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## January 4, 2026



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

**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

**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!

## The Epiphany of the Lord

GATHERING SONG

*Love Has Come*

Matt Maher



1. With one voice the an - gels sing songs that make cre -
2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him, voice of thun - der,
3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine, lead us to the
4. Keep - er of the sac - ri - fice man - i - fest in
5. Now sal - va - tion has come in the New Je -



1. a - tion ring. Proph - ets hear and call us to
2. spir - it, wind: breathe on me your ver - y life;
3. end of time, be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear,
4. Je - sus Christ, born to die and wake the dead,
5. ru - sa - lem. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro -



1. live in spir - it and in truth.
2. grace will make the dark - ness bright.
3. be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
4. as we hun - ger keep us fed.
5. claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!



Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er - more.



Love has come to show the way. Hal - le - lu -



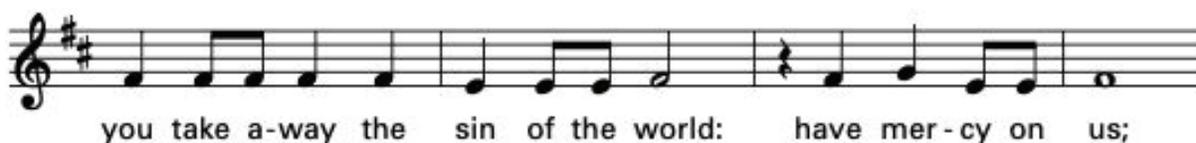
jah, peace be with us. Love has come to show the way.

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## PENITENTIAL ACT

### GLORIA

*Heritage Mass*  
Owen Alstott



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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**FIRST READING** *The prophet offers a vision of Zion as a city that radiates with divine glory* Isaiah 50:1-6

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 72*  
Marty Haugen

Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a -  
 dore you, ev - 'ry na - tion on  
 earth will a - dore you.

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**SECOND READING** *God's grace has come to Paul on its way to others, including the Gentiles* Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

**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 to Verses  
 Final F  
 ia. He ia. ia. al

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**GOSPEL** *The Magi become the first Gentiles to recognize the Kingship of Jesus* Matthew 2:1-12

## HOMILY

### 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

*We Three Kings*

Traditional



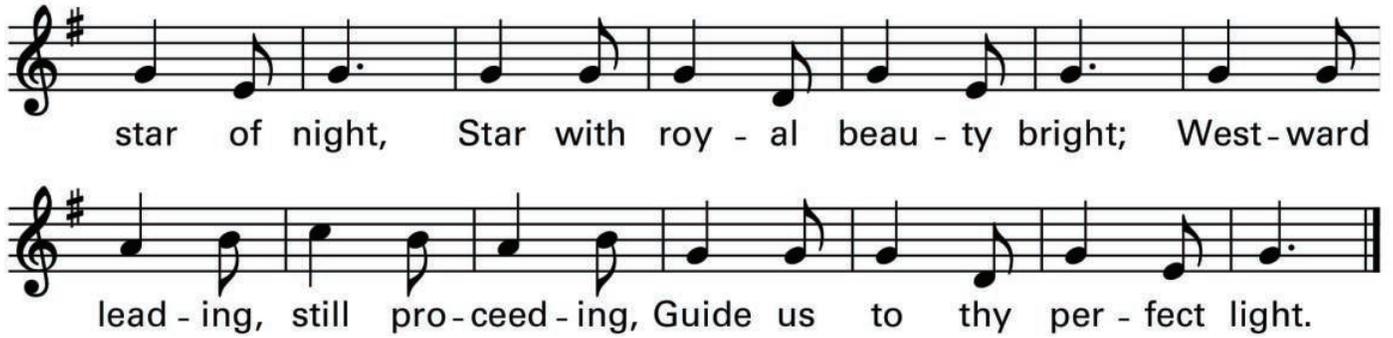
1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.

