



Sunday, September 14, 2025—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

PARISH ADDRESS:

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Parish: Website: www.saintaloysiusonline.org

PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday from 8:00am until 4:00pm
Offices are CLOSED on Friday during July and August

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 - will take a break for the summer and will resume in September

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

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. Any-one with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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Dear Parish Family,

Recently, in this space, I wrote about the changing demographics of Jackson and the wider Catholic Community in the United States. Studies have noted a steep decline in Mass attendance, which currently stands at 10%. The other interesting part of this is the upswing in younger converts and reverts (people who have come back to the practice of the faith). Many younger Catholic's, often thought of as those who typically have walked away from Religious Practice, are among the stronger segments of Catholics practicing their faith. This news is encouraging, even as they make up a small yet powerful demographic. The Young Adult group here in Ocean County is a good example; they might be small in number, but they are strong practicing Catholics who come together regularly for prayer, reflection, adoration, Bible study, and socializing. They are not an anomaly but a growing trend in the US Catholic Church.



As Church attendance has shrunk across the country among the laity, the Clergy shortage has accelerated as well. Recent studies by CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) give us a picture of what is happening. Coupled with the decline in Ordinations is the high retirement rate of older cohorts of priests. Unfortunately, this comes at a time when other unforeseen dilemmas are emerging in the US Catholic Church, and the decision during the Biden Administration to put so-called "Dreamers" into the Green Card System ahead of R1 Religious Workers.

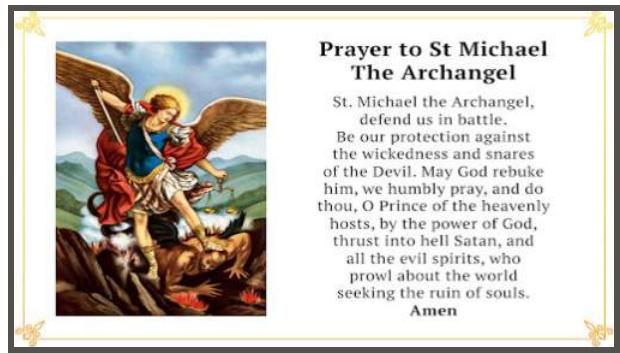
Our Parochial Vicar, Fr. RJ, is among those in this category, R1 Religious Worker. Due to the COVID Government shutdown and the slow reopening of government agencies, the Green Card and Visa programs were all backlogged. While Fr. RJ's lawyer has consistently filed all the necessary paperwork through the years and granted extensions, he is now out of extensions. When his current Visa expires, he will be required to leave the country for a period of one year before re-entering, unless government policies change. The Diocese of Paterson has filed a lawsuit against the government to force some change or accommodation for religious workers.

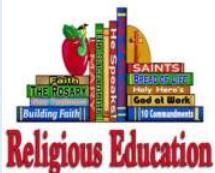
Currently, 1 in 4 newly ordained in 2025 are foreign-born priests hailing from 26 different nations. The USCCB has warned dioceses across the land that up to half of all foreign-born priests may be forced to leave the country in the coming year due to processing delays.

We here in Jackson, as you can see, are not immune to the shortages of priests. In fact, for the first time in 12 years, we were unable to find a priest for Masses on Wednesday, September 16, or Thursday, September 17. During this period, we are unable to have funerals for the same reason: no priest.

From Tuesday, September 15, to Thursday, September 18, is the Priest Convocation. The Bishop permits and encourages Communion Services by deacons or lay Ministers and the transfer of Mass Intentions to other days. This year, Deacon Vin will hold a Communion Service at 8:30am on September 16 and 17, and the Mass intentions have been transferred to other days. There will be no availability for a funeral on either day. Discussing a shortage and experiencing it are two different matters; discussing is theoretical, experiencing it is real!

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Register NOW for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year for students in Grades 1 through 8. **Classes begin September 27/28.** REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 18TH. For more information and to register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 732-370-1515 ext. 318 or faithformation@saintaloysiusonline.org. All registrations received after August 31st, will incur a late fee.

Do you have a deep love of our Catholic faith, and a desire to share that gift of faith with our young parishioners and their families? Perhaps God is calling you to serve in our Religious Education program! We have catechist, aide, and Angel Patrol (hall monitor) positions available in various grade levels. For more information, please contact Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jpetrillo@saintaloysiusonline.org. Please note: All volunteers who work with minors in our diocese are required to complete a written application, a background check via fingerprinting, and a safe environment training called "Protecting God's Children."

St. John's, 619 Chestnut St, Lakehurst, is sponsoring a bus to the NJ Mass for Life at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton. We will walk to the state house for the NJ March for Life afterward. Total distance for walking will be about two miles. **The bus will leave at 7:30 AM on Thursday, September 25th, from St. John's parking lot.** To reserve a seat on the bus, contact St. John's parish office at 732-657-6347. We are asking for a \$10 donation.



