



Sunday, March 6, 2022 - First Sunday of Lent

Emergency Information: In the event that the Church and Parish Offices are closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, please check our parish phone number, visit our website and check our Facebook page 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 - Mass Schedule - Live stream Masses will continue to be available through our website.

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am

Saturday - 5:00pm

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

The Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am through 2:00pm for Private Prayer.

Confession: Saturday at 4:00pm in the Church or by appointment by calling the parish office.

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Protecting God's Children - Making the Church a safe environment for all, particularly children and at-risk adults, is a major priority of the administration and staff of Saint Aloysius Church. Please take a look at the posters and "Safe Environment & Standards of Conduct Policy" that are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space of the Church and on our website at <http://www.saintalloysiusonline.org/protecting-children>. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how to make our church, homes and community safer, please contact Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jpetrillo@saintalloysiusonline.org.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. *Please note:* 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,

The Synod on Synodality process is underway across the Diocese and our parish has completed 2 months of Synod Listening Sessions, there is only one more month to go before the Diocesan Phase closes. Published in the bulletin are the dates currently available for anyone wishing to participate. The process is confidential, though not secretive. No identifying information is passed on to the pastor or the Synod Committee, only an anonymous review sheet containing general comments. Thus far, the notes of the sessions I have reviewed have been full of insightful commentary on Church life. Generally there are what the Catholic and secular press call “culture war issues” on all the hot topics of the church today, deeply reflective commentary on how the Holy Spirit moves in the soul, a strong overarching desire for community building, the joy of getting to know other parishioners through the process, a shared recognition of mutual struggles and joys in faith to name but a few of the major expressions. Overall the process has been enlightening. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be part of the largest consultation in human history!

Last week I received and read the roof observation report prepared by the James D. Cummins & Company. This is the roofing consultant hired by the Parish to review the New Church Roof, the Old Church Roof and the former Rectory Roof.

The section on the New Church makes plain that the Standing Seam Metal Roof is quite literally coming apart at the seams, the report states, “The roof is essentially pulling itself apart and will continue to do so”. This is due primarily to three factors; one the manufacture requires the metal seams’ to be crimped by machine to achieve water tightness and the seams were crimped by hand. The second factor is the constant movement of the roof in all directions and this constant flexing is causing the roof to come apart at the seams. The third factor is the design of the roof which catches high winds in our location. All of these factors have allowed water to leak into the building in more than 50+ locations. The roof has leaked since before the building was occupied in 2009. These leaks have progressively worsened over the last 13 years. The Consultant recommends the entire Standing Seam Roof be removed and a “more flexible thermoplastic single ply material that can withstand the constant movement of the building.” Approximate cost to temporarily repair it until a roofing contract is signed and material ordered equals \$14,000.00. The cost to replace the roof is estimated at 1 Million dollars.

The report also looked at the Old Church Roof which began leaking about a year ago in approximately 20 places, depending on wind direction. The report found there were 3 roofs in violation of Internal Building Codes and most likely has caused the early failure of the roof. The recommendation is for the gutters to be replaced with larger gutters as well. The total cost of roof and gutters is estimated at \$106,000.00.

The old rectory roof also has 3 roofs and undersized gutters. Replacement is estimated at \$30,000.00. The report notes there may be damage under all of these roofs requiring repair/replacement and those costs are unknown at this time. The grand total estimate for all roof work is one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. We do not have funds for these projects; I will be discussing the report with the Parish Finance Council at our next meeting and proceed according to their recommendations.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 until Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022** --- 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:

1. 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. The pastor of a parish has the authority to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish. The Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. 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 (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: 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, March 5-6, 2022 to Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022**. 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 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.
Bishop of Trenton



Journeying Together through the Synod

What is the Spiritual Conversation Method? How will sharing my story become part of the Synod?

A report from each listening session will be given to the Diocesan Synod Committee. It is their task to learn from these responses about the circumstances in which we, as Church, are doing a good job journeying together and where we could do a better job of accompanying one another in faith. They will also gather the “fruit” of discernment in terms of what the Spirit might be saying to the Church through the stories shared. These elements will form the basis for the diocesan report.

Ease diocese will submit a report to the United State Conference of Bishops by June. These will be examined at the national level by region, then collated into the continental report. The Synod office at the Vatican will use the USCCB report and reports from bishops’ conferences around the world to create the preparatory document for the Synod of Bishops in October, 2023.

