



Sunday, May 17, 2026—The Ascension of the Lord

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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 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,

On July 4, 2026, our country will celebrate 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was first read to the public. The document was actually ratified on July 2, 1776, but it wasn't until July 4 that people across the nation began to hear the news.

I feel fortunate to have been around for the Bicentennial celebration of our nation's founding. My father's friend owned a yacht and invited our whole family to spend three days with his family, anchored in New York Harbor among hundreds of other boats near the Statue of Liberty. The fireworks that year were truly spectacular, especially as they reflected off the calm water.



Thinking back brings a sense of nostalgia. These anniversaries are meaningful because they remind us of our identity and history and give us hope for the future. Many celebrations are planned to honor the nation's 250th anniversary.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages Catholics to mark this important anniversary by dedicating ourselves and our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They invite Catholics to attend Mass on Friday, June 12, 2026, and to consecrate themselves and the nation to the Sacred Heart.

Our parish will join in the Consecration to the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 12, at the 8:30am Mass, and will display banners outside the Church and Parish Office. If you are unable to attend Mass, you might pray the Consecration on your own or with your family that day.

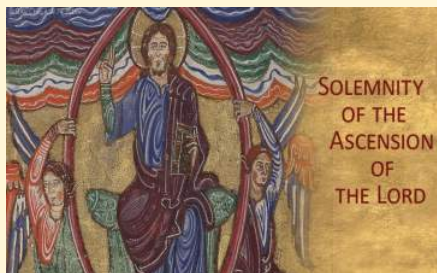
In recent years, more Catholics have been working to reclaim June as the Month of the Sacred Heart. One way to join in is by displaying a Sacred Heart of Jesus banner on your porch or flagpole. These banners are available from Amazon and other retailers, including smaller garden flag sizes.

For resources on the Sacred Heart, prayers, and home enthronement, visit: <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>

I would also like to share an invitation from Bishop Cozzens to take part in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage for the 250th Anniversary:

Peace in Christ! I am writing to invite you to join us in Philadelphia this July for the culmination of the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: "One Nation Under God". The pilgrimage is entrusted to the intercession of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first United States citizen to be canonized, whose missionary life bore witness to Christ's love for the immigrant, the poor, and the vulnerable. As we pray for our nation, her example reminds us that Eucharistic devotion must become missionary charity. Beginning in St. Augustine, Florida, on Pentecost Sunday with a Mass and procession lead by Bishop Pohlmeier, this year's pilgrimage will process with our Eucharistic Lord along the eastern seaboard all the way up to Massachusetts and ultimately returning to Philadelphia as our nation marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This journey is not simply a commemoration of our nation's founding; it is an act of intercession for our country. We desire to place our nation once again before the Lord in gratitude, humility, repentance, and hope. The pilgrimage will culminate in Philadelphia on the weekend of the 4th of July where on July 5th Archbishop Perez will lead us in a concluding Mass at 11 am, followed by a Eucharistic procession. More information about the pilgrimage, the route, and opportunities to participate can be found at: www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



Today we celebrate Ascension Sunday, even though it was once known as Ascension Thursday. Historically, the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday on the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. Beginning in 1990, there had been a shift in the U.S. to celebrate the Ascension on the seventh Sunday of Easter. In November, 1998 the USCCB approved the change, and in 2022 the Province of Newark (which we are a part of) made the move to Sunday permanent.

The Ascension refers to the day celebrated 40 days after Easter when Catholics celebrate the fact that Jesus returns to God after being with his disciples after the resurrection. It is a central element of our tradition and is included in the creed recited at Mass each Sunday.

Icon Painting Workshop
St. Aloysius Church

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting


June 1-6, 2026
St. Aloysius Church
Jackson, New Jersey




Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Christ Pantocrator icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. The schedule of courses runs daily from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Your tuition fee of \$850 includes all materials including boards, brushes, pigments etc.


Space is limited and early registration is suggested. For enrollment or information contact Mr Theodoros Papadopoulos at the email: theodoros@signal.com or visit the website: theodorosicons.com/jackson



This weekend, our food drive benefits Catholic Charities. Food pick up is Monday, May 18th. Requested items are: canned vegetables and beans, cereal, pasta, boxed food items, detergents, ramen noodle soups, juices, small snacks, and complete meals. Pick up will be on Monday, May 18th. We appreciate your continued cooperation. Please do not leave perishable items, household goods or clothing in the bins. Thank you.



