

# *St. Aloysius Parish*



*joy*

*December 14, 2025*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

## RECTORY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday:** 12:30 to 7:00 p.m.

*There is no Adoration during July and August.*

### 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. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

**Saturday:** 1:00 p.m. and by appointment. Please call the rectory.

### Sacrament of 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.

## OUR 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.



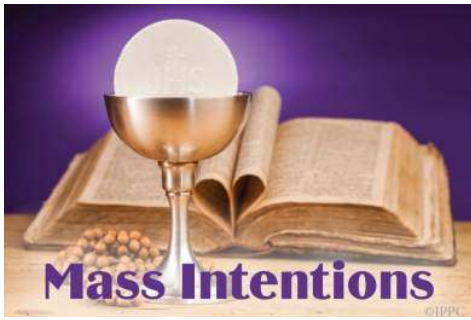
Church Website:  
StAlsCaldwell.org



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St. Al's had another very successful Thanksgiving Food Drive!  
Thank you to all who donated, volunteered,  
organized and even delivered food.



**SATURDAY, December 13**

**Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

**5:30 pm** Morley Family

**SUNDAY, December 14**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**7:30 am** Joseph & Antoinette Julian by Florence Riccardi

**9:00 am** Marie & John Kearney by Family

**10:30 am** Living & Deceased Members of Warfield Family  
by Domenic Melito  
People of the Parish

**12:00 pm** Susie Conahan by Sean & Amy Conahan

**5:00 pm** Souls in Purgatory by Carolina Santos

**MONDAY, December 15**

**8:00 am** John Muoio by Niece, Judy Inglesino

**12:00 pm** Helen Wilczewski by Michael Wilczewski

**TUESDAY, December 16**

**8:00 am** Joyce Marino by Bruno Marino, Jr.

**12:00 pm** Thomas Soroko by Cathy Gibbons

**WEDNESDAY, December 17**

**8:00 am** Russell Kamp by John Noto

**12:00 pm** Stanley Bestys by Carmine & Louise LoMonaco

**THURSDAY, December 18**

**8:00 am** Elaine Fantell by Dana Fantell

**12:00 pm** Michael Kotla by Patricia Williamson

**FRIDAY, December 19**

**8:00 am** Sophie Donahue by Mary & Domenic Melito

**12:00 pm** Aurelio J. Rizzolo by Vic & Eva Dawson

**SATURDAY, December 20**

**8:00 am** Riccardo Family by Vince & Ida

**5:30 pm** Paul & Ethel McDonald by Thomas & Debra  
McDonald

**SUNDAY, December 21**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**7:30 am** James & Mary McGuire by Mary Ann McGuire  
Campion

**9:00 am** Etta Marie Rizzuto by Susan Mello

**10:30 am** Mary Taccone by Lawrence Taccone

**12:00 pm** Theresa Jones by Phyllis Latella & Family  
People of the Parish

**5:00 pm** Michael Grace by Pablo & Mary DePaulis

Arrangements for ***Sanctuary Light, Shrine  
Candles, and Bread and Wine Offerings***

may be made via email: [info@stalscaldwell.org](mailto:info@stalscaldwell.org)  
or by calling the office at 973-226-0221.

The Sanctuary Light and the Bread and Wine Offerings  
are \$15. The Shrine Area Votive Offerings are \$10.

*THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT:*

**In Memory of Aurelio J. Rizzolo  
by Vic & Eva Dawson**

*THE SHRINE AREA VOTIVES THIS WEEK:*

*OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY. MOTHER CABRINI.*

*SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA. DIVINE MERCY.*

- 1. In Memory of Nicholas & Maria Vallo  
by Camille Marissa Russomanno**
- 2. In Memory of Dr. Carmine LoMonaco  
by Michael & Cathy Deehan & Family**



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR  
PARISHIONERS**

**11/30/2025      Week #23**

**First Collection      \$13,102**

**Avg. Budgeted      \$15,882**

**Our Second Collection Next Weekend is for  
*FACILITIES AND GROUNDS***



Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving. Make your donation online using a credit card or bank transfer. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Visit [www.stalscaldwell.org](http://www.stalscaldwell.org) and click on the Parish Giving tab for more information or scan the QR code.

