



SAINT ALOYSIUS
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday, January 12, 2025—Baptism of the Lord

Emergency Information: In the event that the Church and Parish Offices are closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, please call the parish phone number or visit our website 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.

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

Daily Mass - Monday through Friday: 8:30am

Saturday - 5:00pm

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

Little Children of God - a children's program which takes place at the 10:30am Mass for children ages 3-7.

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

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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.





Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord; the last of the three 'Epiphanies' of the Lord, the first being the Nativity, and the second the Epiphany. 'Epiphany' is from the Greek meaning 'to make manifest'. Each of these solemnities, in their own way, makes manifest the incarnation of Jesus Christ, God made man. Together they form the entire Christmas Season, and thus, today's Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season, Monday we enter Ordinary Time.

The first two epiphanies occur close to one another, how close? Well, Biblical scholars posit that the Magi came some two to three years after the Nativity. I know, I know, you will tell me that all the Nativity scenes have the wise men arriving in Bethlehem while Jesus is in the manger. That is, as they say, artistic license. You may recall a small passage from Matthew's Gospel last week where he records the Magi "on entering the house"; they opened their coffers presenting gold, frankincense, and myrrh. He does not record them entering a manger, or even Bethlehem. The Gospel does mention Bethlehem, but not as an arrival point for the Magi. It notes King Herod consulted his religious scholars to ascertain where the Messiah would be born, and they tell him Bethlehem. Herod then instructs the Magi to go to Bethlehem and search for the Child. Our Biblical scholars believe the Magi may have arrived at the Holy Family's home in Nazareth, and as the evidence in Matthew's Gospel clearly states, it was a home they entered, not a cave. Some Biblical scholars posit that it is possible the Magi went to Bethlehem and found a family dwelling there since Joseph had many relatives. We know from the Gospels, he had to go there during the census periods, so he probably stayed with relatives when they visited his ancestor's lands, much as we do when we visit our relatives today.

This last Epiphany of the Christmas Season occurs well after the childhood of Jesus. We know he was an adult of about 30 when his cousin, John the Baptist, ushers him into the Jordan River. The three solemnities are placed liturgically close because each is an epiphany.

In today's Feast following the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, the voice of the Father is heard (Epiphany) saying, "You are My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased", thus Jesus is made known (manifest) by God the Father himself, revealing Jesus as His only begotten Son.

This feast also reminds us that we follow Jesus into those saving waters of Baptism, where he leads the way from the Cross to the Resurrection. May we too one day hear those beautiful words of the Father, "You are my beloved Child in whom I am well pleased".

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



Adopt a Family and Giving Tree Update—Through the generosity of you, the parishioners of St. Aloysius, the Knights of Columbus Council #6201, and several friends of the Church, 131 families were provided with gifts and/or food baskets for the Christmas season. In addition to the numerous gifts provided to children and food baskets given to families, the program received \$12,055 in donations for St. Vincent dePaul! This will enable us to continue our work in supporting Jackson families who need financial help throughout the coming year, with rent, utilities, car repairs, etc. We also received over \$2000 in ShopRite gift cards which will aid in supporting families experiencing food insecurity. We are so grateful to *everyone* who made this program a success.

The families you helped were overwhelmed with your generosity. One such family sent the following note: *"I wanted to thank you and everyone again so much for everything! I am overwhelmed with blessings for what you did. Please thank everyone and wish them all a very merry Christmas and many blessing for the new year."* One family brought homemade cookies for all the volunteers, another painted a beautiful picture of Jesus for the St. Vincent dePaul Ministry. (it is currently displayed in the parish office if you want to see it). So many recipients were filled with tears and smiles as they picked up their gifts. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish and experience the joy which comes from helping those less fortunate.

Join us in making a difference this year with the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry! We meet on the 4th Monday of each month in Morello Hall, **with our next meeting on Monday, January 27th at 5:00pm**. No experience is necessary—just bring your caring heart and a listening ear. We provide the training and support you need, and there are countless ways for you to serve. Don't miss the opportunity to meet our dedicated volunteers and discover how you can become a Vincentian.