We still have a few more weeks of listening session available. Please consider sharing your story with us to forward to Pope Frances. The following are upcoming sessions. Please contact the parish office at 732-370--500 ext. 204 or via email to parishoffice@saintalloysiusonline.org to register for one that fits your schedule.

March 9th at 1:00pm and 2:30pm
 March 16th at 1:00pm and 2:30pm
 March 22nd at 7:00pm
 March 23rd at 1:00pm and 2:30pm
 March 24th at 7:00pm
 March 29th at 7:00pm
 March 30th at 1:00pm and 2:30pm

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

Thank you to George Hassler for the printing of the Synod Prayer Cards

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

Prayer for Vocations: Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us, to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization. We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men to seriously consider a vocation to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church in the future. Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

St. Aloysius Live Stream Mass Schedule and Sunday Worship Aid
via www.SaintAloysiusOnline.org

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00pm. Sunday at 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

Confessions: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment by calling the Parish Office

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Fridays during Lent in the Church - (March, 11, 18, 25, and April 3)

Sunday, March 6, 2022

7: 00 a.m. **John Lombardi**, r/o MaryAnn Lombardi
8:30 a.m. **Martha Clouatre**, r/o Rosetta Pace
10:30 a.m. **Parishioners**

Monday, March 7, 2022

8:30 a.m. **John Cornacchio**, r/o Joseph DelDuca

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. **John Salvatore**, r/o Religious Education

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

8:30 a.m. **Pat O'Conner**, r/o Pat O'Conner

Thursday, March 10, 2022

8:30 a.m. **Thomas Saksinsky**, r/o Ed Smerecki

Friday, March 11, 2022

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

Saturday, March 12, 2022

5: 00 p.m. **Frances Lambusta**, r/o Rosie Raymond

Sunday, March 13, 2022

7: 00 a.m. **John Lomb**
Parishioners
8:30 a.m. **Jamie Roman**, r/o Velda Roman
Michael Seyglinski, r/o Family
10:30 a.m. **Marie Roberts**, r/o Frank Iacono

Weekly Readings

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



Weekly offering for weekend of February 26 & 27, 2022:

