

## A circular stained glass window with a multi-colored border. It depicts two figures: on the left, a woman in a blue and white habit (St. Clare) with a halo; on the right, a man in a brown habit (St. Francis) with a halo, holding a book. The background is divided into panes with various colors and patterns.

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# January 28, 2024/Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

“It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead.” (II Mac. 12:46)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

- 7:00 am Daniel Angelo  
*Req. Fatima Angelo, Mother*
- 4:00 pm Elizabeth Taylor  
*Req. Richard & Kathy Skrocki*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

- 7:00 am Dorothy Geiss  
*Req. Heinis Family*
- 9:00 am Joseph Kissane  
*Req. Sarah Connolly*
- 11:00 am Daniel Dever  
*Req. Wife & Family*
- 1:00 pm Secondina Guadagno  
*Req. Peter & Sabina Finnegan*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

- 8:30 am Multiple Intention Mass

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

- 7:00 am Barbara Bodak  
*Req. Husband, James & Daughter, Sharon*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

- 8:30 am Lina Bussanich  
*Req. Scrivanich Family*

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

- 8:30 am Beth Taylor  
*Req. John & Marie Sebilja*

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

- 8:30 am Joyce Southwick  
*Req. Sister, Rita*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

- 7:00 am Anna Maria L. Carella  
*Req. Marietta & Phil Garton*
- 4:00 pm Patricia Lindner  
*Req. Mary Bauser*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

- 7:00 am Dec'd Mbrs of Doruth Family  
*Req. Jean Lapinski*
- 9:00 am Nancy Handlin  
*Req. Joe & JoAnn Radigan*
- 11:00 am Laurinda V. Luis  
*Req. Sarah Connolly*
- 1:00 pm Raymond Muldoon-10th Anniv.  
*Req. Wife, Fran*

Before you speak, it is necessary  
for you to listen, for God speaks  
in the silence of the heart.

Mother Teresa



## DAILY READINGS

Sunday, 1/28/24—Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28  
Monday, 1/29/24—2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday, 1/30/24—2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday, 1/31/24—2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday, 2/01/24—1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday, 2/02/24—Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
Saturday, 2/03/24—1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34



Monday, January 29, 2024 at 8:30 am

## Multiple Intention Mass

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
The Santitoro Family (Living & Deceased)

Assunta Artificio, **Req. Family**

Robert Sommers, **Req. Wife, Frances**

Elizabeth Distant, **Req. Maria & Gene Graf**

Rafael & Angela Vales, **Req. Nes & Cecile Vasquez**

Anthony Briffa, **Req. Mom & Dad**

Deacon Stanley Kwiatek, **Req. Patricia Guerin**

Jeffrey Dominick Picinic, **Req. Ruza & Vajentic**

Phillip Manzella, **Req. Angela Vlacich**

Mary Kelly-Healing, , **Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly**

Michele Cambria, **Req. Carl & MaryJo & Glenn Schendel**

Matthew Luhrsen-Recovery, **Req. Jack Burke**

John Caporrino, **Req. Patricia Guerin**

George Hansen, **Req. Ron Battle**

Theresa Mezak, **Req. Maria & Gene Graf**

San Judas Tadeo, **Req. Friend**

Antony Fabbri, **Req. R. Hrapko**

William H. Barry, **Req. Wife, Jean Barry & Family**

Patricia Wagner, **Req. Barbara Nalbach**

Christopher Hague, **Req. The Hague Family**

Wasył Mularczyk, **Req. Bonnie**

Geraldine, **Req. Patricia & Dennis**

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*Please join us in praying for the  
intentions mentioned in this bulletin.*

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### Special Intentions

January 27, 2024 to February 2, 2024

#### BREAD & WINE- CHURCH

Anne Vispetti  
**Req. Family**

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE-CHURCH

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
**Req. Family**

#### ALTAR CANDLES-CHURCH

Rev. Vincent Coppola  
**Req. Family**



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**HEALING**  
WRAP HER WINGS  
SAFELY AROUND ALL  
IN NEED RIGHT NOW



## From the Pastor's Desk



Hello everyone,

It may still happen this year, but I almost cancelled the 7:00 Tuesday Mass this past week forever.

