

**Monday, November 20**

7:30 AM Eucharistic Service
 7:00 PM Mass & Healing Service

Tuesday, November 21

7:30 AM Charles Brophy (A)
 RB/Brophy Family; and,
 Alfredo Quartelli (A)
 RB/Ferdinand Loretangeli
 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, November 22

7:30 AM Robert O'Dwyer
 RB/Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tanzini; and,
 The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
 Vocations
 7:00 PM Novena & Adoration Hour

Thursday, November 23

9:00 AM Robert O'Dwyer
 RB/Bob Girard & Family
 NO EVENING MASS THIS THURSDAY

Friday, November 24

7:30 AM Melba Franklin
 RB/Rosary & Altar Society; and,
 Lisa Herrera
 RB/Trina & Al Bernotas

Saturday, November 25

4:00 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM Timothy P. Fink
 RB/Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Tobias, Sr.

Sunday, November 26

7:30 AM Deceased Parishioners & Loved Ones
 9:30 AM Marie Todaro-Sospetti
 RB/Nazern Sospetti; and,
 Helen Lynch Campbell
 RB/Helen & Tony DiLemme
 11:30 AM Mary Capone
 RB/Jacqueline Martine; and,
 Bernadette Kilduff
 RB/Pearl & Pat Sullivan

MASSES

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

Religious Education

Public elementary school children on Sunday morning at 8:00,
 9:45, and 11:15 AM at St. Mary School; and Tuesdays at
 5:00 and 6:15 PM at Holy Assumption Church.

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.

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.
 Quarterly, special times & events are offered.

CONFESSIONS

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

NOVENA

In honor of the Miraculous Medal each Wednesday 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 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>Fr. Joe Hlubik 298-0261</i>
<i>Open Hearts, Willing Hands (Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County)</i>	<i>609-393-9922</i>
<i>Pastoral Council</i>	<i>Deacon Gary Richardson</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>

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 7:00 PM Healing Mass (Church) & Reception (School Hall)

Thurs. 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass

NOTE: NO 7:30AM OR 7PM MASS ON THURSDAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY
FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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.



Remaining Volunteer Training Dates 2017:
Dec 12th (Tues).....10:00 to 12Noon
Dec 16th (Sat).....10:00 to 12Noon

Choose the time most convenient for you. You are the answer to someone's prayer!

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"I wear a crucifix because I don't want to forget that God is with me. I like to hold on to Him when things get difficult because it reminds me how much Jesus loves me."

— Mother Angelica's Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality

St. Vincent de Paul Society

November 19, 2017: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The wealth of God has no limits; neither are there limits to what God shares with us. What kind of master entrusts his slaves with this kind of wealth? What kind of God shares divine life with adopted children? Ultimately this is what Jesus has been trying to tell us all these Sundays in these parable about the kingdom! God lavishes on us divine Life. God's

Life isn't a quantity to be measured, however, like talents. God's Life is a relationship that can never be exhausted. The curious thing about God's generosity with God's Life is that the richer in it we become, the more likely we are to be faithful in the small matters so we can grow in what we already have. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

In October we helped 5 families with \$11,120 in rent and utilities, and \$500 to Puerto Rico for Hurricane relief.

The Christmas Wreath and Grave Pillow sale is ongoing. This is the last Sunday for orders. Please place your orders and payment in the collection baskets. Extra order forms are available in the back of the Church.

Thank you for your support!

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, call our confidential helpline (609) 298-1414.



FR. JOE'S MESSAGES:

Christmas Flowers & Memorials

This year we will once again be requesting offerings, via our collection envelopes, for Christmas flowers and decorations for our church, and also as memorials for our deceased loved ones. I would like to keep our decorations beautiful, yet simple, at both St. Mary's and Holy Assumption churches. Should there be excess monies collected via these envelopes, it will be used to help lower our debt obligations (to the diocese) and to help with maintenance of our facilities.



Single Collection at Mass

We are eliminating the 2nd collection that was a mainstay at many of our weekend Masses. Therefore—please plan accordingly. In order to support our various charitable causes, such as St. Vincent de Paul Society, Human Development, Stewardship, Peter's Pence, the Church in Latin America, etc., you will need to use the envelopes provided in your mailings, in addition to the weekly envelopes. We very much appreciate your continued support!

