–5:8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 13:10-17 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 14:1-6 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

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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	1C2 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
A1C 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		rdi	
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

Theresa Bassano, Donald Schmitt

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.

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 McMahon, 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 Ncgrathan, Sr., Kevin Barone, Kathryn Ghnouly, 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, Linda Leccese, Ryan Nodine, Kristen Sotack, Aunt Mary, Marvin Bernstein, Lydia Gonzalez, Nicholas Lacitignola, Nicholas DeVito, Irene Cohen, 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 Ghnouly, 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, Jacquiline 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, Jody Fletcher, 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 Jelley, William Campbell, Richard LoPresti, Gemma Sellitto, Meriel Held, Lonnie Cromwell, Sharon Knipper, Jodi Fletcher, Catherine Ryan, Vincent Maione, Emil Milano, Zak and Jill, Toni Martorano, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGranthan, MaryAnn Pucilowski.

> 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 Olivieira, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard Iacono, Marie McIntire, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Mary Monetti Lordi & the Monetti Family, Alfred Malangone, Theodore Monetti, Jr., Rose & Sam Malangone, Baber & Kammel Family, Thomas Cetnar, Carol Markulin, Anthony Giammona, Larry Houlihan, Bob Chojnacki, Jr., Kathleen M. Kelley, Marion Scaramuzzo, Peter Kennedy, Ely D'AGrosa, Terrance Bazlewicz, Armando Sablo, Coach Jack Nagy, Pitkethley & Kuhl Families, Quillinan & Walters Families, John Ariozzi, Mrs. Bobbie Bowie Smith Soldano, Adele Soldano, Members of the Knights of Columbus, Thomas Sweeney, Chad Saner, John Lombardi, Marjorie Gordon, Joseph DeMasi. Armando Sablo, Coach Jack Nagy, Pitkethley & Kuhl Families, Quillinan & Walters Families, Angel M. Ramos, Dennis Pacyna, Arlene Hassler, Richard Iacona, Josephine Libratore, Michael Syglinski, Kate Elizabeth Spillane, Rosemary Donnelly, Stanzione Family, Neil Sullivan, Charles Panattieri, Adolfo Arias, Sophie Popieniek, Agnes Kale, Infant son, Sean Diver Callaghan, McCarthy Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Cecilia Araba Nyamekye, Frank Yackinous, Helen Dubog, Andrew Hudson and Family, Mazie Bostinto, Denise Mullin, Cheryl Lee Bonocore, Joseph C. Romaszka, John Prigaro, Joseph LaScala, Larry Heller and Family, David C. McPolin, David K. McPolin, James Newell, Vincenzo Scotto DiCesare, Margaret Werner, George A. Sudol, John R. Demspey, Thomas Ventriglio, John and Barbara Caramelli, Jennifer Schaming, Anthony Garamella, Sr., Anna Christian, Fredrick Morina, Rudolf Augustin, Sr., Nellie Yeager, Jean DelDuca, Gerard Duwe, Maryann Smith, Veronica Margiotta, Amildo Petroceli, Elizabeth Walters, Anna Marrapodi, Victoria Rissi, Roberta Rosen, Michael Polidori, Jack Bollentin, 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 Dormandski, RoseMarie Ward, Mario Spina, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Witczak, Anthony Witczak, 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.

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) *Stars of St. Aloysius* – Honor or remember someone who may have been a light in your life with a light pendant in the church. There are a limited number of lights available in several areas of the church (\$500.00 donation).

Baptism

Saint Aloysius Parish welcomes Ava Virginia Miller who was baptized in the Church.



The pandemic has affected us all deeply. St. Vincent de Paul has continued to assist Jackson families during this disturbing time. We have had to modify the way in which we connect with families by working from home rather than making in person visits, but we continue to help with rental and utility payments, food, clothing and car repairs. If you are able, will you please remember us in the

monthly collection so we may continue our ministry? Your contributions are very much appreciated.



Calendars for 2021 have arrived. As with everything else this year, distribution has changed. Calendars will not be available in the Church but are available for pick up at the parish office. The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm. Stop by and get your copy.



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary which will be prayed in the Church Monday through Friday at 8:30am and available live stream via the website. Thank you, Rosie Raymond for leading us in prayer.



Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of WORLD the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the MISSION SUNDAY Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.



Turkey Dinner Drive and Christmas Adopt a Family Programs – The pandemic has caused some changes to these two long-standing programs at St. Aloysius. Both programs will be scaled down, but the committees continue to hope that there will be enough donors to meet the needs of families in Jackson who are experiencing financial difficulties.

If you want to donate a dinner to the **Turkey Dinner Drive**, contact Jim Guldner via email at <u>jimguldner17@gmail.com</u> or Pat at the parish office 732-370-0500, ext. 204. They will provide information on the items to be purchased as well as specific drop-off information for <u>Saturday, November 21.</u> Financial donations are always deeply appreciated as well.

If you wish to participate in the **Adopt-a-Family Program**, please note that donors may provide all gift cards, all gifts or a combination of the two, depending on the comfort level of the donor regarding shopping. Please contact Art Kliemisch at <u>akliem@aol.com</u> or Pat Mulholland at the parish office 732-370-0500, ext. 204 and you will be provided with a Wish List of the size family you want to assist. Art has many families ready to be adopted now, but please note that we are not accepting gifts at Gonzaga Hall until December 1. As always, we appreciate the generosity of the parishioners of St. Aloysius, perhaps even more so this year as we all try to make our way through the pandemic. We wish all good health and faith that this, too, shall pass.



We are in the process of reviewing our weekly collection envelope list. Please be aware that if you have registered for online giving, envelopes for 2021 will not be generated for you. Additionally, if you are not a registered parishioner or have not received envelopes this year (2020), you will not be on our envelope list. If you have any questions regarding the weekly collection envelopes or your registration status, please contact Pat at the parish office 732-370-0500 ext. 204.



Catholic High Schools in the area are offering virtual tours and registration for placement tests have begun. Visit the school's websites for additional information.



Welcoming Students in Grades PreK - 8

Find out more about the great things happening at MSA at MSAEDU.org



Email schooloffice@msaedu.org or call 732–364–4130 ext. 221 for Registration Information

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

An Encounter with Christian Mysticism

Live in Church (Mask required) or watch via live Stream. On our website. Tuesday's

in October 6, 13, 20, 27

3pm-4pm



Many Christians are familiar with saints, seers and apparitions, less familiar are the Mystics. Mysticism has been part of the Christian life since the beginning. Come join Fr. Bambrick every <u>Tuesday, in Oc-</u> <u>tober from 3pm-4pm</u>. Each week we will explore an aspect of mysticism. You already know some mystics, such as; St. Theresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Catherine of Siena. There is a rich treasury of mystics such as the French Victorines, the German Rhenish, the Flemish, Spanish, English and many other Mystics. Come explore this rich but sometimes hidden element of Christian Spirituality.

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DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

What does it mean to form my conscience?

2020

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) Study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us develop our conscience.
- Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God's voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil."²

Here are some questions for further reflection:

- 1. When has my conscience guided me to "do good and avoid evil"?
- 2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
- Forming conscience is a "lifelong task." What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

² USCCB. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17



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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.

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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.

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