On Wednesday, September 17th, and Thursday, September 18th, the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass will be replaced with a Prayer Service with the Distribution of Communion. All priests of the Diocese will be attending a Priests'

Convocation. Please note that the Mass Intentions for these days have been moved; you can find the updated Mass Intention List on page 5 of the bulletin.

NJ BISHOPS'
Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Diocese of Trenton

HOMILIST
Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney
Diocese of Paterson

A golden chalice with a cross inside.

Hosted by the Diocese of Trenton. All New Jersey bishops and priests are invited to concelebrate.

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral

Archdiocese of Newark
Diocese of Trenton
Diocese of Camden
Diocese of Paterson
Diocese of Metuchen
Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Brooklyn

For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life



Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati

Author
Italian Catholic Activist
Member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic

Saint Carlo Acutis

"...The First Millennial Saint."
- Pope Francis



Canonized as Saints

September 7, 2025

*Linda Sadowski*

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 September 14-20, 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Paul Frankowski, r/o Mannikus Family*

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for *All Priests in the Diocese of Trenton*

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 all those that have served and are serving our country. We pray that all Veterans may know your love for them.

1SG 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 Hennicke
Capt. Scott Maraldo
Capt. Zach Gould
Capt. James Accardi

2nd Lt. Paul Scalzo

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, 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 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, 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 Sileccchia, Paige Luke, Eddie Anthony, Karen Nepsha, Patti Misak-Peters, Kristen Tamburro, Luca DeTommaso, Megan McIntyre, Diane Massiello, Billy Trupia, Provie Grasso, Karen Dudds, Margaret Cook, Victoria Magri, Ramona Martinez, Norm Schoenig, Rudolph Smith, Dolores Pych, Joan Russo, Mike Senft, Lisa Kelley Sassone, Leonard Laviscount

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—September 14-21, 2025

Sunday, September 14, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
 8:30 a.m. **Donald Kelly**, r/o Sue and Bob Mignemi
 Jim Costello, r/o Bill and Debbie Smith
 10:30 a.m. **Peter Soweski**, r/o Cecelia Soweski
 Frank Szymczyk, r/o Family

Monday, September 15, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Helen and Bill Spanton**, r/o Henry Hintze
 ***Eileen Lennon Perry**, r/o Hollis Leiber

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Joseph Bucchieri**, r/o Castelli Family
 Marty Hronich, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Piccini

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **PRAYER SERVICE**--No Intentions (see Monday, September 15)

Thursday, September 18, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **PRAYER SERVICE**—No Intentions (see Friday, September 19)

Friday, September 19, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. **Vilma Steinhauer**, r/o Alexandra Garcia
 ***Paul Frankowski**, r/o Mannikus Family

Saturday, September 20, 2025

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. **Sara Musumeci**, r/o Family
 James Diefendorf, r/o Jane Diefendorf
 8:30 a.m. **Enrico and Olympia Stanziale**, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Rick Pedone
 Bryan Fitzpatrick, r/o Bill and Debbie Smith
 10:30 a.m. **Anthony Galante**, r/o His Wife
 John F. Bassi, r/o Renay Bassi

Masses at St. Mary's Seminary, Uganda

Monday, September 15 - In Memory of Greta Fee, r/o Clare and Bernie Polatschek

**September 7:**

Offering: \$12,024.32
 Online Giving: \$6,876.84
 Mortgage Reduction: \$2,115.00

*Thank you for your
continued support*

**Offering
Envelopes**

We are currently preparing our envelope list for 2026. If you are a registered parishioner who is not receiving OFFERING ENVELOPES but would like to, please contact Sherri Kroesch in the parish office at extension 203 ASAP. Our list will be finalized at the end of the month, so please don't delay!

**GRADUATING SENIORS
CONNECT HERE**

Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

signupnc.newmanministry.com

***Weekly Readings***

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17

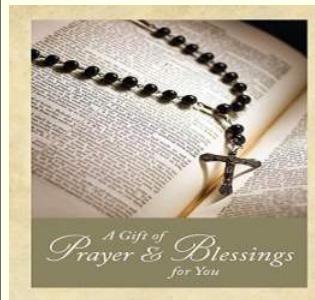
Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or Llk 16:10-13



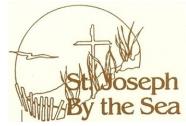
The Annual Enrollment is a beautiful gift for special times in life and for the eternal rest of our faithful departed. We are very happy to pray for you and your loved ones.

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, 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 Gingoleskie, 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 DeTomaso, 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



Francis House of Prayer serves the people of the Diocese of Trenton and beyond providing a contemplative environment for ongoing spiritual growth. Register for programs by going to the website **FHOP@verizon.net** or call **609-877-0509**.



