



Sunday, February 15, 2026—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 4:00pm

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Saturday - 5:00pm

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

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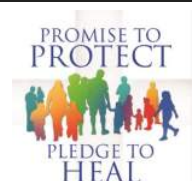
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The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Dear Parish Family,

On Wednesday, we once again begin the Holy Penitential Season of Lent. These six weeks invite us to reflect deeply and return to the right path with Jesus.



Lent opens with the striking ritual of Ashes, marked boldly on our foreheads. In Europe, Ashes are sprinkled gently on the crown of the head. I sometimes wonder if we adopted the European style, some of our lapsed faithful might faint from surprise! On Ash Wednesday, crowds gather—many who rarely set foot in church—eager to display their Ash crosses, almost as if they were a designer accessory. It is a fascinating social phenomenon.

We receive Ashes not as a status symbol or designer label, but to show our humility before God and our smallness compared to His greatness. Ashes remind us that we are sinners in need of God's mercy, not a way to set ourselves apart from others. The Ashes come from the palms we once laid at Jesus' feet, declaring him our king and messiah, but later betrayed through our sins. These palms are burned and returned to us as a sign of our sinfulness and need for redemption.

Lent is a time of inner conversion. It is time to observe the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars uphold the structure of Lent. We increase our prayer life, maybe using a meditational booklet, reading the bible, saying the Rosary, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the Mercy hour of 3pm on Fridays, walking the Stations of the Cross, etc. In fasting, we are *required* to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; by this, the Church means we eat two small snack-like meals and one full meal, which is hardly difficult! But we can choose to fast on other days, choose to fast during Lent from something we normally like to do, what used to be called 'giving something up for Lent', this is a type of fasting. The third pillar is almsgiving, giving money to the poor and needy. This is often linked to fasting, especially in the giving something up for Lent type of fasting. We place a value on what we give up, and each week, give this amount to a charity in need. Almsgiving can also be widened by performing a charitable act, volunteering, collecting goods for the homeless, donating food for the hungry, or visiting someone in prison. On the most basic level, prayer makes us aware of our blessings and moves us to good works. Prayer leads us to fasting, which in turn leads us to almsgiving. This is the movement of Lent.

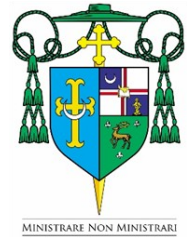
There is also the solid penitential practice of making your Easter Duty by going to confession during Lent or Easter Season. The Church proscribes that we go to confession *at least once a year* except in cases where we have committed moral sin, in which case it should be confessed as soon as possible. Regular confession is a good spiritual practice, as long as we make a good examination of conscience. As Pope Francis said, "Confession is not a torture chamber", it is a place of God's healing mercy. When King Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, it included the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. Only the High Priest could enter, only once a year. Inside the Ark were the Law (the Ten Commandments), the staff of Aaron (the first high priest) and the manna (bread from heaven). They were kept in a wooden box covered in gold plate on the lid, with two solid gold cherubim, with wings extended toward one another, guarding the Ark. The Jewish people believed the "Seat of Mercy" was above the cherubim symbolizing that mercy stands above the law. Those who violate God's law are subject to condemnation but those who repent, receive God's forgiveness. Mercy is above the law.

May your Lenten journey be one of fruitfulness and more holiness. What the world needs most right now is more saints, more mercy, and more reconciliation, so let us become that during this holy season.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from ***Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, until Holy Thursday morning, April 2, 2026*** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.



We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

- The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.
- The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.
- Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.
- Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.
- The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.
- The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “**Easter duty**” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21-22, 2026, to Trinity Sunday, May 30-31, 2026**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.



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 15-21 2026

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

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for ***Married Couples of the Parish***

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***Those Engaged to be Married***

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.

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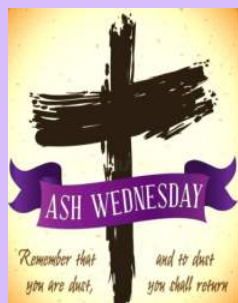
2nd Lt. Paul Scalzo
Jameson Norton

