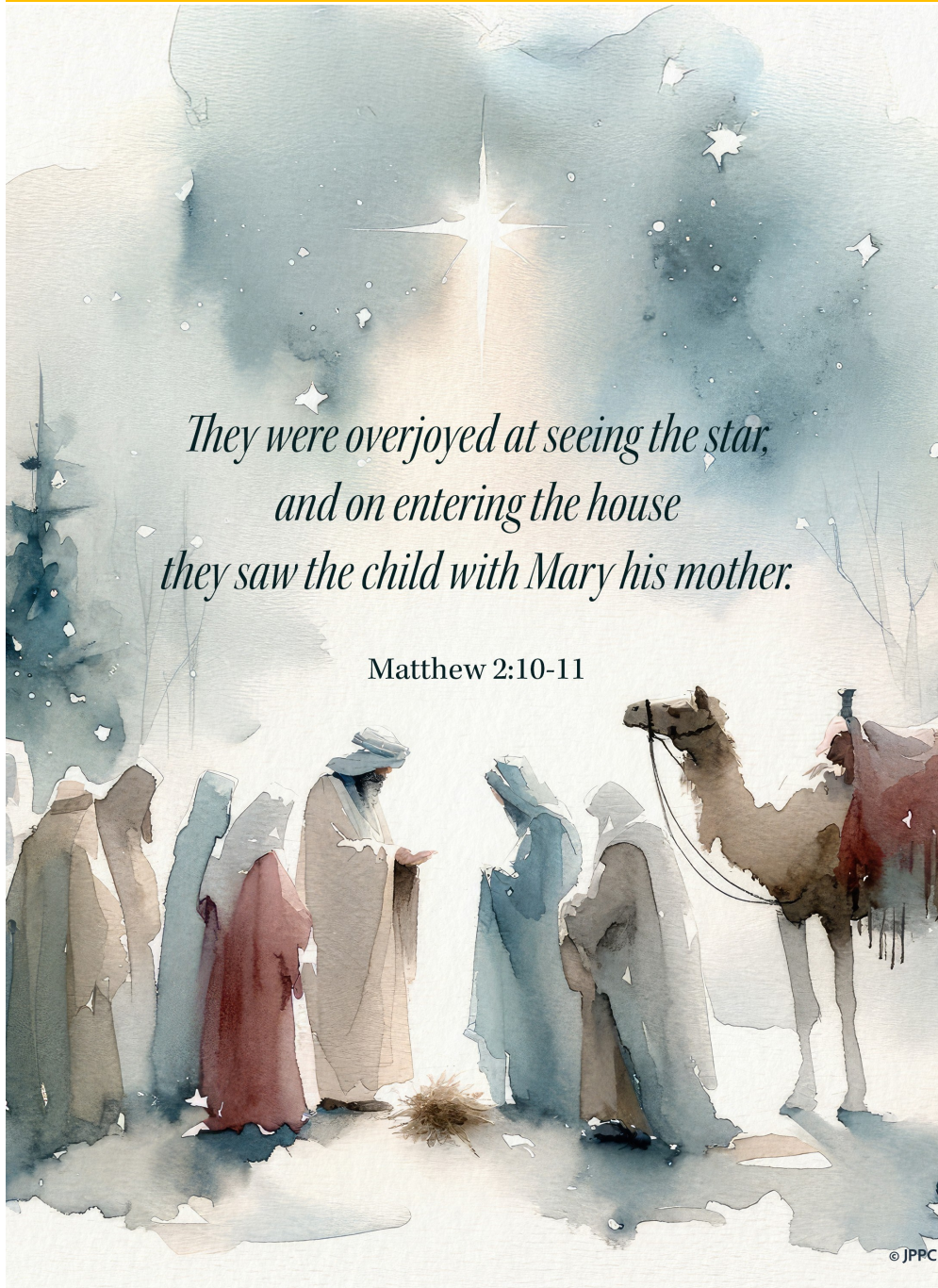


# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

Matthew 2:10-11

## Readings for the Week January 5, 2025

### Monday, January 6, 2025

1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday, January 7, 2025

1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk  
6:34-44

### Wednesday, January 8, 2025

1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday, January 9, 2025

1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and  
15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22

