

Saint Damien Parish

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Mass Schedule for Winter 2019



St. Frances Cabrini
2nd St. & Atlantic Ave.

Sunday: 10:00am

Spanish Mass Sunday: 4:00pm

Saturday: 4:30pm

Communion Service Daily:
7:00am (Mon-Fri)

Confession Saturday: 11:00am

Adoration Wednesday: 7-8:30pm



St. Augustine
13th St. & Wesley Ave.

Sunday: 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm

Daily: 8:30am (Mon-Sat)

Confession Saturday: 4:00pm

Adoration Mon-Fri: 9am-Noon



Our Lady of Good Counsel
40th St. & Asbury Ave.

Sunday: 8:00am

Saturday: 4:00pm

Daily: 4:00pm (Mon-Fri)

Confession Saturday: 3:00pm



PARISH OFFICE

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Mass Intentions

St. Francis Cabrini Church

Saturday, October 19th

4:30pm **Genevieve Milbert**
requested by the Gross Family
Kevin Gallagher
requested by Lorraine & Michael Tomolan

Sunday, October 20th

10:00am **Ruth C. Hecht** requested by
the St. Damien Parish Family
Geno Massi
requested by the Mateer Family

Monday, October 21st – Friday, October 25th

7:00am **Communion Service**

St. Augustine Church

Saturday, October 19th

8:30am **Kay Sundermeir**
requested by Barbara & Bob Fasy
5:00pm **People of the Parish**

Sunday, October 20th

9:00am **Theresa Dougherty**
requested by the Minehan Family
James Russo
requested by his Sister

Monday, October 21st

8:30am **Bill McMahan**
requested by Sally Huff

Tuesday, October 22nd

8:30am **Bill McMahan**
requested by Conall & Anne Gallagher

Wednesday, October 23rd

8:30am **Carole Schiavo**
requested by Ralph Schiavo
Mary Gebhard
requested by her Husband

Thursday, October 24th

8:30am **Joe Martino**
requested by Conall & Anne Gallagher

Friday, October 25th

8:30am **Wynn Etter**
requested by a Friend

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Saturday, October 19th

4:00pm **Betty Brady**
requested by Kathleen & Tom Tenaglia

Sunday, October 20th

8:00am **Norman & Katherine Imperatore**
requested by Elaine

Monday, October 21st

4:00pm **A Special Member of the Davis Family**
requested by the Davis Family

Tuesday, October 22nd

4:00pm **Joe & Ann Bannan**
requested by Mary Lou McDowell

Wednesday, October 23rd

4:00pm **Christine R. Mayer**
requested by Alex and Susan Hodlofski

Thursday, October 24th

4:00pm **Special Intention: Wedding Anniversary
of Betty Davis and the late Jack Davis, Jr.**
requested by the Davis Family
**Special Intention: John & Rosemarie Fallon
60th Wedding Anniversary**

Friday, October 25th

4:00pm **Kenneth Castelein** requested by
Barbara & Bob Lautenschlager

Intentions for Next Weekend

Saturday, October 26th

8:30am Kay Sundermeir
4:00pm Susan Parker and Jane McDonald
4:30pm Pearl Petrycki and Kevin Gallagher
5:00pm Jean Long and Bill McMahan

Sunday, October 27th

8:00am Claire Jasiukiewicz
and Charles & Claire Mahoney
9:00am The Deceased Members
of the Knights of Columbus, Council 2560
10:00am Sarah L. Cross and Dr. Sean McIntyre



Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the Main Altar at St. Frances
Cabrini this weekend are in loving memory of

Genevieve Milbert,
donated by the Gross Family.

This Week in the Mass

Sunday Mass Theme

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to pray persistently in the face of adversity. Human justice will be imperfect, but God's justice is perfect, even if we do not always understand it. Patience in prayer is a testament to faith in a just and caring God.

Vigesimo Noveno Domingo

Dios Hará Justicia a Quien El Clamen

Dios hará justicia a quienes - clamen a el dia y noche. Nuestra oración van a depender de la calidad y fuerza de nuestra fé.

