



October 17, 2021 - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Parish and Religious Education offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm.

Mass Schedule - Mass Schedule - Live stream Masses will continue to be available through our website.

Monday through Friday: 9:00am
 Saturday - 5:00pm
 Sunday - 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:30am

The Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am through 2:00pm for Private Prayer.

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To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



PASTORAL LETTER TO THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON
“ON THE CHURCH’S SYNODAL PATH OF ‘
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION”



To the clergy, consecrated religious and lay faithful of the
 Diocese of Trenton,

I rarely enjoy traveling alone, whether for business or pleasure. When going somewhere, especially on a longer trip, I prefer the company of others for conversation, for the exchange of ideas, for sharing different experiences, and, quite simply, just for companionship. In many ways, I think that preference explains why I began my journey to the priesthood in a religious community where the emphasis is on life and ministry with a “band of brothers” joined together by the charism of a common founder, spirit and purpose. That is the point, really, of religious life and, perhaps a unique contribution I make to diocesan priests as their diocesan bishop. I enjoy “journeying together!”

The Catholic Church in recent years --- particularly during the pontificate of Pope Francis, a religious order priest --- has become accustomed to hearing the novel expression “synodality” used to describe the nature of the Church in our day. The word itself is derived from two Greek words meaning “common road or path.” Synodality “is the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* (way of living and operating) of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members *journey together*, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission (International Theological Commission, “Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church,” March 2, 2018, para. 6).”

While “synods” are not new to the Church, Pope St. Paul VI (1897-1978) formally established the “Synod of Bishops,” following the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), as a “permanent institution” in the Church “whereby bishops chosen from various parts of the world are to offer more effective assistance to the Supreme Shepherd ... providing information and offering advice -- Paul VI, September 15, 1965 apostolic letter *motu proprio* “*Apostolica sollicitudo* (Apostolic concern).” Such synods are convened by the Pope as “ordinary” (that is, held at fixed intervals) or “extraordinary” (that is, held to treat a matter of urgent or specific concern to the Church) gatherings of designated, elected or appointed bishops of the world with the Pope. Even when they are not in session, synods have a permanent secretariat or office in Rome, headed by a member of the hierarchy appointed by the Pope.

Writing from Rome to the bishops of the world earlier this year, Cardinal Mario Greich, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, reflected, “Synodality refers to the very essence of the Church, her constitutive reality, and is thus oriented towards evangelization. It is an ecclesial way of being and a prophetic example for today’s world.” Perhaps a more theological description than most of us are used to in everyday conversation, this idea can be simplified as “a common road or path” for the life and work of the Church today, “journeying together.” The Church envisions a synod that goes far beyond a mere gathering of bishops to include and embrace the entire People of God.

Recent history provides a context to understand the current discussion of synodality.

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has expressed a desire to strengthen the unity, collegiality and inclusivity of Church governance on matters of faith and morals and life in the Church. To that end, drawing from his November 24, 2013 apostolic exhortation “*Evangelium Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel),” Pope Francis issued an apostolic constitution “*Episcopalis Communio* (Episcopal communion)” on September 15, 2018, “to profoundly reshape all the ecclesial structures to become more *missionary* (an abiding concern of the Holy Father)... (and) to become more and more an adequate channel for the evangelization of the present world more than for self-preservation ... a privileged instrument for *listening* to the People of God.”

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Three years earlier, on the 50th anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI's establishment of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis wrote: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium. What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word 'synod.' Journeying together — laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome — is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice (October 17, 2015)."

On April 24 of this current year, Pope Francis announced the convocation of the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod --- originally scheduled for 2022 but postponed due to the pandemic until 2023 --- with the theme "For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission," in a sense, "a Synod on synodality." It will follow a newly revised programmatic structure:

This path toward the celebration of the Synod comprises of three phases, between October 2021 and October 2023, a diocesan phase and a continental phase that will give life to two different working documents and, finally, a conclusive phase at the level of the Universal Church ... The Synod of Bishops is the dynamic point of convergence that calls for mutual listening to the Holy Spirit at every level of the Church's life (General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops, "Note on the XVI Ordinary Synod," May 21, 2021).

The Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops opens Sunday, October 10, 2021, with a Mass celebrated in Rome at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis. Every diocese throughout the world will initiate its diocesan phase of the Synod with a Mass celebrated by its diocesan bishop on the following Sunday, October 17, 2021. In the Diocese of Trenton, that Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton at 3 p.m. The Diocese will also use that occasion to commemorate the beginning of our 140th Anniversary Year.

