

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

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**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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“Whoever loves  
me will keep  
my word.”



~ May 25, 2025 ~

Sixth 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 24, 2025**  
 5:00pm **People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY MAY 25, 2025**  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 9:00am **Lorraine Petracci †**  
 r/o Pat & Tom Tamburello  
**Richard Halbauer †**  
 r/o Pat & Tom Tamburello  
 11:00am **Karen Meenan †**  
 r/o Joe & Lynne Gallagher  
**William Harrold †**  
 r/o Wife Margaret Harrold

**MONDAY MAY 26, 2025**  
 8:30am **Communion Service**

**TUESDAY MAY 27, 2025**  
 8:30am **Healing for Nina Zuccarelli**  
 r/o Michael Howley

**WEDNESDAY MAY 28, 2025**  
 8:30am **Healing for Nina Zuccarelli**  
 r/o Suzanne Petrina

**THURSDAY MAY 29, 2025**  
 8:30am **Healing for Nina Zuccarelli**  
 r/o Joel Davis

**FRIDAY MAY 30, 2025**  
 8:30am **Special Intentions**  
 r/o Drs. Pineda

**SATURDAY MAY 31, 2025**  
 5:00pm **Joseph Beneducci †**  
 r/o The Wixted Family  
**Intentions of Dan Castonguay**  
 r/o A Friend

**SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025**  
 The Ascension of the Lord  
 9:00am **Ludwig & Hedvig Chuba †**  
 r/o Maria & Martin Lazorik  
**Healing for Nina Zuccarelli**  
 r/o Stephanie & 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.*

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, Joseph De Sessa, 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, Christian Spicer, Theresa Stockett, Len Schuchman, James Vega, Ethan Wang, John Yanushka, Annamarie Zamichieli, Elizabeth Zurcher



**For Our Members in the Military**

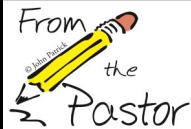


1LT Brandon Lopez, NJ Army National Guard; LCpl Patrick J. Bayrne, US Marine Corps; 1LT TJ Burdette, US Marine Corps; SPC Sean E. Byrne, US Army; PVT Matthew Cameron, US Marine Corps - Parris Island; A1C Jeffrey G. Dinich, US Air Force; A1C Peter Dinich, US Air Force; PVT John E. Loeber III, US Marine 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.



The peace of the Lord be with you always. These were the first words of Pope Leo when he walked out on St. Peter's Loggia to impart his first blessing to the Universal Church and indeed the whole world. He said, "Peace be with all of you!" While this is a traditional greeting given by bishops, this message comes at a time when our world is fraught with war, violence, injustice, and strife. The Pope continued, "Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for God's flock. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families, and all people, wherever they are, all of the people, all over the earth." If you were like me, you were glued to the screen trying to translate what was being said in Italian, Latin, and Spanish. Some broadcasts had translators, but it was difficult to follow. Nevertheless, the message of peace is front and center. He then said, "This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed peace and a disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally." Pope Leo, as the successor of St. Peter, also carries the title Vicar of Christ, who is the earthly representative of Jesus Christ. In a time when so much of the world is at odds with itself, the message of Christ's peace is a welcome breath of fresh air. Notice how he highlights an **unarmed** peace, a **disarming** peace. In a single statement, the Pope brilliantly covers all people: Those who are unable to defend themselves, and those who would attack the innocent. It was the same situation of the disciples in the upper room, huddled in fear for their lives. Such a statement does not seek to take sides, but seeks to bring peace to all. May the peace of the Lord come down on us and remain with us forever!

I am happy to announce that early registration is now open for the next year of Children's Religious Formation. Due to increasing costs, we have to raise our tuition this year, but those who register their children early may take advantage of a discount that keeps the price the same. We also want to encourage parents to be catechists (teachers) and aides. There are financial perks for both, but the greater reward is sharing your faith with the children. They are the future of the Church and they need us. Training will be provided by the Holy Spirit and the Diocese of Trenton. If you would like to serve as a catechist or aide, please contact David Barr at david.barr@cosij.org or call 856-817-1309.

This Monday is Memorial Day. After World War I, the holiday came to be observed in honor of those who had died in all United States wars. By 1971, the holiday was officially recognized as a federal holiday. Memorial Day traditions include the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, memorial services, parades, and speeches across the United States, and the placement of flags, insignia, and flowers on the graves of veterans. We remember all those who sacrificed their lives on the battlefield and we continue to pray for those called into service.

