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## February 8, 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!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING SONG

*O Bless the Lord*

John Michaels

**Refrain**



O bless the Lord, the God of our sal - va - tion, Rock of  
 strength and a ref - uge sure! O bless the Lord, the God of ev - 'ry

**Verses**



na - tion, o - ver all the earth!

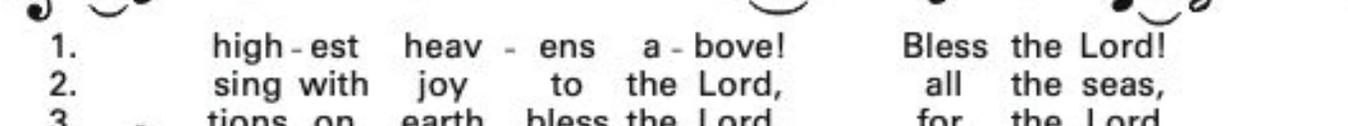
1. O bless the Lord,	
2. Let all the earth	
3. Let all the na -	
4. Let all the peo -	



1. high - est heav - ens a - bove!	Bless the Lord!
2. sing with joy to the Lord,	all the seas,
3. - tions on earth bless the Lord,	for the Lord
4. - ple on earth bless the Lord!	Young and old,



1. Glo - ri - fy his name!	Sun in the day, moon and
2. crea - tures of the deep!	Moun - tains and hills, birds and
3. gov - erns all the world!	Let all the rul - ers on
4. glo - ri - fy his name!	Let ev - 'ry voice sing with



**to Refrain**

1. stars in the night,	wor - ship and praise!
2. beasts in the fields,	wor - ship and praise!
3. earth bless the Lord!	Wor - ship and praise!
4. joy to the Lord:	"Glo - ry and praise!"

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PENITENTIAL ACT

# GLORIA

*Mass of Creation*  
Marty Haugen

## Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth  
peace to peo - ple of good will.

## Verses

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father,  
have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

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## FIRST READING

*True religion requires easing the burdens of others  
by providing them with the basic necessities of  
food, clothing, and shelter*

Isaiah 58:7-10

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 112*  
Tony Alonso



The just man is a light in dark-ness, a  
light in dark-ness to the up - right.

**SECOND READING** *God saves the world through what is held to be foolish and weak. In that way God alone can be praised for the result.*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Mass of Creation*  
Marty Haugen



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**GOSPEL** *Disciples described as “salt” means that they season and preserve the world for God. As “light” they are to bear witness to Jesus and His message so that they shine out to the world.*

Matthew 5:13-16

**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

*The Servant Song*

Richard Gillard

1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as  
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers  
 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time  
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll  
 5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such

1, 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to  
 2. on the road; We are here to help each oth - er  
 3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 5. har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er

1, 6. Let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 2. Walk the mile and bear the load.  
 3. Speak the peace you long to hear.  
 4. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 5. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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## HOLY, HOLY

*Mass of Creation*  
Marty Haugen

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

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Creation*  
Marty Haugen

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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## GREAT AMEN

*Mass of Creation*  
Marty Haugen

A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

# LAMB OF GOD

*Mass of Creation*  
Marty Haugen

Cantor/Choir All

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

1, 2

2 Final

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the 'Lamb of God' section. It features two staves of music in G major. The first staff is for the Cantor/Choir and includes the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.' and includes a 'Final' marking. There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1, 2 and 2.

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# COMMUNION SONG

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Bernadette Farrell

Verses

1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for  
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for  
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —  
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —  
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —  
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,  
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.  
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.  
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.  
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation and lyrics for the 'Communion Song'. It features three staves of music in G major. The first staff is for the verses and includes the lyrics '1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for...'. The second and third staves continue the lyrics and include the refrain '1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see...'. There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1, 2.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation and lyrics for the 'Refrain' of the 'Communion Song'. It features two staves of music in G major. The first staff includes the lyrics 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.' and the second staff includes 'Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.'.

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# SENDING SONG

## *We Are the Light of the World*

### Verses



1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,
2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble,
3. Bless - ed are they who will mourm in sor - row,
4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,
5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,
7. Bless - ed are those who bring peace a - mong us,
8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cution,



Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will in - her - it the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O Lord, when we  
 They will be sat - is - fied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will know mer - cy, too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They are the chil - dren of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your  
 Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they



poor in spir - it;  
 meek and hum - ble;  
 share their sor - row;  
 cry for jus - tice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 cry for mer - cy;  
 pure and ho - ly;  
 peace be with us;  
 per - se - cute us;

### Refrain



We are the light of the world, May our light shine be - fore all,



That they may see the good that we do, And give glo - ry to God.

