



WEEKLY BULLETIN // JANUARY 12, 2025

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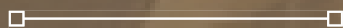
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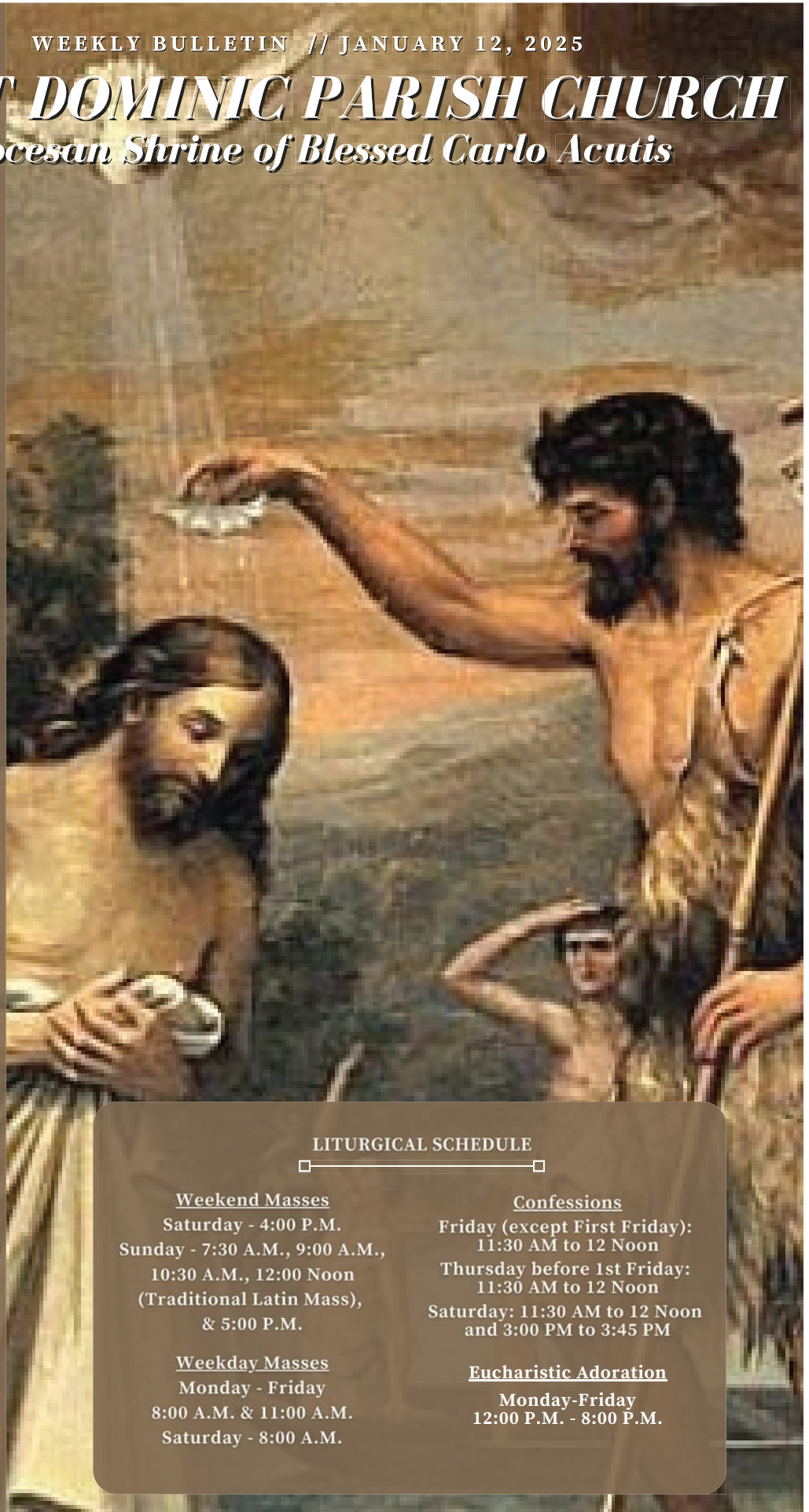
SAINT DOMINIC RECTORY

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday:
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Closed for Lunch:
12 Noon - 1:15 PM

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 4:00 P.M.
Sunday - 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M.,
10:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon
(Traditional Latin Mass),
& 5:00 P.M.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Saturday - 8:00 A.M.

