JANUARY 24, 2021
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come after me, and I will make you FISHERS OF MEN.

MARK 1:17
Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend, January 30th and 31st, we will have the Blessing of the Throats at all Masses. This year, because of COVID, we will not be offering individual blessings. We will offer a general blessing at the end of every Mass as part of the closing rite.

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. It is not a Holyday. It is a day that marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. It invites us to make a special effort to grow in virtue. It gives us an environment to help us develop patterns of prayer and to foster a deepening of our relationship with the Lord. We use ashes on that day as a sign of our commitment. Check another part of this bulletin to see the Ash Wednesday schedule. Ashes will be distributed at the end of each Mass/Service so that there is greater compliance with social distancing guidelines.

During Lent, we hope to be able to offer as many of our devotions and prayer times as possible. We will not be having any social gatherings, and the way we celebrate some prayer might be done a little differently. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and on our email blasts for late guideline changes. In St. Alphonsus, we will not have a 7am Mass on Mondays, but we will instead have a 7:30pm Mass at St. George. We hope this gives those who can’t go to Mass in the morning a chance to participate in the evening. We will continue to have Stations of the Cross at all three churches on Fridays during Lent. St. James Church is open all day, every day, so anyone can go and pray the Stations privately.

Thank you for all your patience. Our parish staff and many parishioners are involved in making our times together as safe as possible. We are trying our best to provide for connection for those who are either unable or choose not to gather during this difficult time. If there is any way that we can serve your needs better, please give our parish offices a call. Please remember to keep a watch on those in your neighborhoods. All of us are called to care for each other and with the winter conditions, as well as the pandemic, we need to remember that we are all in this together.

God bless all of you this week,

Fr. Mike
TWO MASSES
TWO WAYS TO WATCH

We have 2 live-streamed Masses on Sundays, 8am, no music and 10:30am with music on YouTube and Facebook accessed through our website TheCatholicCommunityofHopewellValley.org

**St. Alphonsus Church Support**
January 16/17, 2021—$3,251
THANK YOU!

Online Giving
https://www.myowngiving.com/
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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, 1/23, 4:00pm**
Kathleen Lyons
(Lou & Carole Umscheid)

**Sunday, 1/24, 8:00am**
Fr. Jay Bowden (The Delbo Family)
10:30am Gerard McAlinden
(Todd & MaryJane Kent)

**Monday, 1/25, 7:00am**
Celebrant's Intention

**Wednesday, 1/27, 7:00am**
Celebrant's Intention

**Friday, 1/29, 7:00am**
Judy O'Connor Fenoglio
(Art & Eileen Zysk)

**Saturday, 1/30, 4:00pm**
People of the Parish

**Sunday, 1/31, 8:00am**
Joan Tinsman (Pat Mistretta)
10:30am Gerard McAlinden
(Beth Newcomb)

**St. George Church Support**
January 16/17, 2021—$5,544
THANK YOU!

Online Giving
thechurchofstgeorge.weshareonline.org

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, 1/23, 5:30pm**
Hank Heasley (Carol Heasley)

**Sunday, 1/24, 9:00am**
Philomena & Marius Bonacci
(Family)
Kevin McCoy (Ken & Josh McCoy)
11:00am Christine & Neil Sansone
(Cathy & Greg Sinibaldi)

**Monday, 1/25**
No Mass Celebrated

**Tuesday, 1/26, 7:00am**
Philomena Cardiello
(Filomena & Richard Mazzella)

**Wednesday, 1/27, 7:00am**
Ann O’Brien

**Thursday, 1/28, 7:00am**
Joanne Fish
(Diane & Steve Burkhalter)

**Friday, 1/29, 7:00am**
Eucharistic Service

**Saturday, 1/30, 5:00pm**
Lawrence Harris (Family)

**Sunday, 1/31, 9:00am**
Philomena Cardiello
(Filomena & Richard Mazzella)
11:00am Gary Granzow
(Irene Wildgrube)

**St. James Church Support**
January 16/17, 2021—$9,268
THANK YOU!

Online Giving
https://www.myowngiving.com/
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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, 1/23, 5:00pm**
Mark Rockey (Erick & Cynthia Kelly)

**Sunday, 1/24, 8:00am**
Ron Roneyecs (Tim & Beth Lang)
10:00am Terrie Goike (Ann Smith)
11:30am Devin Gold
(Melody Maskell & family)

