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## May 17, 2026



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

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 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:** 5:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
**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

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:30 AM  
**Confessions:** Saturday, 3:00 PM

# All Are Welcome!

## The Ascension of the Lord

GATHERING SONG

*Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise*

LLANFAIR



1. Hail the day that sees him rise
  2. There for him high tri-umph waits:
  3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives;
  4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove.
  5. Lord, though part - ed from our sight
  6. There with you we shall re - main,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. To his throne be - yond the skies;
  2. Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates;
  3. Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
  4. See! he shows the wounds of love.
  5. Far be - yond the star - ry height,
  6. Share the glo - ry of your reign,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n,
  2. He has con - quered death and sin;
  3. Though re - turn - ing to his throne,
  4. Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow,
  5. Lift our hearts that we may rise
  6. There your face un - cloud - ed view,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. En - ters now the high - est heav'n!
  2. Take the King of glo - ry in.
  3. Still he calls the world his own.
  4. Bless - ings on his church be - low.
  5. One with you be - yond the skies:
  6. Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.
- } Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Robert Williams, 1781-1821

**PENITENTIAL ACT**  
**GLORIA**

Mass of Saint Ann  
Ed Bolduc



Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est.

Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy  
you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might-y  
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a -  
way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right  
hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, 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.

To refrain...

**FIRST READING**

*“This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way”*

Acts 1:1-11

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 47*  
Marty Haugen

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O  
sing your praises to the Lord!

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**SECOND READING**

*May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened*

Ephesians 1:17-23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Festival Alleluia*  
James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**GOSPEL**

*“I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:16-20

**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.

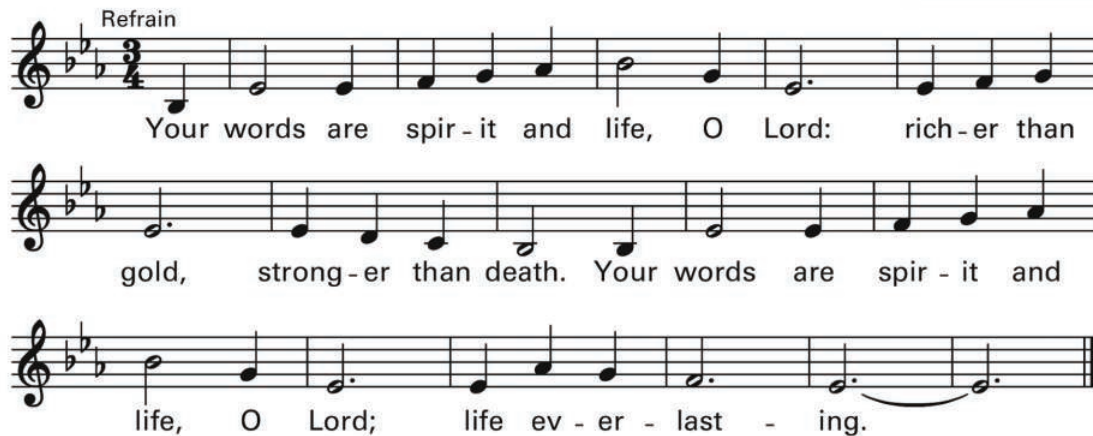
## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### OFFERTORY SONG

### *Your Words Are Spirit And Life*

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than  
gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and  
life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing.

Verses



1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -  
2. God's pre - cepts keep us; their pur - pose is right. They  
3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's  
4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth

1. viv - ing the wea - ry spir - it. God's  
2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. God's com -  
3. pres - ence is ev - er - last - ing. God's  
4. more than we dare i - mag - ine and,

1. rule can be trust - ed: bring - ing us wis - dom,  
2. mand is so clear it brings us new vi - sion;  
3. truth is e - ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice;  
4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us,

to Refrain

1. bring - ing God's wis - dom to birth.  
2. bring - ing God's light to our eyes.  
3. bring - ing God's jus - tice to earth.  
4. bring - ing ful - fill - ment and joy.

## HOLY, HOLY

*Mass of Saint Ann*  
Ed Bolduc

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, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Saint Ann*  
Ed Bolduc

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion  
un-til you come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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## GREAT AMEN

*Mass of Saint Ann*  
Ed Bolduc

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 Saint Ann; Ed Bolduc

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

Worthy Is The Lamb

Ricky Manalo

Refrain

Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve to re - ceive the good-ness of God.

