



March 1, 2020 - First Sunday in Lent

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Mass Schedule:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., *10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Holy Days: Mass times will be announced.

(*Little Children of God program at this Mass)

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Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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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.



Dear Parish Family-

The First Sunday of Lent technically marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday (which is not a Holy Day of Obligation contrary to popular belief) and the days following it are considered Pre-Lenten days to get ready for Lent. If you are a bean counter the 40 days begin now; ready, set, go!

Each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday which has its own Liturgy, we offer Soup and Stations. You can come to the Cafeteria for a simple supper of soup at 6pm prepared by a different parish ministry each week and then attend Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7pm. To enter the Cafeteria come through the Church entrance and take the second set of double doors on the right next to the little statue of the Our Lady of Fatima.

On Sunday February 23 Pope Francis was in Bari, Italy at the Shrine of St. Nicholas along with the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church and other world religious leaders to call attention to the plight of migrants and refugees. The readings were challenging Christians to love our neighbor and pray for those who hate us, to offer no resistance but love in return. The Holy Father's reflection on the passage of Matthew's Gospel is an excellent mediation as we begin Lent. I share it with you as a starting point of meditation as we begin the journey of Lent.

"Jesus quotes the ancient law: "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (Mt 5:38; Ex 21:24). We know what that law meant: when someone takes something from you, you are to take the same thing from him. This law of retaliation was actually a sign of progress, since it prevented excessive retaliation. If someone harms you, then you can repay him or her in the same degree; you cannot do something worse. Ending the matter there, in a fair exchange, was a step forward.

But Jesus goes far beyond this: "But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil" (Mt 5:39). But how, Lord? If someone thinks badly of me, if someone hurts me, why can I not repay him with the same currency? "No", says Jesus. Nonviolence. No act of violence.

We might think that Jesus' teaching is a part of a plan; in the end, the wicked will desist. But that is not why Jesus asks us to love even those who do us harm. What, then, is the reason? It is that the Father, our Father, continues to love everyone, even when his love is not reciprocated. The Father "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (v. 45). In today's first reading, he tells us: "You shall be holy; for I, the Lord your God, am holy" (Lev 19:2). In other words: "Live like me, seek the things that I seek". And that is precisely what Jesus did. He did not point a finger at those who wrongfully condemned him and put him to a cruel death, but opened his arms to them on the cross. And he forgave those who drove the nails into his wrists (cf. Lk 23:33-34).

If we want to be disciples of Christ, if we want to call ourselves Christians, this is the only way. Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first; having been saved graciously, we are called to seek no benefit from the good we do. You may well say: "But Jesus goes too far! He even says: "Love your enemies and pray for those who they persecute you" (Mt 5:44). Surely he speaks like this to gain people's attention, but he cannot really mean it". But the opposite is true. Here Jesus is not speaking in paradoxes or using nice turns of phrase. He is direct and clear. He quotes the ancient law and solemnly tells us: "But I say to you: love your enemies". His words are deliberate and precise.

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*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. This is the Christian innovation. It is the Christian difference. Pray and love: this is what we must do; and not only with regard to those who love us, not only with regard to our friends or our own people. The love of Jesus knows no boundaries or barriers. **The Lord demands of us the courage to have a love that does not count the cost.** Because the measure of Jesus is love without measure. How many times have we neglected that demand, behaving like everyone else! Yet his commandment of love is not simply a challenge; it is the very heart of the Gospel. Where the command of universal love is concerned, let us not accept excuses or preach prudent caution. The Lord was not cautious; he did not yield to compromises. **He asks of us the extremism of charity. It is the only kind of Christian extremism: the extremism of love.***

*Love your enemies. We do well to repeat these words to ourselves and apply them to those who treat us badly, who annoy us, whom we find hard to accept, who trouble our serenity. Love your enemies. We also do well to ask ourselves: "What am I really concerned about in this life? About my enemies, or about those who dislike me? Or about loving?" Do not worry about the malice of others, about those who think ill of you. Instead, begin to disarm your heart out of love for Jesus. **For those who love God have no enemies in their hearts.***

