

**Monday, August 7**

7:30AM Eucharistic Service
7:00PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 8

7:30AM John A. Hlubik (A); and,
Geraldine Conti
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski; and,
Edward Martin—Mass of the Living
RB/Tim Martin
2:00PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, August 9

7:30AM George Finkel
RB/Tim Martin
3:00PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations
7:00PM Novena & Adoration Hour

Thursday, August 10

7:30AM Bernard J. Salewski (A); and,
Rosemarie Gentry
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski

Friday, August 11

7:30AM Judy Cucchiaro (A)
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski; and
Johnny Payakovich
RB/Catherine Payakovich

Saturday, August 12

4:00PM Confessions
5:00PM Mass for St. Mary's Parishioners

Sunday, August 13

7:30AM Ellwood Derricks
RB/Susan Smith
9:30AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary & Altar Society
11:30AM Edward MacMullan (A)
RB/Family

MASSSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 P.M.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30AM.
Weekdays: Tuesday thru Friday at 7:30 A.M.
Eve before a Holy Day: 7:00 P.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 P.M.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are done on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month,
following the 11:30AM Masses. Please call the rectory office
to schedule.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please notify the parish office when the sick, aged or
incapacitated are confined to home. Arrangements can be
made to bring Holy Communion to them.

Religious Education

Public elementary school children on Sunday morning at 8:00,
9:45, and 11:15 A.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The chapel is open daily. The Blessed Sacrament is
exposed for solemn adoration: M,Tu,W,F 8:00-
8:45AM; Th, 8:00AM-12:00Noon; Sat, 8:00-
10:00AM. Evening hours are Wed, 7-8PM; Thurs, 7-
9PM. Quarterly, special adoration times & events are
offered.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 4PM to 4:30PM ; also by appointment.

NOVENA

In honor of the Miraculous Medal each Wednesday evening
at 7PM.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements are to be made at least 1 year in advance.

SICK CALLS

Urgent calls any time of day or night. Arrangements for
Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion for those
confined to the home are to be made by contacting the rectory.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners to the parish, and we ask them to
register as soon as possible. If you are not registered we are not
able to issue testimonial letters for sponsorship for the
Sacraments or character references to schools or for employment.
If you move from the parish please notify the rectory.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

The regular use of envelopes provides for a stable income to
the church. This enables the pastor to plan for repairs, future
expansion and improvements. We urge all parishioners to
make regular use of the envelopes.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

<i>Adoration</i>	<i>Ginny Olsen 947-3336</i>
<i>Adult Choir</i>	<i>Jac Madson 758-7243</i>
<i>Adult Faith Formation</i>	<i>Earl Alger 298-7071</i>
<i>Altar Linen Ministry</i>	<i>Helene Shea 298-7612</i>
<i>Church Ushers</i>	<i>Ferd Loretangeli 298-2131</i>
<i>Contemporary Choir</i>	<i>Cathy Alphonse 291-9204</i>
<i>Food Pantry</i>	<i>Mike Novalis 298-4664</i>
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	<i>Ron White 903-0342</i>
<i>Liturgy Committee</i>	<i>Jack Laciskey 587-1397</i>
<i>Open Hearts, Willing Hands (Interfaith Caregivers)</i>	<i>Judy Pesce 298-5395</i>
<i>Pastoral Council</i>	<i>Jack Laciskey 587-1397</i>
<i>Rosary & Altar Society</i>	<i>Stephanie Salewski 291-1816</i>
<i>Sports Committee</i>	<i>John Bacovin 638-9054</i>
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	<i>Sharon Callahan 298-1414</i>
<i>Word of Life Prayer Group</i>	<i>Pat Baylog 298-4249</i>

FR. JOE'S MESSAGES

Dear parishioners,

Over the past few weeks, it has become obvious that there is too much echo and confusion of noises in the sound system in our St. Mary's Church. I am employing the Whitaker Brothers from Bristol, Pa., to alleviate the problems. I am also looking for parishioners who would be willing to help with the cost of installing the improvements needed. The cost will probably be about \$22,000. If you are willing and able to help, please call the Parish Office. If you would like to include a memorial plaque on the equipment installed, that can be arranged. Many donors will make the financial burden much more manageable.



Please note that for the upcoming holyday, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, we will offer Masses at St. Mary's on 8/14 at 7PM and 8/15 at 10AM; and at Holy Assumption Church on 8/15 at 8AM and 7PM.

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

Having a special anniversary? If you're celebrating your 1st, 25th or 50th (or more!) year of marriage, we invite you to the annual Diocese of Trenton Bishop's Anniversary Blessing. This year Bishop David O'Connell will honor anniversary couples from Burlington & Mercer Counties at a special Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) and blessing celebration at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton. Couples who wish to participate in the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing must visit or call their parish office to register. Our deadline for registering is August 31st, to ensure that the couple's photo is included. Family members are most welcome to attend the Anniversary Blessing.