Offering: \$11,411.08 Online Giving: \$4,763.93



2021 Tax Statements are available by calling the parish office. Collection envelopes will be removed from the Gathering Space the end of this month.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT: Rose Hubit, James and Natalie McMahon, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard Iacono, Arlene Hassler, Jim Kraeutler, Joseph LaScala, Kathleen Angel, John Congo and Family, Anna Profaca, Marie Roberts, John Castagna, Mark Cabrol, Robert Renode, Jr., Alice Dowling, Cheryl Dowling, Thomas Gaven, Jr., Elizabeth Guinta, Jean Day, Thoams Sullivan, Kevin McWeeney, Maria Infante, Andrew Kuminski, Spencer Callahan, Tom and Mary Kenny, Sr. Ellen Roach, Brian Sosa, Peggy Iorio, Richard Ott, Eileen Joseph Flanagan, Joyce Hansen, Mary Condreas, Antonietta Lijoi Suzanne Petrizzi, William R. Abrams, III, Barbara Margan, Stephanie Santora, Arthur O'Connell, Frances and Fehmi Emanetoghu, Evelyn Manvill, Francis Jelley, Gisele A. Tassy, Dianna DiMento, Brendan Maguire, Miriam A. Whalen, Teddy Domanski, Connie Russo-Riley, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Frank DeRiso, Joseph & Giz Kaleyck, Michael & Julia Podhayny, Eileen & George Graziano, Joseph Moroney, John P. Riso, Karen Foersch, Rose Walp, Mike and Jamie Scala and Family, Joseph DePalma, John Genuard, Jr., Fortunato S. Perez, Patricia Indiveri, Manny Oliveira, Fortunato S. Perez, Manny Oliveira, Richard Iacono, Brianne Timony, Tony Caronia, John Dempsey, Linda Sokolowski, Carmela (Lina) DePinto, Stacy Marie Redish, Rose Mary Luyinda, Dora Mercedes Blanchett, Des Fitzgerald, Pat Dolan and Albert Holl, Jennie Savona, Kathleen Lauro, Anthony Lotito, Joseph Lotito, MaryAnn and Joseph Lipari, Joseph Bianco, John and Barb Davis and Family, Dominick and World World II Veteran, Linda Alm, Frances J. Brauner, John Salvatore, Robert Halmi, Patricia O'Connor, John and Carol Bambrick & Family, Frank Jelley, John Stasny, Gina Baglivo, Jelnicki Family, Edith Lane, John Wilkins, Margaret Mingey, Barbara Lenhart, Charles Vaccaro, Jr., Patricia DeCarli, Brian Rafferty, Danielle Ellis, Maureen Keough, Sharon Silverstein, Hla and Uncle Tun, Birthday and Anniversary of Lidia Perillo, Carmela Nicholson, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Wiczak, Anthony Wiczuk, Nellie and John Olenski, Richard Galati, Vincenzo Bisignano, Them Duong, Raoul Villanueva, Richard Dabaoul, Margaret Van Brackle, Anthony Gervasio, Phyllis A. Sheppard, Chris O'Connell, James Federico, Jack Bassi, Mary Ellen Pampilio, Nicole and Sonny Soi, Cathie Lovuola, Esther Rita Tomlinson, Marla Rae Thorn, Kristin Litterio, Anthony Giammona, Charlie Larsson, Margie Torres, Corine and Hugo Berthin, Evelyn Doerbacker, Eleanor and Emil Milano, Debbie Nunez, Stella and Charles Kwiatkowski, Nezancielle Joseph, Virginia Bonagura, Patricia Festa, Gilda Vitola, Peggy Lennan, Pam and Don Duin and Family, Agnes Brassfield, David Dimech, Libby Ruggiero, Joseph DiDomenico, Dennis McKenna, William McCarthy and Family, Boryshuk Family, Louise Jones, Joseph C. Romaszka, Religious Education Volunteers, Anthony Columbo and the Boscarino and Tessie Families, Jack McNicholas, Patty Ann Migliaccio, Matthew Monetti, Charles Romano, Edward Danza, Sr., Edward F. Brown, Sr., Teresa Brown, Edward F. Brown, Jr., Mary Elizabeth Brown, Filippo Perillo, Lily Norbut, Robert Pipher, Thomas Cetnar, Dorothy Roman, Richard Hynes, Msgr. James Innocenzi, Mary D'Andrea, Antoinette Attari, Maryann Pucilowski, Lonnie and Edie Cromwell, Thomas H. Dills and Family, Geraldine Collins, Joseph DeFalco, Don Drake, Margaret Gordon, James F. Moran, George Rivera, Harold Morehouse, Robert Vincent Montalbano, Carolann Blake, Stanzione Family, Lucy Novak, Cunningham Family, Jacobs Family, Thezan Family, Theodore Family, Jourdan Family, Cabrol Family, Duplan Family, Butler Family and Sainton Family, Joseph Masi, Peter Miluk III, Aida and James Dierking.

We have many options for a long term remembrance of a loved one. Please call the Parish Secretary, Pat Mulholland, at the Parish Office for additional information.

Annual Enrollment – 12 Masses celebrated the 1st Friday of each month at 8:00am (\$25.00 donation for 12 Masses).

The Gift of Bread and Wine – Can be offered for one week (Sunday through Saturday) for a donation of \$50.00.

Devotional Lamps are silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord even when we cannot be physically present in the church. You can honor or remember a loved one with one of the Devotional or Shrine Candles in the Church.

Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Holy Family Devotional Candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one (\$25.00 donation for one week)

Shrine Candles – Located at the entrance of the Church, these candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one and includes a label listing your loved one's name for a period of **one year** (\$250.00 donation per year).



Please remember in your prayers these friends of our Parish who have recently died. Please also pray for all the deceased members of our Parish, the Souls in Purgatory, and those who died in the Service of our Country. May they enjoy peace in new life with Christ Jesus.

Devotional Lamps - week of March 6-12, 2022

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn **For Vocations**

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn **For Peace and Unity In The Ukraine**

The Holy Family Lamp will burn **For Parishioners Who Are Sick**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR
ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:**

CPT Chris Mision
CPT Jason DiDomenico
PVT Logan Mora
LT Scott Maraldo
Capt. Zach Gould
SSGT Nicole Marchitto
RCT Patrick McBride

*You may email updates, additions of the names of your loved ones
you would like included in both our Intercessory Prayer and Armed Forces Prayer*

