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## December 28, 2025



**St. Frances Cabrini**  
Worship Site at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

**New Year's Eve:** 4:00 PM

**New Year's Day:** 1:00 PM (SPA)

**Sunday:** 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM (SPA)

**Confessions:** Sunday, 3:00 PM (ENG/SPA)



**St. Augustine**  
Worship Site at 13<sup>th</sup> Street

**New Year's Day:** 8:30 AM

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Saturday, 3:00 PM

**Daily Mass (Mon - Sat):** 8:30 AM

**Communion Service (Mon - Fri):** 7:00 AM

**Adoration (Mon - Fri):** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
Worship Site at 40<sup>th</sup> Street

**Sunday:** 7:30 AM

# All Are Welcome!

## Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

GATHERING SONG

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Traditional

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
Sing choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O  
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, —

come ye, O come - ye to Beth - le - hem!  
sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n!

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels!  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est!  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O  
come, let us a - dore Him, — Christ — the Lord!

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PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

*Heritage Mass*  
Owen Alstott

*mf*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y

God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*mp*  
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*mf*  
 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, for you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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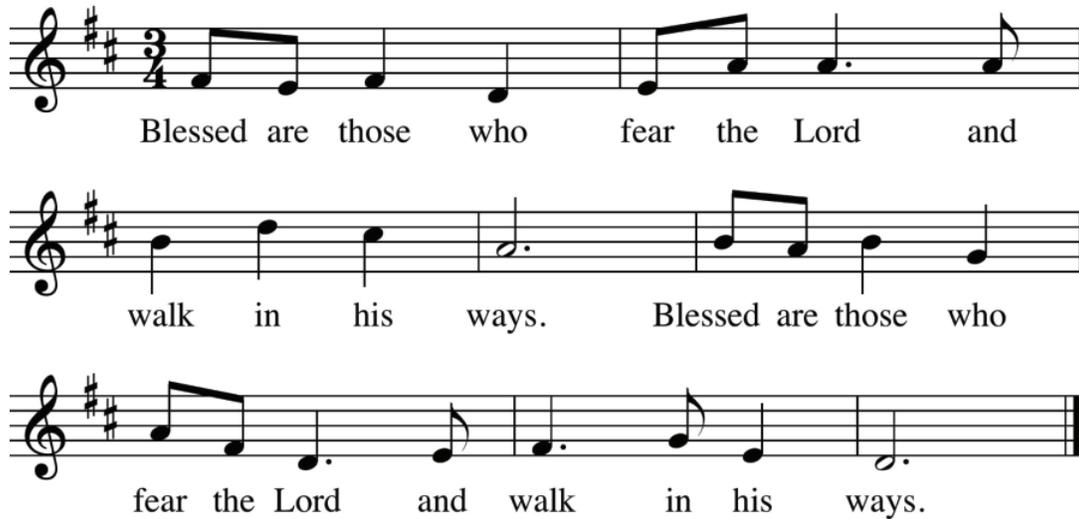
FIRST READING

*One should respect their parents*

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 128*; Tony Alonso



Blessed are those who fear the Lord and  
walk in his ways. Blessed are those who  
fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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## SECOND READING

*Every household should be transformed  
with "the peace of Christ"*

Colossians 3:12-21

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*A Child is Born*  
Weston Priory



A child is born for us to-day al - le - lu  
is our sav - ior and our God al - le - lu

1 F  
2 F  
Final F  
to Verses

ia. He ia. ia. al

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## GOSPEL HOMILY

*St. Joseph is obedient in a very difficult  
time for the Family*

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Mendelssohn

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,  
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,  
3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye  
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -  
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as  
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

## HOLY, HOLY

*Heritage Mass*  
Owen Alstott

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Heritage Mass*  
Owen Alstott

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your  
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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## GREAT AMEN

*Heritage Mass*  
Owen Alstott

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

# LAMB OF GOD

*Heritage Mass*  
Owen Alstott

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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# COMMUNION SONG

