



**SAINT ALOYSIUS**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday, March 20, 2022 - Third 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.

**PARISH ADDRESS:**

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**Parish:** www.saintaloyusonline.org

**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**

**Synod Co-Chairs**

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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.saintaloyusonline.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@saintaloyusonline.org](mailto:jpetrillo@saintaloyusonline.org).

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

With the Pandemic Covid-19 infection and death rates slowly decreasing, civil officials looking to downgrade it to an endemic, declared emergency's being withdrawn and government imposed mask mandates being lessened, the parish has been adjusting policies as we receive more information. Masks are no longer required for entry to the parish office or for groups using the building. We will continue to adjust as things open up.

Since the lockdowns ended, we kept a count at every Mass to monitor the recovery period and to help us plan. I thought I would share with you, as I have done in the past, some of those numbers.

Ash Wednesday had one Mass with Ashes and two Liturgical Services with Ashes. We distributed ashes to more than 2,700 people at those 3 scheduled services. How can we be that accurate? Well, we used Q-tips, one per person, since we are still in a declared pandemic and, we used slightly over 4 boxes of Q-tips!! We were not mandated to use the Q-tips this year as the decision to use them or not was left to the pastor of each parish. I decided to do so since it was more sanitary....think about my dipping my thumb into the ashes after each person, transferring body oils, make-up, etc. into the ashes and then, applying that to the next person over thousands of people!!! Q-tips are *definitely* more sanitary!

For the month of February (and first weekend of March) these are the cumulative total number of people who, over 4 weekend Masses, attended. Please note the Church seats 1,200 people:

Feb. 5/6 - 1,144 total for 4 Masses  
 Feb. 12/13 – 811 total for 4 Masses  
 Feb. 19/20 – 915 total for 4 Masses  
 Feb. 26/27 – 896 total for 4 Masses  
 March 5/6 – 998 total for 4 Masses

The only Mass time in those 5 weeks to break 300 was the 10:30am Mass.

So we are plugging along! Hopefully as the weather improves and the Covid-19 numbers continue to drop, folks will return to Mass. Lent is a good time to break bad habits (like not going to Mass) and re-enforce good habits like going to Mass on Sunday!

The Rite of Peace is fulfilled when the Priest says, “The Peace of the Lord be with you always” and the laity respond, “and with your Spirit”. There is an “Optional” symbolic exchange of peace after this that was suspended during Covid-19, commonly a handshake in the USA. The Ritual does not specify the form this must take. Beginning on Laetare Sunday, March 27th (next weekend) we will re-introduce this practice. I ask that if you want to shake hands, you do it with your immediate family and extend some other sign to those around you such as a wave, peace sign, bow of the head, bow from the waist or some such thing. Please be respectful of other's hesitancy for bodily contact. The peace can be achieved (and kept 😊) by a wave, blown kiss, peace sign, bow, etc. without intruding into someone's personal space!

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



## Journeying Together through the Synod

### *What would you say to Pope Francis if you were to meet Him?*

Pope Francis wants to know what have been the ways that journeying with the Church have been a joy for you and when it has been a challenge. He wants to know what you personally have to say. He has put into motion all the energy of the Vatican and has called upon the Bishops worldwide to set up listening sessions to hear from the People of God.

The Pope's invitation is extended to each of us in St. Aloysius Parish, we want to hear from *everyone*, young and old, in every role and ministry, those who are active and those who are not, those who attend Mass faithfully and those who do not. *You* are invited to participate. We have a few weeks left. Please consider sharing your story. The following are the last of the session dates and times. Please contact the parish office at 732-370-0500 ext. 204 or via email to [parishoffice@saintaloyusonline.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintaloyusonline.org) to register for one that fits your schedule.

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 – FINAL SESSION

For more information and opportunities to participate, visit [www.dioceseoftrenton.org](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org). Feel free to reach out to Synod Chairpersons, Deacon Pat Brannigan and Mary Liz Ivins at [Synod@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:Synod@dioceseoftrenton.org) with questions and suggestions.