Confessions

Friday (except First Friday):
11:30 AM to 12 Noon
Thursday before 1st Friday:
11:30 AM to 12 Noon
Saturday: 11:30 AM to 12 Noon
and 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday
12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11

- 8:00 A.M.** Michael Donaghan
r/b Ann & Chris Leacy
- 4:00 P.M.** Elaine Linder r/b Husband, Gil
Robert Shafer r/b Mom & Siblings

Sunday, January 12

- 7:30 A.M.** Helen Miller r/b John
& Kathy Campbell
- 9:00 A.M.** Mary McGinnis
r/b Amy & Charlie Tighe
- 10:30 A.M.** Helen Miller r/b St. Dominic
School Faculty & Staff
- 12:00 P.M.** Fr. Ronan Murphy
r/b Maggie & Jack Burney
- 5:00 P.M.** Christine Frederick
r/b Karyn Fusco

Sunday, January 19

- 7:30 A.M.** Anne & Gus Alesi
r/b Rita & Maryann
- 9:00 A.M.** Helen Miller
r/b Sylvia & Greg Dodd
- 10:30 A.M.** Geraldine O'Brien
r/b Mary Ellen Zambello
- 12:00 P.M.** Parishioners
- 5:00 P.M.** Avalina Pizzigoni
r/b Matt Giejda & Jenn Gerace

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday, January 13

- 8:00 A.M.** William & Ethel Caracciolo
r/b Family
- 11:00 A.M.** Avalina Pizzigoni
r/b The Hill Family

Tuesday, January 14

- 8:00 A.M.** John Donnelly
r/b Sylvia & Greg Dodd
- 11:00 A.M.** Jean MacLean r/b St.
Dominic's Adult Social Club

Wednesday, January 15

- 8:00 A.M.** Kevin Naffin
r/b The Balint Family
- 11:00 A.M.** Catherine Carey
r/b Marge McGuire

Thursday, January 16

- 8:00 A.M.** Brian Kearns
r/b Anthony Balint
- 11:00 A.M.** Carol Burgess
r/b Barbara Cerrito

Friday, January 17

- 8:00 A.M.** Parishioners
- 11:00 A.M.** Giovanni Piccinich
r/b Mr. & Mrs. BoVunic

Saturday, January 18

- 8:00 A.M.** William Doyle
r/b Dan Murphy
- 4:00 P.M.** Ronald Braen
r/b Pawlowicz Family

Pray for the Sick

Paul Ando, James Bazydlo, Jr.,
Bob Bekefi, Rachel Benfante,
Todd Benfante, Helen Beshears,
Mary Bik, Elsie Burton,
Walter Burton, Jr.,
Colleen Carnevale,
Maria Carroll,
Jimmy Carroll,
Alexandra Cavaliere,
Ed & Kay Cavanagh,
Allan Cerruto,
Jocelyn Conjares,
Ann Cramer, Carmella Curro,
Theresa Balcastro, Ted Decker,
Carolyn Decker Edgar,
Charmaine Defenderfer,
Susan Delpercio, Christine
Dietrich, Angela DiFillipo,
Henry Drew, Edward Engel,
Aria Fagan, Michael Ferguson,
Leona Foster, Jane Furlong,
Nicole Giambrone,
Atef Halaka, Thomas Hallahan,
Joseph Peter Henderson,
Reginald Henderson,
Renata Henderson,
Mary Ellen & Roger Iapicco,
Kiewra Family, Thomas Koch,
Ames Janocha, Gavin Jezak,
Joanne Librie, Louis Lombardo,
Lisa Luhmann,
Amy & Kendra Macomber,
Debbie Maychrich,
Connie and Dan McCann,
Linda McLane, Eileen
McCormick, Frank Moore,
Barbara Ann Murphy, Patricia
Niland, Patrick O'Malley, Susan
Paul, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera,
Tess Rozul, Special Intention,
Joseph Spinelli, Sr.,
Nancy Stefanelli,
Mary Ann Tarala,
Ryann Kathleen Tierney,
Anthony Vivona,
Sister Regina White,
Owen Williams



Pray for the Deceased

Sheila Lalis, Shelia Dailey, Veronica Caruso, Salvatore Sorbera,
Patrician Santora, & Dorothy O'Hare

*"Grant to them, eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon
them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*

Altar Flower Donations 2025

A FLORAL GIFT FOR GOD'S GLORY

"Every good and perfect gift is from above." — James 1:17

Many people have special days in the year which they commemorate.
Flowers on the altars of St. Dominic Church and Saint Joseph Chapel can fittingly mark an
anniversary of a marriage or death, or may be used as an expression of joy or thanksgiving at any time.