*The worship of God is contrary to the culture of hatred. And the culture of hatred is fought by combatting the cult of complaint. How many times do we complain about the things that we lack, about the things that go wrong! Jesus knows about all the things that don't work. He knows that there is always going to be someone who dislikes us. Or someone who makes our life miserable. All he asks us to do is pray and love. **This is the revolution of Jesus, the greatest revolution in history: from hating our enemy to loving our enemy; from the cult of complaint to the culture of gift. If we belong to Jesus, this is the road we are called to take!***

But you can object: "I understand the grandeur of the ideal, but that is not how life really is! If I love and forgive, I will not survive in this world, where the logic of power prevails and people seem to be concerned only with themselves". So is Jesus' logic, his way of seeing things, the logic of losers? In the eyes of the world, it is, but in the eyes of God it is the logic of winners. As Saint Paul told us in the second reading: "Let no one deceive himself... For the wisdom of this world is folly with God" (1 Cor 3:18-19). God sees what we cannot see. He knows how to win. He knows that evil can only be conquered by goodness. That is how he saved us: not by the sword, but by the cross. To love and forgive is to live as a conqueror. We will lose if we defend the faith by force.

*The Lord would repeat to us the words he addressed to Peter in Gethsemane: "Put your sword into its sheath" (Jn 18:11). In the Gethsemanes of today, in our indifferent and unjust world that seems to testify to the agony of hope, a Christian cannot be like those disciples who first took up the sword and later fled. No, the solution is not to draw our sword against others, or to flee from the times in which we live. **The solution is the way of Jesus: active love, humble love, love "to the end"** (Jn 13:1).*

*Dear brothers and sisters, today Jesus, with his limitless love, raises the bar of our humanity. In the end, we can ask ourselves: "Will we be able to make it?" If the goal were impossible, the Lord would not have asked us to strive for it. By our own effort, it is difficult to achieve; it is a grace and it needs to be implored. **Ask God for the strength to love. Say to him: "Lord, help me to love, teach me to forgive. I cannot do it alone, I need you"**. But we also have to ask for the grace to be able to see others not as hindrances and complications, but as brothers and sisters to be loved. How often we pray for help and favours for ourselves, yet how seldom do we pray to learn how to love! We need to pray more frequently for the grace to live the essence of the Gospel, to be truly Christian. For "in the evening of life, we will be judged on love" (Saint John of the Cross, Sayings of Light and Love, 57).*

*Today let us choose love, whatever the cost, even if it means going against the tide. Let us not yield to the thinking of this world, or content ourselves with half measures. **Let us accept the challenge of Jesus, the challenge of charity.** Then we will be true Christians and our world will be more human."*

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

7:00 a.m. **Dorothea Davidson**,
r/o MaryJane and Bill Skowronski

8:30 a.m. **Parishioners**
Marie McIntire, r/o Metedeconk Friends

10:30 a.m. **Ann Savage**, r/o Bill Savage

12:30 p.m. **Bruce Wallauer**, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Rick Pedone

Monday, March 2, 2020

8:00 a.m. **For the Deceased**, r/o Mary DiMaggio

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8:00 a.m. **Gerard Schear**, r/o Stacey & Frank Schear

2:30 p.m. **Bartley – Mary Glennon**, r/o Alicia Belford

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. **John Lombardi**, r/o MaryAnn Lombardi

Thursday, March 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. **Andrea Caldarella**, r/o Nicholas Haros, Jr.