Give Now! Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online giving. 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:** Mr. Albertli, Pat Bilotti, Anthony Caruso, Rodney Clifford, Kathy Davis (NYS), Connie DeAngelis, Dawn Diaz, John Donnelly, Carole Dwyer, Joanne Galinis, John & Marianne Heesters, David Keller, Jeanmarie King-Hicks, Harry Kramer, Sr., Mary Ann Lyngsch, Debbie Makowski, Patricia Parenti, Doreen Pinto, Chrissy Qadir, Kelly Reilly, Valerie Reynolds, Steven Sabler, Sr., Colton Salmon, Brady Sannito, Vincent Sciabarasi, Joyce Spittle, Ray Sullivan, Claudette Thomas, Joan Tomek, Carolyn Walker, Jimmy Wilgus, Paula Zaccardi

**" ...A time to love"**

**Married:** Tara Dente and Michael Gratton-Vazquez, Danielle Eftaxas and Joseph DeBiasse

**" ...A time to die"**

**Deceased:** Sean Cavanagh, Paul Griffin, John von Suppiny

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

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

Anthony Appleby, Nicholas Appleby, James Barrett, Timothy Brown, Ashleigh N. Bryant, Thomas A. Bryant, III, Daniel Dispenza, Sawyer Guard, Michael C. Howley, Michael Piela

**AMEN**

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

**Eucharistic Adoration**

*"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."*

*-Saint Pio of Pietrelcina*

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available weekly on Mondays from 12:30 to 7:00 pm. Come spend a few minutes...or perhaps make a Holy Hour.

**Join us ... Be with Him**

*Dear Parishioner*

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass, taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst, as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

-Loyola Press, Sunday Connection



# LA VOZ HISPANA

## MISA NAVIDEÑA



La Misa Solemne de la Natividad del Señor se celebrará el miércoles 24 de diciembre a las 8:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.

### ADVIENTO SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA

Por favor, únase a nosotros para nuestro Adviento Comunal Servicio de Penitencia el lunes, 22 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. Después de un breve servicio de oración, habrá la oportunidad de confesiones individuales. Esta es una manera maravillosa de preparar nuestros corazones para dar la bienvenida a Jesús en Navidad.

### REFLEXIONES

"Por lo tanto, cada árbol que no da buenos frutos será cortado y arrojado al fuego." Mateo 3:10

¿Da buenos frutos para Jesús? ¿Pasa tiempo en oración o lo despilfarra en actividades sin importancia? ¿Utiliza su talento para ayudar a otros o está demasiado ocupado? ¿Usa sus tesoros para apoyar a la Iglesia o compra demasiadas cosas que luego no usa? Nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros son regalos de Dios. Lo que hacemos con estos dones es nuestro regalo para Él. ¿Qué regalo planifica darle al Señor durante esta venidera temporada Navideña?

### Estimado Feligrés

El tercer domingo de Adviento se llama tradicionalmente Domingo Gaudete. Gaudete es la palabra latina que significa "regocijarse". Este domingo se llama así porque "Regocijarse" es la primera palabra de la antífona de entrada de la misa de hoy, tomada de Filipenses 4:4-5: "Regocijaos en el Señor siempre; os lo repito: ¡regocijaos! El Señor está cerca". Algunas personas marcan este domingo en su corona de Adviento con una vela rosa en lugar de una morada. Este domingo es un alegre recordatorio de que nuestra salvación está cerca.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan le envía un mensaje a Jesús desde la prisión, preguntándole si es el Mesías que ha estado esperando. Jesús responde señalando los milagros que ha obrado e invita a Juan y a los demás oyentes a tomar su propia decisión. Sin embargo, a continuación, Jesús elogia a Juan por su papel en preparar el camino para Jesús. Luego, Jesús dice que todos los que trabajan por el Reino de Dios serán tan grandes como Juan, e incluso más grandes.

