

Sunday, December 15, 2024—Third Sunday of Advent 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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:	
The Parish and Religious Education offices are open	Deacons: Uku Mannikus, Rene Perez & Vincent Rinaldi
Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm.	
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Mass Schedule - All Masses are available by live stream	skroesch@saintaloysiusonline.org, Ext. 203
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Daily Mass - Monday through Friday: 8:30am	Parish Secretary: Pat Mulholland
Saturday - 5:00pm	parishoffice@saintaloysiusonline.org, Ext. 204
Sunday - 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am	
	Religious Education Department:
Little Children of God - a children's program which	Parish Catechetical Leader: Jennifer Petrillo
takes place at the 10:30am Mass for children ages 3-7.	jpetrillo@saintaloysiusonline.org, Ext. 311
	Sacramental Coordinator: Paula Mammana
The Church is open for daily prayer Monday through	sacraments@saintaloysiusonline.org, Ext. 314
Friday. Access is through the parish office.	
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Confession: Saturday at 4:00pm in the Church or by	SUPPORT THE PARISH
appointment by calling the parish office.	
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St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline: 732-370-0098	
THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S.	

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuse-line@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities. Dear Parish Family,



We enter the Third Sunday of Advent, where the Penitential color of violet lightens to rose. We light the rose candle on the Advent Wreath and the vestments are rose colored. Traditionally, this Sunday is called "Gaudete Sunday", meaning "to rejoice", taken from the Introit of the Mass, "Gaudete in Domino semper", "Rejoice in the Lord Always", which comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4-6. The focus of the liturgy changes from "the Lord is coming" to the "Lord is near". Advent was once a longer period starting on St. Martin's Day, November 12th, and nicknamed "St. Martin's Lent".

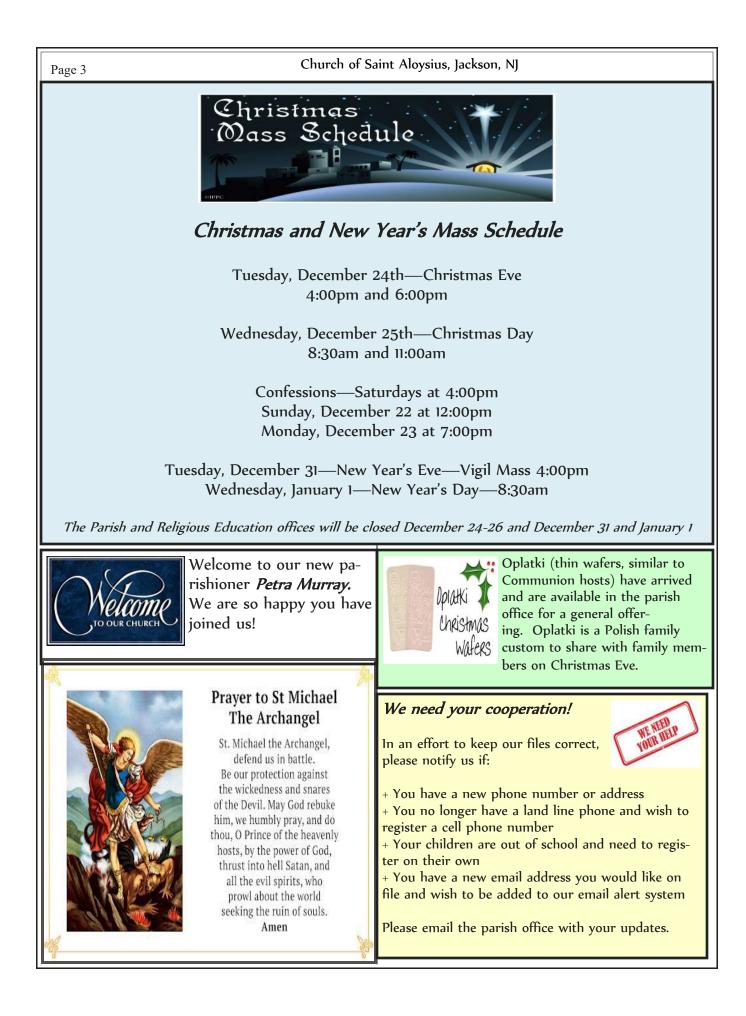
Advent was shortened to its current four week period around the year 850AD. St. Gregory the Great would further form Advent as a four week liturgical cycle in the 12th Century. It also mirrored Lent as a smaller penitential season. During Lent, the 4th Sunday is called "Laetare Sunday" where rose is also used.