NOW TAKING DONATIONS FOR 2025! Anyone may give flowers for any week desired (week begins Sunday). The name(s)/occasion will
be acknowledged in the parish bulletin. Please remember there are no flowers on the altars during Lent or Advent, therefore, flower
donations will NOT be taken March 5 through April 20 (Lent/Easter) or November 30 through December 28 (Advent/Christmas).

The donation for Altar Flowers is \$150.00. *Cash or Check only

If you would like to reserve a date for Altar Flowers, please contact the Rectory Office at 732-840-1410. Thank you.

Sanctuary Lamps

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIGHT

For you, Lord, give light to my lamp; my God brightens my darkness (Ps. 18:29)

**Now
taking
Intentions
for 2025!**

- If you have
- a special intention,
 - wish to honor a deceased or living loved one or
 - mark a significant occasion
- arrange for a Sanctuary Lamp to burn on any of the Altars.

Your intention will be displayed on the selected altar and published in the weekly bulletin. Sanctuary Lamps burn from Saturday to Friday



- Every week we will have Sanctuary Lamps lit at the:
- Main Altar in the Church
 - Blessed Mother Side Altar
 - Saint Joseph Side Altar
 - Saint Joseph Chapel Altar



The cost is \$20.00 per lamp
*Cash or Check only



Church Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of Maryann Barrett
r/b daughter



Chapel Altar Sanctuary Lamp
In Honor of all our Parishioners



Blessed Mother Altar Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of Mary Doherty
r/b Ed & Sally Buecker



Saint Joseph Altar Sanctuary Lamp
Beloved Memory of Victor Joseph Bruno
r/b Wife Margaret Bruno & Family

Stop by or call the Rectory Office (732-840-1410) to reserve your Sanctuary Lamp

Sacraments

The sacraments are at the heart of our Catholic faith, serving as visible signs of God's grace in our lives. Through these sacred encounters, we are united more deeply with Christ and strengthened to live as His disciples. Each sacrament offers us a unique way to grow in holiness - from Baptism, which welcomes us into the Church, to the Eucharist, where we are nourished by Christ's Body and Blood. The Sacraments remind us that God is present in every stage of our journey, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him and the Church community.

Sacrament of Matrimony

We congratulate all who are seeking the Sacrament of Marriage. Couples should arrange for marriage at least one year in advance of the desired wedding date to secure the date. All couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. No Sunday weddings. Please contact the Rectory Office.

Baptisms

Parish registration is required for all families wanting to have a child/children baptized. Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Godparents need to obtain a Letter of Eligibility (sponsorship) from their current parish. Baptisms are scheduled the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. Ceremonies follow the Noon Mass at 1:30 PM. Please contact the Rectory Office.



A Letter From Our Pastor REV. BRIAN PATRICK WOODROW

Dear parish family,

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone who made our Christmas season such a blessed and joyous one. Our new year has certainly instilled in me a very deep and ever growing, heartfelt sense of gratitude for our parish.

As we begin this year together, please allow me to share some beautiful words of Pope Francis, which he spoke a few years back on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

“Today, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, the Gospel (Mt 3:13-17) describes the scene which occurred at the River Jordan: Jesus, too, is in the midst of the penitent crowd which approaches John the Baptist to receive baptism. He stood in line. John would like to prevent him from [being baptized], saying: “I need to be baptized by you” (3:14). The Baptist, indeed, is aware of the great distance there is between him and Jesus. But Jesus has come precisely to bridge the gap between man and God: if He is completely on God’s side, He is also completely on mankind’s side, and reunites what had been separated. For this reason he asks John to baptize him, so that all righteousness may be fulfilled, namely, that the plan of God may be fulfilled, the plan which passes by way of obedience and solidarity with fragile and sinful mankind, the way of humility and of God’s full closeness to his children. Because God is very close to us, very close!...May the Virgin Mary help all of us Christians to maintain an ever keen and grateful awareness of our own Baptism and to faithfully follow the path opened by this Sacrament of our rebirth. Ever with humility, gentleness and firmness.”

Let us take these words of our Holy Father to heart, and remember that God is always so very close to us, even in those times that many seem most difficult and challenging in our year ahead.

