



**Monday, May 22**

- 7:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers
- 6:30PM Eucharistic Service
- 7:00PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

**Tuesday, May 23**

- 7:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers
- 2:00PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel
- 6:30PM Eucharistic Service

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 7:30AM Marie & John Vanjonack  
RB/MaryAnn & Bill Vanjonack
- 3:00PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations
- 7:00PM Mass for St. Mary's Parishioners

**Thursday, May 25—Feast of the Ascension**

- 7:30AM Betty Lou Turgyan  
RB/Family
- 10:00AM Paul Brophy  
RB/Brophy Family
- 7:00PM Elvira Martinez  
RB/Heidi Guzman

**Friday, May 26**

- 7:30AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 6:30PM Eucharistic Service

**Saturday, May 27**

- 7:30AM Lucy LaPointe  
RB/Marge & Tony LaPointe
- 5:00PM Mass for St. Mary's Parishioners

**Sunday, May 21**

- 7:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers
- 9:30AM Ray Yack  
RB/Yack Family
- 11:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers

**MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 5:00 P.M.  
Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30AM.  
Weekdays: M-F 7:30 and 6:30 P.M., Sat. 7:30AM  
Eve before a Holy Day: 7:00 P.M.  
Holy Days: 7:30 and 10:00 A.M. and 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.

**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 Tu, 7-10PM; W, 7-8PM; Th, 7-9PM. Quarterly, special adoration times & events are offered.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday from 4PM to 4:30PM and after the 5PM Saturday evening Mass. 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 Communion calls to the sick or confined to the home are to be made by contacting the rectory.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Public elementary school children on Sunday morning at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 A.M.

**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:**

- Adoration* Ginny Olsen 947-3336
- Adult Choir* Jac Madson 758-7243
- Adult Faith Formation* Earl Alger 298-7071
- Altar Linen Ministry* Helene Shea 298-7612
- Church Ushers* Ferd Loretangeli 298-2131
- Contemporary Choir* Cathy Alphonse 291-9204
- Food Pantry* Mike Novalis 298-4664; or  
Facebook.com/StMarysFoodPantry
- Knights of Columbus* Bob Sherrier 364-0803
- Liturgy Committee* Jack Laciskey 587-1397
- Open Hearts, Willing Hands*  
*(Interfaith Caregivers)* Judy Pesce 298-5395
- Pastoral Council* Jack Laciskey 587-1397
- Rosary & Altar Society* Stephanie Salewski 291-1816
- Senior Citizens Club* Vince Aveni 298-2922
- Sports Committee* John Bacovin 638-9054
- St. Vincent de Paul Society* Sharon Callahan 298-1414
- Word of Life Prayer Group* Pat Baylog 298-4249

## Messages From Fr. Mike

On this **Bordentown Street Fair** weekend, we welcome any visitors who are here for this special occasion. It's nice that our friendly community offers these annual celebrations for people to come together, even if it does create parking problems at a couple of our Masses. If you happen to stop at the Street Fair today, don't forget to visit our Knights of Columbus funnel cake stand on Farnsworth Avenue, and pick up some free religious articles or literature from our Evangelization Committee table out in front of our Parish Center.



Today I will be joining a couple of old friends from Indiana on a 5-day hiking vacation on the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania and Maryland. We will be walking about 65 miles from Caledonia State Park in Pennsylvania south to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and also plan to visit Civil War battlefield sites at Gettysburg, South Mountain and Antietam. We'll finish up with a brief walking tour of Washington DC. I expect to get back to Bordentown on Friday night, in plenty of time for next

weekend's Masses.

Don't forget that this Thursday, May 25th, is the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation. We are offering holyday Masses on Wednesday at 7 PM and on Thursday at 7:30 AM, 10 AM and 7 PM. The Catholic Church still considers missing Mass on a Sunday or holyday without a valid reason a serious sin.

