



October 18, 2020 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Emergency Information:** In the event that the Church and Parish Offices are closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, please check our parish phone number, visit our website and check our Facebook page for updates and information. Please use your judgment when coming to Mass and remember that safety is the primary factor.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

The Parish and Religious Education offices have re-opened. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm. All visitors must wear a mask and we will limit the amount of visitors at one time.

**Mass Schedule -** Mass Schedule - Live stream Masses will continue to be available through our website. Masks **MUST** be worn covering the mouth and nose inside the Church.

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

Monday through Friday: 9:00am  
 Saturday - 5:00pm  
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**Protecting God's Children** - Making the Church a safe environment for all, particularly children and at-risk adults, is a major priority of the administration and staff of Saint Aloysius Church. Please take a look at the posters and "Safe Environment & Standards of Conduct Policy" that are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space of the Church and on our website at <http://www.saintalloysiusonline.org/protecting-children>. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how to make our church, homes and community safer, please contact Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or [jpetrillo@saintalloysiusonline.org](mailto:jpetrillo@saintalloysiusonline.org).

**To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto: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.**



**Message from The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.**  
**Bishop of Trenton**

**KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY**

When the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation issued by bishops for their dioceses during the COVID pandemic is finally lifted — and it will be — Catholics will be required again to “return to church.” Canon law defines “dispensation” as a “relaxation of a merely ecclesiastical law in a particular case” that “can be granted by those who possess executive power (canon 85).” The Mass obligation referred to above is an “ecclesiastical law” presented in the 1983 Code of Canon Law: “on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in Mass (canon 1247).” Its history is much older than that.

Deriving from the Third of the “Ten Commandments” mentioned in the Old Testament Books of Exodus and Deuteronomy as given by God to Moses — “keep holy the Lord’s Day — the “obligation” to attend and participate in Sunday Mass was evident in the Church’s experience and history as early as the time of the Emperor Constantine (272-337 AD). Early Church Council documents from the fourth century on also contain references to this obligation and by the sixth century, required attendance at Mass on Sundays and certain other holy days was universally normative.

The Mass obligation is present in the “Precepts of the Church” as we have come to know them, gradually developed throughout the Church in the Middle Ages: “You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.” The first Code of Canon Law promulgated in 1917, the “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), and — as mentioned earlier — the 1983 Code of Canon Law all affirm the nature of attendance and participation at Mass on Sundays and certain holy days as obligatory.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church promulgated by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992 states:

The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.” “The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day (CCC 2180).”

The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin (CCC 2181).

Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God’s holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (CCC 2182).

The Catechism helps us as Catholics recall that there is much more to attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation than the fulfilling of a “merely ecclesiastical law.” Catholics gather together as a community of faith to offer spiritual support to one another, to hear God’s Word, to receive the Lord Jesus’ Body and Blood and to renew their sacramental commitment to live the Christian life. The Holy Eucharist is, as the Second Vatican Council reminded us, its “source and summit.”

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Pope St. John Paul II also wrote about the Sunday Mass obligation in his 1998 apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, “on keeping the Lord’s Day holy:”

Even if in the earliest times it was not judged necessary to be prescriptive, the Church has not ceased to confirm this obligation of conscience, which rises from the inner need felt so strongly by the Christians of the first centuries. It was only later, faced with the half-heartedness or negligence of some, that the Church had to make explicit the duty to attend Sunday Mass: more often than not, this was done in the form of exhortation, but at times the Church had to resort to specific canonical precepts. This was the case in a number of local Councils from the fourth century onwards (as at the Council of Elvira of 300, which speaks not of an obligation but of penalties after three absences) and most especially from the sixth century onwards (as at the Council of Agde in 506). These decrees of local Councils led to a universal practice, the obligatory character of which was taken as something quite normal.

To “go to Mass” as the Church requires, therefore, is not a negligible or arbitrary matter, something that Catholics should take lightly. If *intentional*, missing Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is considered gravely sinful. But there are circumstances when missing Mass is not only understandable but the better course of action. The virulently contagious coronavirus that resulted in a world-wide pandemic infecting over 37 million people and killing over 1 million since the early part of 2020 is certainly such a circumstance. Personal illness or disability have always been considered valid excusing factors but a deadly contagion on such a massive scale has made missing Mass advisable and necessary, especially for the elderly and those with other underlying health conditions.

