

St. Aloysius Parish

March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent



**This is my BELOVED SON, with whom I am
well pleased; listen to Him.**

-Matthew 17:5

RECTORY

Administrative Offices
219 Bloomfield Avenue
Caldwell, NJ 07006
Phone 973.226.0221
Fax 973.226.2204
Info@StAlsCaldwell.org



PARISH CENTER

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Caldwell, NJ 07006
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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Emery, J.C.L.
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In Residence:

Rev. Thomas F. Blind • Rev. Jack Cryan

Deacon: Raj Srinivasa

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Pastoral Plan Coordinator: Maureen Ruane

OCIA: Kaye and Tony Riolo,
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Trustees: Michael Crudele, Mary Edwards

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

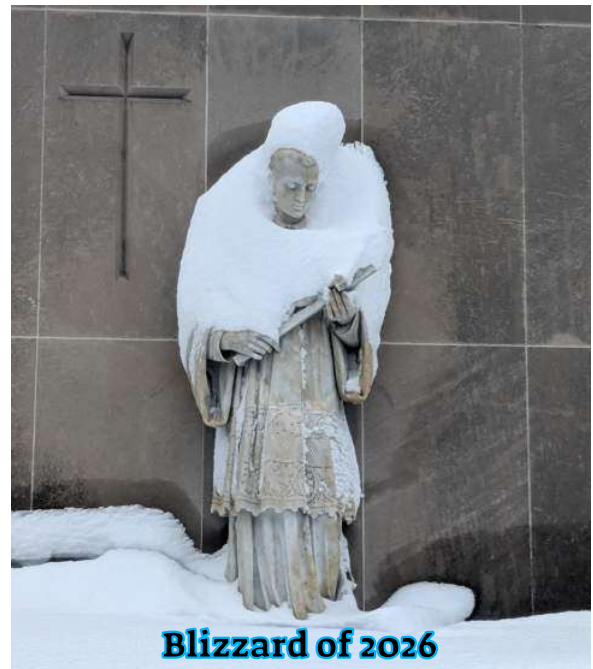
St. Aloysius Parish is a Roman Catholic community dedicated to celebrating the life and word of Jesus Christ. All are welcome to deepen their spiritual and personal lives through active participation in weekly Liturgy, the celebration of the Sacraments, Parish ministries and community activities. Acknowledging 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



Facebook &
Instagram:
@StAlsCaldwell



Blizzard of 2026



SATURDAY, February 28

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm Peter Francis Comune by Wife, Rose Comune

SUNDAY, March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Nerza Felix Ordoná by Dave & Judy Kerrigan
People of the Parish

9:00 am Deceased Member of Rizzuto Family by Susan Mello

10:30 am Marie Cortese by Cortese Family

12:00 pm Claire Saccone by Saccone Family

5:00 pm Nyurka Valle by Msgr. Emery

MONDAY, March 2

8:00 am Marie Cortese by Cortese Family

12:00 pm Rose Ann Graziosa by Kevin Dean

TUESDAY, March 3

8:00 am Rocco & Lucia Chiauzzi by Elizabeth Bongo

12:00 pm Veronica L. Juliana by Ida Rose & Steven Brizek

WEDNESDAY, March 4

8:00 am Rajam Srinivasan by Son, Deacon Raj

12:00 pm Peter Francis Comune by Wife, Rose Comune

THURSDAY, March 5

8:00 am Angela & Nick Tedesco by Maria & Thomas McGovern

12:00 pm Lena & Evo Marchetti by Kathleen Marchetti

FRIDAY, March 6

8:00 am Edward Ayuso, Sr. by Josephine & Edward Ayuso

12:00 pm Stella T. Dougherty by Loretta Boronat

SATURDAY, March 7

8:00 am Bill Donnelly by Eilen Donnelly

5:30 pm Matthew Carracino by Tom Carracino

SUNDAY, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Michael Papa, Jr. by Michael Papa, Sr.

9:00 am Jacqueline Mae Intili by Larry Petrallia
People of the Parish

10:30 am Diane & Joseph Cusic by Eloise Grizzetti

12:00 pm Baby Chloe Sophia Delaney by Delaney Fam.