### Friday, January 10, 2025

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19  
-20 Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday, January 11, 2025

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a  
and 9b Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps  
29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2,  
3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 Acts 10:34  
-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-  
16, 21-22

**Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder**  
**Weekend Associate: Rev. Robert Laferrera**  
**Pastoral Associate: Deacon James Gillespie**  
**Deacon James Campbell**  
**Deacon Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.**  
**Deacon Donald Gries**  
**Religious Education: Ellen Noble**  
**Trustees: Susan Keogh, Peter Gudzak**  
**Director of Sacred Music: Angela Petti**  
**Sacristan: Carol Lewandowski**

**PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797**

**REGISTRATION: All are welcome! Sponsorship letters for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony will only be issued to registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to register and please also notify the Parish Office of a change of address or if you plan to move from the parish so that we may keep our records updated.**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, January 5**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8:00am Manuel & Gloria Rebelo  
John Parisi  
9:30am Marian Muoio (living)  
Rosemary Pirrera (living)  
Ross Scardina  
11:30am People of the Parish

**MONDAY, January 6**

**Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette, Religious**

8:00am Cathleen Ludlow & family (living)  
Anthony Stanisci (living)  
Joseph Stanisci (JoeJoe) &  
Katherine Stanisci

**TUESDAY, January 7**

**Christmas Weekday; St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

8:00am Marie Paparazzo (living)  
Gerard A. Murray  
Maryanne Olah

**WEDNESDAY, January 8**

**Christmas Weekday**

8:00am Edna Parzygnat  
Stephanie Ruane  
Thomas Young

**THURSDAY, January 9**

**Christmas Weekday**

8:00am Deacon Rich & Mary Hauenstein  
Robert A. Cook

**SATURDAY, January 11**

**Christmas Weekday**

5:00pm James Kennedy  
Joseph Paparazzo, Jr.  
Edward Murphy

**SUNDAY, January 12**

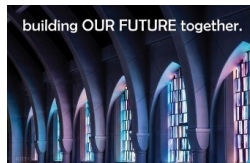
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:00am James McCue  
John Bergin  
Matthew Maslonka  
9:30am Matthew Cornier  
Ann Marie Giaconia  
Robert O'Connor  
11:30am Catherine Elliott  
Diane Aramondo  
Lance Pines



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th**  
**CHURCH UN-DECORATING AND**  
**CLEAN UP RIGHT**  
**AFTER THE 11:30 MASS**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN**  
**HELPING PLEASE SIGN UP THRU**  
**OUR WEBSITE [WWW.STJUSTIN.ORG](http://WWW.STJUSTIN.ORG),**  
**OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE**



Weekly Offerings

*Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. If your circumstances permit, please consider donating to the parish at this time. I am thankful and grateful for your continued financial support to help us meet our weekly and*

*monthly expenses. Many mail their contributions in and continue to do so. Here are some ways for you to help your parish:  Place your offering in the receptacles at the doors as you enter or leave church.*

Mail in your envelopes weekly/monthly.

Have your bank send us weekly/monthly check automatically from your checking account made out to Saint Justin Church with your envelope number on the check to get proper credit. Thank you for giving the above some consideration to help support your parish financially, and know it is greatly appreciated!

*Fr. Mark*

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797**

**ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY: 732-929-1119**

**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)**

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK:**

**St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Collection 3rd**  
**Sunday of the month. Food Collection basket is**  
**located in the narthex by the parish hall.**

**Please utilize the green envelopes found in each pew for monetary donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM**

**Sunday: 8:00AM; 9:30AM; 11:30AM**

**WEEKDAY: Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM**

**Holy Days: Announced**

**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Godparents/Sponsors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confessions are from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Outside the door of the church on the side of the Religious Ed Building. Kindly knock on the door, remain outside for Confession. Please arrive at 3:30.