El mensaje de Jesús a Juan sobre las señales del reino que se están realizando evoca la salvación descrita por el profeta Isaías. Este pasaje nos recuerda que el comienzo de la salvación ya está misteriosamente presente para nosotros, pero también está por cumplirse. La salvación ya está entre nosotros, como se manifiesta en los milagros de Jesús y en la Iglesia. Pero la salvación también se cumplirá en el reino venidero de Dios. Incluso al observar el mundo actual, podemos vislumbrar la obra de Dios entre nosotros. Es más, contribuimos a preparar el camino para el reino de Dios con nuestras palabras y acciones. Este mensaje es, sin duda, motivo de regocijo.

-Loyola Press, Conexión Dominical

Gaudete

Alegrense siempre en el Señor

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# Christmas Mass Schedule

## Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

3:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant in Church

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass in Church (Live Stream)

4:00 p.m. Mass in Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Mass in Church

8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in Church (Misa en Español)

10:00 p.m. Mass in Church

## Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mass in Church

10:00 a.m. Mass in Church

12:00 p.m. Mass in Church

*Merry Christmas!*

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us for our **Advent Communal Penance Service** on **Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Church. Following a brief prayer service, there will be the opportunity for individual confessions. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
*Feed by the Forgiveness of God*



**PLEASE  
NOTE!**



**MORNING Mass on  
Wednesday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
will be held at  
8:00 a.m.**

**There will not be a  
12:00 p.m. Mass.**

Please join Msgr. Emery to celebrate the  
**Rorate Caeli Mass**

Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 6:15 a.m.

Please arrive promptly as the church will be dark.



Please bring your own candle! Candles must be in enclosed containers to avoid wax spillage. Thank you!

*THE RORATE MASS*

The Rorate Mass is a Votive Mass in honor of the Virgin Mary for the season of Advent. It has a long tradition in the Catholic Church, especially in German-speaking regions. The Mass begins early in the morning, before dawn, and is celebrated by candlelight in an otherwise dark church. As Christmas draws near, we wait in vigil with Our Lady for the coming of the Light of the World in the midst of its darkness. By the time Mass ends, the light of day illuminates the sky, thus the promise of old has been fulfilled! No electrical lighting is used so *it's very important that all bring a candle* (in a glass or covered container to avoid wax spillage). Breakfast will be served in the gym after Mass. We hope to see you there!



# ADVENT GIVING TREE

Social Concerns is collecting **gift cards** for those less fortunate. Christmas boxes are on the Altar rails or bring to the Rectory.

**Gift Card Suggestions:**  
Shop Rite, Foodtown, Stop & Shop, Target, Walgreens, Walmart, Amazon, Macy's, T.J. Maxx & Marshalls.

**CARDS  
MUST BE  
RECEIVED  
BY 12/14**

**Questions?**  
Dee Taylor  
973-226-0209, x32 or  
deetaylor5@verizon.net



**Thank you for your generosity!!**

**St. Al's Church 219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell**

## Bulletin Quote

He who loves Our Lord Jesus Christ must desire to be with Him...the more we conform ourselves to His example the more perfect will be our lives.

- Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671),  
Priest, Feast Day  
December 18



## CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING!

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
2 to 4 pm in St. Al's Gym**

**NO  
CHARGE!**

*Don't get your tinsel in a twist!*

St. Al's Confirmation Candidates will wrap your gifts!  
Tons of wrapping paper & ribbon to choose from!  
Enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas music while you wait!

