

**Monday, April 2**

- 7:30 AM Mary Lou Noble  
RB/Kris & Christian Kekesi
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

**Tuesday, April 3**

- 7:30 AM Thomas Martin  
RB/Tim Martin; and,  
Talemata Quartelli  
RB/Ferdinand Loretangeli
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

**Wednesday, April 4**

- 7:30 AM Scott Glien  
RB/Matt Kolmayer & Jeff Snelson
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

**Thursday, April 5**

- 7:30 AM Theresa Stia (A)  
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski; and  
The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00 PM Eucharistic Service

**Friday, April 6**

- 7:30 AM Everlasting Spiritual Bouquet

**Saturday, April 7**

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Mary Gelston  
RB/Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Rust

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8**

- 7:30 AM Easter Flower Memorials
- 9:30 AM Easter Flower Memorials
- 11:30 AM Wendy O'Hare  
RB/Meg Gaynor

**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 6:30 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 Monday-Friday at 8AM; the chapel remains open M, W, Th until 8PM, and on Tues. & Fri. until 3:30PM, and during Sat. & Sun. Mass times. Special times & events may be 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>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 &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>

**PRO—LIFE CORNER**

**As A U. S. Citizen, Be Thankful For Your Life!**

In the United States, there is no *federal* criminal law governing abortion at any phase of pregnancy. As it stands today, American women have the legal right to obtain an abortion in all 50 states, through all nine months of pregnancy, for virtually any reason (or no reason) at all.

America has one of the most liberal abortion laws in the world...for example, far more liberal than western Europe.

In Germany, women seeking first-trimester abortions are subject to a mandatory three-day waiting period and a counseling session. Abortions after the first 12 weeks of pregnancy are forbidden except in cases of grave threat to the mother's physical or mental health. The Netherlands mandates a five-day waiting period between initial consultation and abortion; clinics must provide women with information about abortion alternatives.

If you are less than 40 years old and are reading this bulletin article, you are a lucky to be alive! You had a 33% chance of being aborted BEFORE you left your mother's womb. So, give your mom and dad a big hug and kiss, and thank them for choosing LIFE, especially YOUR LIFE!

**Pro-Abortion?**

When people believe in something, you do not see them desperately trying to avoid being linked to the activity with which their movement is identified.

For example, those who support the death penalty do not mind being called pro-death penalty. People who work for animal rights, do not mind being called pro-animal rights. People who support the Second Amendment do not mind being called pro-gun, and the list goes on and on.

The one exception is people who support legal abortion. Although they vigorously defend abortion's legality, they do everything possible to avoid being called pro-abortion. Clearly, they are advocating the legality of an activity which is not only repugnant, but which even they know is indefensible. If that were not the case, they would not become so outraged at being called pro-abortion.

**Life Begins At Conception**

It is an error to claim, "It's not a human, it's a fetus." That would be like saying, "It's not a human, it's an infant," or, "It's not a human, it's an adolescent." These are category fallacies.

The proper answer to these assertions would be, "Sure it's a fetus, sure it's an infant, and sure it's an adolescent. It's a human fetus, a human infant, and a human adolescent." These are simply stages of development in the human life cycle.

A human starts as an embryo, becomes a fetus, is born an infant, develops into a child, grows into an adolescent, matures into adulthood, and eventually dies.

Scientifically and philosophically, there is no good reason to believe a human being is created at birth, because nothing is created at birth. At birth, a fetus simply changes location and changes its mode of acquiring food and dispensing waste, but at no point does the child become something entirely new or different.

Life begins at conception and proceeds through its stages until death. From the moment of conception, the unborn are human beings.

**Blessed and Happy Easter to the St. Mary's Parish Community!**

—Fr. Joe, Fr. Steve, our Deacons & parish staff



**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

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| Mon.                           | 7:00 PM | Mary's Weavers<br>Parish Center, downstairs            |
|                                | 7:00 PM | Word of Life Prayer Group<br>Chapel                    |
|                                | 7:00 PM | Parish Council<br>Holy Assumption Church               |
| PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY |         |  |
| Wed.                           | 7:00 PM | St. Vincent de Paul Society<br>Parish Center, upstairs |

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. "Neophyte," our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means "newly-planted" in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven.

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

**Healing Hearts Support Group—April 4th**

A healing program for the separated and divorced will begin on Wednesday, April 4th from 7:30-9:00 PM at St. Veronica Church (rectory basement) in Howell, NJ. This is a 12 week program, held on Wednesdays through June 27, for those who have suffered or are suffering from separation and/or divorce. The program offers support and addresses the most pressing challenges of divorce, and is designed to help Catholics recover more fully by learning and living their faith.

