

**Monday, September 18**

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

Tuesday, September 19

7:30AM George V. Hustak (A)
 RB/Children; and,
 Deceased Members of the Finegan &
 McKee Families RB/Patricia Finegan
 2:00PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, September 20

7:30AM Robert O'Dwyer
 RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski
 3:00PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
 Vocations
 7:00PM Novena & Adoration Hour

Thursday, September 21

7:30AM Robert O'Dwyer
 RB/Pat & Attila Kekesi; and,
 Sandra Morrow—Mass of the Living
 RB/Elizabeth Morrow

Friday, September 22

7:30AM Larry N. Steele
 RB/Pat & Attila Kekesi; and
 Vincent Dubanowicz (A)
 RB/Dan & Nina Gowaty

Saturday, September 23

4:00PM Confessions
 5:00PM Wendy O'Hare
 RB/Donna Bijou

Sunday, September 24

7:30AM Robert O'Dwyer
 RB/Helen Marie & Arthur Bogdan
 9:30AM Wendy O'Hare
 RB/Janet & Larry Denney; and,
 Margaret Sodano
 RB/Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Lisanti
 11:30AM John Schwab (A)
 RB/Contemporary Choir

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 & 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	Healing Mass (Church) & Reception (School Hall)
	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
Tues.	7:00 PM	Bible Study Class Parish Center, upstairs
Wed.	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs

***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]

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 begins Sept. 14th!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

September 17, 2017: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgiving another, not focusing on our hurt or the other's transgression but on the lovability of the other is so difficult! The challenge of this Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and look to God's way of loving and forgiving us. Our focus must be on God. Without God's example we probably couldn't forgive very well. The challenge is to forget about ourselves so we can reach out to the other.



In August the St. Vincent de Paul Society helped 4 families with \$1,974 for rent and utilities.

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.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)—Sept. 23rd Feast

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope St. John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope St. John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

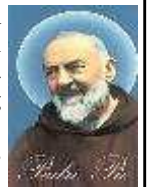
Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope St. John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice (1898-1903 and 1910-17) his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917 he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924 and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5AM Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.



A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like St. Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters.

One of Padre Pio's sufferings was that unscrupulous people several times circulated prophecies that they claimed originated from him. He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities to decide. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999, and canonized in 2002.

Rosary and Altar Society News

“All people of good will can, and must, say the Rosary every day.”—Servant of God Lucia Dos Santos

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 September 18th.**

>>**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.

>>**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,
- ♦ 7:00PM—St. Mary’s Site—Procession with Our Lady of Fatima, Live Rosary, Benediction

All are welcome - please join us in these prayers.

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. 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; 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; 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 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.

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, stmarysbordentown.org, or by calling the parish office at 609-298-0261.

Altar Servers — September 23rd & 24th

5:00PM	Team #1	Coppola
7:30AM	Team #4	Ritter
9:30AM	Team #6	Cadavez
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

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



ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of September 17: *Maria Bellusci*
Week of September 24: *Jeanne Zalegowski*
 For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: *“Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”*

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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Volunteer Chaplain Aides

Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly is looking for volunteer Chaplain Aides. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day. Following a training and orientation process, an Aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them friendship and spiritual comfort. Eucharistic Ministers are also needed seven days a week to bring Communion to Catholic patients. The 18-hour training course will be offered at the Hospital Conference Center, 175 Madison Avenue in Mount Holly, on **Wednesday, October 25th and Friday, October 27th from 8 AM to 5 PM**, with continental breakfast at 7:30 AM. To find out if volunteering is for you or to sign up for the course, please phone for an information package with details of the course and the process of volunteering in the hospital.

Please phone Chaplain Marge McGinley at 609-914-6365, or e-mail your name and address to: mmcginley@virtua.org.

MOVIETIME: “RUTH”

St. Raphael & Holy Angels Parish Food Pantry is presenting the Sight & Sound Theatre video of RUTH on **Sunday, October 15th at 1PM** in the St. Raphael Parish Center. This is a FREE presentation, but any donations, food or monetary, are welcomed. Light refreshments will be served.

Any questions—please call Frank Bresnen at 609-888-0900.



...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, 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

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.

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.

THANK YOU

The Rosary & Altar Society of St. Mary’s sends its grateful appreciation to everyone who has, and who continues to make, ShopRite Gift Card purchases. We extend our thanks to you, our loyal patrons. As our only fund-raising endeavor at this time, your generosity and support enables us to generate the funds which help the Rosarians accomplish designated duties, including vestment and altar cloth cleaning services and altar linen replacements, as well as other necessary contributions to specific Parish-community needs such as sacramental gifts for Baptism, First Eucharist and Marriage candidates. May you be rewarded generously with God’s Utmost Blessings! You may place orders by telephoning Stephanie at 291-1816.



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

1st through 8th Grade & High School

- September 17 ,24.....**September RE Classes in St. Mary's School
September 20, 26.....September RE Classes in Holy Assumption Church
 (class on Wednesday 9/20 is due to local school conflict)
September 21.....AT-HOME FAITH Parent Meeting—6:30PM in the Parish Office
September 30.....Confirmation Candidate Retreat—1PM in the School Hall (*note date change*)

Welcome to the 2017-2018 RE school year! Last Sunday, September 10th AND Wednesday, September 13th began our new school year. Our Catechists, volunteers and students were excited to meet each other. Please continue to make sure your children attend class each week and have their book, a pencil and a great attitude to learn! We are already off to a wonderful new school year.

CATECHISTS NEEDED—WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS ON SUNDAY AT 9:45AM FOR 8th GRADE and 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. 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.

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

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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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How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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



Building the Fire

Hold a space in your heart for the world. We're all ancestors of future generations who hope we'll build the fire that can be seen in the distance: all of us, each one of us, traveling together on the one road.

—from Stars At Night

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 sauerkraut; bags of rice – regular and side dishes; toilet paper; disposable 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.**



Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of September 10th, we received \$10,607 in our regular collection, plus \$1,316 for Catholic University in Washington D.C.
Many thanks for your generosity!