

Sunday, March 13, 2022 - Second 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 8:00am through 2:00pm for Private Prayer.

Confession: Saturday at 4:00pm in the Church or by

appointment by calling the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline: 732-370-0098

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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.saintaloysiusonline.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@saintaloysiusonline.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.



In last week's bulletin I shared with you highlights from the Roof Observation Report conducted by two Licensed Engineers from JS Cummins & Company concerning the roofs of the New Church, the Old Church and the former Parish Office building. The full report has been sent to all members of the Parish Finance Committee for review and discussion. The Parish Finance Committee has 8 members, all parishioners who have expertise in areas of finance, business and administration. There are 3 women and 5 men. Two members are Ex-Officio members, they are the parish trustees. Parishes are required to have two trustees in accord with Civil Law.

The Diocesan phase of the world-wide Synod on Synodality is fast coming to a conclusion, it ends April 1. All notes from the Listening sessions must be submitted by April 1. Since those submissions are done electronically our parish has chosen to have sessions right up to March 30. There is still time for you to give counsel to our Holy Father Pope Francis; dates are printed in the bulletin. I hope you will participate in this world-wide event.

Last week I shared with you some of the general over arching themes that have arisen during the sessions that have been completed. These Listening sessions are private, meaning your identity is not recorded, your comments are recorded simply as "Participant I, 2, 3, 4 5, or 6". No identifying information is contained in the notes of the sessions. Only the general remarks of each participant is recorded and summary of what the main theme was during that session. These notes are sent to the pastor and the Diocesan Commission. The reason the pastors of the diocese receive them is for the purpose of the pastor hearing what a sample of the congregation is saying and by listening to this information, he can see areas of parish life that might need development or strengthening. So, the information from the sessions is primarily for the Bishops and the Holy Father, but have a secondary purpose of helping with pastoral planning at the local level as well. Indeed it would be a great loss to not have this information at the local level.

There were some individual comments from the sessions that were valuable insights, but are already realities in our Diocese. This leads me to believe people are not aware these things exist. I will address one example. A participant suggested that priests of the Diocese of Trenton have Term Limits. I note that during the 4th Diocesan Synod, the Laity of the Diocese petitioned for this very same issue and it was accepted by Bishop John C. Reiss and included in the Diocesan Statues of 1990. Diocesan Statutes are particular laws that apply to a Diocese, they cannot conflict with the Universal Code of Canon Law but can be more expansive when the Code of Canon Law allows.

The Code of Canon Law allows for Pastors to be permanently appointed unless the Conference of Catholic Bishop's of that Country allow for term limits. Each Diocesan Bishop can then chose to follow the Code of Canon Law or the norm allowed by the Conference.

The Statues promulgated in 1990 at the Conclusion of the 4th Diocesan Synod imposed term limits on the clergy of the Diocese of Trenton. In 2014, those Statutes underwent revision and updating, then Promulgated by Bishop David M. O'Connell. The pastors' terms did not change however the Parochial Vicar's did, they were lowered and Deacons were included in the term limit provisions.

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Concerning Pastors: "STATUTE 47 Pastors will ordinarily be appointed with a tenure of six (6) years. Following a review, this term may be renewed for an additional six (6) years subject to the approval of the Bishop and in consultation with the pastor and the Episcopal Council Any additional extension of term is considered extraordinary. To receive an extension of term that is extraordinary, the pastor must submit the reasons for his request in writing to the Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life and be approved by the Bishop. Extraordinary terms would ordinarily be in increments to be determined by the Bishop. A pastor reaching his 64th birthday may receive continuous renewal of his pastorate until retirement, unless the needs of the Diocese require otherwise."

I was appointed pastor on October 4, 2013 and am currently serving my second 6 year term. On October 4, 2022 I will have served for 9 years and have 3 more years left to my term of office.

