



SAINT ALOYSIUS
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday, March 23, 2025—Third 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.saintaloysiusonline.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.

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

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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,

In last week's bulletin I covered Indulgences, so naturally that brought more questions! Indulgences are meant to clear temporal punishment, so what is 'Temporal Punishment'? Here is a simple explanation given by Marc Cardaronella, who has an MA in Theology, DRE, manages the Catechist Training Track at Franciscan University's St. John Bosco Catechetical Conference, and is a Catholic Blogger:

"Suppose you get angry at your friend, punch him in the face and break your hand. Then, after you've calmed down, you feel awful and give him a sincere apology. He accepts and you're friends again. So, is your hand still broken? Yes! That's the reason we all need to do penance.

What in the world am I talking about? Temporal punishment! We've heard the word but often we don't know what it's about. Temporal punishment is the after effect of sin. There's really two aspects to consider with sin: The guilt incurred from offending God. When you confess your sin, the guilt is removed. God forgives you and doesn't give it a second thought. Temporal punishment, the consequences of sin. Even after you are forgiven and your guilt is removed, there are remnants of that sin left in you. It's like the broken hand. Everything is over but the damage remains. The remnants of sin left over in our personalities move us to want to sin more. These are those weaknesses and faults that you can never seem to get rid of.

Think about it, sin is kind of addicting. It's like eating only one potato chip when the whole bag is in front of you –you can't do it! Sin is like that. Once you sin, your temperament is inclined to sin more. Now some might say that doesn't sound like punishment—that's the fun part! Exactly right! We tend to think of the punishment as things like getting caught. But in reality, that's often God's mercy at work.

What's the worst thing possible from a divine perspective? Being separated from God. If we persist in sin, we move further and further away from him. If God allows us to enjoy and continue sinning, that's actually the punishment. Things like a DUI, getting sick or losing a loved one might be the life-altering event that turn a person from sin and toward God.

The remnants of sin are like seeds sown in our souls. They incline us to more sin and keep us farther from God. We can't simply moderate them, they have to be put to death—mortified! We should practice mortifications to attack our dominant faults, those deeply ingrained habits that keep us confessing the same sins over and over again. Making war on those habits, or vices that lead us to sin and putting them to death lessens their effect on us. It makes it easier to do the good and follow God.

This is why you do penance after confession and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not complete without it. Your sin is forgiven and the guilt erased, but the temporal punishment, the remnants of the sin, remain. Only you can take care of this by doing penance and fighting those weaknesses and tendencies to sin!

This is where Purgatory comes in as well. If you don't take care of these remnants in this life, you'll have to do it in the next—before you get to heaven. That's also why Lent is so important. Every year, we set aside a season to do penance, attack our faults and renew our spiritual lives. The purification of Lent then prepares us to fully experience a resurrection with Christ at Easter!"

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm in the Church

Join ministry groups for a simple soup supper at 6:00pm in Morello Hall before Stations of the Cross. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bowl), although bowls will be available.



The next **Food Drive** will be the weekend of **April 19-20** to benefit the Jackson Food Pantry. Requested items are: diapers – sizes 5 and 6, soap and shampoo, toilet paper, canned fruit, pudding, juice, peanut butter, tuna and cereal. Items can be left in the brown bin in the Gathering Space. Please do not leave perishable food, clothing, household items or furniture in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



Thank you to all who attended our Irish Afternoon last Sunday. A special shout out to the talented step dancers from the D'Arcy School of Dance and Jen Petrillo for performing, Naomi for providing the lively sing-a-long, and all those who participated in our Irish soda Bread Contest along with our judges. The winner of the contest was Ann Moroney! A good time was had by all!

From Prayer to Action— A Lenten Journey with St. Vincent dePaul

This Lent, go beyond giving something up— **GIVE BACK!** The Society of St. Vincent dePaul is in urgent need of volunteers to serve those in need in our community. We need help with Phone Intake Volunteers and Home Visitors. (training is available). During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, what better way to live your faith than by answering the call to serve? Whether you can give a few hours a week or an afternoon, your help will make a real impact. Interested? Our next meeting is **Monday, March 24th at 5pm** in Morello Hall. Join us in bringing Christ's love to our neighbors.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Join the Men's Group each Friday in Lent (March 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.

CURBSIDE DINNERS TO-GO OR DINE-IN ALL ARE WELCOME

Good Friday Fish Fry



April 18, 2025
KofC
Council #6201
401 Bartley Road, Jackson, NJ



PRICES
\$15 Adult Meal
\$10 Children 6-17
Under 5 FREE

Dine-in
5:PM to 7:PM
Reservation only

ORDERS FOR ALL "DINNERS TO GO" MUST BE PLACED IN ADVANCE BY CALLING **732-367-9788**

ORDERS FOR EAT-IN "RESERVATIONS ONLY" CALL **JOE D'ANGELO @ 732-284-0721**



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



Mildred Faulkner, Maureen Cunningham, and George S. Hassler

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 23-28, 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn ***In Memory of Peter Miluk, III, r/o Normajeon and Vincent Cesario***

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

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***Our Parishioners***

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.

