

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

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Located in the St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center

HOURS:

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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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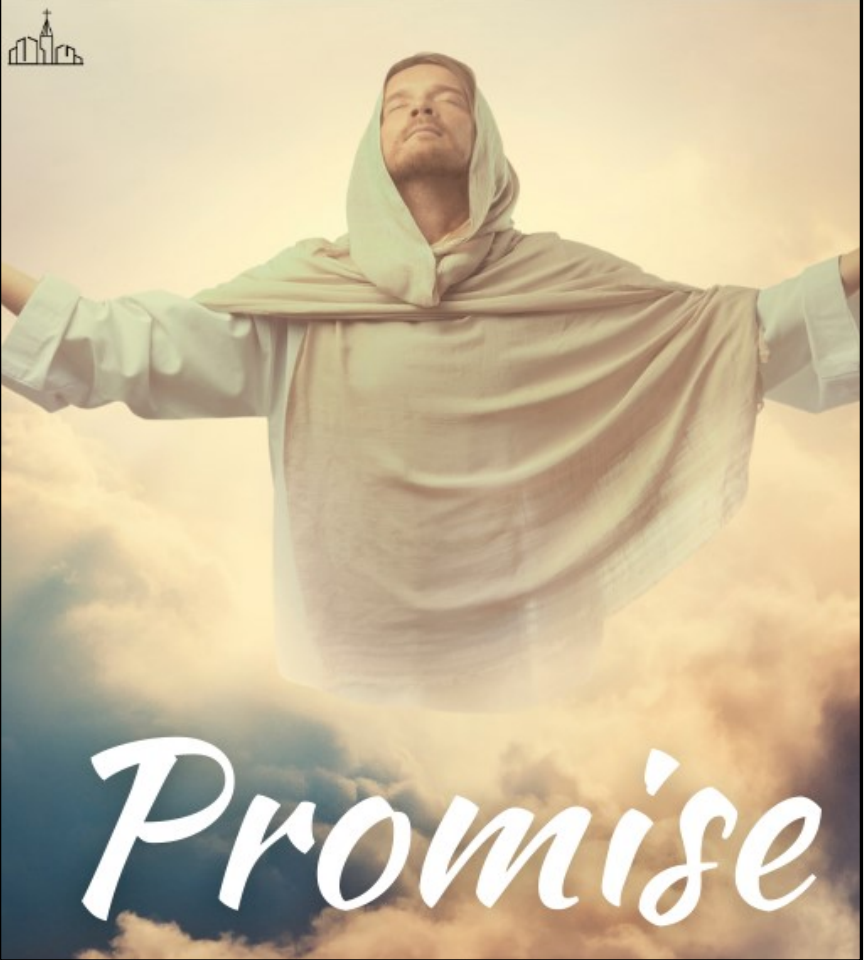
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~ June 1, 2025 ~
The Ascension of the Lord

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 31, 2025
5:00pm	Joseph Beneducci † r/o The Wixed 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
MONDAY	JUNE 2, 2025
8:30am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	JUNE 3, 2025
8:30am	Healing for Nina Zuccarelli r/o Maria Alexander Birthday Blessings for Anthony Piermatteo r/o Loving Sister Judy
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 4, 2025
8:30am	Healing for Nina Zuccarelli r/o Linda MacGregor
THURSDAY	JUNE 5, 2025
8:30am	Mary & Daniel Trost † r/o Dan Trost
FRIDAY	JUNE 6, 2025
8:30am	Kunjamma Cherian † r/o The Thomas Family Special Intentions r/o Drs. Pineda
SATURDAY	JUNE 7, 2025
5:00pm	Lorraine Petracci † r/o Tom & Mary Kay Daniels Karen Meenan † r/o Bart & Eileen Dalton
SUNDAY	JUNE 8, 2025
	Pentecost Sunday
9:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Michael Mendoza † r/o Drs. Pineda Healing for Deacon Joe & Rosemarie DeRosa r/o St. Vincent de Paul Society

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 Jastrzembki, 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



LCpl Patrick J. Bayrne, US Marine Corps; Kenneth R. Blackman, US Navy; 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; 2LT Andrew Erdmann, US Marine Corps/Quantico; PVT John E. Loeber III, US Marine Corps; 1LT Brandon Lopez, NJ Army National Guard; 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.



May the Lord give you His peace. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that the apostles witnessed Jesus being lifted up in a cloud and taken from their sight. Luke describes this awesome reality, but quickly follows it up with the two men dressed in white garments asking the disciples why they are staring up at the sky. Then they affirm, "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." The mention of the cloud is important because the Son of Man is described as coming on the clouds of heaven (See Dn. 7:13). This apocalyptic image portrays Jesus as the one who is to come and judge all mankind. Until that great and terrible day, we know that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes on our behalf. As St. John writes in his first letter: "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 Jn. 2:1-2). This is echoed in the letter to the Hebrews: "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:14-15). And we profess this tenet of belief every Sunday in the Creed: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end." This awesome reality opens us to the life of grace that the Lord gives freely out of love.