The program or "path" of the diocesan phase for "journeying together" is described in the General Secretariat's May 21, 2021 "Note," referenced above: *Each bishop will appoint a diocesan contact person (and eventually a team) for the synodal consultation; they shall be a point of reference and link with the Episcopal Conference. They will accompany all the stages of the consultation process in the local church.*

*Consultation in the particular Churches will include those groups of participation as envisioned in **Episcopalis Communio**, without excluding other modalities deemed appropriate for the consultation to be real and effective (cf. **Episcopalis Communio**, 6).*

Consultation with the People of God in each particular Church will conclude with a pre-synodal meeting, which will be the culmination of diocesan discernment.

After the conclusion of the diocesan phase, each particular Church will submit their contributions to their Episcopal Conference on a date determined by the Episcopal Conference itself. The Eastern Churches will submit their contributions to their corresponding bodies.

Elements of the diocesan phase of the Synod for the Diocese of Trenton are being prepared.

An integral part of the diocesan synodal journey itself with its principal themes of "communion, participation, mission," is the effort to reach out to as many Catholics of the Diocese as possible: clergy and consecrated religious, active as well as "lapsed" or non-practicing Catholic lay faithful women and men, both married and single, of every generation, race, national and ethnic background, different point of view, social, political and economic status. In other words, all those who have in the past or still call the Catholic Church "home" are called to actively participate in the synodality of the Church by pausing to listen to one another on this journey together.

Some questions and points of reflection for all the participants described above include: what has been/is your experience of the Catholic Church? How has that experience shaped or affected your life and your faith in God? What obstacles to worship, learning and service have you encountered that may have negatively influenced the practice of your Catholic faith?

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What do you need as a Catholic to be a stronger, more intentional, more committed, more connected member of the Church, to belong and feel like you belong to the Church? How can we better “journey together” as Catholics in Mercer, Burlington, Ocean and Monmouth counties?

As I think of the meaning of synodality in the Catholic Church, I am reminded of the Irish poet and novelist James Joyce’s (1882-1941) famous description of the Catholic Church in *Finnegan’s Wake*: “Here comes everybody!” Can that ever be true of our Church again? Can the diocesan synodal journey take us there together?

Since there are two other later phases to this Synod --- the “continental phase” at the level of the Episcopal Conference (that is, for us, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and the “universal phase” in Rome --- the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops will not be completed until October 2023. Hopefully, it will not end there.

At the conclusion of each Synod of Bishops, the Pope usually issues a post-synod “apostolic exhortation,” summarizing the major emphases and determinations of the Synod. Along with a review by the College of bishops attending, these documents are considered part of the Pope’s ordinary magisterium or teaching authority, to be believed by all the faithful.

That is the program or plan for our Church’s “journeying together” through 2023. The success and fruits of these undertakings will depend upon our common development and application of its contents by the Church at every level and, most importantly, upon our openness to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The enduring results of the Synod will, of course, take time to emerge.

As Cardinal Greich has stated, “the Synod is not just an event but also a process that involves in synergy (that is, by collaboration and cooperation) the People of God, the college of bishops and the Bishop of Rome, each according to their proper function.” He cautions, however, that this Synod “is not about democracy or populism or anything like that. Rather, it is the Church as the People of God, a People who, by virtue of baptism, is an active *subject* in the life of the Church.” That is how the Church fulfills its missionary role: a “listening Church;” a “discerning Church;” a Church of “communion, participation and mission,” “journeying together.”

I ask the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to pray for the Church as it prepares for this important spiritual endeavor. It is my hope, as Bishop of the Diocese, that we will all fruitfully participate in and benefit from the Synod at the diocesan level, listening to one another as we share our different “stories,” experiences, challenges and hopes for the Church at this exciting time in its history.

In conclusion, I invite the entire Diocese of Trenton to join in this “Prayer for the Success of the Synod”: *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Trenton on this Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 10th in the Year of Our Lord 2021.

David M. O'Connell, C.M.



Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Aloysius Live Stream Mass Schedule and Sunday Worship Aid
via www.SaintAloysiusOnline.org

Daily Mass Monday through Friday - 9:00am
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30am and 10:30am

Daily Rosary Monday to Friday before the 9am Mass during the month of October

Sunday, October 17, 2021

7:00 a.m. **Anthony Maresca**, r/o Santora Family
8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**
10:30 a.m. **Anthony LiPuma**, r/o Victoria LiPuma
Eileen and George Graziano,
r/o Karen Farrar

Monday, October 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. **Geraldine Galasso**, r/o Bob and Gilda Gough

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. **Matthew DeGennaro**, r/o Barbara Scalzo

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

9:00 a.m. **Diane Massaro**, r/o Donna Smith

Thursday, October 21, 2021

9:00 a.m. **Arthur Detitta**, r/o Barbara Scalzo

Friday, October 22, 2021

9:00 a.m. **Frances Grieco**, r/o Irene Oliveira

Saturday, October 22, 2021

5:00 p.m. **Andreski and Jankovic Families**,
r/o Ceil Andreski

Sunday, October 23, 2021

7:00 a.m. **Tom Gaven, Jr.**,
r/o St. Vincent de Paul Society
8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**
10:30 a.m. **Joseph Cicalo**, r/o Jeanette Bruno
Lucille Felago, r/o Diana Felago

Weekly Readings

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



Weekly offering numbers for weekend of

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT: Rose Hubit, James and Natalie McMahon, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard Iacono, Arlene Hassler, Donald Sweeney, Ivan Sriwardena, Harry and Phyllis Gunasekara, Alyce Hering, Peter Miluk, III, Patricia Graf, Edward Kennedy, MaryAnn DeFalco, Joseph Sacina, Mary Vadala, Anthony Giammona, Catherine Watkins, Frances Grieco, Uku and Christal Mannikus, Michael Barone, Barbara and Alice Henriques, Edward Sweeney, Bozena Lukaszewicz, Thomas Cetnar, Ameial Marie Havrilla and the Clifford and Havrilla Families, Msgr John McCarthy, Deceased Members of the Limberti Family, David Murray, Warren Leidenheimer, Teresa Brown, Richard Galati, Bob Uhlman, Virginia Onagura, William McCarthy and Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Alton J. Bennett, Sr., Bergen Mesko and Family, Religious Education Volunteers, Bless our Family through His love and guidance, Manny Oliveira (10 year Anniversary), Boscarino Family, Johnson Family, Joseph Simpson, Jr., Philip Yasso, Elizabeth McGovern, Kuhl, Pitkethley, Quillinan and Walters Families, Jim Kraeutler, Lorraine Patarella, Heather Ann Wollack, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thezan, Theodore, Jourdan, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Rosemary Hunter, Jean and Michael Zisa, William Campbell and Merced Lotereña, Kathleen Angel, Steven Pirniak, Joseph LaScala, Kathleen Angel, John Congo and Family, Anna Profaca, Marie Roberts, John Castagna, Mark Cabrol, Robert Renode, Jr., Alice Dowling, Cheryl Dowling, Thomas Gaven, Jr., Elizabeth Guinta, Jean Day, Thoams Sullivan, Kevin McWeeney, Maria Infante, Andrew Kuminski, Spencer Callahan, Tom and Mary Kenny, Sr. Ellen Roach, Brian Sosa, Peggy Iorio, Richard Ott, Eileen Joseph Flanagan, Joyce Hansen, Mary Condreas, Antonietta Lijoi Suzanne Petrizzi, William R. Abrams, III, Barbara Margan, Stephanie Santora, Arthur O'Connell, Frances and Fehmi Emanetoghu, Evelyn Manvill, Francis Jelley, Gisele A. Tassy, Dianna DiMento, Brendan Maguire, Miriam A. Whalen, Teddy Domanski, Connie Russo-Riley, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Frank DeRiso, Joseph & Giz Kaleyck, Michael & Julia Podhayny, Eileen & George Graziano, Joseph Moroney, John P. Riso, Karen Foerschl, Rose Walp, Mike and Jamie Scala and Family, Joseph DePalma, John Genuard, Jr., Fortunato S. Perez, Patricia Indiveri, Manny Olivieira, Fortunato S. Perez, Manny Oliveira, Richard Iacono, Brianne Timony, Tony Caronia, John Dempsey, Linda Sokolowski, Carmela (Lina) DePinto, Stacy Marie Redish, Rose Mary Luyinda, Dora Mercedes Blanchett, Des Fitzgerald, Pat Dolan and Albert Holl, Jennie Savona, Kathleen Lauro, Anthony Lottito, Joseph Lotito, MaryAnn and Joseph Lipari, Joseph Bianco, John and Barb Davis and Family, Dominick and World World II Veteran, Linda Alm, Frances J. Brauner, John Salvatore, Robert Halmi, Patricia O'Connor, John and Carol Bambrick & Family, Frank Jelley, John Stasny, Gina Baglivo, Jelnicki Family, Edith Lane, John Wilkens, Margaret Minge, Barbara Lenhart, Charles Vaccaro, Jr., Patricia DeCarli, Brian Rafferty, Danielle Ellis, Maureen Keough, Sharon Silverstein, Hla and Uncle Tun, Birthday and Anniversary of Lidia Perillo, Carmela Nicholson, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Witzak, Anthony Witzuk, Nellie and John Olenski, Richard Galati, Vincenzo Bisignano, Them Duong, Raoul Villanueva, Richard Dabaoul, Margaret Van Brackle, Anthony Gervasio, Phyllis A. Sheppard, Chris O'Connell, James Federico, Jack Bassi, Mary Ellen Pampilio, Nicole and Sonny Soi, Cathie Lovuola, Esther Rita Tomlinson, Marla Rae Thorn, Kristin Litterio, Anthony Giammona.

