



Sunday, April 27, 2025—Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

Daily Mass - Monday through Friday: 8:30am

Saturday - 5:00pm

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

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

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

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

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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,

Like many of you, I awoke on Easter Monday to hear the news that Pope Francis had died. It was a surprise, yet not a surprise. On Easter Sunday he appeared on the Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica to give the Urbi et Orbi Blessing to the delight of the vast crowd, after which he toured the piazza in the Pope Mobile greeting people. There was even a beautiful photo of the Pope holding the hand of a child sick with cancer, yet the Pope was also clearly very ill. My first thought upon hearing the news was, "What a beautiful day to die" since it was during the Octave of Easter, which liturgically and theologically was still Easter Day. The American Cardinal, Kevin Farrell, announced Francis had gone "To the House of the Father".

Our Bishop, David O'Connell, celebrated a Mass for his repose at noon on Monday at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton. I and a handful of priests joined him in praying for Francis' happy repose and offering gratitude to God for such an inspiring Pope!



When a Pope dies, all offices in the Roman Curia cease, and no work can be accomplished. Only a few offices can be exercised legitimately during the Interregnum, they are: the Camerlengo, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, who presides over the temporal affairs of the Church, The Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, The Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, Giovanni Battista Re, who will preside over the funeral and runs the Conclave, and The Apostolic Penitentiary, Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, whose principal job is dispensing mercy. The rest must wait for the new Pope to renew their offices.

When a Pope dies we say it is the Sede Vacante, meaning the Seat is empty. This refers to the Cathedra (Bishop's chair) of the Diocese of Rome having no occupant, or Peter's seat is empty. The Pope is always referred to as "Peter" as he is the successor of St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles; St. Peter was chosen by Christ to oversee all bishops and faithful around the world.

Strictly speaking, the Conclave will elect a new Bishop for the Diocese of Rome, and that man will, upon his acceptance, become the Universal Pastor of the Church or Pope. The word Pope comes from the Italian word "papa," meaning father. The election is called a Conclave because eight centuries ago, the Cardinals dilly-dallied for nearly four years, and the faithful became frustrated. They locked them in the room they were meeting in, giving them only bread and water, thus forcing them to pick a new Pope.

The word Conclave comes from the word for "key", in Italian, and refers to the act of locking the Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel. It is a dramatic moment as the Master of Papal Ceremonies yells "Extra Omnes", meaning "everybody out", and everyone who is not a Cardinal has to leave as the doors are about to be locked until they reach a decision. All very dramatic and, largely in modern times, ceremonial. Today, the Cardinals stay at the Santa Marta Guest House and commute daily to the Sistine Chapel so they are not actually locked into the chapel, but they do take an oath of secrecy not to reveal what is going on inside. This is so there is no outside interference in the selection process.

We rely on the movement of the Holy Spirit to guide the Cardinals in selecting the right person for the challenges of our time. Some folks worry the wrong man might be chosen, to that I can only say we have had some pretty wretched popes and the Church survived them, so I am pretty sure we can again! For most of the history of the Church, the average person or priest, and in many cases even Bishops, did not know who the Pope was, as communication was very slow. Today, it is instant. We can all look forward to the moment

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when the Protodeacon of the College of Cardinals shouts, “Habemus Papam”, and the new Peter steps out onto the Loggia of the Basilica!

You now are wondering what a Cardinal Protodeacon is. He is the senior Cardinal among the Cardinal Deacons of the College of Cardinals. The College of Cardinals is composed of voting and non-voting members. Voting members are under 80; all Cardinals over 80 are not admitted to the Conclave and cannot vote. Cardinals over 80 are permitted to take part in the ‘General Congregations’, meetings before the Conclave. The entire College is made up of three ascending ranks: Cardinal Deacons, Cardinal Priests, and Cardinal Bishops. The ranks do not correspond to Holy Orders. While most of the college are ordained Bishops, not all of them are; some are priests, and at one time some were laymen. The last two laymen died in the early 20th Century. Their rank is decided by the Pope. Usually upon appointment, they hold the rank of Cardinal Deacon, after so many years they can ask to be advanced to the rank of Cardinal Priest, and those Cardinals who work in the Dicastery of the Roman Curia are advanced to the rank of Cardinal Bishop, by virtue of the Office the Pope appoints them to.

Interestingly, the Code of Canon Law states any baptized male can be elected Pope. If he is not in Holy Orders, he must be ordained a deacon, then ordained a priest, and then, consecrated a Bishop all in quick succession, but that has not happened in almost 1000 years. The Pope is usually already a Cardinal.