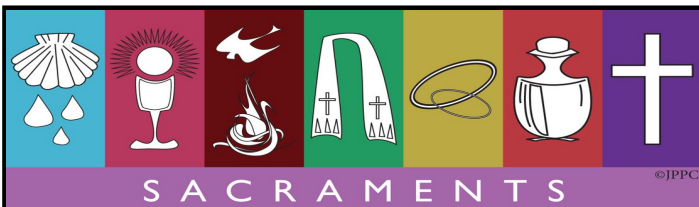
Next Sunday, June 1, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Traditionally, the Ascension was celebrated 40 days after Easter, which always falls on a Thursday, hence the colloquial "Ascension Thursday." In the dioceses throughout New Jersey, the Ascension has been permanently transferred to the following Sunday, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Since Sunday is always a day of obligation, the obligation for the Ascension is also fulfilled.

Today's readings are an excellent example of how to settle disputes within the Church. The problem: Some Jewish-Christians were demanding that in order to be a Christian, one must first be circumcised. In other words, they must belong to the first covenant before they can belong to the new covenant. This is contrary to what St. Paul and Barnabas witnessed throughout their missionary work to the Gentiles. What we see unfold in the Acts of the Apostles is called the Jerusalem Council. It was the first council held to settle a dispute in the Church. Through St. Paul's witness of the Holy Spirit working in the Gentiles, he prevails upon the council, which issued the following decree: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right" (Acts 15:28-29). St. Peter himself had said earlier, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). Indeed, God invites everyone to a relationship through his Son, who gives us the New Covenant in his Blood.

John's vision of the holy city Jerusalem in the Apocalypse is an image of God's dwelling. As a former jeweler, I can't help but get excited about all the beautiful gemstones described in the passage. Unfortunately, the lectionary left them all out! Suffice it to say, there are twelve stones, which are reminiscent of the ephod the High Priest wore, representing each of the twelve tribes. Continuity between the priesthood and the holy city in heaven is shown through the number twelve and the precious gemstones, used to adorn the priest, but also the heavenly abode. As St. Paul says in the letter to the Hebrews: "For Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf" (Heb. 9:24). Therefore, the earthly city is merely a copy of the true city, the true dwelling of Christ in heaven.

Lastly, in the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he is returning to the Father. He is preparing them for his ascension into heaven. At this time, they could not yet comprehend what was going to happen, but Jesus assures them, "And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe" (Jn 14:29). This is the way of faith. We have to persevere, often without answers, but after enough time passes, we are able to make the connection. Then we realize as the disciples did that the Holy Spirit is with us, the Lord does not abandon his own, and that we are loved beyond measure. Once again, may the peace of the Lord be with us all.

*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](mailto:frsmith@cosij.org).

**ANOINTING 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](mailto:john.scanlon@cosij.org).

**Devotional Lamps**

**May 25-31**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for:  
Deceased members of the military/their families

The **Fatima Lamp** will burn for:  
All expectant mothers

The **St. Michael Lamp** will burn for:  
All student graduates in the Diocese of Trenton

The **Adoration Chapel Lamps** will burn for:  
Our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV



We encourage you to reserve a Devotional Lamp for your intentions at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses. You may also visit/call the Parish Office during normal business hours.

**This Week at St. Isaac's**

**SATURDAY, MAY 24**

**3:30pm**—Confessions  
**5:00pm**—Mass

**SUNDAY, MAY 25**

**9:00am**—Mass  
**11:00am**—Solemn Mass

**MONDAY, MAY 26**

**8:30am**—Communion Service/Rosary (Chapel)  
**\*Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed\***

**TUESDAY, MAY 27**

**8:30am**—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**

**8:30am**—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)  
**10:00am-12:00pm**—Food Pantry  
**7:30pm**—KofC Chapter Meeting

**THURSDAY, MAY 29**

**8:30am**—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)  
**9:00am**—Bible Study (Workroom)

**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

**8:30am**—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

**SATURDAY, MAY 31**

**3:00pm**—Confessions  
**5:00pm**—Mass

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1**

**9:00am**—Mass  
**11:00am**—Solemn Mass

**Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamps**



We encourage you to reserve one of our Sanctuary Lamps for your intentions. A donation amount of \$25 is suggested. If you are interested in reserving a Lamp, please visit the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses or contact the Parish Office.