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



The next monthly Food Drive is this weekend and benefits Catholic Charities. Requested items are: small snacks, complete meals like Spaghettios, pancake mix and syrup, fruit cups, cereal and granola bars.

Please do not leave household items, clothing or perishable food in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your continued cooperation and generosity.



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.

The OCIA process is designed to offer you guidance and support in your spiritual journey towards a deepening relationship with Jesus. As you move forward through prayer, reflection, Scripture reading, storytelling, questioning, worshiping, and performing works of charity, OCIA members, along with the parish community, will accompany you on your faith journey.

Classes begin September 10th at 6pm in the parish office for adults, and September 17th at 6pm in the parish office for teens.



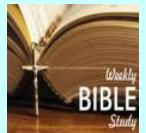
Bring your creatures, large and small to the **Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00am** at the Our Lady of Fatima Grotto outside the parish office.



To begin the process, families are asked to be registered in the parish. Parents and Godparents are asked 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.



We welcome to the parish **Emily McNally and Sonia Spatz**. We are so happy you are here!



Weekly Bible study, led by Fr. RJ is held on Tuesdays at 2:30pm in the Parish Office. The study will focus on the Acts of the Apostles. BYOB—Bring Your Own (Catholic) Bible. No reservation is required. All are welcome!



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.



Join us for That Man is You!, a dynamic men's program that tackles the real pressures men face today—especially as husbands and fathers—while helping you grow in faith. Beginning Saturday, September 6 in Morello Hall, enjoy bagels, coffee, and brotherhood as we journey through powerful topics like authentic fatherhood, spiritual warfare, and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary from the Holy Land. Discover how to live with holy grit, remain rooted in Christ, and lead with the merciful love of God the Father.

6:30-7am Bagels and Coffee

7:00-7:30 Video

7:30-8:00 Small Group discussions

For more information contact David at
dfurb@aol.com

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



Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Faith bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Beginning Thursday, October 2nd

7:00pm in Morello Hall

St. Aloysius is offering 2 study paths.

Register in the parish office



Opening Your Heart "OYH"

This 22-week foundational course is designed for women who are new to WWP, as well as those with more Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

Discovering our Dignity 'DOD'

(recommended after completing OYH)



Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Discovering Our Dignity will allow you to learn from their experiences and uncover ways to deal with unwanted circumstances and deferred hopes.

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest, and loving way—woman to woman—with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.



"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@saintaloysiusonline.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.

"Meet the New Saints" Event: On Sunday, September 14th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, we will spend some time learning about and praying with inspirations from St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. These two young saints were just canonized on September 7th! We will enjoy pizza and desserts as we celebrate these Italian saints. Teens are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass, and then join us immediately following Mass in Morello Hall. Participants are asked to please RSVP by Thursday, September 11th.

On the weekend of September 20th/21st, our 2025 NCYC pilgrims will have their final fundraiser. Before each Mass, you will hear from one of our parishioners who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. After Mass, NCYC pilgrims and family members will have donation baskets available in the Gathering Space. We are deeply grateful to all those who have generously supported our group, making it possible for us to attend NCYC! Additional donations collected during September 20th and 21st will help to cover the cost of meals during our pilgrimage, and to continue funding opportunities for spiritual growth, community, and service for our teen pilgrims.

Save the Date: Drive for Good Counsel Homes: We are doing another donations drive for the moms and babies of Good Counsel Homes after our 5:00 pm and 10:30 am Masses on the weekend of October 4th and 5th! Teens are needed to assist with collecting and sorting donations before and after each of those Masses. Please RSVP by September 29th if you are able to volunteer. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks.

AYM Pumpkin Carving: Looking to enjoy a fun fall afternoon? Our 4th annual AYM Pumpkin Carving event will take place on Sunday, October 26th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Youth Room. Teens are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass, and we will start immediately following Mass. Supplies will be provided, so teens are asked to please RSVP by Monday, October 20th in order to ensure that we have enough pumpkins and paint for everyone. Light snacks will be served.

ST. ALOYSIUS YOUTH CHOIR
SEP 23 FIRST REHEARSAL
5:30-6:30PM
NO AUDITION
AGES 7-16
COME AND SING!
EMAIL MS. NAOMI
MUSICMINISTRY@SAINTALOYSIUSONLINE.ORG

**PLEASE JOIN US
OPEN HOUSE**

*Countless Journeys, One Donovan
Rooted in Tradition since 1962*

Discover the Donovan Catholic Difference at our
2025 Fall Open House:

**Sunday, September 28 2-4pm
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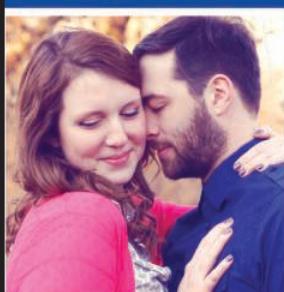
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