

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

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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.

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Open 8:00am-8:00pm daily

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~ December 7, 2025 ~  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**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*



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 6, 2025</b>
5:00pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 7, 2025</b>
	Second Sunday of Advent
9:00am	<b>Mary Isaia †</b> r/o Husband Tony Isaia
	<b>David Cecco †</b> r/o Joan Vaughan
11:00am	<b>Gloria Cerrato †</b> r/o Joseph Rizzari
	<b>Victoria Coccodrilli †</b> r/o Joseph Carabasi
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 8, 2025</b>
	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:30am	<b>K.M. Varghese &amp; Ninan Kora †</b> r/o Thomas Family
12:00pm	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
7:00pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 9, 2025</b>
8:30am	<b>Healing for Nina Zuccarelli</b> r/o Chris Paleologus
	<b>Walter Trybus †</b> r/o Gene & Edrie Broz
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 10, 2025</b>
8:30am	<b>Healing for Nina Zuccarelli</b> r/o Shirley Erana
	<b>Theresa Dunn †</b> r/o Her Mother
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 11, 2025</b>
8:30am	<b>Mark Gidel †</b> r/o Robert Bartek
	<b>Mary Carabasi †</b> r/o Loving Husband Joseph
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 12, 2025</b>
8:30am	<b>Mary Isaia †</b> r/o Husband Tony Isaia
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 13, 2025</b>
5:00pm	<b>Annemarie Gallagher †</b> r/o Andrea Waldron
	<b>Matthew P. Rider &amp; Dawn Tanner †</b> r/o Marcy Mazzarelli
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 14, 2025</b>
	Third Sunday of Advent
9:00am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
11:00am	<b>Thomas J. DePrince †</b> r/o Rich & Chris Frassetto
	<b>Filomena Cascone †</b> r/o Benny DiNicola

Phyllis Ambrosio, John Amici, Joseph Amici, Diane B., Mike Barrile, Bob Bartek, Baby Julian Blau, Alane Brendley, Dee Brendley, Richard Brendley, Gene Broz, Linda Brunges, Dion Callaghan, Donna Callaghan, Caren Carpenter, John Carr, 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, Kristin MacNamara, Ashley McNellis-Sinnwell, Manuel DeLima Mendes, Neyde Santana Mendes, Mary Mento, Marlene Mikusa, Dr. Anthony Minissale, Maggie Ortiz, Fr. Martin Padovani, Joyce Palermo, Stephanie Palladino, Ann Marie Palladino, Isabella Petitto, Lourdes Pineda, Rica Pineda, Vincent Preto, 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

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



**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 MacCrory, US Army; Capt. 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.

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



Praised be Jesus Christ! Now that Advent is well underway, we are faced with the reality that the whole commercial world is already in full-on Christmas mode. Many retailers had Christmas decorations on display even before Thanksgiving. Truly, Christmas is *the most wonderful time of the year*, but we're not quite there yet.

It is good for us to be excited about the celebration of Christmas. The Incarnation is one of the great mysteries of our faith, which is why Holy Mother Church provides us with the Season of Advent. The readings during Advent direct us towards the Incarnation: The prophecies of Isaiah, Micah, and Zechariah, all foretell the arrival of the Messiah (See Is. 7:14, Mic. 5:2, Zech. 9:9). Ultimately, the Christmas readings show us the miraculous ways in which the Lord fulfills the prophecies through the Nativity of Jesus.

For now, we do well to enter into the more somber and penitential season of Advent with hearts open to the Lord's prompting and reflect on the beauty and wonder of the advent of Christ. Adventus in Latin means "arrival," and just as we prepare our homes for the arrival of guests during Christmas, we have this time now to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus.

Our Advent Mission on Tuesday was a wonderful opportunity to open our hearts to the Lord. We had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with music and beautiful reflections to draw us more deeply into the mystery of the True Presence of Jesus. Many of us experienced the peace that surpasses understanding as St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Philippians, "[T]he peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7). But, that peace first comes through a bit of noise.

St. John the Baptist is the voice crying out in the wilderness to *prepare the way of the Lord*. How are we preparing our hearts for Christ? We look forward to the celebration of Christmas Day, which recalls the Nativity of our Blessed Lord, but we are also looking forward to His glorious return, when He will gather his disciples to himself. We are among his disciples, provided we keep the commandments, particularly the command to love one another.

Certainly the world could use a bit more love. What better way to share that love than to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ? More and more people are drawn to the Catholic Church because they recognize that Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life. They want to be close to Jesus, and we are often part of their journey to the fullness of truth. Each of us is meant to direct others to Jesus, just like John the Baptist did. He did not seek personal gain, rather, he sought to make straight the path to Jesus. He called people to repent, to turn from sinful ways, and to open their hearts to the Lord. May we do the same for our ourselves and through our own witness, draw others to Christ.

