



**SAINT ALOYSIUS**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*Sunday, March 15, 2026—Fourth 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 AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**HOURS:**

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

**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

**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 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,



While on Pilgrimage to France, I read this article and thought it appropriate as today is Laetare Sunday, the liturgical color is rose. This article from the Catholic News Service reporter Carol Glatz explains why flowers are forbidden during Lent and then allowed in moderation on Laetare Sunday. I have edited it for length.

*"Of the many traditions and penitential practices observed during the season of Lent, one of the more visible is the stark change in church decor and a complete absence of flowers. "Using flowers is absolutely forbidden" during the season of Lent, according to Micaela Soranzo, a professor and expert in liturgy and religious architecture.*

*However, this doesn't mean the church should be devoid of greenery, as small plants or simple compositions made up of leaves and branches are permissible, Soranzo told Catholic News Service in an interview in 2019. Even fruit and berries are acceptable adornments all year, and the cherry is particularly suitable for Lent because, as St. Augustine noted, its red pulp is a powerful symbol of Christ's passion and the pit recalls the wood of his cross, said Soranzo, who has also worked for the liturgy office of the Italian bishops' conference for two decades.*

*A modest display of flowers during Lent is possible on "Laetare" (Rejoice) Sunday, the fourth Sunday in the season, when the liturgical vestments change from purple to rose. This sudden visual variation is meant to strike the faithful that something new and joyful is approaching as Easter draws near, she had told CNS.*

*On Easter day, there is a true "explosion of flowers," representing new life and "light," which means the predominant colors should be yellow and white, she said. All the other colored blossoms and plants are there "to give the idea of a garden, the garden of the Resurrection," she said. For the Catholic Church, those sprigs, sprays and bouquets adorning church interiors are meant to bring deeper meaning and attention to the liturgy and the key elements inside each place of worship, Soranzo said.*

*"The liturgy needs the language of flowers" because they complement "the immobility of the architecture" and church furnishings with their ability to appropriately represent different feast days and the changing cycle of seasons both in nature and the liturgy, she said. "Flowers are meant to be an integral part of the liturgy," Soranzo said, "not filler." In fact, when the true purpose of floral arrangements is misunderstood, churches run the risk either of being bereft of any gift of nature presented in homage to Christ or of being turned into a greenhouse "obstacle course" with pots and plants placed in every available space, she said.*

*The topic is so important that the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and bishops' conference guidelines include norms on the appropriate use of floral decoration, said Soranzo. Like all adornments, flowers and plants must not ignore or detract from the symbolic and theological meaning of sacred spaces and furnishings, and they should highlight -- not hide -- the altar, the ambo and the baptismal font, said Soranzo. The altar -- the table of the Lord -- is Christ; the ambo -- from where the word of God is proclaimed -- is the visible image of Christ resurrected; and the baptismal font is where God's children are welcomed into the Church, she said.*

*The need to focus on Christ and his sacrifice means only those elements necessary for the eucharistic celebration should be on the altar, she said, which means flowers should be placed near or next to the altar, never on top -- unless the altar is so large that a small arrangement would not be in the way.*

*Potted plants with roots should never be used near the altar -- only cut flowers to represent life "that is sacrificed," like the sacrifice of the Eucharist, she said. That is also why no artificial flowers or fake candles should ever be used, she said, because objects near the altar must always be things that "are consumed," depleted and fade away.*

*The use of flowers also should reflect the hierarchy of what is most important in the church, she said; for example, "it is not right if there are more flowers adorning the statue of the patron saint than the altar."*

*Soranzo said that a frequent concern of sacristans and parish workers in Italy is the high cost of floral decorations. She said she tells them, "We must recognize that nature offers us so much," not just the usual hothouse flowers and expensive imports. "Creation is so beautiful and wide. The Lord really gave us a lot," she said. Parishes can keep their costs*

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*down by working with florists or farmers and using what is available in their community, said Soranzo. Sometimes the greater the challenge -- be it low budgets, high snowdrifts or long droughts -- the more room for creativity. "Often simplicity is what makes a composition more beautiful," she said.*

*The aim, she said, is to create a space where a person of faith or a visitor walks into church and says, "How beautiful it is to be here." It has to feel welcoming and flowers help do that."*

*Peace and Good—Fr. Bambrick*



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

Join us Sunday for an exciting afternoon filled with rich Irish culture! Enjoy captivating performances by talented Irish step dancers, lively music, a delicious breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus, and a sing along that will keep your spirits high. This event welcomes everyone from the parish, and we encourage you to come dressed in your finest green attire. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



**The next monthly Food Drive is this weekend to benefit Catholic Charities.** Requested items include cereal, shelf stable milk, condiments, spices, coffee, pasta sauces, toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning products. Pick up will be Monday, March 16th. We appreciate your ongoing support.



