



SAINT ALOYSIUS
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

August 30, 2020 – Twenty-second 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 Thursday 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 inside the Church.

The Church will be open Monday through Thursday 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

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline: 732-370-0098

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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-

Bishop David O'Connell has invited all Catholics of the Diocese to Pray the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary daily leading up to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7. There will be a group Rosary recitation Monday through Friday at 8:30am prior to the morning Mass; this will also be Live Streamed for those at home who would like to say the Rosary in Community. The Knights of Columbus provide an online guide:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf>

There is an internet site where the Rosary is prayed perpetually:

<http://www.comepraytherosary.org/>

The US Bishops also publish an online guide: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

On August 1 the Office of Catholic Schools received a new Superintendent. JoAnn Tier who faithfully and enthusiastically served as Superintendent retired in May, however agreed to stay on due to the pandemic until the new Superintendent was able to move with his family to the Diocese. The new Superintendent is Dr. Vincent de Paul Schmidt. Dr. Schmidt has hit the ground running but due to Covid-19 he began introducing himself virtually in group sessions online to our Catholic School System Administrations in the Diocese. Having introduced himself in a group format he has now begun the process of meeting individually by phone or video conference individually. I met with Dr. Schmidt by phone this week and he made a live visit to our Academy for a Tour and to meet the Principal (they had already met virtually). Dr. Schmidt will also have a live visit with our Academy School Board and he hopes to come to meet the children sometime during the School year. We welcome Dr. Schmidt who is as equally enthusiastic and energetic as Mrs. Tier. He will certainly be a blessing to our Catholic School System, especially in this time of pandemic.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick

ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective August 1 the Obligation to attend Mass is suspended Until *Further Notice*. You are not obligated to attend Mass at this time due to the Pandemic. Bishop O’Connell encourages Catholics to attend an in-person Mass or participate 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:

- ⇒ **Masks 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.

To assist you in assessing the risk the following numbers from last weekend may be of help to you. For the weekend of August 15/16:

- Sat. 5pm – 98 people
- Sun. 7am – 52 people
- Sun. 8:30am – 96 people
- Sun. 10:30am – 150 people
- Weekend August 15/16 Mass Total = 396
- Weekend August 8/9 Mass Total = 411
- Weekend of Aug 1/2 Mass Total = 401
- Weekend of July 25/26 Mass Total = 397
- Weekend of July 18/19 Mass Total = 393
- Weekend of July 11/12 the Mass attendance total was 377
- Weekday Mass is 9am M- F attendance totals are 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, August 30, 2020**

7:00 a.m. Parishioners

8:30 a.m. Josephine Fornicola, r/o Theodore Fornicola

10:30 a.m. Antonio Villanueva, r/o Tony and Josie Scotto
William "Russ" Taylor, r/o Ann Taylor**Monday, August 31, 2020**

9:00 a.m. Paul Beck, r/o Eileen Beck

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

9:00 a.m. Theresa Nocerino, r/o Hedderman Family

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

9:00 a.m. Anna Wood, r/o Hedderman Family

Thursday, September 3, 2020

9:00 a.m. Jerome Belford, r/o Alicia Belford

Friday, September 4, 2020

9:00 a.m. Annual Enrollment

Saturday, September 5, 2020

5:00 p.m. Neil O'Connell, r/o His Wife

Sunday, September 6, 2020

7:00 a.m. Cheryl Lee Bonocore, r/o Her Husband

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

John Fy Lyng, r/o His Family

10:30 a.m. Raymond Lynch, r/o Kathleen Lynch
John LaLuna,
r/o His Wife and Daughter, Roseann**Weekly Readings****Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

We welcome John Joseph Bradley and Ariana Cove Karpinski who were recently baptized at Saint Aloysius Church.

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

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| 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**Thomas Gonter, Nazare DeAlmeida**

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 McGrathan, 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, Elmiere 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 Ghnouly, 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 Krutulic, 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, Gae Maurer, DeeDee, Barbara O'Reilly, Frederick McGrathan, Mary Galante, Frank Hubit, Frank Jelly, William Campbell, Richard LoPresti, Gemma Sellitto.

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, Ivan Sriwardena, Phyllis & Harry Gunasekara, Peter Miluk, Fred Strina, Victoria Rizzi, Susan Whiting, Timothy Ryan, Mary Glennon, Douglas Schultz, MaryAnn Russo, Eric Laviscount, 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 Iacona, Josephine Libratore, 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 Dormanski, RoseMarie Ward, Mario Spina, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Witczak, Anthony Witczak, Nely and John Olenski, Tony Galante, Edward Holowienka.

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).

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Religious Education Registration for the 2020-2021 year has begun and will continue through September 4th. Please note that our whole program will be conducted online this year.

For more information, please contact a member of our Religious Education staff:

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Join the St. Vincent dePaul Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lakewood as they Walk/Run for the Poor on September 26 around Lake Carasaljo in Lakewood. Registration begins at 9:00am in the Lower Parking Lot of St. Mary of the Lake Church on Madison Avenue in Lakewood. To register or for more information go to www.fopwalk.org.



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Hassler who graduated from Marist College with a BA in Fashion Merchandising and a Minor in Business and Spanish. Great job!



Mother Seton Academy
Registering Now

Contact the School Office for Registration
Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm

732-364-4130

or

JDarcy@msaedu.org



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