



SAINT ALOYSIUS
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday, March 9, 2025—First Sunday in Lent

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: Website: www.saintalloysiusonline.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish and Religious Education offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm.

Mass Schedule - All Masses are available by live stream through our website.

Daily Mass - Monday through Friday: 8:30am

Saturday - 5:00pm

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

Little Children of God - a children's program which takes place at the 10:30am Mass for children ages 3-7.

The Church is open for daily prayer Monday through Friday. Access is through the parish office.

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

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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,

If you're a bean counter and trying to figure out the 40 days of Lent, you have to subtract the pre-Lenten days from Ash Wednesday to Saturday, the Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Lent.

The first Friday in Lent was the feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicity. These two saints are mentioned in the first Canon of the Mass (Eucharistic Prayer I). They were faithful early Christian women who died 'Odium Fidei' (hatred of the faith) as Martyrs. They gave their lives for Christ and refused to denounce him or offer worship to the Pagan Gods to escape punishment.

The Roman Emperor, Septimius Severus, had issued a decree in 201 AD forbidding conversion to Christianity or Judaism. In 203 AD, the Governor of Carthage in North Africa (today Tunis, Tunisia) enforced the decree with vigor. Perpetua, whose name means "eternal", was from a prosperous family and was arrested with 5 other Catechumens including her pregnant slave, Felicity. While in prison, Perpetua kept a journal recounting her ordeal, trial, and death. This is a very rare written manuscript of early Christianity by a woman entitled, "The Passion of the Saints Perpetua and Felicity". Their ordeal was completely written by Perpetua until her death, when it was completed by a Christian friend she passed her diary onto just before going to her death in the arena. She recounts her father's visits to the prison begging her to offer pagan worship and her steadfast refusal, her visions of heaven and her dead brother, and the birth of Felicity's child in the prison, who was later transferred to relatives just before she was taken into the arena. It is a remarkable firsthand account, widely read for centuries before the Christian Communities of the early Church; 200 years later, St. Augustine would give homilies on its contents!

Their bravery, fortitude, courage, and steadfastness of faith is remarkable. Today, we do not face the wild beasts of the arena, but only the mockery of our fellow citizens yet, how we shirk at their criticisms of our faith! These two women were held in the highest esteem by Christians across the empire, and held up as models of Christian life for centuries. Their memory preserved in the Eucharistic prayer from their day to our day.

Lent calls us to make small sacrifices in comparison to their great sacrifices. May these two holy women, who supported one another, gave courage to fellow Christians of their day, be an inspiration to us on the journey of Lent.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



Join ministry groups for a simple soup supper at 6:00pm in Morrello Hall before Stations of the Cross. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bowl).

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm in the Church beginning Friday, March 7th.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Join the Men’s Group each Friday in Lent (March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11) 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.



The next Food Drive weekend will be **March 15-16** to benefit Providence House. Requested items are juice boxes, individually wrapped snacks, canned goods, cereal, peanut butter and personal hygiene products. *Please do not leave clothing, home furnishings or perishable items in the Church.*



SPRING Forward
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR
9 MARCH, 2025

8 WAYS TO PRAY DURING ADORATION
CatholicLink

- READ SPIRITUAL BOOKS
- ASK FOR INTERCESSION
- OFFER A HOLY HOUR
- WRITE A PRAYER JOURNAL
- PRAY SPONTANEOUSLY
- ASK THE SAINTS FOR HELP
- READ THE SCRIPTURES
- MEDITATE



COME AND JOIN US FOR A PARISH

Irish Afternoon

IRISH SODA BREAD CONTEST
IRISH MUSIC
IRISH STEP DANCING
FEATURING THE D'ARCY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

SUNDAY MARCH 16
12PM
MORELLO HALL

See you there!



It is with great pleasure to announce our newest parishioner **Andrew Joseph Theodore Longworth** who joined our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.



