

ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES
MARLTON, NEW JERSEY

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Monday – Friday | 9:00am – 3:00pm

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CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER:

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Rejoice!

~ March 30, 2025 ~
Fourth Sunday of Lent

WEEKLY MASSES:

Monday– Friday | 8:30am (**Monday-Communion Service**)
Saturdays | 5:00pm (*After 3:30pm Confessions*)
Sundays | 9:00am & 11:00am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Reconciliation Room

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MASSES For The Week



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| SATURDAY | MARCH 29, 2025 |
| 5:00pm | People of the Parish |
| SUNDAY | MARCH 30, 2025 |
| | Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| 9:00am | Paddy Kennedy ✠ r/o Monica Ocampo-Pineda Families ✠ r/o Drs. Pineda |
| 11:00am | John Fornito ✠ r/o SIJ Parish Council & Bereavement Ministry Giuseppe Randazzo ✠ r/o Anthony & Francesca Cusumano |
| MONDAY | MARCH 31, 2025 |
| 8:30am | Communion Service |
| TUESDAY | APRIL 1, 2025 |
| 8:30am | Tabitha Serrano & Family ✠ r/o David & Donna Marie Stocker-Serrano |
| WEDNESDAY | APRIL 2, 2025 |
| 8:30am | Alice George ✠ r/o The Thomas Family |
| THURSDAY | APRIL 3, 2025 |
| 8:30am | Tabitha Serrano & Family ✠ r/o David & Donna Marie Stocker-Serrano |
| FRIDAY | APRIL 4, 2025 |
| 8:30am | Special Intentions r/o Drs. Pineda |
| SATURDAY | APRIL 5, 2025 |
| 5:00pm | Diane Giletto ✠ r/o Pat Hui John Fornito ✠ r/o Dottie & Dave Thompson |
| SUNDAY | APRIL 6, 2025 |
| | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| 9:00am | People of the Parish |
| 11:00am | Salvatore Cusumano ✠ r/o Anthony & Francesca Cusumano Giuseppina Cusumano ✠ r/o Anthony & Francesca Cusumano |

To reserve a Mass for your loved one, please visit or call the Parish Office during normal business hours.

Pray For The Sick

Phyllis Ambrosio, John Amici, Joseph Amici, Diane B., Bob Bartek, Alane Brendley, Dee Brendley, Richard Brendley, Linda Brunges, Caren Carpenter, John Carr, Sandy Casnet, Debbie Collier, Scott Collier, Justin DaTorre, Richie DeBella, Vincent Degliomini, Deacon Joe & Rosemarie DeRosa, Thomas DeSimone, Julio DiFiore, Jane DiGiovanni, Robin DiPietro, Mary Beth Doherty, Sloane Donnelly, Judy Dutton, Kevin Fox, Joseph Gallagher, Millie Gaskins, Helen Gidel, Cindy Ginhardt, Diane & Nick Grasso, Michael Hauger, Jessica Henrich, Eugene Herman, Jean Immar, Anthony Isaia, Theresa Isaia, Ryan Jastrzembski, Kathryn Kellymayer, Mario Kundrat, Eileen Patricia Kyler, Mary Ann Llamas, Glenn Lockwood, Peggy Luciani, Mary Lytle, William Maldonado, Jose Marinella, Sr. Josephine Mascera, Ashley McNellis-Sinnwell, Manuel DeLima Mendes, Neyde Santana Mendes, Mary Mento, Marlene Mikusa, Dr. Anthony Minissale, Fr. Martin Padovani, Joyce Palermo, Stephanie Palladino, Ann Marie Palladino, Isabella Petitto, Lourdes Pineda, Rica Pineda, Robert Popilock, Brayden Prudente, Marie Redmer, Rudi Rodriguez, Karen Rollo, Nathaniel Roselli, Nicholas Joseph Salamone III, Joseph Samoni, Rosa Maria Santos, Michael Sarne, George, Wendy, Dan & Sara Schetter, Ethan Schwartz, Tyler Seaman, Harrison Senda, Louise Siciliano, Tyler Sinnwell, Lorraine Slyman, Gerald Soboleski, Theresa Stockett, Len Schuchman, James Vega, Ethan Wang, John Yanushka, Annamaria Zamichieli, Nina Zuccarelli, Elizabeth Zurcher

In order to keep our sick list as current as possible, please contact the Parish Office if you would like to have your loved one's name removed.