**Monday, 1/25, 9:00am**
Frank Rybinski (His wife)

**Tuesday, 1/26, 9:00am**
Michael Mrz (Peter Lieggi)

**Wednesday, 1/27, 9:00am**
Eucharistic Prayer Service

**Thursday, 1/28, 9:00am**
Alexander McGowan (His family)

**Friday, 1/29, 9:00am**
Elizabeth Lavecchia
(The Demareski Family)

**Saturday, 1/30, 5:00pm**
Anthony Azara (Amy Tramontana)

**Sunday, 1/31, 8:00am**
Joseph Randall (Gloria Lamb)
10:00am Margaret Kennedy
(Ryan Kennedy & family)
11:30am Margaret Lima
(Mary Baird)

Stay Up To Date With Events Across Our Community
Go to your parish webpage and sign up to receive email blasts!
Men’s Group
Men’s Group: Back Inside!
Our men's group has returned to gathering on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month from 8 to 9 AM, now again inside the St. Matthew & Mark room at the Family Center of St James Church in Pennington. We are following all the guidelines for indoor meetings: masks, social distancing, no served food or hand-outs, and so on. We are happy to be back and welcome any men that are in need of a little faith sharing and conversation in a safe, confidential and welcoming environment. Come join us!

Hope
Hope is a ministry offering spiritual support to those whose lives have been affected by the disease of addiction. We are here to pray with you, to listen to your concerns, provide a safe and confidential support network, and, if needed, offer referrals to a variety of resources. Contact Moore or Theresa Hank, 267-573-4287 or stjhope@hotmail.com.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, And I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Grotto Memorial Bricks
In the event of a snow or ice storm, please call 609-737-0122 ext. 851 for a message regarding whether our 3 churches will be open for services.

Our Promise to Protect
The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or abusesline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

The Columbiettes
Columbiette Council #7103
We are a group of Catholic women who work with the Knights of Columbus to serve the greater Hopewell area and all its parishes. We welcome your interest and look forward to sharing the work we do with you. Our projects originate with our membership, who work together to develop and support them. The Columbiettes are not affiliated with a single parish, all are welcome. For more information please call Kim McAlinden KimMcAlinden@msn.com
We are currently having Zoom meetings and will keep that capability for anyone that can’t make it out in the evenings.

Knights of Columbus
Knights of Columbus Council #7103
With more than 1.8 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people. Some examples of work by Council 7103 include providing booklets and rosaries to First Holy Communion candidates; the sponsorship of a Shield Award dinner to honor local police, firefighters, and EMTs; support of the Send Our Heroes Home for the Holidays program to help pay for service men and women to return home at Christmas; and yearly support of the Special Olympics. All interested gentlemen over the age of 18 are encouraged to contact Grand Knight Al Ambrose: GK7103@KOFC7103.ORG

Grotto Memorial Bricks
St. Alphonsus
Only a few are still available!
If you would like to dedicate a brick in Our Lady’s Grotto in honor of your family or in memory of a loved one, please contact Lola: (609) 466-9681.
Next Week's Readings
January 31, 2021

First Reading
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 9-9
A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Paul expresses his concern that those who are married are more likely to face the distractions of earthly life than those who are celibate.

Gospel Reading
Mark 1:21-28
Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Raise up dedicated and generous leaders from our families who will serve Your people.

Sunrise Meditation
Wednesday mornings at 6:30am, St. James Rectory, side yard benches.
All adults are welcome to join us! For more information, contact Andrea Fereshhteh at aesarubbi@yahoo.com

Adoration
St. George, Thursdays 8am - 12noon (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays will not be held during the winter months IF there is inclement weather OR when a Holy Day falls on a Thursday, i.e. Holy Thursday.)
St. James, Fridays following the 9am Mass - 1pm
(First Friday of the month following the 9am Mass - 8pm, in church).

Please Pray for Our Sick
Cheryl Allen
Ava Barron
Kate Bisard
Matthew Bunsa
Thomas Penner
Considine
Maryann Eleuteri
Joanne Estok
Melissa Evert
Frank
Stephen Gallagher
Thomas & Barbara
Guymm
Mary Heupel
Alice Howie
Robert Hutchinson
Kimberly Jackson
Tommy K.
Nancy Kenworthy
Rose Lauricella
Andrew Liput
Herb Luscombe
Bob O'Boyle
Rob Osborne
Maura Grace Owen-O'Boyle
Ed Panacek
Mary Ann Pacienza
Bob Pluta
Baby Girl Rodriguez
Joe Sabol
Jeanette Seamon
Gerry Sellner
Kathy Sipple
David Sison
Byron Sullivan
Robert Swanson
Edmund Trumpovicz
Ellie Trumpovicz
Brent Zajac
Karl Zajac

