



Sunday, January 7, 2024—The Epiphany of the Lord

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish and Religious Education offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm.

Mass Schedule - Weekend Masses are available by live stream through our website.

Monday through Friday: 8:30am in Gonzaga Hall

Weekend Masses are in the Church

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

Little Children of God children's program takes place at the 10:30am Sunday Mass.

The Church is open for daily prayer Monday through Friday. Access is through the parish office.

Confession: Saturday at 4:00pm in the Church or by appointment by calling the parish office.

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

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S.

Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at abuse-line@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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.

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Dear Parish Family-

Happy New Year!! May your new year be one of blessings, joy and peace in the Lord. Wow, it is 2024 already!



On this first Sunday of the New Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation that, in the USA, is transferred to the nearest Sunday. Epiphany traditionally falls on Jan. 6TH, so this year we are only one day away from it! This is the 'original' Christmas; the one celebrated by Christians of old and still celebrated as such in Eastern Rites of the Orthodox and Byzantine and Oriental Churches.

Epiphany means 'to make manifest'. It traditionally celebrated three manifestations of Christ: His Incarnation and birth in Bethlehem, the arrival of Persian Priests of the Zoroastrian Cult (so called 3 Kings) representing that Jesus came to offer salvation to all people, not just his own people and, the Manifestation at the Baptism of the Lord, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him".

The central figures are the Persian Priests of the Zoroastrian Cult, always very colorful and beloved characters in the Christmas Story. They were not kings, though often people call them that after the song, "We three Kings of Orient". They were priests of the King of Persia. St. Luke does not tell us how many there were. He tells us they offered three symbolic gifts which have, in modern times, been associated with three people. At different periods in Christian history, they have been numbered as 6, 9, and even 12. There is a famous mosaic in Ravenna where there are 12 kings (no doubt representing the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles). However, we know from St. Luke, many priests arrived offering 3 gifts. The first gift was gold, the gift given to kings, and thus recognizing Jesus as King of Creation. The second gift of frankincense, the gift offered to a priest for rituals in the Temple, thus recognizing Christ's Universal Priesthood, Jesus as High Priest. Finally, the third gift of myrrh, the gift given in the preparation and embalming of the dead, thus foretelling Christ the King and High Priest offering saving death by offering himself on the Altar of the Cross. It is a great feast (and most colorful) for these mysterious figures who emerge from the midst of history to charm our senses at Christmas time!

Over the holidays, I received a letter from Dominic Lambusta, one of our former altar servers whom you helped with his Eagle Scout Project. He informed me that on December 14th, he had his Eagle Board of Review and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank and honor. He joins many great men, including Presidents of the USA, in this honor. He wrote, "From the beginning of my journey in Pack 82, to the end of my journey with my Eagle Scout Project, I would not have been able to do it without your support, and the support and generosity of the entire St. Aloysius Community. Thank you for your support." Congratulations to Dominic, who is a fine upstanding young man and certainly deserving of this recognition of leadership in scouting! We wish him well in all his future endeavors!

Nice to have good news, especially from our young parishioners!

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

Weekly Readings

Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



Finding Your Way to Peace

Grief Support Group

Grief can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around you. While grieving a loss is an inevitable part of life, there

are ways to help cope with the pain, come to terms with your grief and eventually find your way to peace. Join us as we learn about the grieving process and explore ways that can help you heal. **A six week Grief Support Group will meet every Tuesday from 1-3pm beginning January 9th through February 13th at the parish office.** Participants are encouraged to attend all six sessions. Please register by calling the parish office at 732-370-0500 ext. 204

Welcome!
Please Register
With The Parish

WHY REGISTER? Every Catholic should be registered in a parish. Beside the active support and involvement that the registration enables, it provides a sense of belonging and identity in a parish community. Parish registration is a mandatory condition for many sacraments including Baptism and Matrimony. It is therefore important to register with us if you are a Jackson resident as soon as you start worshiping here. You are not automatically registered if you received sacraments here as a child, were married here or went to the school. You may request verification letters to sponsor individuals for sacraments, receive sacraments yourself or your child (i.e. marriage, baptism). You will receive end-of-the-year tax contribution statements if you use online giving, envelopes, checks or another identifier of contributions. Unfortunately, we can not issue statements if you 'throw cash in the basket'. The Diocese will know that our parish has a healthy base of registered, supportive parishioners. For Religious Education and sacramental preparation; families of those attending must be registered.