**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](http://www.SaintAloysiusOnline.org)**

***Lenten Penance and Reconciliation*** – Friday, March 25

9-10:00am ° 12:00-1:00pm ° 6:00-7:00pm prior to Stations of the Cross

**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 25, and April 3)

**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 Normajeane and Vincent Cesario

**Monday, March 21, 2022**

8:30 a.m. **Gabriel Jacobs**, r/o Linda Nemeth and Fred Feller

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

8:30 a.m. **John P. Riso**, r/o Riso Family

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

8:30 a.m. **Marian Borsella**, r/o Vikki McGlone

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

8:30 a.m. **Mauro Lepre**, r/o Louise and John Silvestre

**Friday, March 25, 2022**

8:30 a.m. **Marian Zipp**, r/o St. Aloysius Parish

**Saturday, March 26, 2022**

5: 00 p.m. **Parishioners**

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

7: 00 a.m. **George R. Bogurski**,  
 r/o Margaret and Julius Libonati  
 8:30 a.m. **Peter Korey**, r/o Wood Family  
 10:30 a.m. **Gary Strucke**,  
 r/o Maggie Simeone and Sally Foti

**Weekly Readings**

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30,

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



**Weekly offering for weekend of March, 11 & 12, 2022: Offering: \$10,620.75 Online Giving: \$5,608.93**



**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.sainaloyusonline.org](http://www.sainaloyusonline.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 frequency of the donation (one time, weekly or monthly). 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 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 Foerschl, 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 Minge, 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 Witzak, Anthony Witzuk, Nellie and John Olenki, 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).



Please 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 20-26, 2022**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn **For Peace and Unity in the Ukraine**

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn **In Memory of Antonia Torres, r/o Sonia and Ken Monahan**

The Holy Family Lamp will burn **In Memory of Murial Monahan, r/o Sonia and Ken Monahan**



**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, Charlotte McMahon, Peter Miluk Jr., Walter and Theresa Heublein, Patricia Fountain, Roger Belli, Gennaro Pane, Donna Dinolfo.

**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 **Josefina Morales, Madeline Nazario, Daniel Schlossser and Brittany Mirrione, Michael Schwartz** 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](mailto: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](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 too 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](mailto:pkane@bartleyhealthcare.com).

*What is our parish youth group up to in March and April?*



**NET MINISTRIES** On Sunday, March 20th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm teens from our parish are participating in a retreat with NET Ministries, 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. Please pray for our teen retreatants as well as the NET Team, that they may experience Christ's love in a deeper way and open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.

**Friendship and Faith:** On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a Youth Night from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the parish Youth Room. Teens can enter through the doors by the gym. We'll start our evening with a couple rounds of Lent-themed Bingo (and prizes!), followed by a discussion of how we can finish strong as we approach the end of the Lenten season. Teens who plan to attend are asked to please RSVP by Wednesday, March 30.



**Service:** On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30 Mass, we will have a drive to benefit Good Counsel Homes in Riverside, NJ. Good Counsel Homes was founded in 1985 by Christopher Bell and Fr. Benedict Groeschel to help pregnant women in need. Good Counsel provides shelter, prenatal care, classes in parenting and other life skills, opportunities for spiritual growth, and more, helping homeless mothers and their children to journey towards a better future. Please note: ***All donations should be brought to the Gathering Space after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please do not drop off donations in advance.*** Teens who would like to help with collecting, sorting, and packing the donations after the 10:30 Mass are asked to please RSVP by Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. **Below is the list of items that are needed:**

- diapers sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 and pull-ups sizes 4T/5T (girls and boys)
- new or gently used clothing, sizes newborn to 5T (boy or girl), especially white onesies and baby socks
- laundry detergent ("Purex for Baby", "Dreft," or "All" Baby)
- baby wipes      -cleaning supplies      -trash bags      -baby cereal
- paper towels      -dish detergent (any kind)      -receiving blankets      -regular blankets

For more info, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Petrillo at [jpetrillo@saintaloyusonline.org](mailto:jpetrillo@saintaloyusonline.org) or 732-370-1515 ext. 311.



**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](http://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/3vfvqCn4>.

*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**

# LENTEN FAMILY CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Attend an Ash Wednesday Mass or prayer service today.	As a family, research and select a charity that you will support during Lent.	Fast from taking second helpings at meals.	Take over a disliked chore for a family member.
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Attend Mass often. The Eucharist is our greatest communal prayer and a surefire way to encounter Jesus.	Pray with your family at mealtime. Make a point of praying for people in need.	At bedtime, pray for people who are homeless and sleeping on the streets tonight.	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.
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> 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.	Fast from gossip.	Pray at the sound of sirens from emergency vehicles. Pray for the people who might be in trouble.	Fast from e-mail, text messaging, or both for a day.	Speak less and listen more. Give others the gift of your undivided attention.
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 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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