**Adult O.C.I.A. program:** Contact Parish Office

**Children O.C.I.A. program:** Contact Religious Education

**MARRIAGE:** The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) as well as sessions with the parish deacon or priest. Therefore, couples should make arrangements at the Parish Office one year before the planned wedding date and before finalizing any social plans.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The goal of Saint Justin the Martyr Parish is that each member grow in the Grace through Jesus Christ, and in so doing cooperate with the Holy Spirit in giving glory to God, in experiencing the salvation of their soul, and in building up the Body of Christ.



From the Pastor  
The Epiphany  
of the Lord  
January 5, 2025

**SAINT PAUL-OUTSIDE-THE-WALLS BASILICA.** The Holy Father opened the Holy Doors at the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul

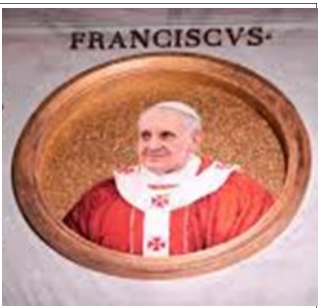
**Outside-the-Walls** [henceforth: **PBSPOTW**] today, so we will explain its significance. This is **#4** in our yearlong **Jubilee Year** series; for past articles, like the explanation of the second set of the four **Holy Doors** opened, at the **Pope's Cathedral**, the **Basilica Cathedral of Saint John Lateran**, visit our parish website We will reflect on the other two **Major Basilicas: Saint Peter Basilica**, the first **Holy Doors**, which were opened on **Christmas Eve**, near **Saint Peter's Feast Day** - and **Saint Mary Major**, near a **Marian Feast Day**. Back to **PBSPOTW**.

**ANOTHER GIFT TO NEWLY 'LEGIT' CHURCH.** Soon after the **Emperor's Edict** or the '**Peace of Constantine**' in **313** granted the **Church** legal status, he permitted excavation at the site where **Saint Paul the Apostle's** remains supposedly rest. He was probably beheaded around **65-67** by **Nero**, a mile or so from his tomb, where **1<sup>st</sup> Century** graves were found, so **Constantine** had a **Basilica** built over it, which **Pope Saint Sylvester** [Feast Day: **12/31**] consecrated in **324**. [Even though **Saint Paul** was a professed **Christian**, which costs one many privileges and rights, he was a **Roman citizen** and, unlike **Saint Peter**, would have been granted a formal burial and identifiable gravesite.

Over the centuries, the **PBSPOTW** was renovated and enlarged; courtyards, naves and cloisters were added; huge walls to defend it were erected; and it was adorned with a bell tower and magnificent ornate **Byzantine** doors. It was, until the construction of the 'new' **Saint Peter Basilica** in **1626**, the **largest Basilica** in **Rome!**

On **July 15, 1823**, a fire destroyed it, but it was reconstructed with whatever survived the catastrophic disaster and was rededicated by **Pope Gregory XVI** in **1840**. In **1928**, a portico with **150 columns** was added, and it has been maintained and underwritten by the generosity of benefactors from all over the world. However, its most notable - and talked about - feature goes back to the **5<sup>th</sup> Century**, to the days of **Pope Saint Leo the Great**.

**PAPAL MEDALLIONS.** In the **5<sup>th</sup> Century**, the **PBSPOTW** became the home of a long series of medallions; each one depicts one of our **266 Popes**, from **Saint Peter** to the present pontiff, see above. They are just over



**4½ feet** tall; while most of them ring the **interior walls** of the **Basilica**, a few are on the **exterior walls**. Legends abound that once there is no more room for another of these **papal friezes** [a broad horizontal band of sculpted or painted decorations, especially on a wall near the ceiling] it will be the end of the world. These apocryphal tales, **not** sanctioned by the **Church**, have been 'adapted' over the centuries as 'new' walls for the friezes have been 'found.' [So, relax; "**it ain't over till it's over,**" which could be soon!]