A parishioner at Our Mother of Perpetual Help parish in Ephrata, PA, is asking for prayers and the help of a truly generous individual. Jody is in need of a living donor kidney transplant. Due to a genetic condition, both her kidneys are failing. If you would like to learn more about the disease or the donation process, please contact her at: [kidneyforjody@gmail.com](mailto:kidneyforjody@gmail.com)



Welcome to new parishioners **Olivia and Mike O'Brien**. We are so happy you are here! If you are a Jackson resident and haven't registered with the parish yet, reach out to the parish office for a registration form or ask an Usher at Mass.



**Soup and Stations**  
Each Friday in Lent  
Soup at 6:00pm in  
Morello Hall

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the Church  
March 20—The Cub Scouts  
March 27—Youth Group



**Adoration and Benediction**  
Fridays in Lent from 2-6pm  
March 20, 27  
in Gonzaga Hall

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

**5 Ways to be Successful in Adoration**

*Be Patient, Bring Scripture, Pray the Rosary, Listen to Praise and Worship Music, Be Okay with Silence*



**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**



***Theresa Caravella, Alfredo Mejia, Joanne Fenner, Sherry Mucia, Elena Ruiz, Henrieta Brannon***

*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 March 15-21, 2026**

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

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for ***Anthony Morelli, r/o Carol Bambrick***

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***For Fathers, Grandfathers, and all the Men of the Parish***

**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.**

SFC Nicole Marchitto  
RCT Patrick McBride  
SSG Marcus Torre  
Capt. Cameron Lindsey  
MJG Steven Love

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

Lt. Jr. Grade Michael Henniecke  
Capt. Scott Maraldo  
Capt. Zach Gould  
Capt. James Accardi

2nd Lt. Paul Scalzo  
Jameson Norton  
PFC Ryan Dorsey

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

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

**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.**



## **MASS INTENTIONS** **March 15-21, 2026**

Sunday, March 15, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
- 8:30 a.m. **Andrea Maglione**, r/o Grace  
**Bill Smith**, r/o Peggy and Ed Connelly
- 10:30 a.m. **John Karmazin, Jr.**, r/o Joyce Hudaish-Schmitt  
**Donald Schmitt**, r/o Joyce Hudaish-Schmitt

Monday, March 16, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. **Carmela M. Portaro**, r/o Barbara and Jim Sullivan

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. **Vito Pavese**, r/o Masi Family

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. **William Smith**, r/o Patti and Kevin Fitzpatrick and Meaghan

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. **Peter and Lillian Lambusta**, r/o Rosie Raymond  
**Frances Lambusta**, r/o Rosie Raymond

Friday, March 20, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. **Serge Walle**, r/o The Mantello Family

Saturday, March 21, 2026

- 5:00 p.m. **Joseph Marotta**, r/o His Wife  
**Anthony Morelli**, r/o Carol Bambrick

Sunday, March 22, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
- 8:30 a.m. **Steven Connell**, r/o Connell Family  
**Esther Sison-Tubbs**, r/o Andy and Maggie Villarin
- 10:30 a.m. **Aida Dierking**, r/o Normajeane and Vincent Cesario  
**John R. Riso**, r/o Mary Ann Riso

## **Weekly Readings**

**Monday**

Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**

Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12  
Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday**

Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



**February 22:**

Ash Wednesday: \$2,648.35

Offering: \$11,120.51

Online Giving: \$5,495.83

**March 1:**

Offering: \$10,658.11

Mortgage Reduction: \$2,515.00

Online Giving: \$5,983.83

**March 8:**

Offering: \$8,950.60

Online Giving: \$6,108.83

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Your generosity nurtures deaconate formation across the Diocese and directly supports Graham Mulholland, a member of our parish, as he pursues his studies.

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

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

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



***Anointing of the Sick*** is a sacrament of comfort and hope, not only for those nearing the end of life, but also for the chronically ill and elderly who are in fragile health. Children facing serious illness or major surgery may also receive this sacrament. It can be given more than once, especially if someone recovers and then becomes ill again, or if their condition worsens. If you or a loved one would benefit from anointing, please contact the parish office. ***Do not wait until the final moments—family members and caregivers are encouraged to seek this support early, so the Church can offer strength and care when it is most needed.***



**Sacrament of MATRIMONY** - We welcome and congratulate all who are seeking the Sacrament of Matrimony. Church arrangements and marriage preparation should be made one year in advance for those who are registered with the parish and living in Jackson. Call the parish office as soon as possible at 732-370-0500 ext. 204. If you are making plans for a "destination wedding," please call the parish office first. There is a way to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony before your destination wedding.

**MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION** - The Convalidation of a Marriage is a special wedding ceremony by which one's marriage is recognized and blessed by the Catholic Church. Through this process your marriage will be fully embraced by the Church, granting it all the spiritual blessings and benefits it offers. If you are interested in learning more about a Marriage Convalidation contact the parish office.