To read the full theme and reflection, visit
StDamienParish.com/MassTheme

Readings

Sunday, October 20th, 2019

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Monday (21st)
 Rm 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday (22nd)
 Rm 5:12, 15b, 17-19,
 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday (23rd)
 Rm 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday (24th)
 Rm 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday (25th)
 Rm 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday (26th)
 Rm 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

October 21st - October 24th

- Mon-Sat:** Pray the Rosary - St. Augustine Church 7:50am
- Mon-Fri:** Eucharistic Adoration - St. Augustine 9am-Noon
- Mon-Fri:** Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction - St. Augustine Church 11:45am
- Mon:** Miraculous Medal Novena - St. Augustine Church after 8:30am Mass
- Tues:** Legion of Mary - St. Augustine Church after 8:30am Mass
- Wed:** Holy Love Prayer Group - St. Augustine at 9am
 Eucharistic Adoration - St. Frances Cabrini 7-8:30pm
- Thurs:** Scripture Study Group - Parish Center at 10am
- Fri:** Hispanic Prayer Group - St. Frances Cabrini 7-9pm

A Special Prayer



Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Parish, especially;

Kristi Barnes	Jean Gilbert	Palmy Matragrano
William Barnes	Kathleen Govan	Jim McMahon
Mariangela Becchina	Evelyn Hanly	Sharon Muller
Kevin Betchner	Patricia Harrell	John Quinn
Teresa Bokoski	Pat Horan	Sharon Rupprecht
Beth Bowman	Ryan Hughes	Layla Santangelo
Matthew Bozarth	Theresa Ifkovits	Nicole Santangelo
Patsy Burns	Betty Keeley	Joy Simmerman
Baby Beau Campbell	Therese Knight	Bill Thomas
Norma D'Angelo	Laurie Anne Krebs	Dr. Patrice Trauffer
Ruth Ewing	Anne Larkins	Adele Waldron
Emily Freitag	Jean Leach	Bob Waldron
Victoria Gallagher	Wayne Maguire	Cindy Van Zandt

Add a Name to Our Prayer Lists

If you'd like to add or remove a name to our sick list, please contact the Parish Office at (609) 399-0648. Names will remain on the sick list for 1 month. You may call and ask for an extension. We can also add or remove names on our Armed Forces prayer list. Please call the Parish Office if you're interested.

Please pray for those who have died, and their families, and friends.



PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

Travis Benson, USN, Christian Blasy, Shawn Braue, Megan Burton, Peter Busillo, USN, Paul Cassidy, Yetta E. Concina, Luke Dever, Christine Eberly, Will Eberly, Christopher Edwards, Joseph Egro, Tommy Fahy, Maj. Gen. Michael A. Fantini, USAF, Neal Ferrano, Eric Forcillo, Richard Gegeckas, Katlyn Gregorio, Scott Howley, Ryley Huber, USA, April L. Kelso, USAF, Matthew Kilroy, USMC, Michael Kilroy, USA, David Koch, A.A. Rosario LaRosa, USN, Nicki Leber, Jason & Joann Levin, USCG, Stuart R. Lockhart, USMC, Flynn Luurtsema, Shane Luurtsema, Ryan Luurtsema, Rollie Malfitano, USN, Lori Marshall, Bobby Martin, Mary Martin, Ryan Martin, Michael McClellan, Thomas McKenna, Erik Miller, Edward Montgomery, Brendan Meyers, Kristen O'Neill, Vincent Petrucci, Michael Pinto, US Coast Guard, Michael Price, John Price, Scott Quattrone, Matthew Ross, James Michael Scheibein, USA, Jacob Libby Schor, USMC, Jonathan Sheldon, USMCR, Scott Sladek, George Josh Slawter, Max Slusher, Marshall Smith, Robert J. Smith, USN, Michael Truszkowski, USMC, Luke Walsh, Cecily Walsh, USN, John Anthony Walsh, USN, Sgt. William Henry Warren, Reid Wilbraham, Jason Willhide, USN.



Memorial Mass

November is the month of the Holy Souls. It is a special time to pray for our loved ones "who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith."

All parishioners are invited to a special Memorial Mass for deceased loved ones who have died since November 1, 2018.

Mass will be celebrated at

- ◆ Saint Frances Cabrini Church
- ◆ Saturday, November 2nd at 10 AM

If you have lost a family member in the last year and would like to have their name inscribed in the Memorial Book that will be placed before the Altar during the month of the Holy Souls, please complete the information below and return in the collection basket by October 21, or drop it off at the Parish Office by October 22.

