



# CHURCH OF SAINT DOMINIC Diocesan Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis

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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, March 15

8:00 A.M. Agnes & Harold Holler r/b The Holler Family

4:00 P.M. Elaine Linder r/b Husband, Gil

#### Sunday, March 16

**7:30** A.M. Louise & Bill Orlano r/b Daughter Annette

9:00 A.M. Alessandro & Mary Mantone r/b Casazza & Linderman Family

10:30 A.M. Filippa Maganza r/b Family

12:00 P.M. Mary Frances Evers r/b Greg & Gina Burns

**5:00** P.M. Frances Beale r/b Joanne Ostendorf

#### Sunday, March 23

**7:30** A.M. Lynn A. Walters r/b Husband Fred

9:00 A.M. Robert Furlong r/b Wife, Deidre 7:00 P.M. Margaret Strohmenger

10:30 A.M. John Berruti r/b Wanda Darling

12:00 P.M. Walter Majerowicz r/b Valerie Wilson

5:00 P.M. William L. Dugasz, Jr r/b Faculty & Staff of St. Dominic's

#### Weekday Mass Intentions

#### Monday, March 17

8:00 A.M. Ann Benson r/b Son

11:00 A.M. Marie Woodrow r/b Family

#### Tuesday, March 18

8:00 A.M. Joseph Gerard r/b Irene

11:00 A.M. Parishioners

#### Wednesday, March 19

8:00 A.M. Editha Bacani r/b Daughter

11:00 A.M. Marie Woodrow r/b Family

#### Thursday, March 20

8:00 A.M. Al Saner r/b Marie Saner

11:00 A.M. Jack Hughes r/b Brigid

#### Friday, March 21

8:00 A.M. Aiden Jose r/b Connie Quesea

11:00 A.M. Joseph Warhola r/b Karen Warhola

**7:00 P.M.** Margaret Strohmenger r/b Strohmenger Family

#### Saturday, March 15

**8:00** A.M. Elizabeth & Alfred DeMenna r/b The Holler Family

4:00 P.M. Mark Vassalo r/b Donna & Christina

#### Pray for the Sick

James Bazydlo, Jr., Bob Bekefi, Rachel Benfante, Todd Benfante, Helen Beshears, Mary Bik, Elsie Burton, Walter Burton, Jr., Colleen Carnevale, Alexandra Cavalieré, Ed & Kay Cavanagh, Allan Cerrruto, Jocelyn Conjares, Ann Cramer, Carmella Curro, Theresa Balcastro, Paul Davis, Ted Decker, Carolyn Decker Edgar, Charmaine Defenderfer, Susan Delpercio, Christine Dietrich, Angela DiFillipo, 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, Susan Paul, Christopher Regan, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera,
Tess Rozul, Michael Sorrano,
Joseph Spinelli, Sr.,
Nancy Stefanelli, Mary Ann Tarala,
Ryann Kathleen Tierney, Anthony Vivona, Albert Vranacaccio Sister Regina White,

Owen Williams, Joseph Yehle



#### Pray for the Deceased

Michael Winget, Irai Maria DeOliveira, Gary Saner,& Christine Giammarino

"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 untied 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.



\*There are no flowers on the Altars during Lent\*

Man Flower Donations 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 thanks giving 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.

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





Church Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp In Loving Memory of Lynn A. Walters, r/b Husband, Fred



Chapel Altar Sanctuary Lamp In Loving Memory of Patricia Mercurio r/b Husband Philip & Son Nicholas



**Blessed Mother Altar Sanctuary Lamp** In Loving Memory of Barbara Lynne Martini r/b Mother



Saint Joseph Altar Sanctuary Lamp In Loving Memory Regina Schneider r/b Husband & Family

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

#### Requiescat in pace..... Fr. Kevin Ashe, Parish Weekend Assistant



With heavy hearts, we share the news that Fr. Kevin Ashe, our beloved weekend assistant, has been called home to Almighty God. A faithful servant of Christ, Fr. Ashe touched countless lives with his kindness and dedication to the Sacraments. His presence among us was a gift, and his love for God and His people was evident in everything he did.