Monday, May 29th is **Memorial Day**, a time to remember all who have sacrificed their lives while serving in our nation's armed forces. In addition to our usual Masses that day, I will celebrate a special Mass at 9 AM that morning out at our cemetery mausoleum, and anyone is welcome to attend. We offer our sincere thanks to all our military veterans and ask God's blessing and protection on all who are currently serving our country at home or abroad.

Summer will be arriving in another month, and our parish has some special Summer activities planned. On Saturday, June 10th we are offering a **Pilgrimage** to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ to mark the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Our **Vacation Bible School** for children entering kindergarten thru 6th grade will be held the week of August 7-11 in our school. And our annual **Parish Picnic** is scheduled for Sunday, August 13th out at the grounds of the Divine Word Missionaries on Park Street. Even though Fr. Felix and I will both be retired, we plan to attend the Picnic and hope to see many of you there.

Finally, thank you for your contributions of \$10,213 in last week's regular collection and donations totaling \$3,472 for the support of the Anchor House programs in Trenton! I will continue to accept additional donations for several weeks — see flyers at the church exits.

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon.	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel
	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus #570 Parish Center, upstairs
Tues.	6:00 PM	At Home Faith—Oral Test Parish Center

OFFICE CLOSED FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY

### **Altar Servers — May 27th & 28th**

5:00PM	Team #2	Hutman
7:30AM	Team #5	Maurin
9:30AM	Team #7	Cooper
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**May 21, 2017: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

On our own it is impossible either to know God or love God, and that is why Jesus promises us the Spirit will come. If we wish to grow into our love for God we must become attentive to the Spirit who dwells within us. We get to know the Spirit within us by being faithful to prayer, finding the presence of God within, realizing his goodness and cultivating grateful hearts.



**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.**

### **Wanted: School Principal St. Paul Elementary School – Burlington, NJ**

St. Paul School, a Pre-K to 8 Catholic school located in Burlington, NJ, is seeking a dedicated and dynamic principal for our school of approximately 175 students. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, articulate in the Faith, with a Master's Degree in Administration and a minimum of 5 years of teaching experience, preferably in a Catholic school. The candidate must possess a NJ Principal Certificate or equivalent. Prior administration experience is preferred. Applicant must supply evidence of competency in management and communication skills. Please submit resume and letter of interest by May 24, 2017 to:

**Principal Search Committee—St. Paul School  
250 James Street, Burlington, NJ 08016  
Email: [principalsearch@stpaulbrl.org](mailto:principalsearch@stpaulbrl.org)**

*Wedding Banns*

**Second Banns**

*Thomas James Saddler — Amanda Marie DeCondo*

## Rosary and Altar Society News

*“In Fatima the Virgin chose the innocent heart and the simplicity of little Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, as guardians of her message. These children received it worthily, so to be recognized as reliable witnesses to the apparitions, and to become models of Christian life. Let us be guided by the light coming from Fatima. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is always our shelter, our consolation, and the way that leads us to Christ.”*

—Pope Francis at Fatima, May 2017



### 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.**

**FREE ROSARIES and prayer sheets** are available at the chapel and rear church exits. Our Lady is waiting for you and your family to join her in this daily devotional prayer for world peace. Begin with one decade and increase as family time permits. Obtain the benefits of the Rosary by your growth in Faith with Our Lady of Fatima in this the 100th year Anniversary of that apparition.

### 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 May 22nd.**

>>**ROSARIAN MONTHLY ROSARY**—Rosarians will meet to recite together their monthly public Rosary during the regular Tuesday Rosary Hour on **May 23 at 2:00 PM**, in the Chapel, with **May Crowning of Our Lady of the Rosary by Rosarians.**

>>**CLARE ESTATE ROSARY**—First Tuesday at 10:30; next recitation scheduled—**June 6th.** All are welcome.

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – June 11th**—9:30 AM Mass for the intention of Rosarians, living and deceased.