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, Curtis Hart, Judy Saal, William Raimondi, Meg Noone, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Tom Martin, Jacob Heber, Jackie Fleming, Debbie Scatuccio, Jacqueline Krutulius, Cassidy Krutulius, Gladys Murphy, Corinne Nepsha, Nathaniel Nepsha, Marilyn Zwarych, Ricky DeBlois, Gary D'Alessandro, Frank DiGiamo, Don and Kathy Sopko, Nicholas DeVito, Betty Dreyfuss, Louise Kolar-sick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Vincent Joliffe, Rosalie Delapi, Sharon Christensen, Ruth Nisay, Christian Rivera, Sage Rivera, Rob and Gina Zangrillo, Pam and Mike Mills, Pat Gallagher, Theresa Raimondi, Ann Rucando, Camille DeRosa, Kathy Perlson, Theresa Keim, Daniel DeVito, Jack Vreeland, Angelo Magri, Christopher Popp, Kristin Valetta, Jeanette Correa Schalen, Jordan Elkary, Valerie Behar, Andrea Mitreuter, Barbara Ziff, John and Dolores Corsentino, Gary Gerlach, Iggy Antico, William Johnson, Louis Rivera, Linda McLane, Daffron Family, Barbara Griffin, Davy McClure, Paulette Aronstam, Donna Day, Vinny Day, Marge Sabo, John Harsanyi, James Vihonsky, Bertha Vihonsky, Kaitlyn Krutulius, Logan Martucci, Louise Murnane, Deby Daoust, Laura Meltzer Potts, the Groft Family, Maryann Lombardi, Michael Woodlock, Peggy Mulvehill, Austin Trezza, Lillian Zumbado, Michael Tardio, Agnes Smith, Michelle Neuhaus, Margie Libonati, Viola Gatyas, Kathy Cronin, Robert and Annamarie Kowalewski, Barbara Owens, Laurie Wroda, Louis Iacono, Grace Lowney, Matthew Machin, Tim Popp, Mickey Silecchia, Paige Luke, Eddie Anthony, Karen Nepsha, Patti Misyak-Peters, Kristen Tamburro, Luca DeTommaso, Megan McIntyre, Diane Massiello, Billy Trupia, Provie Grasso, Karen Dudds, Margaret Cook, Victoria Magri, Ramona Martinez, Norm Schoenig, Mike Senft, Lisa Kelley Sassone, Leonard Laviscount, Hana Hund, The Kirk Family, Barbara Busch, Gus Cuntala, Thomas and Nancy Crowley, Stephen Brancaccio, Brenda Edwards, Maggie White, Earl Jones, Marshall Maddox, Alex Lynch, Susan Miluk, Santina Greer, Betty Piepre, Asher Louis Marotta, Mary Lamanna, Janet Ferlazzo, Theresa Lodovichetti and Family, Thomas Christiansen

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.





Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
8:30am
Service with Distribution
of Ashes
12:00pm and 4:00pm



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us on Sunday, March 15th 12:00 pm in Morello Hall!

Join us for an exciting afternoon filled with rich Irish culture! Enjoy captivating performances by talented Irish step dancers showcasing their skill and tradition, lively music, and a sing along that will keep your spirits high. Don't miss the chance to participate in our delicious Irish soda bread contest—bring your best recipe and enter to win! In addition, explore information tables from various parish ministries, where you can learn about wonderful activities and support available within our community. If you're interested in entering your homemade Irish soda bread, please reach out to Pat at the parish office to register. This event welcomes everyone from the parish, and we encourage you to come dressed in your finest green attire. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



We welcome **Stephanie Wurga** to the parish. *We are so happy you have joined us!*



The food drive this weekend benefits Catholic Charities and pick up is Monday, February 16th. Requested items include small snacks, complete meals (chili, ravioli, soups), ramen noodles, juice, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you for your continued

support.



Soup and Stations

Each Friday in Lent

Soup at 6:00pm in Morello Hall

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the Church

February 20—The Men's Group

February 27—The Altar Rosary Society & Knights of Columbus

March 6—Music Ministry

March 13—St. Vincent dePaul

March 20—The Cub Scouts

March 27—Youth Group



Adoration and Benediction

Fridays in Lent from 2-6pm

February 20, 27,

March 6, 13, 20, 27
in Gonzaga Hall

You do not need perfect prayers. You do not need to know what to say. Simply come and be with Him., Sit in silence. Share what is on your heart, or simply rest and let Him look at you. He sees your desire to start anew, and He loves you. Let this be a Lent where, we open our hearts to the Lord in Adoration. Come spend time with Jesus and let Him renew your heart and your home.