The media will speculate on what the Italians call the “Papabile” meaning “Pope Worthy”, but the Roman people have a saying; ‘the man who goes into the conclave a pope often comes out of the conclave a cardinal’! That is because we speculate, the cardinals deliberate, and God Chooses!

Please remember to say an Our Father, A Hail Mary, a Glory Be, and the Rest in Peace prayers for Pope Francis on this Divine Mercy Sunday for the Pope of Mercy!

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



Pick up a sweet treat after all Masses the weekend of May 17-18th courtesy of the Altar Rosary Society. Ladies will be in the Gathering Space with a variety of baked goods. Pick up gifts for teachers, neighbors, friends—anyone with a sweet tooth! Donations will help the Society purchase linens, vestments, and candles, etc. for the Altar.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an all volunteer organization that helps our neighbors in need with basic necessities (rent, utilities, car repairs). There are many ways to help: visit and counsel families, answer calls from your home, or help with one of our parish programs: Back to School Supplies, Adopt a Family, etc. Training is provided for all positions. If you are interested in learning more about us, come to our next **GENERAL MEETING on Monday, April 28th at 5:00pm in Morello Hall**. If you know someone in need, call our **HOTLINE** number for help: 732-370-0098 to speak to someone from the Society. We are grateful for your continued support.



Pope Francis

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 April 27-May 3, 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for ***Pope Francis***

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for ***Our Parishioners***

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***In Memory of Connie Giammona, r/o Her Family***

We honor and thank all those who have served our country. We're thankful for their service and dedication to our nation. Lord, bless and protect all those that have served and are serving our country. We pray that all Veterans may know your love for them.

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

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

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

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

Vocation Awareness, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza Sr., Curtis Hart, Judy Saal, William Raimondi, Meg Noone, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Tom Martin, Jacob Heber, Jackie Fleming, Debbie Scatuccio, Jacqueline Krutulius, Kassidy Krutulius, Gladys Murphy, Corinne Nepsha, Nathaniel Nepsha, Marilyn Zwarych, Ricky DeBlois, Gary D'Alessandro, Frank DiGiamo, Don and Kathy Sopko, Nicholas DeVito, Betty Dreyfuss, Louise Kolarsick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Fran Guldner, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, Sharon Christensen, Ruth Nisay, Christian Rivera, Sage Rivera, 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 Harsanyi, James Vihonsky, Bertha Vihonsky, Kaitlyn Krutulius, 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 Annamaria 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, Karen Nepsha, Patti Misyak-Peters, Kristen Tamburro, Luca DeTommaso, Megan McIntyre

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

April 27– May 3, 2025

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**

8:30 a.m. **Rosa Maglione**, r/o Grace

Joseph Marotta, r/o Anna Cirrincone

10:30 a.m. **Eileen Malter**, r/o Bernie and Valerie Demcovitz

Yvonne Cusamelli, r/o Christine Gillespie

Monday, April 28, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Des Fitzgerald**, r/o Peg Fitzgerald

Sam Cuccinello, r/o Jill, His Wife

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Anthony John Delfino**, r/o Marilyn Wagner and Family

Eugenijus Vaitiekunas, r/o His Family

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Stella and William Lewicky**, r/o William Zukowski

Thursday, May 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Dominick Insogna**, r/o His Wife

Barbara Glowacki, r/o Eileen Glowacki

Friday, May 2, 2025

8:30 a.m. **Annual Enrollment**

Saturday, May 3, 2025

5:00 p.m. **Mary and William McPhillamy**, r/o Stewart Family

Frank Jelley, r/o Linda Jelley

Sunday, May 4, 2025

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**

8:30 a.m. **Emanuel Colonna**, r/o Mom

Andrea Maglione, r/o Grace

10:30 a.m. **The Family of Linda Riley**, r/o Maureen Mitchell

Masses at St. Mary's Seminary in Uganda

Thursday, May 1—In Memory of Pete Hurley, r/o Joanne

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our catechumens who were welcomed into the Church and received their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: **Gianna Mikayla Lombardi and Predell Joseph Tynes**.

Congratulations also to **Graham Mulholland** who was installed to the Office of Acolyte by Bishop David O'Connell on Holy Thursday.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

April 14:

Offering: \$13,274.01

Online Giving: \$5,209.33



April 20:

Easter: \$24,441.75

Holy Thursday: \$873.00

Good Friday: \$1,355.00



If you haven't yet made a gift to the appeal, please prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners in this mission of hope. Every gift—no matter the size—helps us reach our goal and strengthens our community of faith. Visit **giveaca.org** to make your donation online. Let's continue to work together to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless!