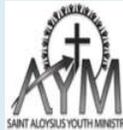
To begin the process of scheduling a date for Baptism, families are asked to be registered in the parish. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism Prep Class, and Godparents will need to provide a Letter of Eligibility from their current parish (where they reside). Baptisms are held most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



**Oliverie Funeral Home  
Upcoming Events**

- March 18th, 11-1pm—Preneed Seminar
- March 25th, 2-4pm—Bingo
- April 18th, 10am-2pm—Paper Shredding
- April 26, 10am-3pm—Blood Drive
- May 13th, 2-4pm—Spring Bingo

**RSVP for all events to 732-719-7250**



**"AYM" (St. Aloysius Youth Ministry)** offers opportunities for those in grades 8 through 12 to connect with fellow teens who share their Catholic faith. We offer a variety of spiritual, service, and social events throughout the year. Please see below for reminders about upcoming events. To RSVP to any of the following, please contact Mrs. Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or [jpetrillo@saintaloyisiusonline.org](mailto: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 15th at 12:00 pm in Morello Hall! The afternoon will include a performance from Irish step dancers, live music, and an Irish soda bread contest. The event is open to the whole parish, and teens are invited to attend and sit as a group, so that they can enjoy the festivities with one another. If you would like to attend and sit together, please RSVP by Thursday, March 12th.

**Soup and Stations:** On Friday, March 27th, AYM will be sponsoring "Soup and Stations!" Soup will be served at 6:00 pm, and Stations of the Cross will start at 7:00 pm.

Teen volunteers are needed to assist with the following: Bringing and serving a meatless soup (Any soup that is provided should arrive in a Crockpot. Those bringing soup will need to arrive at 5:30 pm). Reading reflections as we pray the Stations of the Cross. Cleaning up at the end of the event. All those who wish to participate are asked to please RSVP by Monday, March 23rd

**Easter-Themed Youth Night:** The Easter Season does not end with Easter Sunday, but continues all the way until Pentecost! On Friday, April 24th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, come celebrate the joy of the Easter season as we have fun with some Easter-themed trivia, and enjoy pizza and desserts together. Teens are invited to bring a dessert to share. Please RSVP by Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.



# Top Ten Reasons

## TO JOIN WALKING WITH PURPOSE

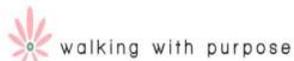
### at St. Aloysius

- 10 Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
- 9 WWP fits into your busy schedule.
- 8 No prior Scripture knowledge is required.
- 7 WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's Word.
- 6 We offer "rolling admission." Visit and join anytime.
- 5 Meet new women for fellowship and connection.
- 4 Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.
- 3 There is no actual walking involved.
- 2 We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

### and the Number 1 reason to join WWP:

Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on Him this year.

For more information, contact:  
Pat Mulholland | 732-370-0500 ext. 204  
parishoffice@saintaloyusonline.org



Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

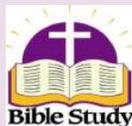
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## St. Aloysius Men's Group—That Man Is You! Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

"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 am in Morello Hall, starting January 24th, for bagels, coffee and faith forming fellowship. We start early so we can finish before your day takes control. For more information contact David at [dfurb@aol.com](mailto:dfurb@aol.com)



Weekly Bible study, led by Fr. RJ, meet each Tuesday at 2:30pm in the parish office. No RSVP needed, just BYOB—*Bring Your Own Bible*



If you are considering becoming a Catholic, or you are a baptized Catholic who is considering completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formally RCIA) process can help you. To decide whether this path is right for you, please contact the parish office where a staff member will meet with you and answer your questions. No immediate commitment is necessary at the time of initial inquiry.

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

### CENTRAL JERSEY WOMEN'S Emmaus Retreat

APRIL 17, 18 & 19th

#### 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](http://cjemmaus.org) or by scanning the QR Code. If you have any questions, call Zina Approvato at 732-600-3360. Please note, space is limited. Get your registration form in as soon as possible.

**March 19, 2026 – HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER** - In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Eucharistic Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 15. **SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE.** Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program. Arrival: 10:30 a.m. Mass: 11:00 a.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff) Please call St. Joseph by the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information. **A CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – [www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org)**





## Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2026

### *Confessions*

Saturdays at 4:00pm (no confession on Holy Saturday)

Tuesday, March 31st at 1:00pm

Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00pm

Friday, April 3rd from 1-3:00pm

### *Palm Sunday*

Masses: Saturday, March 28th at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 29th at 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

Palm will be distributed at all Masses

### *The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Reflection and Prayers from St. Josemaria Escriva

Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00pm in the Church

### *Holy Week—Triduum*

Holy Thursday, April 2nd—Mass of the Lord's Supper—6:00pm

Good Friday, April 3rd— Passion of the Lord—3:00pm

### *Easter Schedule*

Saturday, April 4th, Blessing of the Easter Food

10:00am in Gonzaga Hall

Holy Saturday, April 4th, Easter Vigil—8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th—7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

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