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



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, George and Arlene Hassler, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Teams, Frank and Rose Hubit, Charles C. Gordon, George Rivera, James F. Moran, Anna Oliveia, William McCarthy, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Edward F. Brown, Sr., Teresa Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Edward F. Brown, Jr., Robert Newmiller, Breakfast Club, Maria K. Wolfe, Rosalie and Nick DeLapi, Nunzio Masone, Boscarino Family, Johnson Family and Tessa, Shirley Shuberda, Mark Koval, Justin Jude Gingeleskie, Forgotten Souls of Purgatory, Cirricione Family, Elaine Marie Chambers, Merced Lotrena, Richard Wojaczyk, Paul Frankowski, Lawrence Houlihan, Marie Bivona, Gloria Anderson, Paul Kutz, John Owens, Anna-marie DeLeonardis, Miriam A. Whalen, Marie Henshaw, Luca DeTommaso, Andrea K. Lear, Cheryl Stypula Gaydos and the Stypula Family, Chad Vitello, Rosano Family, Richard Toneske, Nora S. Lyng, Gardella Family, Marie DiTomasso, Eileen and George Graziano, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thezan, Theodore, Jourdan, McKenzie, Cabol, Butler, and Duplan Families, Anne Marie Varda Thenor Louis,, Madeline Pomposelli, Joseph Pomposelli, Mark Pomposelli, Josephine Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Cornelius Connie O'Donnell, Gene Murnane, Richard Reba, Sandra Martin, Joseph and Pauline Fertal, Susan Glab, Evelyn and George Doerbecker, Gertrude and Eugene McLoughlin, Maureen and Don Gorny, Donald and Erin McLoughlin, Evan and Olivia Gorny, Catherine and William McLoughlin, Sergio and Katie Lee Rossini, Ray Velasco, Mr and Mrs. Timothy Mangan, Mary Mangan, Keith Bailey, Dorothy Connors, Scatuccio Family, Mary Carole Davenport, Aida and James Dierking, Rose and Joseph Cesario, Elaine Sobreira, Marie Pompa, Carmelo Vicidomini, Loretta Conway, Dolores Pych, Michael Seyglinski, Urban and Millo Family, Michael Matzo, Pete Albany, Martha and Anthony Elardo, Margaret and Edward Davis, Linda Alm, Frank J. Brauner, Stephen Pirniak, Palumbo Family, Guldner Family, George Roessler, Gener Agapen, Thomas Cetnar, Flores Giron Family, Franck Joseph Tassy, Tony and Bernadette Riccardi, Joseph Riccio, Ernest Carnicelli, Jack Bassi, Robert Douglas French, Joseph and Sara Musumeci, Charlie Kirk and his Family, Madolyn Brown, Kathryn Shapiro, James Diefendorf, Mary Puglisi, Flavin, Marino, Troise, and Zisko Families, Sergio Rossini, Domenico Rossini, Katie Rossini, Joyce Yaccarino, Liz Annino, Jelnicki Family, Troy Calloway, Mary L. Blake, Joseph Cosentino, Rosalinda Francisco Bausa, Gerry Chanco, Joseph Moroney, Kathryn Cuccia, Carol Crimoli, Connie and Tony Giammona, Richard Maczka, Alexander Gonzolo and Family, Susan Priolo, Dominick Tusi, Des Fitzgerald, Bob McCarthy, Tony Desiderioscioli, Hernani Calara, Hank Andreski, Gail Hanson, Paul J. Occhiuzzo, Rosemarie L. Occhiuzzo, Joan Vilacoba, Ronald Gillen, Frank Mendes, Bob Purcell, Lino Alcasid, William McCarthy and Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Viola Agard, Harold Talbot Shinn, Charles T. DeTulleo, Evarista Valero Sanchez, Marie Croce, Ronald Brancaccio, Patricia Hammer, Joseph Melillo, Sr., Robert J. Colasanti



The Grief Support Group will meet **Tuesday, February 24th at 1:00pm in Morello Hall.**

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. Our Grief Support Group provides a safe and caring space for you to process your loss, find comfort in community, and begin healing at your own pace.

The group is open to previous members and anyone in our community who is walking through a season of grief. Consider joining us on this journey of recovery and fellowship. This group is not recommended for those coping the loss of a child (under 21) or a loss related to addiction. To RSVP or for more information, contact the parish office at 732-370-0500 ext. 204.

MASS INTENTIONS February 15-22, 2026

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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

8:30 a.m. **Margaret and Bob Gordon**, r/o Gordon Family

William and Verena Soto, r/o Soto Family

10:30 a.m. **Gaetano Cerulli**, r/o Camille San Filippo

Bryan Corey, r/o Kathie and Ernie Corey

Monday, February 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Frank Mack**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Tony Morelli**

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**

12:00 p.m. Service – No Intentions

4:00 p.m. Service – No Intentions

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Pitkethley Family**, r/o Joann Kuhl

Friday, February 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**

Saturday, February 21, 2026

5:00 p.m. **Norma Zobel**, r/o Fred and Marie Sarno

Dolores Pych, r/o Rita and Vincent Marrano

Sunday, February 22, 2026

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

8:30 a.m. **Marie Amendola**, r/o Rose Amendola

Isabel Greto, r/o Karen McGowan

10:30 a.m. **Karen Kinder and Richard Hudanish**, r/o Joyce Hudanish-Schmitt

Nicola Calabrisotto, r/o Lisa Calabrisotto

Masses at St. Mary's Seminary in Uganda

Tuesday, February 17 – Intentions of Julian Gross, r/o A Friend

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

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12
-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11



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Package Testing at St. Aloysius Church Sunday March 8th—Morello Hall from 12-3pm

St. Aloysius is teaming up with Perritt Labs for an exciting package testing research study, inviting those aged 50 to 70 take part.