Upcoming Events:

- Healing Mass—Nov. 20th
- Advent Wreath Workshop—Dec. 1st
- Pickup St. Vincent de Paul Advent Wreaths—Dec. 2/3
- 1st Sunday in Advent—Dec. 3rd
- Confirmation candidates & sponsors meeting—Dec. 6
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Dec. 8th
- Advent Giving Tree—gifts due Dec. 10th
- Christmas Carol Sing-a-long—Dec. 16th
- Breakfast With Santa—Dec. 17th

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

Knights of Columbus Corner

Are you ready to become a Knight?

Maybe you would just like some information about who we are and what we do. If so, please visit our website, <http://kofc570.org/> and read all about the Knights and what we do both for the community and for the Church. To contact us, follow the links on the website.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Business meetings—8 PM in the parish office (open to all brothers)— 11/27 and 12/11
- ◆ Thanksgiving dinner preparation for the underprivileged
- ◆ *Coats for Kids*
- ◆ *Keep Christ in Christmas* magnet and lawn signs sale, after all Masses on the weekends of 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16; and poster contest for RE kids.
- ◆ Council #570 Christmas Party—Sunday December 10th, from 12:30-4PM, at Villa Mannino (brothers and families)
- ◆ *Breakfast with Santa Claus*—Sunday December 17th, 8AM-12Noon, St. Mary's school hall



Rosary and Altar Society News

“Confidently take up the Rosary once again. Rediscover the Rosary in light of Scripture, in harmony with the liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives. May this appeal of mine not go unheard!”

—St. John Paul II

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.

Pray the Rosary as a family, even if only a decade a day—just begin.



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 November 27th.

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

>>COMMUNION SUNDAY – December 10th—9:30 AM Mass for all Rosarians, living and deceased.

>>ROSARIAN MONTHLY ROSARY—Rosarians will meet to recite together their monthly public Rosary during the regular Tuesday Rosary Hour on December 12th at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for November:

- ◆ *Christians in Asia*—That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Let us pray May the soul of our dear Rosarian, Karen Campbell Hillman, rest in peace. Our Lady, please give Father Joe and Father Daison strength and health, and guide them in shepherding and caring for our Parish. Give Father Stephen a safe journey and vacation with his family. Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: Samme; Ruth B.; Mary M. and Maryann for the healing of cancer; Daniel; Catherine; Ginny’s brother Bob; B.J. and Pam; Nathaniel; George T.; Ginny M.; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Carol P.; Bill S; Paul Shea; special intention for D.; Michael S.; Attila, Pat & family; Carol for eyes and discernment; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; Christy, Joan and family members; for Jo for healing in her grief; Benjamin; Faith and Elaine M. for healing from surgery; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Marilyn Rogalski; Julie and family; Addie; and Rosemarie Brodowski. We continue to pray for peace in our world and in our country that we may come together in harmony and mutual respect for each other; for our religious freedoms and conscience rights; for the recognition of the civil right 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 those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma; for the refugees and victims of wars and oppression around the world, and for those in the US affected by DACA, that Congress will act in justice to help these individuals to have a path to citizenship.



St. Mary’s Christmas Cards For Sale

Christmas cards featuring a beautiful photo of our front altar area, with stained glass window, side murals and floral displays, are now for sale in our parish office. Boxes of 20 cards with envelopes cost \$20 apiece. Our parish office is normally open from 9AM—3PM on weekdays.

These Christmas cards are a good way to celebrate the upcoming season with friends and family, while assisting and promoting St. Mary’s parish.



Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of November 12th, we received \$9,141 in our regular collection, plus \$1,277 in Stewardship offerings.

Many thanks for your generosity!

Altar Servers — November 25th & 26th

5:00PM	Team #1	Coppola
7:30AM	Team #5	Spivey
9:30AM	Team #6	Dela Cruz
11:30AM	Team #9	Tarreira/Mileski

Mass & Healing Service – November 20th

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14).

Father Tom Ganley will be offering a Mass for healing on **Monday, November 20th at 7 PM**. During the Mass, a collection will be taken for Father Tom and his ministry. Following the Mass there will be individual prayer for healing. Father Tom is an author, a well-known speaker on Divine Mercy, and ministers in the Gift of Healing.

