



Sunday, February 11, 2024—The Sixth 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 - children's program takes place at the 10:30am Sunday 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 Wednesday, February 14th marks the beginning of the Holy Penitential Season of Lent, a six week, forty day, period of reflection, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics are called to fast (two small, one large meal) and abstain from meat. Catholics are invited, but not obligated, to receive ashes on their head as a sign of sincere commitment to living a penitential life during the season. There are many ways to live out the season in sincere fashion. As children, we were encouraged to “give something up for Lent”, this is still a good practice and one we may want to encourage in our children. We could also “up our game” by intentionally taking part in works of charity, maybe even works of charity that are outside our comfort zone. Some may choose to attend daily Mass each day or, pick a day on which to attend. We could pick up our bible and read, pray and study it. One could decide to explore a work of one of the fathers of the Church or, seek the wisdom of one of the desert fathers and mothers of the early Church. Stations of the Cross are offered every Friday during Lent at 7pm and we can walk the way of the Cross with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration will be available every Friday in Lent from 9-3pm in Gonzaga Chapel. Maybe we could endeavor to say the Rosary daily or stop at 3pm to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet or some other novena or devotion. The Church has a rich treasure trove of spiritual practices, so many they are too many to recount.

The tension this year might be that Valentine’s Day falls on Ash Wednesday. I think one can honor the penitential start of Lent and still honor their loved one. I don’t think it is that difficult. Fast, pray, abstain and have a seafood, vegan or vegetarian dinner. If that might induce too much guilt or conflict, chose another day this coming week to celebrate Valentine’s Day!

Once again, the parish is providing complimentary “Magnificat” books, the Hallow and Amen apps and, a Prayer Card created by our staff to assist you spiritually during this Holy Season.

From Ash Wednesday through the end of the Easter Season is the time to make your “Easter Duty”. The Easter Duty is to make a good confession at least once a year and receive Holy Communion. Going to confession regularly is a wonderful practice and one that should be encouraged, but Lent is the best time to develop the habit. Moral sins should be confessed as soon as possible after becoming aware you have committed one, and venial sins should be confessed at least once a year. God’s mercy is always available to you even if you have not gone to confession in decades! He is always ready to forgive us and receive the warm love of our hearts for Him!

May your Lenten journey be one of enrichment and a growing closer to the Divine image imprinted on your soul.

Peace and Good - Fr. Bambrick

Ash Wednesday—Wednesday, February 14th is the beginning of Lent and a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at Mass and both Services.



8:30am Mass
12:00pm Service
4:00pm Service

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm in the Church beginning Friday, February 16th.

SOUP AND STATIONS—March 8th and March 22nd join the Men’s Group and our AYM Youth Group for a simple soup supper at 6:00pm in Morello Hall before Stations of the Cross. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bowl).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Join the Men’s Group each Friday in Lent (February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22) from 9am-3pm in Gonzaga Chapel and strengthen your faith through Eucharistic Adoration. We can show our devotion to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time worshipping the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day in parishes and dioceses throughout the country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. All married couples will receive a blessing at Masses this weekend.

Thank you to everyone who sent a picture for our ‘Celebrate the Love’ board in the Gathering Space. It is such fun seeing and celebrating all of you on your wedding day.

No matter how many years you are married, may God bless you and keep you always in his love so that you will continue to be a reflection of God’s love. and faithfulness,



The Parish Office and Religious Education Offices will be **CLOSED** Monday, February 19th for Presidents’ Day