**THE QUEST FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.** At the **Last Supper**, **Jesus** fervently prayed that we, His **Church**: "**may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.**" [John 17:21] The scandal of **Christian DIS-unity** - and the all-out fights we **Christians** have had with each other - compromises, cripples or kills our mission. While our efforts may seem miniscule, given the task of reunifying the **Church**, at least after **400 years** of little, if any, ecumenical dialogue, in the past **50 years** or so have seen some steps toward unity. The **PBSPOTW** is, in some ways, **Ground Zero** in the efforts to deepen our unity in **Christ**.

Eight days before the **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, January 25**, the **Church** begins a novena or nine days of prayer with a solemn ceremony at the **PBSPOTW**. The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** seeks to focus on what we share in common, above all, our common **Baptism**, which makes us brothers and sisters in **Christ**. May the **Apostle** who rests beneath the **PBSPOTW**, which archeological studies seem to verify, intercede for the **Church** and her quest for reunion. May this **Jubilee Holy Year** and its activities, **also bring us** one step closer. **Happy New Year 2025!**

In Christ,  
*Father Mark*

Rev. Mark A. Kreder, Pastor

*To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

*"...a time to be born..."*

Brayden Patrick Wiest, Brielle Marie Wiest

*...a time to love..."*

*..."and a time to be born to eternal life..."*

Billie Neebe, Angela Panteleone

*Those who have died in the Service of our Country.*

*"...and a time for peace in all the world..."*

*pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad.*

Cody Fisher, Jason Howie, Daniel Robert Costello, Mark Caruso, Rick DiSanti, A.J. Elbert, Ryan Buckley, Eric P. Fenske, Michael Griffing, Audrey Hughes, Ian Krong Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Walter Reed, Antoni Jedra, Charles Jones, Tyler Brandon Sansone, Trevor Smida, Nick Roma, Henry Sohl, Nick Panzara, Kieran Murphy Christopher Sylvester, Greg Hermack, Morgan Hermack John DiMicelli, Seamus Righter, Joey Colosimo, Jordan Thomas, Jason Paino, Christopher Wright, Gage Maguire, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli, Sean Doherty, Nicholas Pfeifer, Joseph Papparazzo, Jr., Peter Herbert, Jake Jackson, Cristien Osorio, Paul Honan, Frank Aklus

*And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.*

**Save the Date!**

**Next Social Sunday is February 2, 2025**

**More info to follow**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so very much for the tremendous support you have shown throughout 2024 to our **Food Pantry.**

I know I speak for the volunteers when I say, we are not unaware of the economic issues most of us have had to deal with in 2024, and yet like a never wavering beacon of hope each and every month you have shone through with the many food donations that have helped refill the shelves enabling our Food Pantry to accomplish the mission of feeding those most in need in our midst. You

have given so freely and helped so many people; 15,970 adults and children from 4,913 families, the highest we have ever had, and because of all of you, with your many blessings, this was made possible.

97 Turkeys with all the trimmings were given for Thanksgiving, another 80 Turkeys donated to our Knights of Columbus Chapter to assist them with the Christmas Food Boxes they deliver to our needy neighbors.

Again I thank you all, for your generosity, and to the wonderful volunteers who have strived to keep the pantry running like a well-oiled machine, I love each of you, and

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

May God Bless you all in 2025.

Rosemary Goebel  
Social Concerns Ministry Coordinator.



## JANUARY REMINDERS

**January 19th**—Sacrament of First Reconciliation 4:00PM  
**January 20th** No Classes

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On January 19th, our young people will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

We ask that you please hold the students and their families in your prayers.



**St. Justin the Martyr's Family Fun Bingo Night**  
**When: Friday, January 24, 2025**  
**Time: Doors and food open at 5:30, Games at 6:00, Dessert at 7:00**

**Cost: \$5.00 per family** (This includes bingo cards for all games, dessert)

**Food:** Hot Dogs must be preordered and paid in advance for \$1.00 a hot dog.

**THIS IS A FAMILY NIGHT  
THEREFORE ALL CHILDREN  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

Please make checks payable to St. Justin Parish for the hot dogs and cover fee. **Deadline is January 16, 2025.**

Forms can be dropped off to the Parish Office, black mailbox outside the office or through Religious Education. You will receive your tickets at the door. Any questions, please call the office at 732-270-3980.



