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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Acontecimientos de la Semana

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

NO Bible Study today

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
St. Francis Food Pantry
at 139 Sherman Avenue

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Alcoholics
Anonymous
in OLPH Hall

Thursday, June 11, 2026

10:00 am Funeral Mass for
+ Charles Joseph Miller
St. Catharine Church

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Narcotics
Anonymous
in OLPH Hall

Evening of June 11th and all
day of June 12th

Solemnity of the Sacred
Heart of Jesus

Consecration of the U.S. to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus
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PARISH LITURGY

Litúrgia de la Parroquia

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
100 Grant Avenue
Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 9:30 AM
7:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Daily Masses

Tuesday, Thursday &
First Saturday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
with Individual Confession

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

St. Catharine of Siena Church
50 E Street
Seaside Park, NJ 08752

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday
& Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
with Individual Confession

Saturday: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Parish Mass Intentions
June 8, 2026 - June 12, 2026

MON	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ James Demetriades by Family
TUES	8:00 am At OLPH	World Peace
WED	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Anthony Kulzy, Jr. by Denise & Craig
THUR	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Sharon Carabello Whitty by Sandie & Doug
FRI	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Kathleen Duffy by Linda & Judy

June 13, 2026 - June 14, 2026

SAT	4:00 pm At OLPH	+ Elsie & Leonard Ciccone by Loving Daughter Marlene
	4:30 pm At St. Catharine	+ People of The Parish
SUN	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ John Kacani by Linda & Judy
	9:30am At OLPH	+ Alphonse & Cecilia Klipfel by Cantalupo Family
	11:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Ann Dawson by Dawson Family
	7:00 pm At OLPH	+ Spanish Mass



SAINT FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY



Saint Francis Food Pantry is **OPEN** on

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

St. Francis Food Pantry has seen a dramatic increase in the number of families who are in need of food assistance. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP US!**

We need juice, canned fruit, beef stew, pasta sauce, syrup, mayo, mustard & ketchup, coffee, regular and instant and tea.

All are welcome at Saint Francis Food Pantry.

WEEKLY OFFERING

May 30 - 31, 2026

Parish \$7,311 - Building Repairs \$2,691

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Parish \$1,166 - Building Repairs \$188

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 am –12:00 pm Office is OPEN
12:00 pm—1:00 pm CLOSED for LUNCH
1:00 pm—4:00 pm Office is OPEN
Tuesday Parish office is CLOSED in the morning
for a parish staff meeting and will open
at 1:00 pm - 4:00pm
Friday No office hours



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us in this comforting ministry. The shawls are blessed and given to people in need of a "spiritual hug". We meet every Wednesday from 1-3 pm in the Hall on the OLPH Campus. We can also teach you to knit if you would like to learn. If you or anyone you know are in need please call 908-616-3213 and leave a message.



Faith Formation for Children

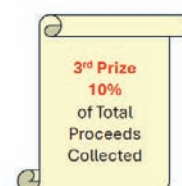
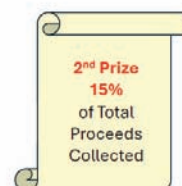
Thank you to all of our Religious Education students, families, and volunteers for a wonderful year! We are grateful for your faith, participation, and support throughout the year. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and blessed summer. May God continue to bless you and your families!

Please stay tuned for information regarding next year's registration details.

Rosary Altar Society of St. Junipero Serra



All Proceeds to benefit the beautification and care of the Altars of St. Junipero Serra Parish



Ticket Sales

Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day Weekend

\$5.00 per ticket

Drawing will be on Sunday September 13th

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

June 13th 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Fr. Noel cordially invites you to **The Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua with a Day of Prayer** at Saint Peter Church in Point Pleasant Beach. Registration form are available in the church vestibules.



A Message from our Pastor

Michael G. Lorentsen, OFM Conv.

May the Lord give you peace!

Pope Leo XIV's introduction in his first encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, uses a pair of biblical images. The first is the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9), read not as a story about language but as a parable about what happens when human ambition becomes self-enclosed. The builders of Babel sought to make a name for themselves: a single language, a single technology, a single direction. What appears to be unity is in fact uniformity, and uniformity that eliminates diversity ends not in communion but in dispersion. Pope Leo writes: "We must avoid the 'Babel syndrome,' namely the idolatry of profit that sacrifices the weak, a uniformity that neutralizes differences, and the pretense that a single language, even a digital one, can translate everything, including the mystery of the person, into data and performance" (*Magnifica Humanitas*, § 10).