Religious Education News:

We are pleased to announce that we are now St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare RE. Our office is still in the Parish Center but our program just got a whole lot larger. Thanks to merging two already wonderful RE's we are now able to offer the opportunity for all families to attend classes at either site. St. Mary's will continue to host three sessions of classes in the school on Sunday mornings, as we have always done, BUT now we get to offer RE classes at Holy Assumption Church on Tuesday nights. What does this mean as a parish family from EITHER St. Mary's or Ss. Francis and Clare? **You now have the opportunity to send your child either Sunday morning or Tuesday evening.** St. Mary's will continue to have three sessions on Sunday. Ss. Francis and Clare will have one session on Tuesday evening in the lower level of Holy Assumption Church on Hornberger Avenue in Roebing. I hope you will pray for our RE program that the fruits of our labor are seen through the lives of our children.



Summer, with its warm weather is here, but we ask you to please dress modestly and respectfully, in your "Sunday best" when you attend Mass. Show your respect to our Lord!
—Fr. Joe

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

- Mon. 7:00 PM Mary's Weavers
Parish Center, downstairs
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group
Chapel
- Wed. 7:00 PM Novena & Adoration (Church)
- 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society
Parish Center, upstairs
- M-F 9AM-12PM Vacation Bible School
School Hall

St. Vincent de Paul Society

August 6, 2017: The Transfiguration of the Lord

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration with remarkable agreement; all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah, and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the Fall.



According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

If you are interested in joining the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, or if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, call our confidential helpline (609) 298-1414.

Altar Servers — August 12th & 13th

- 5:00PM Team #1 Coppola
- 7:30AM Team #4 (none assigned)
- 9:30AM Team #6 Cutrupi
- 11:30AM Team #9 Reed

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of July 30th, we received \$9,391 in our regular collection, plus \$2,603 for our special offering for the St. Vincent de Paul Society charitable works.

Many thanks for your generosity!

Rosary and Altar Society News

"It is impossible to meditate with devotion upon the mysteries of the Rosary and live in a state of sin." —St. John Vianney

ROSARY HOURS

- ♦ **Daily Rosary** – 7:00AM and 8:00AM in the chapel (before and after the 7:30AM Mass);
- ♦ **Tuesdays** from 2:00—3:00PM in the chapel;
- ♦ **Wednesdays** at 3:00PM for priests and religious;
- ♦ **Saturdays** at 9:00AM the "Timeless Rosary" is recited.

All are welcome—please join us in these prayers.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

>>**PRAYER SHAWL PROJECT – Mary's Weavers** —Monday evenings at 7 PM in the downstairs meeting room, Parish Center. Call Helene Shea for more information at 298-7612. **Next Meeting is on August 7th.**

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – August 13th**—9:30 AM Mass for the intention of Rosarians, living and deceased.

>>**ROSARIAN MONTHLY ROSARY**—Rosarians will meet to recite together their monthly public Rosary during the regular Tuesday Rosary Hour on **August 15th at 2:00 PM**, in the Chapel.

>>**OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 100th Anniversary of the 4th Apparition — August 19th. PRAY THE ROSARY!**

The children were prohibited from their meeting with Our Lady on August 13 by civil authorities who tried to get them to recant their story about the apparitions. However, on the 19th of the month, she again appeared to them asking them to have a chapel built on the site, to continue to make sacrifices for sinners and to say the Rosary.

>>**CLARE ESTATE ROSARY—First Tuesday at 10:30; next recitation scheduled—September 5th.** All are welcome.

>>**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 7, 2017** — 13th Annual Regional Rosary & Mass for all Rosarians, at Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Mercerville; fellowship following. No cost to attend. Open to members from St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare parishes. Contact Stephanie for details at 609-291-1816.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for August:

- Artists**—*That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.*

Let us pray Our Lady, please guide Father Joe and Father Daison in shepherding and caring for our parish. We pray to Our Lady of Lourdes for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: Michelle for recovery from a stroke; Samme; Andrea for Lupus; Helen from an auto accident; Dale and Mary M. for the healing of cancer; Mark; Dana and Daniel; Cameron; Joan A. and Catherine for healing from recent falls; Ginny's brother Bob; Dave, Joseph and Michael; B.J. and Pam; Tom Lejambre; Ginny M.; Veronica Shea; Veronica Shearn; Amelia; Carol P.; Jack and Peg Laciskey; Bob Rachmiel; Bill S; Paul Shea; Brian; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; Betty Ann S., Martha S., Bonnie H. and Lorraine H. for healing from surgery; John and Carla; for Jo for healing in her grief; Betty Laureti; Benjamin; Faith for upcoming surgery; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Marilyn Rogalski; Julie; Kristy; Addie; and Rosemarie Brodowski. We continue to pray for our religious freedoms and conscience rights; for the recognition of the civil rights of the unborn to be recognized as persons; for the family and sacramental marriage; for our civil protectors in the military, the police, firefighters and EMTs; for vocations; and for the Holy Father and the Church throughout the world. We pray for the victims and families of recent domestic and international violence and natural disasters, and for the refugees and victims of wars and oppression around the world.