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



Patricia Anthony

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 March 9-15 2025

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

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for ***Michael Seyglinski, r/o Denise Rybicki***

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***Our Holy Father, Pope Francis***

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 all those that have served and are serving our country. We pray that all Veterans may know your love for them.

SSGT Nicole Marchitto
RCT Patrick McBride
SSG Marcus Torre
Capt. Cameron Lindsey

C4C Nicholas Accardi, AF
CPT Chris Mision
MJR Jason DiDomenico
AFPVT Logan Moran

Lt. Jr. Grade Michael Henicke 2nd Lt. Paul Scalzo
Capt. Scott Maraldo
Capt. Zach Gould
Capt. James Accardi

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS - *Lord of Life, you desire wholeness for your people. Be with those who ask for help. Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who ask for our prayers. Amen.*

Vocation Awareness, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza Sr., Curtis Hart, Judy Saal, William Raimondi, Meg Noone, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Tom Martin, Jacob Heber, Jackie Fleming, Debbie Scatuccio, Jacqueline 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 Kolarsick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Fran Guldner, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, Sharon Christensen, Ruth Nisay, Christian Rivera, Sage Rivera, Cassie Jouban, Rob and Gina Zangrillo, Pam and Mike Mills, Pat Gallagher, Theresa Raimondi, Ann Rucando, Camille DeRosa, Kathy Perlson, Theresa Keim, Susan Miluk, Daniel DeVito, Jack Vreeland, Angelo Magri, Christopher Popp, Kristin Valetta, Jeanette Correa Schalen, Jordan Elkary, Valerie Behar, James McCarthy, Andrea Mitreuter, Barbara Ziff, John and Dolores Cosentino, 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 Narsany, James Vihonsky, Bertha Vihonsky, Karen Crimmins, Kaitlyn Krutulius, Logan Martucci, Louise Murnane, Deby Daoust, Laura Meltzer Potts, the Groft Family, Maryann Lombardi, Michael Woodlock, Peggy Mulvehill, Austin Trezza, Lilliam Zumbado, Michael Tardio, Agnes Smith, Vikki McGlone, Michelle Neuhaus, Margie Libonati, Viola Gatyas, Lynette Younker, Kathy Cronin, Robert and Annamarie Kowalewski, Barbara Owens, Laurie Wroda, Louis Iacono, Diane Malgieri, Joe Musumeci, Jeremy Birnbaum, Grace Lowney, Matthew Machin, Toni Marzorati, John Silvestre, Tim Popp, Mickey Silecchia, Ann Farringer

Thank you for your prayers for all those on our Intercessory and Armed Forces prayer lists. If you would like to add or change information please contact the Parish Office.



In the Catholic Church, the anointing of the sick is a sacrament that is administered to a Catholic "who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age". There is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament may be received at any time during a person's illness, especially before surgery or treatment. We suggest calling to receive the Sacrament *before* a person is in grave danger of death as it is not always possible to have a priest available at the actual time of death. If you would like to schedule the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for a loved one, please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS—March 9-15, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**8:30 a.m. **Pat O'Connor**, r/o Pat O'Connor**Florence Piscioti**, r/o Rose Piscioti10:30 a.m. **Joseph DiDomenico**, r/o Flo DiDomenico**Joey Tredici**, r/o Aunt Mary and Uncle Dominic

Monday, March 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Stan Zawislak**, r/o Jean and Joe Cosentino**Wencelao B. Alger**, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Feleo

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Anthony Bruno Pantoni**, r/o Jill Mergel

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Gail Herber**, r/o Conrad Voigt**Robert Doherty**, r/o John Vielli and Maureen Nugent

Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Jaime Roman**, r/o Velda Roman

Friday, March 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Vincent Manco, Sr.**, r/o Frances Manco**Sean McCann**, r/o Aunt Maureen

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5:00 p.m. **Nereyda Perez**, r/o MaryBeth Bollard**Pete Hurley**, r/o Ron and Georgeen Anderson