The French Theologian, Jean Cardinal Danielou, compared the Advent season to life, "We live always during Advent. We are always waiting for the Messiah to come. The Messiah has come, but is not yet fully manifest. The Messiah is not fully manifest in each of our souls, not fully manifest in humankind as a whole: that is to say, that just as Christ was born according to the flesh in Bethlehem of Judah, so must he be born according to the spirit in each soul."

During this third week of Lent, Latino communities begin the joyful celebration of "Las Posadas", which starts on December 16th through Midnight Christmas Eve, and is believed to have begun in Mexico in 1587. Las Posadas literally means "the shelters". Each night "pilgrims" make their way through the streets, with Mary and Joseph, knocking on doors seeking shelter. The celebrations include foods of tamales, donuts, champurrado, and buffets of food. The pilgrims carry lanterns with them, representing the stars, which illuminate the way for the shepherds who make their way to the house of Jesus' birth. An angel leads them as they sing and dance their way to a door with Joseph and Mary; the owner of the house opens the door, and becomes the inn keeper of Bethlehem, offering food and shelter. The meaning is that when Jesus knocks, we open the door; you open the door of your heart to offer shelter, we shelter Jesus by doing good works, practicing virtues, and coming together with neighbors. Las Posadas is another wonderful Advent custom.

Therefore, when the Lord comes knocking in the dark night at the door of your heart, open it with your good works and virtues, which illuminate the path to joy.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



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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 December 15-21 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for *Our Parishioners* The Blessed Mother Lamp will burn for *Strengthening Families* The Holy Family Lamp will burn for *An Increase in Vocations*

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

SSGT Nicole Marchitto RCT Patrick McBride SSG Marcus Torre Capt. Cameron Lindsey C4C Nicholas Accardi, AF CPT Chris Mision MJR Jason DiDomenico AFPVT Logan Moran Lt. Jr. Grade Michael Hennicke LT Scott Maraldo Capt. Zach Gould Capt. James Accardi

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

Vocation Awareness, Stephen Maraldo, Donna Maglio, Brian Venables, A Special Intention, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza Sr., Curtis Hart, Judy Saal, William Raimondi, Meg Noone, Pete & Joanne Hurley, Theresa Heublein, Roger Belli, Tom Martin, Jacob Heber, Jackie Fleming, Debbie Scatuccio, Jacqueline Krutulis, Kassidy Krutulis, Gladys Murphy, Corinne Nepsha, Nathanial Nepsha, Marilyn Zwarych, Ricky DeBlois, Gary D'Alessandro, Frank DiGiamo, Don and Kathy Sopko, Nicholas DeVito, Betty Dreyfuss, Louise Kolarsick, Diane Warner, Lorraine Godleski, M.E. Koval, Patricia Cappello, Greg Mann, Fran Guldner, Vincent Joliffe, Kathleen Scudieri, Rosalie Delapi, Sharon Christensen, Ruth Nisay, Christian Rivera, Sage Rivera, Cassie Jouban, 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, Peggy Connelly, John and Dolores Cosentino, Gary Gerlach, Iggy Antico, William Johnson, Louis Rivera, Linda McLane, Miriam Spinelli, Daffron Family, Barbara Griffin, Theresa Logan, Davy McClure, Paulette Aronstam, Donna Day, Vinny Day, Marge Sabo, John Narsany, James Vihonsky, Bertha Vihonsky, Karen Crimmins, Kaitlyn Krutulis, Logan Martucci, Louise Murnane, Deby Daoust, Laura Meltzer Potts, the Groft Family, Marietta Giordano, Maryann Lombardi, Truth and Loyalty to God and the Church, Michael Woodlock, Peggy Mulvehill, Austin Trezza, Lilliam Zumbado, Michael Tardio, Agnes Smith, School Administrators, Children and Faculty, Nunzio Masone, Vikki McGlone, Michelle Neuhaus, Margie Libonati, Viola Gatyas, Lynette Younker, Kathy Cronin, Robert and Annamarie Kowalewski, Barbara Owens, Laurie Wroda

Thank you for your prayers for all those on our Intercessory and Armed Forces prayer lists. We have recently updated our list. If you would like to add or change information please contact the Parish Office.