*The First Nowell*

Traditional

1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,  
2. They look - ed up and saw \_\_\_ a star  
3. And by the light of that \_\_\_ same star  
4. This star drew nigh to the \_\_\_ north - west,  
5. Then en - tered in those wise \_\_\_ men three,  
6. Then let us all with one \_\_\_ ac - cord

1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2. Shin - ing in \_\_\_ the east, \_\_\_ be - yond \_\_\_ them far;  
3. Three \_\_\_ wise \_\_\_ men came \_\_\_ from coun - try far;  
4. O'er \_\_\_ Beth - le - hem \_\_\_ it took \_\_\_ its rest,  
5. Full \_\_\_ rev - 'rent - ly \_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_ the knee,  
6. Sing \_\_\_ prais - es to \_\_\_ our heav - 'nly Lord;

1. In fields where \_ they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
2. And to the \_\_\_ earth it gave \_\_\_ great light,  
3. To seek for a king was their \_\_\_ in - tent,  
4. And there it \_\_\_ did both stop \_\_\_ and stay,  
5. And of - fered \_\_\_ there, in his \_\_\_ pres - ence,  
6. Who with the \_\_\_ Fa - ther we \_\_\_ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night \_\_\_ that was \_\_\_ so deep.
2. And \_\_\_ so it con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_ and night.
3. And to fol - low the star \_\_\_ wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right \_\_\_ o - ver the place \_\_\_ where Je - sus lay.
5. Their \_\_\_ gold \_\_\_ and myrrh \_\_\_ and frank - in - cense.
6. And \_\_\_ Spir - it blest \_\_\_ for ev - er - more.



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

## SENDING SONG

### *Joy to the World*

Traditional



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

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In a spirit of consultation and synodality, an important goal of our Parish Financial Council is to advise me and disclose to our community the financial condition of the Parish. We are pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2025 financials as compared to Fiscal Year 2024.

St. Damien Parish remains in stable financial condition. The generosity of our Parishioners and the increased giving initiative we have implemented over the last fiscal year continue to fund our expenses and allow all Parish ministries to thrive.

The second part of our statement shows the trend in our Catholic Strong program, capital spending, and reserve accounts.

I'm pleased to report that our Parish is in good financial standing, and I am so grateful to our Parishioners who support the work we do at this local Church in Ocean City.

St. Damien Parish  
Fiscal Year ending June 30th  
Statement of Activities

		<u>FY 6/30/24</u>	<u>FY 6/30/25</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Ordinary Income:	Weekly Collections, Christmas, Easter, and Holy Days	\$1,503,307	\$1,603,703
Pastoral Revenue:	Candles, Flowers, Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals, Rent	\$40,765	\$91,582
Special Income:	Bequests, Interest, (Does not include Catholic Strong or Restricted Gifts for renovations, or Misc. Income from sale of properties)	\$231,985	\$189,605
Organization Income	St. Damien Thrift Shop Revenue	\$27,986	\$27,615
Education Revenue:	Elementary, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, Star Herald, Parish Advancement	\$14,720	\$13,050
Social Service Revenue:	Poor Box, Social Ministry Donations, House of Charity and Universal Collections (For Universal Collections - we remit the amount collected to the Diocese)	\$157,109	\$166,362
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$1,975,872</b>	<b>\$2,091,917</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Pastoral:	Salaries: Clergy, Pastoral, Liturgical, Music, YFF, Vigil Candles, Flowers, Diocesan Assessment	\$680,432	\$731,884
Faith Formation & Parish Advancement:	Elementary, Youth and Adult Faith Formation, Interparochial Catholic School Fund, Parish Activities	\$272,526	\$287,027
Organization:	St. Damien Thrift Shop	\$21,054	\$22,903
Social Service	Universal Collections and HOC - Payment to Diocese & Social Ministry	\$156,695	\$137,006
Clergy Personnel Development :	Continuing Education, Diaconate Support, Seminarian Support	\$32,429	\$10,463
Administrative & Office:	Salaries, Envelopes, Photocopier, Postage, Bank Charges and Other Offices Expenses	\$168,479	\$168,857
Rectory:	Food and Supplies	\$52,691	\$58,398
Fixed Costs:	Payroll Taxes and Benefits, Insurance, Interest	\$208,325	\$233,048
Utilities:	Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer, Phone, Alarm, Internet, Cable	\$144,394	\$161,671
Custodial/Maintenance Grounds:	Custodial, Maintenance, Landscaping, Trash removal, Repair & Maintenance of Buildings & Equipment	\$153,756	\$186,421
Capital Expenditures	Capital Expenditures / Does not include Catholic Strong Projects (Rectory) or Church or Parish Center Renovations	\$54,882	\$72,244
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$1,945,663</b>	<b>\$2,069,922</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$30,209</b>	<b>\$ 21,995</b>