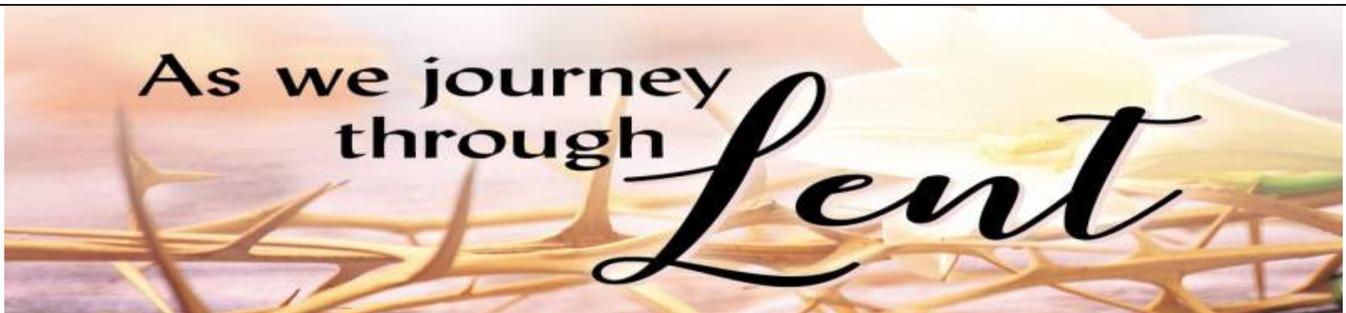
Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

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





CREATE AN ATTITUDE FOR GRATITUDE THIS LENT

What are you giving up for Lent? It's a question we are all asking right now. And yes, giving up things we enjoy such as sweets, coffee, Facebook/Instagram/Snapchat is a great start, but perhaps it's time to move beyond the deprivation. Instead of self-sacrifice, try one of these ideas which might just prove more challenging than giving up chocolate!

Spend more time in prayer—try one of the apps offered through the parish (Amen or Hallow) or, if you were lucky enough to get a copy of the Advent Magnificat, read the daily reflections (also available for purchase online).

Practice Obedience—obedience takes different forms depending on our state in life. Those in religious life must obey their religious superiors, and children their parents. As lay adults, we can do it by *cheerfully* serving our spouse and children, fulfilling our assigned tasks at work, or simply allowing others to go first in the self-checkout line!

Tending To Tasks (particularly the ones we don't like) - Padre Pio was once visited by the soul of a young friar who had worked in the sacristy. The soul revealed that he suffered in purgatory because he'd been careless and negligent with his work. Complete every task meticulously, no matter how small and insignificant.

Embrace annoyances—annoyances abound in this life. Little flaws in other people especially provoke us to fixate on our aggravation. Very often the flaws are faults that we also are guilty of, but which we tolerate in ourselves. Over the next few weeks, when something in another person annoys you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or feel or think in that way.

Impose a strict watch on your tongue—innumerable, mundane complaints escape our mouths daily, fostering ingratitude—so guard your tongue and inspect what you want to say before speaking.

Check Impulse Actions—be intentional in all that you do, asking yourself, “Do I really need to shoot off this text? Will this comment help anyone? Will I benefit from thoughtlessly popping snacks in my mouth? Do I really *need* to make another purchase from Amazon?”

And, finally, if all else fails, stop by the parish office and add to our “What You Are Grateful For Today” board. Write down one thing you are grateful for this day. Some days that's enough.

Lent is a long season and it's easy to grow weary—why not go through it with family, with friends, with co-workers, and help each other along?

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, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Teams, Tim O'Connor, Deacon John Wanat, Angela Maseo, 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 Orobono, 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 Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Joseph G. Moroney, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mangan, Sr., Mary Mangan, Donald and Erin McLoughlin, Don and Maureen Gorny, Catherine and William McLoughlin, Evcan 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 Emposinato, 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, Jacqueliem 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 Aloï, 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 Jelley, Felicia Pugliese (Basiak), Richard Stack, Edith Lane, John Wilkens, Grace Marie Natoli, Angelo Mazzeo, Elaine Sobreira, A Special Intention, Connie and Anthony Giammona, Marion Masera, Mary Iacono, Amelia Cortes Serrano, Gerald "Jerry" Mann, Shirley Minger, 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



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

Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:00 a.m. **Our Parishioners**8:30 a.m. **Richard LoPresti**, r/o Fran and Vic Tribuzio
Thomas Brady, r/o McAleavey Family10:30 a.m. **Blanca Ramos**, r/o Stacey and Frank Schear
William Baber, r/o Rita and Gary Gardella

Monday, February 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Joseph Attardi**, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cinque

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Bob Dillon**, r/o Barbara and Jim Sullivan

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**, r/o Clare and Bernie Polatschek

12:00 p.m. Service

4:00 p.m. Service

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Bryan Corey**, r/o Kathy and Ernie Corey
Paul Emposinato, Jr., r/o Louis and Mary Maralla

