

**Monday, September 11**

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

**Tuesday, September 12**

- 7:30AM Robert O'Dwyer  
RB/Rosary & Altar Society  
2:00PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

**Wednesday, September 13**

- 7:30AM Robert O'Dwyer  
RB/Knights of Columbus Council 570  
3:00PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations  
7:00PM Novena & Adoration Hour

**Thursday, September 14**

- 7:30AM Earl Loretangeli (A)  
RB/Ferdinand Loretangeli

**Friday, September 15**

- 7:30AM Bernard J. Salewski  
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski; and  
Nicholas Maroldo  
RB/Diane Basile & Pat Kurth

**Saturday, September 16**

- 4:00PM Confessions  
5:00PM Frank T. Hawrylo  
RB/Family

**Sunday, September 17**

- 7:30AM John Bender  
RB/Maurin Family  
9:30AM Wendy O'Hare  
RB/Deacon Gary & Ginny Richardson  
11:30AM Lena Tague  
RB/Dina & Tersina DiPietro; and,  
Nathan Perreira  
RB/Tilghman 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 &amp; 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>

*PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND KIND THOUGHTS. I'M ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY. —Fr. Joe*



**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
Tues.	7:00 PM	Bible Study Class Parish Center, upstairs

***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:

- Sept. 12th (Tues) .....10 am to 12 noon
- Sept. 16th (Sat) .....10 am to 12 noon
- Oct 14th (Sat)..... 10:00 to 12Noon
- Oct 17th (Tues).....10:00 to 12Noon
- Nov 14th (Tues).....10:00 to 12Noon
- Nov 18th (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**

**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.

**Fr. Joseph Biggio**, St. Mary's pastor from 1857 to 1866, and the builder of the first parochial residence here, is the subject of a parishioners, copies may be purchased for \$10. Contact Trish Solimine at our parish office, 298-0261, for more information.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**September 10, 2017: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Giving and receiving corrections is one of the hardest things we can do. Some strong motivation usually has to be present in order for corrections to be given or received, and true reconciliation to take place. There may be many motivations: to save face personally, to please another, to get another to change behavior that simply annoys us, etc. The last line of the Gospel gives us a clue as to what underlying motivation is really the strongest: *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."* Our strongest motivation urging us to charitable correction is the fact that we share a common identity of being the body of Christ. We ourselves aren't the reconcilers; it is the power of Christ action through his body.



**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.**

***Fall Scripture Study – Sep 12th to Nov 7th – 7 PM***



Just a reminder that if you signed up for our Fall Scripture Study on Wisdom it starts on September 12th in the parish upstairs conference room at 7 PM. It is an 8-week study and if you miss any of the sessions you can watch them on line. Bring your \$15 to the first night's session. You must have signed up to attend. If you have any questions please call the parish office during normal office hours at 298-0261.

***REVISED Weekend Mass Schedule  
For Holy Assumption Church in Roebling  
Effective 9/10/17***

- ◆ **Saturday:** 4 PM
- ◆ **Sunday:** 10:30 AM

[Holy Assumption Church is a worship site of the linked parishes of St. Mary, and Ss. Francis & Clare]

**Mass & Healing Service—September 18th—7PM**

*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 Jay Bowden, retired priest from the Diocese of Trenton, will be offering a Mass on Monday, September 18th at 7:00 PM for healing. During the Mass, a collection will be taken for Father Jay and his ministry. Following the Mass will be individual prayer for the sick. Father Jay is a well-known speaker and ministers in the Gift of Healing. Following the Mass and individual prayer, a reception for Father will take place in the cafeteria. For more info call Pat Baylog at 298-4249.

***If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire. —St. Vincent Ferrer***

## Rosary and Altar Society News

*"In the present international situation, I appeal to all – individuals, families, and communities – to pray the Rosary for peace, even daily, so that the world will be preserved from the dreadful scourge of terrorism."*

—St. Pope 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.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

>>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 September 11th.

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

>>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS—September 15th

>>CLARE ESTATE ROSARY—First Tuesday at 10:30; next recitation scheduled—October 3rd. 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 September:

- Parishes—That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**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. We pray for the repose of the soul of Carole Urbanski, a Rosarian. 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., Carolyn Hawkes 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; Amelia; Carol P.; Jack and Peg Laciskey; Bob Rachmiel; Bill S; Paul Shea; Brian; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; Bonnie 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 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 natural disasters, especially in Texas, and for the refugees and victims of wars and oppression around the world.

### WANTED: Altar Servers for the 7:30AM Sunday Mass

We are looking for adults, or children, who are interested in becoming altar servers for the 7:30AM Mass on Sundays. Only two people from the recent training session have signed up for this Mass time, and we would like to have additional servers. If you are a child entering grades 4 through 8, or an adult, you are eligible to serve. Please call the rectory office at 609-298-0261 to register. Deacon Gary Richardson will conduct the training sessions. We need you!



### Altar Servers — September 16th & 17th

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

### Annual Golf Tournament

St. Greg's Knights of Columbus Council 7677 will hold their annual golf outing on **Friday, September 22nd**, at the Cream Ridge Golf Course. Cost is \$120 and includes cart, dinner, drinks & prizes. "Fore" all the details on this event, contact Bryan Bowers at 609-234-1783 or [bowers1002@aol.com](mailto:bowers1002@aol.com)



### Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of September 3rd, we received \$11,457 in our regular collection, plus \$2,076 for Debt Reduction.

