



SAINT ALOYSIUS
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday, January 26, 2025—Third 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 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,

I wish to express thanks for your kindness to Fr. Lazarus Luyinda, who spent a month of rest with us before returning to Uganda this past Wednesday. Fr. Lazarus is the Rector of the National Seminary of St. Mary Gaba in Kampala. He holds a doctorate in Biblical Studies from the Pontifical Biblicum University in Rome, with a specialty in the prophets. He began his priestly service as a Parochial Vicar in the Diocese of Kasana-Luweero, then a pastor in Katikamu, while also serving as Chancellor of the same diocese. He was then sent to Rome for Doctoral Biblical Studies. Upon receiving his doctorate, he was appointed a Professor of Biblical Studies at the National Seminary at Fort Portal, where he would also serve as rector before being transferred to the National Seminary at Gaba. He also serves on the National Conference of Ugandan Bishops as an advisor on Priestly Formation and Biblical Studies, and serves the Nation of Uganda as Chairman of the National Board for Education. Fr. Lazarus enjoys coming here to rest from his many labors, meet people, and raise some funds for his poorest students. Many people inquired of him about sponsoring a seminary student. Students studying for the priesthood in Uganda must pay for their education, typically \$1000.00 a year. The seminary offers them \$400 toward the \$1000, and they must beg for funds from family, friends or their home parish community, to raise the other \$600. You could sponsor a full tuition for \$1000 a year or a partial scholarship for \$600. If you would like to sponsor a seminarian, please make the check out to St. Aloysius, and we will wire the funds directly to the Seminary account. Fr. Lazarus would be happy to send you, via e-mail, a photo and thank you letter directly from the student, if you would like.

In preparing for the upcoming Pilgrimage to Italy for the Holy Year, I am learning how complex this pilgrimage will be, not only because we have nearly 90 Pilgrims going, but primarily due to the myriad of new laws passed by the Italian, Roman, and Vatican governments to regulate the huge number of pilgrims entering for the Holy Year of Hope. It seems this Holy Year of Hope has raised an increase of interest. Ordinary Holy Years occur every 25 years, Popes can, and do, host Extraordinary Holy Years when they see fit. The Holy Door at St. Peter's is the most important of the 4 Holy Doors. Jesus calls himself in the Gospels the "door" to eternal life, reminding us he stands at the door and knocks, and reminds us if we knock, the door will be opened. The Holy Door is symbolic of Christ himself who always asks us to knock at His door and he will open it for us to enter in.

The idea of Holy Years, or appropriately called "Jubilee Years", comes to us from the Old Testament. In Leviticus 25, God commands the Israelites every 50th Year, called a Jubilee, to have a year of celebration and rest dedicated to God. During this Jubilee year, they were commanded to forgive debts, free slaves, return property, let the land lay fallow to rest and renew itself, and most importantly, learn mercy through the practice of giving mercy to other creatures, human and non-human.

Pope Francis declared the theme to be one of Hope, a foundational virtue of Christian life. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians reminds us that there are only three things we can take with us from this life to the next, two are faith and love, and the other is hope. One of our past Bishops, George Ahr, had, as his Episcopal Motto, 'Maria Mea Spes', meaning Mary my Hope. The Annunciation is one of the panels on the bronze Holy Door of St. Peter's, and reminds us she ushered in our hope with her great "fiat" of faith, answering the angel, "Let it be done to me according to your Word". She gives herself; unsure as she is – the future unclear – totally to God's will with perfect hope that all will be well. We too must surrender ourselves over to God, the door of our hope, the reason for our hope, and the way to the fulfillment of our hope.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



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. Get involved and help us transform lives!



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 Blessing of Throats will take place on the Feast of St. Blaise at the **8:30am Daily Mass on Monday, February 3, 2025.**



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



Dear Members of St. Aloysius Church:

On behalf of the Jackson Food Pantry, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your very, very generous donation of food to pantry. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and grateful for your support. We are so blessed to live in such a generous and caring community!

The Jackson Food Pantry could neither exist nor run without the generous support from our community and friends like you. It is because of our community's support, that our clients will have additional food for their table. The Jackson Women of Today and our clients are very grateful for every donation made to support our pantry.

Once again, thank you for supporting the Jackson Food Pantry.

It should be noted that no goods or services were provided for donations received by the Jackson Food Pantry.

Sincerely,

Joy Rende, RNC-E
Director of the Jackson Food Pantry



The next food drive will be the weekend of February 15-16th to benefit Catholic Charities. Requested items include peanut butter, jelly, canned goods, non-perishable foods and cereals. Please do not leave perishable food, clothing or household items in the Gathering Space. We appreciate your continued support to feed those experiencing food insecurity.



Nunzio Masone and June Jusinski

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 26-February 1 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for ***Our Parishioners***

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for ***Our Country and It's Leaders***

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***For Catholic Schools***

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 al 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 Krutulis, Cassidy Krutulis, 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 Krutulis, 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, 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, Toni Marzorati

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 26-February 2, 2025

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
- 8:30 a.m. **Marian Zipp**, r/o Rosie Raymond
Gale Zipp, r/o Rosie Raymond
- 10:30 a.m. **Pauline Marchuk**, r/o Tina Bayer
MaryAnn Pucilowski, r/o Joseph Pucilowski

Monday, January 27, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Robert and Colet Spuhler**, r/o Piacentino Family

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Nikki and Nancy Wolfe**, r/o Vikki McGlone

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Lawrence DeVitis**, r/o Mary Lee DeVitis

Thursday, January 30, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Joseph J. Letizia**, r/o Frank and Stacey Schear
Dominick Semenza, r/o His Wife

Friday, January 31, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **John Edward McCann**, r/o Maureen Neugent and Family

Saturday, February 1, 2025

- 5:00 p.m. **Trudy Keimeg**, r/o Barbara Feneis
Margaret Baranski, r/o Alberta and Martin

Sunday, February 2, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. **John Shimko, Jr.**, r/o Frank and Stacey Shcear
John Pelesko, r/o Tracy Family
- 8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**
- 10:30 a.m. **Thomas Bayers**, r/o Steven and Theresa Bayers
Joseph M. Sullivan, r/o Maureen Mitchell



January 12:

Offering: \$14,399
Online Giving: \$5,790.33
Diocesan Assessments: \$1,119.00

Offering Envelopes



If you have not picked up your 2025 envelopes, please come to the parish office. Families who do not pick up their envelopes will be removed from the parish census.