Diocesan bishops are the spiritual leaders and pastors of the regions and people that the Church has entrusted to their care. With respect to their dispensing power, canon law states the “diocesan bishop, whenever he judges that it contributes to their spiritual good, is able to dispense the faithful from universal and particular disciplinary laws issued for his territory or his subjects by the supreme authority of the Church (canon 87.1).” As far as the subject matter of the current dispensation is concerned, canon law continues to state that there must be “a just and reasonable cause, after taking into account the circumstances of the case and the gravity of the law from which dispensation is given (canon 90.1).” Issuing a dispensation from the requirement of Church law to attend and participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation during the COVID pandemic certainly constitutes “a just and reasonable cause” for dispensation.

In a recent letter issued by Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, the Cardinal wrote about dispensing the Mass obligation in times of pandemic,

In listening to and collaborating with civil authorities and experts, bishops and episcopal conferences were prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist for a long period. This Congregation is deeply grateful to the bishops for their commitment and effort in trying to respond in the best possible way to an unforeseen and complex situation.

The duration of the dispensation clearly falls within the authority of the Diocesan bishop as does the time for its end. To assist him in that determination, the Diocesan bishop must depend upon the best advice of professional scientific and medical experts as well as civil authorities elected to protect and preserve the common good. His spiritual and pastoral decision should not be arbitrary or without a strong foundation, especially when public health is at risk. He should establish and communicate clear and reasonable spiritual and pastoral directives for the faithful (clergy, religious, laity) of his diocese. /contd..

What do the faithful do in the meantime until the dispensation regarding attendance and participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is lifted? The commandment to “keep holy the Lord’s Day” is not merely “ecclesiastical law,” it is divine law. The faithful should honor that command as best they can during COVID restricted circumstances. If Mass is scheduled in parish Churches under occupancy limits with wearing masks and observing social distancing required or if Mass is offered outdoors, in parking lots, etc., the faithful may consider attending but only as long as age or underlying health conditions do not dictate otherwise. Follow all diocesan protocols and directives. Mass is also readily accessible online or on television. Spiritual communions can be made. Participate that way. Personal and family prayers are easily obtained and offer opportunities for spiritual strength and comfort as does reading the Scriptures.

It must be emphasized again, the elderly and people with underlying, compromising health conditions making them particularly susceptible to COVID infection should avoid crowds and stay home until the pandemic ends.

The COVID pandemic has introduced into our Catholic spiritual life the need for adapting our traditional, even required, spiritual practices to the current health crisis. Such adaptation will continue until the pandemic is under control. So will the dispensation from Mass obligations “until further notice.” It may even include Christmas this year and we should prepare ourselves for what may be inevitable.

BUT, the dispensation discussed here will NOT be forever and our current practice will end. Once the dispensation is lifted — and it will be — Catholics will be expected and obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, as the Church has required since its earliest days. We should not become lax or in any way complacent, presuming that a return to Mass is no longer necessary for Catholics.

Again, Cardinal Sarah wrote in the abovementioned letter,

As soon as circumstances permit, however, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10).”

Aware that God never abandons the humanity he has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord’s altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness.

As soon as is possible, however, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love, and hope.

As faithful Catholics, then, let us wait and pray with patient anticipation for the time when Catholics can “return to the normality of Christian life.

- The Obligation to attend Mass is suspended Until Further Notice. You are not obligated to attend Mass at this time due to Pandemic. **Bishop O’Connell encourages Catholics to attend an in-person Mass** or participate in Mass via Live Stream until the dispensation ceases in order to “Keep Holy, the Lord’s Day”. Please note each week 2 Masses are archived for viewing later in the day.
- Live Streaming of all Masses is continuing. \*\*\*Those in high risk categories and those with pre-existing conditions are asked to stay home and participate through Live Stream.\*\*\*

In person Mass attendance requires:

- ✓ **Mask must cover both the nose and the mouth**
- ✓ 6 feet of social distancing
- ✓ Sit only in pews marked with green tape
- ✓ Red tape areas off limits. Remember green equals ‘go’ and red equals ‘stop’!
- ✓ Bathrooms are for *emergency use only*, please go before you arrive.
- ✓ Church opens 15 minutes before Mass.
- ✓ Communion is distributed after Mass ends and you must depart immediately.
- ✓ If you watch via Live Stream, you can come to Church for Communion.
- ✓ No gathering in any size group anywhere on our property.
- ✓ Communion can be taken on the tongue or the hand, the risk is identical.

