

**Monday, October 2**

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

Tuesday, October 3

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Finegan & McKee Families RB/Patricia Finegan
2:00PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, October 4

7:30AM Rose Bate (A)
RB/Hustak Family
3:00PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and Vocations
7:00PM Novena & Adoration Hour

Thursday, October 5

7:30AM Robert A. Nelson (A)
RB/Hustak Family
7:00PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis & Clare Parishioners

Friday, October 6

7:30AM Everlasting Spiritual Bouquet

Saturday, October 7

4:00PM Confessions
5:00PM Vincent Dubaniewicz, Jr.
RB/Family; and,
Jack Gaudio
RB/Daughter

Sunday, October 8

7:30AM Jane A. Kenny
RB/Deacon Larry & Jodie Finn
9:30AM Veronica Shearn; and all
Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary & Altar Society
11:30AM Angela DiPietro (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>Fr. Joe Hlubik 298-0261</i>
<i>Open Hearts, Willing Hands (Interfaith Caregivers)</i>	<i>Judy Pesce 298-5395</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
	7:00 PM	Parish Council FNC Rectory Office (Roebling)
Tues.	7:00 PM	Bible Study Class Parish Center, upstairs
Wed.	6:30 PM	Blessing of Pets Parish Center, front steps
	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Baptism Prep Class Parish Center, upstairs

St. Vincent de Paul Society

October 1, 2017: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Gospel is a great example of saying, "*actions speak louder than words.*" It is a reminder that belief isn't a matter of saying yes or professing creeds. Belief is action, follow-through.

This is the last weekend to order mums. Order forms in back of church in the rack.

Please remember to pick up mums next weekend in the school hall after all weekend Masses. A limited number of cash-and-carry mums will be available.



Thank you to all who "took action" to help the poor by supporting our sale.

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Do you know someone who would like to learn about the Catholic faith? Someone who has decided they would like to become a Catholic? How about a Catholic who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation? RCIA is the program for all of them! Here's an unbeatable offer...

....no charge.....no pressure....good fellowship...the ONLY REQUIREMENT: a heart open to the love of Jesus. Please call **Deacon Tom Shea (609-298-7612)** or the Parish Office (609-298-0261) for details. Instruction on Thursdays, 7PM.

Altar Servers — October 7th & 8th

5:00PM	Team #3	Zola
7:30AM	Team #4	Ritter
9:30AM	Team #8	Labissiere
11:30AM	Team #9	Tarreila/Mileski

FR. JOE'S MESSAGES:

New Council

Next spring when we form our new Council, we will be looking for men and women to serve as members. If you know of anyone wanting to serve our parishes and is interested, let Fr. Joe or other office staff members know who they are, and include their name, contact information and why they would be good for the committee.



New Mass

Effective this past Thursday, September 28th, we have added an evening Mass at 7PM on Thursdays.

New Name

This spring, we will also be choosing a name for our newly combined Parish. As required by the diocese, three recommendations will be forwarded to the Bishop, and he will choose from among them, or decide on a name himself, so start thinking about what that name should be. A few suggestions so far are: Mary Mother of God, Mary, Mediatrix of Grace. It can be a Saint's name or a mystery or title of Christ or Mary or the Church.

Blessing of Pets

We are continuing our tradition of offering a blessing for your pets on the feast of St. Francis, Wednesday October 4th, at 6:30PM on the front steps of our parish center.

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Don't miss the opportunity to seek the intervention of Our Lady, for your loved ones, our country, and the world on the 100th anniversary of her appearance at Fatima, Friday October 13th. See pages 5 & 6 for details.

Mass While Away From Home?