Coffee and pastries will be served in Culliney Hall following Mass.



I would like to have my deceased family member's name inscribed in Memorial Book.

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Name of Deceased: _____

Relationship to you: _____
(Your Child/Spouse/Parent/Sibling)

Date of Death: _____

Attending Mass: _____

Attending Reception: _____



The Best Time You Will Spend on Earth

"Jesus wants us all to come to Him in the Blessed Sacrament. He is there in person, just waiting for you. Nowhere on earth are you more welcome, nowhere on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

- St. Mother Teresa

Great News!

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at St. Augustine Church. It's also held Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A Rosary is held at 7p.m. for End of Abortion at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11:45am followed by Benediction.

Contact Barb O'Brien 609-560-0383

Special Collection

The Second Collection next weekend will benefit Human Development. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Do You Plan To Be Away This Winter?



USPS Will Not Forward Our Envelopes

If you plan to be away for an extended period of time, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: (609) 399-0648

The Post Office does not forward 3rd class mail, even if you arrange to have your 1st class mail forwarded. We can suspend or deliver your envelopes to you while you're away.

From Sister Joelle

All Hallows' E'en

An evening of fun & games for children of St. Damien Parish, Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019
6:00-7:30pm

Culliney Hall, 2nd & Atlantic Avenue

Featuring a Parade of Saints, Crafts, Pizza & Soda, and desserts provided by the parents.

We're looking for children to dress up as saints and share their story with us.

RSVP with number of children attending.

(NO "walk-ins" please!)

Contact Sister Joelle at
(609) 457-1257 or
sjoellethren@gmail.com



Liturgy Corner



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 2019

The Mass is made up of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the liturgy, there are short Introductory Rites which prepare us for the sacred celebration.

The Introductory Rite begins with the Sign of the Cross followed by a formal greeting between the celebrant and the people. We are asked to call to mind the past week (or day) since we last participated in the Mass and ask God's forgiveness. This Penitential Rite is NOT equivalent to the Sacrament of Reconciliation but rather an opportunity to acknowledge our weakness and ask for God's pardon and strength.

On Sundays and feast days, we then proclaim the prayer of praise which the angels sang at Jesus' birth, Glory to God in the highest. This is called a doxology or prayer or praise.

The Introductory Rite ends with the priest collecting our prayers in what is called the Collect. We offer our response, Amen, which says "I agree".

Pro-Life

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/l-o-v-e.

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her.

Reassure her that she is not alone.

Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

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continues now through November 3.

Please pray and ask God to show you the unique role He has for you in the 40 Days for Life effort:

- Prayer volunteers are needed to fast and petition God that He will bless this effort and do as He promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14; that He will hear our prayer and heal our land.
- Vigil participation may be your role. God could be asking you to peacefully stand as His witness outside the local abortion facility as a sign to the community that what goes on inside that building is simply wrong.
- Community outreach might be your specialty. Are you being called to take a leap of faith and step out to educate others about God's truth?

RESPECT EVERY HUMAN PERSON

"That is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition of her survival, yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weak and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn."

- Pope Saint John Paul II

Newsstand

Featured Ministry



Ecumenical Clothes Closet

The Ecumenical Council of Ocean City operates the Clothes Closet. The facility which is owned by the city is located at 555 West Ave. in Ocean City. It is operated by volunteers from both the churches of Ocean City and the non-church affiliated members of the community. Last year, there were 30 volunteers from St. Damien alone! The Closet is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donated clothing is brought to the Clothes Closet, sorted, and hung on racks. Those in need are able to come in and shop. Last year, the Closet had almost 3,000 visitors and distributed over 23,000 clothing items.



If you would like to volunteer, contact:

Rissa Trofa at 610-506-7450 or at mariaqtr61@gmail.com.

[See <https://stdamienparish.com/ministries/> for information on all our ministries.]

VFW POST 6650 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Serving eggs, bacon, sausage, SOS, home fries, and more every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month!

8:30am to 11:30am

Adults: \$10, Children \$5 (under 10yrs.)

Next breakfast: Sunday, October 27th

1501 Bay Avenue, Ocean City

Everyone is welcome!