The State permits us to have 1/3 of capacity which is 377 people, for safety we are using 25% or 286 people per Mass. The highest # of people at Mass has been at 10:30am and we have only reached 13% of capacity. To assist you in assessing the risk the following numbers from last weekend may be of help to you. For the weekend of October 3/4:

- Sat. 5pm – 148 people
- Sun. 7am – 62 people
- Sun 8:30am – 103 people
- Sun 10:30am – 182 people
- Weekend Mass Total = 495
  
- ❖ Weekend of Sept. 26/27 Mass Total was 491
- ❖ Weekend of Sept. 19/20 Mass total was 490
- ❖ Weekend of Sept. 12/13 Mass total was 515
- ❖ Weekend of Sept. 5/6 Mass total was 440
  
- Weekday Mass is 9am M- F attendance average about 40 people +/-.
- Confession by appointment only, masks, 6 feet and outside
- Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other Celebrations limited to 50 people this number includes family, clergy, outside attendants, anyone breathing and all the restrictions found above for weekend Masses.

\*Have great weekend, stay safe and remember to wear a mask to help stop Covid-19!

***MASS INTENTIONS*****ST. ALOYSIUS LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE  
(VIA WWW.SAIN TALOYSIUSONLINE.ORG)**

Daily Mass Monday through Friday - 9:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm &amp; Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30am and 10:30am

**An Act of Spiritual Communion is proposed for the faithful who are temporarily unable to receive the Eucharist:***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**I Love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen***Mass Intentions****Sunday, October 18, 2020**7:00 a.m. **Cheryl Lee Bonocore**, r/o Her Husband8:30 a.m. **Ralph E. Peterson**, r/o Tsapp Family10:30 a.m. **Carol Vercammen**, r/o Linda and Larry Greco  
**Thomas Sweeney**, r/o Ann Sweeney**Monday, October 19, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Margaret Guiro**, r/o Tasha and Rich Masi**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Christopher Brady**, r/o Donna Smith**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Robert DeMers**, r/o Fletcher Family**Thursday, October 22, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Mary Phillips**, r/o Her Husband**Friday, October 23, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Marc Esposito**,  
r/o Lisa Fletcher and Jay Fitzpatrick**Saturday, October 24, 2020**5:00 p.m. **Andreski and Jankovic Families**,  
r/o Ceil Andreski**Sunday, October 25, 2020**7:00 a.m. **Parishioners****Mrs. Brant**, r/o Tee Hvidsten and Family8:30 a.m. **Timothy Paul Guzman**, r/o Silva Family10:30 a.m. **Christopher Brady**, r/o Revoir Family**Carlo Riviaccio**,  
r/o Don and Linda Marotto**Weekly Readings****Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