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, Christopher Hunt, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Chris Bligh, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza Sr., Roger Kliemisch, Angela Hardie, Curtis Hart, Bernadette Clifford, Owen McCabe, Jodi Fletcher, Vincent Maione, Zak and Jill, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGranahan, Susan Miluk, 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, Jason DiDomenico, Eric and Dick Lund, Carol Kubicka, Anthony Pelle, Jr. Charley DeMaio, Phil Wenz, Matthew Safran, Janice Pavis, William Raimondi, Kimmie Luke, Paige Luke, Jill Snow, Logan Martucci, Luba Delmonte, Peggy Connelly, John Bambrick, Bertha Vihonsky, James Vihonsky, John Marsanyi, Margaret Sabo, Kaitlyn Krutulis, Christina Marie Fletcher, Laura Coyle, Danielle Ellis, Sister Margaret Smith, Ellen Harris, Margaret Matthews, Fran Baker, Ailor Family, Stephen and Kathleen Oleksy, Vinnie Gagliardi and John Scherer, Kyle Patrick Hurley, Amy Wroda. Meg Noone, Koren Dubbs, Thomas Fletcher, Jr. and Thomas Fletcher, Sr., Lucia Novak, Olivia, John Mazzola, Dominick Simone, Pete & Joanne Hurley, Dolores Corsentino, Carol Corsentino, Charlotte McMahon, Peter Miluk Jr., Walter and Theresa Heublein, Patricia Fountain.

**Thank you for your prayers for all those on our intercessory and armed forces prayer list.
To add or change information please contact the Parish Office.**



We welcome **John Kirkpatrick Jr.** who recently joined Saint Aloysius Parish. We also welcome **Marianna Rose Schiavello** who was recently baptized at Saint Aloysius Parish. Congratulations to **Thomas and Gina VanDunk** who were married from the Church last weekend.



Altar Rosary Society will have their next Rosary Mass on **Sunday, March 6 at 8:30am** and their Rosary meeting will be after Mass in Gonzaga Hall.



Do you want to be a better.....Catholic father? Catholic husband? Catholic man? Join the Saint Aloysius Men's group and take part in "That Man Is You" which provides a program of videos featuring dynamic Catholic speakers from a range of backgrounds. This year's course, **Fight of Faith**, equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. You will rediscover and reclaim your identity as a soldier, saint brother, disciple, and friend of Christ. Your cost...just one hour per week of your time. We meet Saturday mornings from 7am-8am (we start early and finish early so you don't miss any part of your day) in the parish cafeteria. Our winter/fall semester starts on February 5th. Now is the perfect time to join or re-join TMIY! To register email David at dfurb@aol.com.



The Merton group is open to all men and women who are interested in learning more about their Catholic faith, through book study. Presently, the group is learning about the early Fathers of the Church, such as Ambrose, Augustine and Basil. **Meetings are every other Tuesday morning at 10:00am in the parish office.** The entrance is through the old school. Masks must be worn to enter the building and during the meeting.



The **March food collection** will be delivered to Catholic Charities in Lakewood on **Monday, March 21**. Items they are looking for are laundry detergent, sugar, instant coffee and toilet paper. Please leave your donations in the bin the Gathering Space and please do not leave perishables or clothing items in the Church. Thank you for your continued support.



The Westlake Women's Club provides scholarships to qualified female residents of Jackson who have been accepted into a post high school educational or training program, and are in need of financial assistance for tuition, books, or fees. We are pleased to offer \$500 scholarships to five deserving young women. Application instruction and more information can be found online at: <https://westlakeclubs.com/womens-club/womens-club-scholarship/>. Deadline for applications is May 7th, 2022.



The Little Children of God program has resumed during the 10:30am Mass. We invite children ages 3-7 to join us in the cafeteria during the Mass to hear the Gospel, sing songs and engage in crafts to reinforce the readings of the day. Children will be dismissed after the Opening Prayer and will return after the Prayer of the Faithful. Children should know where their parents are seated so they can find their way back upon their return. Parents are welcome to join with their children and are required to if their child needs special supervision.



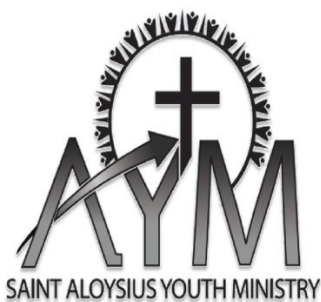
Bible Study – Fr. Jim has resumed virtual Breaking Open the Word on Thursdays at 2:00pm and the Gospel of Mark Study the 2nd and 4th Thursday's of the month at 7:00pm. If you are interested in either of these groups, contact the parish office to register and receive the link to join.