Pope Leo's second biblical image in his introduction to the encyclical is Nehemiah, who leads Israel in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. Where Babel was built from pride and the claim of self-sufficiency, Nehemiah's project begins in prayer, fasting, and listening. Where Babel imposes uniformity from above, Nehemiah assigns each family its own section of wall, drawing diverse people into share labore without erasing their particularity. Where Babel ends in confusion, Jerusalem is rebuilt in something the encyclical calls "the harmony that arises when all persons assume their own role and recognize that their strength comes from the Lord." Here is a vision of what genuine human community, oriented toward God, actually looks like, and it is offered as a criterion by which to judge every technological project.

Saint Junipero Serra Parish is a Christian community in the Catholic communion that is oriented toward God. July 1st of this year will mark 8 years as one parish community. Together, we passed through the exile of the pandemic. We have continued to form our children in the faith. We are committed to offering relief to our neighbors living with drastic food insecurity. We gather faithfully gather weekly for the celebration of Sunday Eucharist. We have worked diligently on several necessary capital repairs with the help of parish contributions, property insurance claims, a couple of bequests, a few

large generous donations for specific projects, grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and rebates from our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal.

As a parish, we are living in a time when the rate of inflation rose to 3.8%. The average cost of gasoline today in New Jersey is \$4.37 for a gallon of regular when it was \$3.01 a year ago at this time. Airfares are up 20.7%, energy costs are up 17.9% and beef is up 14.8%. We are a nation at war with the Islamic Republic of Iran, while some parish families have children and spouses serving as members of the United States Joint Forces. Parishioners talk about substantial increases in utility bills and home insurance. Parishioners with small businesses talk about the struggles they are experiencing.

Just as you can see expenses increase in your household, our parish is facing enormous increases in our utility bills and our property and liability insurance. We fix one part of a building and then discover a new problem in another part of that same building. While we continue to welcome new parishioners here, some of our long-time parishioners have been called home to the Lord or have moved away to be closer to family or have moved to assisted living and/or skilled nursing facilities. We continue to welcome young families and young adults as new parishioners, while some of our families have chosen to join another parish because their children are in the Catholic school there or a different parish has a "more convenient" time for faith formation for children.

Our Sunday Mass participation noticeably increases in our spring and summer months as we welcome our "summer parishioners" as our summer guests. We use consistently six of our seven buildings, while we have been able to rent the seventh building (i.e. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rectory) to the Borough of Seaside Heights. Our parish staff and volunteering parishioners work very hard collaboratively throughout the year to respond to the needs of the parish. We continue to take on more work to respond to growing needs here in the parish.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to share with you some of our financial struggles and challenges as we move forward towards the future. We need your help in this process. We need to do this together. Following the example of Nehemiah, we continue to rebuild and grow more to insure our children's children have a parish here in the Jersey Shore as we continue the mission of the Church here and now.

Peace and all good!

Fr. Michael

CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On this Thursday, June 11, 2026, as our nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, all the Catholic bishops of the United States will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We ask that every household of the parish to take time on Thursday evening or during the day on Friday of this week to pray this prayer together. For example, a family can pray this prayer together as they sit down for dinner.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

June 12th SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART



Diocese of Trenton



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$53,000.00

Pledged: \$48,342.50 (91%)

Paid: \$45,797.50 (86%)

Total Donors: 147

(54% towards participation incentive)

Average Gift: \$332.34

Total donors needed to qualify for the participation increase incentive: 271

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” – 1 Peter 4:10

We need to collect another **\$4,657** to reach our goal. We also need another **124** additional pledges so that we earn our 2026 participation incentive (\$2,500 to the parish).

Please make your pledge today!

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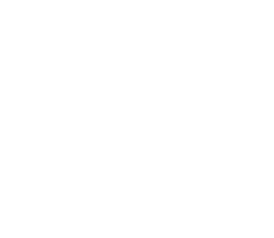
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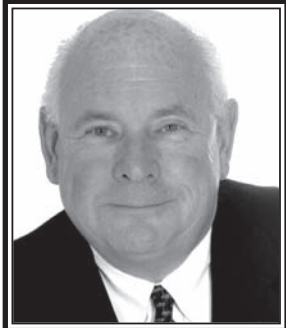
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