The St. Aloysius Altar Rosary Society will be holding a meeting on Sunday, February 2 right after the 8:30am Mass in Morello Hall. Our guest speaker will be Francine Porges, MBA, CALA, CDP Outreach Coordinator. She will speak on "Aging in Place", and the resources available to senior citizens. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. Refreshments will be available.



The next food drive will be the weekend of **January 18-19th** to benefit the Jackson Food Pantry. They are requesting personal care products, cereal, canned goods and non-perishable food items. Please do not leave household goods, clothing, fruits vegetables and other perishable items in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your continued support.

In preparation for the service project that will be a part of this year's Diocesan Youth Conference, our youth group will be collecting items for "Boxes of Joy". Boxes of Joy is a program run by Cross Catholic Outreach that helps children in impoverished countries experience God's love and learn about Jesus when they receive a special gift box. Parish youth groups throughout the diocese are gathering various items, and our youth group is collecting new jump ropes and new toothbrushes before the 5:00pm Saturday Mass on January 11th, and before the 10:30am Mass on January 12th., Please consider donating a jump rope and/or toothbrush that weekend.



Prayer to St Michael The Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen



*Angelina Sorger, Arthur Cimino, Sr., Beth Ellen Hack, Peter Hurley, Charles Gordon,
Diane Malgieri, Thomas Anthony and Bridget Flannery*

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 12-19 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Our Parishioners*

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for *The Homebound*

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for *Those Mourning the Loss of a Loved One*

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 McBride
SSG Marcus Torre
Capt. Cameron Lindsey

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

Lt. Jr. Grade Michael Hennieke
LT Scott Maraldo
Capt. Zach Gould
Capt. James Accardi

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, Judy Saal, William Raimondi, Meg Noone, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Tom Martin, Jacob Heber, Jackie Fleming, Debbie Scatuccio, Jacqueline Krutulisi, Cassidy Krutulisi, Gladys Murphy, Corinne Nepsha, Nathaniel Nepsha, Marilyn Zwarych, Ricky DeBlois, Gary D'Alessandro, Frank DiGiamo, Don and Kathy Sopko, Nicholas DeVito, Betty Dreyfuss, Louise Kolarsick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Fran Guldner, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, 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, Kathy Perlson, Theresa Keim, Susan Miluk, Daniel DeVito, Jack Vreeland, Angelo Magri, Christopher Popp, Kristin Valetta, Jeanette Correa Schalen, Jordan Elkary, Valerie Behar, James McCarthy, Andrea Mitreuter, Barbara Ziff, Peggy Connelly, John and Dolores Cosentino, Gary Gerlach, Iggy Antico, William Johnson, Louis Rivera, Linda McLane, Daffron Family, Barbara Griffin, Theresa Logan, Davy McClure, Paulette Aronstam, Donna Day, Vinny Day, Marge Sabo, John Narsany, James Vihonsky, Bertha Vihonsky, Karen Crimmins, Kaitlyn Krutulisi, Logan Martucci, Louise Murnane, Deby Daoust, Laura Meltzer Potts, the Groft Family, Marietta Giordano, Maryann Lombardi, Michael Woodlock, Peggy Mulvehill, Austin Trezza, Lilliam Zumbado, Michael Tardio, Agnes Smith, Nunzio Masone, Vikki McGlone, Michelle Neuhaus, Margie Libonati, Viola Gatyas, Lynette Younker, Kathy Cronin, Robert and Annamarie Kowalewski, Barbara Owens, Laurie Wroda, Louis Iacono, Diane Malgieri, Joe Musumeci, Jeremy Birnbaum, Grace Lowney, Matthew Machin

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



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 INTENTIONS

January 12-19, 2025

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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

8:30 a.m. **Grace Carlson**, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Bibbo

Vincent MASTRIA, r/o Rich and Debbie Burns

10:30 a.m. **Alexander Flack**, r/o Irene Flack

Belinda Jackson, r/o Bob and Sue Mignemi

Monday, January 13, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Joseph McGlone**, r/o Vikki McGlone

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Mary Ristoro**, r/o The Blake Family

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Ron Suveg**, r/o Frank and Stacey Schear

Thursday, January 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Thomas Gerard Happ**, r/o Mollica Family

Friday, January 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Robert Sullo, Jr.**, r/o Mollica Family