5:00 pm Nyurka Valle by Tony & Kaye Riolo

THIS WEEK THE BREAD AND WINE IS OFFERED:

**In Memory of Patrick McCarthy
by Castellano Family**

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS:

**In Memory of Cathy "Mimi" Cretelli
by Family**

THE SHRINE AREA VOTIVES THIS WEEK:

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

- 1. In Memory of Florentino C. Rivera
by Mom, Eugene & Anthony**
- 2. In Memory of Meghan Dunn
by Joan & LuAnn**

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

- 1. Special Intentions for Patty Landon
by Jeanne Poetz**
- 2. In Memory of Rose & Vincent Graziosa
by Family**



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR
PARISHIONERS**

2/22/2026 Week #35

First Collection \$14,421

Avg. Budgeted \$15,882

**Our Second Collection Next Weekend is for
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**



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 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!



Caldwell NJ 07006, 691 St. Aloysius

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use EthicsPoint, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues and promote positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.



**"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)**

" ...A time to be healed"

Sick list: Sally Accocella, Paul Acone, Mr. Albertli, Evelyn Allison, Pat Bilotti, Anthony Caruso, Dolly Cerami, Rodney Clifford, Peter J. Collette, Connie DeAngelis, Mrs. DeFeo, Dawn Diaz, John Donnelly, Carole Dwyer, Jeanne Farr, John Farr, Joanne Galinis, John & Marianne Heesters, Georgeann Huber, David Keller, Jeanmarie King-Hicks, Harry Kramer, Sr., Mary Ann Lyngsch, Ralph Magrans, Debbie Makowski, Patricia Parenti, Doreen Pinto, Maria Puglio, Chrissy Qadir, Kelly Reilly, Valerie Reynolds, Richard Rodin, Steven Sabler, Sr., Colton Salmon, Brady Sannito, Allyson Schmertz, Vincent Sciarabasi, Joyce Spittle, Ray Sullivan, Claudette Thomas, Joan Tomek, Carolyn Walker, Jimmy Wilgus, Paula Zaccardi

" ...A time to love"

Married: Alexis Evangelista and Maritza Morales

**"...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.



Dear Parishioner

The sights and sounds of the Lenten season are all around us. The color purple adorns our church, inside and out. Dry branches now appear where colorful flowers once stood. Alleluia has been buried for forty days. In his Lenten message for 2026, the Holy Father is calling all Catholics to a renewed path of listening, fasting, and communal conversion. The penitential season of Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation. It is a season to step away from distractions and focus on our relationship with Jesus.

Little did I know that a routine trip to CVS would also bring me face-to-face with an image of the Lenten season. As soon as I entered the store and pulled the shopping cart from the rack, an unexpected sight emerged. A little booklet with the title, "A Guide to Confession," was staring at me from the bottom of the empty cart.



This was not a coincidence but a God incident. It reminded me and those who will read this humble message that God is calling us to "come back to me with all your heart" as we sing in the Lenten hymn Hosea. We thank the Good Lord for his mercy and forgiveness, today and every day.

Let us keep our eyes and ears open. God's incidences appear when we least expect them.

Prayerfully,

Cathy Gibbons

LA VOZ HISPANA

REFLEXIONES

“Deja tu tierra, tus parientes y la casa de tu padre, y vete a la tierra que te mostraré” GÉNESIS 12: 1

Dios nos llama a todos a dejar atrás nuestras viejas costumbres y a seguirlo, colocando en Él toda nuestra confianza. Alguna de las viejas maneras que nos esforzamos por dejar atrás pueden ser el materialismo, el egoísmo y la codicia. Sin embargo, Dios nos promete mostrarnos una nueva tierra y una mejor forma de vivir. Recuerde lo que dijo Santa Teresa de Calcuta, “Dios no nos llama a ser exitosos, Dios nos llama a ser fieles”.

VIA CRUCIS

Todos los miércoles
a las 7:00 de la noche
en la iglesia, a partir
del 25 de febrero.



REGULACIONES PARA LA CUARESMA 2026

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 (3 de abril), limitándose a una única comida completa y evitando comer entre horas. Se puede tomar un sustento ligero en otras dos ocasiones durante el día.

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 (22 de febrero) hasta el domingo de Pentecostés (24 de mayo). La obligación de observar, en su totalidad o sustancialmente los días penitenciales especificados por la Iglesia, es grave.