Tune: Matthew 23:11, 14-16; Isaac A. Gutz, 1888-1961  
 Tune: John A. Overt, 1978-1981  
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## Baby Shower

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's baby shower! It was a full house with over 90 participants and we were able to collect many donations for Options for Her, Ocean City.



## Handling Medical Emergencies In Church

February is Heart Month. Nurse/Helping Hands Ministry would like to review the handling of emergencies that may occur during Mass.

**If needed, all three churches and the parish center have AED (Defibrillator devices for cardiac emergencies) and First Aid Kits. They are located in the Welcoming Spaces as you come into the churches and the center Hallway of the Parish Center. (The Nurse Ministry urges everyone to locate these devices. You may need to assist at some time in procuring the AED device or First Aid Kit)**

If a parishioner should need medical help, please stand and announce in a clear voice: *"We need medical help here."*

Remain at the side of the ill parishioner until medical personnel arrive.

Designate someone to call "911." When calling in emergency: remain calm and state your location clearly, try to use a cell phone and stay close to the ill parishioner so questions may be answered and up to date information can be relayed to the dispatcher. Do not hang up. Stay on the line till Emergency personnel arrive.

If Health Care Providers are present in the congregation, they should identify themselves and go to assist the parishioner. Clear the lane and let the dispatcher know which entrance to the church would be the best entrance for the Emergency Personnel to enter. Have someone go outside and direct them when they do arrive.

Ushers will assist with crowd control and direct parishioners in close proximity to move from the pew to not block Health Care Providers.

**If CPR is indicated, the AED device should be obtained from the Welcoming Space.** Note: There is an alarm and strobe light that will go off when the AED device is removed from the cabinet. There is a key inside the box. Place the key in the lock on the left side of the cabinet to turn off the alarm after the emergency is over. Please place the key back in the cabinet.

If anyone is interested in taking a CPR class, please contact Carl Brown at the OC Fire Department. Phone 609 – 525- 9182. Email: cbrown@ocnj.us. Heart Month is a good time to take a course or brush up on your skills. You never know when you can save a life.

Any questions, please call Rosemary Kates RN, Nurse Ministry Coordinator at 856-562-7235 or email nursesministry@stdamienparish.com. Please let us know if the AED device has been used or items have been taken from the First Aid Kit so we can replenish these items by calling Rosemary Kates or notifying the parish office.

## Mass Intentions

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

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am **Aida Christina Rosado**  
requested by her Family

4:00 pm **Joseph Baker**  
requested by Beth & Mike Baker  
**David Ryan**  
requested by Kathy Ryan  
**Frances Marotta**  
requested by her Loving Husband

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am **USMC Master Sergeant Alice Percak**  
requested by Ellen Laut  
**Jesus Guajardo**  
requested by Maggie Wong

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am **Bernadette Cappetti**  
requested by Therese Donlan

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am **Patricia Trevi**  
requested by her Loving Husband  
**Ralph Rosch**  
requested by Carmela Rosch

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am **Barbara Friend**  
requested by Angela Cappetti

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am **Biagia Joseph Santosuosso**  
requested by John and Mary Terese Karanik  
**Schiavo/Welker Families**  
requested by Ralph Schiavo

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am **Nikki Nolan**  
requested by her Mom

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

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am **Charles Friel**  
requested by The Linthicum Family

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

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am **Robert McDonnell**  
requested by Joan and Jim Andrews  
**Mickey Flynn**  
requested by Companions of Pauline  
4:00 pm **For the Parish Community**

### Coming Up Next Weekend...

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am (13th) **Carole Schiavo**  
requested by Ralph Schiavo

4:00 pm (13th) **In Loving Memory of Evelyn Hagan**  
requested by Daughters Sheila and Suzanne

**In Loving Memory of Robert McDowell and Julia and Joseph Marchese**  
requested by their Families  
**Frances Marotta**  
requested by her Loving Husband

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am (40th) **William Daley**  
requested by The Minehan Family

9:00 am (13th) **Michael F. Fitzpatrick Sr.**  
requested by Jerry and Patty McConnell

10:30 am (2nd) **Robert McDonnell**  
requested by Companions of Pauline

**Michael David Pempsell**  
requested by Dennis & Sabine  
4:00 pm (2nd) **For the Parish Community**

## Upcoming Liturgies

**February 18, 2026**

Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM • St. Augustine

8:30 AM • St. Augustine

4:00 PM • Our Lady of Good Counsel

7:00 PM • St. Augustine

7:00 PM (Spanish) • St.