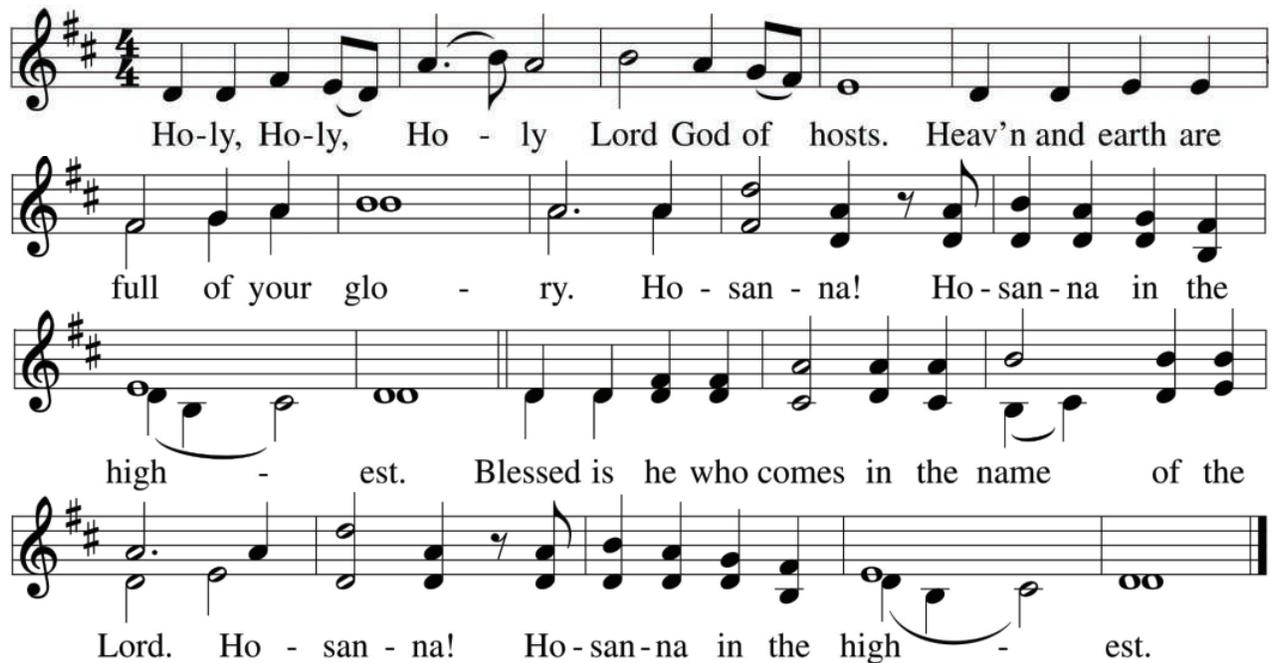


star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward  
lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11. Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