Boletín Cita

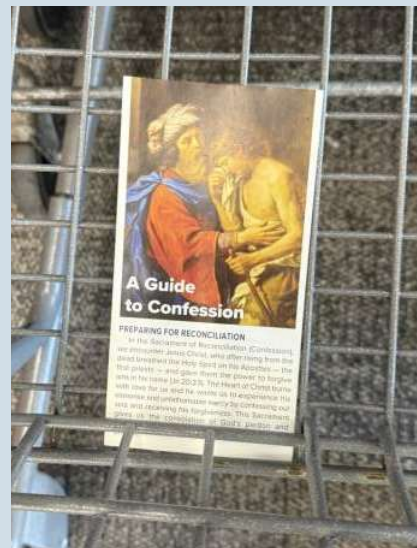
Es una lección que todos necesitamos: dejar de lado las cosas que no nos conciernen. Él tiene otras maneras para que otros lo sigan; no todos siguen el mismo camino. Nos corresponde a cada uno aprender el camino que Él nos pide que sigamos, y seguirlo en ese camino.

Santa Catalina Drexel (1858-1955), Patrona de la justicia racial, Festividad: 3 de marzo

Estimado Feligrés

Las imágenes y los sonidos de la Cuaresma nos rodean. El color púrpura adorna nuestra iglesia, por dentro y por fuera. Ahora aparecen ramas secas donde antes había flores coloridas. Aleluya lleva cuarenta días sepultada. En su mensaje de Cuaresma para 2026, el Santo Padre llama a todos los católicos a un renovado camino de escucha, ayuno y conversión comunitaria. El tiempo penitencial de la Cuaresma es un tiempo de reflexión, arrepentimiento y preparación. Es un tiempo para alejarnos de las distracciones y centrarnos en nuestra relación con Jesús.

No me imaginaba que una visita rutinaria a CVS también me llevaría a ver la imagen de la Cuaresma. En cuanto entré en la tienda y saqué el carrito de la estantería, vi algo inesperado. Un pequeño folleto titulado "Guía para la Confesión" me miraba desde el fondo del carrito vacío.



Esto no fue una coincidencia, sino un incidente de Dios. Me recordó, a mí y a quienes lean este humilde mensaje, que Dios nos llama a "volver a mí con todo el corazón", como cantamos en el himno cuaresmal Oseas. Agradecemos al Señor su misericordia y perdón, hoy y todos los días.

Mantengamos los ojos y los oídos abiertos. Los sucesos de Dios aparecen cuando menos los esperamos.

Con oración,

Cathy Gibbons

FAITH QUEST 2026

An Adult Spirituality Series



Hosted by St. Aloysius

219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Co-sponsored by the parishes of:

Notre Dame

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Thomas More

Wednesday Evenings, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, 2026

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Attend in-person or virtually



March 4: Holy Friendship: Cultivating the Virtue, Growing in Communion.

The presentation will offer concrete and practical steps for growing in the virtue of holy friendship in daily life.

Father Andrew Rubinich was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark on May 25, 2024. His home parish is St. Thomas More, Fairfield. He was the parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Parish in Caldwell and now serves at St. Michael Parish, Cranford.



March 11: Teach Me to Pray Without Worrying.

In this presentation, we will gain insights that will help us to STOP WORRYING! We will learn prayer techniques that can bring us peace and resolutions for our petitions. We will learn that it is possible to let go and let God.

Dr. Ginger Grancagnolo is a lecturer, author, private counselor with 30 years' experience in the fields of education, psychology, and theology, earning many degrees including a Doctorate in Christian Ministry. She has created many healing CD workshops.



March 18: Lent as a Journey of Conversion. What does it really mean?

Lent invites us to confront the reality of our human condition, marked by original sin and its ripple effects in our daily struggles, while guiding us toward the joy of Easter.

Father Manuel Duenas is an adjunct professor of Pastoral Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and Vice-Rector of Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary Redemptoris Mater of Newark, NJ.



March 25: Tradition: Holy Week & Easter

The church invites us to unite ourselves to Christ's sacrifice through prayer, penance, and reverent worship.

Father Lynx Soliman was ordained to the priesthood in 2021 for the Archdiocese of Newark and is a priest of the Emmanuel Community. He is Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ridgefield Park.

- Available both in-person and livestream
- Wednesday Evenings: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

- Location: St. Aloysius
- All sessions qualify for catechist certification.

To register and pay with a Credit Card. Visit stalscaldwell.org or scan the QR code.

