



Sunday, February 25, 2024—The Second Sunday in Lent

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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.

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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,

As we enter the second week of Lent, I share with you our Holy Father Pope Francis' Message for Lent. It is a beautiful reflection that can be read over and again as a prayer aid during this second week, and a motivation to give up something from the past that hinders us and reach out in charity to a brother or sister in need. In it he promotes the virtue of hope and urges us on, amid trials, to the glory of Christ. There is richness to this message. The Holy See has partnered with an artist to interpret, through image, a different part of the text in each of the six weeks of Lent. The first image was of Pope Francis pushing a wheelbarrow with a sack of faith in it creating a path through nails that would otherwise puncture the tire stopping the wheelbarrow. The artist said Pope Francis leads us by faith through the treacherous nails that would stop our progress.

Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom

Dear brothers and sisters!

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (*Ex 20:2*). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. **In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people.** The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straight-away; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. **Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love** (cf. *Hos 2:16-17*). *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, **the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.**

The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to *open our eyes to reality*. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey" (*Ex 3:7-8*). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? **All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.**

During my visit to Lampedusa, as a way of countering the globalization of indifference, I asked two questions, which have become more and more pressing: "Where are you?" (*Gen 3:9*) and "Where is your brother?" (*Gen 4:9*). Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those two questions, we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future. **Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls.** True, Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom.

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In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom; Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. **Let us ask: Do I want a new world?** Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that **we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God.** This “deficit of hope” is not unlike the nostalgia for slavery that paralyzed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward. An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict.

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). Lent is *a season of conversion, a time of freedom.* Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. **In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.**

This, however, entails *a struggle*, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, “You are my Son, the Beloved” (Mk 1:11), and “You shall have no other gods before me” (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. **Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves;** we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. **We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict.** Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. **Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. Ps 114:4), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.**

It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister.* **Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us.** Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! *The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies.* **In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God’s dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.**

The Church’s synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also *a time of communitarian decisions*, of decisions, small and large, that are countercurrent. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their

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presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: “Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting” (*Mt 6:16*). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities.

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: “Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this” (*Address to University Students*, 3 August 2023). Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. **For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward.**^[1]

I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 December 2023, First Sunday of Advent.

FRANCIS



This weekend, in all the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton, is **Pledge Sunday for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**. This year's theme is **“One Love, One Faith, One Family.”** Each year our Bishop seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. With your generous contributions to the ACA, we can move forward by supporting youth and family ministries, Catholic education, religious vocations to the priesthood and diaconate, religious life, and the charitable works of our extended human family.

Every dollar pledged goes totally to the Annual Catholic Appeal and every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

The season of Lent is a special time to prayerfully reflect on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our salvation. The ACA is one of the ways we can direct our sacrificial giving in continuing the programs, ministries, and works of our diocese and parish.

Our parish goal this year is again \$80,000. Our parish receives a rebate of dollars collected if we reach our Annual Catholic Appeal goal! We will earn 15% of payments to goal and 50% of payments collected over goal. With your support, we hope to reach our goal.

Bishop David O'Connell shares a short but beautiful video message at all the Masses on this Appeal weekend. Included are a few testimonials of laity who have benefited from the ACA.

Pledge cards can be found in the pews and church entrances as well as in the letter that was mailed to you last week from the Bishop. Thank you and may God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25, 2024

7:00 a.m. **Marie Amendola**, r/o Rose Amendola**Miguel Monroy**, r/o Ava Anton8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**10:30 a.m. **Richard LoPresti**, r/o Joanne and Robert Boguslawski**Francis Clark**, r/o McGee Family

Monday, February 26, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Carl Kliemisch**, r/o Carol Bambrick**Mairead McInerney McAteer**, r/o Maureen and John Fox

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Armand Gaven**, r/o Dolores and Walter Pych

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Skip Parks**, r/o Ron and Georreen Anderson

Thursday, February 29, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Ann Savage**, r/o Bill Savage

Friday, March 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Annual Enrollment**

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:00 p.m. **Richard Stieglitz**, r/o Pat Stieglitz**Pete Albany**, r/o Pat and Family

Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**8:30 a.m. **Anna and Ted Bieniek**, r/o Son, Daughter-in-Law and Family**Kevin Meehan**, r/o Zachary Johnson and Family10:30 a.m. **Margaret Johnson**, r/o Joanne and Robert Boguslawski**John Acconzo**, r/o McGee Family

We welcome **Michael Caronia** to the parish. We are so happy you have joined us!

**Collection Totals:**

Ash Wednesday: \$2,842.00

Offering: \$10,172.45

Assessments: \$1,294.00

Online Giving: 5,978.38

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.

Weekly Readings

Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

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, 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 Turloukis, 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 Comfort 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 Aloi, 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 Maser, 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, Cheryl Bonocore, Eugene Murnane, Robert Thorpe, Audrey Campbell, Donna Fichera



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.



Marie Zimbile

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 25-March 1, 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn For Our Parishioners

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn In Memory of Chad Vitello, r/o Joan Dente and Family

The Holy Family Lamp will burn For Families Who Are Broken

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 Henniecke
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, 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, Christine Lanzaro, Angelina Valko, Brian Daly, 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 Krutulius, 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 Safran, Frank Leccese, Norm Schoenig, Patricia Fountain, Groft Family, Matthew Rozlowski, Maryann Perkins, Ryan, 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, Eileen Malter, Betty Dreyfuss, Louise Kolarsick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Fran and Jim Guldner, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, 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, James McCarthy

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.

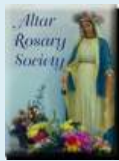


STATIONS OF THE CROSS—every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm in the Church beginning Friday, February 16th.

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 (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.

Things to do during Eucharistic Adoration - https://www.stjulianachurch.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=294924&type=d&pREC_ID=1372810



The next meeting for the Altar Rosary Society will be **Sunday, March 3rd at 8:30am Mass** with their meeting and fellowship to follow in Morello Hall. A guest speaker will be present to speak about healthy meal options.



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



Food for Thought: “We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength.” – St. Padre Pio

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/>



CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY— 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.



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





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.

“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



All those who wish to participate are asked to please RSVP by Monday, March 18th.



Knights Of Columbus
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A group of Rosarians began their Lenten journey on a one-day retreat at St. Joseph by the Sea in Mantoloking, N.J. Janice Santanello, M.Th. presented the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and alms giving, and Father Bambrick said mass and distributed ashes. The day concluded with the Stations of the Cross. It was a wonderful day blessed by Our Lady Star of the Sea.

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