

**Monday, April 9**

- 7:30 AM Hailey Jones
RB/Mr. & Mrs. Charles Myers
- 7:00 PM Mass & Healing Service

Tuesday, April 10

- 7:30 AM Josephine & Joseph Radice
RB/Radice Family
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, April 11

- 7:30 AM Easter Flower Memorials
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

Thursday, April 12

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00 PM Eucharistic Service

Friday, April 13

- 7:30 AM Mary Lou Noble
RB/Attila, Jana & Alyssa Kekesi

Saturday, April 14

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Diane Soltes
RB/Fresco Family

Sunday, April 15

- 7:30 AM Gerry Leirim (A) RB/Family; and,
Lorraine Montaldi (A) RB/Family
- 9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Knights
of Columbus Council #570
- 11:30 AM Mario Solimine (A)
RB/Marguerite Solimine; and,
Dorothy Gallagher (A)
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 6:30 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

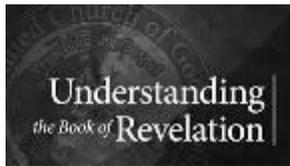
The regular use of envelopes provides for a stable income to
the church. This enables the pastor to plan for repairs, future
expansion and improvements. We urge all parishioners to
make regular use of the envelopes.

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 & 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>

Spring Bible Study – April 24th **Book of Revelation II**

Our spring bible study will continue with the Book of Revelation on April 24th at 7PM in St. Mary's parish center. It will be a 4-week study. If you participated in the first study on Revelation, please continue with Part II. If you missed the first study about the churches, no problem, this one moves on to another part of the Book of Revelation. If you already have the study books, great, we will continue to use them. If you are just joining, we will get a set of study materials for you. The cost for new attendees is \$10 (helps cover the cost of the study books).



Everyone—previous & new attendees—must sign up in order to join us for Part II. You can sign up 2 ways—at our website or by calling the parish center. You must register by April 16th. Don't miss this chance to finally figure out what the heck is going on in the Book of Revelation. For more info call the parish center during normal office hours at 298-0261.

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.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon.	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Healing Mass (Church) & Reception (School Hall)
	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus #570 Parish Center, upstairs
Wed.	6:00 PM	Spiritual Theme Night Grades 1-4 (School Hall)

Obituary of the late Mr. Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: *Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and Maybe it was my fault.*

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (Don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (Adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as churches became entertainment; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, *Truth* and *Trust*; his wife, *Discretion*; his daughter, *Responsibility*; and his son, *Reason*. He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers: *I Known My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim*. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized that COMMON SENSE IS GONE!

(compliments of Fr. James, St. Mary Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA)

Parishioners: With prayer and good works, do you think we can bring Common Sense back?

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 holy Rosary drives away family disintegration and is a secure bond of communion and peace.” —St. John Paul II

UPCOMING EVENTS:

>>COMMUNION SUNDAY – April 8th—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 April 9th.

>>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.

>>CLARE ESTATE ROSARY—First Tuesday at 10:30; next recitation scheduled—May 1st. All are welcome.

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; Irene D.; 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 25th, we received \$10,827 in our regular collection, and \$1,679 for Catholic Relief Services. Our Holy Week collections were \$2,980 for the Holy Land, and \$27,399 in Easter offerings.

Many thanks for your generosity!

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of April 8: *Claudia Houseworth*

Week of April 15: *Mary Smith*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

St. Vincent de Paul Society

April 8, 2018: Divine Mercy Sunday

The remarkable thing about belief is that it always has room for unbelief. Like mystery itself, belief isn't something we have and that's it. There is always room to grow in our belief, just as there is always room for our unbelief. We call Thomas "doubting Thomas" and so he was. Truth be told, so are all of us. There come times in our lives when we are simply overcome with emptiness and absence—perhaps the death of a loved one, the painful illness of a small child, loss of a job. At these times doubt or unbelief are natural. This doesn't mean we have lost our faith, it means that at these times we need to keep our eyes focused on the risen Christ and, in due time, we know the Lord is with us inviting us to belief.



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

Daughters of Isabella

The female component of the Knights of Columbus is the Daughters of Isabella.

The women's charitable organization was established in 1897 in New Haven, Connecticut. Named after Queen Isabella (the patroness of Christopher Columbus), it was originally begun as a ladies auxiliary to the Rev. John Russell Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The purpose of the Daughters was to unite "all Catholic women in a sisterhood". Its goals included "friendship, sharing of talents and experiences, support of one another in times of crises and celebration, fundraising, and support of churches, schools, scholarships, seminaries, missions, Right to Life, and other charitable causes".

In 1907 the group changed its name to the *National Circle, Daughters of Isabella* and began to form other "circles" throughout the United States and other countries. Each circle focuses on a particular charitable project. Today the Daughters of Isabella has about 60,000 members throughout the United States and Canada, making it one of the largest Catholic women's organizations.

"Unity, friendship, and charity" – motto of the Daughters of Isabella

[source: The Little Black Book 2018, Diocese of Saginaw, MI; littlebooks.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, Nicole Cochran, Dennis Kish and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased
Philomena Bucco

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp
Ida DiPietro
RB/Family

Church Sanctuary Lamp
Ellen Wilno Kerner
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.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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Altar Servers — April 14th & 15th

5:00PM	Team #3	Zola
7:30AM	Team #5	Spivey
9:30AM	Team #8	Labissiere
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

Baptisms for March 2018

<u>Baby's Name</u>	<u>Parents' Names</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Emily Genevieve Amato	John & Adriana Amato	March 4, 2018
Alice Joanna Sunkel	Michael & Elizabeth Sunkel	March 18, 2018

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

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
April 11.....Spiritual Theme Night: grades 1st-4th, 6:00PM in St. Mary's School
April 18.....Spiritual Theme Night: grades 5th-8th, 6:00PM in St. Mary's School
April 22.....AT-HOME FAITH Unit 2 Test is due
April 26.....First Eucharist Practice, 6:00-7:00PM in St. Mary's Church
April 28.....First Eucharist Mass, 10:00AM in St. Mary's Church
May 1.....RE Classes 5PM & 6:30PM at Holy Assumption Church
May 1.....FINAL DAY FOR EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS

Spiritual Theme Nights – Come drop your children off with their peers for fun. Activities and snacks have been planned based on grade level. Two nights have been scheduled for our Religious Education children: April 11th at 6:00PM for our 1st-4th graders and April 18th at 6:00PM for our 5th-8th graders. Both in St. Mary's School. We hope they can make it. It's an exciting way to get them more involved in the Catholic Church and truly watch faith in action.

2018-2019 Re-Registration Forms have been mailed out to our registered families. *Early registration discounts will be given until May 1st.* Assignments for class times are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child has not received a re-registration form please call the RE office to make arrangements for pickup immediately.

2018-2019 NEW Family Registration will begin after May 2nd. Please look for registration forms in the parish offices and the back of Church after May 2nd. We welcome all new children to our program. Please be sure you have registered with our parishes in order to join our classes.

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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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Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER SHAWL REQUESTS

If you know someone who may be going through an illness or a difficult period in their life and may be in need of a little warmth and comfort, our parish prayer shawl ministry, MARY'S WEAVERS, has an inventory of handmade pieces that are available upon request. Please contact Helene Shea at 298-7612 for further details.

Take Time For Yourself

Celebrate Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. Your don't need it—you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekend is **May 4-6, 2018**. For more information call 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org



Visit our website wwwme-southjersey.org

Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the Homebound

Please notify the parish office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. Arrangements can be made to bring Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

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: canned tuna; canned chicken; spaghetti sauce and Cheerios .

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