If you have one hour once a week to make a difference in the life of an elderly person, please consider being an Interfaith Caregivers Volunteer.

New Volunteer Training Dates 2017:

Aug 8th (Tues).....10 am to 12 noon
 Aug 12th (Sat).....10 am to 12 noon
 Sept. 12th (Tues)10 am to 12 noon
 Sept. 16th (Sat)10 am to 12 noon

3635 Quakerbridge Road
 Suite 16
 Hamilton, NJ 08619
 609-393-9922

INTERFAITH
 Caregivers
 GIVING WITH GRACE

In preparation and celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima:

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Say this prayer every day for 9 consecutive days August 4-12
Most Holy Virgin, who has deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with sincere love of this devotion.

By meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in your Rosary, may we gather the fruits contained therein and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, the Peace of Christ for the world, and this favor that I so earnestly seek of you in this novena....(here, mention your request)

I ask this of you, for the greater glory of God, for your own honor and for the good of all people. AMEN.

Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be (three times each)

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of August 6: Donna Valeri

Week of August 13: Irene Donnelly

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

Why Should I Pray?

Reason # 3: Prayer Is Crucial in Determining God's Will

John Wesley once remarked, "I find that the chief purpose of prayer in seeking God's will is that prayer gets my will into an unbiased state. Once my will is unprejudiced about the matter, I find God suggests reasons to my mind why I should or should not pursue a course."

The chief purpose of prayer, then, is to get our wills unbiased! The purpose is not to give us an ethereal sense of comfort. Thus, we pray to God about His will in some area, knowing that we probably are already leaning in a certain direction. We implore Him first to help our wills to move back to the center—that is, willing to do whatever is His will. Once we arrive there (and it may take some time), He shows us through our minds why one alternative is better than another and therefore is His will for us.

We pray so that our wills (not our emotions) can be yielded to the Divine "whatever." "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and sound judgment." (2 Timothy 1:7). As we spend time with God in prayer, He will guide us to ideas, thoughts, reasons, Scripture, which will reveal His will to us. It might be over days, weeks or sometimes months...but to know God's will requires talking to Him about it.

—adapted from an article by Dan Hayes (part 3 of 5)

Sports Fans: Weekend Special—Sept. 1-3

Parishioners, come and join Fr. Mike and me as we journey to South Bend, Indiana for the Temple vs. Notre Dame football game on Sept. 2nd. We travel in style on an 18-person bus, and the \$599 per person cost includes the transport, game ticket, tailgate party, 2 nights' lodging, beverages & snacks. What a deal!



Call Chris at Triangle Tours (609-462-6485), or me at the parish office (609-298-0261).

—Larry Denney



...THE SICK who have been recommended to our prayers:

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Shirley Mich, Victoria Seda, Karen C. Hillman, Marilyn Rogalski, Anne Boyle, Peter Sheridan, Patricia Gates, Deacon Andy Sabodas, Ed Kolwicz, Carol Peroni, Mary Ford Pacholek, Daniel Ferrise, Robert Madden, Tom Moore, Yolette Labissiere, Doris Guido, Lois MacArthur, Francis Schuessler, Lucy Johnson, Madeline Fleming, John Young, D.J. Hoch, Alfred Albano, Rileigh Sunday, Helene Shea, Alvah Schully, Nicole Cochran, Boleslaw Pacholek, Tony LaPointe, John Campo, Quincy Johnson, Elizabeth Gusrang, Veronica Shearn, Maida Burke, Anita Ricasoli, Dave and Arlene Bibus, Gerry Jacobs, Debbie LePre, Thaddeus Custer and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Ann Paglione
RB/Daughters

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Rev. Gerald Celentana
RB/Tersina DiPietro

NOTE: Prayer List entries will be removed after 90 days unless we are notified that your loved one requires continued prayer support.

Bingo Help Needed (Male or Female)

If we are going to continue Bingo at Holy Assumption, we desperately need more workers. If you can spare about 4-1/2 hours on a **Monday night** every 2 or 3 weeks, please call John Karpac @609-499-1576. The more workers we can get, the less often you will be asked to work. More than for the money, we want to continue to offer Bingo to our people (especially the elderly) as an opportunity for a social evening at least once a week. Thank you and please, please call John Karpac.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS NEEDED

Are you a teacher? Counselor? Have teen children? St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare are looking for a few volunteers to build an amazing YOUTH GROUP. Our youth need to answer the call from the Spirit to unite and share in our Catholic faith and ministries. To do this we need energetic souls to help us get this program up-and-running. For more information, please contact Margaret Zola, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 609-291-8281 or office@stmarysre.org. Together we can build up and support the youth of our parishes!