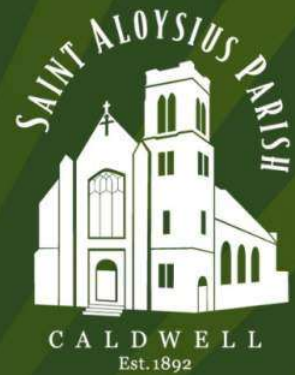
**SNACKS!**



**CASH PRIZE!**

JOIN ST. AL'S EXCITING

# Calendar RAFFLE!



**\$120 per ticket!**

**Ticket drawn  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
each month.**

**MONTHLY**

**PRIZE:  
\$1,500**

**12 chances  
to win!**

**Winner's ticket is  
returned to the barrel  
for next month!**

**Return form and payment to the rectory office. Tickets will be emailed to participants.**

## **Saint Aloysius Parish 2026 Calendar Raffle Order Form**

*(Must be 18 years of age or older to play.)*

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) in the St. Al's Calendar Raffle.  
*(Tickets are \$120 each. Please make checks payable to St. Aloysius Church.)*

*Please print clearly!*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Email address must be provided! Tickets will be emailed.**

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## THINK GREEN

Caring for Our Common Home involves caring for all those who live in it – especially those who are in need. We are called to respond to the cry of the poor. As we prepare for Jesus' coming, may we find it in our hearts to extend our time, talent, and treasure to the needy and less fortunate – just as He taught us.

- Volunteer – Offer your time and skills at a soup kitchen or a shelter.
- Donate Goods - Contribute to your local food pantry (such as the Caldwell Pantry on 14 Park Avenue, Caldwell) or donate clothing, blankets, or hygiene kits to shelters.
- Support Charities and Local Organizations – Contribute to a charity or a local non-profit organization that aligns with your values.
- Offer Direct Support – Check in on elderly neighbors, those living alone, and those who have health issues – and offer support. Even just having a friendly conversation with someone who feels isolated can lift spirits.

*Peace, The Green Team*

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



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

### Who participates in OCIA?

- 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 OCIA. For more information, please contact Kaye and Tony Riolo at 973-226-0209, ext. 30 or [OCIA@stalscaldwell.org](mailto:OCIA@stalscaldwell.org).

## This Week on Formed

Week of December 14, 2025



### Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



### 30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



### Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

## REFLECTIONS

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



Each person is made in the image of God, is loved immeasurably by Him, and has inherent worth. Every person is precious, people are more important than possessions. Because every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured. We each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters.

**Modern-day slavery—where men, women, and children are bought and sold like merchandise—inherently rejects this principle, showing absolute contempt for human beings. We each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters.**

USCCB



Dear Lord, May all persons steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life in all stages and circumstances..

**Respect Life Crisis Contact Information 24/7  
All calls and emails are confidential.**

Are you facing an unexpected pregnancy? Are you in need of healing for the pain from abortion? Are you searching for support regarding end of life issues? You are not alone.

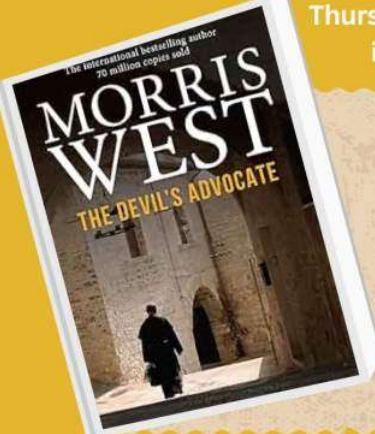
Contact Cheryl A. Riley, Director of Respect Life, Cheryl.riley@rcan.org or 973-497-4350

## Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the day we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice." This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of "break" when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

Thursday, January 29 at 7 pm  
in the Parish Center



**St. Al's Book Club**  
★★★★★


All are invited for good company and conversation.

**"The Devils Advocate" by Morris West**  
The Devil's Advocate, Morris West's best-selling novel, is a deft exploration of the meaning of faith. With spiritual frailty as a backdrop, it reminds us how the power of goodness ultimately prevails over despair.

Next Book: February 26, 2026  
"Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders

**PLEASE NOTE**

Next Sunday, due to Family Catechesis at 10:00 a.m., the parking lot will fill up quickly for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please plan accordingly.