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.



Tax season is upon us. If you require a contribution statement for 2024, contact the parish office and one will be sent to you. Statements must be requested.

Weekly Readings

- Monday** Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday** Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday** Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday** Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25
- Friday** Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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, 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, 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, Christopher Oliveira, Pat and Phelan Brady, Judy DeMichael, John P. Riso, Charles C. Gordon, George Rivera, James F. Moran, Anna Oliveia, William McCarthy, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Edward F. Brown, Sr., Teresa Brown, Edward F. Brown, Jr., Robert Newmiller, Breakfast Club, Maria K. Wolfe



CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES!! We want your wedding day photo!!!! We will have a "Celebrate the Love" board in the Gathering Space the weekend of February 8-9th to commemorate World Marriage

Day and YOU!! Please send your wedding photo (4x6) to the parish office with your name and how many years you are married. Can't find a wedding photo, no problem, send any couples picture! (4x6 please). You can email your photo to parishoffice@saintaloyusonline or drop it off to Pat at the parish office no later than **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH!**

We look forward to seeing your faces and celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage.



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 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.



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).

Christian Book Study—meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. Their next meetin will be **January 28th at 10:00am** in the parish office.



Top Ten Reasons

TO JOIN WALKING WITH PURPOSE

at St. Aloysius

- 10** Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
- 9** WWP fits into your busy schedule.
- 8** No prior Scripture knowledge is required.
- 7** WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's Word.
- 6** We offer "rolling admission." Visit and join anytime.
- 5** Meet new women for fellowship and connection.
- 4** Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.
- 3** There is no actual walking involved.
- 2** We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

and the Number 1 reason to join WWP:

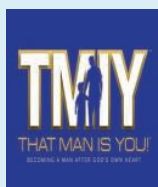
Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on Him this year.

For more information, contact:
Pat Mulholland | 732-370-0500 ext. 204
parishoffice@saintaloyusonline.org



Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

www.walkingwithpurpose.com



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 at 7:00am in Morello Hall for bagels, coffee and faith forming fellowship.



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.*

Thank you: A great big thanks to everyone who participated in our donations drive for the “Boxes of Joy” program. 520 toothbrushes and 141 jump ropes were collected! We are now all set with toothbrushes, but we will continue to accept donations of jump ropes. Please contact Jen Petrillo if you would like to donate this item.

DYC: The annual Diocesan Youth Conference is coming up on Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 am at 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 (Checks should be made payable to St. Aloysius Church). 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.*

St. Valentine's Day Service Project: We will be making St. Valentine's Day cards for Bartley nursing home residents on Wednesday, February 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Gonzaga Hall. Those who are interested are asked to please RSVP by Monday, February 10th. Participants can come right to the main doors of Gonzaga Hall on the evening of February 12th.




More events to come in March and April. Please stay tuned!

Save THE Date

23rd ANNUAL BLUE MASS

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON'S
CELEBRATION of
LAW ENFORCEMENT



Tuesday April 1st 2025 | 10:30 am
Principal Celebrant: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.


St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral
61 Georgia Road, Freehold

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 not and not be weary. (Is 40:31)

Elements of the Holy Year



Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is an image of discipleship. We often speak of our earthly life as a pilgrimage. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), so Christians are always called to be with Jesus “on the way,” journeying toward the Kingdom. More literally, a pilgrimage is an actual journey to visit holy places—not as a tourist, but as one seeking to grow in faith and become a better Christian.

There are many instances of pilgrimage in Sacred Scripture: the journeys of Abraham and Moses, the pilgrimages to the Temple of Jerusalem, the shepherds’ going in haste to the newborn Jesus, the journey of the Magi to worship the child Jesus, and the journey of the women to the Lord’s empty tomb on Easter. In the first centuries of the Church, Christians began to journey to places made sacred by Christ’s life. A true pilgrimage should integrate education, spirituality, and community (although one can be a solitary pilgrim) to keep it from becoming a sightseeing venture.



Holy Door

The Holy Door at the Basilicas in Rome is a crucial symbol of the Jubilee Year. Jesus said: “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” (Jn 10:9) Crossing the threshold of the Holy Door into the church is symbolic of passing from this world into the presence of God, passing from sin to grace, and from separation to union with God. Since many of us are unable to travel to Rome, Bishop O’Connell has designated a church in each county as a Pilgrimage destination. In order to experience and obtain the plenary Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a pilgrimage to one of these churches.

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



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.



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; 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.



Our mission as Religious Teachers Filippini is to “Go forth and teach the Word of God.” Our ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them. **A CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – www.sjbsea.org**

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



Payments can be made over 18 months with no interest charges.

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON PHASE 3
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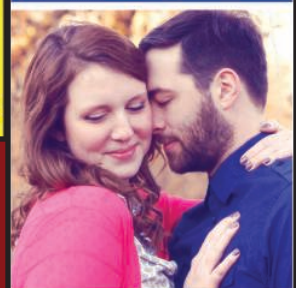


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