SSGT Nicole Marchitto	C4C Nicholas Accardi, AF	Lt. Jr. Grade Michael Henicke	2nd Lt. Paul Scalzo
RCT Patrick McBride	CPT Chris Mision	Capt. Scott Maraldo	
SSG Marcus Torre	MJR Jason DiDomenico	Capt. Zach Gould	
Capt. Cameron Lindsey	AFPVT Logan Moran	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 Krutulis, Cassidy Krutulis, 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 Krutulis, Logan Martucci, Louise Murnane, Deby Daoust, Laura Meltzer Potts, the Groft Family, Maryann Lombardi, Michael Woodlock, Peggy Mulvehill, Austin Trezza, Lillian 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, Joe Musumeci, Jeremy Birnbaum, Grace Lowney, Matthew Machin, Toni Marzorati, John Silvestre, Tim Popp, Mickey Silecchia, Ann Farringer, Paige Luke, Eddie Anthony

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 23-30, 2025

Sunday, March 23, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
 8:30 a.m. **Joseph Tredici**, r/o Calabrese and Friends Club
Rich Haelig, r/o Chris and Family
 10:30 a.m. **Aida Dierking**, r/o Normajeau and Vincent Cesario
John P. Riso, r/o Riso Family

Monday, March 24, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Raija Kelar**, r/o Ed Smerecki

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Eileen Malter**, r/o Louise Silvestre
Paul Frankowski, r/o Larry and Toni Marzorati

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Beverly Dame**, r/o Teri Larsson

Thursday, March 27, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Winfield R. "Wink" Bridge**, r/o Justin Trosky

Friday, March 28, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Thomas Paulson**, r/o Correale Family

Saturday, March 29, 2025

- 5:00 p.m. **Anne Mazzara**, r/o Debi McCarthy
Dennis Gibson, r/o Knights of Columbus #6201

Sunday, March 30, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
 8:30 a.m. **Thomas Wallace**, r/o Barbara Santino
Rosalie DeLapi, r/o Sardo Family
 10:30 a.m. **Helen Ludwig**, r/o Milan and Anka Berec
Rosemary Artale, r/o Lambusta Family

March 16:

Offering: \$11,272.09

Online Giving:

\$7,658.33



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



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal
Your Gift Makes a Difference

Your gift supports essential programs helping men and women discern their calling to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, including our own Graham Mulholland who is currently in diaconate studies. Together, we Fan the Flame of Hope by forming spiritual leaders who will serve our community through sacramental ministry and pastoral care. Make your gift online at giveaca.org and enter St. Aloysius Church, Jackson.

Goal: \$80,000

Pledged: \$24,338.00 (30%)

Paid: \$18,509.00 (23%)

Total donors: 138

Average Gift: \$169.01

All gifts received above our goal will entitle the parish to a rebate.

Weekly Readings

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

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

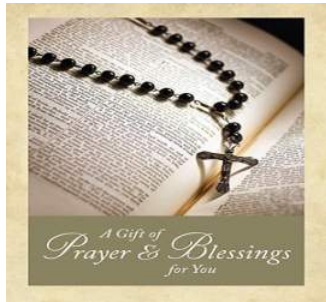
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

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



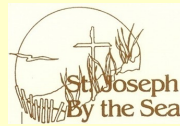
The Annual Enrollment is a beautiful gift for special times in life and for the eternal rest of our faithful departed. We are very happy to pray for you and your loved ones.

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, 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 Pirniak, 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 Cantuarria, 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



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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@saintaloyusonline.org.

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY

The Group: Women & Men
Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.
Where: In the Parish Meeting Room

We are NOT Scholars. We are ordinary Christians who wish to learn more about our Catholic Faith.

The Christian Book Study group selects a book with the hope to learn about the Catholic Religion (our Faith)

- the life and death of Jesus, and the Trinity
- the history of salvation before and after the birth of Jesus
- the inspired word of God written in the Bible
- the works of Jesus that led to Christianity
- And More

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOURNEY WITH US!

"The Acts of the Apostles" - an Ignatius publication has been selected as the next book. Based on the Bible, this book tells the story of the Christian Community after the ascension of Jesus. It's about Peter and Paul leading from Judaism to Christianity through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

COME ANY TUESDAY MORNING TO JOIN THIS STUDY!

Questions? Contact: Bill Spedding - (862) 432-9358



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.



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).



At WWP, we care about women at every age and stage of their faith journey and desire to meet them where they are. Whether she is looking for answers to life's biggest questions, exploring her spirituality, or deeply rooted in her faith, we have something for women of all seasons. Recognizing that each woman's journey is unique and personal, we have created paths to best meet her individual needs. As we complete our 22-week study, we thank all who journeyed with us this first year. We will come back in September, 2025 offering *Opening Your Heart* again for those who missed out, and a new series we will announce shortly.