**FROM THE  
PASTOR'S  
DESK**

<b>St. Damien Parish</b>	<u>FY 6/30/24</u>	<u>FY 6/30/25</u>
<b><u>Church Universal Collections</u></b>		
Collected from Parishioners and Remitted to the Diocese	\$ 76,785	\$ 90,256
<b><u>House of Charity /SJ Catholic Ministry Appeal - Goal</u></b>	<b>\$ 215,800</b>	<b>\$ 215,800</b>
Pledged	\$ 220,973	\$ 219,193
<b><u>Catholic Strong - Parish Goal: \$1,785,000 (56 % Pledged)</u></b>		
<b><u>Catholic Strong Projects:</u></b>	<u>As of 6/30/24</u>	<u>As of 6/30/25</u>
Funds Received from Diocese	\$ 649,017	\$ 652,125
Interest Earned	\$ 37,227	\$ 40,632
Projects Completed: Rectory, St. Augustine's Renovations	\$ (575,395)	\$ (575,395)
Funds on Hand for Projects	\$ 110,849	\$ 117,362
Proceeds from Sale of Properties		\$ 250,587
<b><u>Revolving Fund* Balances:</u></b>	<u>As of 6/30/24</u>	<u>As of 6/30/25</u>
RF Regular	\$ 4,082,890	\$ 3,825,785
RF Reserve	\$ 482,660	\$ 497,320
RF Catholic Strong	\$ 110,849	\$ 117,362
Total Revolving Funds	\$ 4,676,399	\$ 4,440,467
<b>*Revolving Fund Accounts - interest bearing accounts held by DOC for St. Damien</b>		



## Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### **New Year's Eve**

4:00 PM • St. Frances Cabrini

#### **New Year's Day**

8:30 AM • St. Augustine

1:00 PM (Spanish) • St. Frances Cabrini

## Mass Intentions

### St. Augustine (13<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 am **Patricia Trevi**  
requested by her Loving Husband
- 4:00 pm **Frances Marotta**  
requested by her Loving Husband  
**Sybil Uccifferri**  
requested by Elaine DiGiameattista

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 am **Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families**  
requested by Pro-Life Ministry  
**Michele Gervasio**  
requested by Heim Family

**Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 am **Trevi and Sanbore Families**  
requested by John Trevi

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 am **Marge Bradley**  
requested by Jim Bradley and Daughters  
**Mary Anne DeVeechis**  
requested by Jane Deal

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:30 am **In loving memory of Julia and Joseph Marchese and Robert McDowell**  
requested by their Families

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (Mary, Mother of God)**

- 8:30 am **Carole Schiavo**  
requested by Ralph Schiavo

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 8:30 am **Trevi and Sanbore Families**  
requested by John Trevi  
**John Preston Happy Heavenly Birthday**  
requested by his Loving Wife and Family