Magno Cum Gaudio,

Fr. Brian Patrick Woodrow

A Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord



“Heavenly Father,
as we celebrate the Baptism of Your Son, Jesus,
renew in us the grace of our own baptism.

Through the waters of life,
You cleansed us from sin,
made us Your beloved children,
and called us to be part of Your Church.

Renew in us the grace that we received that day,
and strengthen us to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, as You filled Jesus at the Jordan,
so that we may courageously share Your love,
serve those in need, and witness to Your truth.
Help us to walk in the light of Christ, to seek holiness,
and to bring Your peace to the world.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.”

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Second Collections

- January 19th, 2025 Diocesan Assessment
- January 26th, 2025 Church in Latin America
- February 2nd, 2025 Diocesan Assessment

Bible Study with Fr. Joe

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOE WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND WILL RESUME ON FEBRUARY 6, 2025.

Prayers for Peace Holy Hour

Please come and pray every Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Saint Joseph Chapel for peace in our world. We recite the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Sacred Heart.

“Crusaders of the Rosary” Men’s Group

The “Crusaders of the Rosary” Men’s Group will not be meeting during the month of January. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00PM in the Church.

Our Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US 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 know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296- 2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Our regular Food Pantry hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon to serve those in need. We also accept food donations during this time.

Regular Thrift Shop hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Thrift Shop is accepting FALL and WINTER clothing ONLY... NO Spring or Summer CLOTHING PLEASE!!!

Hope and Healing Ministry

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room.

St. Dominic Rosary Altar Society

As you begin the New Year, why not consider adding praying the beautiful prayers of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to your New Year’s Resolutions list? The Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother in heaven, will take you by the hand and walk with you, through the five mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Her son, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Lady of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

If you would like additional information about becoming a member of the Rosary Altar Society or learn how to pray our Blessed Mother’s Rosary, please contact: Linda Verheyen, President at [732-920-5352](tel:732-920-5352).



BINGO!

Our Next Bingo will be held Friday, January 17, 2025

Every FRIDAY in the Parish Center. 12 Noon ~ 2:30 PM. Doors open at 10:30 AM ~ \$2.00 Entrance Fee ~ Win Cash Prizes! Players come to play the games and chat together. Bingo has everything you need - fun, friends, and excitement that can't be topped! Refreshments, Snacks and Pizza are available for purchase Please enter through the Parish Center Doors.

BINGO CALLERS URGENTLY NEEDED! We are in URGENT need of additional adult volunteers to spare a few hours a week to call Bingo numbers on Friday afternoon. No experience necessary. A brief training period will be provided. This is a great way to spend your spare time, especially if you’re retired or would just like to meet new people. If interested, please call the Rectory Office at 732-840-1410, ext. 210.



Parish Announcements

Downey Side Adoption -Volunteers Needed

Downey Side Adoption is a non-profit organization dedicated to placing children in the foster care system with forever families through adoption. Nearly 500,000 children across the United States are in need of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising efforts to keep adoption fees as low as possible.

We need your help! If you have time and a passion for helping children, please consider volunteering to help on one of our committees. To get involved, please email our Director, Dawn Rusinko at DRusinko@downeyside.org or call 732-359-8434. Your support can make a difference!

St. Dominic Religious Gifts

Our gift shop is located in the church lobby. Sacramental gifts, rosary beads, bracelets, statues, scapulars and additional religious items are in our inventory.

New merchandise is always being received and special orders are accepted. The 1962 Catholic Daily Latin/English missal with a sale price of \$40.00 (original price is \$65.95).

Special orders are available upon request. Showcase hours are Tuesday, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM and Sunday following the 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Verheyen at 732-920-5352.

St Dominic Adult Social Club

Our Adult Social Club next meeting is on Monday, January 20 and will feature our annual book sale. Members bring a few books to donate for the sale. The meeting will be held as usual in the St. Dominic Community Room, doors open at 11:00 am, meeting begins at 11:30 am.

New members welcome, annual dues are \$20.

Upcoming club activities, sign up at the meeting:

- Valentine's luncheon at Tuscany, Monday February 17 at 12:30 pm, \$35.
- Manasquan Algonquin Theater "Footloose" matinee and lunch on Saturday April 5, 2025, show tickets are \$30.

Any questions please call Paul T at 732-856-2404

Eucharistic Adoration

What are you doing for our Lord for the New Year? Why not make a New Year's resolution to come for one hour a week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? You will be amazed what a difference it will make in your life.