Sunday, March 16, 2025

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**8:30 a.m. **Joseph Tredici**, r/o Joan and Frank Pontoriero**Henry Stanziale**, r/o Angela Flora10:30 a.m. **Frances Stillo Little**, r/o Jean and Joe Cosentino**Joey Tredici**, r/o Murina and Chuck**Masses at St. Mary's Seminary, Uganda**

Tuesday, March 11—In Memory of Paul G. Kwiecinski

March 2:

Offering: \$11,788.55

Online Giving:

\$6,859.33

Mortgage Reduction:

\$2,238.00



If you require a contribution statement for 2024, contact the parish office and one will be sent to you. *Statements must be requested.*

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2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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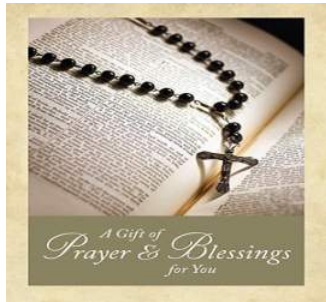


2025 Annual Catholic Appeal
Your Gift Makes a Difference

Through the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, we answer Christ's call to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Your generosity supports ministries that serve thousands across the Diocese of Trenton - bringing hope, care, and Christ's love to those in need. Together, we reach the marginalized, strengthen families, and transform lives.

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/aca-donate-page>. Make sure to add St. Aloysius.

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** Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36



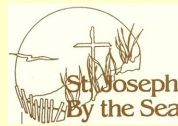
The Annual Enrollment is a beautiful gift for special times in life and for the eternal rest of our faithful departed. We are very happy to pray for you and your loved ones.

The Annual Enrollment Mass is celebrated the First Friday of each month at 8:30am for a period of one (1) year—12 months.

James and Natalie McMahon, Richard Iacono, Arlene Hassler, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Teams, Jill, Frank and Rose Hubit, Carmine Merlucci, Neal Collenburg, Logan Family, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thesan, Theodore, Jourdan, McKenzie, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Francesca M. Bonucci, James O'Leary, John Flynn, Michael Cetta, Merced Lotrena, The Nowak Family, Virginia and Allen Walp, Chad Vitello, Maria and Belto Ristaino, John Owens, Anna Marie DeLeonardis, Quaglia Family, Marty Munroe, John and Donna Fichera, Peter Miluk, Jr., Alfred Nader (Dadasee), David LaRosa, Mario Garcia, Virginia Laschet, Patricia Fountain, Connie Russo-Riley, George Newman, Jr., Phyllis Vitiello, Ivan Sriwardena, Harry and Phyllis Gunasekara, Tina Rogers, Ivano John Bott, Juan Opa Torres, Joseph LaScala, Rev. Stanley Jarosz, Maryann Pucilowski, Aida and James Dierking, Rose and Joseph Cesario, Peter Miluk, III, Joseph G. Moroney, Donald and Erin McLoughlin, Don and Maureen Gorny, Evelyn and George Doerbecker. Gertrude and Eugene McLoughlin, Catherine and William McLoughlin, Evan and Olivia Gorny, Pete Albany, Jack Bassi, Des Fitzgerald, Loretta Conway, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Joseph Sumanski, James and Elisa Oliver, Frank and Pearl Szumianski, Thomas Cetnar, Urban and Millo Families, Michael Matzo, Walter Heublein, Eileen and George Graziano, Richard LoPresti, Edith and Ernesto Scalatempore, Jennie and John Tatulli, John, Lucy, Nick, Mary and George, Glenda Morisano, Michael Seyglinski, Raymond Magnussen, Ruth Nisay, Elena Salvato, Eileen and Don Malter, Robert McCarthy, Pat O'Connor and Tim O'Connor, Angelo Mazzeo, Dante Dedonno, Gilvo L. Gialanella, Steven Pirmiak, Angelo Mazzeo, Antoinette Maria Puccio, Lynda J. Bradley Clay, Manny Oliveira, Joao Batista Abreu de Oliveira, Yedda Abreu de Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes Abreu, Joao C. Abreu, Cleisa Abreu Cantuaria, Linda Alm, Frances Brauner, John and Rose Jobst, Kathleen O'Connell, Miriam Whalen, Florence Spinello, Bernie Daquila, Pitkethley, Kuhl, Quillinan, Walters Families, Joanne and Keith Veltre, Kate Castell, Ronald Brancaccio, Anna and Salvatore Carnemolla, Joseph, Josephine and Bob Brancaccio, James D. Diefendorf, III, Mary Ann Borghi, Joseph S. Romano, Dorothy Theresa Maher, Cosmo (Gus) Mongiello, Fermina Lopez, James Migliori, Edna Parzygnat, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Tracy Lee Papp-Hill, Walter Heublein, Frank Sandtner and Family, Anthony Sandtner and Family, Connie and Tony Giammona, Barbara Brennan, Miriam Spinelli, Rosemarie Artale, Joyce Elizabeth Mennella, Ana Librada Ramos, Enid Muraca, Paul V. Farley, Steve Yayac, Christopher Oliveira, Pat and Phelan Brady, Judy DeMichael, John P. Riso, Charles C. Gordon, George Rivera, James F. Moran, Anna Oliveia, William McCarthy, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Edward F. Brown, Sr., Teresa Brown, 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