Saturday, January 18, 2025

5:00 p.m. **James Grennan**, r/o Marilyn and Joe Prudenti

John R. Bambrick, r/o Carol Bambrick

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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

8:30 a.m. **Lawrence Houlihan**, r/o Toni Houlihan

Margaret Baranski, r/o Albert and Martin

10:30 a.m. **Margaret and Robert Gordon**, r/o Janice LoPresti



December 29:

Offering: \$8,695.08

Online Giving: \$5,226.83

Christmas: \$27,402.25

Solemnity of Mary, January 1:

Offering: \$2,775.00

January 5:

Offering: \$12,540.38

Online Giving: \$5,826.33

Mortgage Reduction: \$2,380.00

Offering Envelopes



We still have a few 2025 envelopes which have not been picked up. If you are looking for your 2025 envelopes, please come to the parish office.

If you did not receive a set of envelopes and do not want to use our online giving option, stop by the parish office to receive your starter set. If you do not receive a starter set, you will not be on our envelope list; envelope sets are not mailed.

Weekly Readings

Monday Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28

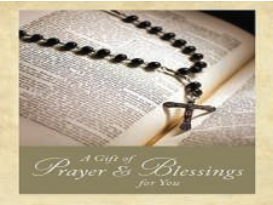
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11



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, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Teams, Jill, Frank and Rose Hubit, Carl Kliemisch, Adrien Thomas, Lisa and Gerald Colangelo, Johnson and Tessa Boscarino, Marie Hamilton, Thomas Zarillo, Robert Fairhurst, David Anthony, Margaret McClure, Olimpia Regateira, Phyllis Silano, Andrea K. Lear, Dottie Sedor, Loretta Boutote, Virginia Duke, Maria Oliveira, Larry Houlihan, Steven M. Sloan, William McCarthy and Family, Boryshuk Family, Louise Jones, Maria Augusta Limas DeOliveira, Marie Zimbile, Marietta Sciascia, Cheryl Bonocore, Eugene Murnane, Robert Thorpe, Audrey Campbell, Donna Fichera, Neil McKeague, Palumbo Family, Guldner Family, Lamberti Sisters, Christopher Oliveira, Diane Humphrey, Carmine Merlucci, Neal Collenburg, Logan Family, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thesan, Theodore, Jourdan, McKenzie, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Francesca M. Bonucci, James O'Leary, John Flynn, Michael Cetta, Merced Lotrena, The Nowak Family, Virginia and Allen Walp, Chad Vitello, Maria and Belto Ristaino, John Owens, Anna Marie DeLeonardis, Quaglia Family, Marty Munroe, John and Donna Fichera, Peter Miluk, Jr., Alfred Nader (Dadasee), David LaRosa, Mario Garcia, Virginia Laschet, Patricia Fountain, Connie Russo-Riley, George Newman, Jr., Phyllis Vitiello, Ivan Sriwardena, Harry and Phyllis Gunasekara, Tina Rogers, Ivano John Bott, Juan Opa Torres, Joseph LaScala, Rev. Stanley Jarosz, Maryann Pucilowski, Aida and James Dierking, Rose and Joseph Cesario, Peter Miluk, III, Joseph G. Moroney, Donald and Erin McLoughlin, Don and Maureen Gorny, Evelyn and George Doerbecker. Gertrude and Eugene McLoughlin, Catherine and William McLoughlin, Evan and Olivia Gorny, Pete Albany, Jack Bassi, Des Fitzgerald, Loretta Conway, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Joseph Sumanski, James and Elisa Oliver, Frank and Pearl Szumianski, Thomas Cetnar, Urban and Millo Families, Michael Matzo, Walter Heublein, Eileen and George Graziano, Richard LoPresti, Edith and Ernesto Scalatempore, Jennie and John Tatulli, John, Lucy, Nick, Mary and George, Glenda Morisano, Michael Seyglinski, Raymond Magnussen, Ruth Nisay, Elena Salvato, Eileen and Don Malter, Robert McCarthy, Pat O'Connor and Tim O'Connor, Angelo Mazzeo, Dante Dedonno, Gilvo L. Gialanella, Steven Pirniak, Angelo Mazzeo, Antoinette Maria Puccio, Lynda J. Bradley Clay, Manny Oliveira, Joao Batista Abreu de Oliveira, Yedda Abreu de Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes Abreu, Joao C. Abreu, Cleisa Abreu Cantuaria, Linda Alm, Frances Brauner, John and Rose Jobst, Kathleen O'Connell, Miriam Whalen, Florence Spinello, Bernie Daquila, Pitkethley, Kuhl, Quillinan, Walters Families, Joanne and Keith Veltre, Kate Castell, Ronald Brancaccio, Anna and Salvatore Carnemolla, Joseph, Josephine and Bob Brancaccio, James D. Diefendorf, III, Mary Ann Borghi, Joseph S. Romano, Dorothy Theresa Maher, Cosmo (Gus) Mongiello, Fermina Lopez, James Migliori, Edna Parzygnat, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Tracy Lee Papp-Hill, Walter Heublein, Frank Sandtner and Family, Anthony Sandtner and Family, Connie and Tony Gaiammona, Barbara Brennan, Miriam Spinelli, Rosemarie Artale, Joyce Elizabeth Mennella, Ana Librada Ramos, Enid Muraca, Paul V. Farley, Steve Yayac