Friday, March 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. **Annual Enrollment**

Saturday, March 7, 2020

5:00 p.m. **Linda Capalbo**, r/o Husband, Tony

Sunday, March 8, 2020

7:00 a.m. **Ann Marie Henry**, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Amantea

8:30 a.m. **Miriam Whalen**, r/o The Porcelli Family

10:30 a.m. **Jon Fagan**, r/o Mary Beth & Norbie Welge

12:30 p.m. **Parishioners**
Marie McIntire, r/o Camille Rohm & Family

Masses at St. Mary's Seminary, Uganda

March 9, 2020 – **In Memory of Ronald Martino, Sr.**,
r/o Arlene & Neil Mahler

March 10, 2020 – **In Memory of Fortunata Zinna**,
r/o Andrew Dziedzic

Sunday, March 1:

7:00 a.m. *Mass (Church)*

8:30 a.m. *Mass (Church)*

10:00 a.m. *Confessions*

10:30 a.m. *Mass (Church)*

12:30 p.m. *Mass (Church)*

6:00 p.m. *Youth Night (Youth Center)*

Monday, March 2:

8:00 a.m. *Daily Mass (Church)*

Tuesday, March 3:

8:00 a.m. *Mass (Church)*

11:00 a.m. *Faith Sharing (Classroom #3)*

8:00 p.m. *Men's Group (Classroom #3)*

Wednesday, March 4:

8:00 a.m. *Daily Mass (Church)*

Thursday, March 5:

8:00 a.m. *Daily Mass (Church)*

6:00 p.m. *Youth Choir (Church)*

7:00 p.m. *Adult Choir (Church)*

Friday, March 6:

8:00 a.m. *Daily Mass (Church)*

6:00 p.m. *Simple Soup Supper (Cafeteria)*

7:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross (Church)*

Saturday, March 7:

6:30 a.m. *TMIY (Cafeteria)*

4:00 p.m. *Confessions*

5:00 p.m. *Mass (Church)*

Weekly Readings

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



Contribution letters are available. If you would like a printout of your donations for the 2019 calendar year, please contact the parish office. Statements can be emailed, picked up at the parish office or mailed. Only those using parish contribution envelopes or online giving will receive a letter.



Pray for the Elect during Lent. The following Catechumens (those who have not been baptized) and Candidates (those who have been baptized in a Christian faith) intend to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We ask the community to pray for them during Lent as they make their final preparations: Douglas Kauffelds, Kelsey Kauffelds, Dean Mars, Mitchell Mars, Devika Nash, Tracy Siegell
Loving Lord, you call all people to you. Thank you for helping these Catechumens and Candidates to hear your call. Keep them faithful to Your word as we draw close to the Easter Sacraments. Bless the families, Sponsors and all who support them in their faith. Let this Lent and Easter be a time of spiritual growth and awareness of your Presence. We ask this in the name of our Lord. Amen



Soup and Stations is offered each Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). A simple meatless meal with bread is offered by one of our ministries at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. BYOB (bring your own bowl) to be "green", however, bowls are available. Stations of the Cross begin at 7:00pm in the Church. We hope to see you there and thank you to the following ministries for volunteering.

March 6 – Youth Ministry March 13 – Knights of Columbus March 20 – Men's Group
March 27 – Scouts and Family Ministry April 3 – Faith Sharing



Our next food collection will take place on the weekend of March 14 & 15 to benefit Catholic Charities in Lakewood. Their wish list items include: laundry detergent, cooking oil, sugar, tuna and small apple sauce, in addition to all other non-perishable food. **Please leave your items in the Gathering Space not at the Parish Office. Thank you.**



The Vatican International Exhibition: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. In August 2019, Bishop O'Connell relayed an alarming statistic: only 31% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence! In order to help our faithful better understand, the linked Parishes of Sacred Heart, Bay Head & St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Lavalette are proud to host this amazing exhibit to help us better understand. The exhibit was researched, designed & created by Carlo Acutis, a young computer genius from the diocese of Milan Italy. He died at the age of 15 from leukemia & has been declared a Servant of God. The exhibit is FREE & suitable for all ages. Student days (March 13 at Sacred Heart and March 24 at St. Pio) are available with a special video designed especially for kids. More info is on page 12 of this bulletin.



The Knights of Columbus Council 6201 will be screening the Movie *Unplanned* on March 6th at 8:30 PM at our council home, at 401 Bartley Road Jackson. The screening is free and open to **Adults only**. *Unplanned* is a movie that follows Abby Johnson, a real-life woman who wanted to help women and believed in a woman's right to choose. As she worked inside an abortion clinic, she was transformed by what she saw; and it changed her life.