Goal: \$80,000.00

Pledged: \$38,369.00 (48%)

Paid: \$30,862.00 (39%)

Total Donors: 197

Weekly Readings

Monday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8

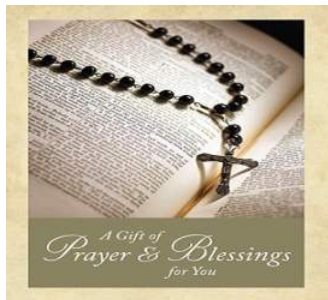
Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14



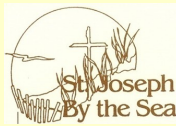
The Annual Enrollment is a beautiful gift for special times in life and for the eternal rest of our faithful departed. We are very happy to pray for you and your loved ones.

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, 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, 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 Cantuaria, Linda Alm, Frances Brauner, John and Rose Jobst, Kathleen O'Connell, Miriam Whalen, Florence Spinello, Bernie Daquila, Pitkethley, Kuhl, Quillinan, Walters Families, Joanne and Keith Veltre, Kate Castell, Ronald Brancaccio, Anna and Salvatore Carnemolla, Joseph, Josephine and Bob Brancaccio, James D. Diefendorf, III, Mary Ann Borghi, Joseph S. Romano, Dorothy Theresa Maher, Cosmo (Gus) Mongiello, Fermina Lopez, James Migliori, Edna Parzygnat, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Tracy Lee Papp-Hill, Walter Heublein, Frank Sandtner and Family, Anthony Sandtner and Family, Connie and Tony Giammona, Barbara Brennan, Miriam Spinelli, Rosemarie Artale, Joyce Elizabeth Mennella, Ana Librada Ramos, Enid Muraca, Paul V. Farley, Steve Yayac, Christopher Oliveira, Pat and Phelan Brady, Judy DeMichael, John P. Riso, Charles C. Gordon, George Rivera, James F. Moran, Anna Oliveia, William McCarthy, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Edward F. Brown, Sr., Teresa Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Edward F. Brown, Jr., Robert Newmiller, Breakfast Club, Maria K. Wolfe, Rosalie and Nick DeLapi, Nunzio Masone, Boscarino Family, Johnson Family and Tessa, Shirley Shuberda, Mark Koval, Justin Jude Gingeleskie, Forgotten Souls of Purgatory, Cirricione Family, Elaine Marie Chambers, Merced Lotrena, Richard Wojaczyk, Paul Frankowski, Lawrence Houlihan, 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



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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@saintalloysiusonline.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)

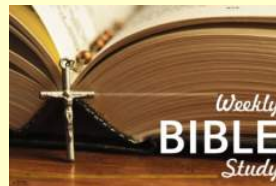
- the life and death of Jesus, and the Trinity
- the history of salvation before and after the birth of Jesus
- the inspired word of God written in the Bible
- the works of Jesus that led to Christianity
- And More

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



Bible Study— Fr. RJ's Tuesday Bible Study class will finish for the year on Tuesday, April 29th. See you in September!

What are participants saying about Walking with Purpose (WWP)? Our first Walking with Purpose has come to an end. So many hearts have been transformed by a deeper understanding of our faith and a stronger relationship with Jesus. Friendships have blossomed and our community is vibrant! Here is one participant's response: "I cannot say enough good things about my experience with WWP. It is a welcoming community of wonderful women interested in growing in faith. By "opening my heart and letting God in", I have been able to seek and receive mercy and healing, mend relationships and become a more loving daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend, follower of Christ." Registration has begun for our September program where we will offer *Opening Your Heart* for new participants and *Discovering Our Dignity* for those returning. Registration forms can be found on the parish website or stop by the parish office for more information.



walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY



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.



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



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@saintaloyusonline.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.

As we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection this Easter Season, we also remember and pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who showed us the joy that comes from trusting in the merciful love of Christ. We invite you to reflect on this excerpt from one of Pope Francis's messages to young people that he gave just over a year ago in Rome (March 25, 2024):

"I repeat this to each of you individually: Christ is alive and he loves you with an infinite love. His love for you is unaffected by your failings or your mistakes. He gave his life for you, so in his love for you he does not wait for you to be perfect. Look at his arms outstretched on the cross, and 'let yourself be saved over and over again.' Walk with him as with a friend, welcome him into your life and let him share all the joys and hopes, the problems and struggles of this time in your lives. You will see that the path ahead will become clearer and that your difficulties will be much less burdensome, because he will be carrying them with you. So pray daily to the Holy Spirit who 'draws you ever more deeply into the heart of Christ, so that you can grow in his love, his life and his power.'"

