



WEEKLY BULLETIN // FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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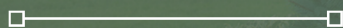
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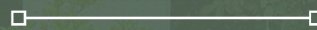
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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, February 15

8:00 A.M. Nancy Zavattieri r/b Family

4:00 P.M. Gabby Tobia r/b Family

Sunday, February 16

7:30 A.M. Virginia Dalbo-Bracco
r/b Vincent Dalbo

9:00 A.M. Marie T. Griffiths
r/b Pat & Colette, Friends

10:30 A.M. Pasquale Amoresano r/b Mom
& Dad (10th Anniversary)

12:00 P.M. Lutz & Lattuga Families
r/b Paul & Maryann

5:00 P.M. Emil Poinson & Nancy
Lampitelli r/b Family Bill Kearns

Sunday, February 23

7:30 A.M. Francis J. Riley
r/b Wife & Children

9:00 A.M. Sandra Plena r/b Lindsay,
Chris & Mila Cannon

10:30 A.M. Helen Miller r/b Tom
& Christine Gallahue

12:00 P.M. Mary Frances Evers
r/b The Pacella Family

5:00 P.M. Thomas Gallahue, Sr. r/b Family

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17

8:00 A.M. Maximas Murphy (L) r/b Pat

11:00 A.M. Patricia M. Roberti
r/b Karen Deecan

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 A.M. Jim Hagan r/b Irene

11:00 A.M. Ronald Giovine r/b Sons

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 A.M. Michael Nalywajko
r/b Lisa & Joe

11:00 A.M. Kathleen Neos r/b Denise
& Martin Fastaia

Thursday, February 20

8:00 A.M. Parishioners

11:00 A.M. Susann Pickell r/b Bob Wass

Friday, February 21

8:00 A.M. Joseph Bussem
r/b Sal & Ginny Sarno

11:00 A.M. Peter Colic
r/b Amador Family

Saturday, February 22

8:00 A.M. Mary Hemlak r/b Sandra

4:00 P.M. Frank & Mary La Mura
r/b Sons

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, Paul Davis,
Ted Decker, Carolyn Decker Edgar,
Charmaine Defenderfer,
Susan Delpercio,
Christine Dietrich,
Angela DiFillippo, Maureen Dolan,
Peter John DiNicola, Henry Drew,
Edward Engel, Aria Fagan,
Michael Ferguson, Leona Foster,
Debra Foti, Jane Furlong,
Ann Marie Gasser,
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, Christopher Regan,
Jacob & Jaxson Rivera,
Tess Rozul, Special Intention,
Michael Sorrano,
Joseph Spinelli, Sr.,
Nancy Stefanelli,
Mary Ann Tarala,
Ryann Kathleen Tierney,
Anthony Vivona,
Albert Vranacaccio
Sister Regina White,
Owen Williams



Pray for the Deceased

Marjorie Ann Boyle, Gregory Curley, Albert Gonzalez, & Ida Mauro

"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."

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.



*The flowers of the Church and Chapel Altars
are given for the Deceased Members of our Parish*

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
Frank Sebellino r/b Wife and Family**



**Chapel Altar Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Salvatore Sorbera r/b Adrienne Fontaina**



**Blessed Mother Altar Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Eileen Hough r/b Son**



**Saint Joseph Altar Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Rosemarie Witter r/b Karyn
Fusco & Eric Witter**

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



A Letter From Our Pastor

REV. BRIAN PATRICK WOODROW

My Dear Parish Family,

I felt this is a very important and potentially productive time in the year to work on our spiritual lives. The Christmas season is far behind us now and we know that Lent is not too far away. Before Lenten season begins on March 5th, let us take some time to peacefully reflect on our prayer lives and our relationship with God.

I would prayerfully ask you to consider taking advantage of the wonderful practice we have here at our parish of Eucharistic Adoration every weekday from 11:30AM to 8PM. Spending time before the exposed Blessed Sacrament helps us to focus on the will of God in our lives, which always leads to a deeper sense of peace.