Do you have a supportive and caring attitude? If you do, you may have a calling to serve as a **Funeral Planning Team Member**. As a team member, you will offer support and assist families in preparing a meaningful Catholic liturgy. Think of the comfort you will bring to families facing a difficult situation and possibly renew and revitalize the faith of those who have been away from the Church. If you are interested in this compassionate way to serve, please call the parish office.



New Monthly Altar Server Mass & Training - 3rd Saturday of the Month - 5:00p.m. Every third Saturday, all Altar Servers are invited to come to the 5:00p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, vest in their alb, and join in the entrance/recessional processions of the Mass. Altar Servers not assigned to serve at the 5:00p.m. Mass will sit together in their own pews showing their unity in service to Almighty God. After Mass, there will be a training session to learn more about the Mass and how to serve at the Holy Altar of God. Are you thinking about becoming an Altar Server? Children in 5th grade or higher are welcome to join the ranks of St. Aloysius Altar Servers. Please contact the main office at 732-370-0500 to get involved. **Our next meeting is Saturday, March 21 at 6pm.**

RCIA RCIA: Looking to become Catholic? Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." If you are ready to open your door to Him, then the first step is to enroll in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). RCIA is a special opportunity to learn about the Catholic way of life. It involves regular weekly instructional meetings and opportunities to break open God's Word in a natural and guided effort to deepening one's knowledge and love of God. There are two tracks one may take to get started: **Phase 1:** Inquiry, which meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm in the Parish Center. During this phase, newcomers are encouraged to ask questions to learn more about the Catholic tradition. No commitment is necessary for this phase; attend as many inquiry meetings as you want. **Phase 2:** RCIA, whereby a person commits to meeting every Wednesday at 6pm in the Parish Center and attends the 8:30AM Mass every Sunday. Wednesday meetings are designed to provide catechetical teaching, while Sunday is an opportunity to worship with the community and study the Scriptural readings of the day. **For more information or to enroll in either phase, please contact Joey Tun, youthministry@saintalloysiusonline.org or the parish office at parishoffice@saintalloysiusonline.org**



St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce a new ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics that will begin on March 2. The location for the meetings is the Parish Ministry Center, located at 509 Hooper Avenue in Toms River. The program will be held every Tuesday for 12 weeks from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information visit www.catholicsdivorce.com. Anyone who needs help in finding

peace, power & healing from divorce, whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already divorced, you will discover how to work through emotions & pain, & experience personal healing & hope. If interested, please email DSOCNJ@gmail.com with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators, Dave Scherr, Lori Daly or Pat Kologe, will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have. Thank you for taking the first step towards your healing!



The Rotary Club is hosting a Charity Atlantic City Bus Trip to the Tropicana April 19. \$38 per person which includes transportation from Brook Plaza, sandwich, beverage, and \$25 in slot play. All proceeds benefit the family of Stephanie Parze. For reservations and additional information, contact Tom Barchie 732-207-4029 or Luke Stango 732-379-8060.



The Altar Rosary Society will hold their monthly meeting Monday, March 9 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. All women of the parish are welcome!



The next Baptism Prep Class will be held Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00pm in the Church. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office to register.



Thank you to all who contacted the Bread from Heaven Café to volunteer. We are a non-profit organization working 7 days a week to feed the needy. We have served over 5,000 hot cooked meals and delivered 10,000 food packages to elderly and needy families in the Jackson and surrounding communities. Our founder, Helen Ludowig has passed away and will be missed dearly but with your help and support we will continue her dream. We are always in need of volunteers but are currently looking for a storage garage to house our food donations. If you have a garage or place to store food donations, would like to volunteer or make a donation, contact Milan at 732-835-0111 or at BFHvolunteers@gmail.com. Thank you.



St. Monica's is running a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater on July 15th to see the new performance of Queen Esther. Prices are \$129 (adult) and \$99 (children ages 3-12) which includes round trip transportation for an 11am show, lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, taxes and tips. To make a reservation call Alice at 732-833-0542.