Here is what happened—a week in the life of a pastor with no assistant priest! First of all, retired Rev. Vincent Euk is leaving us at the end of the month for health reasons. We will miss him terribly. If he ever gets well enough again, he is more than welcome back. Father not only covered weekend masses for us but also covered my Thursday day off which includes both the 8:30 Mass and the emergency line, calls that we receive at all hours of the day or night of someone dying and who needs the Sacrament of the Sick/the last rites. Father Euk would cover this very inconvenient and unpredictable emergency line because he lived right here in Holiday City.

My two other retired weekend helpers, Fr. Ed Furrevig and Fr. Peter Filipkowski, both live in other towns. I could not ask Fr. Ed to cover because it is too much driving for him, too much back and forth. Fr. Peter is willing but I did not want him coming to this area two, three times a day which he, too, possibly would have had to do if he had to cover both the mass and the emergency line. That line is more immediately important.

So, Fr. Peter said he would cover the emergency line on my day off which includes the eve before. That left no one for the 8:30 mass. Now, to cancel the 8:30 mass would have effected a far bigger congregation than if I cut the 7:00 on Tuesday, so I was going to switch my day off to Tuesday and cancel the 7.

Now, without Fr. Euk, I was also going to change the Sunday schedule from 4 masses to 3 and the times would have been 8, 10, and 12 noon. I was very upset by all this obviously.

However, then, after making some desperate, stab-in-the-dark phone calls I got in touch with Fr. Ed Reading who, although living in another town and who works, has agreed to commit himself here for weekend masses in place of Fr. Euk, thanks be to God!! So Sunday masses remain the same but did come so close to being reduced! Then, Fr. Bob Laferrera agreed to take the 8:30 mass on Thursday every week! Again, thanks be to God!-----But, he is away 3 Thursdays in February!! So that had to be dealt with and thankfully both Fr. Ed Reading and Fr. Peter stepped up to cover those 3 Thursday masses. Good men! Amen!

Overall, the prayers you make for our parish and for me continue to bear fruit! I am very thankful to these priests who are willing to serve here and honor us with their presence. Having gone through some serious angst these past 10 days, I feel God is there for us and so I am thankful -- just another week in the life of being the only priest here!

*Fr. Steve*



### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

His Word today, by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

**"A prophet like me will the Lord God raise up for you, from among your own kin, to him you shall listen... I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into their mouth, he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it."**

The first pages of scripture tell us of a promised redeemer. The prophets, the spokespersons for God constantly reminded the people of their covenant with God. John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the one. Jesus being present made a new covenant, and today that covenant is renewed in His church.

Promise, prophets, presence, preaching, the story of salvation for us all. Today we are called to listen to the voice of God found in the teaching and preaching of our church leaders, chosen ones, who are calling us to awaken and respond to the covenant God made with us. We hear the word proclaimed at mass, we open the bible at home to reflect upon it. We have so many resources on YouTube or Relevant Radio to continue to form and reform our lives. May this help us answer for His call.

BINGO					
14	24	39	49	63	
1	22	42	53	75	
10	25	★	57	69	
6	27	32	52	61	
8	23	31	55	67	

**Bingo is held on Tuesdays**  
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### **ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS**

**The blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise will take place**  
**Saturday February 3, 2024 around 8am after**  
**the 7am mass and the 1st Saturday prayers.**



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**LENT**

The Season of Lent begins with  
**Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024.**  
**The Ash Wednesday Mass schedule is:**  
8:30 am -ashes distributed after  
12:00 pm -ashes distributed after  
5:00 pm prayer service -ashes distributed  
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# Ministry Meetings



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**For membership or transfer to their Council contact  
Richard Muller at 732-255-4834**



## **THE LEGION OF MARY**

Do you know anyone who is homebound and misses receiving Communion, or would like a visit while praying the rosary? We also offer to bring the pilgrim statue of the Blessed Mother to grace your home for a week.