The Three Pillars

1. PRAYER – uniting our hearts with Christ in the wilderness.

- Attending daily Mass, receiving the Eucharist frequently
- Praying the Holy Rosary, especially the Sorrowful Mysteries
- Meditating on Christ's Passion through the Stations of the Cross
- Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, keeping watch with Our Lord
- Reading Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels

2. FASTING – detaching from worldly comforts to hunger for God.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence
- Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat
- Consider additional personal sacrifices (e.g. giving up sweets, unnecessary entertainment, social media)

3. ALMSGIVING – offering our time, talent, and treasure.

- Support the poor through donations and service
- Perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- Offer kindness and forgiveness

Lent: A Holy Season

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." – Luke 9:23

These forty days mirror Christ's time of fasting and prayer in the desert, preparing us to walk with Him through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Lent is not merely a season of external observances but an invitation to true interior renewal, turning away from sin and embracing the mercy of God.

Repentance

"Be converted to Me with all your heart, in fasting, in weeping, and in mourning. And rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God." – Joel 2:12-13

Lent is a time to examine our souls and recognize where we have strayed from God. Sin separates us from Him, but through sincere repentance and the grace of the Sacraments, we are restored and renewed. Let us return to the Lord with contrite hearts, embracing this season of mercy.

The Liturgy of Lent
A Journey to Calvary

- The priest wears violet, symbolizing penance and humility.
- The Gloria and Alleluia are omitted, reflecting the season's solemnity.
- The faithful are urged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, cleansing their souls before Easter.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." – Psalm 50:12

Lent is not about temporary change, but about permanent transformation. What we do in these forty days should lead us closer to holiness, shaping our hearts to reflect Christ. Let us walk this journey with devotion, knowing that beyond the cross lies the glory of the Resurrection.



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.

NCYC Fundraiser: The National Catholic Youth Conference will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana from November 20-22 of this year! Our diocese is organizing a trip to this amazing event. Several teens and chaperones from our parish are planning to attend. To help support our NCYC pilgrims, we have an exciting fundraiser coming up with the popular Catholic brand “Sock Religious.” Want a fun way to infuse faith into your life during this Lenten season? Looking for something special for a family member’s Easter basket? Check out our fundraiser! There are two ways to participate: You can use the following link to order online from March 20 through April 10 (If you want your order in time for Easter, please order by April 5): <https://fundraisemeup.com/?ref=st.aloyisiuschurch> We will also be selling socks and stickers in person after the 5:00 pm, 8:30 am, and 10:30 am Masses on the weekends of March 29/30 and April 5/6. All AYM teens are invited to assist with sales at our fundraising table. To sign up for a shift, please contact Mrs. Jen Petrillo by March 25. If you would like to learn more about NCYC, you can visit the diocesan website for info: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/ncyc>


Blessed Carlo Acutis “Re-Watch Party:” On April 27, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be named “Saint Carlo Acutis!” Teens are invited to join us on Monday, April 28 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm as we watch some highlights from the canonization Mass and enjoy snacks and prayer time together in honor of the First Millennial Saint. Please RSVP by April 24.



Save THE Date

23rd ANNUAL BLUE MASS

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON'S
**CELEBRATION of
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

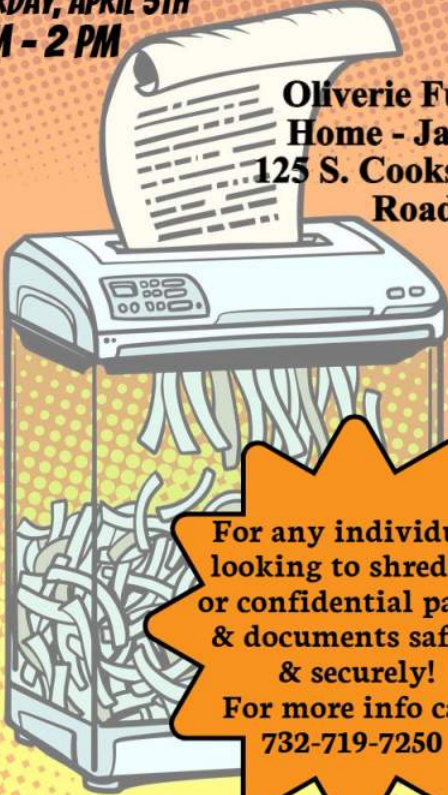


Tuesday April 1st 2025 | 10:30 am
Principal Celebrant: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

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

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Lenten and Easter Schedule 2025

Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00am-3:00pm in Morello Hall Chapel

Friday Soup and Stations

Simple Soup Supper 6:00pm in Morello Hall
Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the Church

Confessions

Saturdays at 4:00pm (no confession on Holy Saturday)
Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00pm
Friday, April 18th 1-3:00pm

Palm Sunday

Masses: Saturday, April 12th at 5:00pm
Sunday, April 13th 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 16th at 7:00pm in the Church

Holy Week—Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 17th, Mass of the Lord's Supper—6:00pm
Good Friday, April 18th, Passion of the Lord—3:00pm

Easter Schedule

Saturday, April 19th, Blessing of the Easter Food—10:00am in Gonzaga Hall
Holy Saturday, April 19th, Easter Vigil—8:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 20th—7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am

There is no Daily Mass Holy Thursday and Good Friday
There are NO confessions on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday

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