>>**OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 100th Anniversary of the 2nd Apparition — June 13th**

### Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for May:

- Christians in Africa—That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

**Let us pray** We pray to Our Lady of Lourdes for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: Dale for healing of cancer; Dana and baby; Ginny’s brother Bob; Dave, Joseph, and Michael; Rose; Tom LeJambre; Ginny M.; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Kathy Gomez; Jack and Peg Laciskey; Arthur and Helen Marie; Bill S.; Paul Shea; Brian; Michael S.; Bob O.; Attila, Pat and family; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; Betty Ann S.; Betty Laureti; Marie Rachmiel; Benjamin; Jean Conti; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Catherine; Marilyn Rogalski; Joyce B; Julie; Kristy; Addie; Geri; 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.

### Prayer Garden Memorial Pavers

We have recently installed 45 memorial pavers in our Prayer Garden, and it is our intention to install as many as 200. If you would like to purchase one or more pavers in memory of your loved ones (living or deceased), please utilize the form which is available at our church exits or in the parish office. The cost is \$100 per paver. Please contact me if you have any questions.

—Larry Denney, Business Administrator

### SAVE THE DATE — AUGUST 13TH

We will celebrate the impending retirements of Fr. Mike and Fr. Felix at our Parish Picnic, on the grounds of Divine Word Missionaries on Park Street.

### Mass While Away From Home?

Keep God in your travel plans—visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

### RETREAT FOR MEN—JULY 14-16

The **Knights of Columbus** Bordentown Council #570 is sponsoring its annual retreat for all men of the parish at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, where God and the ocean come together.

The retreat will be held on the weekend of July 14th-16th, beginning at 5 PM on Friday evening and ending at 12 Noon on Sunday. The cost is \$210, and includes your room and all meals. Contact Ferdinand Loretangeli at 298-2131, or Larry Denney at 298-1892, for more details.



**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY****Week of May 21: Pat Kekesi****Week of May 28: Palma Harwick**

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

**Ascension Thursday Holyday**

Our next Holyday of Obligation is coming up this Thursday, **May 25th**—the *Feast of the Ascension of the Lord*. We will celebrate holyday Masses on Wednesday at 7 PM, and on Thursday at 7:30 AM, 10 AM and 7 PM in our church.



Please note that there will be no 6:30 PM Masses on Wednesday or Thursday this week. Our parish office will be closed on Thursday in observance of the holyday.

**St. Bede the Venerable (672?-735)  
Feast Day is May 25**

Bede is one of the few saints honored as such even during his lifetime. His writings were filled with such faith and learning that even while he was still alive, a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches.

At an early age Bede was entrusted to the care of the abbot of the Monastery of St. Paul in Jarrow. The happy combination of genius and the instruction of scholarly, saintly monks produced a saint and an extraordinary scholar, perhaps the most outstanding one of his day. He was deeply versed in all the sciences of his times: natural philosophy, the philosophical principles of Aristotle, astronomy, arithmetic, grammar, ecclesiastical history, the lives of the saints and, especially, Holy Scripture.

From the time of his ordination to the priesthood at 30 (he had been ordained deacon at 19) until his death, he was ever occupied with learning, writing and teaching. Besides the many books that he copied, he composed 45 of his own, including 30 commentaries on books of the Bible.

Although eagerly sought by kings and other notables, even Pope Sergius, Bede managed to remain in his own monastery until his death. Only once did he leave for a few months in order to teach in the school of the archbishop of York. Bede died in 735 praying his favorite prayer: "*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, so now, and forever.*"

His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is commonly regarded as of decisive importance in the art and science of writing history. A unique era was coming to an end at the time of Bede's death: It had fulfilled its purpose of preparing Western Christianity to assimilate the non-Roman barbarian North. Bede recognized the opening to a new day in the life of the Church even as it was happening.

[Source: www.AmericanCatholic.org]

Pray for ...