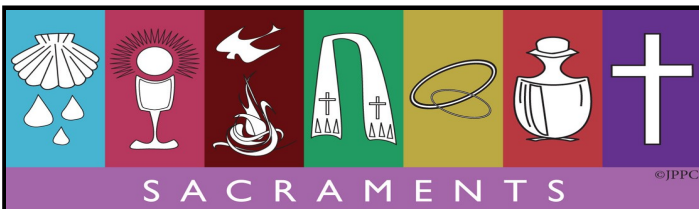
The gospel gives us an abridged version of Jesus' ascension into heaven, acting as a type of cliff-hanger ending to the gospel. St. Luke then wrote Acts of the Apostles as part 2 of the great saga of the Church. We might say Luke's Gospel is an account of the life of Christ, while Acts is Christ in the life of the Church. Nevertheless, it is in the Gospel where Jesus commands his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." This command from Jesus has readers wondering, "What next?" How will the disciples be clothed with power from on high? Of course, this anticipates the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, but that will be a topic for next week. For now, we acknowledge that after his earthly ministry was complete, Jesus returned to the Father, where he intercedes for us.

I am happy to share that the Knights of Columbus Annual Car Show will be next Saturday, June 7. Please see the bulletin for more information. Last year was a blast and we look forward to welcoming the many car enthusiasts from the area.

I have a special request for our Children's Religious Formation team. We are looking for catechists, aides, and hall monitors (Angel Patrol) to assist us for next year's classes. There are special tuition discounts for parents with children in the program, but the best perk is the opportunity to share your faith with the children. They are the future of the Church, and it is up to us to ensure they have a solid foundation of faith to stand on. Just as Jesus entrusted the message of salvation to the apostles, so too do we have a responsibility to hand on the kernel of truth to the next generation. This is a great way to volunteer in the Church and bless the community. Typical time commitment is about 90 minutes per week. Catechists may spend some additional time at home preparing their lessons. Parents may sign up via online registration to receive a discount on tuition. Please contact David Barr at david.barr@cosij.org or call 856-817-1309 to get involved.

It's hard to believe it is already June! The month of June brings a very special feast day: Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Last year, we had a beautiful Eucharistic Procession around the parking lot with flower girls throwing rose petals before the Blessed Sacrament. This year, we are taking things up a notch! There will be a Eucharistic Procession from St. Joan of Arc Church to St. Isaac's. In light of the last few years of Eucharistic Renewal and the current Jubilee Year of Hope, we are processing Jesus through the local streets. We will be meeting the procession as they cross over Route 70 and walk with Christ into St. Isaac's. We encourage everyone to join in this beautiful, ancient practice, which brings Christ's Real Presence into the world. Save the date: Sunday, June 22 at St. Joan of Arc Church beginning immediately after the 12PM Mass. Please see the bulletin for more details.

**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.

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.

Devotional Lamps

June 1-7

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for:
All student graduates in the Diocese of Trenton

The **Fatima Lamp** will burn for:
An increase in compassion for our brothers and sisters in Christ

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

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 31

3:30pm—Confessions
5:00pm—Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

9:00am—Mass
11:00am—Solemn Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 2

8:30am—Communion Service/Rosary (Chapel)
10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry
7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Room 6)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

10:00am-2:00pm—KofC Car Show
3:00pm—Confessions
5:00pm—Mass
6:00pm—KofC Raffle Ticket Sales (Gathering Space; After All Masses)

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

9:00am—Mass
11:00am—Solemn Mass

COLLECTION REPORT

5/18/25 Weekly	\$6,939.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$738.00
Total	\$7,677.00

Parish Giving

5/16/25 Weekly	\$4,181.00
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The collection totals for the weekend of May 25 will be announced in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you!

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

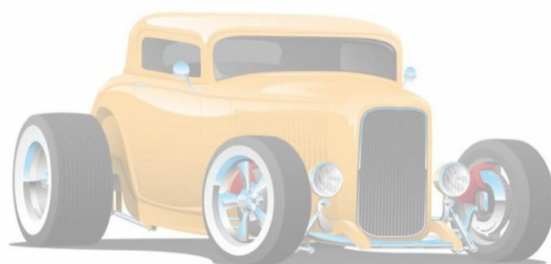
Saturday, June 7 - 10am to 2pm

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: _____

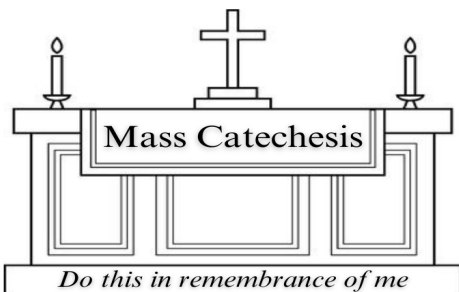
Address: _____

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



Why Does the Creed Follow the Homily?

The placement of the Creed after the Homily formerly marked the conclusion of the “Mass of the Catechumens” because this part of the Mass was open to those who were not yet fully initiated into the Church, specifically catechumens. After the homily, which provided instruction and explanation of the Scriptures, the catechumens were dismissed, and only the baptized faithful remained for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This practice remains in effect to this day, although circumstances may dictate that the catechumens remain, while abstaining from Eucharist until they are fully initiated at the Easter Vigil.