Francis House of Prayer serves the people of the Diocese of Trenton and beyond providing a contemplative environment for ongoing spiritual growth. Register for programs by going to the website FHOP@verizon.net or call 609-877-0509.



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



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!!!! Serve the Lord with all your heart, soul, and all your strength by serving Him through ministry.

Rehearsal times:

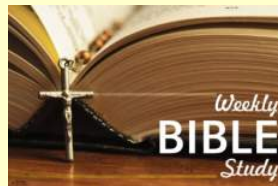
Youth Choir (singers ages 7-16) meet Wednesday from 6:15-7:15pm.

Adult Choir: Meet Wednesday from 7:30-9pm. We sing in harmony and prepare for special concerts. All are welcome.

Instrumental Ensemble—do you have an instrument covered in a closet that needs another chance? Consider playing a Church. Email Naomi if you are interested in joining the group at musicministry@saintaloyisiusonline.org.

Christian Book Study—Who are we?

We are women and men, just like you. We are NOT SCHOLARS! No special knowledge is needed—just a desire to grow in knowledge of the Christian faith. In the past, we chose books that introduced us to the early Church Fathers; another gave us a deeper knowledge of the Gospels and another – the Sacraments. The book just completed took us into Jerusalem and the happenings at the time of Jesus’ life and death. In March, we will begin “The Acts of the Apostles” St. Luke tells the story of a New Religion and of the Christian Community after the Ascension of Jesus. If you have a desire to know more...COME SEE WHAT WE’RE ABOUT!
The group: Women and Men. **Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m. **Where:** In the Parish Office. Questions? Contact Bill Spedding (862) 432-9358.



Bible Study—Join Fr. RJ Tuesdays at 2:30pm in the parish office to Break Open the Word, analyzing and exploring the meaning of scripture through discussion and reflection. No RSVP required, just BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible).

Come and experience the journey to Emmaus as together we recognize Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread. LUKE 24:13-35

CENTRAL JERSEY WOMEN'S Emmaus Retreat
 MARCH 28-30, 2025
What is an Emmaus Retreat?
 Emmaus retreats assist women in their faith journey. It is a time of reflection to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to learn about growing their faith thru scripture and the personal experiences of other women. It is a time to relax and build new friendships. It is a time to treat yourself for an amazing weekend – you deserve it. The retreat will be held at the beautiful Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat house in Stone Harbor, NJ.