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

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Shirley Mich, Victoria Seda, Karen C. Hillman, Marilyn Rogalski, Marie Rachmiel, Patricia Kehr, Judith Horn, Al Dashevsky, Kenneth Tallman, Clara Krencicki, David Turner, Anne Boyle, Peter Sheridan, Patricia Gates, Deacon Andy Sabodas, Ed Kolwicz, Wayne Irons, 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, Chuck Prettyman, D.J. Hoch, Donald G. Farrell, Alfred Albano and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

**Chapel Sanctuary Lamp**  
St. Mary's Parish Benefactors

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**  
Rev. Joseph Procaccini  
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.*

**Summer Camp at OLOS**

Who: for children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Where: Our Lady of Sorrows School, Mercerville, NJ

When: **June 14-16** (\$150)

**June 19-23** (\$250)

**June 26-30** (\$250)

All sessions are 8:45AM to 3PM

Featuring: Pie Face Day; Kids in the Kitchen; Camp Fire Day; Castles & Dragons; Outer Space; Year of the Rooster; Puppet Shows, and more, plus surprise guests. All rooms are air-conditioned.

Contact: Our Lady of Sorrows School at 609-587-4140, or email [kbowers@olsschool.us](mailto:kbowers@olsschool.us)

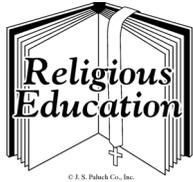
**Trenton Catholic Academy  
Alumni Remembrance Mass**

The Trenton Catholic Academy Community invites you to participate in the Solemnity of the Ascension Vigil Mass as we pray for the deceased graduates of: St. Anthony High School, McCorristin Catholic High School, and Trenton Catholic Academy.

All are welcome on **May 24 at 7PM** as we celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension and remember those alumni who have gone before us, in our school chapel. If you are able to attend please RSVP on our website: <https://trentoncatholic.org/mass-for-deceased-alumni> or contact Rose O'Connor, [roconnor@trentoncatholic.org](mailto:roconnor@trentoncatholic.org), and (609) 586-3705 Ext. 147.

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## Religious Education & Sacramental Programs

1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & High School

**May 23**.....At-Home Faith Oral Testing, 6-7:30PM in the parish office

**May 30**.....At-Home Faith Oral Testing, 6-7:30PM in the parish office

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and our 8th graders that received the Sacrament of Confirmation! Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. Wishing you satisfaction and fulfillment as GOD leads you to new opportunities in the years ahead. You are all true children of God.

**At-Home Faith Oral Testing** previously scheduled for May 18th has been rescheduled for May 23rd and May 30th. Emails were sent out with evaluation scheduled times. An evaluation allows the RE office to follow-up with your individual learning of the curriculum text.

**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.

**Volunteers are always needed!** 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** dates have been confirmed for August 7-11 from 9AM—12noon. Any child entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall is welcome to attend; open to members and non-members of St. Mary's Parish. This year's theme is *MAKER Fun Factory*. Registration forms are now available in the bookcase in the back of church. Come out for a wonderful week where kids build, explore, and discover that they were made by the Ultimate Creator.

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

**RE Office: (609) 291-8281** ext. 17 or 18,

**Fax #:** (609) 298-7178, **Email:** [office@stmarysre.org](mailto:office@stmarysre.org) or [office2@stmarysre.org](mailto:office2@stmarysre.org), **Website:** [www.stmarysre.org](http://www.stmarysre.org).

***If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.***

### *Holy Cross Academy Boys' Basketball Camp*

**Where:** Holy Cross Academy, 5035 Route 130 South, Delran, NJ

**When:** July 10th-13th, from 9AM-12Noon

**Eligibility:** for boys entering grades 3-9

**Cost:** \$75

**Contact:** Coach Jeff Bilinsky at  
[holycrosshoops@comcast.net](mailto:holycrosshoops@comcast.net)

The sessions will feature individual attention, team concepts, competition, and fun!



### **Catholic Communication Campaign**

The annual collection to support the Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken up next weekend together with our regular offering. A portion of the money collected will support communication initiatives here in the Diocese of Trenton.

*Integrity is doing the right thing. Even when no one is watching.*

—C.S. Lewis

### **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** include: canned meat, tuna, chicken, baked beans; snack or granola bars; cookies; jarred tomato sauce; bottled water; shampoo; deodorant.

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.** To learn more, go to: [Facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry).