## MEATLOAF SATURDAYS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**



Please drop meatloaves **AT THE PARISH CENTER** by 10:00 a.m.  
**THE COOLER WILL BE BY THE SIDE DOOR IN THE DRIVEWAY.**

If anyone would like information on this ministry, please call Howard Hardwick at 973-226-8144.



# Jubilee Mass for Catechists

The Jubilee Mass for Catechists was held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on November 23. Sister Eleanor Uhl, O.P., Sister Alice Uhl, O.P., and Nora Brown represented the catechists from St. Aloysius. The Peralta family, Wilson, Mariuxi, Sebastian, Abigail, Analia, and Angelina carried the “Family Catechesis” banner in the entrance procession. Our parish received a certificate with a medal blessed by His Holiness, Pope Leo, on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at the Jubilee of Catechists in Rome.



## *Candlelight Carol Sing*



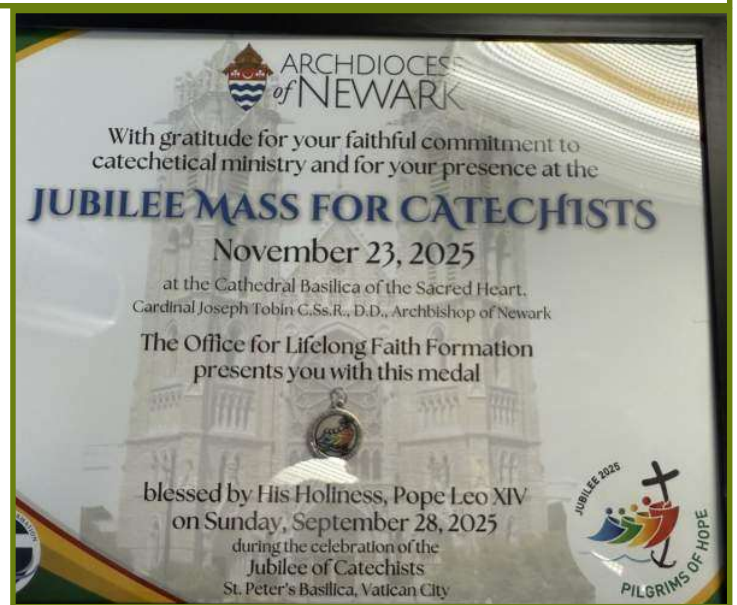
Wednesday, December 17th • 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 18th • 8:00 pm

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA**

89 Ridge Street, Newark

Christmas music in several languages will be sung by the Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. More info: 973-484-2400 or [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)



## *Third Sunday of Advent*



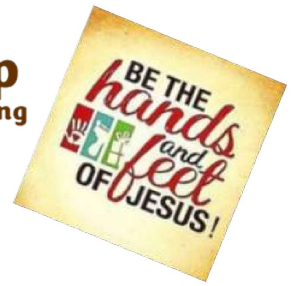
## Religious Education: Faith in Action Service

For our Faith in Action activities in Religious Education this year, we are reflecting on and living out the Corporal Works of Mercy as shared in Matthew's Gospel: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35–36

During the month of November, we focused on, "I was naked and you gave me clothing". We ran a clothing drive that will benefit Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children and Mercy House. Our students shared God's love in a special way by made scarves for the children served by these locations. It's a beautiful reminder that even the smallest acts of kindness can brighten someone's day and share the joy of Christ!

## Discipleship

People generously sharing  
and giving back.



# Operation Christmas Child Packing Party!

Our parish family came together on November 8th for a joyful Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. All of the items you see were generously donated by parishioners throughout the year — and thanks to our amazing volunteers, we were able to assemble over 60 shoeboxes filled with gifts, love, and prayers.

These boxes will be shipped around the world, sharing both the joy of Christmas and the Gospel message through the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to everyone who donated, packed, and prayed — your generosity helps bring hope and smiles to children everywhere!

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People generously sharing  
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