

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

REV. JAMES SMITH, PASTOR — ✠ — **DEACON JOHN SCANLON**

349 EVESBORO-MEDFORD RD., MARLTON, NJ 08053

PARISH OFFICE

Located in the St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center

HOURS:

Monday – Friday | 9:00am – 3:00pm

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WEBSITE: www.cosij.org

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER:

If you wish to visit the church for prayer, please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours; a staff member will let you into the church.

ADORATION CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEART:

Open 8:00am-8:00pm daily

Please contact the Parish Office for access code.

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~ May 11, 2025 ~
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:

Open Monday & Wednesday | 10am-12pm | **SVdP Helpline:** 856-797-7352

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Masses For The Week



SATURDAY MAY 10, 2025

5:00pm **Dolores McKnight** ✠
r/o Dottie & Dave Thompson

SUNDAY MAY 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am **Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rapacchia** ✠
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rapacchia
Danielle Mastrangelo ✠
r/o Carson

11:00am **People of the Parish**

MONDAY MAY 12, 2025

8:30am **Communion Service**

TUESDAY MAY 13, 2025

8:30am **Ocampo-Pineda Families**
r/o Drs. Pineda

WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2025

8:30am **Ann Krastek** ✠
r/o Gene & Edrie Broz

THURSDAY MAY 15, 2025

8:30am **Healing for Nina Zuccarelli**
r/o Marianne Rullo

FRIDAY MAY 16, 2025

8:30am **Chacko**
r/o The Thomas Family
Special Intentions
r/o Drs. Pineda

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025

5:00pm **All Living/Deceased Members of
Knights of Columbus Council #12229**

SUNDAY MAY 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am **Linda Isaia** ✠
r/o Her Father Tony
Richard Halbauer ✠
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rapacchia
11:00am **People of the Parish**

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



Robert Malmgren

*Eternal rest grant unto
him, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon him. Amen.*

Pray For The Sick



Phyllis Ambrosio, John Amici, Joseph Amici, Diane B., Bob Bartek, Alane Brendley, Dee Brendley, Richard Brendley, Linda Brunges, Dion Callaghan, Donna Callaghan, 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, Joan Hathaway-Barr, Michael Hauger, Jessica Henrich, Eugene Herman, Jean Immar, Anthony Isaia, Theresa Isaia, Ryan Jastrzembski, Kathryn Kellymayer, Mario Kundrat, 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, Christopher Ruggiano, 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, Annamarie Zamichieli, Nina Zuccarelli, Elizabeth Zurcher



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, Kenneth R. Blackman, 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.



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! The Easter Season comes with many blessings. While we did not have any catechumens of our own on Easter, the entire Church has welcomed countless new members through the saving waters of baptism. We continue our celebration of Sacraments at St. Isaac's with our eighth grade students who were recently confirmed in the faith and our second grade students who received their first Holy Communion. We will see our second grade students again this weekend at the 11AM Mass for our May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

May is the month of Mary, the Mother of God. As we acknowledge Mary's motherhood, so too do we celebrate our own mothers. I want to wish a very happy Mother's Day to all those mothers and grandmothers who devote so much of their lives to their children and families. We are forever grateful for your love, gentleness, support, and unwavering guidance in the faith. Mary is the perfect model of motherhood, and I know that our mothers have indeed looked to Mary for inspiration. Like I said, the Easter Season comes with many blessings, including our moms!

As of the writing of this letter, we do not yet have a Pope. It is my sincere hope that by the time you are reading this, we do! We spent time in prayer on Tuesday evening offering a Memorial Mass for the repose of the Soul of our late Pope Francis. We also spent time in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Adoration and supplication, asking our Blessed Lord to send the Holy Spirit to guide the conclave in selecting the next successor of St. Peter.

Over the last couple weeks, many have asked me if I have seen the movie *Conclave*. The film is a fictional tale that explores the power dynamics, ambitions, and rivalries among the cardinals as they navigate the complexities of the election. While it is nice to see the Church given some attention in the movies, Hollywood nevertheless tends to promote messaging that is sometimes at odds with the Church's teaching.

Those who have been following closely have no doubt heard different opinions of who may or may not be elected as our next Pope. According to Roman Catholic tradition, the cardinals must remain completely isolated from the outside world until a new Pope is elected. Two voting sessions are held each day of the conclave, and a two-thirds majority is required for a successful election, which is traditionally announced by white smoke rising from the well-known chimney of the Sistine Chapel. Even the support staff for the cardinals take an oath of secrecy with the penalty of automatic excommunication should they break their oath. So, every precaution is taken to ensure that the cardinals may remain open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as they cast the ballots for the next Pope.

