

JANUARY 12, 2025

ST. DAVID THE KING



The Pope's Intention for January For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday – 4 p.m. Sunday – 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. "Last Chance Mass" 7 p.m. WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Friday – 9 a.m. *First Saturday* – 9 a.m.

CONFESSION: *Thursday* – 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. *Saturday* – 3 - 3:45 p.m.



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9 a.m. Joseph C. Friel, dec. req. by Dave & Lorraine DiSanzo John J. and Anne Chadwick, dec. req. by the Chadwick Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

9 a.m. Nobby D'Souza, dec. req. by the Fernandes Family Amy Rogener, dec. req. by Emily Urban

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9 a.m. John Skolka, dec. req. by Nanci & Michele Thomas &Lina Ferraro, dec. req. by Jeanette & Peter Hanos

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9 a.m. Michael Barbagallo, dec. req. by the Misiura Family Danny & Helen Hanos, dec. req. by Jeanette & Peter Hanos

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9 a.m. Diane Dwyer, dec. req. by the Dwyer Family Vincent Toscano, dec. req. by Paulette Toscano

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

4 p.m. Richard Tkac, dec. *req. by Cindy Calotta* For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 9 a.m. John M. Skolka, dec. req. by the Adair Family Sharon Authier, dec. req. by Margaret Maurer & Family
- 10:30 a.m. John J. and Anne Chadwick, dec. req. by the Chadwick Family Elizabeth Redmond, dec. req. by the Provine Family
 7 p.m. Anthony Cacciabeve, dec. req. by Alice Schoemann Elsie Febo, dec. req. by Dawn Leto-Todd

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



The Tabernacle Lamp Shines Before All January 5 - January 18

Jennifer Drews, dec. req. by Julia White



The Marian Candle Shines Before the Blessed Mother January 12 - January 18

Debra Giordano, sp. int. req. by the Debra Camilleri

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are facing an illness or surgery, you may receive this sacrament which gives comfort, peace, and courage. Please see Father Jason after Mass or call **609.275.7111, ext. 105 for non-emergency** scheduling of the Anointing of the Sick.

The **Emergency Number** for an immediate need for the Sacrament of the Sick is 1.915.877.0011.

Contemplating Christ with St. Augustine

How the Kingdom of Heaven May be Gained

O happy joy, O joyful happiness, to see the saints, to be with the saints, and to be a saint; to see God and to have God forever and ever! Let us think about these things with all our hearts, let us long for them with our whole being, so that we may soon come to them. If you ask how this can happen, by what merits, or with what help it can be achieved, listen: it is within the power of the one who will make it happen, for the kingdom of heaven suffers violence.

The kingdom of heaven, O man, requires no other price than yourself: its worth is in you. Give yourself for it, and you will have it. Why do you trouble yourself about the cost? Christ has given Himself to purchase for you a kingdom with God the Father. So, give yourself that you may become His kingdom, and that sin may no longer reign in your mortal body, but that the Spirit may reign, leading you to eternal life.

QUESTIONS ANSWERS From Fr. Jason

Q. HOW OLD DO YOU HAVE TO BE TO HAVE YOUR CONFIRMATION?

A. The age for receiving Confirmation varies depending on the diocese, as it is decided by each bishop. In the United States, some dioceses follow the ancient tradition of administering Confirmation at the same time as Baptism, like many Eastern Rite practices. In the Diocese of Trenton, the bishop permits parishes to schedule Confirmation either in the spring of the 8th-grade year or the fall of the 9th-grade year. At Saint David the King we have traditionally scheduled confirmation for the fall of 9th-grade.

Q. IF YOU DON'T GO TO MASS ON NEW YEARS DAY IS THAT A SIN?

A. Yes, missing Mass on New Year's Day can be a sin, as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. This is not because it is the first day of the year but because the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Theotokos) on this day. In addition to Sundays, Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on five other Holy Days of Obligation. God is only asking that we give to Him 0.65% of the 8,760 hours in the calendar year; so, He's not asking for that much time! Think about it in perspective, the average American sleeps 33% of the year, so asking for a little more than ½ a percent of your time to be directed towards worshiping the God who died on the cross and desires eternal life for us is an extremely small request.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2181), "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." For a sin to be mortal, it must meet three conditions: grave matter, full knowledge, and deliberate consent (CCC 1857). Therefore, knowingly, and willingly skipping Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation or a Sunday, including New Year's Day, is considered a mortal sin unless excused for a serious reason, such as illness. The consequence of Mortal Sin is God acknowledging our free will choice to reject His gift of eternal life. In the event of committing a mortal sin, one must go to confession to make amends.