The study will take place on Sunday, March 8th from 12-3pm in Morello Hall.

Perritt is leading this study to help create packaging that is easy for older adults to open while keeping children safe. If you are between the ages of 50-70, you are invited to try opening and closing a few child-resistant packages. **The whole process takes less than 15 minutes.** By joining in, you are helping raise funds for the St. Vincent dePaul society. For every volunteer, the St. Vincent dePaul Society will receive \$20. If you are not in the age range, please share this opportunity with friends who are. Every extra volunteer makes a difference, and it's a wonderful way to support St. Vincent dePaul.

To register, go to the parish website and click on the button, use the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4EABAD2CA3FA7-61479537-tue113>, or call the parish office to register.



To begin the process of scheduling a date for Baptism, families are asked to be registered in the parish. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism Prep Class, and Godparents will need to provide a Letter of Eligibility from their current parish (where they reside). Baptisms are held most Sundays at 12:00pm, following the 10:30am Mass. For more information or to schedule a date, please call the parish office. No Baptism date can be secured until all requirements are met.



"AYM" (St. Aloysius Youth Ministry) offers opportunities for those in grades 8 through 12 to connect with fellow teens who share their Catholic faith. We offer a variety of spiritual, service, and social events throughout the year. 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@saintaloyiusonline.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.*

Parish St. Patrick's Day Event: Our parish is hosting a St. Patrick's Day event on Sunday, March 15th at 12:00 pm in Morello Hall! The afternoon will include a performance from Irish step dancers, live music, and an Irish soda bread contest. The event is open to the whole parish, and teens are invited to attend and sit as a group, so that they can enjoy the festivities with one another. If you would like to attend and sit together, please RSVP by Thursday, March 12th.

Soup and Stations: On Friday, March 27th, 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. Those bringing soup will need to arrive at 5:30 pm). Reading reflections as we pray the Stations of the Cross. Cleaning up at the end of the event. All those who wish to participate are asked to please RSVP by Monday, March 23rd





Pysanky Workshop
Sunday, February 22, 2026
12:00-2:30pm in Morello Hall

Come celebrate the spring at St. Aloysius with this unique opportunity to learn a skill and folk tradition that is traditionally passed down by the Matriarch of the family. Pysanky is an ancient art of creating beautiful designs on eggs. Patterns are drawn on the egg with hot beeswax, which protects selected areas so new colors can be applied, allowing the design to be built up layer by layer. By repeating this process with different colors of dye, a multi-colored pattern is built up. In the final step, the wax is melted away in a moment of anticipation, revealing the complete design and its vibrant, hidden colors in a rewarding and often surprising reveal.

This workshop will cover the history and traditions surrounding pysanky, demonstration, and an independent practice session. All materials are included and sustainably sourced, including eggs from the instructor's own free-range hens and beeswax from her hives. This meditative and communal experience is unlike any other art process, and for many this workshop marks the beginning of a spring-time family tradition that can be passed on and enjoyed for years to come. Anyone can create an original pysanka- no prerequisite skills required. Please bring a container or old egg carton to take home your creation. Ages 18+

Space is limited to 20 people, and registration is required prior to the class
Contact the Parish Office to register
Workshop cost is \$50 per person

Jenny Santa Maria is a Teaching Artist and egg artist based in Monmouth county, NJ. She has created countless beautiful eggs over the years, many of which have been featured in notable publications, including the Wall Street Journal. She refers to her work as batik eggs, though the process is rooted in the traditional art of pysanky. Her work blends a modern aesthetic with personal symbolism, pushing the boundaries of traditional techniques. While associated with spring, Jenny designs eggs year-round using eggs from her free-range hens and beeswax from her own hives. Her enthusiasm for teaching is matched by her passion for exploring new techniques within this medium. While eggs themselves are ephemeral, she believes that the true art lies in sharing the process, preserving this folk tradition, and empowering others to recognize their own creative potential. Her thoughtfully designed workshops foster a sense of shared humanity, inviting participants to share stories and connect with their cultural heritage- leaving participants with a deeper understanding for the art, the culture, the history, and themselves.

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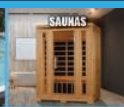
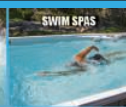
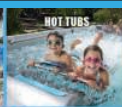
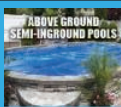
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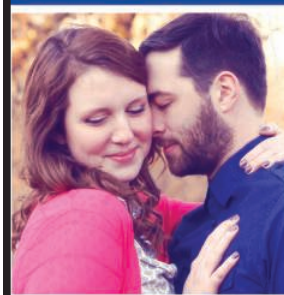
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