Following the Mass and individual prayer, a reception for Father will take place in the school hall. For more info call Pat Baylog at 298-4249.

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of November 19: *Palma Harwick*

Week of November 26: *Josephine O'Dwyer*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

Cremation—Does the Church Approve?

According to the Cremation Association of North America, as of 2015 the cremation rate within the United States was 49% for all deaths, and it is likely to increase in future years. So, is it acceptable for Catholics to have the bodies of their deceased loved ones cremated?

The Catholic Church has modified its position on the morality of cremation. Prior to Vatican II, the Church strictly forbade cremation except in emergency cases where quick disposal of bodies was a civil necessity, such as plagues or natural disasters. With the reforms of funeral and burial rites of Vatican II, the Church relaxed its position, which is now codified in the Code of Canon Law:

“The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.” (CIC 1985, #1176.3).

The Church teaches that the human body is good and holy, a “temple of God”, and throughout our lives we receive the sacraments physically, with our bodies, to strengthen both body and soul. Our bodies are sacred, a creation of God, and must be treated with respect. The Church has a preference for traditional burial as an expression of our faith in the Resurrection, since Jesus was buried and rose again. The Church approves cremation as long as the cremains are treated with proper reverence and interred in a cemetery or other sacred place (e.g., a church, columbarium, or mausoleum). Other practices—such as keeping the ashes at home, dividing the ashes among family members, or scattering the ashes abroad—do not retain a proper reverence and are contrary to the teachings of the Church.

World Religions and Their Views on Cremation

Christians: In general, all Christian denominations, except the Greek Orthodox, allow cremation, although burial is preferred.

Roman Catholics: prefer that the body be intact until after the funeral Mass. Only Roman Catholics require that the cremains be buried in the ground or at sea or entombed in a columbarium; they may not be scattered or kept by the family.

Anglicans/Episcopalians, Baptists, Lutherans, and

Methodists: allow cremation before or after the funeral rite.

Presbyterians: generally do not support cremation but do not strictly forbid it.

Jews: Cremation is allowed among Reform Jews. Cremation is forbidden among Orthodox Jews; only traditional burial is permitted.

Muslims: Cremation is forbidden to the point of excluding someone from a Muslim burial.

Buddhists: allow cremation; cremains may be kept by the family, enshrined in a columbarium or urn garden, or scattered at sea.

Hindus: require cremation for all, except babies, children and saints.

Mormons: encourage burial, but don't forbid cremation.

[source: adapted from an article in [St. Anthony Messenger](#) (November 2017); [FranciscanMedia.org](#)]



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

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Victoria Seda, Marilyn Rogalski, Lois MacArthur, Francis Schuessler, Lucy Johnson, John Young, D.J. Hoch, Alfred Albano, Rileigh Sunday, Alvah Schully, Nicole Cochran, Boleslaw Pacholek, Tony LaPointe, John Campo, Quincy Johnson, Elizabeth Gusrang, Maida Burke, Dave and Arlene Bibus, Gerry Jacobs, Debbie LePre, Thaddeus Custer, Donald & Ann McGarrity, Rev. John Owens, Maureen Fabriano, John Fitzgerald, Anna Vosila, Hugh Delaney, Mary Louise Torriolo, Donna Valeri, Cindy Marriot, Michael Albano and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Karen C. Hillman; Ann Nagren

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

St. Mary's Parish Benefactors

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Rev. Arthur F. Conlon
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.

Prayer Garden Memorial Pavers

We have recently installed 65 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

Advent Wreath Workshop—Dec. 1st—7 PM

Advent is not too far away and it's time to think about building your family Advent Wreath. A great tradition during Advent is lighting the Advent Wreath candles during family meals. Each week a new candle is added until we reach Christmas and then the center candle is lit. The children also have a tradition anticipating Christmas by opening a new portion of the Advent calendar each day. The calendar is usually put on your refrigerator.