For Our Members in the Military



1LT Brandon Lopez, NJ Army National Guard;
LCpl Patrick J. Bayrne, US Marine Corps; 1LT TJ Burdette, US Marine Corps; SPC Sean E. Byrne, US Army; PVT Matthew Cameron, US Marine Corps - Parris Island; A1C Jeffrey G. Dinich, US Air Force; A1C Peter Dinich, US Air Force; PVT John E. Loeber III, US Marine Corps; SSG Stephen MacCrory, US Army; Cmdr Joseph L. McGettigan, USNA; CPL Brett Koerner, US Marine Corps; CW2 Ryan O'Rourke, US Marine Corps; SrA Dominic Prate, US Air Force; Sgt Leland Eric Renoff, US Marine Corps; Capt Jason Rosenthal, US Marine Corps; PO1 Kurt Scheifele, US Navy



POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Rejoice! *Laetare!* Rejoice! The fourth Sunday in Lent is known as Laetare Sunday, which means rejoice. Indeed, every Sunday in Lent is a time of rejoicing, but Holy Mother Church provides Laetare Sunday to help us emphasize all the more the true joy of the Resurrection and how the world has been forever changed because Christ defeated death and frees us from sin. I can think of no better way to rejoice than the opening of our new Adoration Chapel of the Sacred Heart.

When I arrived at the parish in July 2023, I did not anticipate overseeing a project to build new administrative offices in the Parish Center. Part of that process was assessing the resources we had on hand, which included the bookshelves that were in the old parish library next to the Reconciliation Room. Since the library was not being used, the shelves were repurposed for the new offices, leaving the room vacant. It dawned on me that the room would be ideal as an adoration chapel. If we could give the room its own entrance, that would mean it could be open to parishioners after hours. Of course, that would take a little extra preparation, including the addition of a keypad lock system for the outer door, and a way to lock the inner doors of the church. That way, we could secure the rest of the building while allowing access to the chapel.

Once the plan was set, I called one of my former pastors, Msgr. Thomas Gervasio at Our Lady of Sorrows -St. Anthony Parish in Hamilton, who had converted a former convent chapel into a 24-hour perpetual adoration chapel. The chapel had since been closed because the building was sold, so I asked Msgr. Gervasio if he would be willing to donate the pews from that chapel, which I felt would be perfect for our space. He graciously said yes and was happy that they would continue to be used. I only needed three pews for the chapel, so the rest of them are located in the Gathering Space and in the hallway outside the main office. They make for convenient seating areas, which have been getting plenty of use already. Doing the Lord's work always comes with extras! The pews have a special place in my heart. Before I was ordained, while I was discerning the call to the priesthood, I would frequent the Adoration Chapel in Hamilton on my way home from night classes. A huge part of the reason I was able to answer the call is because I was able to visit that chapel, where it was quiet, and I could listen to the voice of the Lord. I hope that all of us may enjoy a similar respite from the busyness of life.

Once the pews were locked in, we needed an altar of repose. It just so happened that there was a beautiful wooden altar in the basement of the chancery building in Lawrenceville. We already had a tabernacle in the sacristy, but, due to its age, it had a dark patina, which was rather unflattering. We had the tabernacle completely refinished before installing it on the new altar, providing a fitting place for the King of Kings to dwell. We also installed new lighting and security features. Books and pamphlets are provided to aid our prayer time. With all the finishing touches in place, it gives me great pleasure to open the Chapel of the Sacred Heart this Sunday.

The Adoration Chapel will be open between the hours of 8AM and 8PM every day. There are two keypads to unlock the doors to enter the chapel. Both require a 4-digit code to enter. To obtain the code, please contact the parish office. For security purposes, these codes will change somewhat regularly. We kindly ask those who visit the chapel to sign in/out using the log book and to respect the silence as others are praying. Lastly, please do not touch the tabernacle or the statue of the Sacred Heart.

These are just some of the details that went into the creation of this sacred space for our parish. I want to thank all those who contributed their thoughts, time, talents, and financial support to this endeavor. It could not have been done without you.

A dedicated adoration chapel serves as a vital space within the Church, offering numerous spiritual benefits to the faithful. Eucharistic Adoration allows individuals to spend time in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This practice deepens one's personal relationship with Jesus, as it provides an opportunity for intimate prayer and reflection. A dedicated adoration chapel offers a serene environment conducive to prayer and contemplation. This sacred space is designed to facilitate personal encounters with God, away from the distractions of daily life. Regular participation in Eucharistic Adoration can lead to significant spiritual growth among parishioners. It allows individuals to cultivate a sense of awe and reverence for the Eucharist, which is essential for a deeper understanding of the faith.