Frances of Cabrini

## Prayer Requests

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

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

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

**Mary Ann Betchner**

*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			
1/18/26:	\$ 19,758		
WEEK ENDING			
1/19/25:	\$ 20,374		
	DIFF:	\$ (616)	-3.02%

### Fiscal Year to Date

FISCAL YEAR			
2025-2026 YTD:	\$ 915,975		
FISCAL YEAR			
2024-2025 YTD:	\$ 891,435		
	DIFF:	\$ 24,540	+2.75%



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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

**FEB 10**  
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.*



**FEB 10**  
TUE

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM • Culliney Hall (122 Atlantic Ave.)**

We invite all visitors and members of our parish community who are willing and able to donate blood at our next American Red Cross Blood Drive. *To schedule an appointment for the blood drive, scan the QR code, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter code **St Frances***



**FEB 11**  
WED

### St. Damien Parish Knitting & Crocheting Ministry

**10:00 AM • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)**

The St. Damien Knitting & Crocheting Ministry creates handmade items that bring comfort and share Christ's love throughout our community. In 2025, donations supported the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, Options for Her, Father Benedict House Clothing Pantry, Eastern Service Workers Clothing Pantry, St. Damien Hispanic Community, The Gift of Life Program, St. Damien Faith Formation Program (Santa's Workshop), and families served by the St. Damien Social Ministry. The group is currently making lap blankets and shawls for Grace Hospice patients. The ministry meets Wednesdays, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM at the Parish Center (1337 Asbury Avenue). All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Joanne Kelly at 609-399-0648 X0100 or [jkelly@stdamienparish.com](mailto:jkelly@stdamienparish.com)



**FEB 11**  
WED

### Adult Faith Formation: The Years of Ripening

**10:00 AM • Jan 21, 28, Feb 4 and 11 • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)**

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](mailto:jbelli@stdamienparish.com).

**FEB 11**  
WED

### Leisure Club

**1:00 PM - 3:30 PM • Culliney Hall (122 Atlantic Ave.)**

The Leisure Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome to attend! *Questions? Call Tom at 609-390-8269.*

**FEB 11**  
WED

### KoC Women's Auxiliary presents "Dessert & Trivia"

**7:00 PM • Culliney Hall (122 Atlantic Ave.)**

If you'd like to shake off the "after the holiday's blahs," why not get together with family and friends and join us for a fun evening of "Dessert & Trivia!" Soda and water will be provided or bring a beverage of your choice. Admission is \$5.00. Please contact Mary Ann McIntyre 267-226-4833 for reservations and further information.

**FEB 17**  
TUE

### Mardi Gras Event

**10:00 - 11:00 AM • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)**

Join us for a high-energy, feel-good movement class designed for ALL fitness levels. Expect a lively mix of music using pompoms, rhythm sticks, and maracas to holiday favorites like "When The Saints Go Marching In." Join us as we honor the tradition of indulgence before Lent begins. Led by local fitness enthusiast Shelley Magan. Registration is required. To register, email Sr. Jeanne at [jbelli@stdamienparish.com](mailto:jbelli@stdamienparish.com).

**FEB 17**  
TUE

## How to Break a Sugar Addiction (Presentation)

7:00 PM • Ocean City Library Lecture Hall (1735 Simpson Ave.)

Speaker: Sue Brown, author of *Simply Sugar Free: Six Steps to Conquer Sugar Addiction.* The presenter will share her personal story of losing 80 pounds eighteen years ago and how she has kept that weight off. Sue is a Ocean City resident, Health Coach, serves on the Board of the Food Addiction Institute and is a member of the National Weight Control Registry. This presentation is a collaborative event sponsored by the St. Damien Nurse/Helping Hands Ministry and the Ocean City Healthy Living Advisory Council.

**FEB 17**  
TUE

## Young Adult Group

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

Open to anyone 18-33 years old. For more information, contact Xander Wright at [xwright@stdamienparish.com](mailto:xwright@stdamienparish.com) or (609) 412-9358 (call/text).