Concerning Parochial Vicars: "STATUTE 50 Parochial vicars are ordinarily assigned for a period of three years. In their third year of ministry, they may seek another assignment so that they will have experienced at least two assignments before seeking a pastorate. A parochial vicar who has requested a specific pastorate will not be required to request a new assignment as parochial vicar while his application for the pastorate is being considered. He may remain in the parish or request another assignment if a pastorate is not available. However, if a parochial vicar has reached his 64th birthday, he may continue his assignment with the approval of his pastor and the Bishop."

A year ago Fr. Jim Smith, along with all other parochial vicars of the Diocese, was granted a second provisional 3 year term due to the World Wide Pandemic. He has served one 3 year term and has completed one year of his second provisional 3 year term.

STATUTE 51 "All parochial and diocesan assignments for priests are officially communicated by the Bishop in writing and ordinarily become effective on or about July 1, unless pastoral necessity or other circumstances require otherwise."

Peace and Good - Fr. Bambrick



Our parish will receive 15% of goal and 50% of the overage when the appeal closes.

To donate: https:// dioceseoftrenton.org/aca-donate-page



Journeying Together through the Synod

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.

Each diocese will submit a report to the United States 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 for you to participate. 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@saintaloysiusonline.org to register for one that fits your schedule.

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet for Peace and the people of the Ukraine - 8:15am, prior to Daily Mass

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, 18, 25, and April 3)

Sunday, March 13, 2022

7:00 a.m. 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 lacono

Monday, March 14, 2022

8:30 a.m. **Kevin Hoolihan,** r/o Rose Van Clef

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

8:30 a.m. Robert Acker, r/o Pattu Grueiro

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

8:30 a.m. Freddy Flynn,

r/o Raymond and Kathy Clancy

Thursday, March 17, 2022

8:30 a.m. **Maureen Keough,** r/o Kay and Lino

Friday, March 18, 2022

8:30 a.m. **Teddy Domanski**, r/o Carol Domanski

Saturday, March 19, 2022

5:00 p.m. Francis Jelley, r/o Kathie Stasny

Sunday, March 20, 2022

7:00 a.m. Allie Layton-Mitchell, r/o John Noble

8:30 a.m. **Parishioners** 10:30 a.m. **Aida Dierking**,

r/o Normajean and Vincent Cesario

Weekly Readings

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 **Tuesday**: ls 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 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, 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a **Sunday**: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



Weekly offering for weekend of March, 4 & 5, 2022: Offering: \$15,560.13, Ash Wednesday \$\$2,293.00, Mortgage Reduction \$2,448.00, Online Giving \$7,272.93



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



Important update for those donating to St. Vincent de Paul online. Due to the recent update in ParishSoft, no online payments have been collected since January, 2022. If you are an online giver to St. Vincent de Paul, we kindly ask you to re-register as your account information was not saved after the update. Please go to the parish website www.sainaloysiusonline.org and Select "Giving" on the

blue banner at the top and select the Blue DONATE TODAY for St. Vincent de Paul. You can select your donation amount and type and re-enter your sign in information. We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your generosity. If you have any questions regarding your donations to St. Vincent de Paul, please contact Art at 732-278-8180.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT: Rose Hubit, James and Natalie McMahon, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard lacono, 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 Kaleycik, Michael & Julia Podhayny, Eileen & George Graziano, Joseph Moroney, John P. Riso, Karen Foerschl, Rose Walp, Mike and Jamie Scala and Family, Joseph DePalma, John Genuard, Jr., Fortunato S. Perez, Patricia Indiveri, Manny Olivieira, 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 Witczak, Anthony Witczuk, 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, Pat and Norm Schoenig, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton.

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).



JoAnn DeVito, Timothy Tracy, Lorraine Vazquez, Gerard Setteducato

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 13-19, 2022 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn For Vocations The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn In Memory of Michael Seygliski, r/o St. Aloysius Parish The Holy Family Lamp will burn For Peace and Unity in Ukraine



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 McGranthan, Susan Miluk, Charlotte Barnard, Melissa Couto, Barbara Sullivan, Robin Costa, Jack Collins, Judith Weaver, Theresa McGranthan, 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, Roger Belli, Gennaro Pane.