## Pregnant and Need Help? Call the Open-Door Pregnancy Center

We supply pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, mother-baby clothing, diapers, wipes, formula, and more.

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TEXT 732-743-5283

## MINISTRY MEETINGS



### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary. Loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives. Come pray a rosary, enjoy friendship & fellowship with women who have a devotion to Blessed Mother in common. We recite a Rosary in church, followed by the meeting in the parish hall.

For further Info contact Pat: 732-608-0745

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Jan. 22nd. 6:30pm**

*New Members Always Welcome!*

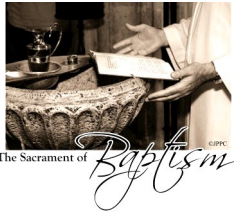


### Is God Calling you to Help

**Those In Need?** The mission of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help.

Thanks to St. Vincent de Paul, our neighbors have received assistance with rent or mortgage payments that prevented them from being homeless, we have given respite to homeless people with a few nights in a motel to maintain their dignity with a shower, a warm place to sleep and a hot meal, we have made sure our seniors and families with children have kept the lights on, kept heat on in the winter months and provided food to fill empty pantries.

Please consider donating by using the green envelopes in the narthex, or call Joanne and leave a message on our Help-Line at 732-929-1119. **Thank you.**



### BAPTISMAL WORKSHOPS in the Religious Ed Building.

**Next Baptismal Workshop  
7:00 pm Wednesday, Jan. 8th**

**Pre-registration required call the parish office at 732-270-3980**

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer & sharing

**Next meeting date: Monday, Jan. 13th  
7:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room.**

For further information contact: Laurie: 732-929-9094



### MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Monday, January 6th** Meetings are at 7:00 pm St. Justin's Conference Room.  
**New Members Always Welcome**

### ADULT OCIA NEWS (formerly RCIA)

Classes are in session for the 2024-2025 season  
**from 9:00am to 10:00am**  
in St. Justin's Conference Room

Through our preparation and formation process, the **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**, is always ready to accept those inquiring into becoming fully initiated Catholic Christians. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For further information on the OCIA program **Contact: for Adults the Parish Office: 732-270-3980** (for Children call the Religious Education Office)

**CATHOLICS CAN ALWAYS COME HOME**

**Shawl Ministry**  
**Do you like to knit or crochet?**

**Come join our group!** We are in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets and more! **Next Meeting Date: Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1:00pm, St. Justin's Conference Room.** For more info contact: JoAnne at 732-270-9258



### ST. JUSTIN'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Justin Youth Group Ministry invites all Grade 7 through 12 youth to become part of the "Youth Group." The Youth Group generally meets twice a month on Sunday evenings. Come join our community service group who share our faith while doing fun activities. Join us for a combination of continuing formation in our Catholic faith with opportunities to put our faith into practice through service. **Being involved in this group is a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships with others who share your Catholic beliefs.** For further info or questions see Deacon Fred after Mass, or call the parish office at 732-270-3980 **Next Meetings: Sundays, Jan. 12th & Jan. 26th 6:00pm in the Conference Room**

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

St. Justin's has established the **Holy Name Society** at the parish. Our mission is to share the love and holy name of Jesus with our parish and community at large. In addition, the society promotes personal sanctification and holiness of its members by assisting other parish ministries and performing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

All men of the parish community are invited to join.

**Next Meeting Date: Monday, January 13th  
7:00pm Religious Education Building**



**The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a Shop Rite Card Program. after all Masses** Before going shopping you can purchase your Shop Rite gift cards in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations.

**5% of all proceeds go towards supporting our Parish.**  
*Please support this worthy cause*

**THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON** is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

**PROMISE TO PROTECT**  
**PLEDGE TO HEAL**



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 via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@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.

**LET'S REMEMBER OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS—**

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- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday  
**JANUARY 24**  
 11:00AM  
 Co-Cathedral of  
 St. Robert Bellarmine,  
 Freehold

**All are Welcome • No RSVP needed**



For full information about the day's events, visit: [dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life)

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