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

OS2 David W. Beem	CLpL Eric Streiter USMC	WO1 Michael Lynch	MSGT Darryl Guppy
GYSGT Chris O'Shea	CPT Thomas Dirienz	SGT Nicole Marchitto	LCPL Ryan Barbato
LC Sean Ippolito	LT2 George Wolchko	LCPL Nicholas Clemente USMC	IC2 Christy Rabell
PVT Donald C. Cleaves	CPT Chris Mision	SSGT Andrew Monigan	MJR Daniel P. Brady
SPC John E. Daly	MJR Daniel Murphy	LCPL William Nelson	SGT Michael Perez
LCPL Matthew Tracy	CPL Keith Arway	Sgt Christopher Roitzsch USMC	OS3 Steven Chennells
AIC Ryan Johnson	SSGT William Jansen	PVT John Jad DeStefano	LCDR Matthew W. Smith
CPT Patrick Horan	SGT Daniel Sanchez, Jr.	SGT Michael R. Collins USMC	CPT Michael Loconsolo
1st LT. Ross Trampler	CPL Robert P. Kocsis USMC	PVT Sean Brenner	CPT Robert Murphy
CPL Alex Raney	SSGT Philip Raimondo	LCPL Matthew Ribera	CPL Brandon A Densmore
SGT Craig Bauerlein	PFC Timothy Rodman Sheeran	SGT Thomas J. Crennan, Jr	MJR Scott Davis
SPC Daniel Beagan	SPC Martin M. Kabba	CPT Laura A. Newman	SFC Raymond Ostrowsk
SFC Matthew Brickley	PVT Angel Louis Merced, Jr	CPT Patricia McDonald	LT2 Robert F. Farrell
PFC Adam Felibrico	SN Robert Titus	H.M. James S. Cooney, USN	SPC Joe Lovallo
PVT Kyle Haren	HTFA Kevin Thompson	CDR Matthew James Bowen USN	MSGT Leo VanMiert
TSgt Anthony Capasso	EM3 John Questel	CPO Christopher McCormack	LT Karen Sclasani
Lt. Marco Jon Barral	CPT Jason DiDomenico	SGT Johanna Lovallo Medero	SGT Leonard Medero
LT2 Air Force Cameron Lindsey		LT2 Air Force Nicholas James Accardi	
CPT Eric Dixon	SSGT Conor Neil	SGT Justin Silk	Lt2 Scott Maraldo
Sgt. Evan Myhren	Sr. Airman Patrick Robert McCloskey		MJR Kenneth Brady
Capt. Robert F. Farrell			

**In Memoriam**

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.

**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.* Timothy Dolan, James McMahon, Kathleen McMahon, Diane Carriero, Susan Gardner, Christine Church, Maria Petrocelli, Ercolina Petrocelli, Caryn Cohen, Tony Rosselli, Cathie Lovuola, Curtis Hart, Vinnie Gagliardi, Jen Arico, Margaret Yousses, Vocation Awareness, Janis Bell, Christopher Hunt, Brian Venables, Joyce Dempsey, Andrea Virella, Harriet & Robert Milne, Logan Martucci, Cyril Weaver and Baby Nicholas, Kimmie Luke, Paige Luke, Stephen Maraldo, Christine Vivona, Karen Cassidy, Owen Leccese, Signe Koval, Hank Lilienkamp, Walter Heublein, Kelly Pierfy, Jimmy, Sammy, Melissa Whitehead, Carlos Ascevido, Noreen Harold Fell, Lois Roby, Mary Stewart, Richard Reba, Dan Licknack, Rachel Lynn Franek, Frederick Ncgrathan, Sr., Kevin Barone, Kathryn Ghnoully, Carol Joseph, Ed Long, Michael Willie, Ricky De Blois, Anastasia Aserdziez, Pat Gallagher, Louis Tanini, Sophia, Mike DiS., Michael Murawski, Donna Maglio, A Special Intention, Joey Rubino, Chase Joseph Ruggiero, Bonnie Ruggiero, Ray Perez, Elmire Buannic, Jerry Cohen, Ann Cramer, Annamarie DeLeonardis, Linda Leccese, Ryan Nodine, Kristen Sotack, Aunt Mary, Marvin Bernstein, Lydia Gonzalez, Nicholas Lacitignola, Nicholas DeVito, Irene Cohen, Chris Bligh, Tara Gaffney, Ed Skok, Koren Dubbs, Judy Saal, Ayesha Hordugoda, Susan Scalzo, Barbara McCoy, Talia Nielsen, Sonny Panattieri, Family & Friends, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza, Sr., Baby Benso, Ronnie Perry, John Ghnoully, Deirdre Sriwardena, Bernadette Malter Reed, Charles Sharo, Peggy Murphy, Colleen Owens, Brian Camera, Judy Weaver, Roger Kliemisch, Karen Shines, Jaclyn Mooney, Greg Rinaldi, Andrew Harsanyi, John Harsanyi, Marge Sabo, Jacqueline Krutulis, Bertha Vihonsky, Maggie Wright, Anthony DiPaolo, Luka & Amanda Zrno, Richard Pancredi, Peter Rodriguez, Baby Adam Mastrianni Sorge, Paula Ricciardi, Trevor Finamore, William Raimondi, Lauren Brescia, Steve Blecki, Theresa Chowdhury, David Buckley, John Longo, Dana Baker, Denis Campbell, Bernadette Clifford, Jody Fletcher, John Salvatore, Bob Horrigan, Angela Hardie, Melissa Banard, Diane Fitzgerald and Samuel Catalino, Dana Baker, Barbara Scarpetti, Michele Fletcher, Owen McCabe, Lance Hilken. Pat Tancredi, Kristi Grassi, DeeDee, Barbara O'Reilly, Frederick McGrathan, Mary Galante, Frank Hubit, Frank Jelley, William Campbell, Richard LoPresti, Gemma Sellitto, Meriel Held, Lonnie Cromwell, Sharon Knipper, Jodi Fletcher, Catherine Ryan, Vincent Maione, Emil Milano, Zak and Jill, Toni Martorano, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGrathan .

**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.**

**ANNUAL ENROLLMENT:** Rose Hubit, James and Natalie McMahon, Francesco Oliveira, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard Iacono, Marie McIntire, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Mary Monetti Lordi & the Monetti Family, Alfred Malangone, Theodore Monetti, Jr., Rose & Sam Malangone, Baber & Kammel Family, Thomas Cetnar, Carol Markulin, Anthony Giammona, Larry Houlihan, Bob Chojnacki, Jr., Kathleen M. Kelley, Marion Scaramuzzo, Peter Kennedy, Ely D'AGrosa, Terrance Bazlewicz, Armando Sablo, Coach Jack Nagy, Pitkethley & Kuhl Families, Quillinan & Walters Families, John Ariozzi, Mrs. Bobbie Bowie Smith Soldano, Adele Soldano, Members of the Knights of Columbus, Thomas Sweeney, Chad Saner, John Lombardi, Marjorie Gordon, Joseph DeMasi. Armando Sablo, Coach Jack Nagy, Pitkethley & Kuhl Families, Quillinan & Walters Families, Angel M. Ramos, Dennis Pacyna, Arlene Hassler, Richard Iacono, Josephine Libratoro, Michael Syglinski, Kate Elizabeth Spillane, Rosemary Donnelly, Stanzione Family, Neil Sullivan, Charles Panattieri, Adolfo Arias, Sophie Popieniek, Agnes Kale, Infant son, Sean Diver Callaghan, McCarthy Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Cecilia Araba Nyamekye, Frank Yackinous, Helen Dubog, Andrew Hudson and Family, Mazie Bostinto, Denise Mullin, Cheryl Lee Bonocore, Joseph C. Romaszka, John Prigaro, Joseph LaScala, Larry Heller and Family, David C. McPolin, David K. McPolin, James Newell, Vincenzo Scotto DiCesare, Margaret Werner, George A. Sudol, John R. Demspey, Thomas Ventriglio, John and Barbara Caramelli, Jennifer Schaming, Anthony Garamella, Sr., Anna Christian, Fredrick Morina, Rudolf Augustin, Sr., Nellie Yeager, Jean DelDuca, Gerard Duwe, Maryann Smith, Veronica Margiotta, Amildo Petroceli, Elizabeth Walters, Anna Marrapodi, Victoria Rissi, Roberta Rosen, Michael Polidori, Jack Bollentin, Helen Ludowig, Thomas O'Brien, Mary Suchan, Elaine Smith, Daniel Stolz, Pauline Murphy, Veronica Margiotta, Robert Rosen, Robert Chojnacki, Sr., John Joseph Weber, John LaGuardia, Jennifer Curley, John Edwards, Raymond Pavelka, Harriet Milne, Betty Mastrelli, Merced Loterna, Josephine Cerreta, Barbara Yannich, Frank Farrar, Ann Alberta, Alex Stoddard, Campbell Steve Neft, John Genuard, Jr., Rose Petroczelli, Danielle E. Louis, Edna Palumbo, Nicole McGoldrick, Amanda Popacoda, Aida Dierking, Thurston Andrews, Sr., Patricia O'Connor, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Pete Albany, Charles Serreino, John Stasny, Robert Johnson, Amanda Popacoda, Aida Dierking, Patricia Senn, Edith Lane. John Wilkins, John Lombardi, Brendan Maguire, Teddy Domanski, Talph DeJulia, Francis Campbell, Anthony and Joseph Lotito, MaryAnn Lipari, Stephen Caruso, Diane Lotito, Connie Russo-Riley, Juliana Perez, Lorraine Campbell, Albert Holl, Sr. Valerie Paccone, Christopher Benz, Troise, Marino, Flavin and Zisko Families, Pam Esposito, Chris Oliveira, Rev. Michael Carrano, Diane Oderio, Eileen and George Graziano, John Owens, Robert Johnson, John Barnheimer, Dave Blasiak, Adelaide Vitello, Martin Heron, John Riso, Donna Sullivan, John Tachon, Sr. , Anthony Riccio, James Castagana, Rose & John Basiak, Linda Alm, Francis J. Brauner, Tom Fitzsimmons, Antoinette Cerullo, Stephen Flickinger, Anthony Lanni, Elayne Smith, Jose Flores, John Fedor, Margaret Sommer, George Dormandski, RoseMarie Ward, Mario Spina, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Witzcak, Anthony Witzcak, Nely and John Olenski, Tony Galante, Edward Holowienka, Donald Sweeney, Ivan Sriwardena, Harry and Phyllis Gunasekara, Alyce Hering, Peter Miluk, III, Patricia Graf, Edward Kennedy, MaryAnn DeFalco.

