

St. Aloysius Parish

LENT

First Sunday



Then Jesus was
led by the
Spirit into the
desert to be
tempted by the
devil

Matthew 4:1

February 18, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION

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THE LORD'S DAY - MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening: 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Through Baptism, we become Children of God and members of the household of faith. Children should be baptized in the faith community to which their parents belong, that is, the Parish in which they are registered and active members. Call the rectory to make arrangements. Parents are reminded that godparents must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are actively practicing their faith.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Penance)

Saturdays: 1:00 pm and by appointment.
Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT - ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify one of the parish priests in the event of serious illness. A communal celebration of the Anointing will be held annually.



ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Aloysius Parish is a Roman Catholic community dedicated to celebrating the life and word of Jesus Christ. All are welcome to deepen their spiritual and personal lives through active participation in weekly Liturgy, the celebration of the Sacraments, Parish ministries and community activities. Acknowledging our incompleteness and our need for God's grace, we commit ourselves, through Baptism, to responding to God's call to become and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ in our time. Jesus Christ is at the center of all of our lives.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 17

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm Cora Timchak by Laura Lorenz & Family

SUNDAY, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Dr. Arthur Silver by Michael & Lea Cahill
People of the Parish

9:00 am Mark Guiliano by Peg Guiliano

10:30 am Pauline Socci by Gerald & JoAnn Cece

12:00 pm Louis J Ferrera Jr. by Family

5:00 pm Juan Avelino Peña by Lorena Avelino

MONDAY, February 19

Lenten Weekday - Presidents' Day

8:00 am Nancy A. McGlynn by Family

TUESDAY, February 20

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Desmond Jordan McDonald & Dec'd Members
of McDonald Family by Debra McDonald

12:00 pm Beverly Willetts by St. Aloysius Seniors

WEDNESDAY, February 21

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Mary & Joseph Kearney, Jr. by Family

12:00 pm Gladys Obara Intili by Rosemary Intili Ferdinand

THURSDAY, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 am Helen Caruso by Beverly Sannito

12:00 pm Jeannette A. Richards by Dtrs., Ann & Mary
Richards

FRIDAY, February 23

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Michael Casey by Olga Testa

12:00 pm James & Carol Lott by Jim & Eileen Lott

SATURDAY, February 24

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Girardi Family by Olga Testa

5:30 pm Molly Perez by Marsano Family

SUNDAY, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Emily D'Aloia by Family

9:00 am Rose Marie Aquilio by Daughter & Family
People of the Parish

10:30 am Thomas Judge by Ed Casey

12:00 pm Michael Vitale by Michael DeBonis

5:00 pm Sheila Boyle by Nicole Clermont



THIS WEEK THE BREAD
AND WINE IS OFFERED:

**In Memory of Ron Sciabarasi
by Ida Sciabarasi**

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS:

**In Memory of Minnie Ferrentino
by Dtr., Angela Russomanno**

THE SHRINE AREA VOTIVES THIS WEEK:

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY. MOTHER CABRINI.
SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA. DIVINE MERCY.

1. In Memory of Jeanne Blind
by Joyce Spittle
2. In Memory of Pearl & Brother, Ignatius
by Pat

ST. JUDE. ST. ALOYSIUS. ST. PATRICK:

**In Memory of Jeanne Blind
by Joyce Spittle**

OUR SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Facilities & Grounds



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

**Due to scheduling changes,
the collection will be announced
in next week's bulletin. Thank you.**



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**"To everything there is a season, and a time
for every purpose under heaven."**

(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

"...A time to be healed"

Sick list: Katie Becker, Pusha Bhatia, Marc Boratto, Robert Braadt, Theresa Brindock, Nicole Brinn, Sebastian Casaus, Marcello Checty, Rodney Clifford, Diane Cusic, Connie DeAngelis, John Donnelly, Carole Dwyer, Marilyn Eisser, Joan Fierro, Joanne Galinis, Anita Garay, Gary Genuario, Rosa Giovine, Larry Glenz, Peter Grimaldi, Ambrose Grizzetti, Joseph Grizzetti, Thomas Grizzetti, Carly Hofmann, Shannon Hofmann, Timothy Hofmann, Jacob and Jaxson, Jaclyn King, Diana Kitchen, Harry Kramer, Sr., Monica Lennie, Sophia Lopez, Ronald Macon, Lucia Marmol, Ramon Marmol, Elizabeth McCollum, Bobby Notare, Jim Onorato, Jojo Onufrak, Teresa O'Reilly, Ann Marie Pasquin, Joan Pendolino, Sr. Justine Pinto, OP, Kelly Reilly, Michelle Reiss, Rosanne Romano, Wade Saadi, Mia Saccone, Adam Sauzer, Joyce Spittle, Susan Stever, Ray Sullivan, Claire Talavico, Nikki Thurgood, Joan Tomek, Bernadette Toomey, Paula Villaggio