Our Deceased
Terri Gaines
Helen Shanley
Joan Tinsman
Marjorie Usko
Matilda Yanno

Please Pray for Our Military
Lt. Robin Delgado
Specialist Shannon Stradling - Pvt. 2nd Class William Smith - LCpl. Mark Thompson - E4 Specialist Christopher Winters
Did you notice what Jesus did in this week’s Gospel? Fisher men will be made into fishers-of-men. It’s a punny turn-of-phrase that points to the intimate knowledge that Christ has for each of us. Going fishing in Ancient Israel was work that required long days with sometimes very little success. However, these fishermen knew that despite their own frustrations, it was essential for them to keep going out into the water to try. Within that play on words, Jesus’ invitation to follow was paired with a very intentional phrase, “I will make you.” Though the gifts and talents of these men did not translate easily to ministry, God made it possible. It was never a question of skills; all these men needed was a willingness to follow Jesus and to allow Him to transform them into leaders. God does not call the qualified, God qualifies the called. We are all called.

Have you ever been asked to do something that you did not feel qualified to do? Discipleship requires our willingness to trust in God. As you listen out for and respond to God’s call in your life, be sure to practice the virtue of courage so that you are able to trust Him fully. Pope Francis reminds us to, “have the courage to go against the tide of current values that do not conform to the path of Jesus.”

**RCIA**

is the process by which adults are accompanied in their journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. Participants are adults who have never been baptized; baptized Christians from other denominations who want to become Catholics; baptized Catholics who have not received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation); and those from any other religion desiring to become Catholics. The program also extends an invitation for anyone who desires to "catch-up" and update with the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. Lisa Limongello, our Parish Catechetical Leader, welcomes your inquiry: faithformation@StJamesPennington.org

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**FORMED**

*Picks of the Week:*

“*I Disagree*” Doesn’t Mean “I Hate You” or Finding Purpose
Both on Formed.org

Not signed up for FORMED yet?
Register here: TheCatholicCommunityOfHopewellValley.formed.org

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Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence and immigration services. If you need help, please contact us: 800-360-7711 or www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org
The Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley

NEW! TEEN YOUTH GROUP

To join our new email list and get involved, please contact Lisa, our Parish Catechetical Leader, at llimongello@stjamespennington.org!

Calling ALL 9-12 Graders, ALL 3 Parishes!

Teen Youth Group

We are beginning to rebuild our Teen Youth Group in 2021! If you are in 8th-12th grade and would like to be a part of this new Teen Youth Group, then please email Lisa Limongello at llimongello@stjamespennington.org.

We are changing things up and would love fresh faces across all three parishes, and schools from all around, to join us! If you are a young adult or parent that would like to be involved, please email Lisa.

Our Sacramental Prep Catechists posing with the board filled with the lambs that each of our young students designed and pinned up once they completed their First Penance on January 9th. Congratulations to all the children who received their First Penance!

The Diocesan Youth Conference

Saturday, February 6
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is our yearly gathering for the youth of the Diocese of Trenton. It is an opportunity for teens in grades 8-12 to encounter Jesus through the joyful celebration of our Catholic Faith, dynamic presentations, and the opportunity to connect with other young Catholics.
St. George social Concerns
Do you need a helping hand.....or know someone who does?
We’re aware that some people in our parish may be struggling to make ends meet, with higher heating bills, unforeseen medical bills, unemployment, and other emergencies. St. George’s Social Concerns Committee was formed to help those in need. If either you or someone you know needs some temporary financial help, let us know. Some assistance may be available through our parish committee. By email: tsmithriley@gmail.com or By written note: Address envelope to St. George Social Concerns, marked “Confidential.” Drop into Poor Box or Sunday collection basket, or mail to: St. George Social Concerns, PO Box 324, Titusville, NJ 08560. All requests kept private and confidential.

Soup, Soup, Souper!

who: Soup for Mount Carmel Guild
what: Soup and more soup, all kinds of soup! Canned (with pull top or without), boxed, all brands, all flavors, all sizes (no glass please). Crackers welcome to compliment the soup!
when: January 24th through February 16th, 2021
where: Drop at your local parish:
St. Alphonsus— on the rectory porch in box provided,
St. George— at the front entrance in box provided ONLY during weekend masses and
St. James— in the regular food bin
why: To warm up those in most need of Trenton and to give them hope!
Questions?
contact: SA Sharon Skibbee (skibbees@aol.com)
SG Terri Riley (tsmithriley@gmail.com)
SJ Kelly Keifer (kellyskeifer@gmail.com)
Let’s be souper!

