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EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY 4:00pm @ Incarnation Confession 3:00-3:45 or by appointment

SUNDAY

7:30am | 11:00am @ Incarnation 9:30am @ St. James Confession by appointment

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:00am @ Incarnation

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY 8:00am @ St. James

HOLY DAY MASS

Vigil 7:00pm @ Incarnation Holy Day 7:00pm @ Incarnation Holy Day 8:00am @ St. James

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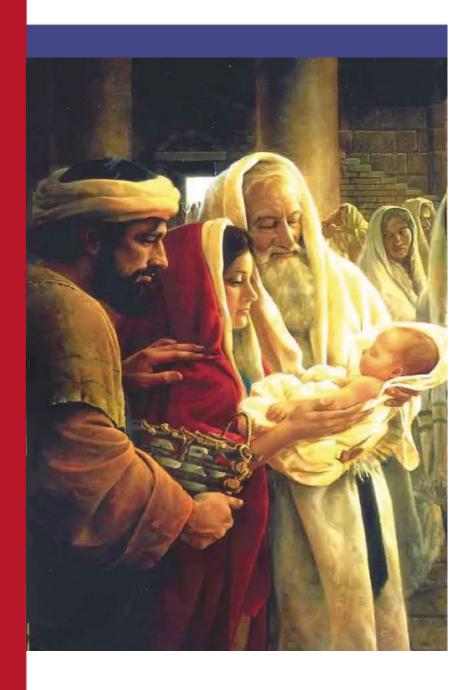
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February 2, 2025

Meet the Parish Leadership

For the last two years the Parish leadership teams have undergone some significant changes. I am grateful for the men and women who have served the parish on the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Councils for many years. When I arrived at the end of 2020 I asked the members of both Councils to continue serving for a three year term as I got to know the parish and the many needs.

Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils are regulated by the Canon Law of the Church which is universal. But they are also regulated by the particular guidelines and norms of each diocese.

The Parish Finance Council

The current Parish Finance Council is Robert Raywood, Chair, Nathalie Cassion, Matt Genneri, Marita Watson, and Carol Bursac. Nathalie is serving her final year, Bob and Matt are in their second year, and Marita and Carol have been newly appointed. They are all very active in the parish and come with experience not only in the parish but with different skills necessary for the task at hand. William Parr is a member of the Council appointed to represent the Parish Pastoral Council at all meetings.

Canon Law and Diocesan Regulations

Canon 537 requires parishes to have a Finance Council which "aids the pastor in the administration of parish goods."

The norms of the Diocese of Trenton state "each parish must have a Finance Council." This Council is "accountable and advisory to the pastor." The norms go on to say "members must be appointed by the pastor; they are not to be elected by the parishioners." However, before I name anyone to the Council I seek the advice of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Senior Leadership Team (more on them in upcoming weeks), and other parishioners.

There are term limits. "The term of appointment...should be three years with one additional three-year term permitted at the discretion of the pastor." It should be noted that the change of pastor has no effect on the term of the members of the Finance Council.

Currently the Parish Finance Council meets the third Wednesday of every month and at least twice a year with the Parish Pastoral Council.

The duties and responsibilities of the Finance Council are outlined in the Diocesan Norms and Guidelines. For more information go to the Diocese of Trenton's Website <u>dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-council-resources</u> and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click the link to "Role of the Parish Trustees and Parish Finance Council.

Still to come: The Parish Pastoral Council, the Senior Leadership Team, the Parish Trustees





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New Year's Resolution

For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 14 - 16.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Our 7th and 8th grade religious education classes begin February 5, 2025 from 6:00-7:30. If interested, please complete and print the registration form on our website under Faith Formation (Religious Education), or pick one up in the Rectory. Completed forms can be mailed or brought to the Rectory.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenda Hanuschik at (609) 882-2860 or email at bhanuschik@incarnationstjames.org.

Thank you for your ongoing Catholic Stewardship, support and generosity of the Incarnation-St. James Parish. Nothing can be done without you and your financial support. Weekly collections: January 19 —\$5696.00.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SOCIAL EVENTS

Today - San Calogero Society Meeting

Feb 9 - Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Feb 16 - New St. Joseph Society Meeting

Feb 23 - Fellowship Sunday

Mar 2 - Mardi Gras celebration



Just a Reminder that the ISJ Senior Club meets every third Wednesday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm. The meetings take place in the Incarnation Church auditorium. New members are welcome. There is an elevator and plenty of parking! **Next meeting: February 19, 2025.**



•11AM Mardi Gras Celebration in Trinity Hall

Food

Fun

Music

Wear your colorful Mardi Gras outfits and masks!