"...A time to be born"

Baptized: Sienna Lee Dilts, Gregory John Miller III, Alan James Wujciak

"...A time to die"

Deceased: Margaret Casale

"...A time for war & a time for peace"

**For national and world leaders and for
those in the armed services, especially:**

Daniel Dispenza, Michael C. Howley, Beckie Piela, Michael Piela, Edik Serrano, David G. Testa

AMEN

Take this list home with you and use it in your daily prayers.



All names will be removed from our Prayer Sick List at the end of February. Please leave a message at our Parish Rectory at 973-226-0221 with names to be continued or any new requests.

Dear Parishioner

Once again, the Church enters the period in which we contemplate how to live these holy days of sacrifice and resolution which, for 40 days, will punctuate our daily life. A season that begins in winter and ends in spring, like a perpetual renewal, where we live with patience the anticipation of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Which efforts and resolutions can we make this Lent? Three pillars help us to concretely live this season: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The first pillar, prayer: We must take time regularly in this hectic life to recollect ourselves. Praying like Jesus who knew how to take time away, escaping the crowds to find time to dialogue with the Father. By meditating on the Word in silence, by turning off the television and shutting off the music, by avoiding being too dependent on smartphones, we can daily place ourselves before the Lord for a few minutes and allow ourselves to be grasped by Him. The second pillar, fasting: It can be a little scary. Why should I fast? A fast is not just about food. The purpose of fasting is to make us thirsty and hungry for God and His Word. It is not only a gesture of penance, but also a gesture of solidarity with the poor and an invitation to sharing and almsgiving. It is a voluntary deprivation of what satiates us: certainly food, but also of the desire traps which are tobacco, alcohol, television, social media; anything that makes our life dependent on the tyranny of habit and need. Finally, the third pillar, almsgiving: Sharing is directly linked to fasting. Our deprivation is a time of sharing, of almsgiving. What we have saved, we are invited to give to those who fast every day because they have nothing to spare, so that they too can buy food. Once again, our Holy Mother the Church confirms that Lent is a time of joy. And more precisely joyful hope! The renewal of prayer, the insistence on almsgiving and training in self-control through fasting is especially recommended for the season of Lent and invites us to joy. May the Lord grant each of us a fruitful and holy Lenten season!

United in prayer,

-Fr. Lynx

LA VOZ HISPANA

Estimado Feligrés

Una vez más, la Iglesia entra en el período en el que contemplamos cómo vivir estos días santos de sacrificio y resolución que, durante 40 días, marcarán nuestra vida diaria. Una estación que comienza en invierno y termina en primavera, como una renovación perpetua, donde vivimos con paciencia la anticipación de la Pasión y Resurrección de Jesucristo. ¿Qué esfuerzos y resoluciones podemos hacer para esta Cuaresma? Tres pilares nos ayudan a vivir concretamente este tiempo: la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. El primer pilar, la oración: debemos tomarnos un tiempo regularmente en esta vida agitada para recuperarnos. Orar como Jesús que supo tomarse el tiempo, escapando de la multitud para encontrar tiempo para dialogar con el Padre. Meditando la Palabra en silencio, apagando la televisión y la música, evitando depender demasiado de los teléfonos, podemos situarnos diariamente ante el Señor durante unos minutos y dejarnos captar por Él. El segundo pilar, el ayuno: puede dar un poco de miedo. ¿Por qué debería ayunar? Un ayuno no se trata sólo de comida. El propósito del ayuno es hacernos tener sed y hambre de Dios y Su Palabra. No es sólo un gesto de penitencia, sino también un gesto de solidaridad con los pobres y una invitación a compartir y a dar limosna. Es una privación voluntaria de lo que nos sacia: ciertamente la comida, pero también de las trampas del deseo que son el tabaco, el alcohol, la televisión, las redes sociales; cualquier cosa que haga que nuestra vida dependa de la tiranía del hábito y la necesidad. Finalmente, el tercer pilar, la limosna: compartir está directamente relacionado con el ayuno. Nuestra privación es un tiempo de compartir, de dar limosna. Lo que hemos ahorrado, estamos invitados a dárselo a quienes ayunan todos los días porque no tienen nada de sobra, para que ellos también puedan comprar alimentos. Una vez más, nuestra Santa Madre Iglesia nos confirma que la Cuaresma es un tiempo de alegría. Y más precisamente, esperanza gozosa. La renovación de la oración, la insistencia en la limosna y el entrenamiento en el autocontrol a través del ayuno se recomienda especialmente para el tiempo de Cuaresma y nos invita a la alegría. ¡Que el Señor nos conceda a cada uno de nosotros una Cuaresma, fructífera y santa!