To continue drawing close to the Lord, we will have Adoration and Confession the next three Tuesdays at 7PM in the main chapel. O come let us adore Him.

We will also be singing the Lord's praises with our Christmas Concert next Sunday, December 14 at 3PM. Bring family and friends for familiar carols, musical talents, and the debut of our Children's Choir.

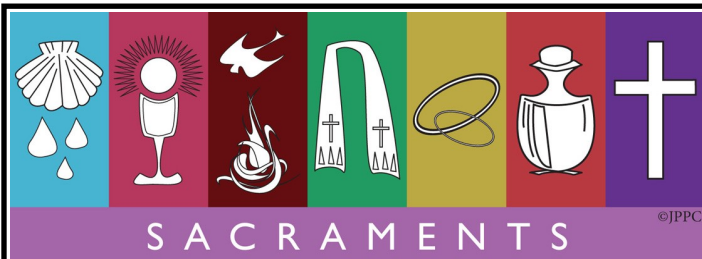
Lastly, this Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30AM, 12PM, and 7PM (Solemn). *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!*

**Pax,  
Fr. Jim**

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Monday, Dec. 8 ~ Holy Day of Obligation*



*Mass Times:  
-8:30am  
-12 Noon  
-7:00pm (Solemn Mass)*



**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***

**November 30-December 6**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for:  
The people of the parish

The **Fatima Lamp** will burn for:  
Those struggling with mental health issues

The **St. Michael Lamp** will burn for:  
For Christians living in areas of war/conflict

The **Adoration Chapel Lamps** will burn for:  
Our Bishop, David O'Connell



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, DECEMBER 6**

- 8:30am-11:30am—Breakfast with Santa (Hall)
- 3:30pm—Confessions
- 5:00pm—Mass
- 6:00pm—Tree Lighting Ceremony (Parish Grounds)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

- 9:00am—Mass
- 11:00am—Solemn Mass
- 12:30pm—OCIA (Conference Rm.)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- 8:30am—Immaculate Conception Mass (Church)
- 10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry
- 12:00pm—Immaculate Conception Mass (Church)
- 4:30pm—CRF (Grades 1-8)
- 6:30pm—CRF (Grades 7 & 8)
- 7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Room 6)
- 7:00pm—Immaculate Conception Solemn Mass (Church)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

- 8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)
- 4:30pm—CRF (Grades K-8, Gifted, Mystagogy)
- 7:00pm—Adoration/Confession (Church)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

- 8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)
- 4:30pm—Children's Choir (Hall)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

- 3:30pm—Confessions
- 5:00pm—Mass

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

- 9:00am—Mass
- 11:00am—Solemn Mass
- 12:15pm—Baptism
- 1:30pm—OCIA (Conf. Rm.)
- 3:00pm—Christmas Concert (Church)

**COLLECTION REPORT**

11/23/25 Weekly	\$6,567.00
11/23/25 Maintenance	\$971.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,538.00</b>
11/23/25 Online Giving Totals	<b>\$6,326.22</b>



## Children's Religious Formation News

### Important Dates

- **Dec. 15 & 16**—Advent Celebration (Regular Class Times)
- **Dec. 22 & 23**—No Classes (Christmas Break)
- **Dec. 29 & 30**—No Classes (New Year's Break)



Join our new Children's Choir!



Open to children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & above

- 🎤 **When: Every Friday at 4:30pm**
- 🎤 **Where: St. Isaac's Parish Hall**
- 🎤 **Led by: Domenica Rosati (cantor at St. Isaac's)**

Starting in January, the choir will sing at the 9am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Contact [david.barr@cosij.org](mailto:david.barr@cosij.org) or scan the QR code to register!



### Become an Altar Server at St. Isaac's!



Boys and girls in fourth grade and above are invited to serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Servers are needed for the following Mass times:

- Saturday at 5:00pm
- Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am

If your child is interested in being an altar server, please email Elizabeth Zimak at [altarservers@cosij.org](mailto:altarservers@cosij.org).



## Follow us on Facebook!



Scan the QR code or search for "Church of St. Isaac Jogues - Marlton".



Join us for our annual Christmas Concert!



featuring Advent & Christmas selections performed by our Adult & Children's Choirs

**Sunday, December 14**  
**3:00pm**

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



### Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

#### Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend's second collection will be offered on behalf of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donations will provide housing, medical assistance, and other essential means of support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider contributing to this vital ministry.

**Thank you for your support!**



### Philadelphia Shrine Bus Trip

hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Isaac Jogues

## Saturday, May 16, 2026

Bus leaves from St. Isaac's at 8:30 ~ Returns between 3:30-4:30pm  
349 Evesboro-Medford Rd. | Marlton, NJ 08053

*We'll visit three shrines in the Philadelphia area:*



Miraculous Medal Shrine  
(lunch included)



National Shrine of  
St. John Neumann



Cathedral Basilica of  
Sts. Peter & Paul (if time allows)

Family and friends are warmly welcome to share in this faith-filled journey of reflection, fellowship, and renewal. The pace will be easy, allowing time for prayer, quiet moments, and conversation along the way.