Have you or a loved one missed out on some sacraments or do you know someone considering becoming Catholic? Our OCIA program is here to support you, with a dedicated community of catechists eager to help you prepare for the

Sacraments of the Church and the joy of meeting the Lord. Let our team of faith-filled individuals assist you on this journey towards a deeper connection with your faith. Reach out to our parish office today for more information and take the first step towards enriching your spiritual life.



Francis House of Prayer serves the people of the Diocese of Trenton and beyond providing a contemplative environment for ongoing spiritual growth. Register for programs beginning in January through February by going to the website FHOP@verizon.net or call 609-877-0509.



Retrouvaille—Hope for a Better Marriage

—Establish healthy, meaningful communications to enhance your relationship while gaining new insights into yourselves as individuals and as a couple. Register now for a retreat by going to helpourmarriage.org. Call 732-236-0671 or email 3043@helpourmarriage.org for more information.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!!!! Serve the Lord with all your heart, soul, and all your strength by serving Him through ministry.

Rehearsal times:

Youth Choir (singers ages 7-16) meet Wednesday from 6:15-7:15pm.

Adult Choir: Meet Wednesday from 7:30-9pm. We sing in harmony and prepare for special concerts. All are welcome.

Instrumental Ensemble—do you have an instrument covered in a closet that needs another chance? Consider playing a Church. Email Naomi if you are interested in joining the group at musicministry@saintaloyusonline.org.

Christian Book Study—will take a break for the month of December and will resume meeting on **January 14th and 28th at 10:00am** in the parish office.



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Walking with Purpose is a nationally recognized Catholic Women's Bible

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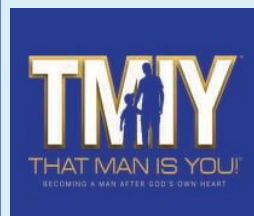
Opening Your Heart will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith.

Walking with Purpose meets **Thursdays at 7:00pm in Morello Hall**. We have a rolling admission and there's always room for one more at the table!

Call Pat at the parish office for more information or email Klaudia at walkingpurposek-laudia@gmail.com.



Bible Study—Join Fr. RJ **Tuesdays at 2:30pm** in the parish office to Break Open the Word, analyzing and exploring the meaning of scripture through discussion and reflection. No RSVP required, just BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible).



Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

The Saint Aloysius Men's Group invites you to join us for **"That Man is You!"**.

That Man is You is a men's faith building program that honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

THAT MAN IS YOU! IS DESIGNED TO:

- Meet men wherever they are in their spiritual lives and help them take one step further.
- Turn the hearts of fathers to their spouse and children.
- Form authentic leaders capable of transforming their families and greater society.
- Form bonds of friendship and fellowship that strengthen the parish community.
- Facilitate a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Join us Saturday mornings in Morello Hall for bagels, coffee and faith forming fellowship.