Unidos en la oración,

-P. Lynx

REGULACIONES PARA LA CUARESMA 2024

ABSTINENCIA: Todos los fieles que hayan cumplido los 14 años de edad están obligados a abstenerse de comer carne todos los viernes del Tiempo de Cuaresma.

AYUNO: Todos los fieles entre 18 y 59 años (inclusive) están obligados a ayunar el Viernes Santo (29 de marzo), limitándose a una única comida completa y evitando comer entre horas. Se puede tomar un sustento ligero en otras dos ocasiones durante el día.

VIA CRUCIS

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PIENSA VERDE

Escritura: “Y estuvo en el desierto cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, y fue tentado por Satanás.” (Marcos 2:13)

Reflexión: Una de las formas en las que habitualmente somos tentados es en el ámbito del consumismo. Los anunciantes y los equipos de marketing hacen un gran trabajo al convencernos de que necesitamos más de lo que realmente necesitamos. ¡La destrucción asociada de recursos no renovables y las toxinas industriales provenientes del transporte y la fabricación de “cosas” se acumulan!

Acción: ¡Tomémonos un tiempo así de lento para examinar lo que realmente necesitamos, de dónde viene y si es necesario realizar una nueva compra! Tomémonos tiempo para resistir la tentación del consumismo.

PRECEPTO PASCUAL: Después de haber sido iniciados en la Santísima Eucaristía, los fieles están obligados a recibir la Sagrada Comunión por lo menos una vez al año, cumpliéndose este precepto durante el Tiempo Pascual, a no ser que se cumpla en otro tiempo por causa justificada. En Estados Unidos, el período para cumplir este precepto se extiende desde el primer domingo de Cuaresma (18 de febrero) hasta el domingo de Pentecostés (19 de mayo). La obligación de observar, en su totalidad o sustancialmente los días penitenciales especificados por la Iglesia, es grave.



LENT GIFT CARD COLLECTIONS

As we enter the season of Lent, we once again strive to live the Gospel message of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and loving those who feel unloved. Gift Cards can be purchased at the following stores: ShopRite, Foodtown, Stop & Shop, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Kmart, TJ Maxx, and Marshalls.

To deliver the gift cards to those in need and to organizations we serve, *PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFT CARDS BY MARCH 18TH.*

Once again thank you for your amazing generosity.

The Social Concerns Team

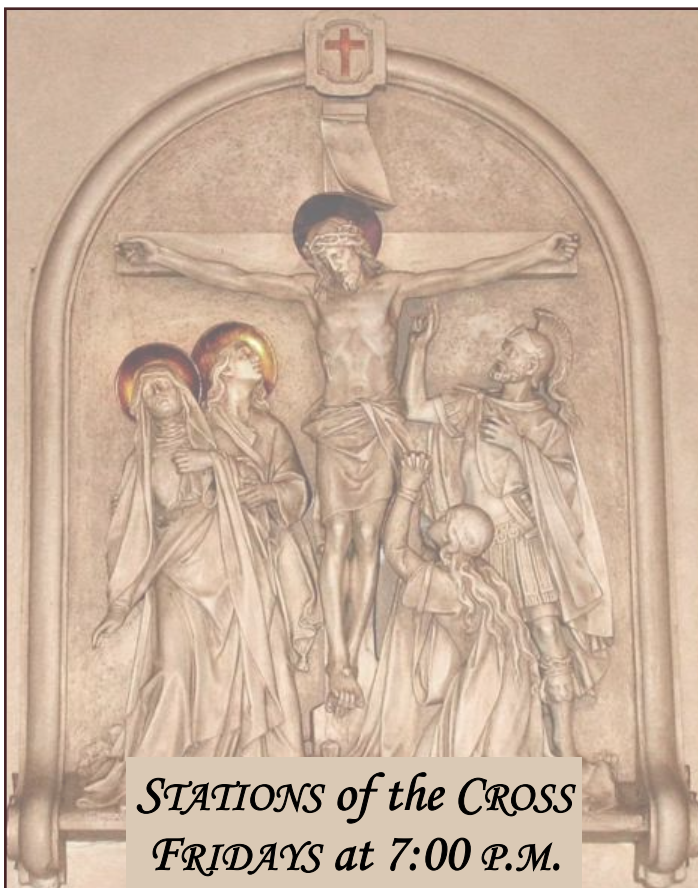


Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

- ◇ On a day of Fast, only one full meal is permitted, and two smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
- ◇ Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
- ◇ On days of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- ◇ The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- ◇ The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**