The Grief Support Group meets **Mondays at 1:00pm in the parish office**. The group is open to previous members and anyone in our community who is walking through a season of grief. To RSVP or for more information, contact the parish office at 732-370-0500 ext. 204.



Embrace the spirit of May and the blossoming beauty of spring as we come together to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each morning at 8:00am, before our 8:30am Daily Mass, our parish gathers to pray the Rosary throughout the month.


We warmly invite you to share in this heartfelt devotion to Our Blessed Mother, lifting our prayers and hopes to her Immaculate Heart.



We welcome the following people to the parish: **Paul and MaryJo Cucarese, Christopher and Cassie Elbaum, Karen Cas-siliano, and Kaitlyn and Paolo Palumbo.**

We are so happy you are here!

If you've been attending Mass and are a resident of Jackson but haven't yet registered, we encourage you to take this important step toward belonging. Reach out to the parish office for a Parish Registration Form. Only registered parishioners may receive a Sponsor Eligibility Form.



If you want to make a real difference, summer is the perfect time to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). While other ministries may slow down, the challenges of poverty only intensify as the days grow hotter. Rising temperatures mean soaring utility bills for families already stretched thin. With schools closed, many children lose access to regular meals, and some parents struggle to afford gas just to get to work. SVdP relies on dedicated volunteers year-round to answer calls, meet with families in need, and help spread the word or raise vital funds. **Discover how you can lend a hand by joining us at our next General Meeting on Monday, May 18th at 7pm in Morello Hall.**



Donna Marie Arbia, Bernard Polatschek

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 May 17-23, 2026

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

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for ***Peace in Our Country and the Whole World***

The Holy Family Lamp will burn for ***Joseph and Sara Musumeci, r/o Their 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 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
PFC Ryan Dorsey
Capt. James Accardi

2nd Lt. Paul Scalzo
Jameson Norton

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, Roger Belli, 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, 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 Murnane, 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, 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, Salvatore Ippolito, Amelia, Christine White, Roseann Sharo, Diane Hanna

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 May 17-24, 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
 8:30 a.m. **Bob Chojnacki, Jr.**, r/o Patrice and Rob Chojnacki
 10:30 a.m. **Eriberto Lozada**, r/o Philip Lozada
Joseph A. Cosentino, r/o Molly Giglio

Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Richard Pastore**, r/o Anthony and MaryJane Grassi

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Joyao Meira (liv.)**, r/o Fernando and Maria Feitas

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Barbara Wolfe Duncan**, r/o McLane and Gibbons Families

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Mary Lou Carberry**, r/o Adele Higgins

Friday, May 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. **Frank Mack**, r/o Carol Bambrick and Family

Saturday, May 23, 2026

5:00 p.m. **Myles Hergert**, r/o Marlene Pinol
Jack Farina, r/o Renay Bassi

Sunday, May 24, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Frank Gladys and Family**, r/o Frank Giannone and Phil Cipriano
 8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**
 10:30 a.m. **Brian Mulvihill**, r/o Mr. and Mrs. James Mulvihill
Nicholas Soccodato, r/o Raffaella Stevens

Weekly Readings

Monday

Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
 and 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

Collection totals for May 10:



Offering: \$10,807.00
 Online Giving: \$5,284.33

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Snow Removal. With storm after storm, our budget has been pushed to its limits. We've spent \$64,125 clearing snow and ice. Every gift, big or small, truly matters. Thank you for standing by us year after year.



Your generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal nurtures deaconate formation across the Diocese and directly supports Graham Mulholland, a member of our parish, who has just received his Rite of Candidacy from the Bishop, as he pursues his last year in formation.

Parish Goal: \$73,000.00
Pledged: \$48,820 (67%)
Paid: \$43,798.16 (60%)
Total Donors: 233 (71% toward goal)
Average Gift: \$205.99

Total donors needed to qualify for the participation increase incentive: 333

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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, 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, Flavio, 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, Joseph DiBartolo, Tina Cunsolo, George A. Rivera, James F. Moran, Mike Kulcsar, Pitkethley, Kuhl, Quilinan, Walters Families, Dolores M. Smith, John Owens, Anna Marie DeLeonardis, Bernie Polatschek, Anna Zambrotta, Ruiza Clemente, Eileen Ziesmer, Patricia M. Terpanick, Lawrence Houlihan, Jack Farina, Jerry Hanlon, Merced Loterena, Miriam Whalen



Anointing of the Sick

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.***



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



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.