## 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

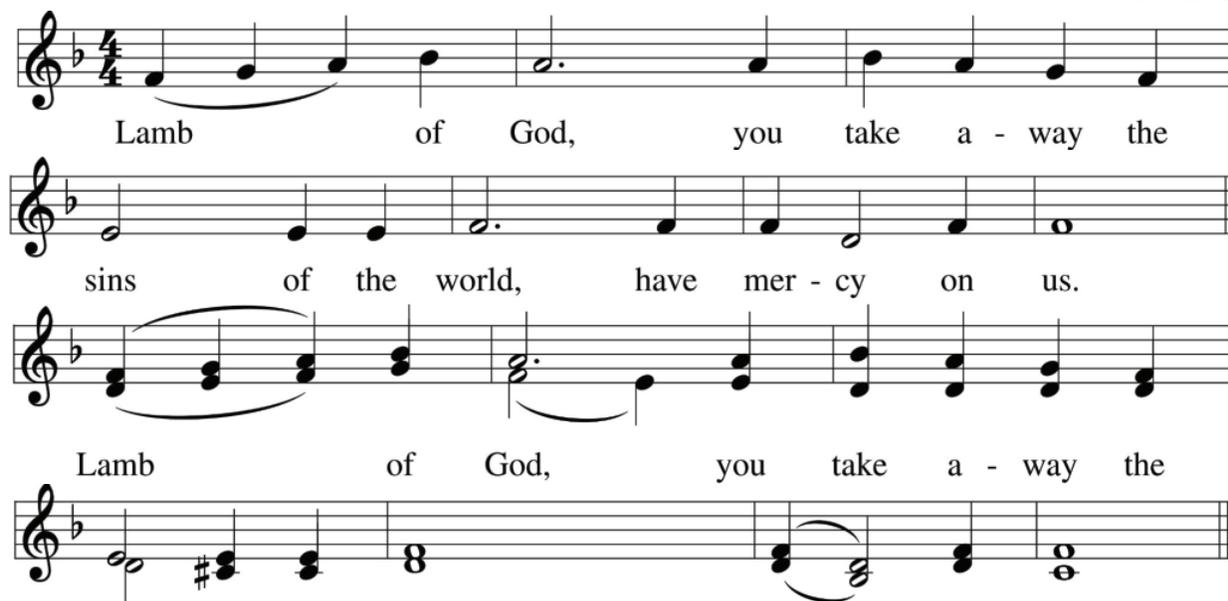


A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER LAMB OF GOD

*Heritage Mass*  
Owen Alstott



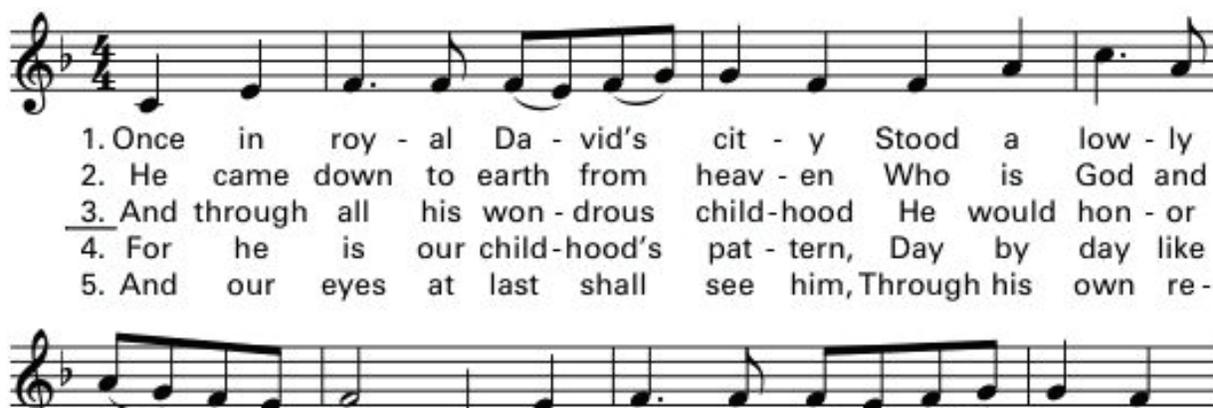
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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## COMMUNION SONG

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and  
3. And through all his won - drous child-hood He would hon - or  
4. For he is our child-hood's pat - tern, Day by day like  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re -  
1. cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by  
2. Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble,  
3. and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly maid - en  
4. us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,  
5. deem - ing love; For that child so dear and gen - tle



1. In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y was that  
 2. And his cra - dle was a stall. With the poor and  
 3. In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian chil - dren  
 4. Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feels for  
 5. Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he leads his



1. moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.  
 2. mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 3. all should be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 4. all our sad - ness, And he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5. chil - dren on To the place where he has gone.

Text: 87 87 77; Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1818-1895, alt. Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876.

**SENDING SONG**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Regent Square



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
 4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his  
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther,



1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 2. flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing;  
 3. beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,  
 4. Fa - ther's throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;  
 5. Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing,



1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 2. Yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
 3. Ye have seen his na - tal star: } Come and wor - ship,  
 4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down:  
 5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One: }



1-5. come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text: 87 87 87; verses 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; verse 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825; verse 5, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.

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# Message From The Diocese



Dear Parishioner:

Father Thomas Newton will be completing his six-year term as pastor of St. Damien Parish, Ocean City. It is the practice in the Diocese of Camden to conduct an evaluation of the pastor before the Priest Personnel Board makes a recommendation to Bishop Williams for possibly renewing the pastor's term for an additional six years.

The results of the evaluation will be shared with your pastor by the local Dean and a member of the Priest Personnel Board, so that he can hear about the fruits of his labors and/or to see areas where growth is needed. We invite all of the members of the parish community to participate in this evaluation in a spirit of prayer, asking you to be honest and charitable. All surveys must be **completed within three weeks** of first appearing in your parish bulletin. To complete the evaluation, please go to the following link. If you are not able to complete the survey online, a printed copy is available at the parish office.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T-Newton>

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important ministry.

