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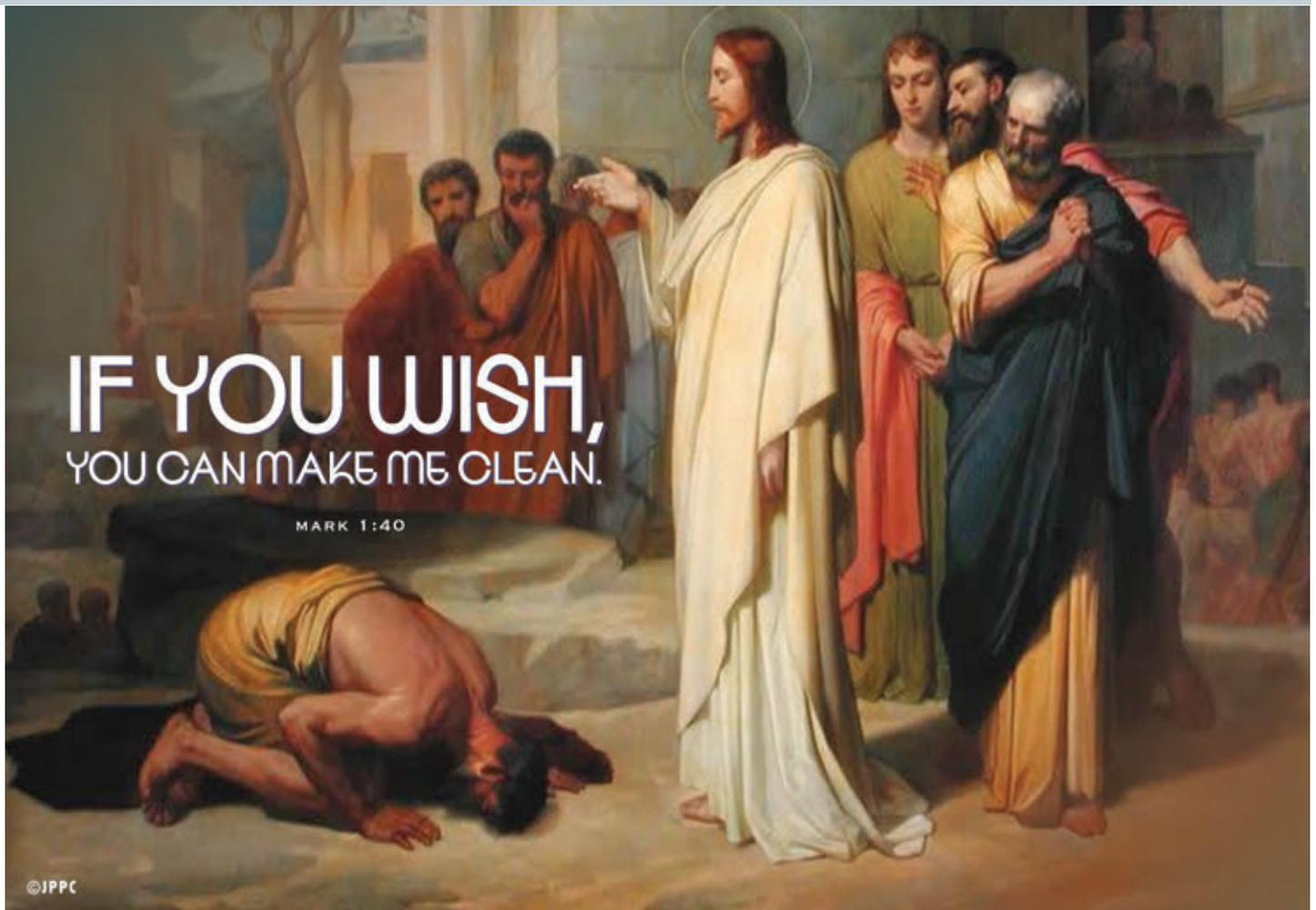
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FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**MASS SCHEDULE AND
MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday

February 13

4:00pm **Mark Gregory** r/b Joe & Adele
Tom Burrell r/b Maureen

Sunday

February 14

8:30am **Joseph F. Alicino, III** r/b Family
For the People of the Parish

Tuesday

February 16

8:30am **Concetta Zaccaria** r/b Nick
Rose Marie Frailey
r/b Mary Ann, Edward, & Matthew

Wednesday

February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am **Barbra Hansen**
r/b Tom & Mary Ann Sinnott

Thursday

February 18

8:30am **Andy, Peggy, & James Lavin**
r/b Lavin Family
William Higgins r/b Wife & Family

Friday

February 19

8:30am **Paul Rogers** r/b Eileen McDonald
Liberty Sumulong r/b Dorrie Cruz

Saturday

February 20

4:00pm **William K. Naurez** r/b Dianne Hayden
Diane Peterson
r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