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC — SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

Come and join your fellow parishioners for an afternoon of good food, fun and games and friendship! Our parish picnic will be held on the campus of the Divine Word Missionaries, Park Street, Bordentown, from 1-5 PM on Sunday, August 13th. We will have games, door prizes, music, and great food—hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, chicken, pork roll, salads, etc. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, and \$20 for families. **Tickets will be available after weekend Masses through August 5-6, or from the parish office. This is your last chance to buy tickets—none will be sold at the door.** Join us as we honor Fr. Mike and Fr. Felix for their many years of dedicated service. We hope to see you there!





Religious Education & Sacramental Programs

1st through 8th Grade & High School

August 7-11.....Vacation Bible School— 9AM-12PM in the School

August 10.....Confirmation Candidate's Sponsor Certificate with Sponsor's Parish Seal — due date is extended to September, for Ss. Francis and Clare Candidates

September 10.....First Day of RE Classes in St. Mary's School

September 13.....First Day of RE Classes in Holy Assumption Church

Vacation Bible School is ready to move and groove at our Maker Fun Factory. All registered children have received their personal email to come and be prepared to hear about the power of God! Reminder to please come 10-15 minutes early on Monday for first day sign-in.

Volunteers are needed for our RE program to survive! Please consider volunteering for our Religious Education program. We have a wonderful program for Catechists, Aides and Hall Monitors. The success of our program is dependent on the willingness of individuals to help out. All volunteers must attend a "Virtus" workshop and be fingerprinted. (Virtus and fingerprinting information can be found on our RE website.) Volunteering is a rewarding experience to share your faith with our parish youth.

***WE ARE IN NEED OF ONE CATECHIST FOR EACH GRADE.
I know you have an amazing gift to give, as God gave you that gift!***

We are now St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare Religious Education. This wonderful merge allows our families from either parish to attend classes on Sunday in St. Mary's School, or on Tuesday in Holy Assumption Church. Have you delayed your registration because Sunday has been hard for your family? Now you have the opportunity to attend Tuesday in Roebing. Has your Sunday class in Roebing not worked well with your class time? Now you can choose between 3 different class times. Amazing changes to both our Parishes!

Summer Family Activity – RE is challenging our students to share what is going on in our faith community around the country. While on vacation this month, we ask that you pick up a bulletin from any other parish that you attend. Please submit the bulletin to the RE Office with your name and grade. In September, 5 certificates will be awarded in *various categories*. Good luck to all. We are quite interested where you travel this month.

Returning Students please complete and return your 2017-2018 Registration Forms as soon as possible. Remember all classroom assignments are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

New Students entering our RE program for the 2017-2018 school year are asked to fill out a Registration Form that is now available in the bookcase in the back of our church. Please note – if your child is new to our program and was not baptized here at St. Mary's Parish, we will need to see an original Baptismal Certificate.

All Dates, Notices and Calendars for Our Religious Education Programs are online at www.stmarysre.org. Please check website on a regular basis for updates. Also, important notices/updates will always be posted here!

**St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare RE Office: (609) 291-8281 ext. 17 or 18,
Fax #: (609) 298-7178, Email: office@stmarysre.org or office2@stmarysre.org, Website: www.stmarysre.org.**

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**Bordentown Cemetery / St. Mary's Section
Attn: Parishioners, Visitors, Non-Parishioners
Pre-Need Special: 10% Price Discount**

Stop in and visit us at 210 Crosswicks Road, Bordentown, NJ. We offer a beautiful extended St. Mary's section, a veterans section and a non-denominational section for burials. Also we offer a Columbarium for cremains of your loved ones.
Office hours 9-1 Monday thru Friday.
Call 609 298-0605



Parishioners, please check out the new bench in our Prayer Garden, engraved in honor of Fr. Mike's 27 years of service—a gift for Fr. Mike from the parish.



St. Mary's Community Food Pantry

We are a supplemental food source run by 30+ volunteers collecting and distributing food to over 300 families in need in Bordentown, Chesterfield, Crosswicks, Fieldsboro, and 4 area motels that house people on our register.

Current needs: We appreciate every donation we receive, but we have an overabundance of green beans, corn, kidney beans, and pasta at this time. We kindly request: bottled water; canned spinach; baked beans; granola bars; razors.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Our food pantry hours are as follows: **M-W-F 2-3:00 PM;
Tu-Th 9-10:00 AM and 6-7:00 PM; and Sat. 9-10:00 AM.**