- 6:30-7am Bagels and Coffee
- 7:00-7:30 Video
- 7:30-8:00 Small Group discussions

For more information contact David at dfurb@aol.com



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@santalloysiusonline.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.*

DYC: The annual Diocesan Youth Conference is coming up on Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 am Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville! 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 "The Journey." 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 23rd. *Please note: For our group, the plan is for teens to be dropped off and picked up at Notre Dame High School by a parent/guardian. Chaperones from our parish will meet our teens at Notre Dame and accompany them throughout the event.*

Donation Collection for "Boxes of Joy:" In preparation for the service project that will be a part of this year's Diocesan Youth Conference, parish youth groups are invited to collect items that will be included in "Boxes of Joy." "Boxes of Joy" is a program run by Cross Catholic Outreach that helps children in impoverished countries to experience God's love and learn about Jesus when they receive a special gift box. Many different items are needed, but our youth group will specifically be collecting new jump ropes and new toothbrushes before the 5:00 pm Mass on January 11th, and before the 10:30 am Mass on January 12th. Teens are needed to assist with organizing donations before each of those Masses, and all parishioners are invited to consider contributing a jump rope and/or toothbrush.



Mass for Life & Life Expo

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Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST 2025 10AM

8th-12th grade
Notre Dame H.S. Lawrence, NJ

Advance Registration \$25
Walk-in Registration \$35
dioceseoftrenton.org/dyc

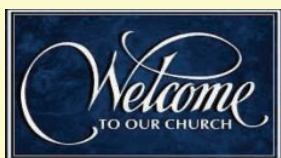
Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary. (Is 40:31)



What is a Jubilee Year?

A Holy Year or Jubilee is a time of special graces, pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee of rest, forgiveness, and renewal. (Lev. 25: 10-15) It is also a time to visit designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession, and receive Communion to receive a plenary indulgence. The aim of a Holy Year is holiness of life. It is convoked to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and foster a consistent living of the faith. Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian Jubilee in 1300. Since then, there have been twenty-six "ordinary" Holy Years, observed nearly every twenty-five or fifty years, the last being in 2000, proclaimed by St. John Paul II. Since the 16th century, a number of "extraordinary" Jubilees were proclaimed to commemorate the anniversaries of significant events. In the Diocese of Trenton the Holy Year begins December 24, 2024 and will conclude January 6, 2026.

To learn more about Jubilee events in the Diocese of Trenton, go to the website: diocesoftrenton.org/jubilee2025



Have you been attending St. Aloysius 'for years' but never actually registered? Start the new year off right and register with our parish community. Forms are available in the parish office and Gathering Space of the Church. Registering helps us know you, minister to you, and keep you informed of upcoming parish events. Remember, only registered parishioners who are actively attending are eligible for Sponsor Letters for Baptism and Confirmation. If you are a Jackson resident and have been attending, we would love to meet you.

In an effort to keep our files correct, please notify us if:

- + You have a new phone number or address
- + You no longer have a land line phone and wish to register a cell phone number
- + Your children are out of school and need to register on their own
- + You have a new email address you would like on file, and wish to be added to our email alert system

Please email or call the parish office with your updates.



Feeling overwhelmed?

Personal losses impacting life?

Struggling with a relationship?

Everyone can use a little extra support in handling life's challenges.

**Parish Counseling Services
Are Available.**

Through a joint service of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton, short term professional counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available. The fee is \$90 per session but there is financial assistance available for those who need it. Use of an individual's health insurance may also be an option.

Contact your pastor or parish priest for more information and to get assistance with the referral.



This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of the Christmas season. As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism where original sin is washed away, we begin our life of grace, and belong to the community of the Catholic Church. Are you interested in baptism for your child? To inquire about Baptism procedures, please contact the parish office at 732-370-0500 ext. 204. Baptisms are held most Sundays at 12:00pm.



The Knights of Columbus #6201 will sponsor a **Basketball Free Throw Contest** January 25th at Holy Family Church in Lakewood from 9:00am—12:00pm. Boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible (proof of age is required). Entry forms should be completed in advance and may be accessed by emailing mrmo-jo4477@gmail.com or download a form from the parish website.

St. Gabriel's Cemetery & Mausoleum ^{Est. 1878}



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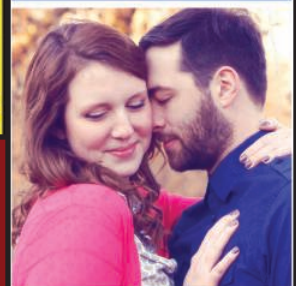


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