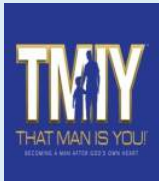
Download the registration form at cjemmaus.org or by scanning the QR Code. If you have any questions, call Trish at 732-300-6171. Please note, space is limited. Get your registration form in as soon as possible.

You Were Not Meant to Journey Alone

walking with purpose

We can't live the Christian Life well in isolation.....Lisa Brenninkmeyer

Are you longing for connection to live a Christian life? Connecting to God and to other women? Walking with Purpose invites all women to journey through Scripture together and build relationships that matter! Join us for Walking with Purpose **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in Morello Hall**. All ladies of the parish are welcome no matter what season you are in, there is always room for one more at the table. For more information call Pat at the parish office or email to klaudiawalkingwithpurpose@gmail.com



Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

The Saint Aloysius Men's Group invites you to join us for "**That Man is You!**".

That Man is You is a men's faith building program that honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

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



Please see below for reminders about upcoming events. To RSVP to any of the following, please contact Mrs. Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jpetrillo@saintaloyisiusonline.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 16th 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 together, so that they can enjoy the festivities with one another. During the event, we also plan to have a table set up where parishioners can learn more about AYM. If you would like to attend and sit together, please let me know by Thursday, March 13th. Please also let me know if you would be open to serving at our AYM Info table, handing out flyers and talking with interested parishioners.

Soup and Stations: On Friday, March 21st, 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 17th.

Save THE Date

23rd ANNUAL BLUE MASS

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON'S
CELEBRATION of
LAW ENFORCEMENT



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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FOR MARRIED COUPLES

~ WHAT ~

Join couples from around the diocese in praying the Stations of the Cross with meditations focused on marriage.



~ WHY ~

Marriage is a sacrament that reveals God's love to the world and is a source of blessings and grace. Marriage can also be a cross, a source of trial. By praying the Stations with your spouse, you can bring the crosses of married life to the Cross of Christ, to be strengthened and renewed by His sacrifice.

After the Stations, couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows as a sign of their love and commitment.

~ WHEN & WHERE ~

- St. Paul, Princeton - Friday, March 7
- St. Isaac Jogues, Marlton - Friday, March 21
- St. Luke, Toms River - Friday, March 28
- St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold - April 4

Stations begin at 7:00 PM



~ REGISTER ~



"LIKE A BRIDEGROOM CHRIST WENT FORTH FROM HIS CHAMBER. HE CAME TO THE MARRIAGE-BED OF THE CROSS, AND THERE BY MOUNTING IT, HE CONSUMMATED HIS MARRIAGE"
- ST. AUGUSTINE



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES

In addition to the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, Trenton and the Co-Cathedral of Saint Robert Bellarmine in Freehold, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. has designated the following Pilgrimage Churches to obtain the indulgences of the Jubilee.

MERCER COUNTY

St. Anthony Church
626 South Olden Avenue, Hamilton
www.ols-sa.org

BURLINGTON COUNTY

St. Joan of Arc Church
100 Willow Bend Road, Marlton
www.stjoans.org

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church (Christ the King Parish)
101 Chelsea Avenue, Long Branch
cklb.org

OCEAN COUNTY

St. Mary Church 747 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat
www.stmarybarnegat.com

For additional information on the Diocese of Trenton Jubilee activities:
dioceseoftrenton.org/jubilee-2025 Información en Español: **dioceseoftrenton.org/jubileo-2025**

Lenten Regulations

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, March 8-9, 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 14 -15, 2025.**

All Catholics are encouraged, to go to Confession, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church. Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

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



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

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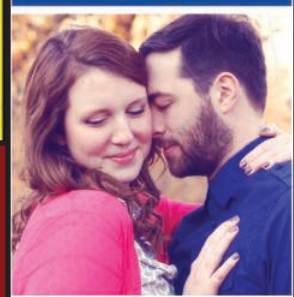
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