

December 1, 2019

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage**

Please join us on Saturday, December 7, when the Diocese of Trenton will continue an annual tradition with the Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrimage. Thousands of faithful from all corners of the Diocese will take to the streets of Trenton in prayer and song, led by the Guadalupe Torches that have been instruments of celebration and love throughout the past 6 weeks.

The procession will begin at 9:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Church on Chestnut Avenue in Trenton and pass by St. Anthony's church before proceeding to St. Joseph's, and then on to St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral where it will be met by Bishop David O'Connell. The Bishop will celebrate Mass at noon in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

Many of our parishioners have been a part of the procession for several years. They march along with members of our cohort as well as those from other churches. They are joined by musicians and dancers and accompanied by floats adorned with flowers as they weave through different neighborhoods in the city. The atmosphere is festive, yet prayerful. The walk is safe. Over a thousand people participate, and the city and township provide a police escort for traffic control.

You can be a part of the procession from its start at Immaculate Conception, or join along the way. There will be 3 shuttle buses going to and from the Cathedral. They will all make regular stops at each of the 3 churches along the parade route. You may leave your car at St Mary's Cathedral in their secured parking lot and take the shuttle to one of the churches, then join the procession to St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral when the pilgrims approach.

In the past, several parishioners from St. Gregory's have driven to St. Anthony's, left their car there, then joined the procession at that point. They returned later via shuttle bus. If you decide to join the pilgrimage at the start, you will enjoy hot coffee and pastries to help you fuel you before embarking on the 4 mile procession. Following Mass, join the group in the lower hall to watch the dancers, listen to music and enjoy some food for a nominal cost.

Being a part of the pilgrimage is a way to be a part of the larger community where we all share the same faith, regardless of gender, race or social status.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Saturday, December 7, 9:00 AM ~ Be part of a day of fun, community and prayer...For more information about this year's pilgrimage visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/guadalupe>. To see a video from last years' procession follow <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQ-zlrcG404>.