Verses

1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb.  
 2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal -  
 3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

1. Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You  
 2. va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By  
 3. Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your

1. laid down your life and died up-on the cross: we've be -  
 2. con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new life, we've be -  
 3. pow - er and glo - ry shine up-on our lives: we've be -

2 to Refrain

1. come a peo - ple of hope.  
 2. come a peo - ple of praise.  
 3. come your light for the world.

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## SENDING SONG

*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

DARWALL's 148th  
Arranged by Robert G. Farrell



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. joice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more: Lift up your
2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove: Lift up your
3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: Lift up your
4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home: Lift up your



1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Effective July 1, 2026 – Reverend Thomas Newton will be transferred from Pastor, St. Damien Parish, Ocean City to Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville. Fr. Newton remains Episcopal Vicar for Synodality, Director of Clergy Personnel and Advocate for Priests' Wellness.

Effective July 1, 2026 – Monsignor Peter Joyce will be transferred from Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville to Pastor St. Damien Parish, Ocean City.

As a result of my increased diocesan responsibilities and my need to travel to Camden on a regular basis, I requested a new parish assignment closer to my office in Camden.

## Summer Mass Schedule

### St. Augustine

*Starting May 23:*

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

*Starting May 26:*

No Daily Mass, Adoration, or  
Communion Service

### St. Frances Cabrini

*Starting May 23:*

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM, 4:00 PM  
(SPA)

Confession: Sunday, 3:00 PM  
(ENG/SPA)

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## Children's May Procession

The children in the Faith Formation Program honored Our Lady during the annual May Procession. The children processed around the Parish Center praying the rosary and prayed and sang as signs of their love.



## Easter Flowers

The flowers on the altar this Easter were donated in memory of loved ones.

### Intention

*Christina, Charles, & Thomas Dow, Philip & Millie Mangione, Agnes Kneeshaw  
The Deceased Avioli / Matuson Family, Mary & DJ Avioli, Mary & John Matuson, All Family & Friends  
Robert McDowell, Joseph & Julia Marchese  
Barbara Sharpe, Patricia Warg  
June & Edward Wysocky, Frank & Ann Montana, Margaret & Joseph Murray, Anna & William Davis  
Carl Moritz, Victoria Moritz, Nicholas Cavanaugh, Margaret Cavanaugh, Barbara Schofield  
The Mulligan Family, The Jordan Family, Upcoming Surgery  
O'Brien, Deviny, & Argoe Families  
O'Connell Family  
Parassio and Moffatt Families  
Adrienne Petrycki, Pearl Petrycki, Helen Cheloc, Michael Petrycki  
Deceased Members of The Magerle & Piech Families  
The Cooke & Potts Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Rostock, Mr. & Mrs. Michael M. Powers Sr., Michael M. Powers Jr., Sr. Anne Powers  
RSM  
Stephen J Farrell, Kass Farrell  
Blaser / Rinkavage Families  
James and Patricia Roche  
Cinaglia / Cabochon Families, Burke / Garvey Families, Santangelo / Bonfiglio Families  
Stephanie & Albert Siegle, Norbert & Edna Savage, Linda Antoinette Camarata  
The Scarduzio Family, The Bocchicchio Family  
Carole Schiavo, Frank Schiavo, Cindy Schiavo  
Leda & Domenic Yachetti, Julia Caffo, Charles & Jean Spengler*

### Requested By

Vincent Mangione  
Ronald and Rynda Matuson  
Mary Lou McDowell  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McIntyre  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Montana  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Moritz  
Ms. Marian Mulligan  
Mark and Barbara O'Brien  
Nancy O'Connell  
Anthony and Maureen Parassio  
Mr. John Petrycki  
Francis & Kathleen Piech  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Potts  
Ms. Michele Powers  
  
Mr. and Mrs. Jason Resetar  
A Rinkavage  
Kathleen Roche  
Charles & Patricia Santangelo  
Linda, Tim & Savage Family  
Ms. Nancy Scarduzio  
Mr. Ralph Schiavo Jr.  
Steven and Linda Spengler

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## Mass Intentions

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

#### Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **For the Parish Community**  
 5:30 pm **Christopher Ryan**  
 requested by The Faith Formation Program  
**Frances Marotta**  
 requested by her Loving Husband  
**Robert & Genevieve Redfern**  
 requested by their Daughters

#### Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am **Marie Carden Gallagher**  
 requested by Anna Marie Casey  
**Frederick Parratto**  
 requested by Faith Formation  
**Glenn Yanis**  
 requested by Shawn & Trudy  
 11:00 am **Sammy & Joanne Bisulca**  
 requested by Robert Zunino  
**Souls in Purgatory**  
 requested by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sorantino

#### Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Louise Riney**  
 requested by Rosemary Kates

#### Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Louise Riney**  
 requested by Therese Donlan  
**William Blaney**  
 requested by John and Cathy Cogan  
**Donna Juchno**  
 requested by Anthony Sembello

#### Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am **Trevi and Sanbore Families**  
 requested by John Trevi  
**Schiavo/Welker Families**  
 requested by Ralph Schiavo

#### Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 am **Patricia Trevi**  
 requested by Morning Rosary Group

#### Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 am **For the Parish Community**

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

#### Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am **Jim DeVecchio**  
 requested by Elaine Fiocchi  
 10:30 am **Jason Kurtz**  
 requested by Teresa Zakroff  
**Robert Garrison Sr.**  
 requested by Carin & Jon Troy  
**Cynthia Falvey Ward**  
 requested by her Children  
 4:00 pm **For the Parish Community**

### Coming Up Next Weekend...

#### Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 am (13th) **Bernadette Cappetti-5th Anniversary**  
 requested by Therese Donlan  
 4:00 pm (40th) **Conor O'Kane**  
 requested by his Family  
 4:30 pm (2nd) **For the Parish Community**  
 5:30 pm (13th) **Frances Marotta**  
 requested by her Loving Husband  
**Becky Torcasio**  
 requested by John Torcasio

#### Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am (13th) **For the Parish Community**  
 7:30 am (40th) **Bob & Pat Sierko**  
 requested by The Casey Family  
 8:00 am (2nd) **Tim Margraf**  
 requested by his Family  
 9:00 am (13th) **Frank & Peggy Ann Osborne**  
 requested by The Osborne Family  
**Jim Bowdler**  
 requested by Bowdler Family  
 9:00 am (40th) **Ruth Coates**  
 requested by Joe and Ginny Sosnowsky  
**Edward Gramigna**  
 requested by his Family  
**Deborah Cutillo**  
 requested by The Kates Family  
 10:30 am (2nd) **Bill O'Mara and Edward Trainer**  
 requested by The Family  
**Sallie Linahan**  
 requested by Kathleen & Steve Betchner  
 11:00 am (13th) **Patrick J. Foley**  
 requested by Jim & Nancy Batchelor  
**Madeline Cruoglio**  
 requested by Family & Friends  
**Tom Gibbons Jr.**  
 requested by Family  
 11:00 am (40th) **For the Parish Community**  
 4:00 pm (2nd) **For the Parish Community**

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

#### Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am **For the Parish Community**

## Prayerful Stewardship

*"I am praying for them..." (JOHN 17:9)*

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of **stewardship**. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

## Prayer Requests

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

Kim Bailey	Maryann Dishaw	Kenneth Hoffman	Baby Griffin Munsell	Baby Jamie Singer
Suzanne Barr	Eileen Doering	Mary Hudak	Mike Murphy	Anthony Spadafora
Julie Baumgardner Perkins	Bob Dolan	Theresa Ifkovits	Joseph O'Conner	Cynthia Thompson
Neil Betchner	Dan Durkin	Brian Kozakowski	Janice Orlowski	Lucas Towers
Larry Boylan	Charlene Engel	Laurie Anne Krebs	Terrence Polazneck	Baby Shane Wetzel
Matthew Bozarth	Robert Fastuca	Brady Lefkowitz	Joseph Probst	Carol Wheeler
Marie Call	Jim Fedoryczuk	John Logue	John Quinn	Laura Wheeler
Lauren Cook	Alison Feller	Joseph Lopresti	Eileen Reilly	Allen Wood
Nancy Cook	Nicholas Franceski	Mike Maioriello	Walter Rider	Bill Wood
Rodger Cooney	Vira Froehlinger	John Maioriello	Bud Scherle	Rebecca G.
Baby Iris Cooper	Valerie Gonzalez	Julia Martin	Maureen Schneider	Brooke
Robert Crane	Mary Kates Gray	Rosa Martinez	Carly Grace Serlenga	Baby Cocco
Pat Crowley	Ellie & Reese Hagan	Thomas Mastrocola	Frank Sheldon	Janet
John DellaFave	Baby Stella Harper	Chris McNesby	Nina Sheppard	John
Donald DeRossi, Jr.	Mark Heister	Rita Miselo	Richard Sinclair	

### 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

5/3/2026	\$ 23,035		
5/4/2025	\$ 24,468		
DIFF:	\$ (1,433)	-5.86%	

### Fiscal Year to Date

FISCAL YEAR			
2025-2026 YTD:	\$ 1,321,402		
FISCAL YEAR			
2024-2025 YTD:	\$ 1,306,501		
DIFF:	\$ 14,901	+1.14%	

### Second Collection

The Second Collection for May 23-24 will benefit **Music Ministry**.