2020 Tax Deduction Statements

St. Alphonsus
If you would like to receive a tax statement, please email: parishoffice@stalphonsushopewell.org
Users of Online Giving can print out their own statements as follows:
From your Online Giving HOME page: Go to My Online Giving History. Select Print. Select Date Range (must use calendar icons to change dates). Report type: Select Full Detail Report (tax purposes). Print your statement.

St. George
If you need a tax statement reflecting your envelope giving, please email: parishoffice@stgeorgetitusville.org

St. James
If you made donations by cash or check, and you wish to receive a tax verification statement, email: stjfinance@stjamespennington.org or call: 609-737-0122 ext. 806. Users of Online Giving can print out their own statements as follows: From your Online Giving HOME page: Go to My Online Giving History. Select Print. Select Date Range (must use calendar icons to change dates). Report type: Select Full Detail Report (tax purposes) Print your statement.
NOTE: If you have Pop-Up Blockers installed on your computer, you must follow your provider’s instructions to disable them to print your statement.
Greetings of Hope and Peace for the New Year!
As we prepare to honor married couples for their sacrifice and faithful love through the observance of World Marriage Day, our thoughts and prayers are with all families who have faced particular hardships this year – isolation from friends and family members, fear of Covid-19, loss of employment, parenting challenges, marital difficulties and so much more.
We offer our heartfelt gratitude to our parishes for providing the extraordi-
nary pastoral care and support so needed by married couples and families.

A Livestreamed Nightly Reflection and Recitation of the Rosary for Married Couples to celebrate National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-13)
This will also be transmitted live in Spanish on the ‘Familia Vive su Fe’ Facebook Page at the same time

World Marriage Day 2/14/21
For all of your World Marriage day needs please visit the following:
https://dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day
https://dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-parishes
https://dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples

As we continue our efforts to “build strong marriages” in the Diocese of Trenton, we offer our full assistance to all parishes for your marriage-strengthening activities, and send our prayers for a safe, happy and holy New Year!

Retrouvaille: Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.
Meals on Wheels of Mercer County
Can you spare a few morning hours to make a difference in the life of a homebound resident of Mercer County?

- Meals on Wheels of Mercer County delivers meals Mon-Fri to homebound residents. Volunteers meet between 10:00 and 10:15 a.m. at Rider University to pick up the meals and driving directions.
- Volunteers can go by themselves or in pairs. Most routes are completed within one to two hours.
- All COVID safety guidelines are followed.

Please consider joining us in providing nourishment for the body and soul!
Call 609-695-3483 for more information or email: llivne@mealsonwheelsmercer.org

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
609-877-0509
or FHOP@verizon.net
Please check www.FHOP.org for registration

The Imitation of Christ
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 9:30am – 12:00
Let’s enjoy together the wisdom of this timeless classic translated for us in today’s terms. Listen as Jesus speaks right to you as a friend with loving advice. Time will also be given to contemplative prayer. Donation: $20

In-Person Personal Retreat Day
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 9:30am- 2:30pm
Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Donation: $10; $40 with spiritual direction. Please bring your lunch.

In-Person 3-Day Winter Get Away With God
Feb. 12 – 15, 7:00pm Friday to 9:00am Monday
Donation: $250, $60 non-refundable deposit with regis.

In-Person Only Valentine’s Celebration for Couples
Sunday, Feb. 14, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Liturgy 2:00 PM
This year our Valentine Celebration takes a different shape. We begin with Mass at 2 PM which will include the renewal of marriage vows.

St. Joseph By The Sea
400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738
732-892-8494
Our mission as Religious Teachers Filippini is to “Go forth and teach the Word of God.” Our ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul search- ing, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them.

March 26-28, 2021 – Footsteps In The Garden – Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life even without your help? In scripture, God says, “You will be like a watered garden.” (Is 58:11-12) The blooms in the garden of life take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. This weekend offers you time to explore the gardens of your life. Light supper served on Friday, March 26 at 5:30 pm Mass included. Arrival: 4:00-5:00 pm/Departure: 11:00 am (Presenters: Paule Cicero, M.Th., CSD, and Ellen Murphy, CSD) Cost: $250

May 4-6, 2021 - Gift From The Sea – Women’s Contemplative Weekend
“Patience, patience, patience, the sea teaches. Patience and faith.” Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Gift From the Sea
Come and be inspired by the classic book, Gift From the Sea. Explore insights about wholeness, balance of life, work, relationships and spiritual guidance. Please come having read the book. Mass included.

May 14-16, 2021 – Wellness Weekend For Women – Come away to the quiet and serenity of the ocean and renew yourself in body, mind and spirit.
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What’s My Name?
The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply
ask drivers “What’s my name?” before entering their vehicle
to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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