We also know that a rich prayer life feeds our family life and enriches our time spent with friends. We must always make sure that we are practicing the virtue of charity which is one of the most beautiful ways to allow God to shine through us. In many ways we honor God by the way we honor our parents, loved ones and our friends.

St. Thomas Aquinas said that "*charity is the sweet and holy bond that links the soul to the Creator.*" So let us take this week to reflect on this wonderful virtue and be sure that we are ordering things in our lives so that we can continue to grow together as one family in Christ.

Please pray for me as I will promise to pray for you.

Magno Cum Gaudio,

Fr. Brian Patrick Woodrow



A Prayer before Mass

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen.

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Second Collections

- February 16th, 2025 Heat Collection
- Combined Second Collection:
- February 23, 2025 Diocesan Assessment
- February 23, 2025 Central & Eastern Europe

Bible Study with Fr. Joe

The next Bible Study will be held on Thursday, **February 20th**. Please note that Bible Study with Father Joe will return to 7:00 PM in the St. Dominic Meeting Room. (Please use the Community Room entrance behind the school building .. entrance is not permitted through the front doors of the school.)

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.

Hope and Healing Ministry

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 19th at 7:00 PM** in the Community Room.

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.

BINGO!

Our Next Bingo will be held Friday, February 21, 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 Volunteers 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.



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!!!

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 **February 27th, 2025** in the Community Room. For more information, please contact Maureen Arce at (732) 840 - 1410.

St. Dominic Rosary Altar Society

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).

Parish Announcements

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.

Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale *Sunday February 23, 2025*

Stop by after the 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM Masses. Enjoy a variety of treats while supporting the Rosary Altar Society.

St Dominic Adult Social Club

Our Adult Social Club next meeting is on Monday, March 17, Our St Patrick's Day party! We will enjoy Corned Beef sandwiches for \$9. New members welcome, annual dues are \$20.

Upcoming club activities:

- Valentine's luncheon at Tuscany, Monday February 17 at 12:30 pm, \$35. Taking waitlist, sold out.
- Corned beef sandwich orders will be taken for our March 17 meeting lunch, \$9 checks preferred.
- Manasquan Algonquin Theater "Footloose" matinee and lunch on Saturday April 5, 2025, 30 members attending, sold out.

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

Padre Pio Prayer Group

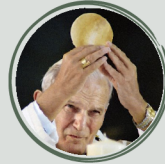
The Padre Pio prayer group meets the second Tuesday of every month. Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 11th, 2025** from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Saint Joseph's Chapel. All are welcome to pray with as we reflect on the life of this inspiring Saint. If you have any questions please contact Therese' Buttiglione @ 908-395-5372

Friday 7:00 PM Mass and Stations of the Cross *(beginning March 7)*

Please join us at 7:00 PM in Saint Joseph Chapel for Mass followed Stations of the Cross on all of the Fridays of Lent.



Eucharistic Adoration



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.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!" — St. JPII - [Address to young people of Bologna](#), Sept. 27, 1997

We are looking for substitute and additional Adorers! If you 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.

FAITH SHARING GROUP *with Sr. Liz Engel, OP*

You are invited to attend the Faith Sharing Group beginning March 11 thru May 13 from 12:30 to 1:30. We will be using the book: **12 Ordinary Men** BY John Mac Arthur Groups will meet in the Community Room of St. Dominic's School. Entrance is behind the school. Books will be provided for \$10.00 or you may purchase through Amazon yourself. For information and/or to register contact Sr. Liz at 646-229-5067



We need your Palm from last year!

We will have a special Palm Burning Ceremony on **Tuesday, March 4, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass**. There will be a basket in the Church Lobby where we ask you to place your palm **before March 4**. Thank you.



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Celebration

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

DOORS OPEN: 1:30 P.M.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY:

*Jennifer Mylod
& Mylodie Isle*

TICKETS: \$25.00/ADULT

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CHILDREN AGES 5 & UNDER FREE

TICKET INCLUDES CONCERT ADMISSION
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WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

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Altar Flower Donations 2025

A FLORAL GIFT FOR GOD'S GLORY

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

A Gift of Beauty to Honor God

Flowers on the altar are a sacrificial offering to God, reflecting His beauty and the hope of eternal life. They remind us of Christ's Resurrection and the heavenly glory that awaits us.

