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"A Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Parish, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week"

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SUNDAY, June 1, 2025 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Our Mission Statement

We are the family of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, a community of individuals united by the love of Christ. We reach out to all through prayer, spiritual formation, liturgical offerings, education, a welcoming spirit, and service. We are a Perpetual Adoration parish, sharing this opportunity with the surrounding communities.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 a.m. Mass 10 a.m. Mass <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	7:45 a.m. Daily Mass	7:45 a.m. Daily Mass	7:45 a.m. Daily Mass 6:30 p.m. Mass St. Anthony Novena follows	7:45 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena follows	7:45 a.m. Daily Mass	7:45 a.m. Daily Mass Our Lady of Sorrows & All Consolation Novenas follow
						8 a.m. Daily Mass 3:45 Confessions 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

HOLYDAY SCHEDULE: VIGIL, 6:30 P.M. & 8:00 A.M. MASSES

OFFICE HOURS!
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HOLY SPIRIT OUR GREATEST FRIEND-SUSAN SCOTT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHRIS TOMASELLO
If you are interested in joining these groups, leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office, and someone will contact you with information.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 31, 2025

- 5:00 p.m. † Pamela Singer
R/B Sal & Patti Orapallo
† Mary Doherty
R/B Tom & Patti Hunt
† Loretta Short
R/B The Perez Family
† Special Intention
R/B Pat Ledden
† Kathryn Tell
R/B Janet & Michael Toldan

Sunday, June 1, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. † Loretta Short
R/B The Perez Family
† Romeo J. LeBrun
R/B Jeff LeBrun
† Mary Doherty
R/B Jackie Carney & Family
† Jim Carney
R/B His Wife Jackie & Family
† Vincent Marino "Happy Birthday"
R/B Joann & Tom (Lardizzone) Bruno
10:00 a.m. † For the People of the Parish

Monday, June 2 2025

- 7:45 a.m. † John Do
R/B Binh & Mai

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

- 7:45 a.m. † Steve Roth
R/B Bob Wallace
6:30 p.m. † Geraldine Clement
R/B Frances & Wayne Johnson

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

- 7:45 a.m. † Millions of Monica's Moms
R/B Ruth Tayao

Thursday, June 5, 2025

- 7:45 a.m. † Jean & John Hermanovich
R/B Daughter

Friday, June 6, 2025

- 7:45 a.m. † Kay Lei Guinea
R/B Pat Ledden

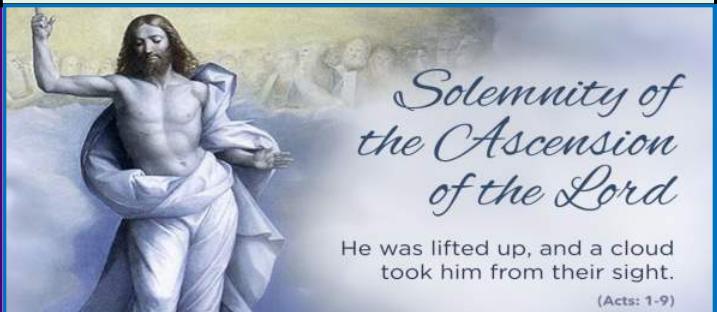
Saturday, June 7, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. † Binh Nguyen
R/B Mandee Le
5:00 p.m. † For the People of the Parish

Sunday, June 8, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. † Anthony Cappuccio
R/B Jeff LeBrun
† Brian Michael Curry
R/B Jeffrey Long & Family
† Luke Dillon
R/B Kelly Gross
† Mary Doherty
R/B Pushman Family

10:00 a.m. † Dennis DeMatte
R/B Barry & Dan Chenman
† Rita Lupinetti
R/B Lorre & Ed Moylett
† Vincenzo & Palma Spena
R/B Maria D. Pasquale Spena & Family
† Mary Doherty
R/B Granddaughters, Andie,
Sadie & Samantha



The Ascension of the Lord Living Stewardship

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living Stewardship gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!



*Bread and Wine in loving memory
of Fred & Maria Scherer
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AROUND THE PARISH



LECTOR - May 31, 2025

Saturday	5:00 P.M.	P. Ledden
LECTORS - June, 2025		
Saturday	5:00 P.M.	K. McCusker
Sunday	8:00 AM.	P. Diamond
Sunday	10:00 AM.	D. Price

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - May 31, 2025

Saturday 5:00 P.M.	P. LoRe L. Gussie S. Pietrofitta/Volunteer
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - June

Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sally P (6/7, 6/21) C. Lowry (6/14, 6/28) Pete LoRe, Pat Ledden
Sunday 8:00 AM.	M. Tull/D. McCusker/ M. Pushman
Sunday 10:00 AM.	M. Curran/D. Hughes/ T. Hughes

COMMUNION For the Homebound

If you or a loved-one are homebound and unable to attend Mass, one of our Extraordinary Ministers would be happy to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Call the Parish Office at 927-1154 and set up a day and time when they can visit with you.



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholic men and women who have formed themselves into a body to be of service to the Church. Founded in Ireland in 1921, it now serves in more than 170 countries throughout the world. Mary the Immaculate is the model and through her its members seek to present Christ to everyone. The objective is the spiritual formation of all confirmed members of the church through Prayer and Lay Apostolic Work to realize their vocation to holiness.

Our Lady of Sorrows Praesidium (this is what a parish Legion of Mary group is known as) meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Annex. You are most welcome to join us. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our next meeting. For further information contact Linda Tuccinardi at 609 653-8152.



To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

On behalf of Father Paul Harte's family, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for the incredible outpouring of love, support and prayers following his passing.