South Jersey's Largest Men's Spirituality Conference

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

Paul VI High School Conference Center
901 Hopkins Road, Haddonfield, NJ

Visit www.ManUpSouthJersey.com for more information.

South Jersey English Cursillo Retreat Weekends

Cursillo is a movement of our Catholic Church that promotes Catholic ideas, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily life. It provides an opportunity to deepen your faith, and to experience the love of God within a supportive and prayerful community. This retreat is a unique experience for a closer walk with Christ.

Men's Weekend: October 31st - November 3rd, 2019

Women's Weekend: November 14th - 17th, 2019

Both will be held at the **St. John Paul II Retreat Center**,
414 S. 8th St., Vineland, NJ 08360

Interested in attending? Call **Gerry Barsotti (609) 805-1421** or **Kate Sanderson (856) 468-4356**. You can also go to www.sjcursillo.org for additional information.



Newcomer & Old Timer Donut Social

Save the date!

On Sunday, November 10th after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Frances Cabrini, we will be hosting a special Donut Social inside Culliney Hall. This gathering is for all Parishioners, especially our newcomers. It is an opportunity to refresh old friendships and meet some of our newest members. Any questions, please contact Mary Terese Karanik at maryterese@comcast.net.



EWTN

Global Catholic Network

Watch "Pro-Life Weekly" shine the light of truth on abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and the culture of death.

THURSDAYS at 10 p.m.

with encore programs on

SUNDAYS at 10 a.m. and TUESDAYS at 1 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION MORVAY-MILEY POST 524 "ALL YOU CAN EAT" PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Serving Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, Hot Coffee, and more every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month! | **8:30am to Noon**

Adults: \$9, Children: \$5.

Next breakfast: this Sunday, October 20th

46th St. & West Ave., Ocean City

ALSO SERVING LUNCH EVERY WEDNESDAY

Featuring Assorted Hoagies, Sandwiches and Salads served with Potato Salad, Chips & Cake

12noon to 1:30pm | Cost: \$7 | **Everyone is welcome!**

Proceeds benefit veterans projects

Know Your Fellow Parishioner

Paul Stryker Jr.



For Paul Stryker Jr., Pentecost had special meaning this year, especially its message of unity through a universal language of faith. Paulie, as he is known, was three weeks into boot camp at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, surrounded by recruits from all over the country. “We all came from different traditions and ways of doing things,” he reflected, “but we were trying to unite in a common goal, so the powerful story of the Upper Room really resonated with me.”

Paulie trained with recruits who were either headed into the Reserves, like him, or into active duty. “Our company began with 93 recruits and graduated 73,” he said of those who survived a rigorous 53-day program of strength and endurance training, drills, instructions, and exams. Amid “all the stress and yelling,” Paulie found peace and clarity by serving as a religious petty officer for his company. He and other religious petty officers assisted at masses held at the base chapel. They also sang together and conversed in quiet Friday evening meetings. “We were able to attain a relaxed state in a non-relaxed place,” he said. Of course, assisting at

Mass came naturally to this lifelong member and long-time altar server at St. Frances Cabrini Church. “I jumped right on the chance to be an altar server while at boot camp,” he said. “I was happy I could continue in a place that I never thought it would be possible.” Paulie also read the Prayer of the Faithful at Masses that were attended by recruits, active duty Coast Guard personnel, and some civilian family members.

As a Coast Guard reservist, Paulie has made an initial four-year commitment that includes annual drills and the potential to be called to active duty in case of a national emergency. “I had to make the conscious decision to make that sacrifice if needed,” he explained. “I have always had the desire to serve, so I am willing.” Meanwhile, the 19-year-old is in his second year at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, where he is majoring in finance and plans to seek admission to the Business School.

As the son of the owners of Arlene’s Restaurant on Asbury Avenue, Paulie has had direct experience with the ins and outs of small business. “My younger brother, Jake, and I have helped out at the restaurant since we were little,” he explained. “I used to come in with my Dad early in the morning and watch him cook bacon before I went to school,” he recalled. The restaurant is known for its family atmosphere, and that begins with the staff, Paulie said. “It is very communal,” he described. Some of the former staff now come back as customers, “and they remember me as a kid running around in here,” he said.

