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October 19, 2025



Pastor

Rev. Stephen M. Piga

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Carlos Castilla

In Memoriam:

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
Founding Pastor - 1985

Deacon

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Mr. Tarcisio Pono



Prayer to

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

We rejoice in your elevation to the honors of the altar,

dear St. Maximilian Kolbe. We thank you and praise God for your loyalty to Christ, your devotion to Mary Immaculate, your total surrender to the divine will.

In the midst of painful trials, you had the courage to say: "For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more." Generous to the end, you volunteered to lay down your life for a prisoner sentenced to die by starvation.

With confidence in your power of intercession, we now present our needs to you.

*(Here mention your prayer request.)
Obtain for us also to abide always in God's friendship, that we may glorify Him with you in heaven for all eternity. Amen.*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Saturday~7:00 am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday~8:30 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday~4:00 pm
Sunday~7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Confessions

Wednesdays~1:00-2:00 pm
Saturdays~3:00-3:45 pm

Holy Day Vigil Masses

4:00 pm

Holy Day

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Baptisms

First Sunday of the month

Weddings

Contact parish one year in advance.

Our mission is "To connect people to God and one another and to spread the kingdom of God." Our vision is to see and realize God's reign of righteousness, justice, and peace in the world. Together, we hope to make a lasting difference in our lives, in our community, and in our world.

Phone: 732-914-0300/**Fax:** 732-240-9517/**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm/**Friday: Closed**

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October 19, 2025/Twenty-Ninth 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, OCTOBER 18, 2025

- 7:00 am Stephen Naumik
Req. Alice & George Hansen
- 4:00 pm Dolores Dentzau
Req. Bill Dentzau & Debbie Glenn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

- 7:00 am Angelo Natale
Req. Wife, Barbara
- 9:00 am Carl Bargone
Req. Louis & Christina Bargone
- 11:00 am Mary & Thomas Riccio
Req. Patricia Guerin
- 1:00 pm Antonia & Salvatore Cassone
Req. The Cassone Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

- 8:30 am Multiple Intention Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

- 7:00 am Eddie Corr
Req. Terry Mihalko

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

- 8:30 am Thomas Dougherty
Req. Reni & Patty Fernandez

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

- 8:30 am Louis Morbelli
Req. Friend & Neighbor, Diane

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

- 8:30 am Pasquale Tardo
Req. Patricia Guerin

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

- 7:00 am Lucjan Koprowicz
Req. Blanche & Family
- 4:00 pm Richard Carter
Req. Richard & Kathy Skrocki

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

- 7:00 am Marion O'Leary
Req. Eleanor O'Leary
- 9:00 am John F. DiMartino
Req. Diana Kerr
- 11:00 am Pasquale Tardo
Req. Linda & Len Capobianco
- 1:00 pm Raymond Rupp
Req. Joanne Rupp



DAILY READINGS

- Sunday, 10/19/25—Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
- Monday, 10/20/25—Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday, 10/21/25—Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday, 10/22/25—Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday, 10/23/25—Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday, 10/24/25—Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday, 10/25/25—Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Monday, October 20, 2025 at 8:30 am

Multiple Intention Mass

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
The Santitoro Family (Living & Deceased)
Rev. Frank Porazzo & Porazzo Family
Louis J. Morbelli, Jr., **Req.** *Florence Morbelli*
Maria Teresa A. Barrientos,
Req. *Cynthia Tan*
Holy Souls in Purgatory,
Req. *Cathy Richiusa*
Christopher Favire, **Req.** *Sandra Favire*
Gustavo Diaz,
Req. *Blanche & Anthony Lambert*
Theodore Leissing, **Req.** *Wife & Family*
Joan Squires, **Req.** *Maria & Gerry*
Rosemarie Briffa,
Req. *Husband, Charlie Briffa*
Nancy A. Kivett, **Req.** *Lee Laurino*
Mr. Andrew S. Lusnia,
Req. *Helen & Paul Lusnia*
Susan F. McGee – 90th Birthday (living),
Req. *Helen A. Traynor*
Antoinette Ann Scolaro,
Req. *Rose Del Gaudio*
George Albury, **Req.** *Katie & Lou Oliviero*
John Martin, **Req.** *Margaret Thomas*
Michele Polis, **Req.** *Rose Magda*
Tom Morgan – Healing, **Req.** *Maria Fanizzi*
Rosemary Briffa & Simon Briffa,
Req. *David & Toni Briffa*