Friday, February 16, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Chuck DeMeola**, r/o Frank and Joanne Tamaro

Saturday, February 17, 2024

5:00 p.m. **Gaetano Cerulli**, r/o Helen Cerulli
Maria Infante, r/o Frasseti Family

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:00 a.m. **Our Parishioners**8:30 a.m. **Nicola Calabrisotto**, r/o Jeanine Mack
John Cunningham, r/o Michael and Susan Napolitano10:30 a.m. **Catherine Pitkethley**, r/o Family
Margaret and Robert Gordon, r/o Janice and Richard

LoPresti

Collection Totals for February 4th:

Offering: \$23,017.758

Online Giving: \$5,800.79

Mortgage Reduction: \$7,232.00



This is the last weekend to pick up your 2024 envelopes. Any envelopes not picked up, will be removed from the census.

If you would like a statement of contributions for 2023, please contact the parish office. Statements are issued only upon request.

**A Required Minimum Distribution** is a simple way to make a gift to the parish. If you are 70 1/2 or older and own a traditional or Roth

IRA, contact Sherri at extension 203 to inquire how to make a gift.

The Food Drive pick up is Monday, February 12th for the Jackson Food Pantry—wish list items are: laundry detergent, feminine sanitary products, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products (shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant toothpaste, toothbrushes). **Please do not leave clothing or household items in the Church.*****Weekly Readings***

Monday Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



Anita Gagliardi, Kthrine Marotta, Brett Coleman

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 February 11-17, 2024

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

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn **For All Married Couples**

The Holy Family Lamp will burn **For Families**

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 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 McGranahan, 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, John Scherer, Kyle Patrick Hurley, Amy Wroda, Meg Noone, Koren Dubbs, Thomas Fletcher, Jr., Sr., Olivia, John Mazzola, Pete & Joanne Hurley, Dolores Corsentino, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Gennaro Pane, Donna Dinolfo, 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, 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, Kassidy 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 Kolar-sick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Fran and Jim Guldner, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, 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 Cuglielmelti, Kathy Perlson, Theresa Keim, Susan and Peter Miluk, Jr., Daniel DeVito, Jack Vreeland, Angelo Magri, Christopher Popp, John Fichera, Kristin Valetta, Jeanette Correa Schalen, Jordan Elkary, Carol Kakos, Richard Kakos, Valerie Behar

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.

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT

GAVIN

Race for Life in Memory of Chuck Washington

Doors open at 11AM Sunday, February 18th
Knights of Columbus Council 6201
401 Bartley Road, Jackson, NJ 08527






Gavin is a 7 year old boy who is full of smiles, he loves the color green and dinosaurs. His talents include playing the piano and dancing. His a fan of the Miami Dolphins and enjoys the Summer months swimming with family and friends. He is interested in mythical creatures such as elves, gnomes and leprechauns. Another thing Gavin enjoys is riding his scooter on sunny days.

In 2016 we welcomed our 2nd son, Gavin. At 6 months of age, he was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis (NF) Type 1. At the age of 13 months, it was found by an MRI of the brain that Gavin had optic nerve gliomas (benign tumors). Just 3 months later we were told they had grown enough they were concerned about him going blind and they would need to start chemotherapy as soon as possible to save his sight. From September 2017-February 2019, we took Gavin weekly to CHOP in Philadelphia for his chemo treatments. The treatment was stopped due to an allergy that his body had formed to chemo. Along the way, he has encountered countless other health issues including gastroparesis, scoliosis, a large plexiform tumor in his abdomen, a few small tumors on his brain, low gross, and fine motor skills, and more. We were able to shrink the tumors and stop the growth on his optic nerve but unfortunately the large tumor in his abdomen is not operable as it is touching his heart, major veins, and arteries as well as his liver.

Shortly after Gavin finished his chemo in 2019, my husband Jeff began having trouble writing and using his right hand. Covid hit and it was difficult to see doctors. In late 2020, he started to have more trouble walking and began experiencing back and neck pain. After a thorough work up with an orthopedist and neurologist, he was diagnosed with progressive Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Unfortunately, with this he was forced into early retirement from his job as a corrections officer in Monmouth County. He currently is receiving infusions every 6 months to stop the progression.