Donate flowers in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for a special intention. Your offering will be prayerfully remembered at Mass.

Your Intention will be Displayed

The name of your intention will be prominently displayed in the bulletin for that respective weekend and on a placard on the altar.

A Special Grace in This Jubilee Year

During this Year of Jubilee, offer a gift in the name of a loved one to receive the grace from the Holy Mass and the extraordinary grace of the Jubilee!

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.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, receive this offering of beauty for the glory of Your name.
May these flowers be a sign of my love and devotion,
drawing hearts ever closer to You in the Most Holy Eucharist. Amen.*

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

8:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

3:00 PM Prayer Service

7:00 PM Mass



Ash Wednesday is a day of FAST (only one full meal, for those between the ages of 18 and 59) and ABSTINENCE (no meat, from the age of 14) for all Baptized Roman Catholics in the United States.

*Adoration will NOT be held
on Ash Wednesday*

The Meaning

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a sacred time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The blessed ashes, imposed on our foreheads, remind us of our mortality and our need for repentance:

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

Through penance and conversion, we prepare our hearts for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ at Easter.

Living Lent as Catholics

Lent is a time to unite our sacrifices with Christ's, offering penance for our sins and growing in holiness.

The Church calls us to:

- Pray daily and deepen our relationship with God.
- Fast from sin and worldly distractions to grow in virtue.
- Give Alms by serving the poor and practicing charity.

Lenten Prayer

O God, grant us the grace to turn away from sin and embrace the Cross. Through prayer, fasting, and charity, may we draw closer to You and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LET'S HAVE A **FUNDRAISER**

Get a great meal and show your support! Join us for a fundraiser to benefit **Saint Dominic Grade School** who will receive **25%** of the total sales when this flyer is shown during the hours of **11:00AM - 9:00PM** on **February 19, 2025**

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THE HOMELESS**



Monthly FOOD GATHERING

after all Masses the
Weekend of March 1 & 2

For the month of February, the Saint Vincent de Paul center is holding their monthly Food Gathering March 1st & 2nd. There will be a white van outside the church to collect donations. We appreciate any and all donations but are need of the particular items:

Coffee
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Tomato Sauce
Cereal
Side Dishes
Instant Potatoes
Paper Products

Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Soap
Dish Detergent
Laundry Detergent

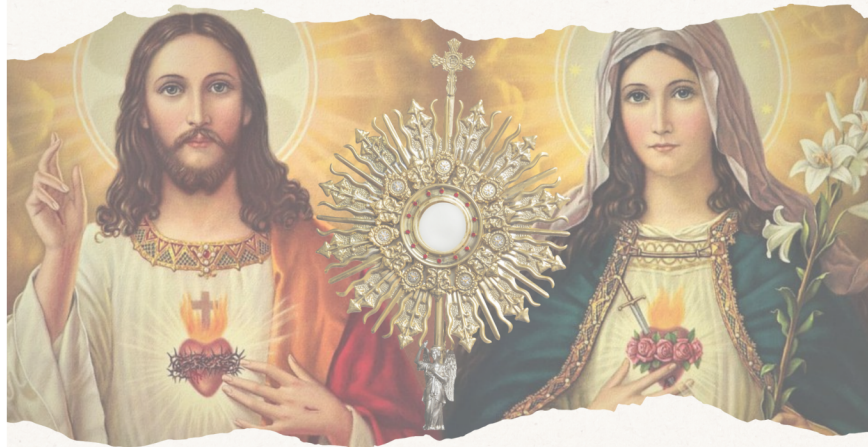
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for your
continued
support
throughout
the year

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is most grateful for your sacrifices, as we work together to help those in need. God Bless

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH CHURCH
Diocesan Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

ALL NIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Jesus pleads with us –
“Could you not spend **ONE HOUR** with Me?”