Sunday

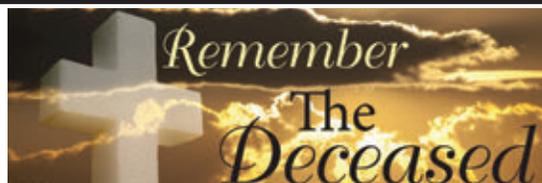
February 21

8:30am **Anna & Bill Hayden** r/b Dianne
For the People of the Parish



A time to be healed.....Fr. Douglas Freer, Dawn Carmosino, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Pat Moran, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Jim Carlson, Joan Ginty, Louis Amendola, Sr., Rosemarie Amendola, Ernesto DeLuccia, Marie Woodrow, Sharon Kline, Fr. PJ Alindogan, For Those who have received Prayer Blankets, and For All the Sick of the Parish

(Names will remain on the healing prayer list for 4 weeks; please call the parish office if you wish to extend).



A time to die ...Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni



Our Heroes.....Please pray for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the Military, as well as our Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection.

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This Week's Feast Days

February 14 *St. Valentine's Day*
February 17 *Ash Wednesday*

THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Since we can't hand out the prayer cards this year, please say the following prayer every day for nine (9) months:

“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

Baby's Due Date: July, 2021

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

Does abortion give glory to God? Why then would we support abortion or vote for those that do?

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The parish office will be closed Monday, February 15th, in celebration of President's Day.

New Eyes for the Needy

The **Knights of Columbus, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses. They are sent to “New Eyes for the Needy.” The eyeglasses are tested and sorted by volunteers for use by medical missions and hospitals in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Central Europe as well as by American veterans. Please remember to drop your old eyeglasses in the container. Thank you.



St. Francis Food Pantry has expanded its hours. We will now be open on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm in addition to our regular hours on Wednesdays from 10am-1pm. With the increase of hours, the demand for donations will be greater. Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass each Sunday. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church. If you would like to donate items, and you are unable to carry the packages to Mass, please call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656 and he will come to your home to pick up the items. We are grateful for the support you have given us over the years, and we hope that you will continue to support your neighbors who are in need.



St. Damien of Molokai
The Leper Priest

Jozef de Veuster was born in Belgium on January 3, 1840. At the age of 20, he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, taking the religious name Damien. He was sent as a missionary to Honolulu in 1864 and was ordained as a priest. He was assigned to work on the Island of Hawaii. He worked there until 1873, serving a parish area of 180 square miles.

During that time, leprosy outbreaks were occurring among the Hawaiian population. Leprosy was greatly feared among the people. Contracting it meant certain death—but not before one had suffered years of slow bodily decay and disfigurement. The stench from the rotting wounds was sickening.

Since there was no known cure, and the disease was considered highly contagious, quarantining those infected was the solution. The Hawaiian government began forcibly quarantining lepers on the small island of Molokai. Leprosy victims not only had to face the future of death by a horrible disease, they had to experience the trauma of being violently separated from their families and loved ones, often on a moment's notice.

Fr. Damien, out of concern for the suffering victims, many of whom he knew personally, gained approval from his Bishop to leave his current missionary assignment and move to Molokai.

Fr. Damien arrived on the island of Molokai in May of 1873 when he was 34 years old. The bishop introduced him to approximately 600 lepers on the island as “one who will be a father to you, and who loves you so much that he does not hesitate to become one of you; to live and die with you.”

For the next 16 years, Damien taught the Catholic faith, built homes, administered the sacraments, erected a chapel, provided comfort and medical care for the sick and dying, and said funeral masses for those who finally succumbed to the disease. He also was the one who dug their graves. He transformed the island from a place of horror, despair, and moral debauchery into one of faith, hope and peace.

Fr. Joe

PROMISE TO PROTECT- PLEDE TO HEAL

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' 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 you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Owning your own Missalette for Mass

Many parishioners miss having the church missalette to follow along and pray the readings, prayers and songs. Unfortunately, during Covid, we are precluded from providing books for use and re-use at church. However, below are three options you can choose to order your very own copy. Bring it to church with you and take it home or follow along the livestream masses. Please do not leave them in the Church after Mass or they must be discarded.

[Breaking Bread | OCP - www.ocp.org/en-us/missals/BB/breaking-bread](http://www.ocp.org/en-us/missals/BB/breaking-bread) \$17.09

This is the Missal we have used at church for many years. You can purchase your own Missal with the Sunday & Holy Day readings.

