

**Monday, November 27**

- 7:30 AM Eucharistic Service
 6:30 PM Confessions for 3rd-5th graders
 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:30 AM Ada DiPietro (A)
 RB/Ferdinand Loretangeli
 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, November 29

- 7:30 AM Frank Z. Hawrylo
 RB/Hawrylo Family; and,
 The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
 Vocations
 7:00 PM Novena & Adoration Hour

Thursday, November 30

- 7:30 AM Robert O'Dwyer
 RB/Mr. & Mrs. Lou LaPlaga
 7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &
 Clare Parishioners

Friday, December 1

- 7:30 AM Everlasting Spiritual Bouquet

Saturday, December 2

- 4:00 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM Kristi Munis
 RB/Mr. & Mrs. Richard Capobianco

Sunday, December 3

- 7:30 AM Mello Trisciani (A)
 RB/Ferdinand Loretangeli
 9:30 AM Elinda Marcos & Ernesto Alejo, Sr. (A)
 RB/Heidi Guzman
 11:30 AM Vincent Pumilio (A)
 RB/Marie (wife); and,
 Raymond Yack
 RB/Family

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	Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel
	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus #570 Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs
Fri.	7:00 PM	Advent Wreath Celebration School Hall

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!

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

30% of the nation's homeless adults have a history of foster care. Consider whether your family is in a position to provide a permanent home for a foster child. A loving family can break this sad cycle. November is National Adoption Month.
 —SusanVogt.net

St. Vincent de Paul Society

November 26, 2017: Christ the King of the Universe

Christ exercises his sovereignty, his kingship, in the right to judge. The basis for his judgment of us is whether we care for the least of our brothers and sisters. Growth in discipleship and living the Paschal Mystery is measured by the extent to which we look upon the other as Christ, loving that person as Christ, doing for that person as Christ. This is how we come to joy. This is how we "share in the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world." Think about it: from the first moment of creation, God planned for us to share in God's everlasting life and joy.



Please remember to pick up your Christmas Wreaths and Grave Pillows next weekend, Dec. 2nd / 3rd, in the School Hall after all Sunday Masses. Cash-and-carry will be available.

Want to help St. Mary's Saint Vincent de Paul Society just by shopping with one of your favorite retailers? Visit our website at svdpbordentown.org and scroll down to find out how. Thank you for your support and happy shopping!

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:

- Advent Wreath Celebration—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
- ♦ *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

“After the Sacred Liturgy of the Eucharist, the prayer of the Rosary is what best fosters within our spirit the growth of the mysteries of faith, hope, and charity.”

—Servant of God Lucia Dos Santos of Fatima



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 December:

- ◆ *The Elderly*—That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.

Let us pray 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:

Due to an early publication deadline, we will include the 11/19/17 collection totals with the next bulletin.

Many thanks for your generosity!

Altar Servers — December 2nd & 3rd

5:00PM	Team #2	Hutman
7:30AM	Team #4	Ritter
9:30AM	Team #7	Cooper
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

Christmas Concert

Trenton Catholic Academy presents *“Fr. Alphonse & The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Christmas Concert”*

- ◆ When: Thursday, December 14, 7:30 PM
- ◆ Where: Immaculate Conception Church, 540 Chestnut Avenue, Trenton.
- ◆ Cost: \$30/ticket, \$25/ticket for seniors.
- ◆ Contact: To purchase tickets and information, contact Tracey Destribats 609-586-3705 ext. 135.

Tickets may also be purchased online at trentoncatholic.org. All proceeds benefit the TCA scholarship program.

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**Week of November 26: Josephine O'Dwyer****Week of December 3: Ginny Richardson**

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969.

In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Advent Wreath Celebration—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.




Pray for ...

...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, Raleigh 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 Fabiano, 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

Anthony DeLorenzo

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.

THE LORD'S FLOCK

Sheep are high-maintenance animals. They are not very intelligent. Without guidance and care, especially in a climate like Israel's, they would die quickly from predators, starvation, or just their own slowness. The Scriptural image of us as the Lord's flock is not terribly flattering to us, since it is only the never-ending diligence of a watchful shepherd that allows the flock to survive.

The feast of Christ the King was intended to call the world back to Christ as the sole power of the world, to bring back a flock that had been scattered by many negative forces of the growing industrial, scientific, and war-torn world of the early twentieth century. It is fitting that, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear about Christ the Shepherd who cares for us and who, likewise, will be there at the end of time. Interestingly enough, as the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock.



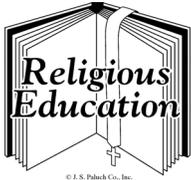
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Allies, Inc. Community Music Night

Allies, Inc. presents a live band & karaoke performance, including dinner, featuring Christmas & holiday songs.

- ♦ **When:** Wednesday, December 13, 6-7:30 PM
- ♦ **Where:** German American Club, Uncle Pete's Road, Hamilton, NJ
- ♦ **Cost:** \$10
- ♦ **Contact:** for more information, contact Linda Peiffer at [609-689-0136](tel:609-689-0136), x-101 or lpeiffer@alliesnj.org; or Jim Gaven at jgaven@alliesnj.org.

Make song requests, join the band onstage, and for this event wear an ugly sweater! Reserve a spot by Dec. 8th.



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

1st through 8th Grade & High School

November 27.....Confession for our 3rd-5th graders, 6:30PM in St. Mary's Church

November 28.....November RE Classes in Holy Assumption 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**

**Email: [office@stmarysre.org](mailto:office@stmarysre.org) or [office2@stmarysre.org](mailto:office2@stmarysre.org); Website: [www.stmarysre.org](http://www.stmarysre.org).**

**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).