Interestingly, it is the communal values associated with Catholicism that give meaning and durability to Paulie’s faith. “Being a Catholic means recognizing that humans are one family. We are made by one Creator and share equally together,” he said. Communal values are at the heart of altar serving, which he began when he was in the fourth grade. “At first, I just wanted to ring the bells,” he smiled, but altar serving opened him up to a wider community which he described as “a support system” and became a way to reaffirm his faith. “We are a small and unified community,” he said. “I have gotten more out of altar serving than I could ever expect.” He knows that St. Frances Cabrini Church is a place he can return to, no matter where his endeavors might take him. “On my way home from boot camp, I stopped in at church to say hello and attend Mass,” he explained. “When Father saw me in my uniform, he said, *Why don’t you serve? Serve in your uniform.* So I did. It feels great to know that you can begin right where you left off.”

**Interested in being an altar server?
Contact Ed and Ginny Manning at 609-545-0350.**

Conozca a sus Feligreses

Paul Stryker Jr.



Para Paul Stryker Jr., Pentecostés tuvo especial relevancia este año, especialmente su mensaje de unidad a través de un lenguaje universal de fe. Paulie, como se conoce, estuvo tres semanas en el campo de entrenamiento en el Centro de Entrenamiento de la Guardia Costera en Cape May, rodeado de reclutas de todo el país. "Todos venimos de diferentes tradiciones y formas de hacer las cosas", reflexionó, "pero nosotros estuvimos tratandon de unirnos en un objetivo común. Así que la poderosa historia de la habitación superior realmente resonó conmigo".

Paulie entrenó con reclutas que se dirigían a las Reservas, como él, o al servicio activo. "Nuestra empresa comenzó con 93 reclutas y se graduó con 73", el dijo sobre los que sobrevivieron a un riguroso programa de 53 días de entrenamiento de fuerza y resistencia, ejercicios, instrucciones y exámenes. En medio de "todo el estrés y el gritando", Paulie encontró paz y claridad al servir como suboficial religioso de su compañía. Él y otros suboficiales religiosos asistieron a las misas celebradas en la capilla de la base. También cantaron juntos y conversaron en reuniones tranquilas los viernes por la noche. "Pudimos alcanzar un estado relajado en un lugar no relajado", dijo. Por

supuesto, asistir a la misa fue algo natural para este miembro de toda la vida y servidor del altar desde hace mucho tiempo en la Iglesia St. Frances Cabrini. "Aproveché la oportunidad de ser un servidor del altar mientras estaba en el campo de entrenamiento", dijo. "Estaba feliz de poder continuar en un lugar que nunca pensé que sería posible". Paulie también leyó la Oración de los Fieles en las misas a las que asistieron reclutas, personal activo de la Guardia Costera y algunos familiares civiles.

Como reservista de la Guardia Costera, Paulie ha hecho un compromiso inicial de cuatro años que incluye simulacros anuales y la posibilidad de ser llamado al servicio activo en caso de una emergencia nacional. "Tenía que tomar la decisión consciente de hacer ese sacrificio si fuera necesario", explicó. "Siempre he tenido el deseo de servir, así que estoy dispuesto". Mientras tanto, el joven de 19 años está en su segundo año en la Universidad de Rutgers en New Brunswick, donde se está especializando en finanzas y planea solicitar la admisión a la Escuela de Negocios.

Como hijo de los propietarios del restaurante Arlene's en Asbury Avenue, Paulie ha tenido experiencia directa con los entresijos de las pequeñas empresas. "Mi hermano menor Jake y yo hemos ayudado en el restaurante desde que éramos pequeños", explicó. "Solía venir con mi papá temprano en la mañana y verlo cocinar tocino antes de ir a la escuela", recordó. El restaurante es conocido por su ambiente familiar y eso comienza con el personal, dijo Paulie. "Es muy comunal", describió. Algunos de los ex empleados ahora regresan como clientes "y se acuerdan de mí cuando era un niño corriendo por aquí", dijo.