If you come to Daily Mass you might prefer:

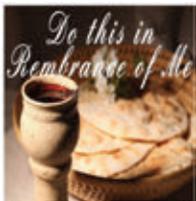
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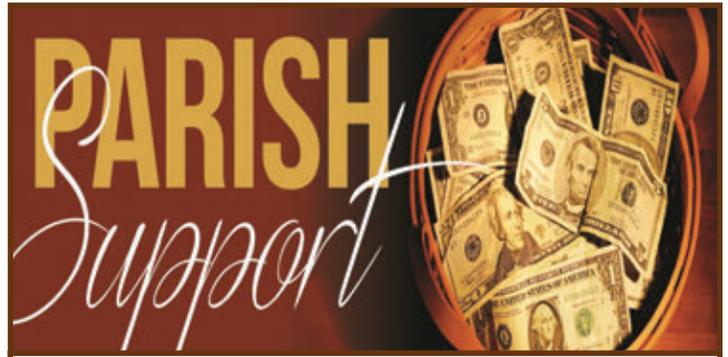
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Please pray for an end to Covid 19,
 Please pray for all who are sick from it,
 Please pray for all who have died from it,
 Please pray for all families affected by it,
 Please pray for all medical workers,
 Please pray for all first responders,
 Please pray for our nation's leaders,
 Please pray to God and our Blessed Mother for us all

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The Altar Bread and Wine offered at the Masses in the month of February have been given in loving memory of **Rose Marie Frailey**, requested by Mary Ann, Edward and Matthew.



"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Teresa of Avila

Contributions Weekend of Feb. 6 & 7, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$4,516	\$4,400
Online	\$1,235	\$650
Total	\$5,751	\$5,050

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2COR 9:7

Ash Wednesday



The Distribution of Ashes SERVICES

Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:30am Mass and also distribution at 12 noon.

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2020 TAX STATEMENTS

2020 tax statements are available from the parish office. You can call or e-mail the office if you would like to receive one. We can mail the statement to your home or your e-mail address!



As a reminder, if you gave online, your statement is available now directly from Parish Giving, just log in to your account.

From Father Joe:

The Chosen – Lenten Bible Study

Join Father Joe on a journey into the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Each week you will watch one episode of the first season of the hit Christian Video series called "THE CHOSEN" (approx. 45 minutes) and then have a group discussion and Lenten Bible reflection about the highlights of the film.

Meetings will be safe and socially distanced (please wear your mask) at Sacred Heart's Casey Hall Starting at 9:30am every Wednesday in Lent (Feb. 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31) *All are Welcome!* Bring your own favorite beverage or breakfast, unfortunately we cannot serve any food or drinks.

The Chosen is the first multi-season television series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those He impacted. Directed by Dallas Jenkins and distributed by VidAngel Studios, *The Chosen* has grown to become the largest crowdfunded TV series of all time. The shows attempt to provide an accurate historical background of the Gospel setting, and of life in Israel during the lifetime of Jesus. The stories follow a plausible timeline and feature some of the main events, that are a mixture of those from the 4 Gospels. The lives of familiar figures such as Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Thomas, as well as other disciples and characters are handled with creative license. We witness how their encounters with Jesus change them. I believe you will thoroughly enjoy watching and discussing the shows. *Fr. Joe*

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Catholic Education Administration

Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 27 Catholic elementary schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

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The Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena, honoring our Blessed Mother, will be said after the 8:30am daily Mass, on Tuesdays, during Lent. We will resume the Novena on Thursdays at the conclusion of Lent since the Stations of the Cross will be said on Thursdays during Lent after the 8:30am Mass.



Black & Native American Collection

Next weekend, February 20 and 21, there will be additional baskets at the back of the Church for your donation to the Black & Native American Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Information

Parish Office: 732-793-7291 See phone extensions below:

Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302
Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan, Assisting Priest
Rev. Monsignor Philip Franceschini, Assisting Priest
Deacon John H. Hanna, x320

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Connie Barraco, Parish Secretary, x316
Pat Kevish, Parish Secretary, x301
Tim Drake, Facilities Manager
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Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is given for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member is planning to enter the hospital, please see one of the priests following Mass if you would like to receive this sacrament or call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptisms and Marriages

Please visit St. Pio's web site for information and call the parish office to schedule. www.stpioparish.com

Religious Education for Children or R.C.I.A. for Adults

Call John Paglione at 732-899-1398, x5



SPECIAL COVID GUIDELINES:

RECEIVING COMMUNION WITH A MASK ON

When receiving Holy Communion please remember not to remove your mask until after the priest or Eucharistic Minister puts the Sacred Host in your hand at which time you step aside, lift your mask, consume the Host and then immediately cover your face back with the mask. Also, Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Anyone receiving it on the tongue will have to wait until all have received and then go to the end of the line that the priest is distributing Communion in.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection baskets will be available at the main doors of the Church to drop your envelopes and contributions. You can also give them to an usher when you are exiting the Church. There is a secure drop box in the foyer of the parish office for contributions, and correspondence.

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