Estimado/a Feligrés:

El Padre Thomas Newton completará su período de seis años como párroco de la Parroquia St. Damien Parish, Ocean City. Es la práctica en la Diócesis de Camden realizar una evaluación del párroco antes de que la Junta de Personal Sacerdotal haga una recomendación al Obispo Williams para posiblemente renovar el período del pastor por seis años adicionales.

Los resultados de la evaluación serán compartidos con su párroco por el Decano local y un miembro de la Junta de Personal Sacerdotal, para que pueda conocer los frutos de su trabajo y/o para ver las áreas donde necesita crecimiento.

Invitamos a todos los miembros de la comunidad parroquial a participar en esta evaluación en un espíritu de oración, pidiéndoles que sean honestos y caritativos. Todas las encuestas deben completarse dentro de **tres semanas después de** aparecer por primera vez en el boletín de su parroquia. Para completar la evaluación, por favor vaya al siguiente enlace. Si no puede completar la encuesta en línea, puede obtener una copia impresa en la oficina parroquial. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T-Newton>

Gracias por su disponibilidad para participar en este importante ministerio.

Sincerely/Sinceramente,

Rev. Nicholas Dudo

Vicar for Clergy/Vicario del Clergy

Rev. Thomas Newton

Director of Clergy Personnel/Director de Personal Clerical

Scan the QR Code to Access the Survey:  
Escanee el código QR para acceder a la encuesta:





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>

<b>St. Damien Parish</b>	<u>FY 6/30/24</u>	<u>FY 6/30/25</u>
<b>Church Universal Collections</b>		
Collected from Parishioners and Remitted to the Diocese	\$ 76,785	\$ 90,256
<b>House of Charity /SJ Catholic Ministry Appeal - Goal</b>	<b>\$ 215,800</b>	<b>\$ 215,800</b>
Pledged	\$ 220,973	\$ 219,193
<b>Catholic Strong - Parish Goal: \$1,785,000 (56 % Pledged)</b>		
<b>Catholic Strong Projects:</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>Revolving Fund* Balances:</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>		

## Christmas Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altars of our churches this Christmas were donated in memory of loved ones*

### In Memory Of:

### Donated By:

*D'alessandro Family  
 James & Annie Jennings, Margery & Norman Anderson, Mary Jennings  
 Florence Kachline  
 Fale Seider Best, Tom & Maryellen Best  
 Deceased Members of The Bigley, Daly, and O'Neill Families  
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 Barbara Clare  
 Lee Zacney Barbara Cleary  
 Mrs. Patricia Counsellor  
 Michael & Palma Crooks  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark D'Onofrio  
 Valerie Davis  
  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Deal  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeBarbrie  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike DeLong

Rita & Joseph DeSilvio Jr., Jennie Perrone, Frank Perrone  
 The Deceased Members of the Devaney & Gaskin Families  
 Joan Dollymore  
 Cynthia Donahue  
 Guy & Gladys Adous, Ed & Gloria Dougherty, Tom & Nancy Kreck  
 Joe Firmani  
 The Flynn Family  
 The Francesconi Family  
 Patrick & Eleanor Friel, Francis & Patricia Greek, Deceased Relatives and Friends  
 Felipe Castillo, Matilde Osoria, Ramon Osoria, Abistides Osoria  
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 Gloria Macanga, Joseph, The Guarneri Family  
 Lena & Carmen Carangi, John & Lena Hahn  
 Marie & Fred Brino, Nancy & Joseph Heinbach, Charles Heinbach, George Garvey, Linda Kane  
 Joseph Holmes, Edward Holmes  
 Michael  
 Donald J Kerns  
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 Marie Mealey, Kathy Mealey, Michael Mealey, Dan Mikolajczak

Joseph DeSilvio III  
 Christopher and Ellen Devaney  
 Mr. Joseph Dollymore  
 Mr. Gregory Donahue  
 Cynthia Lee Dougherty  
 Ruth Ann Firmani  
 William Flynn  
 Ms. Joan Francesconi  
 Miss Jane Friel  
 Maria I. Giron  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Marilyn Gray  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Guarneri  
 Mr. & Mrs. Marin Hahn  
 Joseph and Angela Heinbach  
 Mrs. Charlotte Holmes  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jose  
 Geraldine Kerns  
 Dr. and Mrs. Edward Kozakowski  
 Mary Anne Lamonica  
 Mary Lefever  
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## Mass Intentions