Please email [stveronicakre4u@gmail.com](mailto:stveronicakre4u@gmail.com) for more information or contact Maria at 732-363-5698. The best gift you can give yourself is to make a commitment to your healing!

## Rosary Recitations



### ALL ARE WELCOME—PLEASE JOIN US IN THESE PRAYER SESSIONS:

- ♦ **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.

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

*“The Rosary is a teacher of life, a teacher full of gentleness and love, where people beneath the gaze of Mary, almost without noticing, discover they are being slowly educated in preparation for the second life, that which is authentic life, for it is not destined to end in a very few years, but to go unto eternity.”—Blessed Bartolo Longo*

### 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 April 2nd.**

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

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

### Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for April:

- For those who have responsibility in Economic Matters—That those economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.*

**Let us pray** ... May the soul of our dear Rosarian, Josephine Harrison, rest in peace with Our Lord. Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: Baby Isaac for continued healing; Frank H.; Samme; Loretta S.; Deb; Mary M.; Patricia H.; Catherine; Joe C. for healing of cancer; Ginny’s brother Bob; B.J. and Pam; Irene; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Maryann; Bill S; Paul Shea; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Lucille; Sharon C. for strength and healing; Nicholas E.; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Marilyn Rogalski ; Julie and family; Luz; Timothy; Jan 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 and all life concerns; 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 ask for the continuing health of our parish clergy, and give thanks for our Deacons and their families for their dedication and self-giving help in the ministries of the Church. We pray for our homebound that they may know that they remain with us in our hearts and prayers. We pray for family members having responsibility for decisions in the care of family members. We pray for Our Lady’s help in bringing our parishes of St. Francis and Clare and St. Mary’s to unity as one fervent and vibrant community of the faithful; let us pray earnestly as we remember our mission to Our Father and each other of LOVE.

*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 for 2018:

Apr. 10th (Tues).....10 AM to 12:30 PM  
 Apr. 14th (Sat).....10 AM to 12:30 PM  
 May 15th (Tues).....10 AM to 12:30 PM  
 May 19th (Sat).....10 AM to 12:30 PM

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**

### **Bordentown Cemetery / St. Mary's Section Attn: Parishioners, Visitors, Non-Parishioners Pre-Need Special: 10% Price Discount**

Stop in and visit us at 210 Crosswicks Road, Bordentown, NJ. We offer a beautiful extended St. Mary's section, a veterans section and a non-denominational section for burials. Also we offer a Columbarium for cremains of your loved ones.



Office hours 9-1 Monday thru Friday.  
 Call 609 298-0605

### **Parish Offerings:**

For the weekend of March 18th, we received \$8,595 in our regular collection, and \$1,510 in Stewardship offerings.

*Many thanks for your generosity!*

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

**Week of April 1:**        *Roseanne O'Donnell*

**Week of April 8:**        *Claudia Houseworth*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**April 1, 2018: Easter Sunday**

We can hardly grasp the joy and glory of Easter Sunday! The disciples didn't understand, but they came to believe. So can we. Easter Sunday is more than a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is also an invitation to each of us to preach the Gospel and take our place in the long line of witnesses to Jesus' resurrected life. This is why we are so awed at the mystery: not only that Jesus rose from the dead but that God entrusts us with Jesus' mission and to be witness of God's mighty deed of resurrection. It appears as though God trusts us a great deal.



Alleluia! HE IS RISEN!!! The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes everyone a Blessed Easter!

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

***New Easter Outfit***

In the early days of the Church, adults baptized at Easter emerged from the baptismal waters and put on new clothes—their baptismal robes. These were not ritual-type robes, but fine clothes expressing their new life.

It was customary to wear the baptismal clothes throughout the Easter season, to dress up as proud members of the Lord's disciples. It was this practice that gave rise to the custom of getting new clothes for Easter.

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In the house churches of the first centuries, a pool in the atrium made baptism by immersion possible. Later, when permanent churches were built, baptismal pools were provided, often with flowing water to symbolize "living waters". Sometimes steps led down into the pool and out of the water on the opposite side, to signify dying to one way of life and rising to another.

[source: [The Little White Book 2018](http://The Little White Book 2018), Diocese of Saginaw, MI; [littlebooks.org](http://littlebooks.org)]

**Altar Servers — April 7th & 8th**

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

**Mass While Away From Home?**

Keep God in your travel plans—visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).