### St. Frances Cabrini (2<sup>nd</sup> St.)

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:30 am **Constance Murray Becker**  
requested by The Boyle-Baird Family  
**Claire Glanzmann**  
requested by St. Damien Parish Family  
**Richard (Dick) Walker**  
requested by Patrick Finley

4:00 pm **For the Parish Community**

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

4:00 pm **For the Parish Community**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (Mary, Mother of God)**

1:00 pm **For the Parish Community**

### Coming Up Next Weekend...

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 8:30 am (13th) **James McGrady**  
requested by Rosemary Kates
- 4:00 pm (13th) **Frances Marotta**  
requested by her Loving Husband  
**Kitty Curran Walsh**  
requested by Joseph and Regina O'Neill  
**Dorothy Lardieri**  
requested by Sondra Greene

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 am (40th) **James Bottorff**  
requested by The Minehan Family
- 9:00 am (13th) **Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families**  
requested by Pro Life Ministry  
**Carmen D'Angelo**  
requested by Kay Manco
- 10:30 am (2nd) **Carol Walton**  
requested by John Walton  
**Ed Raffaele**  
requested by Steve & Kathleen Betchner  
**Connie Carroll Slaydek**  
requested by Mary Louise Bowdler
- 4:00 pm (2nd) **For the Parish Community**

### Our Lady of Good Counsel (40<sup>TH</sup> St.)

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 am **Carmen D'Angelo**  
requested by Beverly & Jerry Ayotte

## Prayer Requests

### For all those in need of healing...

Kim Bailey	Donald DeRossi, Jr.	Theresa Ifkovits	Janice Orłowski	Cynthia Thompson
Suzanne Barr	Maryann Dishaw	Denise Kossuth	Karen Parvin	Lucas Towers
Julie Baumgardner Perkins	Eileen Doering	Brian Kozakowski	Claudia Pavlak	Baby Shane Wetzel
Kevin Betchner	Dan Durkin	Laurie Anne Krebs	Terrence Polazneck	Carol Wheeler
Neil Betchner	Charlene Engel	John Logue	John Quinn	Laura Wheeler
Larry Boylan	Robert Fastuca	Joseph Lopresti	Dawn Ranieri	Allen Wood
Marie Call	Alison Feller	John Maioriello	Eileen Reilly	Bill Wood
Baby Giancarlo Campozzoli	Nicholas Franceski	Mike Maioriello	Walter Rider	Baby Cocco
Brooklyn Marie Civil	Vira Froehlinger	Julia Martin	Louise Riney	Baby Gia
Nancy Cook	Larry Golt	Rosa Martinez	Bud Scherle	Nora
Lauren Cook	Valerie Gonzalez	Chris McNesby	Christine Seltzer	Rebecca G.
Baby Iris Cooper	Baby Stella Harper	Rita Miselo	Carly Grace Serlenga	Brooke
Robert Crane	Mark Heister	Baby Griffin Munsell	Frank Sheldon	
Pat Crowley	Kenneth Hoffman	Mike Murphy	Richard Sinclair	
John DellaFave	Mary Hudak	Joseph O'Conner	Anthony Spadafora	

### For all those who have died...

Mary Lee Shanahan | Linda Talotta

If you would like to request a special prayer for someone, please call the Parish Office at (609) 399-0648.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Weekly Offertory

WEEK ENDING			
12/7/25:	\$ 21,243		
WEEK ENDING			
12/8/24:	\$ 21,771		
	DIFF:	\$ (528)	-2.43%

### Fiscal Year to Date

FISCAL YEAR			
2025-2026 YTD:	\$ 787,732		
FISCAL YEAR			
2024-2025 YTD:	\$ 765,464		
	DIFF:	\$ 22,268	+2.91%



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## Weekly Parish Activities

<b>Mon-Sat</b>	<b>Rosary</b> 7:50 AM • St. Augustine
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • St. Augustine
	<b>Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> 12:00 PM • St. Augustine
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Miraculous Medal Novena</b> 8:15 AM • St. Augustine
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Legion of Mary</b> 9:15 AM • Parish Center
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Frances Novena</b> 8:15 AM • St. Augustine
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Rosary (Prayers Offered for Vocations)</b> 12:00 PM • St. Augustine

## Parish Office New Year's Hours

The Parish Office will close at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31 and reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 5 for New Year's.