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MASS INTENTIONS December 15-22, 2024

Sunday, December 15, 2024
7:00 a.m. Parishioners
8:30 a.m. John A. Cosentino, r/o Jean and Joe Cosentino
10:30 a.m. Dominick Cusanelli, r/o Christine Gillespie
Bernardino Flores Reyes, r/o Gladys Avalos and Anna Pinto

Monday, December 16, 2034 8:30 a.m. **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pomposelli,** r/o Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fertal

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 8:30 a.m. **Edwin Mendez,** r/o June Quinn

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 8:30 a.m. **Bryan Corey**, r/o Velda Roman

Thursday, December 19, 2024 8:30 a.m. **Mary Gallahue**, r/o Buckley Family

Friday, December 20, 2024 8:30 a.m. **Jean Toy,** r/o Mary Saksinsky

Saturday, December 21, 2024 5:00 p.m. **Michele DeRosa,** r/o Susanne Schmidt

Sunday, December 22, 2024
7:00 a.m. Parishioners
8:30 a.m. Mackenzie Hanrahan, r/o Hanrahan Family
10:30 a.m. Catherine Pitkethley, r/o Family
Diane Calabrisotto, r/o Lisa Calabrisotto



December 2: Offering: \$12,520.41 Online Giving: \$6,082.83 Mortgage Reduction: \$1,715.00



Goal: \$80,000.00 Pledged: \$65,377.00 (82% of goal) Paid: \$65,542.00 (81% to goal) Total Donors: 353 Total Gifts: 428 Average Gift: \$152.75 Estimated Rebate Due: Not Eligible Yet

The Annual Catholic Appeal continues through the end of the 2024 calendar year. If you have not given as of yet, please make your gift today. Thank you to those who have already given. We appreciate your continued support.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) (also known as an IRA Charitable Rollover) is a simple way to make a gift. If you would like more information on how to make a QCD donation, contact Sherri Kroesch at 732-370-0500 ext. 203 or at skroesch@saintaloysiusonlineorg.

Weekly Readings

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25 Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25 Friday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38 Saturday Sgs 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45 Sunday Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

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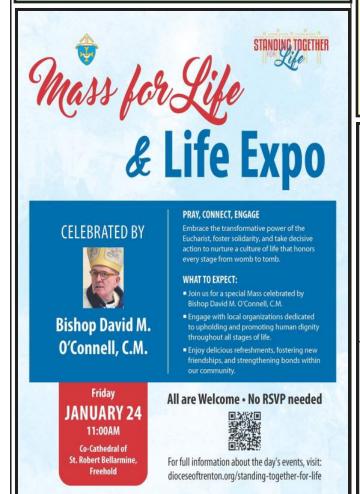


If you have adopted a family for Christmas through the St. Vincent dePaul Society, we thank you for your generosity. Gift drop offs can be made to Morello Hall between the hours of 9am and 3pm with some evening and weekend hours available. If you have any questions or need a specific time to drop off gifts, please contact the parish office.



Good Counsel Giving Tree gifts should be dropped off to the Gathering Space no later than December 15th. Gift cards and donations for either Good Counsel or St. Vincent dePaul should be brought to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, call the parish

office. Thank you for your generosity to both these programs. We are grateful for you!





Have you or a loved one missed out on some sacraments or do you know someone considering becoming Catholic? Our OCIA program is here to support you, with a dedicated community of catechists eager to help you prepare for the Sacraments of the

Church and the joy of meeting the Lord. Let our team of faith-filled individuals assist you on this journey towards a deeper connection with your faith. Reach out to our parish office today for more information and take the first step towards enriching your spiritual life.



Study Theology at Georgian Court University! All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spiri-

tuality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a nonmatriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 21, 2025. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

"Help Send a Hero Home" for the Holiday 2024" \$20 RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

1st PRIZE WINNER: Chromebook with carrying case, speakers and headphones



blue tooth speaker, pop-up tent and 2 camping chairs

2nd PRIZE WINNER: Tailgate

3rd PRIZE WINNER: \$100 Gift Card

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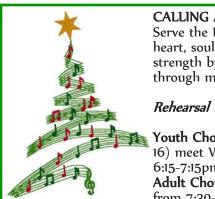
All Proceeds will go to "Help Send A Hero Home for the Holidays" Men and Women from our Armed Forces stationed at our local bases

> Drawing will be held December 21st at the "OLD TIMERS REUNION"

Please Contact PGK Lou McGraw 732-804-8766 for further details

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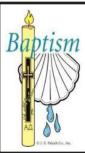
CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!!!!! Serve the Lord with all your heart, soul, and all your strength by serving Him through ministry.