#### Cost: \$100 per person (includes lunch)

Payment Options: Check (made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society) or Venmo (@STVdP2024)\*

\*please include your name, phone, and "Pilgrimage 5/16/26" in the text box

Please mail all checks to:

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

**Only 40 seats are available - we expect to sell out quickly!**

For more information, please contact Neil at [eecnph@comcast.net](mailto:eecnph@comcast.net)



# MARCH FOR LIFE

**"LIFE IS A GIFT"**

**Friday, January 23, 2026 in Washington D.C.**

All are welcome to join five area parishes as we march to demonstrate our commitment for **LIFE**. Bus will depart from the St. Mary of the Lakes parking lot after the **7:15am** Mass.

**Cost:** \$20 for adults; \$15 for students\*  
*\*Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and have parental permission.*

For those unable to walk in the March, arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Please bring a **bagged lunch** for the ride down (we will only make a brief stop at either the Maryland or Chesapeake House Travel Plazas). Sandwiches from Murphy's in Medford will be provided for the ride home (your choice of **roast beef, turkey, or veggie**).

For more information or to reserve your seat please contact **Deacon Gene Kotowski** at [gene.kotowski@stjoans.org](mailto:gene.kotowski@stjoans.org).

Please provide your sandwich selection and whether you'll be staying at the Basilica or will be attending the March for Life.  
**Thanks and God bless!**



The Sacrament of

*Baptism*

©JPPC

**Congratulations to our Newly Baptized!**

**Theodore James Demers**



# Christmas Giving Event



Through December 14, there will be a Jesse Tree displayed in the Gathering Space. The tree is decorated with “ornaments” marked with either **Walmart, Target, or Aldi**. All are welcome to select one (or more) of these ornaments and purchase the gift card(s) at the respective locations.

You may either put your gift card in an envelope marked **SVDP Christmas Giving** and drop it into the collection basket at Mass, or bring it to the Parish Office (9am-4pm Monday-Friday).

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Monthly Food Drive December 6 & 7

We are especially in need of:

- pancake mix & syrup
- spaghetti sauce
- coffee/tea bags
- ketchup/mustard/mayo
- vegetable oil
- rice/instant mashed potatoes
- cookies/crackers
- applesauce/canned fruit
- chili
- laundry/dish soap/soap bars
- facial tissues/napkins
- Supermarket gift cards

(Walmart, ShopRite, Acme, etc.)



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

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” This is what Advent is all about. We can help to “prepare the way of the Lord” all throughout the season, by making Christmas bright for our families and friends, as well as neighbors in need.

Do you know of a local family (in Marlton or Mt. Laurel) who is looking for assistance? Please have them call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline at (856) 797-7352, so that, together, we can help those who are in need.

## Ways to Honor Your Loved Ones



### Devotional Lamp

**Donation Amount: \$25/week**

*Have a candle lit for your intentions or loved ones (living or deceased). Candles are located throughout the church and in our Adoration Chapel.*

### Mass Offering (with card)

**Donation Amount: \$10 (Mass only);  
\$15 (with card)**

*A Mass will be said in honor of your loved ones (living or deceased).*



### Altar Bread and Wine

**Donation Amount: \$50/week**

*Help support our regular worship throughout the week.*

### Flowers for God's Glory

**Donation Amount: \$25**

*Your donation will help us to decorate the altar with flowers --all for the glory of God!*



*(Donations will go toward purchasing flowers for holy days or special occasions throughout the year.)*

To make a donation, please visit the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space after any weekend Mass. You can also contact the Parish Office at (856) 797-0999 or parishoffice@cosij.org.



**Join us for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting!**

**Saturday, December 6  
(after the 5pm Mass)**

**Hope to see you there!**

“O come, let us adore Him.”

December 9, 16 & 23 | 7pm

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



All are invited to join us for an evening of Adoration and spiritual reflection.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered.

### From The Church of St. Joan of Arc



### Advent Penance Service

**Wednesday, December 17  
7pm; Church**

Come and prepare your hearts for Jesus this Christmas! Multiple priests will be available to hear confessions.



# 2025 Christmas Mass Schedule

## **Christmas Eve (December 24).**

5:00pm | Midnight

## **Christmas Day (December 25).**

9:00am | 11:00am

## **Feast of the Holy Family (December 27 & 28).**

5:00pm Vigil | 9:00am | 11:00am

## **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1).**

5:00pm Vigil (Dec. 31) | 10:00am



*O come, let us  
adore Him!*