To register in the parish, please call or visit the parish office. A registration form can be emailed to you or downloaded from our website and returned to the parish office.

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts: Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

The Annual Enrollment is a beautiful gift for special times in life and for the eternal rest of our faithful departed. We are very happy to pray for you and your loved ones.



The Annual Enrollment Mass is celebrated the First Friday of each month at 8:30am for a period of one (1) year—12 months.

James and Natalie McMahon, Richard Iacono, Arlene Hassler, Lonnie and Edie Cromwell, Carmen Castaldo, Margaret Connors, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Teams, Tim O'Connor, Deacon John Wanat, Angela Masseo, Donna Fichera, Richard Williams, John Meyerle, Agatha Boruta, Ann Marie Kalad, Joseph C. Romaszka, Vikki McGlone and Family, The Yayak Family, Carol Kubicka, Jerome DiGiovanni, Ronald Devingo, Loretta Rodriguez, John Owens, Manuel Aneiros, Maria Infante, Andrew Kuminski, Palumbo Family, Guldner Family, Owen McCabe, Steven Jarvas, James F. Gibbons, A. Leonard McLane, Florence McLane, Joseph Meehan, John Sean McGrath, Ann Wicks, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thezan, Theodore, Jourdan, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Emily Kloska, Isabel Wittke, Anthony Ritsua, Nancy Stillmen-Pender, Ron Larkin John Tourloukis, Lillian Kurokowski Meyer, Concetta Gullo, Ana Maria Sauer, Meyer and Bridget Pincelli, Rosemarie Floor, Thomas Cetnar, Dolores Dickson, Thomas Sofield, Joseph LaScala, Carleen Launderville, Teresita Dionaldo, George Shem, Marcelina Cinco Cabal, Walter Heublein, Rosemarie DeFeo, Christine Dobson, Rosemary and Jack Acker, William Robb, Edward Caggiano, Lucy Oliverie, Manny Oliveira, Chad Vitello, Jill, Veronica A. Seitz, Ralph Orobano, Rev. Edwin Moran, C.P., Maryann Pucilowski, Pat O'Connor, Tim O'Connor, Mary Alico, Merced Loterena, Aida and James Dierking, Rose and Joseph Cesario, Peter Miluk, III, Teddy Domanski, Urban and Millo Families, Michael Matzo, Eileen and George Graziano, Carmela Vicedomini, Marie Pompa, Joseph G. Morange, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mangan, Sr., Mary Mangan, Donald and Erin McLoughlin, Don and Maureen Gorny, Catherine and William McLoughlin, Evean and Olivia Gorny, Stephanie Santora, Anthony Maresco, Pete Albany, Albert Holl, George Rivera, James F. Moran, Frank and Rose Hubit, Pitkethley, Kuhl, Quillinan, Walters Families, Connie Russo-Riley, Carol Germano, Michael Seyglinski, Rev. James Smith, Ana Y Lim, Domenica Simone, Regina and Vincent Amabile, Miriam Whalen, Jill, Danielle and Donovan Sarango, Steven Pirniak, Paul Empositato, Ronald Brancaccio, Anna and Salvatore Carnemolla, Joseph, Josephine and Robert Brancaccio, Robert McCarthy, Stephen Casale, Jack Bassi, Linda Alm and Frances J. Brauner, Dennis J. Rapini, Jacquelin Pomponio, Elizabeth Colavito, Anne Rapini, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Leo Priola, Richard Smith, Michael Kelly, Mark Kelly, For Comfor and Peace, Robert Ketcham, Bob Oderio, Loretta Conway, Len and Ruth Konkowski, Joseph Leto, Eugene Murnane, William Richard Baber, Gardella Family, Knesel Family, Oderio Family, Donald Barreau, Donald G. Smith, Sr., Richard LoPresti, Joseph Gatti, Caroline Hiller, Lynn Carella, Anthony Lombardo, Dylan James Orrs, John P. Riso, Henry Cataldo, III, Joseph Malejki, Sharon Marie Cory, Michael John Riley, Ralph and Marie Alois, Leone Charlotte Torres, Mary Henderson, Fr. William Holt, O.P., Barbara Bennett, Loretta and Oriel Cohen, Joan Herb, Ruth Nisay, Larry Wenzel, Olimpia DeJesus DeOliveira, John Stasny, Frank Jolley, Felicia Pugliese (Basiak), Richard Stack, Edith Lane, John Wilkens, Grace Marie Natoli, Angelo Mazzeo, Elaine Sobreira, A Special Intention, Connie and Anthony Giannona, Marion Masera, Mary Iacono, Amelia Cortes Serrano, Gerald "Jerry" Mann, Shirley Minger, Carl Kliemisch