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2024 Annual Appeal

A reminder to support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2024! As Msgr. Emery mentioned at all Masses two weeks ago, the funds raised from this Appeal assist so many vital programs and ministries in the Archdiocese. As was also mentioned, our guaranteed goal this year is \$82,000 and if we do not reach our goal the parish must pay the difference, so by helping the Archdiocese you are also helping our parish!

Information, if needed, can be found on our parish website or by going to: www.rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your support!

Faith Quest



2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 at 7:30p.m.

**Faith Quest begins February 28th
at Notre Dame**

Faith Quest is an excellent, positive observance to support your faith formation in this season of Lent. This year's first talk is by Dennis Corcoran and is titled "Deal With It! Why Should I Forgive?" Online registration is available at www.ndparish.com this week, and you can find a link on our parish website as well. You can also find information by the doors of the church today. We hope to see you at Faith Quest!

PLEASE NOTE:

In honor of Presidents' Day, there will be only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 19th. The parish office is closed for the holiday. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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Our Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn Baby Program began last week.

There are millions of babies in our country who are in desperate need of your prayers. Please spiritually adopt one and share the love for life that God has given you.

During the month of October this year we will again hold a baby shower for all the babies and the gifts received will be given to Mercy House, Several Sources Shelters and St. John's.

Spiritual Adoption Prayer cards are available on the altar rail in both English / Spanish.

For additional information please contact
Mary Robertson 973-809-4615 or Maggie Brinn 315-730-2517

Pray for Unborn Human Life



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PLEASE RETURN TO PARISH OFFICE

Questions: Contact Mary Pat Pszcola @ 862-485-6087 or mpszcola16@gmail.com



THINK GREEN

First Sunday of Lent

Scripture: "And He was in the desert forty days and forty nights and was tempted by Satan. (Mark 2:13)

Reflection: One of the ways we are routinely tempted is in the area of consumerism. Advertisers and marketing teams do a great job of convincing us that we need more than we truly do. The associated destruction of nonrenewable resources and the industrial toxins from transportation and manufacturing of "stuff" adds up!

Action: Let's take time this Lent to examine what we really need, where it comes from and whether it needs to be a new purchase! Let's take time to resist the temptation of consumerism.

*Peace,
The Green Team*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our community has been blessed with five candidates this RCIA year. Please pray for their continued conversion.

Our Catechumen's, Ejona and Melanie, will be receiving their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2025.

Our Baptized Candidates, Christina, Sara and Steve, will be completing their Sacraments of Initiation on Pentecost Sunday in May, 2024.

As Baptized Catholics, we are called to share our faith and invite others to become fully initiated Catholics. The RCIA process is a spiritual journey and the formation process for welcoming adults to become part of our Catholic Church.

Who participates in RCIA?

- Unbaptized adults who would like to explore becoming Catholic or adults baptized in another Christian faith who desire to become Catholic.
- Baptized Catholics who want to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- Catholics interested in deepening their relationship with Jesus.

If you or someone you know has not received Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation or is a non-Catholic interested in our faith, we welcome you to participate in RCIA. For more information, please contact Kaye and Tony Riolo at 973-226-0209, ext. 30 or RCIA@stalscaldwell.org.

Yarn is Needed!

Our Baptism Blanket Ministry at St. Aloysius meets every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Center. Spanish and English speakers are united together as they teach each other their language of knitting and crocheting!

At this time, skeins of white yarn are needed to continue this vibrant ministry. Would you be so kind as to donate a large skein or two of cotton or synthetic white yarn (please, no wool)? We warmly welcome your donation.

A basket will be available under the table of the rear side door closest to the rectory to accept your yarn.

Thank you for your help!

ST. ALOYSIUS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

First floor of the Parish Center.

The book selections:

- **February 29th:** *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adam
- **March 21st:** *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger
- **April 25th:** *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline

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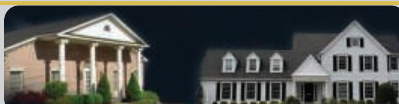
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