Adoration is held in the St. Joseph Chapel Monday through Friday. It begins after the 11:00 AM Mass and concludes at 8:00 PM. If you are a current Adorer or are new and would like to be added to the Adoration schedule, please contact Andrea South at 973-698-6863 with your phone number and email address, if you have one. He waits for us.

Special Notice: Adoration will conclude at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 16th.



Parish Announcements

Rectory Office - Closed 1/20

The Parish Rectory Office will be CLOSED, Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Intentions for the Sick

Our list of friends and loved ones in need of prayer is growing weekly. If you know of someone on the bulletin list of the sick who has had answered prayers and is doing better, please call the parish office at 732-840-1410, ext. 211 and let us know. We would like to know that prayers have been answered and remove them from the list.



"Most merciful Jesus, who are the consolation and salvation of all who put their trust in You, we humbly beseech You, by Your most bitter passion, grant the recovery of health to the sick of our Parish, that with us they may praise and magnify Your holy name. Amen."

Year-End Tax Contribution Statements

As in the past, we will be issuing year-end tax statements only to those parishioners that request them. To request your tax statement, drop a self addressed, stamped envelope in the Sunday collection basket to request your statements. We will begin issuing the statements by the end of January. Thank you for your continued support of the Saint Dominic Parish.

Caregiver's Support Ministry

The next meeting will take place on January 30th, 2025 in the Community Room. Entrance is not permitted through the school. Please use the Community Room Entrance. For more information, please contact Maureen Arce at (732) 840 - 1410.

Eliminate writing checks each week!

By accessing the secure Website at www.stdominicsparish.com, you create a log-on and set up or modify your payment schedule or even to make a one-time donation. Once you set up your account, you can make changes whenever you want; no phone calls are necessary to the parish office to change or even cancel your arrangement.

One time or recurring donations can be made through our secure online partner using direct debit from bank account or credit cards. You can designate the fund that you wish to donate.

We ask that you consider using this service - especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. For more information about ParishSOFT Giving, please visit the church website at www.stdominicsparish.com Online Giving is not meant to replace the traditional Sunday offertory collection. It is meant to enhance it. Please consider this option.

ONLINE GIVING IS ESPECIALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO OUR SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL FAMILIES. IT CONVENIENTLY MAKES IT EASIER TO MEET YOUR PARISH OBLIGATION TO RECEIVE THE "ACTIVE REGISTERED CATHOLIC RATE" . AS DETAILED IN THE SCHOOL CONTRACT.

Visit www.stdominicparish.com and use the link on our homepage to set up your account **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



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SAINT DOMINIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



"Leading our children into a relationship with God in the Catholic tradition"

CALLING ALL RISING 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH, & 7TH GRADERS!



2025 SUMMER CCD PROGRAM

Come join us for **TWO** weeks of Faith Formation, Education, & Friendship!

When?

The program will run for **10** days!
(Monday, July 7th – Friday, July 11th
& Monday, July 14th – Friday July 18th)

Where?

The program is held in air-conditioned classrooms on Saint Dominic Campus

The fee is \$200.00 per child

What does the program include?

- The children will be taught by certified teachers.
- They will participate in instruction time, music, and art with a focus on drawing the children closer to our Lord and challenging them to grow deeper in their faith.
- Time for lunch and recess is incorporated into the daily schedule.
- The children will also attend Daily Mass and have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession.



Program enrollment is limited. Classes will be filled on a first come/first served basis.

PLEASE NOTE: To register for the St. Dominic Religious Education Program (CCD), you must be a registered parishioner of St. Dominic Parish.

More information call 732-840-1414

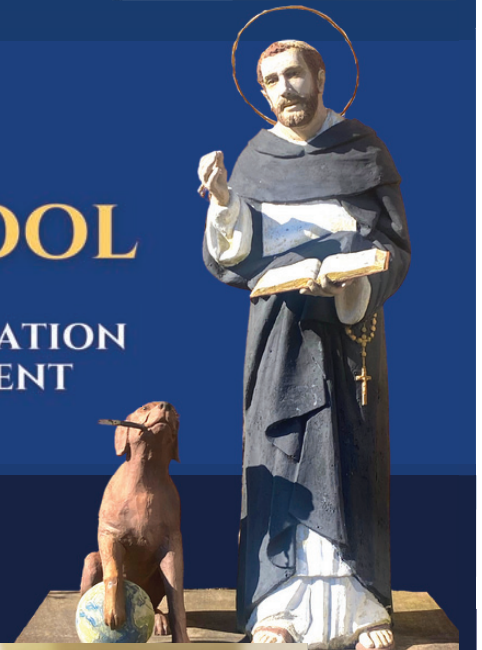


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YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSES

JANUARY 26, 2025 + 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
JANUARY 29, 2025 + 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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Our mission is to enliven the Catholic faith, foster respect and responsibility, and facilitate academic excellence in every student in order to send forth future leaders to our Church and society.