*ADORERS NEEDED FOR ALL NIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Please contact Andrea 973-698-6863 to sign up for an hour.*

NEXT DEVOTION: MARCH 7TH & 8TH

250 Old Squan Road, Brick, NJ 08724

The Holy Year - JUBILEE 2025



JUBILEE 2025

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is captured in its motto: Pilgrims in Hope and the title of the papal decree proclaiming the Holy Year: *Spes non Confundit* (Hope does not Disappoint) (Rom. 5:5) The Jubilee aims to inspire a collective sense of hope, particularly in light of recent global challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic, social disparities, and environmental issues. It summons us to be renewed in hope, and in turn, to be tangible signs of hope for those who experience hardship of any kind.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth, to you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

A Holy Year or Jubilee is a time of special graces, pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee of rest, forgiveness, and renewal. (Lev. 25: 10-15) It is also a time to visit designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession, and receive Communion to receive a plenary indulgence. The aim of a Holy Year is holiness of life. It is convoked to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and foster a consistent living of the faith. Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian Jubilee in 1300. Since then, proclaimed the first Christian Jubilee in 1300. Since then, there have been twenty-six "ordinary" Holy Years, observed nearly every twenty-five or fifty years, the last being in 2000, proclaimed by St. John Paul II. Since the 16th century, a number of "extraordinary" Jubilees were proclaimed to commemorate the anniversaries of significant events. In the Diocese of Trenton the Holy Year begins December 24, 2024 and will conclude January 6, 2026.

ELEMENTS OF A HOLY YEAR

Pilgrimage is an image of discipleship. We often speak of our earthly life as a pilgrimage. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), so Christians are always called to be with Jesus "on the way," journeying toward the Kingdom. More literally, a pilgrimage is an actual journey to visit holy places—not as a tourist, but as one seeking to grow in faith and become a better Christian.

There are many instances of pilgrimage in Sacred Scripture: the journeys of Abraham and Moses, the pilgrimages to the Temple of Jerusalem, the shepherds' going in haste to the newborn Jesus, the journey of the Magi to worship the child Jesus, and the journey of the women to the Lord's empty tomb on Easter. In the first centuries of the Church, Christians began to journey to places made sacred by Christ's life. A true pilgrimage should integrate education, spirituality, and community (although one can be a solitary pilgrim) to keep it from becoming a sightseeing venture.

The **Holy Door** at the Basilicas in Rome is a crucial symbol of the Jubilee Year. Jesus said: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (Jn 10:9) Crossing the threshold of the Holy Door into the church is symbolic of passing from this world into the presence of God, passing from sin to grace, and from separation to union with God. Since many of us are unable to travel to Rome, Bishop O'Connell has designated a church in each county as a Pilgrimage destination. In order to experience and obtain the plenary Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a pilgrimage to one of these churches.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE SITES

In addition to the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, Trenton and the Co-Cathedral of Saint Robert Bellarmine, Freehold, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. has designated the following Pilgrimage churches to obtain the indulgences of the Jubilee. St. Anthony Church 626 South Olden Avenue, Hamilton; St. Joan of Arc Church 100 Willow Bend Road, Marlton; Our Lady Star of the Sea Church (Christ the King Parish) 101 Chelsea Avenue, Long Branch; St. Mary Church 747 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat. (full listing - <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-sites>)

Plenary Indulgences available during this Jubilee Year of 2025



There are special Plenary Indulgences available during this Jubilee Year of 2025 that every Catholic family can participate in! The Vatican's Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary released explains that during the Jubilee Year, the faithful can obtain up to two plenary indulgences per day for the poor souls in Purgatory.

Now, in order to obtain any plenary indulgence this year, here are the three conditions that must be fulfilled:

1. You must receive the Sacrament of Confession 20 days before or after the indulgence is to be gained and be detached from all sin (including venial).
2. You must receive Holy Communion on the day that you perform the indulgence.
3. You must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (the prayers you choose to pray are up to you, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail, Mary" are suggested).

Diocesan Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis



“All people are born as *originals*
but many die as photocopies.”