You may pay by cash only at the door, by completing the tear off section below.

No credit cards accepted at the door. \$5.00 per session.



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Session(s) Attending: March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

This Week at
FAITH QUEST 2026
An Adult Spirituality Series



Hosted by St. Aloysius

219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Fr. Andrew M. Rubinich**



Go to our website to register or scan the QR code below.



Holy Friendship: Cultivating the Virtue, Growing in Communion.

Father Rubinich will explore friendship as a virtue, drawing from Sacred Scripture, the witness of the saints, and the rich tradition of the Church. Participants will be invited to reflect on their call not merely to connection, but to true communion—with God and with one another—as members of the Body of Christ. The presentation will also offer concrete and practical steps for growing in the virtue of holy friendship in daily life.

Father Rubinich: Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark May 25, 2024, received a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry and Master of Arts in Moral Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall Univ. He served as transitional deacon at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Greenville, Jersey City, was a Parochial Vicar at St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell and now serves at St. Michael Parish, Cranford.

**A Prayer for
the Second Sunday
of Lent**

*Loving God,
there is so much darkness
in my life
and I hide from you.
Take my hand and
lead me out of the
shadows of my fear.
Help me to change my heart.
Bring me to your truth
and help me to respond
to your generous love.
Let me recognize
the fullness of your love
which will fill my life.
Free me from the
darkness in my heart.*

**LENTEN GIFT CARD
COLLECTION**

**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.**

**Once again, thank you for your amazing generosity!
The Social Concerns Team**

**CARDS
MUST BE
RECEIVED
BY 3/27**

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

St. Al's Church 219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell

DAN PALMIERI

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH

Lenten Mission

FEATURING THE INFORMATIVE, POPULAR PRESENTATION **THE RESURRECTION & THE SHROUD** BY NATIONAL SPEAKER DAN PALMIERI OF **JMJ MISSIONS**

WHY THE RESURRECTION REALLY HAPPEND

SHROUD OF TURIN

Monday, March 2nd, 7 - 8PM
Opportunity for Q&A following the presentation
219 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell NJ



ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM 2027

To ensure Mass Intentions are available for everyone, only **FIVE Masses may be requested per household and only TWO may be on a Saturday evening or Sunday.**

**BY LIMITING THE NUMBER OF MASSES RESERVED,
WE CAN BE MORE SENSITIVE TO THOSE SUFFERING A RECENT LOSS.**

Please mail or drop off this form to the Rectory Office, along with your check made payable to "St. Aloysius." The offering for each Mass is \$10. **Please Note:** Requests will be honored in the order they are received. If the date you request is unavailable, we will contact you for an alternate date. All Masses will be confirmed via phone or email. ***If you are also requesting Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Light and/or Shrine Candle Offerings, please write a separate check for them.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm
 in Spanish

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am and 12:00 pm
 Saturday: 8:00 am

Summer Sunday Mass Times:

From May 30th to September 5th

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm in Spanish

Summer Weekday Mass Times:

From July 6th to September 6th

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am
 Saturday: 8:00 am

Name of Deceased or Intention	Date Requested	Mass Time
1. Requested By:		
2. Requested By:		
3. Requested By:		
4. Requested By:		
5. Requested By:		

***Please note, on holidays, there is only one daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. No intentions will be taken for Mother's and Father's Days for both the Saturday Vigils and Sunday Masses, and All Souls' Day . On Thanksgiving and the day after there is only one daily Mass at 9:00 a.m.**



**ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH
BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LIGHT,
AND SHRINE CANDLE INTENTIONS
REQUEST FORM 2026 - 2027**

In addition to Mass Intentions, St. Al's also offers weekly Intentions for the Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Light and Shrine Candles.