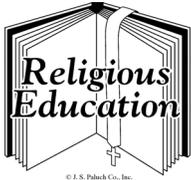
On Friday December 1st at 7 PM in the school hall the parish is having its annual Advent wreath-building workshop. Bring your family and build your own unique

Advent Wreath. At the workshop you will learn about the Advent season, we'll sing a few songs, have some refreshments and Father will bless your newly created Advent Wreath. The children will also get an Advent calendar for your fridge. To register for the workshop go to [stmarysbordentown.org](#), our website, or call the parish office at 298-0261.

Please register no later than November 27th.

Don't miss this chance to create, as a family, your own unique Advent Wreath and celebrate the Advent Season by lighting your Advent Wreath candles at home.





Religious Education & Sacramental Programs
For St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare Parishes

1st through 8th Grade & High School

November 19.....November RE Classes in St. Mary's School
November 28.....November RE Classes in Holy Assumption Church
November 21, 26.....**Thanksgiving week — no RE classes Tuesday & Sunday**
November 27.....Confession for our 3rd-5th graders, 6:30PM in St. Mary's Church
December 1.....Advent Wreath Celebration — 7PM in St. Mary's School
December 4.....Confession for our 6th-8th graders, 6:30PM in St. Mary's Church
December 3, 10, 17.....December RE Classes in St. Mary's School
December 5, 12, 19.....December RE Classes in Holy Assumption Church

Confession — When we commit serious sin we break our communion with the Church and our unity with God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the process by which we restore and strengthen communion between ourselves, God, and the Church, not God alone. Confessions will be heard on November 27th for our 3rd-5th Graders at 6:30PM and on December 4th for our 6th-8th Graders at 6:30PM. Both dates are in St. Mary's Church. ***All RE children are expected to attend.***

Advent Wreath Celebration – Please join us for a wonderful gathering in celebrating the Advent season on December 1st from 7:00-9:00PM in St. Mary's School Hall. This is a beautiful event for families to share in the Advent season and work together to make an Advent Wreath to be used all season long. All materials are supplied for each family to make their own wreath. Please see the parish website for more information and to register by November 27th.

Confirmation Candidates and their sponsor/parent are expected to attend an important meeting on Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30-8:00PM in St. Mary's School Hall. Fr. Joe will be answering some of your “Catholicism 101” questions at the meeting. Please continue to review the Study Guide. Candidates will be taking their 8th grade Confirmation Test.

Poster contest - Knights of Columbus Council 570 is inviting Religious Education students from ages 5 through 14 to participate in the organization's “*Keep Christ in Christmas*” poster contest. By engaging the creativity and imaginations of our young people, we hope they come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. All entries **MUST** be received by Tuesday, December 12th. First and second place winners will be chosen in 3 separate age groups. More information and entry form can be found on our Parish and RE websites. Good luck to all that participate!

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**St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare RE Office**

**Phone: (609) 291-8281 ext. 18 (CRE) or ext.17 (Asst.); Fax: (609) 298-7178**

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**Facebook page: St. Mary's Church—Bordentown, NJ**

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To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Advent Giving Tree

This year Ss. Francis & Clare parish will be joining St. Mary's with an Advent Giving Tree. We support 6 different organizations with this effort. St. Mary's parishioners have always been so generous and for this we thank you. Here is a breakdown of the organizations we help.



- Blue Mittens:** St. Mary's Food Pantry and should NOT be wrapped.
- Yellow Stars:** Mt. Carmel Guild and should NOT be wrapped.
- Red Angels:** First Way and should NOT be wrapped.
- Purple Snowmen:** St. Vincent de Paul Society and should NOT be wrapped
- White Snowmen:** Tabor House and should NOT be wrapped.
 (This is a residence for men in recovery.)
- Green Trees:** Martin House and those gifts **SHOULD BE WRAPPED** and it is very important that the **Green Tree Tag** be securely attached. If God has been good to you this year and you wish to donate a bike, electronic toy or other special gift, just tag it for “*Any Boy*” or “*Any Girl*” and Martin House will find the perfect child for that gift.

All gifts are due before December 10th

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 volunteers who donate their time 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. We are funded by generous parishioners, community churches and members, to whom we are most grateful!

Current needs: shampoo; conditioner; body lotion; deodorant. We are also in need of turkeys and hams for the upcoming holidays! .

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).