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Let's Pray

Heavenly Father,
Help me to seek Your will
above all else, so that I may
become the person You
intended me to be.
Give me the courage to let go
of worldly expectations and
to trust in Your perfect
plan for my life.
Like Blessed Carlo Acutis,
may I live with the
confidence that I am made
in Your image, loved beyond
measure, and called to
holiness in a way that is
uniquely my own.

**Through his intercession,
lead us closer to You
each day. Amen.**

Blessed Carlo Acutis recognized that each person is created uniquely by God, with a distinct purpose and mission. Yet, in a world that constantly pressures us to conform, it can be easy to lose sight of who we are meant to be - gradually becoming "photocopies" instead of embracing their God-given identity.

Carlo used his love for technology and the Eucharist to bring others closer to God. His words challenge us to embrace our originality and live authentically as children of God.

Reflect on the unique gifts and qualities God has given you. Do you truly embrace them, or do you sometimes feel pressured to fit into the expectations of others?

Are you living as an "original," fully yourself in God's plan, or have you found yourself conforming to what the world tells you to be?

*God does not call us to be copies of others – He calls us to be saints **in the unique way He created us to be.***

Consider how you can use your talents, passions, and personality to serve God and others. Carlo lived his faith with originality and joy. How might you do the same?

For group pilgrimages of 10 people or more to our shrine OR to inquire about Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting your Parish, please contact Christina Armellino at carmellino@churchofstdominic.com or at (732) 840 - 1410 ext. 219.



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, March 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

from Loyola Press

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that

happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not

find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm.

The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

Heavenly Father,

*You have taught us through Your Son
that true happiness is not found in wealth or power,
but in trusting You and living with love and humility.*

*Grant us the grace to seek the treasures of Your
Kingdom, hungering for righteousness and peace,
rather than the fleeting rewards of this world.*

*Strengthen our hearts to embrace the Beatitudes,
to be merciful, meek, and faithful
in suffering for Your name.*

*Help us measure success by love and service,
that we may one day share in Your eternal joy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family



*"Jesus, Mary, & Joseph,
I give you my heart and my soul."*

Prayer to the Holy Family

"Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, did consecrate domestic life by Your unspeakable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen."

Prayer to St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church

"Father, you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph. By the help of his prayers may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



Gospel (Matthew 20 : 1 - 16)

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parabolam hanc: Simile est regnum cœlorum homini patrifamilias, qui exiit primo mane conducere operarios in vineam suam. Conventione autem facta cum operariis ex denario diurno, misit eos in vineam suam. Et egressus circa horam tertiam, vidit alios stantes in foro otiosos, et dixit illis: Ite et vos in vineam meam, et quod justum fuerit, dabo vobis. Illi autem abierunt. Iterum autem exiit circa sextam et nonam horam: et fecit similiter. Circa undecimam vero exiit, et invenit alios stantes, et dicit illis: Quid hic statis tota die otiosi? Dicitur ei: Quia nemo nos conduxit. Dicit illis: Ite et vos in vineam meam. Cum sero autem factum esset, dicit dominus vineæ procuratori suo: Voca operarios, et redde illis mercedem, incipiens a novissimis usque ad primos. Cum venissent ergo qui circa undecimam horam venerant, acceperunt singulos denarios. Venientes autem et primi, arbitrati sunt quod plus essent accepturi: acceperunt autem et ipsi singulos denarios. Et accipientes murmurabant adversus patremfamilias, dicentes: Hi novissimi una hora fecerunt, et pares illos nobis fecisti, qui portavimus pondus diei, et æstus. At ille respondens uni eorum, dixit: Amice, non facio tibi injuriam: nonne ex denario convenisti mecum? Tolle quod tuum est, et vade: volo autem et huic novissimo dare sicut et tibi. Aut non licet mihi quod volo facere? an oculus tuus nequam est, quia ego bonus sum? Sic erunt novissimi primi, et primi novissimi. Multi enim sunt vocati, pauci vero electi. — Credo.