Walking with Purpose is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts. We are thrilled to announce that we will offer two Bible studies again this season. Trust us. This may be your best YES ever.



Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is perfect for a woman new to WWP (with or without Bible study experience). We invite you to be amazed at how Scripture applies to your everyday life.



Touching the Divine (Second Edition), a study of the Gospel of John, is designed for women who have participated in WWP in the past. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

Register in the parish office or download a registration form from the parish website and return it to the Parish Office. For more information, email walkingwithpurposeklaudia@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

Studies begin in September and meet on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Office.



St. Aloysius Men's Group That Man Is You!

Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

The St. Aloysius Men's Group—*That Man is You!* program will be taking a break for the summer. We will return in September for *bagels, coffee, and brotherhood* as we discover how to live with *holy grit*, remain *rooted in Christ*, and *lead with the merciful love of God the Father*.

We will be holding a number of fellowship activities throughout the summer. For more information contact David at dfurb@aol.com



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.



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@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.*

NJ Catholic Youth Rally: The annual NJ Catholic Youth Rally is taking place on Sunday, May 17th at Six Flags Great Adventure from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm! This includes an opening ceremony at 9:45 am with youth groups from throughout NJ, plenty of time to enjoy the rides, and an outdoor Mass at 6:00 pm. This year is very special because our very own diocese is hosting the Mass! This means that all those who are serving at the Mass (priests, altar servers, readers, music ministry, gift bearers, Eucharistic ministers), will be from the Diocese of Trenton. *Please note: Our parish is not coordinating a chaperoned group. Young people who wish to participate are encouraged to attend with an adult family member.* For more info and to order tickets directly from our diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, please visit: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/njcyr> To see the schedule and map for the day, go to <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/njcyr-schedule-map>.

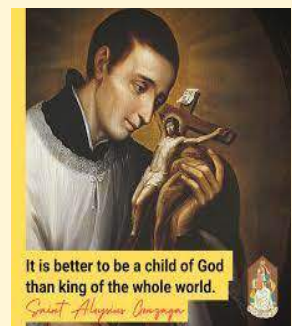


This event is open to all Religious Ed students, high school teens, young adults (ages 18-39), and their families. Tickets are \$70 each, and include park admission and a Mega meal food voucher. The voucher includes a drink, meal, snack to be used anywhere in the park, and a free parking pass (upon request). *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.

Get to Know our Diocesan Seminarians! On Wednesday, May 20th, we will be hosting a special event with diocesan seminarians Kyle Holler and Jake Snyder from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm in Morello Hall. Kyle and Jake will share their vocation stories with us, and then offer some time for a "Q and A." This event is open to all teens in Grades 8-12 and Religious Ed students with their families. Participants will receive a Google Form so that you can submit questions in advance. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by Thursday, May 14th.

Service Project-Father's Day Cards: We will be making Father's Day cards for the retired priests of our diocese on Wednesday, June 10th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Youth Room. These spiritual fathers have served and cared for so many, and we want to make sure that they are acknowledged on Father's Day! Snacks will be available while we are working on the cards, and we will conclude our evening with a brief time of prayer for the priests who will receive our cards. Those who are interested are asked to please RSVP by Monday, June 8th.

Please note: The above service project will be the last AYM event that I'll be attending before I begin my maternity leave. Over the summer, Mr. Sammy Shapiro will be helping our teens to connect with diocesan youth ministry opportunities. He can be reached at: sshapiro@stalre.org A great big thanks to Sammy, and to my co-worker Mrs. Maggie Gordon Teta, who will be assisting with collecting permission forms and payments for diocesan events that will have a registration fee.





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 & SEE**

AN INVITATION TO
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 FOR THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON



	<p>5:00 PM HOLY HOUR <i>Adoration, prayer, and time before the Blessed Sacrament.</i></p>	<p>6:00 PM MASS <i>Principal Celebrant and Homilist</i> BISHOP DAVID M. O'CONNELL</p>
<p>—✦— DINNER TO FOLLOW —✦—</p>		



—✦— **FRIDAY, JUNE 12** —✦—
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