The papacy is the highest office held by any man. It was to St. Peter that Jesus entrusted the keys to the kingdom of heaven saying, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt. 16:19). This mandate was not given to kings, princes, rulers, presidents, prime ministers, or otherwise. Rather, Christ gave a share of His own authority to Simon, the son of John, who became Peter, a name which means "building stone." Upon Simon's confession that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus says to him, "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). Let us pray that our new pope will be a man of great virtue after the Heart of our Blessed Lord and a great witness like St. Peter. May he be an inspiration to us all as he leads the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church in the world today.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas enter a synagogue in Antioch where they preached the Good News of Jesus. Their message was received well by the Gentiles, but the Jews there were filled with jealousy and forced them out of town. In this sense, the opposition of the Jews is akin to political parties fighting against one another. It appeared to be Moses vs. Jesus. There was no room for the Gentiles in the Old Covenant, but Jesus welcomes all people. St. Peter recalls the voice he heard from the cloud when Jesus was transfigured (See 2 Pt. 1:17b), saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Lk. 9:35). The Father commands that they no longer listen to Moses or the Prophets, but rather to the Son. Paul and Barnabas took this to heart when they preached in the name of Jesus. Everyone who believes in the name of Jesus is saved. As the psalmist says, "We are *his* people, the sheep of *his* flock."

In the Apocalypse, John witnesses a great multitude of every nation, race, people, and tongue, wearing white robes. They had survived the time of great distress and washed their robes in the blood of the lamb. In other words, they were martyred for their love of Jesus, which gave them a special place in heaven. Now they worship God day and night. In the Gospel, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He is the way and the truth and the life. Let us follow him all the days of our life.

Pax,
-Fr. Jim



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

May 11-17

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for:
Our new Holy Father

The **Fatima Lamp** will burn for:
All birth, adoptive and spiritual mothers

The **St. Michael Lamp** will burn for:
Protection to those who are traveling



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, MAY 10

10:00am-12:00pm—Plant Sale Pickup
(Gathering Space)

10:00am—Funeral (Church)

3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Mass

6:00pm—Plant Sale (Gathering Space; After All Masses)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

9:00am—Mass **11:00am**—Solemn Mass

12:15pm—May Procession

MONDAY, MAY 12

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

10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry

7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Rm. 6)

TUESDAY, MAY 13

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

2:00pm-7:00pm—Blood Drive (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry

7:00pm—Parish Council Meeting (Rm. 6)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

9:00am—Bible Study (Workroom)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

SATURDAY, MAY 17

3:00pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

6:00pm—KofC Membership Drive (Gathering Space; After All Masses)

6:00pm—KofC Raffle Ticket Sales (Gathering Space; After All Masses)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

9:00am—Mass

10:00am—Fellowship Sunday (After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses; Hall)

11:00am—Solemn Mass

12:15pm—Baptism (Church)



Children's Religious Formation News

As we wrap up another amazing year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made it possible. To our **parents**, thank you for your ongoing support and for entrusting us with your children's faith formation. To our dedicated **catechists**, your time, energy, and love for sharing the faith make all the difference. A special thank you to **Father Jim** for his guidance, presence, and spiritual leadership throughout the year.

Congratulations to our **Confirmation students**—may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in all you do! And a big round of applause to our children who received their **First Penance** and **First Holy Communion**—what a joyful and blessed milestone!

We're already looking ahead with excitement to our **Vacation Bible School**, coming up **July 21–25**. Be sure to register soon and join us for a fun, faith-filled week!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year for another great season of growing in faith together!

L.E.O.!
-Mr. Barr



God Bless Our Newly Confirmed



Abigail Elizabeth Bisti
Mary Angela Giberson
Jason Anthony Paes
Daniel Simon Seick
Aubrey Anne Thomas
Cassidy Dorothy Urban



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"Church of St. Isaac Jogues - Marlton".



All are welcome to join us after the
11:00am Mass on **Sunday, May 11**
for our annual May Procession.



Fr. Jim's Thursday morning Bible study,
Fulfilled In Your Hearing, will resume on
Thursday, May 15 at 9am in the Workroom.

From The Church of St. Mary of the Lakes

MAY
12th - 17th

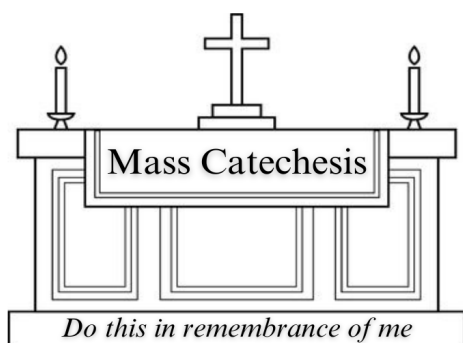


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The Use of Incense at Mass

The use of incense during the Mass carries profound liturgical, symbolic, and theological significance. It is a practice rooted in both the Old Testament traditions and the early Christian Church, serving multiple purposes that enhance the worship experience.

1. Symbol of Prayer

Incense is primarily a symbol of prayer. In the Book of Revelation, the prayers of the saints are described as rising before God like incense (Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4). During the Mass, the act of incensing signifies that the prayers of the faithful are being lifted up to God. This connection emphasizes the belief that worship is not merely a ritual but a dialogue between God and His people, where the faithful's intentions and supplications are presented before the Lord.