**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)

***Stars of St. Aloysius*** – Honor or remember someone who may have been a light in your life with a light pendant in the church. There are a limited number of lights available in several areas of the church (\$500.00 donation).





**Saint Aloysius Parish welcomes Giovanni Tanzi and Dominick LaTorre who recently joined the parish.**



**Wedding Banns:** John Carnevale and Jessica Mindas (3)

Kyle McArdle and Lauren Santanello (3)



**Saint Aloysius Parish welcomes Martin William Halldorson who was baptized in the Church.**



**The pandemic has affected us all deeply.** St. Vincent de Paul has continued to assist Jackson families during this disturbing time. We have had to modify the way in which we connect with families by working from home rather than making in person visits, but we continue to help with rental and utility payments, food, clothing and car repairs. If you are able, will you please remember us in the monthly collection so we may continue our ministry? Your contributions are very much appreciated.



**Calendars for 2021 have arrived.** As with everything else this year, distribution has changed. Calendars will not be available in the Church but are available for pick up at the parish office. The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm. Stop by and get your copy.



**The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary** which will be prayed in the Church Monday through Friday at 8:30am and available live stream via the website. Thank you, Rosie Raymond for leading us in prayer.



**This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, October 18.** We are called through our Baptism to be a part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can: **PRAY** for the Church's worldwide missionary work; **OFFER** financial **HELP** and **CHARITY** through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin American and the Pacific Islands.



**Turkey Dinner Drive and Christmas Adopt a Family Programs** – The pandemic has caused some changes to these two long-standing programs at St. Aloysius. Both programs will be scaled down, but the committees continue to hope that there will be enough donors to meet the needs of families in Jackson who are experiencing financial difficulties.

If you want to donate a dinner to the **Turkey Dinner Drive**, contact Jim Guldner via email at [jimguldner17@gmail.com](mailto:jimguldner17@gmail.com) or Pat at the parish office 732-370-0500, ext. 204. They will provide information on the items to be purchased as well as specific drop-off information for **Saturday, November 21**. Financial donations are always deeply appreciated as well.

If you wish to participate in the **Adopt-a-Family Program**, please note that donors may provide all gift cards, all gifts or a combination of the two, depending on the comfort level of the donor regarding shopping. Please contact Art Kliemisch at [akliem@aol.com](mailto:akliem@aol.com) or Pat Mulholland at the parish office 732-370-0500, ext. 204 and you will be provided with a Wish List of the size family you want to assist. Art has many families ready to be adopted now, but please note that we are not accepting gifts at Gonzaga Hall until December 1. As always, we appreciate the generosity of the parishioners of St. Aloysius, perhaps even more so this year as we all try to make our way through the pandemic. We wish all good health and faith that this, too, shall pass.

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## DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

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### What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

#### How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God's voice in your life.<sup>1</sup>

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil."<sup>2</sup>

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to "do good and avoid evil"?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a "lifelong task." What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no. 1777

<sup>2</sup> USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17





### Prayer to Our Lady Health of the Sick

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross  
took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure  
you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to  
feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,  
but deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

### A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.

May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together  
and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a  
disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

*Prayer composed by Kerry Weber, Executive Editor, America Magazine*



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