**FEB 25**  
WED

## Journey of Love (Traveling the World with Bishop Robert Barron)

10:00 - 11:30 AM • Feb 25, March 11, 25 • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)

Our interior disposition is to turn toward God and imitate and deepen our relationship with Christ. Bishop Robert Barron, through media presentations, enlightens and invites us to open our lives by traveling with Christ through Scripture, Art, Architecture, Music, Reflections, and Study. Participants will be praying for the grace of conversion and transformation. **Registration is required ASAP. The registration deadline is February 18.** To register, email Sr. Jeanne at [jbelli@stdamienparish.com](mailto:jbelli@stdamienparish.com). A book study guide will be provided for participants. Participants should order their own book (2nd edition).

## Faith & Justice

### Support for Our Neighbors in Need: The Branches Outreach Center

Each winter and throughout the year, many of our neighbors in Cape May County face the harsh reality of a lack of shelter and extreme weather. With no designated overnight shelter in the county, people without stable housing are especially vulnerable when temperatures drop or storms hit, and they have limited options for warmth and safety. The Branches Outreach Center in Rio Grande provides essential support to those experiencing housing instability and hardship. This grassroots nonprofit offers warm meals, personal care items, clothing, showers, case management, food pantry services and a welcoming place to rest during the day. During Code Blue conditions — when temperatures fall to 32°F or below — The Branches extends its hours so guests can stay warm and access services while transportation is arranged to overnight warming centers.

Your prayers, donations, and volunteer support help our most vulnerable neighbors through the winter and all year long. For more information on how you can assist, please contact The Branches Outreach Center at:

**(609) 886-5091** or visit their website: <https://thebranchesoutreach.org/>

### 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.

## Rachel's Vineyard: A Place to Heal from Abortion

Dates: Match 6-8 | Location: IHM Spirituality Center, 210 IHM Drive Malvern, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion - no matter how much time has passed - please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. **Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin.** God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing of God's infinite mercy. Contact our team to register or for questions: Susan - 610-716-4795 Susiemck@comcast.net, Georgeann - 484-955-4278 geemcgarry@gmail.com.



*"The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other in the hands of the Holy Virgin." (St. Terese of Lisieux)*



We gather as a community to pray the Rosary:

Monday thru Saturday – 7:50am prior to morning Mass

Monday thru Friday - Noon

Wednesday 9am after morning Mass

*Tuesday and Friday during Lent we will be praying the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary, 9am after morning Mass*

*(Statue of St. Terese of Lisieux in St. Augustine Church)*

## St. Damien Social Ministry Outreach

As part of our ongoing outreach, St. Damien Parish Social Ministry is assisting a family in need and is seeking a gently used toddler stroller. If you are able to donate, please contact Joanne Kelly at 609-399-0648 X0100 or jkelly@stdamienparish.com. Thank you for responding to Christ's call to serve one another.

## Beacon of Hope

Beacon of Hope, an overnight shelter in Atlantic City for women and men can use your help. Boots, sneakers, and socks can be placed in the box at the back of the church at St. Augustine or St. Frances Cabrini. For information on volunteering, call Doug at (949) 366-6418. Donations of gift cards or cash can be brought to Sr. Jeanne at the Parish Center.

## Encounter Christ

Don't let another Lent pass by without growing any closer to Jesus than you are right now! Most Catholics settle for giving up something small and spend Lent going through the motions. Journal Through Lent gives you a short daily video and one reflection question that helps you encounter Jesus every day and prepare your heart for Easter. Sign up for free at [CamdenDiocese.org/Lent](http://CamdenDiocese.org/Lent) or scan the QR code.



## Ladies Luncheon Cancellation

Due to the possibility of winter weather, there will be no no February luncheon this year. See you all in March!  
- Mary Anne Hascher

## Rosary Hike – February 14 at 9:30 AM

Catholic women from any parish are welcome to join an informal, personally organized rosary hike and time of fellowship at **9:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month**, beginning **February 14**. This will be a great way to meet other women who are part of the South Jersey "Blessed is She" community.

**Location:** Egg Harbor Township Nature Reserve Zion Road entrance (meet by the park information sign)

**Please Note:** This is a private, non-parish-sponsored gathering and is not organized, supervised, or insured by the parish or diocese. Participation is voluntary and at your own risk.