The Adoration Chapel serves as a refuge for individuals seeking peace and solace. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, many find comfort and healing, allowing them to reflect on their lives and seek guidance. There could be no more significant way to rejoice this Laetare Sunday than providing a space where we can be close to our Blessed Lord. May the Lord continue to bless us as we seek to be united with him in the Eucharist. Rejoice! *Laetare!* Rejoice!

Pax,
-Fr. Jim



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents and godparents are required to attend a brief Baptismal Preparation before scheduling their child for baptism. At least one godparent must obtain a certificate of eligibility from the church where they are currently registered. To register your child for baptism, please call the Parish Office at **856-797-0999 ext. 101**.

MARRIAGE

If you would like to celebrate your wedding at the Church of St. Isaac Jogues, arrangements must be made at least a year in advance. At least one person should be a registered member of the parish. For more information, please call the Parish Office at **856-797-0999 ext. 101**.

HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED

If you are currently civilly married (or were married in a different faith/Christian denomination) and would like to have your marriage blessed by the Catholic Church, please contact our pastor, Fr. Jim, at **(856) 797-0999, ext. 102**, or frsmith@cosij.org.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be requested in times of serious or grave illness. Please call the Parish Office as soon as possible and we will contact a priest for you. If you are unable to reach us or if there is an emergency, please call **856-797-0999 ext. 106**.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Church of St. Isaac Jogues offers classes for children, teenagers and adults who are interested in becoming Catholic (or have not yet received all of their Sacraments). For more information, please contact Deacon John at john.scanlon@cosij.org.

Devotional Lamps

March 30-April 5

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for:
Those that work in the media field

The **Fatima Lamp** will burn for:
Continued healing for Pope Francis

The **St. Michael Lamp** will burn for:
Those that work in law enforcement



Reserve a Devotional Lamp for your intentions at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses, or visit/call the Parish Office during normal business hours.

This Week at St. Isaac's

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Mass

6:00pm—KofC Fish Bake Ticket Sales—Gathering Space **(After All Masses)**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

9:00am—Mass

11:00am—Solemn Mass

12:00pm—Chapel Dedication (Adoration Chapel)

12:30pm—OCIA (Conference Room)

MONDAY, MARCH 31

8:30am—Communion Service/Rosary (Chapel)

10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry

4:30pm—CRF (Grades K-8)

6:30pm—CRF (Grades 7 & 8)

7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Rm. 6)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

4:30pm—CRF (Grades 1-8)

7:00pm—Adoration/Confession (Chapel/Rec. Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Church)

10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry

4:30pm—CRF (Grades 1-3, 6)

7:00pm—KofC Meeting (Hall)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Church)

9:00am—Bible Study (Workroom)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Church)

4:30pm-6:30pm—KofC Fish Bake (Hall/Takeout)

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

9:00—Mass

11:00am—Solemn Mass

12:30pm—OCIA (Conference Room)



Children's Religious Formation News

Important Dates

- **March 31-April 2, 2025**—
Sandwich-Making Party
(Regular Class Times)
- **April 11, 2025**—Jesus' Last
Words (5:30pm; Church)
- **April 14-16, 2025**—NO Classes
(Holy Week Break)
- **April 21-23, 2025**—NO Classes
(Easter Break)

EASTER EGG HUNT

for Ages 12 & Younger

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
Immediately following 9am Mass
SIJ Grounds (meet in Parish Hall)

**BRING
YOUR OWN
BASKET!**

**GOODY BAGS,
TREATS &
PRIZES!**

Questions? Contact Mr. Barr at david.barr@cosij.org.



Sandwich Making Party!

March 31-April 2



Our Children's Religious Formation students will be making PB&J sandwiches during their regular class times. These will be donated to a local shelter and St. Isaac's Food Pantry.