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

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Victoria Seda, Marilyn Rogalski, Tony LaPointe, John Campo, Quincy Johnson, Elizabeth Gusrang, Maida Burke, Dave and Arlene Bibus, Thaddeus Custer, Donald & Ann McGarrity, Rev. John Owens, Maureen Fabriano, John Fitzgerald, Anna Vosila, Hugh Delaney, Cindy Marriot, Michael Albano, Brody Lingle, Nadine Daddona, Patricia Gates, May Browning, Alice tenBerge, John Wehrman, Frances Mercantini, Charlie Radvany, Angelo LePre, Rev. John H. Maltby, Angelo Nasti, Jesse Dunn, Sam Eleuteri, and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

Gerald Heupel; Josephine Harrison

**Chapel Sanctuary Lamp**

Ida DiPietro  
RB/Family

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

Anna & Walter Karch  
RB/Daughters

*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 – April 9th—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 Daison will be offering a Mass on Monday, April 9th, at 7 PM for healing. Confessions will be available from 6:15 – 6:45 PM. During the Mass, a collection will be taken for Father's Ministry—Jericho House. Also, during the Mass, Father will offer the Sacrament of the Sick and Individual Prayer. Following the Mass will be a reception for Father in the cafeteria. For more info call Pat Baylog at 298-4249.

**The Bordentown Knights of Columbus Council #570** is pleased to announce **we are offering scholarship awards to qualified Seniors** who are graduating in the June class of 2018. No individual student will receive an award in excess of \$1000.

To be considered eligible for one of these scholarships an applicant must have: a) maintained a grade point average of at least a 3.0 through January 2018; and b) an individual family member (father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent) be either a registered parishioner of St. Mary's/Ss. Francis & Clare parishes, or a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #570 in good standing.

A scholarship application and introductory letter can be obtained in several ways:

- ◆ in the Parish Office during Monday to Friday hours;
- ◆ from the table at the back of the church, in the Scholarship Applications folder; and
- ◆ downloaded from the St. Mary's Church website and facebook pages.

The completed application must be turned in to the Parish Office **no later than 3 PM on Friday May 4, 2018.**





**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

**April 8, 15, 22.....**April RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School  
**April 10, 17, 24.....**April RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church  
**May 1.....**RE Classes 5PM & 6:30PM at Holy Assumption Church

**Bible Reading** – When reading the Bible, it's important to approach your reading by keeping two ideas at the forefront of your mind: read to come to know the God revealed in the inspired Word, and to know God's will for your life. Bible reading should take place in the context of prayer and faith. Before you begin reading, ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to God and his will. (USCCB.org)

**Current 7th graders** have begun their required community service hours in preparation for their Confirmation in May 2019. Forms can be found under the RE website (go to Sacraments, Confirmation, Christian Community Service, Service Pledge Form). Please remember to have all volunteer service hours approved **before** you begin any service. Any service done before approval may be denied.

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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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***Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.***

**Volunteers Needed**

1st Way of Burlington County, 500 High Street, Burlington, 609-871-1431, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center, is in need of volunteers to help poor mothers and their babies. Our hours are Monday through Thursday 10-2, and Wednesday 4-6.

If you are able to commit to 2 hours a week to give out diapers, formula, layettes, and clothing to these unfortunate families please call Karen Pierce at 856-722-9418, or our director Maria Lonergan at 609-284-7943 for any questions.

***Ancient Easter Season***

Records show that, besides celebrating Easter Sunday, a continuing Easter Season was celebrated as far back as the third century. There was to be no fasting or kneeling. This was not a time for penitential practices. This was a time to exult in God's goodness.

Why is the Easter Season so long? Because the Resurrection is just too big and too important to celebrate in only one day, or even one week.

Why 50 days? Why not 10 or 20? The Jewish feast of Pentecost occurred 50 days after Passover. For Christians, this 50-day stretch was no longer simply a time between two Jewish feasts. It became one great feast, the longest feast ever. They called it "one great Sunday". They also called it "week of weeks" because it lasted seven weeks.

[source: [The Little White Book 2018](http://The Little White Book 2018), Diocese of Saginaw, MI; [littlebooks.org](http://littlebooks.org)]

**Sharing the "Joy of the Gospel" on Catholic Radio!**  
**Tune into WFJS Catholic Radio 1260am/89.3FM.**  
**Download the WFJS smart phone app. Or listen live on line at [www.DomesticChurchMedia.org](http://www.DomesticChurchMedia.org)**



**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: baked beans; canned fruit; kid's cereals.



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)**.

**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

**Parish Office Closed**

Our parish office will be closed on Monday April 2nd in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday April 3rd.