Anthony Briffa, **Req.** *Love, Mom & Dad*
Special Intention, **Req.** *Mary Bohn*
Vito Lacerenza, **Req.** *Rita Wever*
Sarah Pettineo, **Req.** *Rita Wever*
Kim Marie Noto, **Req.** *John Noto*
Carmel O'Connor – Healing,
Req. *Martina & Richard Burke*
Steven Whooley – Happy Birthday,
Req. *Morgan & Jeannette Whooley*
Maureen Bier, **Req.** *Dana Thompson*
Manuel Alves – Rest-in-Peace,
Req. *Avelino & Maria DaSilva*
Mae Kerr – Get Well,
Req. *Ann & Oliver Bermingham*

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**Please join us in praying for the
intentions mentioned in this bulletin.**
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SPECIAL INTENTIONS October 18, 2025 to October 24, 2025

BREAD & WINE-CHURCH

Louis Morbelli
Req. *Wife, Marie*

SANCTUARY CANDLE-CHURCH

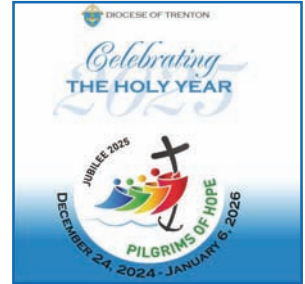
Robert G. Slater
Req. *Karen M. Eriksen*

ALTAR CANDLES-CHURCH

Patricia Gulan
Req. *James Benedetto*



From the Pastor's Desk



Hello everyone,

On Mondays right after the 8:30 Mass we pray together the Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. There are many sentences contained in it that are interesting to think about and pray over, and one is in the opening prayer which ends, “Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation”. To be truly wise is also an interesting concept to think about and prayerfully adopt, but it is “consolation” that interests me more today.

The reason is because we all need to be consoled once in a while including priests. The pain and difficulties of life can be so overwhelming at times for all of us. We hope to be consoled by a very loving and giving family member or friend. At times like these we miss our mothers a lot for they most of the time were wonderful consolers. My mother was at her best when we were sick or feeling heavily burdened and now, like for most of us, there is no one to fill her shoes.

But actually there is someone: God, our Creator and Redeemer and Sanctifier. His consolation is witnessed to throughout the Bible. God is loving and merciful, especially during times of distress, sorrow, and suffering. As Psalm 23 declares, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” In Isaiah 40, God commands, “Comfort, give comfort my people, says your God.” Most certainly God wants us to try and comfort one another as He comforts us.

In the New Testament, God’s consolation is embodied by Jesus, who heals so many out of compassion and mercy. In Mt. 11, He says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest.” When we pray, besides telling God our needs and others’ needs, we rest in His healing, consoling, presence and are refreshed.

And we must never forget the Holy Spirit, called The Comforter among other titles, who is always there to provide believers with ongoing comfort and guidance.

I am not going to write anymore—I need to go right now to the chapel to rest in God’s healing, comforting, presence! I pray you will want to also after reading this and being reminded of the great wondrous consolation that God provides us when we are down and feeling almost out for the count. Praise and thanks be to God!

Fr. Steve

Prayers and Inspirations

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

His Word today, by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

"I charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power, proclaim the word, be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching... remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you have learned it."

Although Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, why not consider it to be a message personally sent to you. We can all seek to let God's inspired word change our lives, even at some cost, if it brings us closer to the Lord. Am I convinced that the Lord is speaking to me? Do I see something that I must change and correct in my life? Am I able to be a source of encouragement for someone else who is down or wandering?

As I hear the word and reflect upon it, remember the prophetic statement, 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening.'



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

At a loss?