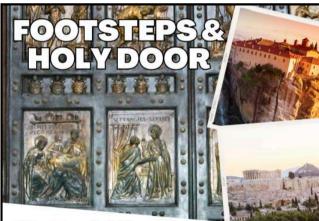


Pope Francis declared 2025 the Holy Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. We often speak of our earthly life as a pilgrimage. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6), so Christians are always called to be with Jesus "on the way," journeying toward the Kingdom. More literally, a pilgrimage is an actual journey to visit holy places—not as a tourist, but as one seeking to grow in faith and become a better Christian. Join us in October for our Pilgrimage, and walk in the footsteps of St. Paul through Greece and Rome.

Pilgrimage Informational Meetings:

Wednesday, January 15, 10 a.m. Friday, January 17, 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Where: Frassati Youth Hall



St. David the King **PILGRIMAGE**

October 5 - 16, 2025 Starts at



Scan the QR Code for details and to register, or visit the SDTK website to access the link. \$1,000 deposit due on or before Friday, February 28, 2025.







SAVE THE DATE - January 25

JOIN US - All Are Invited!

This wonderful event will be a celebration of the many cultures that make up our vibrant parish community.

- St. Sebastian Procession
- Mass with Bishop O'Connell
- Feast on a variety of international foods.

Use the QR Code at right to sign up and bring your favorite cultural dish and share a part of your heritage with your fellow parishioners.





PERFORMERS WANTED

Do you have a cultural tradition or performing arts talent that you would like to showcase for our parish community? The St. Sebastian International Food Festival Committee is seeking performers (vocalists, musicians, dancers, actors, artisans, and more) who are willing to share their heritage. Please email Jackie Schiffer at:

jacqueline.schiffer@gmail.com to learn more.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton announces the availability of \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their pursuit of a college education. For details and an application, please visit our website at <u>www.trentonpolisharts.org</u>. Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2025.





MARCH FOR LIFE – 2025

The Church of St. Ann in Lawrenceville is hosting a bus on January 24 for the Annual March for Life. It will leave directly from St. Ann for the rally in Washington D.C. and will pick us up near the Capitol. No subway connections needed.

When: 7:30 a.m. boarding in the FDC parking lot, January 24. Arriving at the rally before noon. Pickup near the Capitol at 4 p.m. Arriving back around 9 p.m.

Stops: Rest stop on Maryland on the way to Washington and a dinner stop on the way home at the Whitemarsh Mall in Baltimore.

Cost: \$25 per person (scholarships available for anyone.)

Contact Deacon Frank Golazeski (mail@deaconfrank.com or 609-882-6491 x165) or Deacon Gene Lanzoni (glanzoni@comcast.net) to sign up.



Friday January 24, 2025 Co-Cathedral, Freehold

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Standing Together for Life event!

11 a.m. - Mass for Life with Bishop O'Connell 12 noon - LIFE EXPO!

An exhibit hall featuring groups and organizations dedicated to promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life. Location - Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine,

61 Georgia Rd., Freehold, NJ

Refreshments will be available All are welcome - no RSVP necessary. Questions - contact Rachel Hendricks, <u>rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org</u>



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 1, 2025 Notre Dame High School

\$25/person - Lunch is included!

Meet at Notre Dame - transportation not provided.

Scan the QR code above for additional information and to download a permission slip. SDTK teens may bring completed forms, along with the \$25 registration fee, to a CORE or Life Night meeting on a Sunday evening. You can also bring it to the parish office in an envelope marked "DYC-Karen Craven."

RESPECT FOR LIFE

Local Pregnancy Help Centers: Counseling support, pregnancy tests, mom/baby items and more. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton 1-800-360-7711 Birthright, Freehold 1-732-462-2888 Good Counsel Home 1-800-723-8331 Project Rachel 1-609-406-7435 Solutions Health and Pregnancy Ctr. 1-732-747-5454 www.dioceseoftrenton.org/ pregnancy-resources



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We are formed by faith, live in hope, serve with love. Inspired by the joy of the Gospel message, our mission is to provide liturgies that are joyful and transformational, Faith Formation that supports all generations, hospitality that welcomes everyone and generous service that brings the Presence of Christ to others.

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ADORATION:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 - 8:45 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 - 3:45 p.m.

DEVOTIONS:

First Friday, 9 a.m. Mass & Communal Rosary First Saturday, 9 a.m. Mass & Confessions & Communal Rosary Miraculous Medal Novena Following Monday Mass St. Jude Novena Following Wednesday Mass Communal Rosary Following Friday Mass



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