We have many options for a long term remembrance of a loved one. Please call the Parish Secretary, Pat Mulholland, at the Parish Office for additional information.

Annual Enrollment – 12 Masses celebrated the 1st Friday of each month at 8:00am (\$25.00 donation for 12 Masses).

The Gift of Bread and Wine – Can be offered for one week (Sunday through Saturday) for a donation of \$50.00.

Devotional Lamps are silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord even when we cannot be physically present in the church. You can honor or remember a loved one with one of the Devotional or Shrine Candles in the Church.

Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Holy Family Devotional Candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one (\$25.00 donation for one week)

Shrine Candles – Located at the entrance of the Church, these candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one and includes a label listing your loved one's name for a period of **one year** (\$250.00 donation per year).



Please remember in your prayers these friends of our Parish who have recently died. Please also pray for all the deceased members of our Parish, the Souls in Purgatory, and those who died in the Service of our Country. May they enjoy peace in new life with Christ Jesus.

Devotional Lamps - week of October 17-23, 2021

The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn **For the Oliveira Family**, r/o Alzira



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR
ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:**

CPT Chris Mision
CPT Jason DiDomenico
PVT Logan Mora
LT Scott Maraldo
Capt. Zach Gould

You may email updates, additions of the names of your loved ones you would like included in both our Intercessory Prayer and Armed Forces Prayer lists to the Parish Office.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS *Lord of Life, you desire wholeness for your people. Be with those who ask for help. Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who ask for our prayers. Amen.* Vocation Awareness, Christopher Hunt, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Chris Bligh, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza Sr., Roger Kliemisch, Angela Hardie, Curtis Hart, Bernadette Clifford, Owen McCabe, Frank Hubit, Jodi Fletcher, Catherine Ryan, Vincent Maione, Emil Milano, Zak and Jill, Toni Martorano, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGranahan, MaryAnn Pucilowski Susan Miluk, Charlotte Barnard, Melissa Couto, Barbara Sullivan, Robin Costa, Jack Collins, Judith Weaver, Theresa McGranahan, Pat Scimica, Lawrence Fitzsimmons, Carol Meltzer, Patricia Atkins, Audrey Campbell, Christine Lanzaro, Angelina Valko, Brian Daly, Marie Zimbile, Karen Cummings, Danny and Linda Paliaga, Judy Saal, Jason DiDomenico, Eric and Dick Lund, Carol Kubicka, Anthony Pelle, Jr. Charley DeMaio, Phil Wenz, Matthew Safran, Janice Pavis, William Raimondi, Kimmie Luke, Paige Luke, Pat Uber, Jill Snow, Logan Martucci, Luba Delmonte, Peggy Connelly, John Bambrick, Bertha Vihonsky, James Vihonsky, John Marsanyi, Margaret Sabo, Kaitlyn Krutulic, Christina Marie Fletcher, Laura Coyle, Danielle Ellis, Sister Margaret Smith, Ellen Harris, Margaret Matthews and Deacon Uku and Christal Mannikus, Fran Baker.