Please mail or drop off this form to the Rectory Office, along with your check made payable to "St. Aloysius." All Intentions will be confirmed via phone or email. ***If you are also requesting Mass Intentions, please write a separate check for them.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

BREAD AND WINE

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, MOTHER CABRINI, ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA,
AND DIVINE MERCY SHRINE CANDLES**

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased

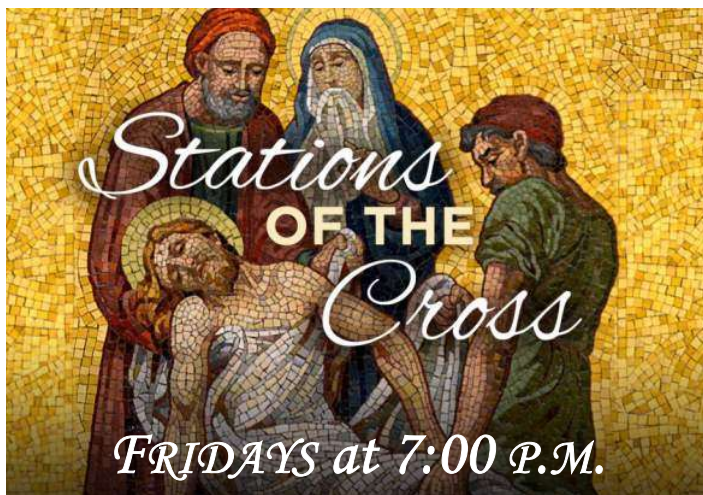
ST. JUDE, ST. ALOYSIUS AND ST. PATRICK SHRINE CANDLES

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased

Week Beginning Sunday: _____ Intention: _____

Requested by: _____ Living Deceased



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 22, 2026, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

TEENS NEEDED!
~~HELP WANTED~~

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:30PM ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12 ARE INVITED TO BRING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS TO LIFE
SPEAKING AND NON-SPEAKING ROLES ARE AVAILABLE. COSTUMES ARE PROVIDED.

REHEARSALS IN THE CHURCH

SUNDAYS: 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 AT 6:30
TUESDAY: 4/31 AT 6:30

ARRIVAL AT 5:00
BEFORE PRESENTATION
ON GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3.

WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WE CANNOT CONTINUE THIS ST. AL'S TRADITION
SIGN-UP TODAY USING THIS QR CODE

Rosary Sunday
Today is Rosary Sunday.
The Rosary will be prayed in the church at
11:30 a.m. before the noon Mass.
All are welcome to participate.

Saint Aloysius
Rosary Society

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.

St. Aloysius Church
P Saint **J**
PATRICK'S & JOSEPH'S



SATURDAY
MARCH
2026

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ST.
ALOYSIUS
GYM

6:30PM-9:30PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Featuring

IRISH-ITALIAN DINNER | SPECIAL KID'S MEAL | SOFT DRINKS | COFFEE | DESSERT
FACE PAINTING-BALLOONS | MAGIC SHOW | DJ | 50/50 & LOTS OF FUN

BYOB: BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEER AND/OR WINE

\$30/ADULT | \$75/FAMILY

FAMILY INCLUDES 2 ADULTS AND CHILDREN UNDER 17

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY 3/9/2026

RESERVE ONLINE WWW.STALSCALDWELL.ORG (PAY VIA CREDIT CARD)



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

A campaign of prayer and fasting



February 18 to March 29, 2026

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

396 Bloomfield Ave. Montclair, NJ 07042

in the public thoroughfare across the street from a high-volume abortion facility (Pilgrim Medical Center)

To sign-up on-line: 40DaysforLife.com/Montclair
or contact Lisa Hart at:

LisaHartPT@yahoo.com or by cell: 973-769-4422



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

PRAYER SERVICE SACRED HEART OF JESUS FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH



Please join us for a layperson-led prayer
service in devotion to the Sacred Heart of
Jesus on the first Friday of every month
after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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.



The Lumen Center presents:

“Writing Icons”

Led by Susan Butler

Thursday, March 12, 2026
(in person)

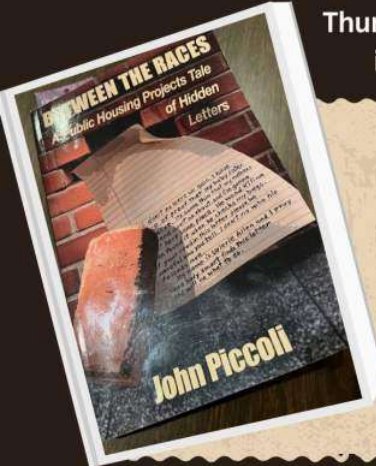
Lunch: 12:00 PM; Presentation: 1:00-2:30 PM
Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse

Religious icon writing is a profound and ancient art
form. It is not referred to as “painting” because the
creation process is considered a spiritual practice, a
theological act of revealing or “writing” a sacred
image. Icons are considered “windows into heaven” -
a physical presence inviting us into contemplation of
the Divine. Join us to learn the writing process and
symbolism behind these sacred works of art.