At that time Jesus spoke to His disciples, this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to an householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And having agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the market place idle, and he said to them: Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be just. And they went their way. And again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour: and did in like manner. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he saith to them: Why stand you here all the day idle? They say to him: Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them: Go you also into my vineyard. And when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward: Call the laborers and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. When therefore they were come, that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first also came, they thought that they should receive more: and they also received every man a penny. And receiving it they murmured against the master of the house, saying: These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us, that have borne the burden of the day and the heats. But he answering said to one of them: Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny? Take what is thine and go thy way: I will also give to this last even as to thee. Or, is it not lawful for me to do what I will? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen. — Credo.

Is thine eye evil, because I am good?



Septuagesima Sunday

February 16, 2025

Septuagesima Sunday: A Call to Prepare for Lent

This Sunday marks **Septuagesima**, the beginning of the Church's **pre-Lenten season** in the Traditional Latin Mass.

As we transition from the joys of Christmas to the penitential spirit of Lent, the **Alleluia is omitted**, and the liturgical color shifts to **violet**, reminding us to turn our hearts toward God in **prayer and penance**.

The Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16) calls us to reflect on God's **justice and mercy**, inviting us to labor for His Kingdom. Let us use this time to **prepare our souls** for the holy season of Lent through renewed devotion and sacrifice.

St. Paul tells us that this world is a race, wherein all must run; but that they alone win the prize, who run well. Let us, therefore, rid ourselves of everything that could impede us, and make us lose our crown. Let us not deceive ourselves: we are never sure, until we reach the goal. Is our conversion more solid than was St. Paul's? Are our good works better done, or more meritorious, than were his? Yet he assures us that he was not without the fear that he might perhaps be lost; for which cause he chastised his body, and kept it in subjection to the spirit.

Man, in his present state, has not the same will for all that is right and just, which Adam had before he sinned, and which, notwithstanding, Adam abused to his own ruin. We have a bias which inclines us to evil; so that our only means of keeping our ground is to sacrifice the flesh to the spirit. To many this is very harsh doctrine; hence, they are sure to fail; they never can win the prize. Like the Israelites spoken of by our apostle, they will be left behind to die in the desert, and so lose the promised land. Yet they saw the same miracles that Josue and Caleb saw!

So true is it that nothing can make a salutary impression on a heart which is obstinately bent on fixing all its happiness in the things of this present life; and though it is forced, each day, to own that they are vain, yet each day it returns to them, vainly but determinedly loving them.

Commentary from The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger O.S.B. (1805-1875).



St. Dominic Sacred Music

Hymns for this Weekend

4:00 Vigil Mass, 9:00 am.

10:30am Principal Mass, & 5:00 P.M.

721 Praise to the Lord

647 O Christ, Our Hope

723 Prayer of St. Francis

718 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

12:00pm Traditional Latin Mass

559 Have Mercy, Lord, On Us

536 God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

The Beatitudes. Part

607 Lead, Kindly Light



This Lent, resolve to spend
more time in the office...
...the **Divine Office.**



CHANTED VESPERS

in Latin & English



5:00pm

Thursdays in Lent
Chapel of St. Joseph

*Join us in praying the Evening
Prayer of the Church (Vespers) led
by the senior choristers of the Pueri
Cantores Youth Choir.*

(Vespers lasts about 30 minutes)

No prior musical experience or skill is required.

Come to sing + Come to listen + Come to pray

"Qui bene cantat bis orat..." (He who sings prays twice)

St. Augustine

Kid's Corner!

Saint Valentine

Saint Valentine was a kind man in Rome. The emperor made a rule that young men couldn't marry. Valentine knew this was wrong, so he helped couples get married in secret. The emperor found out and put Valentine in jail.

Even in jail, Valentine was kind. He wrote letters to the jailer's daughter, signed "From your Valentine." This is why people give Valentine's cards to their friends! Saint Valentine showed that love and kindness are powerful. His story reminds us to be brave and spread love.

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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.



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Blessed are
they who
hope in the
Lord.
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When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer the Mass.

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Beatitude means "blessed." Go through the maze to the word "BLESSED!"

Gospel

Jesus taught His disciples how to live a good life. This lesson is called the Sermon on the Mount.

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