In the Catholic Church, the anointing of the sick is a sacrament that is administered to a Catholic "who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age". There is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament may be received at any time during a person's illness, especially before surgery or treatment. We suggest calling to receive the Sacrament *before* a person is in grave danger of death as it is not always possible to have a priest available at the actual time of death.

If you would like to schedule the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for a loved one, please contact the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Aloysius Live Stream Mass Schedule via www.saintalosiusonline.org—SUNDAY MASSES ONLY

Daily Mass - Monday through Friday: 8:30am—in Gonzaga Chapel—no live stream available

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00pm. Sunday at 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am in the Church

Confessions: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment by calling the Parish Office

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 7, 2024 – The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 a.m. **Our Parishioners**

Guy Trause, r/o The Knights of Columbus #6201

8:30 a.m. **Theresa Fasciano**, r/o Her Family

10:30 a.m. **Joanne Casado**, r/o Frank and Stacey

Frank DelMonte, Sr., r/o Luba and Family

Monday, January 8, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Adeline Tjon**, r/o Linda and John Emmerson-Bolt

Richard Otten, r/o Marcella Daly

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Frank Pino**, r/o Louise and John Silvestre

Mary VanDerveenter, r/o Denise and Tom Scannapieco

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Raymond Humphrey**, r/o Bill and Debbie Smith

Stephen Casale, r/o Vikki McGlone

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Anthony Delfino**, r/o Marilyn Wagner and Family

Nicholas Calabria, r/o Lorraine Bopp

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Marjorie Lucy Herrmann**, r/o Dick and Priscilla Miller

Lucy Giordano, r/o Michael Mazalewski

Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:00 p.m. **Joseph McGlone**, r/o Vikki McGlone

Chad Vitello, r/o Olga Vitello

Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:00 a.m. **Our Parishioners**

8:30 a.m. **Paul Peter Kwiecinski**, r/o Kathleen and Thomas Cymmer

Richard DeRosa, r/o Meggan and Justin Rivelino

10:30 a.m. **Donald Raisig**, r/o Patricia and George VanClef

Margaret Gordon, r/o Janice and Richard LoPresti



We offer online giving which is easy and can be accessed from your phone! Use the QR code below or visit our website to register.



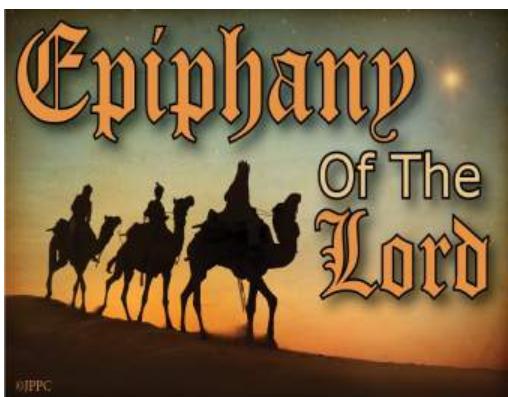
2023 tax statements will be available at the end of the month. If you would like a statement and use either envelopes or online giving, call the parish office and



Offering Envelopes Due to early submission dates, collection totals for December 24th, December 31st, and January 7th will be published at a later date.

Our 2024 envelopes have unfortunately been delayed until the end of January. We apologize for this inconvenience and suggest temporarily using your own envelope with your name on it, registering for online giving or, picking up a temporary envelope in the Church.

As soon as the 2024 envelopes are received, they will be placed in the Gathering Space for pick up.





Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Devotional Lamps - Week of January 7-12 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn **In Memory of Richard Otten, r/o Marcella Daly**

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn **For Our Parishioners**

The Holy Family Lamp will burn **For Those Living In Poverty**

The Altar Bread and Wine are offered for the week **In Memory of Frank DelMonte, Sr., r/o Luba and Family**

We honor and thank all those who have served our country. We're thankful for their service and dedication to our nation. Lord, bless and protect all those that have served and are serving our country. We pray that all Veterans may know your love for them.

SSGT Nicole Marchitto
RCT Patrick McBrid
SSG Marcus Torre
Capt. Cameron Lindsey

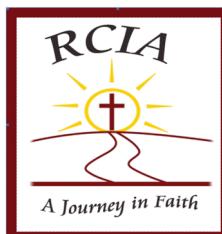
C4C Nicholas Accardi, AF
CPT Chris Mision
MJR Jason DiDomenico
AFPVT Logan Moran

ENS 1st Class Michael Hennicke
LT Scott Maraldo
Capt. Zach Gould

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.*

Vocation Awareness, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza Sr., Curtis Hart, Jodi Fletcher, Brian Cassidy, Charlotte Barnard, Melissa Couto, Barbara Sullivan, Robin Costa, Jack Collins, Judith Weaver, Theresa McGrathan, Pat Scimica, Lawrence Fitzsimmons, Carol Meltzer, Patricia Atkins, Audrey Campbell, Christine Lanzaro, Angelina Valko, Brian Daly, Marie Zimbile, Karen Cummings, Danny and Linda Paliaga, Judy Saal, Eric and Dick Lund, Charley DeMaio, Phil Wenz, Matthew Safran, Janice Pavis, William Raimondi, Kimmie Luke, Paige Luke, Jill Snow, Logan Martucci, Bertha Vihonsky, James Vihonsky, John Harsanyi, Margaret Sabo, Kaitlyn Krutulis, Christina Marie Fletcher, Laura Coyle, Sister Margaret Smith, Margaret Matthews, Fran Baker, Stephen and Kathleen Oleksy, Vinnie Gagliardi and John Scherer, Kyle Patrick Hurley, Amy Wroda, Meg Noone, Karen Dubbs, Thomas Fletcher, Jr., Sr., Olivia, John Mazzola, Pete & Joanne Hurley, Dolores Corsentino, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Gennaro Pane, Donna Dinoflo, Rita Bloom, Maureen Jane McElwain, Rebecca DeBlois, Gary Renaldi, Ken Maus, Sarah Flanagan, Pauline Hahn, Maryann Lombardi, David Williams, Mary Ferguson, Adrian and Nelson Cruz, Baby T, Donald P. McCarthy, Michelle DeBlois, MJ Diehm, Eve, Carol Michnowicz, Owen Lamendola, Cameron Fletcher, Debra Uriarte, Gene Devito, Braeden Savage, Ellen DeBlois, Brian Jelnicki, Vinnie Caruso, Bernie Polatschek, Tom Martin, Barbara Hyer, Scott Hyer, Barbara Barreca, Robert Zrimski, John Fitzpatrick, Jacob Heber, Djuro Blaskovic, Dale Eagan, Daniel D'Antonio, Eliana Fletcher, Dorothy Toneske, Rich Toneske, Kim Toneske, Anna Marie DeLeonardis, Sharon Schlesinger, Kristina Kostbar, Chrissy Safron, Frank Leccese, Norm Schoenig, Patricia Fountain, Groft Family, Matthew Rozlowski, Maryann Perkins, Ryan, Jackie Fleming, Debbie Scatuccio, Jacqueline Krutulis, Cassidy Krutulis, Gladys Murphy, Corinne Nepsha, Nathaniel Nepsha, Marilyn Zwarych, Ricky DeBlois, Gary D'Alessandro, Frank DiGiamo, Don and Kathy Sopko, Nicholas DeVito, Eileen Malter, Betty Dreyfuss, Louise Kolarsick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Fran and Jim Guldner, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, Maryann Iuliano, Audrey Campbell, Sharon Christensen, Ruth Nisay, Christian Rivera, Sage Rivera, Cassie Jouban, Rob and Gina Zangrillo, Pam and Mike Mills, Pat Gallagher, Theresa Raimondi, Ann Rucando, Camille DeRosa, Jill, Louis Cuglielmeli, Kathy Perlson, Theresa Keim, Margaret McClure, Susan and Peter Miluk, Jr., Daniel DeVito, Jack Vreeland, Angelo Magri, Christopher Popp, John Fichera, Margaret McClure, Kristin Valetta, Jeanette Correa, Schalen, Jordan Elkary