Rehearsal times:

Youth Choir (singers ages 7-16) meet Wednesday from 6:15-7:15pm. Adult Choir: Meet Wednesday from 7:30-9pm. We sing in

harmony and prepare for special concerts. All are welcome.

Instrumental Ensemble—do you have an instrument covered in a closet that needs another chance? Consider playing a Church. Email Naomi if you are interested in joining the group at musicministry@saintaloysiusonline.org.



Congratulations to our newest parishioner who has joined our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Natalia Joy Borghesi

May your baptism be the foundation upon which a life of faith and compassion is built

VINCENT'S LEGACY

Saint Vincent De Paul's *Legacy* Furniture Outreach works with our local SVdP Conference to serve our neighbors in need of furniture and household items.



Vincent's Legacy accepts donated furniture that is in good condition, in a household with no pets or smokers, to redistribute to our neighbors in need. They do not accept clothing.

Call 732-301-4238 to make an appointment for a volunteer to come and access your items. Vincent's Legacy will pick up your items for delivery.

If you would like to be a part of St. Vincent dePaul, the Society meets the 4th Mondays of the month in Morello Hall at a new time—5:00pm! Come meet the dedicated workers who selflessly devote their time. talent and treasure to helping others. Their next meeting will be Monday, January 27th at 5:00pm. They look forward to meeting you!



Bible Study-Join Fr. RJ Tuesdays at 2:30pm in the parish office to Break Open the Word and delve into Scripture.

Book Study—will take a break for the month of December and will resume meeting on January 14th and 28th at 10:00am in the parish office.



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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.*

Christmas Card Service Project: On Sunday, December 22nd, we will have our annual service project of making Christmas cards for Bartley Nursing Home residents. Teens are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass, and then meet in the Gathering Space immediately following Mass so that we can head into Morello Hall together. Light snacks will be served. Pick up time is 1:00 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, December 19th.

Epiphany Event: On Sunday, January 5th, we will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord! Teens are invited to join us for a special event at our parish. Immediately after the 10:30 am Mass, there will be a Cantata concert with our parish's music ministry. The concert is open to the whole parish, and we encourage our teens to attend and sit together. After the concert, teens will share a meal and then head over to the Youth Room for our AYM "White Elephant" gift exchange! Teens who wish to participate are asked to please bring a <u>wrapped</u> present (worth no more than \$10). We plan to finish up at 1:30 pm. Please RSVP by Friday, January 3rd if you wish to join us.

DYC: The annual Diocesan Youth Conference is coming up on Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 am Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville! DYC is the Diocese of Trenton's annual gathering for all teens in grades 8 through 12. It provides a chance to be with fellow young Catholics and grow closer to Christ through dynamic presentations, prayer, music, activities, and more! This year's theme is "The Journey." The advanced registration cost is \$25 per person. Please note that registration must be completed through your parish youth ministry leader. Parents/guardians who would like to register their son/daughter for DYC are asked to please contact Jen Petrillo no later than Thursday, January 23rd.

Please note: For our group, the plan is for teens to be dropped off and picked up <u>at</u> <u>Notre Dame</u> High School by a parent/guardian. Chaperones from our parish will meet our teens at Notre Dame and accompany them throughout the event.





Catholic men are you looking to grow in your faith? Join the St. Aloysius Men's Group. We meet Saturday mornings from 7-8am in Morello Hall sharing in fellowship and a faith building

video. To register email David at dfurb@aol.com.



St. Leo's, Lincroft, NJ, will be hosting an Information Night, January 16th at 7pm in the

parish hall for Separated and Divorced Catholics. This night will help you decide if you would like to attend their upcoming 12 week program beginning in March on Thursday evenings. To register, email Michele at healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com. Do you feel like God is calling you to something more? Then join *Walking with Purpose* a Bible Study for women to know Christ through Scripture, and see where God is leading you. *Walking with Purpose meets Thursdays at 7pm in Morello Hall*. Come, renew your mind by saturating yourself in the truth of Scripture. Gift yourself this season the