**Details:** • Easy 1.5-mile hike • Wear sneakers or hiking shoes • Cancelled if temperature is below 32°F or if there is precipitation (resumes the following month)

**Questions?** Call or text Alia Suthard at (609) 675-8704

## Contagious Stewardship

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (MATTHEW 5:16)*

The generosity of being a good **Steward** of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

## 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.

## Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions

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

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

**Saturday, February 21 • 9:30 AM** at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Newfield.

**Saturday, March 14 • 9:30 AM** at Resurrection Catholic School in Cherry Hill.

## 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

### Recordatorios Importantes

**No olvides llevar tu boletín a casa.**

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## Grupo de Oración

**Todos los domingos a las 5:00 p.m.**, después de la Misa en español. Te invitamos a disfrutar de la presencia del Señor a través de: • Oración por los demás, nuestros hijos y familias • Oración por la Iglesia, nuestro país y el mundo • Alabanza, adoración • Oraciones de intercesión • Lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras

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## Misa Dominical en Español

**Domingos a las 4:00 p.m.**

 **Iglesia Santa Frances Cabrini**

Confesiones disponibles **desde las 3:00 p.m.**

 Para intenciones de Misa:

Pasar por la oficina y preguntar por **Maria Isabel Giron**

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 609-399-0948 ext. 0130

Con gusto les atenderemos en todas sus necesidades parroquiales.

## Bodas y Bautizos

Para bodas o bautizos de niños, favor de comunicarse con:

**Padre Vigilius**

 609-399-0648 ext. 0114

 [vamanze@stdamienparish.com](mailto:vamanze@stdamienparish.com)

 **Dirección correcta de la Iglesia Santa Frances Cabrini:**

114 Atlantic Ave. & 2nd Ave., Ocean City, NJ 08226

## Aviso Importante

Por favor, **apague su teléfono celular antes de entrar a la iglesia** para evitar distracciones y poder estar plenamente en contacto con Dios.

## Sobres de Contribución 2026

Quienes deseen solicitar sobres de contribución para el año 2026, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial **de lunes a jueves, de 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.**

## Bautismos

Los bautismos se celebran los **sábados a la 1:00 p.m.** en Santa Frances Cabrini. Para arreglos administrativos, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial.

## Clase de Preparación Bautismal

Padres y padrinos deben comunicarse con **Maria Isabel Giron** para recibir las instrucciones necesarias.

También ofrecemos preparación para **recibir los sacramentos en la edad adulta.**

## Retiro Espiritual – Marzo

Oremos por nuestro retiro de marzo, para que el **Espíritu Santo sea nuestro guía** y se derrame abundantemente en todos nosotros. Para más información, favor de hablar con **Rocío Oropeza.**

“**Retiro el abrazo que sana**” con el predicador Winston Castro y en la música Sandy German

Sábado 7 de marzo de 8:00 am a 5:00pm Una donación de \$25.00 incluye lunch. En Culliney Hall. Iglesia San Frances Cabrini en la 114 Atlantic Ave. Y calle 2ND en Ocean City.

## Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Rezamos la **Coronilla todos los domingos antes de la Misa, alrededor de las 3:00 p.m. ¡Todos están invitados!**

## Procesión del Pan y el Vino

Las personas que han ofrecido una Misa por una intención particular están invitadas, si lo desean, a participar en la **procesión del pan y el vino.**

Por favor, comuníquense con la persona encargada **antes del inicio de la Misa** para confirmar disponibilidad.

## Registro Parroquial

Si usted asiste regularmente a San Damián y **aún no está registrado**, por favor hágalo.

La registración es sencilla, confidencial y muy importante para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad.

También comuníquese con la oficina para:

- Solicitar sobres de contribución
- Actualizar teléfono, dirección o estado civil

¡Gracias por su colaboración!

## Tiendita Católica

Disponible durante la Misa Hispana, ubicada en la oficina donde se anotan las intenciones de Misa.

Ofrecemos artículos religiosos que fortalecen su fe.

Para más información, hable con **el hermano Lázaro.**

## Oremos por la Inmigración

Pidamos por una **reforma migratoria justa y compasiva.**

 Recursos sobre inmigración (en español e inglés):

- [www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org)
- [www.cliniclegal.org](http://www.cliniclegal.org) (Know Your Rights)

## Recursos para la Comunidad:

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

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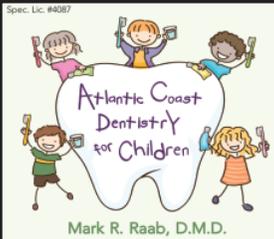


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