We are hoping each student will bring in at least one of these designated items:

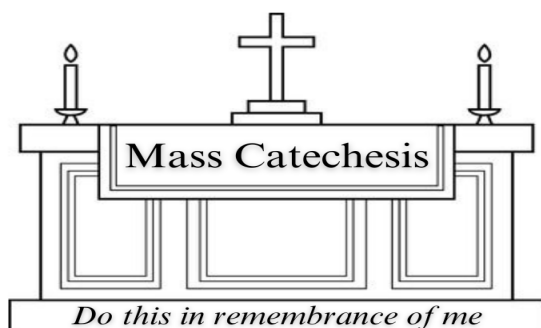
Grades 1-3, OCIA, Gifted:
1 loaf of bread each
Grade 4: 1 box of
sandwich bags each

Grades 5 & 6: 1 jar of
peanut butter each
Grades 7 & 8: 1 jar
of jelly each

Teachers:
1 large box
of granola
bars each



Questions? Contact Mr. Barr at david.barr@cosij.org!



What is Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday in Lent)?

Laetare Sunday, observed on the fourth Sunday of Lent, holds significant meaning within the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. Its name, derived from the Latin word “laetare”, meaning “to rejoice”, reflects the theme of joy that permeates this particular Sunday amidst the penitential season of Lent.

1. **Joy Amidst Penitence:** Laetare Sunday serves as a moment of joy and encouragement during the otherwise somber season of Lent. While Lent is traditionally a time of penance, reflection, and preparation for Easter, Laetare Sunday offers a reprieve from the strict observances of the season. The liturgy invites the faithful to rejoice in the anticipation of the Resurrection, reminding them that Easter is approaching. This joy is not merely superficial; it is rooted in the hope of salvation and the love of God, which is central to the Christian faith.
2. **Liturgical Elements:** The liturgical practices associated with Laetare Sunday reflect its joyful character. The use of rose-colored vestments, instead of the usual purple, symbolizes this shift from penance to joy. The altar may be adorned with flowers, and musical instruments can be played, further enhancing the celebratory atmosphere of the day. These elements serve to uplift the spirits of the faithful and encourage them to look forward to the joy of Easter.
3. **Scriptural Readings:** The readings for Laetare Sunday are chosen to emphasize themes of joy and salvation. The Entrance Antiphon, which begins with “Rejoice, O Jerusalem”, sets the tone for the liturgy. The readings often highlight God’s mercy and the promise of redemption, reinforcing the message that despite the trials of life, there is always hope in God’s love. The Gospel readings may include parables or stories that illustrate God’s compassion and the joy of

reconciliation, such as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which emphasizes the joy of forgiveness and return to the Father.

4. Historical Context: Historically, Laetare Sunday has been observed since the early centuries of the Church. It was originally a day for the faithful to take a break from their Lenten fasts and to celebrate the halfway point of the Lenten journey. The tradition of calling it “Refreshment Sunday” or “Mothering Sunday” in some cultures reflects its role as a time for renewal and a reminder of the nurturing aspect of the Church. The day also served as an occasion for the faithful to return to their “mother church”, or cathedral, to offer their gifts and renew their commitment to the community.

5. Spiritual Reflection: Laetare Sunday encourages the faithful to reflect on their Lenten journey and to renew their commitment to spiritual growth. It serves as a reminder that the path of penance is ultimately one that leads to joy and resurrection. The day invites the faithful to consider how they can deepen their relationship with God and prepare their hearts for the celebration of Easter. This reflection is essential for fostering a spirit of gratitude and hope, which is vital for the Christian life.

6. Connection to Easter: The significance of Laetare Sunday is closely tied to the upcoming celebration of Easter. It serves as a reminder that the sacrifices and penances of Lent are not ends in themselves but are meant to prepare the faithful for the joy of the Resurrection. The day emphasizes the transformative power of Christ’s death and resurrection, encouraging the faithful to look forward to the new life that Easter brings.

In summary, Laetare Sunday is significant in the liturgical calendar as a day of joy amidst the penitential season of Lent. It serves to uplift the spirits of the faithful, emphasizes themes of mercy and redemption, and prepares the community for the celebration of Easter. Through its liturgical elements, scriptural readings, and historical context, Laetare Sunday invites the faithful to rejoice in the hope of salvation and to renew their commitment to their spiritual journey.