Drive for Good Counsel Homes: We are doing another donations drive for the moms and babies of Good Counsel Homes before and after our 5:00 pm and 10:30 am Masses on the weekend of May 31st and June 1st! Teens are invited to assist with collecting and sorting donations before and after each of those Masses. Please sign up to help by Thursday, May 29th in order to make sure that we have coverage for each Mass. All are welcome to contribute to the drive. Please stay tuned for an updated list of needed items.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally: The annual NJ Catholic Youth Rally is taking place on Sunday, May 18th at Six Flags Great Adventure from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm! This includes an opening ceremony at 9:45 am with fellow youth groups from throughout NJ, plenty of time to enjoy the rides, and an outdoor Mass at 6:00 pm. Please note: *Our parish is not coordinating a chaperoned group this year. Teens who wish to participate are encouraged to attend with an adult family member.* For more information and to order tickets directly from our diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, please visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/njcyr>

Tickets are \$70 each, and include park admission and a Mega meal food voucher. If you are already a Season Pass holder and do *not* want a Mega meal food voucher, then no additional ticket is required. Season Pass holders do *not* need a ticket to attend the opening ceremony or evening Mass. Please note that Six Flags is a cashless facility.

Youth Night: Join us on Monday, May 19th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm for "Monday with Mary," a Youth Night in honor of our Blessed Mother! We will start with an outdoor rosary (weather permitting) by the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and then we'll enjoy some snacks while we play a board game designed to help us learn about the titles and virtues of our Blessed Mother. Teens who wish to participate are asked to please RSVP to Mrs. Jen Petrillo by Thursday, May 15th.



The following names were not received in time for the Easter bulletin. We thank you for your donations. Flowers were donated in Memory/Honor of:

Leon and Rose Lepre, Louise Hogg, Rose Lepre, Mario Lepre, Silvestre Family, Maria Infante, Andrew Kuminski, Franco Frasseti, Sara and Mario Ufa, Elena and Costabile Infante, Henry J. Victoria, Eugene Salvatore, Mary Salvatore, John Salvatore, Frank Marotto, Edith Marotto, John LaSalle, Mary Spagnole, John LaSalle, Rose LaSalle, Thomas Spagnole, Joan Ann DiMaio, Antoinette and Carmine DiMaio, Joseph and Anna Verardi, Fred and Antoinette DiMaio, Marie DiGiacomo, Mary B. Walsh, Angelina Silecchia, Patricia Silecchia Loula, Joseph McGlone, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gorini, Patrick Daly, Robert Ellardi, Sabrina Montefusco, Ann and Frank Feliciano, Al and Mary DeSerio, Moise and Nicholina Felci, James Carney, Jr., Gerry Hanes, Angerome Family, Anthony Ianucci, Michael Ianucci, Rick Nazario, John Borgia, Gene Polefka, Joan Polefka, Vi Kaplan, Jake Kaplan, Joyce DelBuono, William Stone, Mary Hardy, Edward Mayer, Helen Mayer, Beyer Family, DePaola Family, Phyllis Rispoli, Janine Rispoli, Thomas N. Rispoli, Jr., Thomas N. Rispoli, DelaPena Family, Mananes Family, Castilion Family, All Friends, All Souls, Frank Jelly, Steven Jelley, Frank DelMonte, Sr., Dorothy DelMonte, Louis DelMonte, Gloria Valinitini, Alex and Mary Fedrek



ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP

JUNE 9-14, 2025

Join us on this six-day intensive icon painting course where we will captivate you in the art of the Byzantium painting technique. During the course we'll write (paint) the icon of the Virgin Mary holding the child Jesus. Besides Christ, no other subject has been more depicted than Mary, the Theotokos (Gree for "Mother of God", literally God-Bearer").

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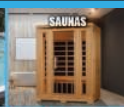
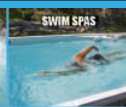
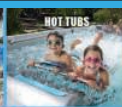
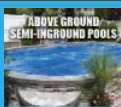
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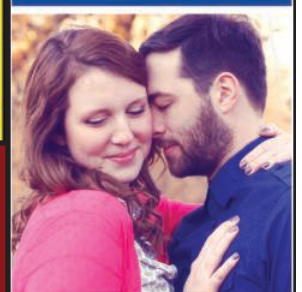


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