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Students score in the top 15% of the country in English language arts and math.

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St. Dominic School P.T.A.

Presents

42nd Annual
Gift Auction

Now Accepting Sponsorships and
Donations!

Send inquiries to sdsgiftauction@gmail.com

Let's go to the Hop!
Sat., March 1, 2025
5pm.





St. Dominic P.T.A. 42nd Annual Gift Auction Wish List

Below is a list of our most wanted items for the Gift Auction. We will update the list as items are purchased or need change. Thank you so very much! P.T.A Auction Committee

Outdoor Items

- Kayak
- Boogie Boards
- Gas Grill
- Snow Board
- Outdoor Furniture
- Thule Rooftop Carrier
- Lawn Equipment
- Paddle Board
- Large cooler
- ~~Scoters~~
- Bicycles
- Fishing Gear
- Basketball Hoop
- ~~Yeti-Cooler~~ or Yeti items
- Surfboard

Electronics

- Laptop
- iPad
- iRobot Roomba Vacuum
- Sonos Speakers
- GoPro Camera
- Large "Smart" TV
- Small TV (32" or smaller)
- Xbox One S, Playstation 4 Pro
Or Nintendo Switch
- FitBit
- Apple Watch- Apple Air Pods
- Dyson or Shark Vacuum
- Apple TV
- Beats or Bose Headphones
- Wireless Printer
- ~~Polaroid-Snap-Camera~~
- Nest Doorbell Cam
- Google Home Hub

Experiences

- Vacation Packages
- Weekend Getaways
- Fishing Charters
- Tickets - concerts, shows, or sporting events
- Fine Dining
- Bucket list items (zipline, rock climbing, etc.)
- Paint Parties
- Girl's Night Out

Kitchen

- Kitchen Aid Stand Mixer
- Kitchen Aid Mixer Attachments
- Vitamix
- Ninja Professional Kitchen
- Breville Juicer
- Keurig
- Nespresso
- Pots and Pans
- Toaster Oven with Convection
- Knife Set
- Le Creuset Dutch Oven
- Stoneware
- Crystal Ware
- Food Processor
- French Press
- Soda Stream
- ~~Air Fryer~~
- InstaPot

Luxury Items

- ~~Designer Purses, Tory Burch, Coach, Michael Kors, etc.~~
- Fine Jewelry
- Fashion Jewelry
- Well-known designer fragrances
- Champagne
- Cashmere blankets or wraps
- Spa Packages
- Peloton
- ~~Criut~~

Others

- Gift Cards
- Kohl's Cash
- Wine and misc alcohol/mixers
- Dog Bed
- Cat Tower
- Power Hand Tools, ie drill, saws, sanders etc.
- Hatchimals
- Drones
- American Girl Doll
- Margaritaville Margarita Maker
- Vacuum
- Just about any unopened, unused item!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro Life Ministry

Pro-Life Prayer of St. John Paul II

"Oh Mary, we entrust to you the cause of life. Look down upon the vast number of babies not allowed to be born. Grant all who believe in your Son to proclaim the Gospel of Life. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, to bear witness to it resolutely, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and Lover of Life. Amen"

January is dedicated to celebrating the sanctity of life and affirming the dignity of every human person. As we observe Pro-Life Month, we are called to pray, advocate, and work for the protection of life at every stage.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Wednesday, January 22, 2025, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. For more information visit <https://www.respectlife.org/january-22>


MARCH FOR LIFE

January 24, 2025
in Washington D.C.



STANDING TOGETHER
FOR *Life*

Mass for Life & Life Expo

CELEBRATED BY



**Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M.**

PRAY, CONNECT, ENGAGE

Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

Diocesan Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis



What is a Shrine?

"The term shrine signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary." A Shrine is a special place to draw closer to God through prayer, reflection, and devotion. Shrines are often crafted in honor of holy men and women - those who were recognized as the special representatives of God and were thought to be vehicles for his miraculous power and often house the relic(s) of a saint(s).