Catholic Women of Zion invite you to a Retreat Day at St. William the Abbott on Saturday, March 14 from 9-2pm. The day consists of Mass, music and speaker, Camille Herr. To make a reservation call 732-202-8352 or visit www.cwoz.org.

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
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CPT Patrick Horan	SGT Daniel Sanchez, Jr.	SGT Michael R. Collins USMC	CPT Michael Loconsolo
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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
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Capt. Robert F. Farrell			

In Memoriam**Jack Bollentin, Doreen Logan, Christine DeCaprio, Robert Chojnacki, Sr. and Romola Durana**

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 for the week of March 1-7, 2020The Sanctuary Lamp will burn **In Memory of Mary Glennon**, r/o Alicia Belford**The Altar Bread & Wine are offered In Honor of John & Dolores Corsentino's 63rd Wedding Anniversary****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, Vincent Carucci, Kyle Johnson, 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, Pete Albany, 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, Christine Spedding, 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, Joe Scalzo, 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, Aida Dierking, Bernadette Clifford, Baryt Schone, Jody Fletcher, John Salvatore, Bob Horrigan, Angela Hardie, Melissa Banard, Diane Fitzgerald and Samuel Catalino, Dana Baker, Barbara Scarpetti, Michele Fletcher.

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.**



What's happening at Mother Seton Academy



If you're wondering how to return your Mother Seton Raffle Tickets, feel free to either bring them to the parish office or place them in an envelope in the Sunday collection basket and we'll be sure to get them in the tumbler!



A Night at the Derby Gift Auction - Friday, March 6, 2020 at South Gate Manor in Freehold. Visit msaedu.org for registration forms or contact Nicole Minnella 732-966-0188 or Kim Cuzzo 973-714-4291 for more information.



Please support Mother Seton Academy's PTA in its upcoming Blood drive. Scheduled Sunday, March 8th 8:30am-1:30pm in the cafeteria at Mother Seton Academy. Below is a registration link to preregister. Walk-ins are also welcome. A donor health questionnaire can be completed ahead of time at vitalant.org click Donate and then "DonorExpress". The health questionnaire can also be completed the day of Blood Drive. Giving Blood saves lives. <https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/>



AYM is a **COMMUNITY** of teens who are always looking for ways to have **FUN**, make new **FRIENDS** and experience our faith as teenagers.

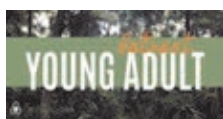
Upcoming Events

AYM Youth Night: Sunday, March 1st 6:00PM to 8:00PM in Youth Center

Soup & Stations: Friday, March 6th 5:00PM-7:00PM in Cafeteria

NO Youth Night or event on Sunday, March 8th

AYM Youth Night: Sunday, March 15th 6:00PM to 8:00PM in Youth Center



Check out the upcoming Young Adult Retreat "Blueprint for Joy". All young adults (ages 18-39) are welcome. The retreat will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bordentown, Saturday, March 7 beginning at 10:00am. Join us for the opportunity to connect with other young adults from our Diocese and grow in your faith as we begin Lent together. Whether you're a student, a professional, single, married, or parents; you are welcome to join us. For more information contact Joey Tun or the Department of Youth and Young Adults at 609-403-7182 or dotyouth@dioceseoftrenton.org.

For information contact Joey Tun (Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry)

Phone: 732-370-0500 Ext. 202. Email: youthministry@saintalloysiusonline.org

Many come to us requesting service opportunities for school, Confirmation programs, NHS and other student programs. In order to facilitate this efficiently, and to ensure the proper recognition of the hours volunteered, please bring your school, parish, NHS etc. service hours form with you at the time of your volunteering. Please remember it is your responsibility to submit the form to us on the day of your volunteering and to make sure that you get it back signed. If additional paperwork is required for your program to give you credit, it should be requested at the time of your service—we cannot vouch for work done previously; paperwork submitted by parents at a later day will not be considered. Thank you for your understanding.