The Legion of Mary is an international association of men and women of the Catholic Church. The mission is for active members to serve God under the banner of Mary by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The spirituality of the Legion of Mary is based on "total dedication" to Christ and the Holy Spirit through devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our meetings take place on Monday mornings  
from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

*For more information, call: Cheryl Winters (215) 356-2507*



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Giftng of a prayer shawl is a year round activity. The giftng of a prayer shawl is a perfect way to show someone who needs a little bit of

comfort that they are not alone. Each prayer shawl is unique and created with prayers offered while it is being made. The PSM also continues to make lapghans for individuals who may be home bound and/or use a wheelchair. (There is no fee for the shawls or lapghans, but donations of full skeins of worsted weight yarn or monetary donations are accepted. They can be dropped off at the monthly PSM meetings.) "Special Order" white Christening blankets are available for a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) to defray the cost of the yarn. **The PSM meets the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church conference room September through June. New members are always welcome to join the group.** Information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry and its offerings can be obtained from: Lorraine Pietrucha @732-569-6997 or

Lorraine Shubsda @732-281-3445

as well as the officers of the Legion of Mary,  
The Columbiettes and the Rosary Altar Society



## **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

***"I am sending my messenger to  
prepare the way before me; and  
suddenly there will come to the  
temple the Lord who you seek"***

Malachi 3:1

The Presentation of The Lord (earlier known as the Purification of Mary) or Candlemas Day is celebrated on the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, a significant event in the story of our salvation. When Jesus is brought to the place where God is suppose to dwell it is the Word-made-flesh! Simeon prayed, "Your word has been fulfilled....my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared....a light to reveal you to nations...." We celebrate with the blessing of candles as we come closer to when the fate of Spring (new life) hangs in the balance and eventually the Resurrection. "....I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

**If you pray the rosary daily and are devoted to the Blessed Mother but are unable to attend meetings you can be an auxiliary member.**

Anna 732-581-2247

**ROSARIANS & COLUMBIETTES want to thank parishioners for their most GENEROUS "Giving Tree" contributions! We have been advised by Providence House that a personal thank you will be sent as soon as possible.**

## **SAINT MAXIMILIAN COLUMBIETTES**



We are an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese the Little Flower and Saint Joan of Arc. We



are an affiliated Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council. We meet every third Saturday of the month at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. We begin with the recitation of the Rosary. If you are interested in joining the Columbiettes or would like additional info, please contact:

Chris Dolan (551) 208-1159

## **CURSILLO ULTREYA**

"Cursillo Ultreya" is a part of the Trenton Cursillo movement, within the Catholic Church. It proposes a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived & shared, encouraging a close relationship with Christ. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 1pm in St. John's Parish center 619 Chestnut Street Lakehurst, NJ Questions? Contact David & Alice Riggio@ (732) 323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano @ (732) 323-8878





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## CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

When *isn't* silence golden?

Any time Our Eucharistic Lord is being blasphemed or the Sacred Host is being desecrated is no time for us to stand idly by allowing those words and actions to stand without appropriate reaction. Hopefully such deplorable behavior will not occur in our presence, but in order to be prepared in case it ever does, let us know what steps to take, and let us pray to the Lord that we not let our own insecurities or fears of being mocked ourselves keep us from defending His Real Presence.

*Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.* Mt 10: 32-33

**Be a St. Max Sentinel: Spend some time this week with the Lord, Who waits in the Tabernacle for YOU.**



## Remembering our Loved Ones who are in Heaven

Commemorative bricks are a special way to honor a loved one or mark a special occasion. We invite you to leave a legacy for family and friends by purchasing a brick that can be memorialized. Rosary Garden bricks can be a tribute to others or be purchased to recognize someone or something important in your life. Bricks in our beautifully landscaped Rosary Garden are limited, please call Marian at (732) 914-0300 for more information.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

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## Prayers and Inspirations

### A WEEKLY JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST (FROM MY DAILY VISITOR)

#### WEEK THIRTY ONE : HUMILITY



“O wonderful loftiness and stupendous dignity! O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! The Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles himself that for our salvation he hides himself under an ordinary piece of bread!”

— Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was known to have an extraordinary devotion to the Mass. He wrote in his testament, “Above everything else, I want this most holy Sacrament to be honored and venerated and reserved in places which are richly ornamented.” Saint Francis, the lover of poverty, marveled at the humility, the simplicity of the Eucharist.

Saint Bonaventure tells us, “He burned with love for the Sacrament of our Lord’s Body with all his heart, and was lost in wonder at the thought of such condescending love, such loving condescension.” For Saint Francis, this was the height of love, which must be worshiped and emulated. He told his brothers: “Look at the humility of God, and pour out your hearts before him! Humble yourselves that you may be exalted by him!”

#### LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father, give us the grace of wonder, that we might marvel at the Eucharist. May we rejoice and imitate the humility of God, who comes to us in everyday bread.

Amen.

#### PRAYER TO THE EUCHARIST

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have

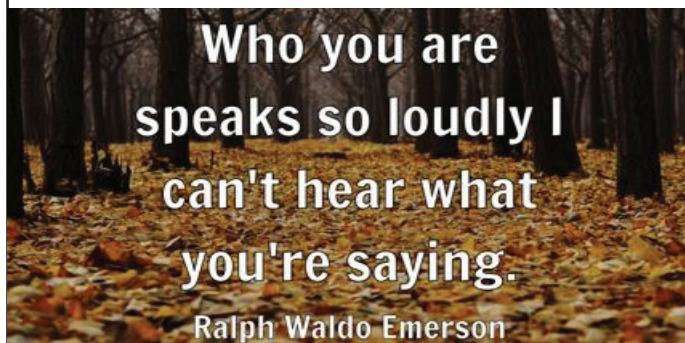
### WHO ARE YOU?

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in Oklahoma City. My friend and proud father Bobby Lewis was taking his two little boys to play miniature golf. He walked up to the fellow at the ticket counter and said, “How much is it to get in?” The young man replied, “\$3.00 for you and \$3.00 for any kid who is older than six. We let them in free if they are six or younger. How old are they?”

Bobby replied, “The lawyer’s three and the doctor is seven, so I guess I owe you \$6.00.”

The man at the ticket counter said, “Hey, Mister, did you just win the lottery or something? You could have saved yourself three bucks. You could have told me that the older one was six; I wouldn’t have known the difference.” Bobby replied, “Yes, that may be true, but the kids would have known the difference.”

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Who you are speaks so loudly I can’t hear what you’re saying.” In challenging times when ethics are more important than ever before, make sure you set a good example.



### NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 2024



In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2024) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2024), the Diocese of Trenton

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### BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

#### FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD

Our lives are often characterized by a “we-they” mentality. Diversity or pluralism is not seen as an enriching gift, but as a divisive factor. Emphasis seems to be based on the “other” rather than on the “us.” Paul tells us, “we are one in Christ Jesus.” The role of disciple is to be a reconciler, to remove what divides and foster what unites. Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father. Paul’s mission, and ours, is to continue the work of Jesus. Peace is not the absence of hostility, but an attitude of oneness, appreciation and support. To assure that good prevails, people must do something. The peacemaker is one who strives relentlessly to resolve quarrels. At times this takes place through negotiation, sometimes through dialogue, always through the mediation of God’s grace. The promised reward is entitlement as “children of God” The chosen people relished this name. They were special in God’s eyes, precisely because His favor rested upon them.

We too are ambassadors of peace, the instruments God uses to bring about peace in nonviolent ways in every avenue of our lives-at home, within the family, at places of employment, school-through the many ways the Lord wishes to use us. Like the Saint of Assisi, we strive to be active instruments of His peace.



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