What is a Relic?

Relics are physical objects that have a direct association with the saints or with Our Lord. The word relic means "a fragment" or "remnant of a thing that once was but now is no longer."

"The Veneration of Relics is a Communion With The Heroes of Our Christian Faith, Asking Their Powerful Intercession."

Where Did the Tradition of Venerating Saints' Relics come from?

"Scripture teaches that God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing. Any good that comes about through a relic is God's doing. But the fact that God chooses to use the relics of saints to work healing and miracles tells us that He wants to draw our attention to the saints as "models and intercessors" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 828). "We do not worship relics, we do not adore them, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator. But we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are." (Ad Riparium, i, P.L., XXII, 907).

Join your Parish Family in Prayer

Every first Thursday of the month, after the 11:00 A.M. Mass,
for the recitation of our prayer to *Blessed Carlo Acutis*

Next Date: Thursday, February 6th Location: Saint Joseph's Chapel

"The *Eucharist* is my highway to heaven."

~ BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



Catholic Celebration of the Sacrifice of Mass



Sunday Family Connection

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Gospel Reading ~ [Luke 3:15-16,21-22](#)
Jesus is baptized by John.

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.



"Thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

"O Good Jesus, according to Thy great mercy, have mercy on me.

O most merciful Jesus, by that Precious Blood which Thou didst will to shed for sinners, I beseech Thee to wash away all mine iniquities and to look graciously upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner, as I call upon Thy Holy Name.

Therefore, O Jesus, do Thou save me for Thy Holy Name's sake. O God, Who didst appoint Thine only-begotten Son to be the Savior of mankind and didst command His Name to be called Jesus; mercifully grant that we may enjoy the vision of Him in Heaven, Whose Holy Name we venerate on earth.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Most Holy Name of Jesus without end!

The Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



Gospel (Luke 2 : 42 - 52)

Cum factus esset Jesus annórum duódecim, ascendéntibus illis Jerosólymam secundum consuetúdinem diéi festi, consummátisque diébus, cum redírent, remánsit puer Jesus in Jerúsalem, et non cognóverunt paréntes ejus. Existimántes autem illum esse in comitátu, venérunt iter diéi, et requirébant eum inter cognátos et notos. Et non inveniéntes, regréssi sunt in Jerúsalem, requiréntes eum. Et factum est, post trídium invenérunt illum in templo sedéntem in médio doctórum, audiéntem illos et interrogántem eos. Stupébant autem omnes, qui eum audiébant, super prudéntia et respónsis ejus. Et vidéntes admiráti sunt. Et dixit mater ejus ad illum: Fili, quid fecisti nobis sic? Ecce pater tuus et ego dolétes quærebámus te. Et ait ad illos: Quid est quod me quærebátis? Nesciebátis quia in his, quæ Patris mei sunt, opórtet me esse? Et ipsi non intellexérunt verbum quod locútus est ad eos. Et descendit cum eis, et venit Názareth: et erat súbditus illis. Et mater ejus conservábat ómnia verba hæc in corde suo. Et Jesus proficiébat sapiéntia et ætáte et grátia apud Deum et hómínes. — Credo.

When Jesus was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast, and having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents knew it not. And thinking that He was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass that after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers. And seeing Him they wondered. And His Mother said to Him: Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said to them: How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they understood not the word that He spoke unto them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And His Mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age, and grace with God and men. — Creed.

The Feast of the Holy Family

January 12, 2024



The special devotion which sets forth the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the model of virtue for all Christian households began in the seventeenth century. It commenced almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family being founded in Montreal in 1663, and the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. Numerous other congregations and associations under the Patronage of the Holy Family have been established since that time, and they are spread over the world. The archconfraternity was established by Bl. Pius IX in 1847. In 1893, Leo XIII approved a Feast for Canada, and Pope Benedict XV extended the Feast of the Holy Family to the whole Church and ordered its celebration to take place on the Sunday after the Epiphany.

