



December 27, 2020 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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
 Sunday - 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:30am

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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.

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.



Dear Parish Family-

Merry and Blessed Christmas! Yes, Christmas has only just begun. Don't listen to the media or Wall Street who start Christmas sometime between the heat of August and before Halloween. For Christians, Christmas begins on Dec. 25th and ends with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. So keep celebrating His birth!

The United States Conference of Bishops instructs us, *"Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar".* St. Bede the Venerable in the 8th Century reflected, *"Christ is the morning star, who, when the night of this world is past, gives to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day."*

St. Ephraem the Syrian in the 4th Century most beautifully reflected, *"Mary wove a garment of glory and gave it to her father, Adam, who was naked among the trees. He donned this chaste robe and became beautiful. His wife led him to a fall; his daughter supported him; he arose to be a hero."*

Thank you to all who were able to weave a garment of charity for the various programs we sponsored over the holidays. This year in particular you made a big difference in people's lives. Every year it is important but in such a difficult year your charity was more meaningful.

Last week I shared with you one message of gratitude and this week I share two more from folks you helped, *"Thank you very much for your thoughtful and generous Christmas gifts to my family. We are really grateful to you and can't thank you enough for such wonderful and perfect gifts. Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above."* And another from a family that received your generous gift at just the right moment in their lives, *"I don't have words to express my thanks for the kind and generous gift, God Bless you"*. These are few of the sentiments of gratitude we receive. How grateful and blessed we are to distribute them on your behalf. Never underestimate kindness. Jesus has given us more kindness than we deserve and more love that we can ever merit.

May your 2021 be a year of Blessings.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

- 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 leaving your home.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ It is requested you take Communion in the hand but can be taken on the tongue.

The State currently permits 25% if capacity which is 286 people per Mass in our building. The highest # of people at Mass has been at 10:30am and we have reached 23% 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 December 5/6:

- Sat. 5pm – 117 people
 - Sun. 7am – 71 people
 - Sun 8:30am – 121 people
 - Sun 10:30am – 194 people
 - Total for all Masses = 503
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- 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 & 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, December 27, 2020 –****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**7:00 a.m. **Stephanie Parze**, r/o June Quinn and Family Parishioners8:30 a.m. **Joseph Roch**, r/o Theodore Fornicola10:30 a.m. **Anthony Dell Olio**, r/o Marie Dell Olio**Denise Mullin**, r/o Robert and Laura Lacqua**Monday, December 28, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Daniel Stolz**, r/o Dave Dimech**Tuesday, December 29, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Jane Boyd**, r/o Robert Certo**Wednesday, December 30, 2020**9:00 a.m. **Antoinette White**,
r/o Marguerite and John Villante**Thursday, December 31, 2020 – New Years' Eve**9:00am – **Lorraine Rutigliano**,
r/o Cynthia and Vincent Sclafani**Friday, January 1, 2021 –****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**9:00am – **Annual Enrollment****Saturday, January 2, 2021**5:00 p.m. **Parishioners****Sunday, January 3, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord**7:00 a.m. **Fred DeAlmeida**,
r/o Donna and Andy Zampella8:30 a.m. **Frank DelMonte**, r/o Wife and Children10:30 a.m. **Robert Johnson**, r/o Jen and Nick Petrillo
Joe Scalzo, r/o Nick and Jen Petrillo**Weekly Readings****Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 ; Lk 2:22-35**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

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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 Negrathan, Sr., Kevin Barone, Kathryn Ghnouly, 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, Ryan Nodine, Kristen Sotack, Aunt Mary, Marvin Bernstein, Lydia Gonzalez, Nicholas Lacitignola, Nicholas DeVito, 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 Ghnouly, Deirdre Sriwardena, Bernadette Malter Reed, Charles Sharo, Peggy Murphy, Colleen Owens, Brian Camera, Judy Weaver, Roger Kliemisch, Karen Shines, Jaelyn 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 Bleciki, Theresa Chowdhury, David Buckley, John Longo, Dana Baker, Denis Campbell, Bernadette Clifford, John Salvatore, Bob Horrigan, Angela Hardie, Melissa Banard, Diane Fitzgerald and Samuel Catalino, Dana Baker, Barbara Scarpetti, Michele Fletcher, Owen McCabe, Lance Hilkene, Pat Tancredi, Kristi Grassi, DeeDee, Barbara O'Reilly, Frederick McGrathan, Mary Galante, Frank Hubit, Frank Jelley, William Campbell, Richard LoPresti, Gemma Sellitto, Meriel Held, Sharon Knipper, Jodi Fletcher, Catherine Ryan, Vincent Maione, Emil Milano, Zak and Jill, Toni Martorano, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGrathan, MaryAnn Pucilowski, Cela Family, Susan Miluk, Charlotte Barnard, Uku Mannikus, Audrey Campbell, Bozena Lukaszewicz, Melissa Couto, Barbara Sullivan, Robin Costa, Jack Collins, Judith Weaver, Theresa McGrathan, Pat Scimica, Lawrence Fitzimmons.

**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, Armando Sablo, Coach Jack Nagy, Pitkethley & Kuhl Families, Quillinan & Walters Families, John Ariozzi, Mrs. Bobbie Bowie Smith Soldano, Adele Soldano, Arlene Hassler, Richard Iacono, Josephine Libratoro, Michael Syglinski, Kate Elizabeth Spillane, Rosemary Donnelly, Stanzone 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 Ludwig, 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 Petroczi, 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 Witzczak, Anthony Witzczak, 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, 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.

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.

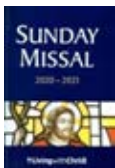
Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Holy Family Devotional Candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one (\$25.00 donation for one week)

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).



Welcome to Nicholas Leon Pejowski who was baptized in the Church last weekend.



2021 Church Missalettes will not be ordered this year due to Covid-19. If you would like to have a missal to follow along, we suggest Magnificat or the St. Joseph's Missal which can be obtained by ordering via the Magnificat website or Amazon. For more information, please contact the parish office. Weekly Readings are also always listed in the bulletin under Mass Intentions.



Calendars for 2021 have arrived. 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.



2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the cafeteria. You can pick up your set after weekend Masses or during the week by calling the parish office for an appointment. If you have registered for online giving during the pandemic, collection envelopes would not have been printed for you. If you request 2021 envelopes as an online giver, you will receive a starter set and must come to the parish office to receive them.



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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