# TRENTON THUNDER



Friday, June 27th @ 7pm

TRENTON THUNDER

VS.

STATE COLLEGE SPIKES



The Church of St. Isaac Jogues

1/2 PORK ROLL SANDWICHES!



# \$14 TICKETS

*Includes Ticket & Food Voucher!*

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT

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Or

Come to the Welcome Center  
after Mass



### Support Our Seminarians!

The Knights of Columbus Council #12229 will be selling \$10 raffle tickets after all Masses on June 7 & 8.

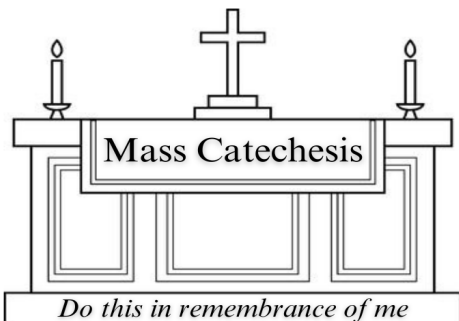
The grand prize winner will receive \$5,000, and all proceeds will go to support our seminarians in the Diocese of Trenton.



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**Why Do We Recite the Nicene Creed at Mass?**

The recitation of the Creed at Mass serves multiple important purposes within the Catholic liturgy. It is a profession of faith, a declaration of shared beliefs, and a way for the faithful to enter into communion with God and the Church.

Here’s a breakdown of the reasons:

**Profession of Faith**

- **Summarizes Mysteries of Faith:** The Creed encapsulates the core mysteries of the Christian faith.
- **Identity Card:** Reciting the Creed is like presenting an identity card, expressing a common faith in a shared language.
- **Upholding Truths:** The Creed helps to uphold the truths proposed definitively by the Church’s Magisterium.
- **Personal and Communal Faith:** The Creed is both a personal profession (“I believe”) and a communal declaration of faith (“We believe”), uniting believers.

**Communion with God and the Church**

- **Entering into Communion:** Saying the Creed with faith allows one to enter into communion with the Trinity and the entire Church.
- **Incorporation into the Mystery:** Believers are invited into the mystery they profess and are transformed by it.
- **Partaking in Divine Communion:** The Creed reminds us that the core of existence is divine communion, the love between the Father, Son,

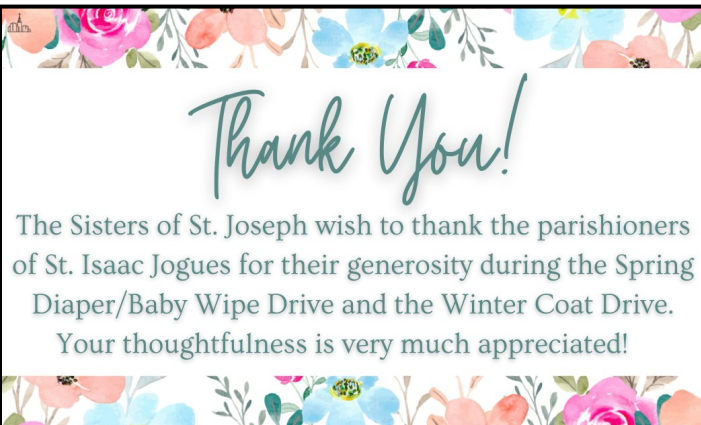
and Holy Spirit.

- **Journey Towards God:** Reciting the Creed draws the believer’s life into a journey toward full communion with the living God.

**Historical and Liturgical Significance**

- **Ancient Tradition:** From the early centuries, the Church has professed its faith in Christ and the mystery of redemption, gathered into the Creeds.
- **Ecumenical Councils:** The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed stems from the first two ecumenical councils (325 and 381) and is common to both Eastern and Western Churches.
- **Baptismal Significance:** The Nicene Creed was gradually recognized as the proper profession of faith for candidates for baptism.
- **Affirmation of Faith:** Every time the Creed is recited, faith in the Triune God is affirmed.

The Creed is recited at Mass as a way for believers to profess their faith, unite with God and the Church, and participate in a tradition that dates back to the early Church. It serves as a reminder of the fundamental beliefs that bind Catholics together and guide their spiritual journey.



**COLLECTION REPORT**

5/11/25 Weekly	\$8,284.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,075.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,359.00</b>

<b><u>Parish Giving</u></b>	
5/9/25 Weekly	\$5,776.00

**The collection totals for the weekend of May 18 will be announced in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you!**

Thanks from the SIJ Food Pantry!