**Thank you for your prayers for all those on our intercessory and armed forces prayer list.
To add or change information please contact the Parish Office.**



Please welcome our new parishioners **Maria Sumanski, Eric Mancini, Lucia and Pedro Joao**, Please join us in welcoming **Bella Rose DiGiovanni** who was baptized from the Church last weekend.



Congratulations to **Shawn and Alyssa Brennan** who were married from the Church last weekend.
Wedding Banns - Anthony Maak and Marisa Bartone (3)
Steven Bilodeau and Alexandra Molinas (2)



Little Children of God returns during the 10:30am Mass. We invite children ages 3-7 to join us in the cafeteria during Mass where we will break open the Word of God, hear the Gospel and discuss with the children God's word on their level. Parents are welcome to join with their children and are required if their child needs supervision.



YOUTH CHOIR! Calling all singers entering 2nd grade through high school, you are invited to join the St. Aloysius Youth Choir. We will be serving for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please email musicministry@saintaloyusonline.org for more info!



That Man is You is calling on all men of the parish to explore and reclaim their faith. To find out what that means visit the following link. To find out about meetings, contact Dave Furbish at dfurb@aol.com. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mFJWLcMOP4>



Come and find out more about Cub Scout Pack 82! Boys learn to live out the Scout Law and Oath in practical ways while serving the community, forming friendships and learning patriotism and Duty to God. We meet monthly as a pack and biweekly in small group dens. Contact Kerry Muller at flip4jesus@hotmail.com for more information.



St. Vincent dePaul is an all volunteer membership—there are no paid staff. We serve all residents of Jackson without regard to race, religion or ethnicity and offer emotional and spiritual support as well as financial assistance for rent, utilities, food and other basic needs. Operating funds are from donations only; membership does not fundraise. Volunteers are currently needed for the SVdP hotline and the vetting process of families. All volunteers are trained and hotline helpers can work from home. If you possess a friendly personality and compassionate heart, we encourage you to attend a meeting or contact Art (akliem@aol.com), Carol (chrogers19@gmail.com) or the parish office (732-370-0500 ext. 204) to learn more.



Merton Faith Sharing Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:00am in the parish office; masks are required. We will be discussing *When the Church was Young* by Marcellino D'Ambrosio. For more information, call or text Maryann at 732-740-9433.



The next food collection will be delivered to Jackson Food Pantry on October 18. Their wish list includes diapers sizes 5 and 6, soap, toilet paper, coffee and tea, peanut butter and tuna. All items should be dropped in the brown box in the Gathering Space. Please do not leave perishable items, clothing or furniture. Thank you for your continued support.



Mother Seton Academy Athletics department is excited to continue school pride with an organized sports program this school year. We have track, soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, cheerleading and our all new competition cheerleading program. We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer coaches. If interested, please contact athletics@msaedu.org for more information. Go Stallions!



Bible Study Breaking Open the Word will meet Thursdays at 2:00pm online beginning October 7. Call the parish office to join.



Notre Dame High School: Activities Fair Sunday, October 31.



Catholic Charities New - Afghan Refugees Humanitarian Crises: As you may have heard from various news agencies, Afghan refugees are being housed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton has been asked to assist in this humanitarian crisis by identifying and mobilizing legal representation for immigration, helping to coordinate wellness activities for the children and their families and assisting in the coordination of donations and volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please click on <https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/afghan-refugees-humanitarian-crisis> to learn more about volunteer and donation opportunities.



Will you be the voice of a child in need? CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Ocean County is a Non-Profit organization that works with the most vulnerable members of our community, abused and neglected children that reside in foster care. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help us make sure that these children have a voice to speak up for them. We provide training and guidance ~ no experience is necessary. Will you be that voice? We provide training and guidance—no experience necessary. For more information, please contact Kelly at 732-797-0590 or Kelly@casaofoceancounty.org.



The next blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be Monday, October 25 at the Council home on 401 Bartley Road , To make an appointment use this link: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5277



The next Altar Rosary Society Meeting will be Sunday, November 7th after our 8:30am Rosary Mass. We will meet in the cafeteria. New members are always welcome.



Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin American and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayer and be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



The Mass of Remembrance will take place Tuesday, November 2 at 9:00am. Names of those who were buried from the Church during the year will be read at Mass.



Daily Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint 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 Host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen



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