*Many thanks for your generosity!*

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

**Week of September 10:** *Virginia Richardson*  
**Week of September 17:** *Maria Bellusci*  
 For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the *Exaltation of the Holy Cross* is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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

**Church Envelopes: Change in December**

Effective with your supply of church envelopes in December, you will notice that our monthly Debt Reduction envelope will be eliminated, and replaced with a monthly collection envelope to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As always, we encourage your usage of our church envelopes, since it enables our parish to verify Mass attendance for Baptism/Confirmation sponsorship, and charitable contributions for IRS tax returns, when needed.

—Larry Denney

**Hurricane Harvey Relief Collection**

Please note that we will have a special 2nd collection at next weekend's Masses, **Sept. 16th & 17th**, for the benefit of the families displaced by the recent Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. For those using checks for this donation, please make your checks payable to St. Mary Church, as we will combine and make a single donation to Diocesan and/or Catholic Charities agents. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.



**...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, Maida Burke, Anita Ricasoli, Dave and Arlene Bibus, Gerry Jacobs, Debbie LePre, Thaddeus Custer, Donald & Ann McGarrity, Alfred Rowley and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**  
 Carole Urbanski

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

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**  
 Msgr. Anthony Capitani  
 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.*

**YOUTH GROUP LEADERS NEEDED**

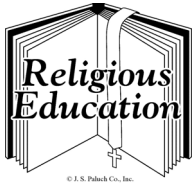
Are you a teacher? Counselor? Have teen children? St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare are looking for a few volunteers to build an amazing YOUTH GROUP. Our youth need to answer the call from the Spirit to unite and share in our Catholic faith and ministries. To do this we need energetic souls to help 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](mailto:office@stmarysre.org). Together we can build up and support the youth of our parishes!

**Chili Cook-off Contest – September 23rd - 6PM**

Have you been testing your chili recipe? The parish is having a Chili Cook-off Contest on Saturday Sept. 23rd right after the 5PM Mass in the cafeteria. Bring your best pot of chili to the school cafeteria by 6PM and share it with the parish and the judges. If you go to the 5PM Mass, just drop it off on the way into church. If you don't have a favorite recipe to share, then just come and enjoy some chili. The parish will provide the other fixings—cornbread, rice, chips etc. Make this a family night. Trophies will be awarded.

So we know how much food to prepare, please let us know you are coming by signing up online at our website, [www.stmarysbordentown.org](http://www.stmarysbordentown.org), or by calling the parish office at 609-298-0261.





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

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

- September 10**.....First Day of RE Classes in St. Mary's School  
**September 10**.....Confirmation Sponsor Certificate is due  
**September 10, 17, 24**.....September RE Classes in St. Mary's School  
**September 13**.....First Day of RE Classes in Holy Assumption Church  
**September 13, 20, 26**.....September RE Classes in Holy Assumption Church  
 (First two classes on Wednesday due to local school conflicts)  
**September 21**.....AT-HOME FAITH Parent Meeting—6:30PM in the Parish Office  
**September 30**.....Confirmation Candidate Retreat—1PM in the School Hall

**Volunteers are needed for our RE program to survive! WE ESPECIALLY NEED CATECHISTS ON TUESDAY NIGHT AT 5:00PM FOR 3rd AND 4th GRADE.** 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. ***I know you have an amazing gift to give, as God gave you that gift!***

**WE are still accepting registration.** Don't delay your child's Catholic education any longer. We have a wonderful year ahead. We offer Sunday morning and Tuesday evening classes. We're looking forward to meeting your child.

**Welcome back everyone to our 2017-2018 school year!** Along with their religion books, all children will be receiving a 2017-2018 religious education calendar with important dates and upcoming events for the year. Each family will be receiving a handbook which outlines important policies pertaining to our program. Please review this information and if you have any questions or concerns let us know. Please make sure your child(ren) come to class each week on time, with their book, a pencil and a great attitude!

**Confirmation candidates and their parent/sponsor** will have an important retreat in the School Hall on Saturday, September 30th from 1:00-4:45PM. All candidates are expected to attend. The candidates are also expected to attend the 5:00PM *Rite of Enrollment Mass* immediately following their retreat. Please don't forget to bring your blue "Rite of Enrollment" form. You will be returning the form at Mass!

**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 perform your community service. Summer 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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**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!

**St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare 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).**

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***I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me  
 will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.***

**Bus Trip: Sight & Sound Theatre—Dec. 5th**

Ss. Francis and Clare Altar and Rosary Society is sponsoring a Bus Trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre near Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The motorcoach will leave Holy Assumption Church at 9:00AM and travel to the Shady Maple for a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch Smorgasbord Lunch; then at 1:30PM for the Sight and Sound Theatre to see "*The Miracle of Christmas*", the Story of The Messiah. At 5:30PM we will depart for home. Tickets are \$115. For more information and to reserve your seat, please contact Donna Frappolli at (609) 221-1957 or [dmfrappolli@yahoo.com](mailto:dmfrappolli@yahoo.com)



**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 chicken, fruit, pork and beans; rice side dishes; toilet paper; bars of soap; 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.**