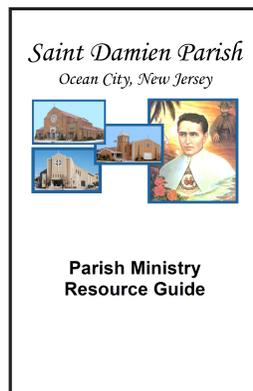
Curiosamente, son los valores comunitarios asociados con el catolicismo los que dan sentido y durabilidad a la fe de Paulie. "Ser católico significa reconocer que los humanos son una familia. Estamos hechos por un Creador y compartimos por igual", dijo. Los valores comunales están en el centro del servicio del altar, que comenzó cuando estaba en cuarto grado. "En el principio, solo quería tocar las campanas", sonrió, pero el servicio del altar lo abrió a una comunidad más amplia que describió como "un sistema de apoyo" y se convirtió en una forma de reafirmar su fe. "Somos una comunidad pequeña y unificada", dijo. "He sacado más provecho del servicio del altar de lo que podría haber esperado". Él sabe que la Iglesia St. Frances Cabrini es un lugar al que puede regresar, sin importar a dónde lo lleven sus esfuerzos. "En mi camino a casa desde el campamento de entrenamiento, me detuve en la iglesia para saludar y asistir a misa", explicó. "Cuando mi padre me vio en mi uniforme, dijo: ¿Por qué no sirves? Sirve en tu uniforme. Así que lo hice. Se siente genial saber que puedes comenzar justo donde lo dejaste".

**Interesado en ser un servidor del altar?
Contacto Ed y Ginny Manning: 609-545-0350.**

Information Desk

Ministries

- **Altar Server Ministry** - Ed & Ginny Manning (609) 545-0350
- **Communications Ministry** - Chris Devaney (609) 513-8510
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Greg Donahue (609) 576-3572
- **Funeral Liturgy Ministry** - Peg Juliano (609) 398-5223
- **Food for Life Ministry** - Regina Ralston (609) 399-9013
- **Hispanic Ministry** - Fr. Alvaro Diaz (609) 334-4678
- **Joy of the Gospel Ministry** - Joe Sosnowsky (856) 371-2008
- **Ministry of Lectors** - Greg Donahue (609) 576-3572
- **Liturgy Ministry** - Deacon Michael Carter (609) 399-0648
- **Music Ministry** - Debbie Roland (609) 703-8373
- **Pro-Life Ministry** - Ginny Sosnowsky (856) 371-2009
- **Religious Education** - Sister Joelle Thren, SSC (609) 457-1251
- **St. Vincent De Paul Society** - Ann Gallagher (609) 705-9035
- **Usher Ministry** - (609) 399-0648
- **Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding Day Ministry** - Karen (609) 399-0648
- **Welcoming Ministry** - Mary Terese Karanik (410) 952-2865



Pick up a copy of our Ministry Booklet to read about all of St. Damien Parish's ministries. Copies are available in the back of our three churches and at the Parish Office.

REGISTRATION: If you're new to our Parish, welcome! We're glad you're here! Please stop by the Parish Office to register. If you are moving, please notify us so we can update our records.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are scheduled through the Parish Office by calling (609) 399-0648. Parents are expected to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month from September to May and the 2nd & 4th Sundays from June to August, after the last Mass at St. Augustine Church.

MARRIAGES: Marriages should be contracted within a nuptial Mass, and couples are asked to arrange for weddings one year in advance. A Pre-Cana session is required. Please contact the Parish Office at (609) 399-0648 to begin your marriage preparation.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please notify the Parish Office of those who are sick, in the hospital or at home, and desire to receive Holy Communion.

FUNERAL MASSES: Please have your funeral director contact the Parish Office during normal business hours at (609) 399-0648 to make arrangements.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets after the 8:30am Mass on Tuesdays. We pray the Rosary, reflect on spiritual readings, and practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. All are welcome to drop in or call Cathy Cogan for more information at 609-398-7663.

St Damien's Cancer Care Ministry

We have started a Cancer Care Ministry in our parish. If you or anyone you know is going through the Cancer journey with their caregivers, please contact Grace and George Smith at [609-425-3380](tel:609-425-3380) or grsmith920@gmail.com.

We have a team trained and ready to connect with you and your loved ones to walk with you on this journey.

St. Damien's Youth Ministry

For ALL Youth Ministry schedules and activities, please go to:

www.stdamienocym.com

ST. DAMIEN'S THRIFT SHOP

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The Thrift Shop is located at
914 Haven Avenue, First Floor
Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
from 10am to 3pm

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