As we mourn his passing, we take comfort in the hope of the Resurrection and commend his soul to the mercy of our loving Father. May the angels lead him into paradise, and may he rest in the eternal embrace of Our Lord.

#### We invite you to join us in prayer for the repose of his soul:

Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei. Requiescat in pace. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



#### Dear Parish Family,

Each year we come together as one family to walk together through the penitential season of Lent. This annual practice helps us purge ourselves of the distractions in this world so that we may focus on the beautiful promise of immortality; Eternal life with our Lord.

Jesus loving comforts us and explains that, "in My Father's house there are many dwellings; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may also be" (John 14:2-3)

It is with a heavy heart that that we now mourn the loss of our dear Fr. Kevin Ashe. However, when we focus on the promises made to us by our Savior, we can always find comfort and consolation. Father Kevin helped us for quite some time in our parish, faithfully celebrating the 5 PM Mass and hearing frequent confessions. I was able to spend time with him on Ash Wednesday and he asked me to relay his message of love and prayer for all of you! I was very moved by his fearlessness and the face of his own mortality when he told me that he was aware that he was going to die and was ready to go home to Jesus. What an incredible man of faith and service!

My dear family, may this Lent be a time of our own self reflection on our mortality, not with sadness or heavy heart, but with fearlessness and joy, knowing that when we follow our Savior, the best is always yet to come!

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

Fr. Brian Patrick Woodrow

Pax.

## Parish Announcements

#### **Upcoming Second Collections**

- March 16, 2025 Diocesan Assessment
- March 23, 2025 Diocesan Assessment
- March 30, 2025 Catholic Relief Services

#### Bible Study with Fr. Joe

The next Bible Study will be held on Thursday, March 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 thought 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, March 19th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room.

#### 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. 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.

WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING WINTER CLOTHES.
WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING SUMMER CLOTHES ONLY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### Caregiver's Support Ministry

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.

#### 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

#### BINGO! Our Next Bingo will be held Friday, March 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.



# Parish Announcements

#### 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 and play an Irish themed game. New members welcome, annual dues are \$20.

Upcoming club activity:

Manasquan Algonquin Theater "Footloose" matinee and lunch on Saturday April 5, 2025. eat selection and ticket distribution at the meeting, plus sign up for the \$20 lunch at Manasquan's Committed Pig Restaurant.

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**, **April 8th**, **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

#### Life in the Spirit Seminar

What: The Life in the Spirit Seminar is designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. It provides an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps in a new or renewed relationship with the Lord.

When: Six consecutive Sundays - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th Time: 2:00PM – 3:45PM
Where: The Church of Epiphany – All Purpose Room
615 Thiele Road, Brick

Who: The Life in the Spirit Seminar is open to anyone wishing to explore or deepen a relationship with the Holy Spirit. We also request that anyone that attends has made the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**How:** You can sign up in person, or call our Parish Office at 732-458-0220 - Come Holy Spirit!

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration is held in the St. Joseph Chapel Monday through Wednesday beginning after the 11:00 AM Mass and concluding at 8:00 PM.

Thursday and Friday beginning after the 11:00 AM Mass and concluding at 6:00 PM.

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.

St. Clare Of Assisi (1194 to 1253)
Founder of the Order of Poor Ladies
(Poor Clare Nuns)

"Gaze upon Him (in Eucharistic Adoration), consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him."

"Place your mind before the mirror of eternity!
Place your soul in the brilliance of glory! Place
your heart in the figure of the divine substance!
And transform your entire being into the image
of the Godhead Itself through contemplation. So
that you too may feel what His friends feel as
they taste the hidden sweetness that God
Himself has reserved from the beginning for
those who love Him."





Friday 7:00 PM Mass and Stations of the Cross

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.

#### Feast of Saint Joseph March 19

On Wednesday, March 19, we celebrate Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus. As a loving companion, he stood beside his betrothed, trusting God's plan for their life together, and together, they raised our Lord! Joseph was hard-working and a caring protector of the Holy Family. Please join us Wednesday in celebrating Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph at 11:00 AM in our Saint Joseph Chapel. At Mass, we will offer a special prayer of blessing followed by the Saint Joseph's table in the Church Lobby.



Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession.

I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore:

(Mention your request)

Just, Pray for us! Amen.

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. St. Joseph Most

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Let us come together as a community to seek the intercession of St. Joseph and offer our prayers for our families, our parish, and our world.

#### BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 10TH

we will be commencing a parishwide novena to St. Joseph. We cordially invite all of you to join us in this special occasion of prayer and devotion.

The novena will culminate on Wednesday, March 19th with a special 11 AM Mass, followed by the St. Joseph's table and blessing.



We encourage all of you to participate in this holy novena and experience the blessings of St. Joseph.





# From Prayer to Action

A Lenten Journey with St. Vincent de Paul

This Lent, go beyond giving something up—give back. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in urgent need of volunteers to serve those in need in our community.

#### We Need Help With

- Food Pantry Assist with stocking shelves, organizing donations, and helping families who rely on this vital resource.
- Thrift Shop Sort and organize clothing and household items that provide affordable essentials to those in need.

During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What better way to live your faith than by answering the call to serve? Whether you can give a few hours a week or an afternoon, your help will make a real impact.



Join us in bringing Christ's love to our neighbors. Contact us to get involved today!

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Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

# Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry at St. Dominic's is an outreach to people who are experiencing the pain and loss of a loved one through death. Knowing that nothing can ever replace a loved one, we try to provide an atmosphere of caring and compassion to assist those dealing with the grief that death brings.

We dedicate ourselves to.....

- provide compassion to all who are brokenhearted
- provide resources on various issues related to death in our society
- nurture the spiritual and emotional needs of those on their grief journey
- maintain confidentiality

If you are having a difficult time following the loss of a loved one, come and experience God's love and compassion with others on a similar journey. Our bereavement facilitators have experienced loss and gone through the grieving process themselves. Each has completed a training program and are certified by the Diocese of Trenton.

Don't let fear of speaking in a group of strangers keep you away. Sometimes just listening is your first step in healing.

(Please use the Community Room entrance located behind the Parish Center, entrance is not permitted through the front doors of the school.)

Wednesday's 10 AM in the Community Room

Facilitator, Maureen Arce - Please call the Rectory Office at 732-840-1410 x 214 if you are interested

# **VOLUNTEERS** + N E E D E D +

This September, Families in our parish will sign up their children to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith. If you are a retired teacher or assistant, you can help them learn and grow by becoming a St. Dominic Volunteer Catechist.











- You will learn and grow as well!
   As a long time catechist said 'The rewards of passing on the faith are immeasurable, and I learn so much from the children!"
- We provide you with training, materials, and support.
- Classes begin September 23rd. If interested or for more information, contact Mrs. Margie Moran, Religious Education Coordinator - (732) 840 - 1414

#### SAINT DOMINIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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





#### 2025/2026 TRADITIONAL "FALL" WEEKLY CCD PROGRAM FOR NEW FAMILIES

If you are a new family to St. Dominic Parish and would like to register your child for our Religious Education classes please email:

mmoran@stdomschool.org or atighe@churchofstdominic.com

#### When?

#### Classes begin September 23rd, 24th & 25th

- Tuesday 1st & 3rd Grade 4:30 5:45 PM
- Wednesday 2nd & 4th Grade 4:30 5:45 PM
- Thursday 5th & 6th Grade 4:30 5:45 PM
- Thursday Evening 7th & 8th Grade 6:45 8:00 PM

Where? All classes will be held in Saint Dominic School



## What does the program include?

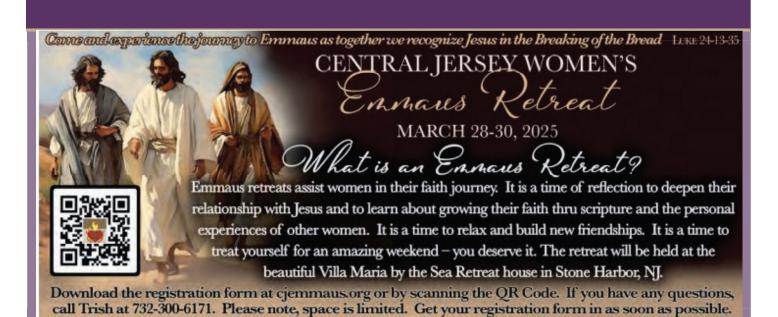
- · The children will be taught by volunteer Catechists.
- They will participate in instruction time, music, and art with a focus on drawing the children closer to our Lord and challenging them to grow deeper in their faith.
- Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- The children will attend class Masses and have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession.