**Saint Damien Parish offers a more accessible, secure, and convenient way to donate online through Parish Giving.** Scan the QR code with your smartphone and sign up today!



## 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

**MAY 19**  
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.*



**MAY 20**  
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.



**MAY 21**  
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 creamy peanut butter are especially needed this month. (Our sandwich makers prefer Skippy brand for its spreadability.) All are welcome to attend! *For more information, please contact Joanne Kelly at 609-399-0648 x0100 or jkelly@stdamienparish.com.*



**MAY 21**  
THU

**Leisure Club Spring Luncheon**

12:30 PM • Crab Trap (2 Broadway, Somers Point)

All are welcome to attend! *Questions? Call Tom at 609-390-8269.*

**MAY 21**  
THU

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

7:00 PM • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Avenue)

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.

**MAY 27**  
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.*

**MAY 29**  
FRI

**Parish Nurse/Helping Hands Ministry Morning of Reflection**

After 8:30 AM Mass • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Ave.)

Members of the Nurse/Helping Hands ministry will attend morning Mass and meet back at the Parish Center for Continental Breakfast. Fr. Cosme de la Pena, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, will speak on Discipleship. **Other members of the parish are welcome and invited to attend** as we all go forth as disciples in our community. *Questions or to RSVP, contact Rosemary Kates at 856-562-7235 or email nursesministry@stdamienparish.com.*

**JUN 10**  
WED

**Local Author's talk**

10:00 - 11:15 AM • Parish Center (1337 Asbury Avenue)

Local author and parishioner Vincent Malfitano will talk and show his diverse novels. His discussion will include how his crime noir novels *Tanzania* and *Sir Floppy* entice readers of all ages deep into thought and brings us face to face with the possibilities of our own existence and our Catholic Faith. Signing, selling, and a free will offering will benefit a mission in Tanzania and the Daughters of Mary of Ipoli.

**EVERY**  
MONTH

**American Legion Morvay-Miley-Cruise Post 524 Lunches**

Wednesdays • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

46th & West Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

*All proceeds benefit veteran projects. Everyone is welcome!*

### **A Knight's Mission to Africa**

The charity of the Knights of Columbus Council 2560 goes around the world! The Ipuli Family Roman Catholic School in Tanzania, Africa, recently received over 1,000 books for a new school library, thanks to the generosity of our own council, along with the Friends and Volunteers of the Ocean City Library. These books, personally delivered by our own knight Vincent Malfitano, who was teaching at the school, went to children who had never held a fictional chapter book in their lives. The impact was life-changing for the students. The Knights' charity went even further. Malfitano noticed that the local parish had only two priests to minister to thirty-six churches. Therefore, the vast majority of Sunday services were conducted by Catechists, many of whom had to walk miles to reach their churches. The Knights took action and funded the purchase of twenty new bikes to assist the Catechists in their work.



### **St. Damien Knitting and Crocheting Ministry Supports Gift of Life Families**

On May 6, the St. Damien Knitting and Crocheting Ministry was treated to lunch by Dan Koch, an organ donor recipient and volunteer with the Gift of Life Donor Program "Wrapped in Hugs" Initiative. Each year, the Gift of Life Donor Program holds a special ceremony to honor heroic organ and tissue donors and the compassionate families who made the gift of life possible. As part of this meaningful event, donor families receive a hand-knit or crocheted wrap to provide warmth, comfort, and support during their grief journey. Our talented knitters and crocheters have been busy creating these beautiful wraps, sharing their time, prayers, and compassion with families in need of comfort and healing. For information regarding this ministry, please contact Joanne Kelly at 609-399-0648 X0100 or [jkelly@stdamienparish.com](mailto:jkelly@stdamienparish.com)



### **May procession**

The Parish honored Our Blessed Mother on May 10. Mrs. Peggy Newton was this year's May Queen.



