

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: (beginning 6/30 through 8/29)
Monday – Thursday | 9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday | CLOSED

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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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~ June 29, 2025 ~

Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul

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	JUNE 28, 2025
5:00pm	Barbara Bennett † r/o Don & Janet Harris Joanne Mastropietro † r/o Husband Joe, Daughter Lisa & Family
SUNDAY	JUNE 29, 2025
	Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul
9:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Jackie Cohen † r/o Anne Harrold Edward Bliss † r/o The Boscos Angelina Cillo † (Memorial Mass) r/o Her Family
MONDAY	JUNE 30, 2025
8:30am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	JULY 1, 2025
8:30am	Maria Novicky † r/o Martin & Maria Lazorik Birthday Blessings for Gary Zimak r/o Eileen, Mary & Elizabeth
WEDNESDAY	JULY 2, 2025
8:30am	Barbara Bennett † r/o Nancy Jamanow Healing for Dottie Thompson r/o Pat & Tom Tamburello
THURSDAY	JULY 3, 2025
8:30am	Special Intentions r/o Drs. Pineda
FRIDAY	JULY 4, 2025
8:30am	Ruben Cabasa Navata † r/o Gomez & Clemente Families
SATURDAY	JULY 5, 2025
5:00pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	JULY 6, 2025
	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am	Carmella Rossi † r/o Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rapacchia Deacon Ronald Myers † r/o Pat & Tom Tamburello
11:00am	Theresa Pastino † r/o Linda & John Simmons Sr. Hope Mary Costello, IHM † r/o Nancy Jamanow

Pray For The Sick

Phyllis Ambrosio, John Amici, Joseph Amici, Diane B., Bob Bartek, Baby Juliaan Blau, 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 Kellmayer, Mario Kundrat, Glenn Lockwood, Peggy Luciani, Mary Lytle, Brian M., 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, Nina Zuccarelli, Elizabeth Zurcher

For Our Members in the Military

LCpl Patrick J. Bayrne, US Marine Corps; Kenneth R. Blackmon, RADM, 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 MacCroy, 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.



Glory and praise to our God! This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. We remember their tremendous achievements: St. Peter as the first Pope, and St. Paul for his mission to the Gentiles. Both went on to accomplish much in the Name of the Lord. As it says in the Acts of the Apostles: “Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles... Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them” (Acts 5:12,15). And at St. Paul’s own hand: “For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith” (2 Tm. 4:6-7). Indeed, both men kept the faith even unto martyrdom.

Church Tradition holds that St. Peter, recognizing he was unworthy to die the same death as Christ, requested to be crucified upside down. And St. Paul, since he was a Roman citizen, was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, who, according to Eusebius of Caesarea, was the first to publicly announce himself as an enemy of God. Nero initiated a persecution against Christians after the burning of Rome in July 64 AD. As a prominent figure in the early Church, St. Paul was a target of this persecution. According to Tradition, St. Paul was beheaded at the Acquae Salviae on the Via Laurentina. The legendary account says that his head bounced three times, and a source of water sprang up at each spot, which is why the place is called “Tre Fontane” (three fountains). Apropos for one who gave birth to countless Christians through baptism.

The last few weeks have been full of glorious solemnities. From the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, to Corpus Christi, and now Sts. Peter and Paul, we are highlighting the absolute best the Catholic Church has to offer. A significant part of our celebration was last week’s Corpus Christi Procession. I cannot express how awesome it was to be walking with Christ through the streets of Marlton. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback that we will be sure to have it again next year. Now that we know what to expect, we can make next year’s procession *even better!* A special thank you to all our SIJ staff and parishioners who helped out and participated in the procession. We could not have done it without you. I also want to acknowledge clergy from both parishes, Msgr. LaVerghetta, Fr. JM, and Dcn. Gene, from SJA, and Dcn. John from SIJ, as well as the altar servers. May the Lord bless us all.

While on the topic of processions, perhaps a procession for Our Lady in December might be an exciting way to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We could process with a statue of Mary after the Vigil Mass through the surrounding neighborhood as we sing hymns to the Blessed Mother and maybe a few Christmas carols too! Please let me know if you would like to see something like that happen this December.