Keep God in your travel plans—visit www.masstimes.org.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:
A SOUND INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE!**

Area schools will be conducting Open Houses:

- **Trenton Catholic Academy** — October 12th, 6-8 PM; call 609-586-3705, x-119 or visit www.trentoncatholic.org
- **Bishop Eustace Prep. School** — call 856-662-2160, x-240 or visit www.eustace.org
- **Villa Victoria Academy** — October 21st; call 609-882-1700, x-19 or email LHoffman@villavictoria.org
- **Notre Dame High School** — October 5th, 7PM; call 609-882-7900, x-139 or x-183, or visit www.ndnj.org
- **Holy Cross Academy** — October 5th; call 856-461-5400, x-3007 or visit holycrossacademy.org
- **St. Paul School** — call 609-386-1645 or visit stpaulbrl.org
- **St. Raphael School** — October 5th, 5-7PM; call 609-585-7733 or visit srsnj.org
- **St. Gregory the Great Academy** — call 609-587-1131 or visit stgregorythegreatacademy.org



Rosary and Altar Society News

“Use this powerful instrument (Rosary) often so that it may bring peace to hearts and families, to the Church and to the world.” —Pope Francis Message, June 19, 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.



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 October 2nd.**

>>**CLARE ESTATE ROSARY—First Tuesday at 10:30; next recitation scheduled—October 3rd.** All are welcome.

>>**13th ANNUAL REGIONAL ROSARY & MASS—Saturday, October 7th** — for all Rosarians, at Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Mercerville; Rosary at 8:15AM, Mass at 9AM; 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.

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – October 8th—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 **October 10th at 2:00 PM**, in the Chapel.

>>**SAVE THE DATE: October 13, 2017** —100th Anniversary of Fatima Miracle of the Sun—2 events scheduled:

- ◆ 12:00PM—In front of Holy Assumption Site in Roebing—Public Rosary Recitation; and,
- ◆ 8AM-8PM—St. Mary’s Site—all day Adoration, Live Rosary at 6:30PM, Mass at 7PM.

All are welcome - please join us in these prayers.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for October:

- *Workers and the Unemployed—That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.*

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. Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: for Michelle for recovery from a stroke; Samme; Sharon; Andrea for Lupus; Helen from an auto accident; Dale, Kelly and Mary M. for the healing of cancer; Mark; Dana and Daniel; Cameron; Joan A., Catherine for healing from recent falls; Ginny’s brother Bob; B.J. and Pam; Tom Lejambre; Ginny M.; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Carol P.; Jack and Peg Laciskey; Bob Rachmiel; Patricia H.; Bill S; Paul Shea; Attila; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; 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 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.

100th Anniversary of Fatima Dinner – October 14th

The parish will be celebrating the close of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima with a “Dancing Sun” Dinner on October 14th at 6 PM (after the 5 PM Mass). At the dinner, we will have DVDs of the Fatima story you can borrow, rosaries and other items to celebrate the anniversary. Don’t miss this chance to celebrate Fatima, learn about the messages from our Lady and just have a good meal together. For more info call the parish office during normal office hours at 298-0261.

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of September 24th, we received \$9,789 in our regular collection.

Many thanks for your generosity!

Finding Hope & Healing After Divorce

- ◆ **What:** Where Our Faith Intersects Our Heartache: A Retreat By and For Divorced or Separated Catholics.
- ◆ **When:** **Saturday, October 21st, 10AM to 4PM** (includes Mass)
- ◆ **Where:** Donovan Catholic High School, Toms River
- ◆ **Cost:** \$25 (includes retreat, materials & lunch)

This is a one-day retreat, sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton, Dept. of Pastoral Care, and led by Lillian Corrigan, best-selling author of *The Bricks and Sticks of Life*. Register online at dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care or return registration form (copies available in church).

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of October 1: *Marge Devennie*
Week of October 8: *Roseanne O'Donnell*
 For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

Friday October 13, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the miracle of the sun and the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima. We are so blessed to be able to participate in prayer at this time in world history.

St John Paul II insisted that Fatima is more important now than in 1917. He said we are in the greatest spiritual battle of the Church's 2,000-year history and that most Catholics are unaware of it.



Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray to bring about the conversion of the hearts of those who hate God; this will lead to the promised triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart.

Friday October 13, 2017 at St. Mary's Church
7:30 AM Morning Mass
8:00 AM—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 PM Living Rosary
7:00 PM Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima

The Confessional is not a torture chamber, but a place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.
 —Pope Francis

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi
 (Feast Day is October 4th)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



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

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Shirley Mich, Victoria Seda, Karen C. Hillman, Marilyn Rogalski, Lois MacArthur, Francis Schuessler, Lucy Johnson, 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, 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 and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased
 Christine & Andrea Ballay
Chapel Sanctuary Lamp
 St. Mary's Parish Benefactors
Church Sanctuary Lamp
 Teresa Battisti
 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.