We are greatly appreciative of the generosity of our parishioners who donate food and gift cards each month. From January 1 through the month of April, 695 bags of food have been distributed to local families in need. Thank you for your ongoing support!

St. Vincent de Paul Corner



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Our St. Vincent de Paul chapter is putting together plans to open a thrift store. The divide between the "haves" and the "have nots" is widening. We assisted 121 families in 2023, 161 families in 2024, and expect to see a 20% increase in that number this year. Can you rent us discounted retail space or know of someone who can? If so, please leave a message on our helpline at (856) 797-7352. Thank you!



# Monthly Food Drive



May 31 & June 1, 2025

We are especially in need of:

- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Vegetable oil/salt
- Instant mashed potatoes/boxes of rice
- PopTarts/shelf-stable milk
- Canned products (chicken, beef stew)
- Bathroom/kitchen products



(soap bars, deodorant, shampoo, dish/laundry detergent)

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!



**4th Annual**  
**KofC Car Show - Marlton, NJ**  
 Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 12229

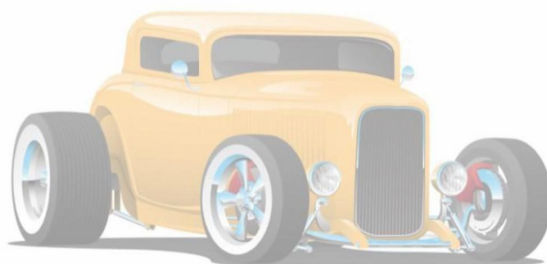
**Saturday, June 7 - 10am to 2pm**

Rain date - June 14

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



*Food and Music*



*50/50 Raffle*

All car makes and models are welcome

**JUDGED SHOW**

Class winners and Runners up

8 CLASSES plus PASTOR'S CHOICE  
GRAND KNIGHT'S CHOICE

\$20 Registration Day of Show only (Free admission for visitors)

Proceeds benefit local charities supporting the needy

**Car Registration begins at 8:30    Winners announced 1:30**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Knights of Columbus #12229

Questions? Please contact Rich at 856-397-8440 or [thefrasos@msn.com](mailto:thefrasos@msn.com)



GIVE HOPE  
THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



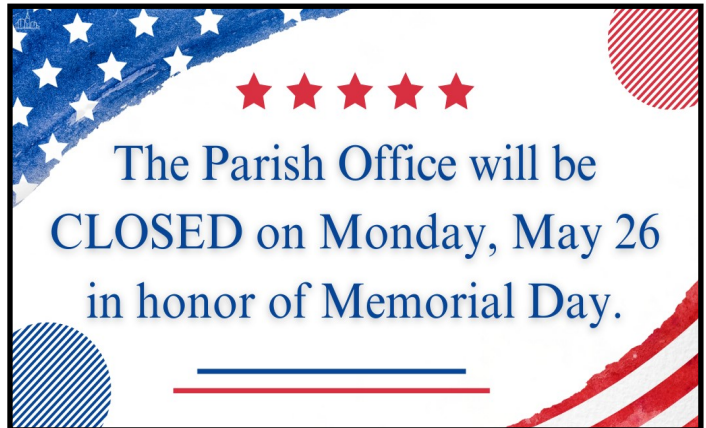
**THANK YOU!**

The Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus Council #12229 would like to thank everyone who donated blood during our May Blood Drive. A total of 41 units was collected.

Join our email list!

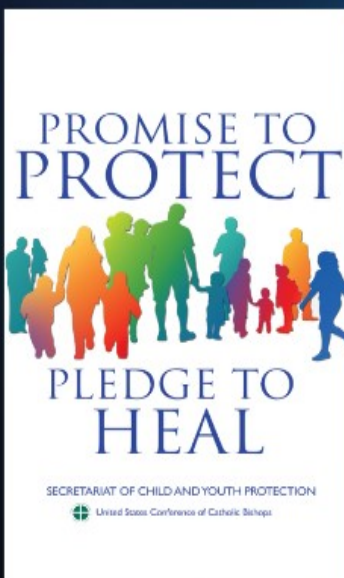


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The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 26 in honor of Memorial Day.

## Our Promise to Protect, Our Pledge to Heal



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: **1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org). The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



# May Procession Photos



## Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: USCCB