Later this week, we celebrate Independence Day. Let us never forget the significance that “all Men are created equal,” “that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,” that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness...” (Declaration of Independence). The acknowledgment of a Creator is paramount to this declaration, i.e., it establishes there is a greater authority than man. But, it also embraces the freedom we have been given by the Creator to live and seek happiness. However, this freedom can only function within a moral framework. As John Adams once wrote: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” As followers of Jesus, we acknowledge that God is over all, that is to say, the Moral Law is paramount. And we enjoy the greatest freedom through Christ, who died for our sins. So, let us be ever mindful of the One Sacrifice that makes us truly free, “from Sea to shining Sea.”

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 30-July 7

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for:
All politicians and government officials

The **Fatima Lamp** will burn for:
Peace in the Middle East

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

The **Adoration Chapel Lamps** will burn for:
An increase in compassion for our brothers and sisters in Christ



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, JUNE 28

3:00pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

9:00am—Mass

11:00am—Solemn Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 30

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

10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Room 5)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry

THURSDAY, JULY 3

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JULY 4

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, JULY 5

3:30pm—Confessions

5:00pm—Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 6

9:00am—Mass

11:00am—Solemn Mass

COLLECTION REPORT

6/22/25 Weekly	\$5,463.00
Maintenance Fund	\$821.00
Total	\$6,284.00
Parish Giving	
6/20/25 Weekly	\$5,338.00

New Altar of Repose for Tabernacle ~ Donated By Parishioner

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we are happy to announce that the tabernacle is moving from its current location over to the center of the sanctuary. Such a move is significant, however, it is not without good reason. Following three years of Eucharistic Revival, there has been an increase in the number of Catholics returning to the Church and many converting to Catholicism. Our new Adoration Chapel of the Sacred Heart has already received over 400 visits since its opening just a few months ago. Many have a desire to be close to our Blessed Lord, and the new Adoration Chapel provides this in a most intimate way. The current location of the tabernacle in the church, however, is segregated from the sanctuary. Many visitors to our parish have difficulty finding the tabernacle. Having the tabernacle in the sanctuary will be more noticeable to visitors and more visible to the entire congregation.



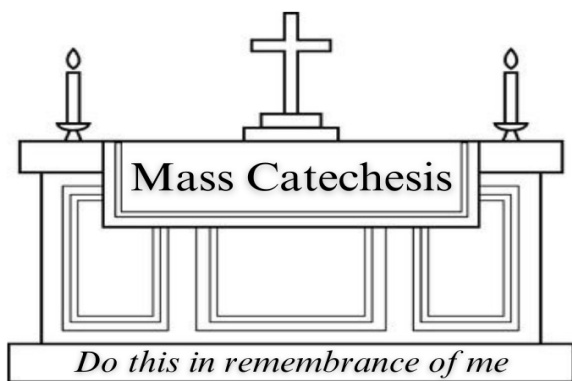
Sample image of the altar of repose.

The above image is a sample of the altar of repose which will be installed behind the main altar in the sanctuary. The wood will be stained to match the existing wood panels in the church and be set into the back wall. This will give the impression that it was always there. The front of the altar features carved images of the Lamb of God (see Rev. 5:6) flanked by two adoring angels. The angels are reminiscent of the two Cherubim the Lord commanded Moses to place on top of the Ark of the Covenant (Ex. 25:18-20). The angels always adore our Blessed Lord, and they are a reminder of the disposition we should all have, particularly for Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist.

According to the Second Vatican Council document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, an emphasis was made regarding the nobility, placement, and safety of the tabernacle: "These laws refer especially to the worthy and well planned construction of sacred buildings, the shape and construction of altars, the nobility, placing, and safety of the eucharistic tabernacle, the dignity and suitability of the baptistery, the proper ordering of sacred images, embellishments, and vestments" (Par. 128). The parish has already seen several ways in which we have observed this statement recently (e.g. the statue of St. Isaac Jogues, new lighting and paint in the baptistery, new altar treatments and vestments, etc.). The Council continues, "According to the norm of Art. 22 of this Constitution, the territorial bodies of bishops are empowered to adapt such things to the needs and customs of their different regions; this applies especially to the materials and form of sacred furnishings and vestments." The tabernacle is among these sacred furnishings. So, what has our local ordinary determined about the placement of tabernacles? In 2014, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., revised and promulgated the Statutes of the Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Trenton. With respect to the location of the tabernacle within the church, the synod gave us statute 274, which states: "In each parish church, the Eucharist shall be reserved in a prominent place, preferably the center of the sanctuary, which is conducive to both community devotion and individual prayer." Having the tabernacle in the center of the sanctuary places Christ at the center of our church.