Blessing of Pets

Wednesday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. At 6:30 PM that evening out in front of our Parish Center we are offering a brief service for the Blessing of Pets.



You are welcome to bring any pets you would like to have blessed to this special ceremony.

*O God, you have redeemed all creation through the incarnation of your eternal Word;
 Protect our pets, your creatures, who provide us with joy and nonjudgmental companionship;
 Give us respect for all of your redeemed creation, that we may care for creation as just and humble stewards;
 We pray this in the name of the same Word, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen.*

Wedding Banns

Second Banns

Adam Victor Baginski — Amanda Paige Kelsten

First Banns

Pietro Badalamenti — Veronica Lisette Roman
 Justin Andrew Mallett — Laura Kathleen Noel

Baptisms for September 2017

<u>Baby's Name</u>	<u>Parents' Names</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Logan Michael Abbondante	Joseph & April Abbondante	September 17, 2017
Orla Loren McGinnis	Sean & Emily McGinnis	September 17, 2017

Congratulations to the newest members of our parish family and their parents!



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

1st through 8th Grade & High School

October 1, 15, 22, 29...October RE Classes in St. Mary's School

October 3, 10, 17, 24...October RE Classes in Holy Assumption Church

October 18.....First Penance Parent Prep Meeting at 6:30PM in the School Hall

October 19.....Spiritual Theme Night, Grades 1st-4th, 6-7 PM in the St. Mary School Hall

October 22.....Confirmation *Choosing a Christian Name* form is due

October 26.....Spiritual Theme Night, Grades 5th-8th, 6-7PM in the St. Mary School Hall

CATECHIST NEEDED—WE ARE IN NEED OF A CATECHIST ON TUESDAY AT 5PM FOR 3rd GRADE. The success of our program is dependent on the willingness of individuals to help out. Volunteering is a rewarding experience to share your faith with our parish youth. **I know you have an amazing gift to give, as God gave you that gift!**

Parents of 2nd grade students are expected to attend a very important meeting in the St. Mary School Hall on October 18th from 6:30 – 8:00PM. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Sacrament of Penance, helping you to prepare your child and to discuss important dates. Please note – you will be receiving your child's First Penance and First Eucharist dates that evening. All dates can be found on the RE website or calendar that your child received in class. We look forward to seeing you at this informative meeting. At least one parent is expected to attend. No children please.

Spiritual Theme Nights – FIRST TIME EVER!! Come drop your children off for an hour with their peers for a night of fun. Activities have been planned based on grade level. Two nights have been scheduled for our Religious Education children: October 19th from 6-7:00PM for our 1st-4th graders and October 26th from 6-7:00PM for our 5th-8th graders. We hope they can make it. What an exciting way to get them more involved in the Catholic Church and to truly watch faith in action!

Confirmation candidates are expected to do a minimum of 20 hours of community service towards their Confirmation requirements. Don't wait until the last minute to preform your community service. Summer/Fall is a great time to get the hours! Thank you to all those that have completed or are very close to finishing up their 20 hours. The variety of services that have been done is amazing.

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

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

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By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

The crowd for miles around witnessed the Miracle of the Sun and Our Lady appeared to the children with the Holy Family, asking them to continue to make sacrifices for sinners and to have everyone pray the Rosary daily.

In preparation and celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's 6th Apparition & the Miracle of the Sun:

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Say this prayer every day for 9 consecutive days Oct. 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)

SAVE THE DATES: Resurrection Parish, Delran

- ◆ **Fall Craft Show—Oct. 28th, 9AM-2PM**
- ◆ **Bountiful Breakfast—Nov. 5th, 9AM-12Noon**
- ◆ **Comedy Night & Beefsteak Dinner—Nov. 11th, 6PM**

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: canned fruit; granola bars; rice; coffee.



Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Also, we are seeking volunteer support—someone willing to devote a couple of hours per week shopping for food. If you can help us, please call Mike at 298-4664.

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.