Thank you for your prayers for all those on our Intercessory and Armed Forces prayer lists. To add or change information please contact the Parish Office.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR RECEIVING MISSED SACRAMENTS?

If you are considering becoming a Catholic, or you are a baptized Catholic who is considering completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process can help you.

The RCIA process is designed to offer you guidance and support in your spiritual journey towards a deepening relationship with Jesus. As you move forward through prayer, reflection, Scripture reading, storytelling, questioning, worshiping, and performing works of charity, RCIA members, along with the parish community, will accompany you on your faith journey.

To decide whether this path is right for you, please contact the parish office, where Fr. RJ or a trained RCIA team member will answer your questions. No immediate commitment is necessary at the time of initial inquiry.

Parish Ministries



Altar Rosary Society—meet 1st Sundays at the 8:30am Mass with meeting and fellowship afterward

Book Study—1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10:00am

Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30pm with Fr. RJ

Greeters and Ushers—several times throughout the year. Contact Sherri at the parish office.

Altar Servers—grades 5 and up—meet throughout the year.

Liturgical Ministers (Readers and Eucharistic Ministers)—meet several times throughout the year.

Men's Group—meet Saturdays at 6:30am in Morello Hall. Contact dfurb@aol.com

Music Ministry—adult choir meet Thursday at 7:00pm and Youth Choir meet Wednesday at 6:30pm

Small Christian Communities—meet at various homes. Contact Nancy at 732-928-1321.

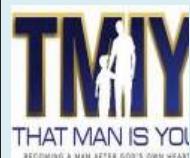
St. Vincent dePaul—meet 4th Mondays at 7:00pm in Morello Hall.

If you need additional information on any group, please contact the parish office.

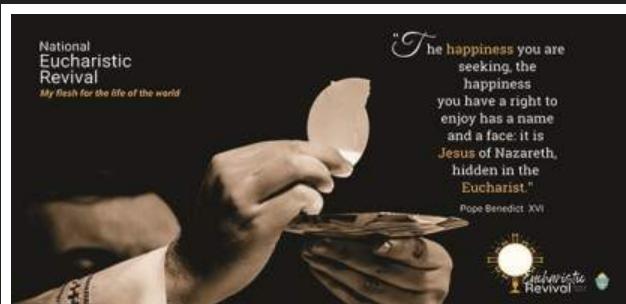
St. Aloysius Small Christian Communities meet in homes and the parish office. For more information, contact Nancy at 732-928-1321.

Christian Book Study—meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at 10am in the parish office.

Bible Study—resumes Tuesday, January 9th at 2:30pm in the parish office with Fr RJ. No reservation is necessary.



Catholic dads! The Saint Aloysius Men's group looks to help Catholic fathers grow in their faith. Join us **Saturday mornings** for bagels and coffee (6:30am), followed by a video (7am) as we help one another become better Catholic fathers-husbands-men. We start early and finish early so you don't miss any part of your day. For more information or to register email David at dfurb@aol.com.



Food for Thought: “To partake of the holy body and blood of Christ is good and beneficial; for he says quite plainly, ‘He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.’ Who can doubt that to share continually in life is the same thing as having life abundantly?” – St. Basil the Great

Do you doubt the Real Presence? Read about the Eucharistic Miracles. <https://www.osvnews.com/2021/09/10/do-you-doubt-the-real-presence-learn-about-these-eucharistic-miracles/>

To view the traveling Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit based on the works of the Blessed Carlos Acutis, here are upcoming locations:

Jan. 2-15, 2024—Our Lady of Grace, Fairview, NJ

Jan. 15-30, 2024—St. Denis Church, Manasquan, NJ





Please see below for reminders about upcoming events. To RSVP to any of the following, please contact Mrs. Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jpetrillo@saintaloysiusonline.org. Events are open to teens in grades 8 through 12. *Please keep in mind that it is a diocesan policy that parents should be copied on e-mail communication between parish staff/volunteers and those under 18.