COLLECTION REPORT

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| 3/23/25 Weekly | \$9,129.50 |
| 3/23/25 Maintenance | \$1,463.00 |
| Total | \$10,592.00 |
| Parish Giving | |
| 3/21/25 Weekly | \$4,321.00 |



Lent 2025 at the Church of St. Isaac Jogues

During Lent, the Church comes together to remember Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and prepare for His Resurrection. We follow Christ on His journey by partaking in such practices as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



Adoration & Confession

Tuesday Evenings: 7:00pm
Church/Reconciliation Room



Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings: 7:00pm; Church



Jesus' Last Words

(presented by our Children's Religious Formation students)

Friday, April 11: 5:30pm; Church



Lenten Fish Bake

(sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #12229)

Friday, April 4: 6:00pm; Hall



Penance Service (No Adoration)

Tuesday, April 8: 7:00pm
Church/Reconciliation Room



Holy Week Schedule: Coming Soon!



Lenten Friday Fish Bake Dinner

April 4, 4:30-6:30pm (Sit-Down/Takeout)

St. Isaac Jogues Parish Hall (349 Evesboro-Medford Rd., Marlton)



Menu Selections

- Baked Cod Fillets (w/ macaroni and cheese, coleslaw)-\$20
- Crab Cakes (w/ macaroni and cheese, coleslaw)-\$25
- Kid's Meal (macaroni and cheese)-\$5

Sit-Down meals include complimentary beverages and dessert



Orders will be taken after all weekend Masses in March.
NO orders will be sold at the door the day of the event!

Questions? Contact kofc12229@gmail.com
or Vito at vsardone@mbhearn.com



Jesus' Last Words

Friday, April 11 ~ 5:30pm

Our Children's Religious Formation students will lead us through a presentation of the last words of Jesus. Stations of the Cross will immediately follow at 7:00pm.

Attention Students! We need volunteers to read, act or sing in the program. If you are interested, please scan the QR code to sign up.



Questions? Please contact Mr. Barr at david.barr@cosij.org.



Blessing of the New Adoration Chapel



Join us for the blessing and opening of our new Adoration Chapel after the 11AM Mass on Laetare Sunday (March 30). The chapel will be open daily from 8AM to 8PM.

2025 Plant Sale

(Just in time for Mother's Day!)

The St. Isaac Jogues Parish Council will be taking pre-orders for flowers and vegetable plants after all Masses the weekends of:

-March 29 & 30

-April 5 & 6

Pick-Up Date: May 10

All plants must be paid for in advance (cash or check ONLY).

Please make your checks payable to St. Isaac Jogues.

Contact Christine Frassetto at (609) 504-4798 or cfrasos@live.com for more info.



Holy Thursday Disciples Needed!



As we draw closer to Holy Thursday, we would like to ask our parishioners to consider serving as Disciples for the Washing of the Feet during Holy Thursday Mass on **April 17**. This is one of the most beautiful Masses of the Liturgical Year.

We need **12 volunteers** (plus one extra, should there be a last-minute cancellation). If interested, please contact Anna Lorang at amlorang@comcast.net.

Thank you for your consideration!

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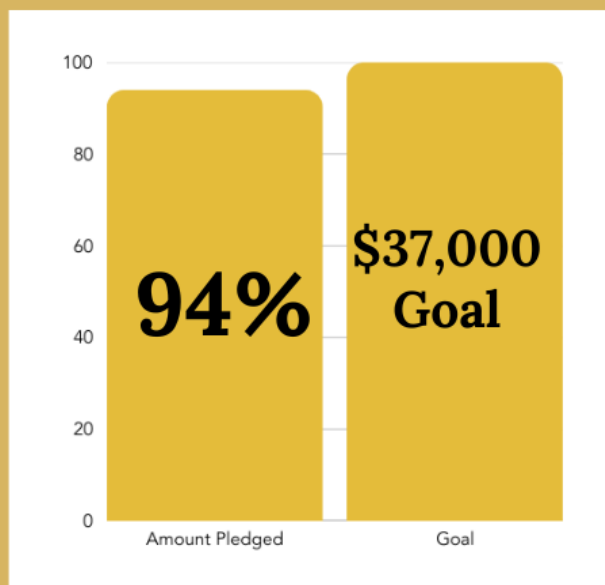
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In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

Thanks to your generosity, during the month of March, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide 84 families with food and assist 22 others with utility and rent needs, bills, etc. We greatly appreciate your support!



We are especially in need of:

- Cookies/crackers
- Canned fruit/fruit juices
- Bathroom/kitchen products
- Paper products (towels, napkins)
- Canned products (no soup please)
- ShopRite/Acme/Walmart gift cards (to help us purchase food between drives)



Please leave donations outside the Food Pantry (located in the Gathering Space). Gift cards may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Thank you and God bless you!