opportunity to set your pace to the beat of God's heart. This Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith. 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 Jacono, Arlene Hassler, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Teams, Jill, Frank and Rose Hubit, Edith Lane, John Wilkens, Grace Marie Natoli, Angelo Mazzeo, Elaine Sobreira, A Special Intention, Connie and Anthony Giammona, Marion Masera, Mary Iacono, Amelia Cortes Serrano, Gerald "Jerry" Mann, Shirley Minger, Carl Kliemisch, Adrien Thomas, Lisa and Gerald Colangelo, Johnson and Tessa Boscarino, Marie Hamilton, Thomas Zarillo, Robert Fairhurst, David Anthony, Margaret McClure, Olimpia Regateira, Phyllis Silano, Andrea K. Lear, Dottie Sedor, Loretta Boutote, Virginia Duke, Maria Oliveira, Larry Houlihan, Steven M. Sloan, William McCarthy and Family, Boryshuk Family, Louise Jones, Maria Augusta Limas DeOliveira, Marie Zimbile, Marietta Sciascia, Cheryl Bonocore, Eugene Murnane, Robert Thorpe, Audrey Campbell, Donna Fichera, Neil McKeague, Palumbo Family, Guldner Family, Lamberti Sisters, Christopher Oliveira, Diane Humphrey, Carmine Merlucci, Neal Collenburg, Logan Family, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thesan, Theodore, Jourdan, McKenzie, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Francesca M. Bonucci, James O'Leary, John Flynn, Michael Cetta, Merced Lotrena, The Nowak Family, Virginia and Allen Walp, Chad Vitello, Maria and Belto Ristaino, John Owens, Anna Marie DeLeonardis, Quaglia Family, Marty Munroe, John and Donna Fichera, Peter Miluk, Jr., Alfred Nader (Dadasee), David LaRosa, Mario Garcia, Virginia Laschet, Patricia Fountain, Connie Russo-Riley, George Newman, Jr., Phyllis Vitiello, Ivan Sriwardena, Harry and Phyllis Gunasekara, Tina Rogers, Ivano John Bott, Juan Opa Torres, Joseph LaScala, Rev. Stanley Jarosz, Maryann Pucilowski, Aida and James Dierking, Rose and Joseph Cesario, Peter Miluk, III, Joseph G. Moroney, Donald and Erin McLoughlin, Don and Maureen Gorny, Evelyn and George Doerbecker. Gertrude amd Eugene McLoughlin, Catherine and William McLoughlin, Evan and Olivia Gorny, Pete Albany, Jack Bassi, Des Fitzgerald, Loretta Conway, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Joseph Sumanski, James and Elisa Oliver, Frank and Pearl Szumianski, Thomas Cetnar, Urban and Millo Families, Michael Matzo, Walter Heublein, Eileen and George Graziano, Richard LoPresti, Edith and Ernesto Scalatempore, Jennie and John Tatulli, John, Lucy, Nick, Mary and George, Glenda Morisano, Michael Seyglinski, Raymond Magnussen, Ruth Nisay, Elena Salvato, Eileen and Don Malter, Robert McCarthy, Pat O'Connor and Tim O'Connor, Angelo Mazzeo, Dante Dedonno, Gilvo L. Gialanella, Steven Pirniak, Angelo Mazzeo, Antoinette Maria Puccio, Lynda J. Bradley Clay, Manny Oliveira, Joao Batista Abreu de Oliveira, Yedda Abreu de Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes Abreu, Joao C. Abreu, Cleisa Abreu Cantuaria, Linda Alm, Frances Brauner, John and Rose Jobst, Kathleen O'Connell, Miriam Whalen, Florence Spinello, Bernie Daquila, Pitkethley, Kuhl, Quillinan, Walters Families, Joanne and Keith Veltre, Kate Castell, Ronald Brancaccio, Anna and Salvatore Carnemolla, Joseph, Josephine and Bob Brancaccio, James D. Diefendorf, III, Mary Ann Borghi, Joseph S. Romano, Dorothy Theresa Maher, Cosmo (Gus) Mongiello, Fermina Lopez, James Migliori, Edna Parzygnat, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Tracy Lee Papp-Hill, Walter Heublein, Frank Sandtner and Family, Anthony Sandtner and Family, Connie and Tony Gaiammona, Barbara Brennan, Miriam Spinelli, Rosemarie Artale, Joyce Elizabeth Mennella, Ana Librada Ramos, Enid Muraca



In the Catholic Church, the anointing of the sick is a sacrament that is administered to a Catholic "who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age". There is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament may be received at any time during a person's illness, especially before

surgery or treatment. We suggest calling to receive the Sacrament *before* a person is in grave danger of death as it is not always possible to have a priest available at the actual time of death. If you would like to schedule the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for a loved one, please contact the parish office.



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