The fee is \$100.00 for one child \$150.00 two children \$200.00 three or more children



For more information for new parish families, visit www.stdomccd.org or email mmoran@stdomschool.org or atighe@churchofstdominic.com



The St. Denis Elizabeth Ministry wishes to support you as you live out God's Plan for your family!



Blessing for Pregnant Women

-and-

Couples Hoping to Conceive, Adopt or Foster a Child

Sunday March 30, 2025 at 9:30am Mass

St. Denis Church 90 Union Avenue, Manasquan

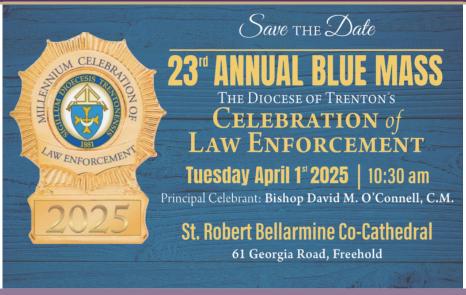
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A special blessing will be offered to you and your family along with a blessed St. Gerard medal and prayer card

After Mass, additional medals & prayer cards will be available for anyone to take to family and friends

\*\*All are welcome! No RSVP is necessary...Just come!!\*\*
Questions? Contact Rachel at <a href="mailto:thehendricks7@gmail.com">thehendricks7@gmail.com</a>





#### Diocesan Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis



Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us for every."

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Let's Pray

#### Eternal Father,

You have created me for Heaven, and yet I often become distracted by the passing things of this world. Help me to set my heart on You, to seek the infinite rather than the finite, and to follow Your will with trust and joy.

Like Blessed Carlo Acutis, may I live each day with my eyes fixed on my true homeland. Let my thoughts, words, and actions reflect my desire to be with You forever. Lead me along the path of holiness, and grant me the grace to always choose You above all else, Amen. Blessed Carlo Acutis had a clear vision of life's purpose: we are created for eternity, and our time on earth is meant to prepare us for Heaven. Too often, we become consumed with temporary concern, forgetting that these things will all pass away. Carlo reminds us that we should set our sights on what truly matters: God's will and our eternal home with Him.

Carlo's life was a witness to this truth. He lived with joy, holiness, and trust in God, knowing that his ultimate destination was not here but in Heaven. His words challenge us to ask ourselves whether we are living for the infinite or being distracted by the finite.

Take a moment to reflect: Where is your heart truly set? Do you spend most of your energy and attention on things that will pass away, or are you striving for the eternal? Do your daily choices reflect a desire to follow God's will, or are they shaped by the fleeting desires of this world?

God created you for something greater than what this life alone can offer. Heaven is not just a distant dream—it is your true home, and God has been waiting for you with love from the beginning of time. How can you shift your focus today to align more with eternity?



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@church
ofstdominic.com or
at (732) 840 - 1410
ext. 219.

#### Catholic Celebration of the Sacrifice of Mass



#### **Sunday Family Connection**

from Loyola Press

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 9:28b-36 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on?

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

"A faithful man shall be greatly praised; and he that is the keeper of his Lord shall be glorified."