**DEC 30**  
TUE

### Legion of Mary Weekly Meeting

Every Tuesday at 9:15 AM • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)

All are welcome! To learn more, contact Mary Louise Bowdler at (609) 442-4091.



**JAN 15**  
THU

### It's Peanut Butter & Jelly Time!

9:15 AM • Culliney Hall (122 Atlantic Ave.)

We will be preparing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the guests of the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. Donations of large jars of creamy peanut butter are especially needed this month. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Joanne Kelly at 609-399-0648 or [jkelly@stdamienparish.com](mailto:jkelly@stdamienparish.com).



## Faith & Justice

### A Christmas Blessing and Thank You

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to our Giving Trees this year. Your generosity has not only brightened the lives of those in need but has also shown the true spirit of Christmas — love, selflessness, and compassion. In this holy season, we are reminded of the gift that God gave us in the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Just as Christ came into the world to bring hope, peace, and joy to all, your acts of kindness have brought light into the lives of others. “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35) Through your donations, many families and individuals will experience the love and care of Christ in a very tangible way. May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity, and may the peace of Christ fill your hearts this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Thank you for making this season truly special for those in need. We are grateful for your support, and we pray that God's grace continues to bless you and your loved ones.

With heartfelt thanks and prayers,

St. Damien Parish Office of Justice and Community Outreach



### SSJ Neighborhood Center



We invite you to check your closets and donate any gently used t-shirts to the SSJ Neighborhood Center. The shirts will be repurposed as reusable shopping bags. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.) We thank you for your generosity!

### Thrift Shop



The St. Damien Parish Thrift Shop is located at 914 Haven Ave in Ocean City and is open every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM - 3:00 PM. Come by and check out what we have in stock, all at affordable prices. Thank you for your continued support! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Help Needed: Thrift Shop Sign Repair

The St. Damien Parish Thrift Shop is currently in need of a tall ladder to repair the second story sign. If you are able to help, please call Kathie at 609-204-4367. Thank you!

### Pro-Life



Pregnant, Need Help? Contact Jersey Shore Women's Center at 609-568-6551 where you will be offered a variety of services in a safe and loving environment. Some of the services offered include Pregnancy Tests, Ultrasounds, Material Support including diapers, wipes, formula and more, Transportation Assistance to JSWC Appointments, Parenting and Educational Classes and more. Join countless women who have experienced Jersey Shore Women's Center's care and support.

## From The Finance Council

### Thankful Stewardship

*“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (COLOSSIANS 3:17)*

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a **Stewardship** lifestyle. We were made in God’s image and likeness; gratitude and generosity are in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God’s family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

## Have an IRA and Want to Reduce your Taxable Income?

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to donate money directly from your traditional IRA to charity, and your donation won’t count as taxable income. Additionally, once you reach the age where you must make RMDs, the QCD counts towards your required minimum distributions. Check with your financial institution today and see if a QCD might be right for you.

## VITALity Health and Well-being



December is **Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)** Awareness Month to raise awareness about SAD, a type of depression linked to biochemical imbalance in the brain due to changes in seasons, especially the reduced sunlight and colder weather of fall and winter. Seniors are particularly vulnerable to symptoms of SAD.

SAD symptoms include:

- Tiredness
- Lack of interest in normal activities/hobbies
- Withdraw inward
- Cravings for high-carb foods or increased appetite/weight gain.
- Irritability

Ways to reduce SAD symptoms:

- Exercise; even short walks can help (check with your physician first)
- Have your Vitamin D levels checked. Levels too low can impact the amount of serotonin and dopamine that lead to feelings of depression.
- Regular sleep schedule
- Medication
- Other forms of therapy

Making health and well-being a priority and seeking help when needed are important in addressing SAD.