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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).

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FROM THE BISHOP: In Lent, we watch, we pray; then we try again

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., dedicated his 2020 Lenten reflection on the story of Peter's role in Christ's Passion. Excerpts follow:

Except for Jesus, no figure receives more attention in the Passion narratives than Peter. The evangelists differ in recounting many significant details about Jesus' final days – what he said at the Last Supper, who was present at his Crucifixion, what words he spoke from the Cross – but the four Gospels agree in relating that Peter denied Jesus three times. Nowhere else in the Passion narratives do all the Gospels so specifically converge.

... Peter's story is meant to encourage Christians who were already suffering persecution by the time the Gospels were written. His Death as a martyr, somewhere around the year 64 A.D., stood as a clear witness that, having failed initially, he eventually took up his Cross with courage and followed Jesus. Surely, in difficult times, many early Christians, like Peter, experienced their own weaknesses and failed, as we do. But the evangelists assured them that there is hope: change, growth, conversion are always possible. Can great weakness, grave failures and repentant love coexist within the same person? Peter's story says yes.

... The challenge posed to us as we begin this holy season of Lent: "watch and pray." Peter figures so prominently in the Passion narratives that he becomes a symbol of and a model for our own relationship with Christ ... Permit me to close with a prayer in the words of the second letter attributed to Peter in the New Testament: I ask the crucified and risen Lord to strengthen all of us in these days, so that we might keep our eyes fixed on him

constantly as "on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Pt 1:19).

Visit TrentonMonitor.com and click on FAITH & CULTURE>SEASONS & CELEBRATIONS to read the full text of the Bishop's reflection; the 2020 Lenten regulations; and lots of great ideas for a fresh take on Lent.

WATCH FOR DIOCESE'S NEW LENTEN VIDEO SERIES

Ten priests of the Diocese will share reflections for a new diocesan video series entitled "Living Lent." Produced by the Department of Multimedia Production, the project will

feature 2-3 minute reflections from each priest offering viewers a deeper understanding of the upcoming Penitential season.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Diocese will post one new reflection in English and Spanish on each of the first five Wednesdays of Lent. The videos can be viewed on TrentonMonitor.com and DioceseofTrenton.com, as well as across diocesan social media.

The featured priests and the order in which they will appear follow: (Week 1) Msgr. Richard D. LaVerghetta/Father Javier Díaz-Muñoz; (Week 2) Father James Grogan/Father René Pulgarín; (Week 3) Msgr. R. Vincent Gartland/Father Neiser Cardenas; (Week 4) Father Michael Kennedy/Father Miguel D. Valle, and (Week 5) Father William J. Lago/Father Carlos Florez.

YOUTH OF DIOCESE FIND INSPIRATION AT DYC

Young Church, are you ready to be inspired today? Say Amen!"

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priests and others who converged Feb. 8 on Donovan Catholic High School, Toms River, for the daylong Diocesan Youth Conference.

This year's DYC had as its theme: "Inspired – You are the light of the world," from Matthew 5:13-16. The event featured keynote addresses, a service project, lunch, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Mass with Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

In his homily, Bishop O'Connell encouraged the youth to be an inspiration to the world at-large.

"God has inspired you, has breathed his life and love into your hearts. He has inspired you to be a 'light in the darkness' as our First Reading [Isaiah

58:7-10] reminds us 'to share your bread with the hungry, to shelter the oppressed and the homeless, to clothe the naked and not turn your back on your own' so that 'your light shall break forth like the dawn.' This is a different message than the world wants you to believe," the Bishop said.

"Today, let's all make the decision to be inspired and to live that way. Sometimes later becomes never. Do it now," he said.

INSPIRED: DYC 2020 will be featured in the March issue of The Monitor Magazine. For multi-media coverage, including photo highlights, go to TrentonMonitor.com>NEWS>YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS.

FROM THE AP'S DESK: Online and in print, Catholic press reports on a very active Church

As any reader might observe simply from the page count of the February magazine, the first few months of the new year are a very busy time in the Church.