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

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

8:30 am **James McGrady**  
 requested by Rosemary Kates  
 4:00 pm **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>

9:00 am **Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families**  
 requested by Pro Life Ministry  
**Carmen D'Angelo**  
 requested by Kay Manco

Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Mr. & Mrs. Nick Pagliaccetti**  
 requested by their Daughter Linda  
**Theresa Fama**  
 requested by Barb O'Brien

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Kathleen Kern**  
 requested by Paul and Pat Banfe  
**Joseph Santosuosso**  
 requested by Mary Louise Bowdler

Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Protection of Life at All Stages**  
 requested by Holy Love Prayer Group

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Patricia Trevi**  
 requested by her Loving Husband  
**Bill Mangan**  
 requested by Frank Mangan

Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Margaret Gouryeb**  
 requested by Ginny and Joe Sosnowsky  
**Dr. James A. Murphy**  
 requested by his Wife

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

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

7:30 am **James Bottorff**  
 requested by The Minehan Family  
**David Ryan**  
 requested by Pat Garza

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

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

10:30 am **Carol Walton**  
 requested by John Walton  
**Ed Raffaele**  
 requested by Steve & Kathleen Betchner  
**Connie Carroll Sladek**  
 requested by Mary Louise Bowdler  
 4:00 pm **For the Parish Community**

### Coming Up Next Weekend...

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am (13th) **Michael Hoffman**  
 requested by The Schmitt Family  
 4:00 pm (13th) **Lisa Tolman**  
 requested by Kathi and Harry Wahl  
**Frances Marotta**  
 requested by her Loving Husband

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am (40th) **Carmen Pasquale D'Angelo**  
 requested by Frank & Kathy Piech  
 9:00 am (13th) **William L. Cavanaugh**  
 requested by Steve & Peggy Moritz  
**Carmen D'Angelo**  
 requested by Mary and Chuck Bangle  
 10:30 am (2nd) **Jack Flannery**  
 requested by his Best Buddies  
**Bob McDonnell**  
 requested by Ed & Ginny Manning  
 4:00 pm (2nd) **For the Parish Community**

## Prayer Requests

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

Kim Bailey	Donald DeRossi, Jr.	Theresa Ifkovits	Janice Orlowski	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
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John DellaFave	Mary Hudak	Joseph O'Conner	Anthony Spadafora	

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

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			
12/14/25:	\$ 20,919		
WEEK ENDING			
12/15/24:	\$ 25,120		
DIFF:	\$ (4,201)	-16.72%	

### Fiscal Year to Date

FISCAL YEAR			
2025-2026 YTD:	\$ 808,650		
FISCAL YEAR			
2024-2025 YTD:	\$ 790,584		
DIFF:	\$ 18,066	+2.29%	



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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>Wednesday</b>	<b>Knitting &amp; Crocheting</b> 10:00 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

**JAN 6**  
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 8**  
THU

**Parish Nurse/Helping Hands Ministry Meeting**

7:00 PM • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)

Anyone interested in learning about this ministry is welcome to attend. For more information or questions about this ministry please email nursesministry@stdamienparish.com or call Rosemary Kates at: 856-562-7235.

**JAN 11**  
SUN

**Hospitality Sunday**

After 10:30 AM Mass • Culliney Hall (122 Atlantic Avenue)

Come out and gather with your fellow parishioners for refreshments and conversation.

*We especially invite newly registered parishioners to join us!*

**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.



**JAN 15**  
THU

**Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary Meeting**

7:00 PM • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)

Any Catholic woman related to a past or present Knight from any council is welcome to join us. For more information contact Mary Ann McIntyre 267-226-4833.

**Adult Faith Formation: The Years of Ripening**

10:00 AM on January 21, January 28, February 4, and February 11 in the Parish Center.

*The Years of Ripening* focuses on personal transformation, the wonder, and goodness of our hidden self, how the qualities of our personhood have been expressed, and in what ways we can claim ever more of the truest reality of our inner being. Participants must order their own book: *The Years of Ripening* by Joyce Rupp – Orbis Books.

Registration is required. To register, contact Sr. Jeanne at jbelli@stdamienparish.com.