Although we want to heed the Lord's command to "Pray always" (Luke 18:1), sometimes we might feel at a loss for whom to pray beyond our close-knit circle of family and friends for whom we regularly ask the Lord for favors. This week when you spend time in the Lord's Holy Presence, you might ask Him to inspire you to take a more generous, wider intercessory prayer perspective as a member of His Universal Church. In that regard, *any day of the week throughout the year*, you might consider using as a springboard for your wider prayers the nine intentions, *close to His Merciful Heart*, that the Lord Himself gave St. Faustina to pray on the nine days of the Divine Mercy Novena. Specifically, He asked her to bring to Him these nine groups, immersing them in His boundless Mercy: (1) *all mankind, especially all sinners*; (2) *souls of priests and religious*; (3) *all devout and faithful souls*; (4) *those who do not believe in God and those who do not know Jesus*; (5) *souls of those persons who have separated themselves from His Church*; (6) *meek and humble souls and souls of little children*; (7) *souls of those who especially venerate and glorify His Mercy*; (8) *souls who are in the prison of Purgatory*, and (9) *souls that have become lukewarm*. (Whew! After reading the desires of the Lord's Merciful Heart, we no longer need to be at a loss over for whom to pray. Right?)

In all of your prayers and entreaties, pray always in the Spirit. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Eph 6:18

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





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become actions.
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become habits.
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become character.
Watch your character; it
becomes your *destiny*.



PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAYS AT
9AM FOR ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY SERVICE WILL INCLUDE:

9AM - 10AM PRAYER AND
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &
10AM-NOON SILENT ADORATION

All Saints' Day



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 IS ALL SAINTS ' DAY
THIS IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.
MASS IS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 @ 7:00 AM.

All Souls Day



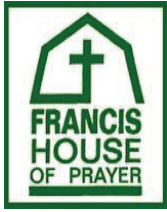
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 IS ALL SOULS DAY
MASS TIMES ARE: SATURDAY NOV 1 @ 4:00 PM
& SUNDAY NOV 2 @ 7, 9, & 11:00 AM & 1:00PM

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“BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD”

PSALM 46:10

Monday, October 27 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Enter into a deeper understanding of this call to stillness and silence. As we practice contemplation, in the quiet and stillness, we begin to enjoy what God wants for each person...knowing God within. Henri Nouwen's *The Way of the Heart* will be used on this retreat day. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD, CREATOR AND LOVER OF US ALL

Tuesday, October 28 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Expressing thoughts, feelings and needs through scriptures, song, silence, and our senses. Living in creation, community, and finding joy in our uniquely beautiful identity. Come experience God. Bring a friend. Make connections, build community. Led by Bernadette Citarella. Donation: \$25, includes lunch.

GIVE THANKS

“...WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST”

Thursday, October 30 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Discover that we stand on Holy Ground everywhere! *Putting on the Mind of Christ* by James Woods will help us to slow down the pulse of daily life and breathe in deeply the love of God. We will practice contemplative prayer that leads to being contemplative in action. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$25, includes lunch.

EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN AND UNKNOWN

Monday, November 3 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
When we can let go of sureness and look beyond what we already know, we can cultivate hope and nurture creativity while grounding ourselves in God. We will engage this topic through prayer and art-making to help us approach uncertainty with wonder and wisdom. Led by S. Celeste Mokrzycki, SSJ. Donation: \$40, includes lunch and materials.

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Dear Friend,

It is said that one of the greatest gifts that God has bestowed on us is the gift of memories. Recalling memories can be comforting to us at times when we feel at our lowest. Understanding these deep feelings, the CHURCH sets aside the month of November as a time of prayer for all those who have died. In particular, we celebrate the FEAST OF ALL SOULS.

Keeping in mind this tradition, I felt it would be proper for The Ryan Family to remember all the faithful departed by having a Mass celebrated in their memory. In conjunction with ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH, I have arranged with Fr. Stephen Piga to have a special MEMORIAL MASS on

Wednesday November 5, 2025 at 12 noon

at Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church located at the end of Mule Rd. Toms River, NJ. Fr. Stephen Piga and the Ryan Family hope you can join us to remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us. Light refreshments will be served following the mass.