Your Mass cards, note, shared memories and presence at his services were a profound comfort to us. For those who sent Mass cards without a return address, please know how deeply grateful we are - even if we couldn't thank you directly, we felt your kindness.

As we said in Father Paul's eulogy, there were many times over the years when we, his biological family, could not be physically present - but he was never alone. You, his parish family, stood beside him with the same devotion and warmth that he gave so freely. You loved him in the most complete way: as your priest, your friend, your family and what a fine job you did.

Thank you for the love you showed him in life and the honor you've paid him in his passing. We will be forever grateful that he had you - and that we did too.

With appreciation,
Michael Harte, Patty Holston, Mary Rastelli
and the entire Harte Family

OUR PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION

Reviewing the results of the recently conducted parish survey, I noted that there was a strong interest in better communication and openness regarding the financial status of our parish. I came to realize that this was more than understandable since apparently it is at least a few years since a financial report has been issued to the parish community. Researching our financial status, I learned that not only are we in a position of significant deficit spending in our current fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) but have been so in prior years as well. This led me to an examination of our parish finances from fiscal year 2011-2012 to the present.

During the past 14 years, we have been in deficit spending (that is, our expenses have been greater than our revenues) for ten of those fourteen years. During this period of time, our revenues have dropped by 8 % and our expenses have grown by 9%. We have accumulated a deficit of unpaid bills in the amount of \$735, 546. Most of this indebtedness has been for services that we receive through the Diocese of Camden such as insurance and pension and long-term care for our priests, as well as our share of support for diocesan operations to which all parishes regularly contribute.

This situation clearly required immediate attention, first to reduce costs and secondly to increase revenues. Just as we need to live within our means in our households so, too, we must do so in our parish household. Since it is urgent that, to every degree possible, we avoid any additional indebtedness, I thought it was imperative that we take some immediate actions.

To reduce costs, I have eliminated two staff positions, one part-time and one full-time. These positions could not be justified when we are not meeting our other financial obligations. I have also reviewed our spending patterns to determine other ways to reduce our spending. Since expenditures for heating and air conditioning are a significant part of our utility costs, we need to heat and cool our church building only at times when services are being conducted. At all other times, the main part of the church would be heated or cooled only at maintenance levels. Should the temperature within the church become uncomfortable, the Blessed Sacrament would be moved to the recently prepared Adoration Room for the comfort of visitors.

Regarding revenues, unlike most other parishes in our diocese, who have returned to pre-COVID levels of income, our income is still more than 6% lower than pre-pandemic times.

As a parish community, we continue with hardworking volunteers, to have successful fund-raising endeavors, including weekly Bingo, our 750 Raffle and our St. Patrick's Auction. The simple addition of more events would be insufficient to meet our financial needs.

Thus, the clear avenue to put us on a healthy financial footing requires a significant and consistent increase in the weekly offertory donations by the parish community. We have been averaging less than \$7,000 a week. To place ourselves in a healthy, sustainable position, we need minimally (in my estimation) to contribute more than \$9,000 each week. I think we can meet and surpass that, if we choose to do so.

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As a community, we are predominantly residential, commercial and professional. We are not an impoverished demographic that needs to be supported by the other parishes of our diocese. In fact, ideally, we should be supporting others through our generosity. I encourage us all to give serious, prayerful thought and true commitment to accomplishing this. Anything less (in my estimation), would place our future in jeopardy.

Msgr. Roger



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

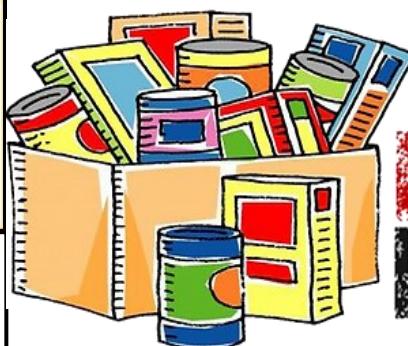
We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you would like to be an EM, please give Msgr. McGrath a call at the office.

TRAINING CLASS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Both the Zoom meeting and one in-person session is required for certification:

**Zoom, 7:00-9:00 pm - Tuesday June 3, 2025;
In-Person Session, - Tuesday June 10, 2025,
7:00 -9:00pm,**

**Holy Trinity Parish, Saint James Church,
6415 Atlantic Avenue Ventnor, NJ 08406**



FOOD PANTRY

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- * Canned/powdered gravy mix
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- * Easy sides- i.e., Knorr sides, rice/pasta mixes
- * Spaghetti sauce
- * BBQ Sauce
- * Sugar, flour, various simple mixes: cakes, brownies, cookies, corn bread (Jiffy brand), frostings (various)
- * Baked beans, canned meats
- * Salad dressings (various)
- * Canned/powdered various soups (clam chowder), Stews
- * Peanut butter (Crunchy), jelly & jam (various)
- * Bread, rolls, & crackers
- * Coffee
- * Canned fruit (peaches), applesauce

OFFERING

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May 18, 2025

1st Collection	\$4,640.00
2nd Collection	<u>2,308.00</u>
Total	\$6,948.00

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Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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of South Jersey

Worship and Network with the Catholic Business Network of South Jersey
at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Brigantine, on June 13th

The Catholic Business Network of South Jersey will hold its June meeting on Friday, June 13th, 8:30 a.m., at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Brigantine. The event begins with Mass in the church followed by the breakfast meeting in St. Philip Hall.

Guest speaker/presenter is Nick Sena, Director of Community Development & Partnerships, Edelman Fossil Park & Museum, Sewell, NJ. To register, please visit cbnsj.org/event/catholic-business-network-meeting-06-13-25. This event is sponsored by Brindisi Builders.

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