**Stewardship Gratitude**

*“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (MATTHEW 2:11)*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called in **Stewardship** to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

**Faith & Justice**

**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!

**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.

**St. Damien Parish Communion Service of Welcome & Inclusion – A Heartfelt Success!**

This past December 17th, St. Damien Parish hosted a beautiful Communion Service of Welcome and Inclusion for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It was a truly inspiring and joyous occasion, where our community came together to celebrate the unique gifts and talents of every person. The service was filled with prayer, uplifting music, and the comforting embrace of the Holy Eucharist. We were also blessed to have Santa Claus as our special guest! Santa's visit brought smiles to all, spreading holiday cheer and warmth to each person in attendance. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success—the Knights of Columbus and Women's Auxiliary, the Music Ministry, and the parish volunteers who worked together to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. Your support means the world to those in our community who are often overlooked and underrepresented. We also want to thank the families and participants who joined us, creating a truly special atmosphere of love, acceptance, and unity.



**Living the Gospel Through Service**

In the days leading up to Christmas, members of our parish put faith into action through a service project in support of the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. In a spirit of Christian charity and solidarity, volunteers prepared peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and packaged Christmas cookies to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need. As we prepared our hearts to welcome Christ at Christmas, this work of mercy reminded us that in serving the poor, we serve Christ Himself. We give thanks to all who participated and helped make Christ's love present in our community.



**Children's Faith Formation**

The children of the Faith Formation entered into the days before Christmas with a prayerful retelling of the Christmas story and caroling.



## **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.*



## **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.

## **Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions**

VIRTUS Training is required for any adult (18 years and older) who works with youth in St. Damien Parish. Upcoming sessions are listed here:

**Thursday, January 8 • 6:00 PM** at St Joachim Parish in Bellmawr.

**Thursday, January 15 • 6:00 PM** at Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit in Mullica Hill.

**Saturday, January 24 • 9:00 AM** at Parish of St Vincent de Paul in Mays Landing.

**Thursday, February 5 • 6:00 PM** at St Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Collingswood.

**Tuesday, February 10 • 9:00 AM** at Holy Family Parish in Sewell.

## **Report Sexual Abuse**

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.

### **Denuncie el Abuso Sexual**

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policía. Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo, llame al 1-800-964-6588.

## **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.

## **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.

## 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 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 Vigilus, al 609-399-0648 x 0114 o al email 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.

## La noche de Reyes Magos

Es un momento mágico lleno de ilusión y alegría. Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar traen regalos y sorpresas, llenando los corazones de esperanza.

**Fecha:** Se celebra el 6 de enero de cada año, marcando el final de la temporada navideña y el comienzo de la Epifanía.

**Tradiciones:** Desfiles: En muchos países, se realizan desfiles con los Reyes Magos, quienes a menudo arrojan dulces y regalos a la multitud.

**Roscón de Reyes:** Un pan dulce tradicional (similar a un pastel) que se disfruta en este día, a menudo decorado con frutas confitadas para simular una corona. Algunas versiones de este pan contienen una figurita y una haba escondidas; quienes las encuentran tienen responsabilidades especiales o buena suerte durante el año.

**Regalos:** Los niños suelen recibir regalos, al igual que en Navidad. En algunos lugares, los niños dejan sus zapatos para que los Reyes Magos los llenen de dulces.

**Significado:** Este día conmemora la revelación de Jesús como Hijo de Dios a los gentiles, representados por los Reyes Magos, que no eran judíos sino que provenían de tierras lejanas.

## Oración para el día de reyes

*“Niño Dios, te doy las gracias porque les has dado a los Reyes Magos la oportunidad de llegar a mi hogar. Te han visto en mí, y por ello han sido muy buenos y generosos conmigo. Te pido por ellos para que nunca se acabe la ilusión de recibirlos en casa, pero también por todos aquellos niños que han perdido esa ilusión y se sienten decepcionados. Ayúdalos a entender que el mayor regalo eres Tú, que nos lo has dado todo. Gracias, también a ustedes, queridos Reyes Magos. Amén.”*  
 ¡Feliz día de reyes para toda la comunidad!

## 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>

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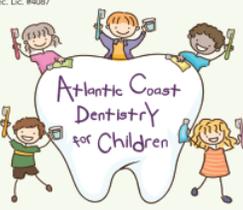


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