To learn more or register, visit
caldwellop.org/lumen-center
Fee: \$35- \$45
(Please pay within your means).

Registration appreciated by March 5th.

Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm
in the Parish Center



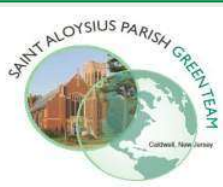
St. Al's
**Book
Club**
★★★★★

All are invited for good
company and conversation.

“Between the Races” by John Piccoli

A young boy finding his identity after moving to the inner city projects. Meanwhile, a mystery involving an alleged missing child hits close to home. John Piccoli is a local author from West Caldwell and a friend of one of our members. He will graciously give us 12 books and attend the meeting.

Next Book: April 30, 2026
“The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawson



THINK GREEN

Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture: "And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." (Matthew 17:1-9)

Reflection: When we hear the word "transfiguration" we envision this glorious transformation of Jesus. But what does the word actually mean? Transfiguration is "a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state." It seems then, that we are transfigured as we strive toward a more meaningful relationship with Jesus. It is also our obligation to transfigure the world in which we live into the beautiful and spiritual home that God envisions for us. In order to accomplish this, we must diligently strive to bring our planet back to its former glory and speak for the voiceless and marginalized who suffer the most from the hazardous effects of climate change.

Actions:

- Encourage legislators to support laws that ensure equitable access to healthcare and essential services.
- Prepare a meatloaf each month for Saint John's Soup Kitchen and volunteer at Saint John's Soup Kitchen on the third Saturday of each month.
- Support efforts to ensure fair wages and job opportunities for the unemployed members of your community.

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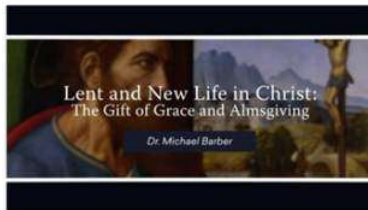
Bulletin Quote

It is a lesson we all need - to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path.

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955),
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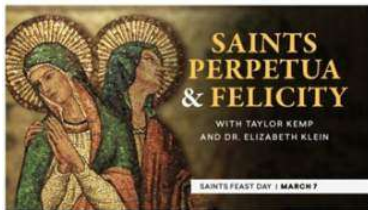
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Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



Sts. Perpetua

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.



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REFLECTIONS

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." -Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."



Rising to the Challenge



Knights ramp up pro-life support as pregnancy resource centers face unprecedented demand

WITH THE COSTS of health care, housing and basic necessities on the rise, pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes play an increasingly vital role in supporting mothers during and after pregnancy. According to a recent study by the Charlotte Lozier Institute, pregnancy resource centers in the United States served over one million clients in 2024, a nearly 15% increase over 2017. The same study reported a 59% increase in ultrasounds provided by pregnancy resource centers during the same time period, as women seek more information about their pregnancies. Fortunately, Knights of Columbus councils have responded to the growing need through financial and material support and by strengthening their commitment to life.

Since January 2009, the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative has helped equip qualifying pregnancy resource centers and pro-life medical clinics with life-saving ultrasound machines. And shortly before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, the Order launched the ASAP (Aid and Support After

Pregnancy) program.

Through ASAP, every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home — up to \$2,000 — is matched with a \$100 grant from the Supreme Council. Assistance can be both financial and material, including diapers, baby formula and other essentials.

Since 2022, more than 3,200 councils and assemblies have supported ASAP, providing over \$19 million (including Supreme Council grants) to more than 2,000 pregnancy resource centers and 126 maternity homes.

Meanwhile, the Ultrasound Initiative enables councils and assemblies to raise money to cover half the cost of an ultrasound machine, which is then matched by the Culture of Life Fund. When local Knights raise 100% of the cost of a mobile ultrasound vehicle, the Supreme Council will cover 100% of the cost of the machine inside. Over the past 17 years, Knights have placed 2,054 ultrasound machines, valued at more than \$97 million.

Learn more at kofc.org/asap and kofc.org/ultrasound. ✚

Top: A sonographer at the St. John Paul II Life Center and Vitae Clinic in Austin, Texas, shows a couple their unborn child. The clinic uses multiple ultrasound machines donated through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.



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