In my wildest dreams I never imagined that I would have not one but two members of my family who were so sick with debilitating conditions. I pray every day that their conditions don't worsen, and they are able to function in day-to-day life. It's amazing that in that one second of your life when a diagnosis comes out of the doctor's mouth how much your life changes. Tammy Femiano

Race for Life 2024 - February 18, 2024
Doors open at 11AM

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Check out this great line-up of speakers!

Bishop David M. O'Connell, CM
We are pleased to have our Bishop, the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, return as the president and host for celebration of the Holy Mass.

Tim Glemkowski
Catholic Evangelist
Tim Glemkowski is the CEO of the National Eucharistic Congress. Previously, he served in the Archbishop's Office for the Archdiocese of Denver as the Director of Strategy, helping to set up the archdiocese for a line of apostolic mission. Tim authored *Make for Mission: Renewing Your Parish Culture*, which was released in Fall 2020 through Our Sunday Visitor. He is an international speaker who has also consulted for many organizations, dioceses, and parishes. His writing has appeared in numerous print and web-based theological and catechetical publications. Tim and his wife, Maggie, have 6 children, 10 with their four-year-old children.

Joe Klecko
New York Jets NFL Hall of Famer
Joe Klecko is an American former professional football player who was a defensive lineman in the National Football League (NFL), primarily with the New York Jets, and was a member of the Jets' famed "New York Six Pack Exchange". He also appeared on *ESPN's Live On The Rock* show. He is a member of Catholic Athletes for Christ and speaks on the subject of manhood and faith. Klecko was a guest on *Blessed2Play* hosted by Ben Meyer when he talked about his Catholic faith and career in the NFL.

Xavier Reyes-Ayral
Speaker, Author, Evangelist
Best selling author of, "Revelation - The hidden secret messages and prophecies of the Blessed Virgin Mary," along with being a nationally sought after post-apocalyptic speaker he studied eight years in France under the Church's world renown expert and theologian on Mariology, Fr. René Laurentin. He's a 4th degree Knight of Columbus and Grand Knight, but, most of all, a devoted husband, father and Catholic Man for Christ and His Church.

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CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY—The book is: **“What Jesus Saw From the Cross”** by Rev. A.G. Seritllanges, and it can be purchased on Amazon. We hope you'll join us. Our group meets twice a month—on the first and third Tuesday of each month. At 10am in the parish office.

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



Catholic Men! 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: *“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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/>



Employment Assistance Program—Are you 55+ and need assistance getting back to work? Available at no cost to you: counseling, resume writing, interview prep, career and technology training and much more! Call St. Francis Community Center, 1258 Rt. 166, Toms River (Stella Towne Center) at 732-281-8653. Currently meeting Monday through Friday starting at 9:00am.



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@saintaloyusonline.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.

St. Valentine's Day Service Project: We are bringing back our service project of making St. Valentine's Day cards for Bartley nursing home residents. We will meet on Sunday, February 11th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Those participating in the service project are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass together, and then head over to the Youth Room immediately following Mass. Those who are interested are asked to please RSVP by Wednesday, February 7th.

"7 Potatoes" St. Patrick's Day Party: You may have heard of the Italian "7 Fishes" tradition for New Year's Eve dinner. Well, this year for St. Patrick's Day, we are having a "7 Potatoes" party for our AYM teens on Sunday, March 17th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Youth Room! Teens are invited to bring a dish to share that features potatoes in some way. Feel free to be creative . . . it could be French fries, tater tots, gnocchi, sweet potato fries . . . as long as potatoes are a main ingredient. During our time together, we will learn about and celebrate the life of St. Patrick as we enjoy our potato treats. All those who are interested are asked to please RSVP by Wednesday, March 13th (and please let us know what you plan to bring!).

Soup and Stations: On Friday, March 22nd, AYM will be sponsoring "Soup and Stations!" Soup will be served at 6:00 pm, and Stations of the Cross will start at 7:00 pm. Teen volunteers are needed to assist with the following:

- Bringing and serving a meatless soup (Any soup that is provided should arrive in a Crockpot.)
- Reading reflections as we pray the Stations of the Cross
- Cleaning up at the end of the event



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