Setting the beginning of Lent aside for a moment, not only do we have the traditional and long-standing annual observances and commemorations – the March for Life in Washington; Catholic Schools Week; World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life; World Day of the Sick, and World Marriage Day – we now have a new day instituted by Pope Francis: Sunday of the Word of God, which was celebrated Jan. 26.

The Monitor has provided in-depth coverage on most of these special events – both in print and on the website – which leads me to point to another annual observance in the Church: Catholic Press Month. This is the first Catholic Press Month that the Diocese is promoting as a magazine, after moving away from our newspaper of 65 years this past fall. Regardless of the change in format, Catholic Press Month reminds us that the mission remains the same – to deliver authentic Catholic-based news and perspective to our diocesan community.

The upcoming March issue will be the sixth edition of this new magazine, and we are very grateful to all the readers who made this journey with us. So many of you have taken the time to reach out and let us know that you like the magazine format and the kind of content we are producing. On behalf of our team here, I can tell you that this has been very encouraging and instructive. We ask you to keep the feedback coming, and for those of you who have not yet subscribed Celebrate Catholic Press Month by ordering home delivery of the magazine and unlimited access to the website. **Visit dioceseoftrenton.org/monitor-subscriptions or call our Circulation Desk at (609) 403-7131. Thank you and be assured of our prayers for you and yours this Lent.**

– Rayanne Bennett, Associate Publisher

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2020 Family Lent Calendar				
26 Ash Wednesday	27	28 Abstain from Meat	29	1
Fast and abstain from meat Check online for Ash Wednesday schedule	Give up sweets today	Soup & Stations 6 pm	Say an Our Father for young men to answer the call to the priesthood	Say the Lenten Prayer as a family
2	3 St. Katharine Drexel	4 St. Casimir	5 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity Martyrs	6 Abstain from Meat
Pray a Hail Mary for our Elected Officials	Pray the Glory Be	At dinner say 3 things you are thankful for	Give up TV today	Spend 5 minutes in silent prayer Soup & Stations 6 pm
7	8	9 St. Francis of Rome	10	11
Drink only water today	Say the Lenten Prayer as a family	Say a prayer asking God for more vocations	Pray for our Parish Priests	Pray for the conversion of sinners
12	13 Abstain from Meat	14	15	16
Say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis	Compliment someone Soup & Stations 6 pm	Ask Mother Seton's intercession for Catholic Education	Say the Lenten Prayer as a Family	Give up electronics today
17 St. Patrick	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	19 St. Joseph	20 Abstain from Meat	21
Do a chore with a happy heart	Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom	Ask St. Joseph to intercede for all dads	Spend 5 minutes in silent prayer Soup & Stations 6 pm	Say an Our Father for Bishop O'Connell
22	23	24	25 Annunciation	26
Say the Lenten Prayer as a family	Skip snacks between meals today	Say a prayer of thanksgiving today	Pray a Hail Mary for your mom	Pray for all unborn babies
27 Abstain from Meat	28	29	30	31
Soup and Stations 6 pm	Do not listen to music in the car today	Say the Lenten prayer as a family	Skip dessert today	Take a short shower today
1 St. Francis of Paola	2	3 Abstain from Meat	4 St. Isidore	5 Palm Sunday
Give up television	Pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be	Soup and Stations 6 pm	Give up electronic games	Say the Lenten prayer as a family
6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday
Give a compliment	Call or visit someone who is sick or homebound.	Pray for those who want to convert to Catholicism	Read Matthew 26: 26 - 30	Stations of the Cross & Fast and abstain from meat
11	12 Easter Sunday			
Pray for those receiving sacraments in the RCIA program				
Provided by the St. Aloysius Family Life Ministry.				
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Lenten Prayer</h2>				
Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man, and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering, and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.				
<i>(from Catholic.org)</i>				

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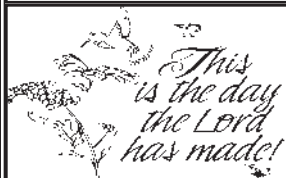
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