Catholic Women of Zion will hold a retreat Saturday, March 12 at St. William the Abbot Church from 9:00am-2:00pm. Register on the CWOZ website www.cwoz.org or call 732-202-8352 no later than March 8. Cost is \$20 which includes a boxed lunch.



The next Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be Monday, March 28 from 1-7:00pm at the Council home on Bartley Rd. To schedule an appointment go to: <https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/54317>



What is our parish youth group up to in February/March?

Service: A great big thanks to all of our teens who participated in our February service project! We had 28 teens and 5 volunteers who together made over 142 Valentine's Day cards and goodie bags for Bartley residents.

Friendship and Faith: On Friday, February 25th, we are having a Youth Night from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the parish Youth Room. Our evening will include a couple games along with some prayer, reflection, and discussion on what we can do/give up for Lent. Face masks are required.

Stations of the Cross: On Friday, March 4th at 7:00 pm, AYM members are invited to attend our parish's Stations of the Cross in the Church. We will all sit together as a group. *We are looking for several high-school teens who are willing to help with reading the reflections during the various Stations.* Any teen who is interested in doing some of the readings should please RSVP to Mrs. Jennifer Petrillo at jpetrillo@saintaloyusonline.org or 732-370-1515 ext. 311 by Monday, February 28th, so they can receive the readings in advance.



On Sunday, March 20th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, AYM presents: ***A retreat with NET Ministries!*** NET Ministries is a dynamic group of young Catholic missionaries (ages 18 to 28) who travel throughout the U.S. offering retreats for middle school and high school youth. The theme of the retreat is "In His

Image," helping teens to recognize their identity as sons and daughters of God. This retreat is open to all teens in grades 8 through 12 and will include inspiring talks, music, fun activities, small group discussions, and prayer. The cost of the retreat is \$25 per person. Checks can be made payable to St. Aloysius. All teens who wish to attend are asked to please RSVP by Thursday, March 10th. All parents/guardians of participants will receive a permission form via e-mail.



Where to give to help Ukraine - Various Catholic agencies are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, as people flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. Here are some places to donate. This list is not exhaustive.

The international Caritas confederation is collecting funds to help Caritas Ukraine. In the United States, that is through Catholic Relief Services: <https://bit.ly/3LWtOKa>. Internationally, you can donate through <https://www.caritas.org/>.

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia also has a link: <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate>.

Two pontifical agencies also are taking donations for Ukraine: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, <https://cnewa.org/campaigns/ukraine/>, and Aid to the Church in Need, <https://bit.ly/3sgpuNV>. Internationally, Aid to the Church can be reached at <https://bit.ly/3vfqCn4>.

Called to Be

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (18-39yrs)



03.12.22 at 10am

St. Paul Roman Catholic Church

216 Nassau St, Princeton, NJ 08542

Registration is \$20

www.dotyouth.org/yaretreat



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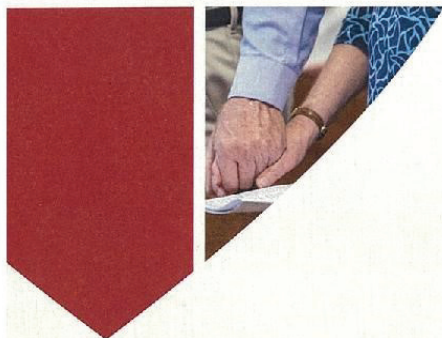
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Second Sunday of Lent Forgo a favorite TV program for a week.	Go through your closets and donate usable clothing and household goods to a local charity.	Pay attention to someone you are tempted to brush aside.	Be more courteous in your attitude, words, and deeds.	Make a list of ten things you are grateful for in your life.	Fast from criticizing others aloud or silently in your mind. Seek to understand instead.	Pray while creating a piece of artwork. Do something creative, and do so for the glory of God.
Third Sunday of Lent Pray while you go for a walk.	Fast from overscheduling your time. Leave some time to simply be.	Curtail your extra spending and donate what you save to your chosen charity.	At the end of the day, take time to thank God for all the graces you received during the day.	Pray the Rosary or other traditional prayers of the Church. Realize that you are joining your voice to millions of others who have prayed these prayers through the years.	Fast from the habit, substance, practice, or mindset that most stands in the way of your growing closer to God.	While grocery shopping, purchase an additional day's supply of food and drop it off at a local food pantry.

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