Epiphany Event: On Sunday, January 7th, we will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord! Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon of special events at our parish. Immediately after the 10:30 am Mass, there will be a Cantata concert with our parish's music ministry, followed by a luncheon in Morello Hall! The concert and luncheon are open to the whole parish, but we encourage our teens to attend and sit together. Right after the luncheon, teens will be invited to head over to the Youth Room for our AYM "White Elephant" gift exchange! Teens who wish to participate are asked to please bring a wrapped present (worth no more than \$10). We plan to finish up at 2:00 pm. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 3rd if you wish to join us.

DYC: The annual Diocesan Youth Conference is coming up on Saturday, February 3rd at Red Bank Catholic High School! DYC is the Diocese of Trenton's annual gathering for all teens in grades 8 through 12. It provides a chance to be with fellow young Catholics and grow closer to Christ through dynamic presentations, prayer, music, activities, and more! This year's theme is "On Purpose." The advanced registration cost is \$25 per person. Please note that registration must be completed through your parish youth ministry leader. Parents/guardians who would like to register their son/daughter for DYC are asked to please contact Jen Petrillo no later than Thursday, January 25th. Please note: For our group, the plan is for teens to be dropped off and picked up at RBC by a parent/guardian. Chaperones from our parish will meet our teens at RBC and accompany them throughout the event.

The following are reflections from two of our AYM teens who attended NCYC:

"NCYC was filled with lots of firsts for me. It was the first time I went on an airplane, the first time I went to Mass in a football stadium, the first time I went to a concert, and the first time I saw 13,000 people all praying and worshiping together. My favorite presenter was Sister Josephine. She was filled with such life and joy that was absolutely wonderful to see. She had such a love for Jesus and seemed to really connect with all the people there. One quote from her presentation that really stuck with me was -- "I grew up Baptist and when I was growing up, my faith was based on whether the pastor had a good sermon that weekend or if the worship team had good music that day. When I became Catholic, I realized that it was very consistent. It didn't matter who celebrated Mass or gave a good homily or sang fabulous hymns. No matter what, Jesus was going to show up every single week!" She also gave us the friendly reminder that God is "Never Gonna Give You Up" as she got the entire crowd singing Rick Astley's song. Sr. Josephine had amazing teamwork with Steve Angrisano, and she did a brilliant job at introducing all the speakers. She had everyone listening to every word she spoke herself. I'm extremely grateful to everyone who got me to NCYC and everyone there for such a phenomenal experience. Thank you."

NCYC was a life-changing experience for me! I met amazing people, and I had close encounters with Jesus all the time. Even though I know there's a lot of Catholics in the US and in the world, it's easy to forget that it's not just me working toward heaven. To be in Lucas Oil Stadium with 13,000 other people with the same end goal as me was... indescribable. There was something for everyone at this conference. They had live music, inspiring talks, games in the convention center, and trading souvenirs with people from all over the country. I have never been with so many people that were on fire for God, and so filled with joy. I love that everyone there comes from different backgrounds, different cultures, and yet is so strongly connected. I also grew closer to my own youth group through this experience. We were all so tired by the end of each day, and we laughed so hard about anything and everything. I came back with more memories than I went with, memories big and small, and I am forever grateful for the people God put in my life who made this possible.



If it be thy will, O Lord, let me be a saint in this world; but if not, let me be a good man.



Our beautiful new Church doors are available for dedication. Each door is available for \$15,000 and includes a plaque on our donation wall in the Gathering Space. If you would like to purchase a door or make a donation towards the purchase of a door, please complete the information below or call the parish office.

NAME: _____

St. Mary Magdalene—**SOLD**

ADDRESS: _____

St. Lydia—**SOLD**

PHONE: _____

St. Paul—**SOLD**

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

St. Elizabeth—AVAILABLE

St. James the Greater—**SOLD**

St. Peter—**SOLD**

St. Andrew—**SOLD**

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