2. Representation of the Divine Presence

Incense also symbolizes the presence of God. In the Old Testament, incense was used in the worship of the Temple, signifying the holiness of God and the sacredness of the worship space. The use of incense during the Mass serves to remind the faithful of the transcendent nature of God and His nearness to the assembly. It creates an atmosphere of reverence and awe, inviting the congregation to recognize the sacredness of the liturgical celebration.

3. Purification and Sanctification

The act of incensing is associated with purification and sanctification. In the liturgical context, it signifies the cleansing of the space and the people, preparing them to encounter the holy. The priest or deacon incenses the altar, the Book of the Gospels, and the congregation, symbolizing the sanctification of these elements and the faithful themselves. This act reflects the belief that through worship, the faithful are drawn into a deeper

relationship with God, who purifies and transforms them.

4. Visual and Sensory Element

Incense adds a visual and sensory dimension to the liturgy. The rising smoke and fragrant aroma engage the senses, enhancing the overall experience of worship. This sensory engagement helps to create a more immersive environment, allowing the faithful to participate more fully in the liturgical action. The use of incense can evoke a sense of mystery and beauty, drawing the congregation into a deeper contemplation of the sacred mysteries being celebrated.

5. Connection to the Eucharist

In the context of the Mass, incense is often used during the Eucharistic celebration, particularly during the consecration. This connection underscores the belief that the Eucharist is the highest form of worship, where Christ becomes truly present. The use of incense during this moment highlights the reverence due to the sacrament and signifies the offering of the faithful to God through Christ. It serves as a reminder that the Eucharist is not only a meal but also a sacrifice, where the faithful are united with Christ's offering.

6. Historical and Liturgical Tradition

The use of incense has a long-standing tradition in the Church, dating back to the early Christian communities and rooted in Jewish worship practices. Its continued use in the liturgy reflects the Church's desire to maintain a connection to its historical and theological heritage. The incorporation of incense into the Mass serves to enrich the liturgical experience, linking contemporary worship with the ancient practices of the faith.

In summary, the significance of the use of incense during the Mass encompasses its role as a symbol of prayer, representation of the divine presence, purification and sanctification, enhancement of the sensory experience, connection to the Eucharist, and its historical and liturgical tradition. Together, these elements contribute to a deeper understanding of the sacred nature of the liturgy and the worship of God.

COLLECTION REPORT

5/4/25 Weekly	\$8,611.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,034.00
Total	\$9,645.00
Parish Giving	
5/4/25 Weekly	\$4,876.00



Friday, June 27th @ 7pm

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

(RAIN DATE: 5/15)

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196 RT. 70 N, MEDFORD, NJ 08055

MEET US AT THE FRONT
OF THE SCHOOL AT 7PM!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



FELLOWSHIP Sunday

Sunday, May 18
(following the 9am & 11am Masses)
SIJ Parish Hall

2025 Plant Sale

(Just in time for Mother's Day!)

Plant sale orders can be picked up on Saturday, May 10 between 10:00am and 12:00pm in the Gathering Space. Additionally, a variety of flats/hanging baskets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday", when we reflect on the caring love that Jesus has for us.

Jesus also teaches about the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul Helpline at (856) 797-7352. Together, we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor.



GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

2:00pm-7:00pm

Church of St. Isaac Jogues (Parish Hall)
349 Evesboro-Medford Rd.
Marlton, NJ 08053

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "St Isaac".



Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending our weekend retreat on November 14-16, 2025. For more information, contact Judy Warkiewicz at (732) 536-6871. ALL INQUIRIES ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

~ May 11 — Fourth Sunday of Easter ~

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Diocese of Trenton

Dept. Youth & Young Adult Ministries

w/ St. Isaac Jogues, Marlton, St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford & Our Lady of Good Counsel, Moorestown

Guest Speakers:



Jeff Siedlecki



Fr. Kevin Hrycenko



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2025
7pm-9pm**

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Suggested Wording:

- In Memory Of...
- In Honor Of...
- Congratulations To...
- With Thanks...
- Celebrating...
- You Bring Joy...

Deadline: May 15, 2025

**For payment details, please see the
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4th Annual
KofC Car Show - Marlton, NJ
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 12229

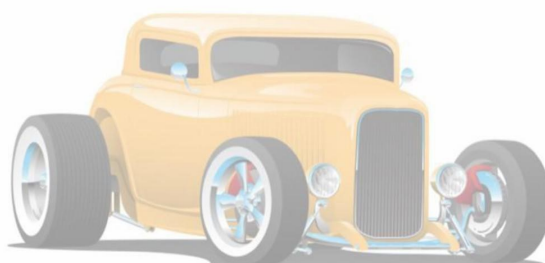
Saturday, June 7 - 10am to 2pm

Rain date - June 14

St. Isaac Jogues Church - 349 Evesboro-Medford Rd, Marlton



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EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

Please make check payable to: Knights of Columbus #12229

Questions? Please contact Rich at 856-397-8440 or thefrasos@msn.com