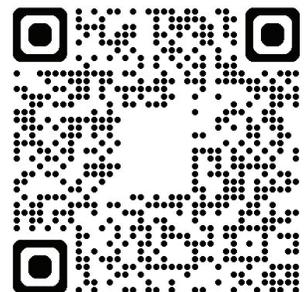
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## St. Joseph Winter Shelter

The St. Joseph Winter Shelter will open on Monday, December 8, 2025 and will be open every Monday through Thursday night until Thursday March 12, 2026.

To run the shelter we are in need of many volunteers to cover different slots. Please scan the QR code for more information and to sign up to assist with the shelter this year!



## Eucharistic Adoration

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth.” (Mother Teresa)  
Eucharistic Adoration is available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday at St. Augustine Church.

## Tech Help

Having problems with your phone, laptop or other devices? Technology help is available at the Parish Center, by appointment only, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. To schedule an appointment, contact Xander Wright at [xwright@stdamienparish.com](mailto:xwright@stdamienparish.com) or 609-412-9358.

## ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. *For information please contact Joanne Kelly at 609-399-0648 X0100 or [jkelly@stdamienparish.com](mailto:jkelly@stdamienparish.com).*



## Knights of Columbus #2560

Our Knights of Columbus Council #2560 has been an integral part of the Ocean City Catholic Community since 1925. We are over 100 members strong and want you to join with the other men in our Parish promoting the presence of Jesus Christ here in Ocean City. Join us as we meet at 7:00 PM the second Tuesday of every month in Culliney Hall at 2nd & Atlantic Ave. For more information contact our Grand Knight Dave Yhlen at 609-206-2846.

## Ministerio Hispano

### No olvides llevar tu boletín a casa

**Recuerden que EL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO** es la presencia real de Jesús vivo. Él está vivo, está presente en nuestra iglesia en todo momento. Una reverencia al entrar y al salir de la iglesia es recomendable. También debemos guardar silencio por respeto a Jesús y los que están orando mientras estemos presentes en el templo.

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN** todos domingos a las 5:00 PM después de la misa en español te invitamos a disfrutar de la presencia del Señor. Oramos por los demás, por nuestros hijos, familias, nuestra Iglesia, nuestro país y el mundo, alabanza y adoración, oraciones de intercesión y lectura de las Escrituras. No te lo pierdas e invita a otros para que se gocen en el Señor.

## NUESTRA OFICINA PARROQUIAL CON SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL

1337 ASBURY AVE OCEAN CITY 609-399-0648 (Lunes, Martes, Jueves de 10 am a 3 pm y los Viernes de 9 am a 1 pm.)  
Bienvenidos a nuestra misa dominical en Español a las 4pm en Santa Frances Cabrini con confesiones antes de cada misa desde las 3pm. Si necesitas anotar tus intenciones para la misa del Domingo en español con anticipación, puedes pasar por la oficina Y preguntar por Maria Isabel o puedes enviar un email a: [mgiron@stdamienparish.com](mailto:mgiron@stdamienparish.com) O llamar al 609-399-0948 extensión 0130 con mucho gusto les atenderemos en todas sus Necesidades parroquiales!! Para Bodas o Bautizos de niños llamen a Padre Vigilius, al 609-399-0648 x 0114 o al email [vamanze@stdamienparish.com](mailto:vamanze@stdamienparish.com). **Atención!!!** Recuerden apagar sus celulares ANTES de entrar a la iglesia para no causar distracción a la comunidad y poder estar solo en contacto con Dios. **Nuestra dirección correcta** de San Frances Cabrinis church 114 atlantic & 2nd ave Ocean City, NJ 08226.

¡Feliz año nuevo 2026!