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 **Joseph Kirkpatrick, Jr., Vanesa and Andrew Longworth, William and Colleen Davis** who recently joined Saint Aloysius Parish.



Bible Study – Journey through Lent with our weekly Breaking Open the Word Bible Study. Every Thursday at 2:00pm in person in the parish office.



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 spiritual battle raging in our day. You will re-

discover and reclaim your identity as a soldier, 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 spring semester is underway and now is the perfect time to join or re-join TMIY! To register email David at dfurb@aol.com.



The Merton Group of St. Aloysius Parish meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in the parish office for a Christian book study. The book: "When the Church was Young" by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, is about the early Fathers of the Church (Clement, Ignatius, Justin, etc.) who, after Jesus' resurrection, carried on the mission of Jesus. Their efforts established many of the

practices and rituals that are practiced to this day. All are invited to learn more about the Christian faith. Please join us. For more information call Pam DeRiso at 732-276-7626.



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 in the Gathering Space and please do not leave perishables or clothing items in the Church. Thank you for your continued support.



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.



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 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



The Orchards Assisted Living is sponsoring "The More You Know. The More You Grow" about various healthcare resources available to seniors. You're never to early to learn. April 12th at Perkins Diner, Rt. 9, Freehold at 12:00pm. RSVP to Patrick Kane at 347-530-0367 or pkane@bartleyhealthcare.com.



What is our parish youth group up to?

Joined in Prayer: A great big thanks to all of our teens who participated in Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 4th! It was such a blessing to have our young people reading, singing, and praying along with the parish community.

Stay tuned for more information.



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.

"People Helping People"

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.

Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org

Pontifical Mission Societies Fund for Ukraine:

https://www.missio.org/project/20899/In-Solidarity-With-Ukraine?localization=EN

The following pontifical agencies are also are taking donations for Ukraine: Catholic Near East Welfare Association: https://cnewa.org/campaigns/ukraine/ Aid to the Church in Need: https://bit.ly/3sgpuNV Internationally, Aid to the Church: https://bit.ly/3vfqCn4.

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: https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate.

Holy Ascension Church, 635 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ – 973-473-8665 – ukrcoc.org



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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) <u>and ABSTINENCE</u> (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,

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	Third Sunday of Lent Pray while you go for a walk.	Second Sunday of Lent Forego a favorite TV program for a week,	First Sunday of Lent Attend Mass often. The Eucharist is our greatest communal prayer and a surefire way to encounter Jesus.		SUNDAY	LNIT
	Fast from overscheduling your time. Leave some time to simply be.	Go through your closets and donate usable clothing and household goods to a local charity.	Pray with your family at mealtime. Make a point of praying for people in need.		MONDAY	EN RA
	Curtail your extra spending and donate what you save to your chosen charity.	Pay attention to someone you are tempted to brush aside.	At bedtime, pray for people who are homeless and sleeping on the streets vonight.		TUESDAY	LENTEN FAMILY CALENDAI
	At the end of the day, take time to thank God for all the graces you received during the day.	Fast from gossip.	Be more courteous in your attitude, words, and deeds.	Ash Wednesday Attend an Ash Wednesday Mass or prayer service today.	WEDNESDAY	ALENI
mire go are years.	Pray the Rosary or other traditional prayers of the Church, Realize that you are joining your voice to millions of others who have prayed those prayers	Pray at the sound of sirens from emergency vehicles. Pray for the people who might be in trouble.	Make a list of ten things you are grateful for in your life.	As a family, research and select a charity that you will support during Leat.	THURSDAY	DAR 🖊
	Fast from the habit, substance, practice, or mindset that most stands in the way of your growing closer to God.	Fast from e-mail, text messaging, or both for a day.	Fast from criticizing orthors aloud or silently in your mind. Seek to understand instead.	Fast from taking second helpings at meals.	FRIDAY	
	While grocery shopping purchase an additional day's supply of food and drop it off at a local food panury.	Speak less and listen more. Give others the gift of your undivided attention.	Pray while creating a piece of artwork. Do something creative, and do so for the glory of God.	Take over a disliked chore for a family member.	SATURDAY	

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