This is a catered event so, please, RSVP by February 23rd 609-882-2860 or QR Code





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A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

I 4:00 In Petition to St. Dymphna

> Req. by Anonymus R. Bernice Petersack

Req. by Daughter, Maria Petersack

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

SJ 8:00 Charles DiRaimondo

Req. by Sister, Clara Stefane

I 4:00 For the People of ISJ

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

1 7:30 **Alex Romanchuk**

Req. by Joe and Lucy Ricco

SJ 9:30 Deceased members of The San Calogero

Society

Req. by The Society

Iolanda and Giovanni Pullo, Michelina and Rocco Zangrilli

Req. by Loreto and Teresa Pullo

I 11:00 For the People of ISJ

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

1 8:00 Pastor's Intentions

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

SJ 8:00 Deceased Members of the Lanzoni and **DiMemmo Familes**

Req. by Frank and Barbara Coyle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

8:00 Colette Jean "Teddy" Meagher

Req. by Nancy Paolini

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

SJ 8:00 Pastor's Intentions

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

1 8:00 **Charles Martin**

Req. by Kate Cammarata and Lyle Timpson

Daniel Vitale

Req. by Janie Minch



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

I 7:30 Felix Ricco

Req. by Joe and Sally Bogdan

SJ 9:30 Charles and Lorenzina Nalbone

Reg. by Daughter, Nancy Paolini

James Raccosta

Req. by Margaret "Peg" Amico

Betty and Frank Hannawacker I 11:00

Req. by Ann and Joseph Hannawacker

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Reading 1 - Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 24

Reading 2 - Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

Anointing of the Sick/Communion to the Homebound: Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. Arrangements can be made to bring communion to those unable to attend Mass.

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Richard Austin, MaryAnn Cochran, Maureen Corbett, Marjorie Cornell, Frank Coyle, John Fecak, Barbara M. Gallagher, Alfredo & Helen Gentile, Emily Greschak, Robert Gummel, Jeanne Hart, Debbie Kripplebauer, Dona Lewis, June LiMato, Barbara Marino, Maria Matteo, Callum Dixon-Merz, Paul Newman, Jeff Page, Joe Pfieffer, Angela Rivella, MJ Ranfone, The Leonard Family, Leni Sattler, Douglas Schleifer, Teresa Schleifer, Ann Szostak, Clara Stefane, Todd Willever, Connie Wilson, Barbara Wolfe.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reflections from Fr. Stan

Dear Parish Family,

In his most recent book, *Hope: The Autobiography*, Pope Francis begins the story of his life-pilgrimage with the migration of his grandparents and father from the Piedmont region of Italy to Buenos Aries, Argentina. "An autobiography," The Pope says, "is not our private story, but rather the baggage we carry with us." He also says that his journey is not his alone but the story of those "who have traveled with me, of those who came before me, of those who will follow."

The story includes the mention of the great migration of people who "brought the poverty, the tragedies and sufferings of their conditions, but also their strength, courage, perseverance, faith. And a multitude of talents that, as in the parable of the Gospel of Matthew, waited for the opportunity to bear fruit."

It is a story that begins not only with his family but includes countless others who have left homes and families and histories to put down roots in strange, and often unwelcoming places. Many began their journeys but never reached their destination or fulfilled their hopes — they died in shipwrecks or of illness, or neglect. Others arrived only to find hostility and oppression. And many arrived at their destinations only to discover that all they had been told and promised was a lie.

This, he says, is what inspired him to travel to Lampedusa, a tiny Mediterranean island where millions have traveled, "an outpost for hope and solidarity, but also (as symbol of) the contradictions and tragedy of migration." It was his first travel outside of the Vatican after he had been elected Pope. And it has set the tone for every papal visit he has made since, and for a defining message of his papacy. "I had to go," he writes, "to pray, to show that I was with them...to offer concrete examples of solidarity. And above all to reawaken our consciences and recall our responsibility." And then he opens his heart: "I too could have been among the outcasts of today, so that one question is always lodged in my heart: Why them and not me?"

The issue of immigration has been festering in our nation for too long. When I was working for Congressman Smith in the 1990s there was call for immigration reform. A quarter century and more later, we are still debating what to do about immigration. The issue has been with me along time — and it tears at my heart. And I ask myself, "Why them and not me?"

I am several generations removed from those who came from Belgium and Slovenia and Switzerland to put down roots in this country (my mother's family first arrived in the late 1600s), but I have been touched by parts of my family who fled oppression, hunger, war, to find a place of opportunity and safety. I am grateful for their "strength, courage, perseverance, faith" and I look with admiration to those who take the risks that have impacted my life.

As we dialogue about immigration in our country, may we keep those words of Pope Francis in our minds and our hearts: "Why them and not me?"

In reality we are all migrants, temporarily journeying in this world, on our way to our true home. May our conversations be compassionate, heart-felt and merciful. When God came to walk with us — a stranger in a strange land — doors were closed, his people did not know him, and his words and actions disturbed us so much that we had to have him put to death in an attempt to silence him (see the Gospels). His response? "Come to me...In my Father's house there are many rooms...Come and bear fruit."

Traveling our Pilgrimage of Hope,

Fr. Stan, OSST Pastor



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