From a liturgical perspective, the proximity of the tabernacle to the main altar helps maintain the centrality of the Eucharist. From an architectural perspective, the location of the tabernacle conveys the same. What this conveys without words is that Christ is at the center of our church; Christ is at the center of our lives. The best part is that this project has been completely funded through a very generous donation for the Glory of God. May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Lastly, what will we do with the space where the tabernacle once was? We have a very devoted Rosary group that prays every day after the Daily Mass. The space would make a beautiful shrine to Our Lady. Since the pedestal is already there, it will make an excellent base for a statue of Mary, who would face out into the church. Our Rosary group, and all devotees will have a dedicated space for their devotions to the Blessed Mother. In the future, additional statues could be hung on the walls, such as St. Catherine Labore, St. Bernadette, the Children of Fatima, and St. Juan Diego (all Saints who saw visions of Our Lady).



Significance of the Universal Prayer

The Universal Prayer, also known as the Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions, holds a significant place in the Mass for several reasons:

Role and Purpose

Response to the Word of God: The Universal Prayer is the people’s response to the Word of God proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word. It allows the congregation to reflect on the readings and homily they have just heard.

Exercise of Baptismal Priesthood: Through this prayer, the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood by offering prayers to God for the salvation of all.

Intercession for the Church and the World: The prayer includes intercessions for the Church, civil authorities, those in need, and the salvation of the world. It extends the community’s awareness beyond its immediate confines, uniting them with Christ in interceding for all of humankind.

Expression of Concrete Needs: The intentions voiced in the Universal Prayer should reflect the concrete needs of the Church and the world, avoiding vague or conventional formulas.

Placement in the Mass

The Universal Prayer follows the Gospel and the homily, particularly on Sundays and feast days. It comes after the Creed, where the community has affirmed its faith.

How it is Offered

The priest introduces and concludes the prayer, while a deacon or reader announces the intentions. The congregation participates by joining its voice, often invoking a response such as “Lord, hear our prayer”.

Importance of Prayer

Praying together reveals our kinship with Christ and encourages entrusting the future of unity to God’s love. The Church on earth unites with the heavenly Church through prayers to the saints. The outcome of important events depends more on fervent prayer than on human effort.

In summary, the Universal Prayer is a vital part of the Mass where the faithful, in their role as a priestly people, intercede for the Church and the world, expressing their needs and hopes to God.

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.

Fr. Jim’s Thursday morning Bible study, *Fulfilled In Your Hearing*, will not be meeting during July and August. Regular meetings will resume in the fall. Have a wonderful summer!



James Dempsey

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



The Sacrament of *Baptism*

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized!

Iyla Ann Barrantes



Food Drive



July 5 & 6, 2025

We are especially in need of:

- Various condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Vegetable oil/salt
- Instant potatoes/boxes of rice
- PopTarts/shelf-stable milk
- Canned products (chicken, 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!



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



Monday, June 30–Friday, August 29



Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00am–3:00pm

Friday
Closed



Second Collection-Peter's Pence



This weekend, a second collection will be offered at all Masses on behalf of the Peter's Pence Collection. This organization helps to assist Pope Leo XIV and the Vatican in their charitable contributions to the poor and marginalized. You can aid their cause not only by donating to Peter's Pence (ensuring that these acts of charity will continue for years to come), but also by praying for the Holy Father and spreading the word about the Peter's Pence Collection and the good works that they do. **Thanks for your support!**



This weekend is our St. Vincent de Paul Society's quarterly collection. Please make checks payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Isaac Jogues. Thank you!



VACATION Bible School 2025

Volunteers, sign up here!



Students, sign up here!



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.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner



In today's Gospel, Peter recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus tells him that on this "rock of faith", He will build His Church.

Do you know of a family who is seeking assistance? Please have them call our St. Vincent de Paul Helpline at (856) 797-7352 so that, together, we can help those in need.

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 email at 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.



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!



Corpus Christi Procession



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