28 de Diciembre Santos Inocentes

Los niños son el tesoro más vulnerable del mundo. En este día, al celebrar a los Santos Inocentes, recordemos que estamos llamados a proteger su vida, aliviar su sufrimiento y construir una sociedad justa que los cuide de la guerra, el hambre, el aborto y la explotación.

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"Benditos Santos Inocentes, intercedan por los niños del mundo. Protejan su inocencia y guíen a la humanidad para amarlos y cuidarlos." Amén

Diciembre 29 día de la Sagrada Familia

Que la Sagrada Familia nos enseñe a vivir el amor, la fe y la unidad en nuestro hogar, reflejando siempre la presencia de Cristo en nuestra vida diaria.

Horario de Misas en Español

Únase a nosotros cada domingo para orar juntos en la Santa Misa.

La Misa es el sacrificio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo y la oración más perfecta que tenemos los cristianos. Nos alegra profundamente poder ofrecer la Santa Misa en español para nuestra comunidad.

17 Horario especial de Año Nuevo 01/01/2026

Misa en español: 1:00 p.m.

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¡Los esperamos con los brazos abiertos para comenzar el año unidos en la fe! La oficina estará cerrada año nuevo miércoles 1 de enero de 2026, feliz año nuevo!!

Oración de año nuevo

Divino Padre, un nuevo año empieza para mí y, en esta mañana, quiero darte gracias porque me permites gozar de salud y de bienestar para continuar en tu camino. Gracias por la salud de mi familia y por las bendiciones que derramas sobre mis acciones diarias, gracias porque me pongo de pie para empezar un día lleno de nuevas oportunidades.

Las fotos de la Guadalupana 2025 para cerrar el año con broche de oro, lluvia de bendiciones a todos los que participaron y colaboraron.



## La Misa es el sacrificio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo

y es la oración más perfecta que tienen los cristianos. Nos complace ofrecer la Santa Misa en español.

## PROCESIÓN DEL PAN Y EL VINO DURANTE LA MISA.

A las personas que han anotado una Misa por una intención particular son bienvenidas, si así lo desean, a procesar con las ofrendas del pan y el vino durante la Misa. Sólo comuníquense con la persona encargada de tomar su intención antes del comienzo de la Misa. Para chequear si ese día está disponible.

## Si usted visita semanalmente San Damián

Y aún no se ha registrado formalmente en la parroquia, por favor, hágalo. El proceso de registración es simple pero muy importante para la administración de nuestra iglesia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad. Y la información básica requerida es estrictamente confidencial. También necesitamos de su colaboración... Para mantener los archivos de nuestra parroquia en orden, necesitamos su ayuda. Por favor, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si usted desea solicitar sobres de contribución, cambiar su número telefónico, su estado civil o su domicilio. Gracias!

Horario de Misas en Español Domingo: 4:00 PM y Domingos: 3:00 PM Sacramento de Reconciliación. En la segunda ave. Para confesarse fuera de los horarios sugeridos, comunicarse con la oficina parroquia.

## Tenemos Nuestra tienda de objetos religiosos en esta Misa Hispana

Está en la oficina donde se anotan las intenciones de las misas. En nuestra Tiendita Católica, nos dedicamos a ofrecer productos religiosos que fortalezcan tu fe y te acompañen en tu vida espiritual. Descubre nuestra selección de artículos católicos... si necesita comprar algún artículo puede hablar con el hermano Lazaro.

## Oremos por la inmigración para una reforma justa y compasiva

**Información sobre Inmigración** Los invitamos a visitar los siguientes enlaces donde encontrarán recursos e información en español e inglés sobre leyes de inmigración y los derechos de los inmigrantes.

<https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/ilrc-red> or <https://www.cliniclegal.org/issus/know-your-rights>

## Recursos para la Comunidad:

### Abogado de Inmigración, Centro de la Ley y Justicia Social de Camden

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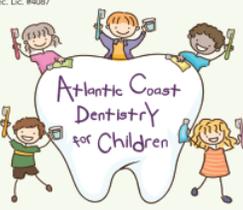


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