#### Prayer to the Saint Joseph

"Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen"

#### The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



### The First Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

#### Gospel (Matthew 17 : 1 - 9)

In illo témpore: Assúmpsit Jesus Petrum, et Jacóbum, et Joánnem fratrem ejus, et duxit illos in montem excélsum seórsum: et transfigurátus est ante eos. Et resplénduit fácies ejus sicut sol: vestiménta autem ejus facta sunt alba sicut nix. Et ecce apparuérunt illis Móyses et Elías cum eo loquéntes. Respóndens autem Petrus, dixit ad Jesum: Dómine, bonum est nos hic esse: si vis, faciámus hic tria tabernácula, tibi unum, Móysi unum, et Elíæ unum. Adhuc eo loquénte, ecce nubes lúcida obumbrávit eos. Et ecce vox de nube, dicens: Hic est Fílius meus diléctus, in quo mihi bene complácui: ipsum audíte. Et audiéntes discípuli, cecidérunt in fáciem suam, et timuérunt valde. Et accéssit Jesus, et tétigit eos, dixítque eis: Súrgite, et nolite timére. Levántes autem óculos suos, néminem vidérunt nisi solum Jesum. Et descendéntibus illis de monte, præcépit eis Jesus, dicens: Némini dixéritis visiónem, donec Fílius hóminis a mórtuis resúrgat. -

At that time Jesus took Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man until the Son of Man be risen from the dead. - Creed.

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him.



The Transfiguration of our Lord gives us an idea of the beauty of a soul in the state of sanctifying grace. "This is the will of God, your sanctification." It must be our firm determination to preserve the divine life of our soul, at any price.

Commentary from Saint Joseph Daily Missal (1959).





#### St. Dominic Sacred Music

#### Hymns for this Weekend

4:00 Vigil Mass, 9:00am,

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

799 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

678 O Radiant Light

687 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

770 Take Up Thy Cross

12:00pm Traditional Latin Mass
799 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here
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687 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!

770 Take Up Thy Cross

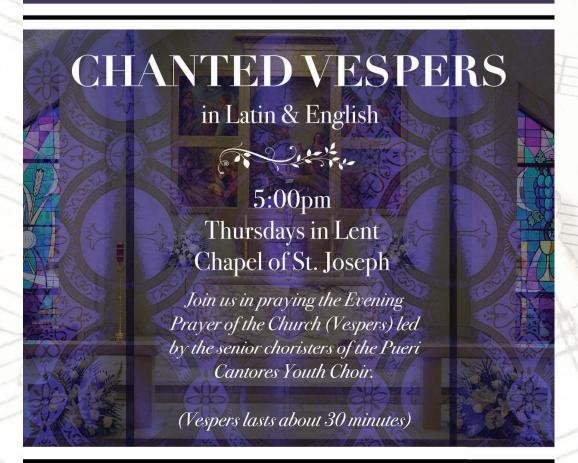




This Lent, resolve to spend more time in the office...

...the Divine Office.





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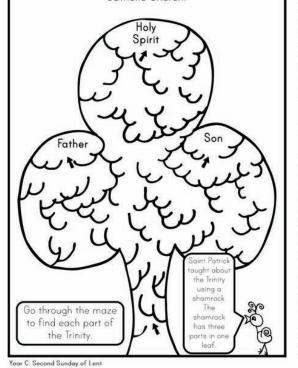
Come to sing + Come to listen + Come to pray

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

#### Kid's Corner!

### Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a bishop and helped many people learn about the Catholic Church.





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The Lord is my salvation my salvation. My salvation.

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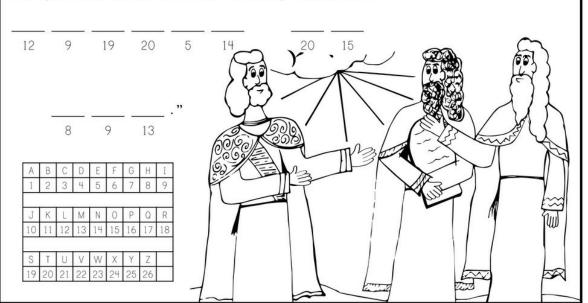


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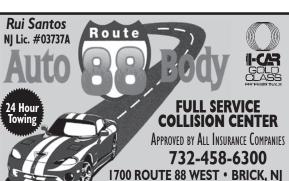
God spoke from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son...



Gospel

Today's Gospel story is called the Transfiguration. Jesus went to the top of a mountain with some of His disciples, and He suddenly looked different. His clothes were bright white!

Elijah and Moses appeared on the mountain with Jesus.





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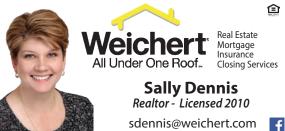
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