## Celebrating Our Newly Confirmed Adults!

During this joyful Easter season, our parish celebrates the young adults who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are now more fully united with Christ and His Church. We congratulate our newly confirmed young adults and pray that they continue to grow in faith, courage, and discipleship. May the light of the Risen Christ guide them as they live out their call to be witnesses of the Gospel in the world. Please keep them in your prayers during this Easter season and beyond.



## The Way of Saint James Intergenerational Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday, June 13

Starting at Holy Trinity Parish, Saint James Church, 6415 Atlantic Ave., Ventnor, NJ

8:00 AM: Check-in (Free t-shirt with registration)

9:00 AM: Mass celebrated by Bishop Williams

Following Mass: Eucharistic Pilgrimage Procession

12:00 PM: Lunch and fellowship

Be a part of the **2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** as we are joined by national missionaries of mercy at our annual walk. **All ages are welcome!** Enjoy the quiet and beauty of nature on this Pilgrimage that includes, Mass, 2.5 mile **Eucharistic Procession** along the Ventnor, NJ boardwalk, lunch, and fellowship! Register by May 22. To register, scan the QR code or call 856-583-6121.



## Faith & Justice

The **St. Damien Social Ministry** continues its mission of bringing care and hope to our neighbors, especially during times of hardship. As many families still face rising costs and ongoing economic uncertainty, the need for assistance remains great. Through limited financial support for food, rent, and utility bills, the ministry helps keep families safe, secure, and housed—working to prevent homelessness and offer stability.

The St. Damien Social Ministry is administered by Joanne Kelly, Pastoral Associate for Justice and Community Outreach, and is overseen by our pastor, Father Thomas Newton.

### Easter Season Call to Action

As we celebrate the joy and renewal of the Easter season, we invite you to continue supporting the St. Damien Social Ministry through prayer and, if you are able, through financial contributions. In this season of new life and hope, your generosity helps bring light to those facing difficult circumstances. For questions or more information, please contact Joanne Kelly at 609-399-0648 ext. 0100 or [jkelly@stdamienparish.com](mailto:jkelly@stdamienparish.com).

### Diaper Drive

During this Month of Mary, we celebrate the love and tenderness of our Blessed Mother. As we honor her, we also care for mothers in our community. Donate diapers and help families thrive. Please drop off diapers and/or baby wipes (new and unopened packages only) at any of the centers below between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM, Monday - Friday. Please call ahead before dropping off! **Cape May County:** 108 North Wildwood Blvd., Cape May Court House, 08210 609-886-2662. **Atlantic County:** 9 N Georgia Ave, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 609-345-3448.

If you want to donate diapers without making the trip, please feel free to view our Amazon Wishlist. Simply select the item(s) you want to donate, and it will automatically be delivered to our office! Scan the QR code to visit the Wishlist. For more information and drop-off locations, visit [CatholicCharitiesSouthJersey.org/diaperdrive](https://CatholicCharitiesSouthJersey.org/diaperdrive).



## 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.

**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.

**Italian Cultural Institute**

Join the Italian Cultural Institute of South Jersey for our monthly meetings at Culliney Hall. Share the richness Italian heritage has to offer. Follow the Italian Cultural Institute of South Jersey on Facebook for meeting dates. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM in Culliney Hall. Email Ted D'alesio at teddalesio@comcast.com to learn more.



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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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¡Gracias!


Gracias a todos los que recibieron esta semana el Sacramento de la Confirmación, el día 7 de mayo y el día 10. ¡Muchas felicidades! Que el Espíritu Santo permanezca siempre vivo en sus corazones y los guíe cada día en su caminar de fe. Agradecemos también a la señora Claudia por la hermosa decoración, al Padre Vigilus por tan bella celebración, y a todos los que colaboraron con la enseñanza y preparación de este hermoso proyecto de fe. Aquí compartimos algunas fotos de todo lo vivido en las últimas semanas en nuestra parroquia. ¡Felicidades y bendiciones para todos!



**Espectáculo Católico Cristiano**

La Iglesia de Santa Mónica en Atlantic City te invita a disfrutar de un **espectáculo católico cristiano** en la ciudad de Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

 **Salida:** Desde OLSS a las **8:00 a.m.**

 **Regreso:** Aproximadamente a las **8:00 p.m.**

 **Costo:**

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María Elena – 609-992-9504

 **Misa Dominical en Español**

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

 **Iglesia Santa Frances Cabrini**

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

 **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.

 **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!

 **Registro Parroquial**

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

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También comuníquese con la oficina para:

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¡Gracias por su colaboración!

 **Tiendita Católica San Lazaro**


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)
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