Commentary by Fr. Sylvester Juergens S.M. (1894-1969)

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699 On Jordan's Bank

757 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

438 At the Name of Jesus

600 Joy to the World

12:00pm Traditional Latin Mass

434 Angels We Have Heard on High

727 Puer Natus in Bethlehem

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748 Sing of Mary



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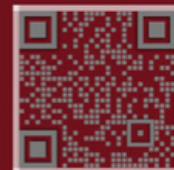
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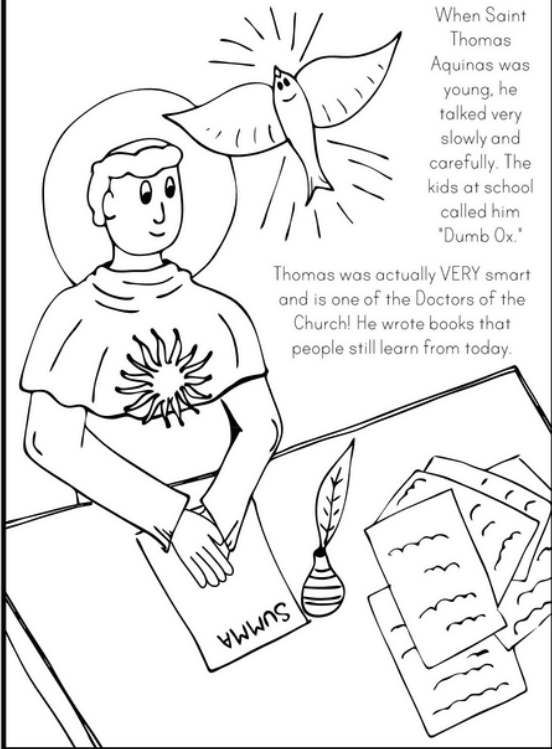
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Saint Thomas Aquinas



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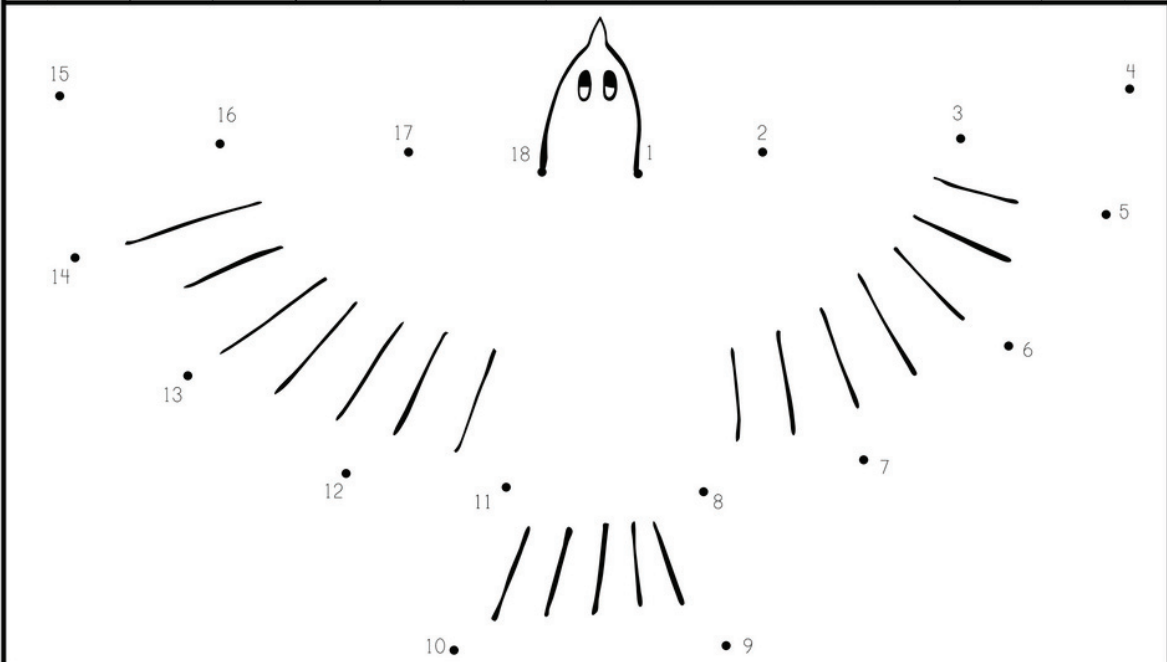
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Year C: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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Gospel

Jesus was baptized by His cousin, John the Baptist. When He was baptized, God appeared as the Holy Spirit and said that Jesus is His Son.


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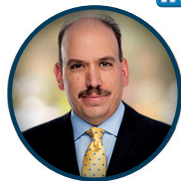
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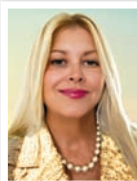


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