If you will be attending please call our office at

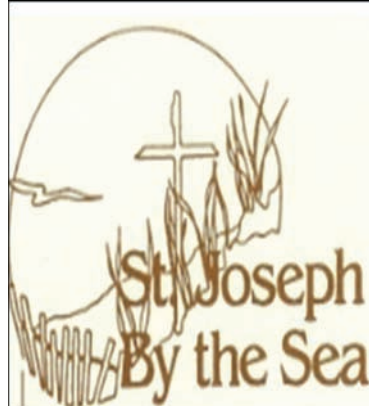
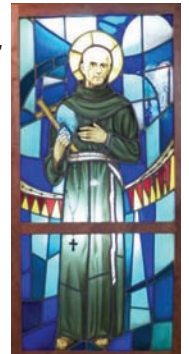
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so we will have an idea about how many will be in attendance.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you in His care,

Sincerely,

The Ryan Family and Staff



St. Joseph By the Sea is located at 400 Route 35 North South Mantoloking, NJ and they offer retreats for those who are soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives, and a God who understands them. For a full list of

retreats go to their website www.sjbsea.org or call the office at 732-892-8494

Ministry Meetings



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For membership or transfer to their Council contact

Joe Accardi @ (973)-980-8775



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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 the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 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:

Maria Sciancalepore (908) 447-6361



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



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Pope John Paul II said, the Hail Mary is ultimately an act of love directed to **Jesus, through Mary.** "By focusing on the mysteries of Jesus' life, the **Rosary** helps us understand his love for humanity and inspires us to love him **more** deeply." (a compilation of words)

MORE

The **more** we visit him (**Jesus**) during Eucharistic Adoration and receive him through Communion, the **more** we should want to return to him. We should want to be in his presence ever **more** and be nourished by him as often as possible. We should then develop a peaceful, spiritual feeling that will grow **more** and **more** and bring us to the realization we would be **more** lost without him!

We are spiritually in his arms but **more** importantly, he should be in our hearts, the one we should desire most, **more** and **more** and never let him go!

Each interaction with him reinforces; growing attraction, love's progression, desire and yearning finally leading us to see him **more** and **more** as beautiful and perfect!

In essence, the power of love emphasizes that the **more** time we spend with **Jesus**, the **more** we want him!

"As disciples of Christ, let us too offer our life to God, through Christ, the first missionary." Pope St John Paul II regarding World Mission Sunday

Anna (Pres. [RAS](#)) 732-581-2247 akefr26@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Gifting of a prayer shawl is a year round activity. The gifting 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. **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

CURSILLO ULTREYA

The Cursillo Ultreya is a lay movement part of the Diocese of Trenton, that operates under the authority and leadership of the Bishop of Trenton. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived & shared, encouraging a close relationship with Christ. The Cursillo movement seeks to share the experience & benefits of the movement with a broader audience, fostering a wider community of faith, all are welcome to attend. We schedule meetings every third Thursday of the month at St. John's Parish Center 619 Chestnut Street Lakehurst, NJ. Questions or more info contact David & Alice Riggio@ (732) 323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano @ (732) 323-8878

A message from Bishop David M. O'Connell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. This day is a powerful call to unite in prayer and solidarity, supporting the Church's missionary work worldwide.



This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," resonates deeply, echoing the vision of Pope Leo XIV, whose own missionary journey in Peru exemplified the hope and renewal the Church brings to the most isolated communities. As he said, the Pontifical Mission Societies are "the primary means for awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized." His example calls us to renew our commitment to the mission of the Church—both near and far.

Let us remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was once a mission territory, nurtured by the sacrifices of Catholics from Europe and beyond. Today, we are called to extend that same generosity to the Church's 1,124 mission territories, where priests, religious, and lay leaders work in areas of poverty and persecution to bring the Gospel to those in need.

The second collection today supports the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's official means of assisting these communities. Your contribution will support the formation of seminarians and religious, the training of catechists, education for children in Catholic schools, medical care in Church-run hospitals, and the construction of churches and centers for worship.

Your prayers and sacrifices today ensure that the light of Christ reaches even the farthest corners of the world. The mission is not just for those who serve in distant lands—it is the responsibility of all of us, by virtue of our baptism.

I encourage you to give generously, knowing that your support will make a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the mission of the Church and inspire us to live as Missionaries of Hope in all we do.

Sincerely in the Lord,

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Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
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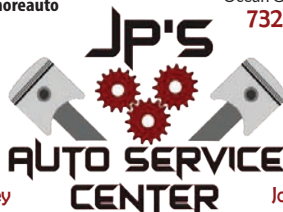
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