Here’s a more detailed explanation:

Mass of the Catechumens

- **Instruction and Preparation:** The “Mass of the Catechumens” was the portion of the Mass that included the readings from Scripture, the homily, and certain prayers that were meant to instruct and prepare those who were seeking baptism.
- **Open to Non-Initiated:** This part of the Mass was open to catechumens, those under instruction in the faith but not yet baptized, as well as non-Christians.

Dismissal of Catechumens

- **Readiness for Eucharist:** Because the Eucharist is the sacrament of unity for those fully incorporated into the Church, only the baptized were allowed to remain for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

- **Transition Point:** The Creed, as a profession of faith, served as a fitting conclusion to the instructional part of the Mass, after which the catechumens would be dismissed.
- **Ancient Practice:** In the Antiochene Liturgy, litanies and collects were said for the catechumens, energumens (those possessed), the “illuminandi” (those about to be baptized), and public penitents, with each group being dismissed after the collect. The deacon would warn catechumens, infidels, and heretics to leave before the Offertory.
- **“Only the Faithful”:** The Litany for the Catechumens included prayers that the Lord would teach them by the word of truth and number them among His chosen flock. However, before the Eucharist, they were dismissed so that “only the faithful” (the baptized) remained.

Catechumenate

- **Formation:** The catechumenate was a period of formation aimed at bringing the conversion and faith of catechumens to maturity.
- **Initiation:** Catechumens were properly initiated into the mystery of salvation, the practice of evangelical virtues, and the life of faith, liturgy, and charity of the People of God through successive sacred rites.
- **Gestation of Faith:** Catechesis was an important moment in the life of the Christian community, in whose womb the gestation of future faithful took place, accompanied by prayer and witness.

The Creed marked the end of the “Mass of the Catechumens” because it was the final act before the dismissal of those not yet fully initiated into the Church. This practice highlighted the distinction between those under instruction and the fully initiated faithful who were prepared to participate in the Eucharist.

TRENTON THUNDER



Friday, June 27th @ 7pm

TRENTON THUNDER



VS.



STATE COLLEGE SPIKES



The Church of St. Isaac Jogues

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.

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday, June 22
(following the 12pm Mass at St. Joan of Arc)



The procession will begin at St. Joan's and conclude at St. Isaac's with adoration and benediction. Please join us as we process Our Lord through the streets of Marlton!



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS FORMATION 2025-2026 (FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8)

MONDAY CLASS TIMES (4:30-7:45PM)

Grades 1-8 | OCIA: **4:30-5:45pm**

Grades 7 & 8: **6:30-7:45pm**

TUESDAY CLASS TIMES (4:30-5:45PM)

Grades K-8 | Special Needs

NEW! Mystagogy High School Class (Gr. 9-12)

PLUS ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Trunk or Treat
- Rosary Rally
- Advent Play
- CRS Rice Bowl
- Jesus' Last Words Play
- Parents' Night Out
- PB&J Sandwich Making
- Soups & Stations ...**AND MORE!**

CLASSES BEGIN 9/22 & 9/23 (24 SESSIONS TOTAL)

For more information on how to register, please contact David Barr at david.barr@cosij.org or visit www.cosij.org/crf.



WE NEED YOU!



Consider becoming a catechist next year!

Inspire Faith. Teach with Heart. Grow Together.

We're looking for amazing people like YOU to help us share the love of Jesus with the next generation in St. Isaac's Children's Religious Formation Program. You don't need teaching experience—just a love for the faith and a willingness to journey with our kids.

What's in it for you?

- ✓ **FREE** tuition for your first child
- ✓ All materials and training provided
- ✓ A deeper connection to your faith and parish community...and more!



Scan the QR code to fill out a volunteer information form, or contact Mr. Barr at david.barr@cosij.org with any questions.

Your YES could change a life...maybe even yours!



VACATION *Bible School* 2025

**Students,
sign up here!**



**Volunteers,
sign up here!**



Excellence in Worship ~ Growing in Scripture ~ Sharing in God's Love



JULY 21–25, 2025

8AM–12PM : GRADES K–5

6TH–8TH GRADERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOLUNTEER!

Church of St. Isaac Jogues
349 Evesboro-Medford Rd., Marlton, NJ 08053

**\$25 PER
CHILD FOR
THE WEEK**

PLAYS & CRAFTS

FUN & GAMES

**MASS &
SCRIPTURE**

**LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED—BRING A LUNCH EACH DAY
FRIDAY—PIZZA DAY!**

For more info, please contact Mr. Barr at david.barr@cosij.org
or Mrs. Lorang at anna.lorang@cosij.org.



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!

St. Vincent de Paul Corner



Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those in need.



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The Sacrament of

Baptism

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized!

Antonio Giovanni Cusumano

Antonella Pia Vernacchio



David Cecco
Anita Saraco

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