

**Monday, April 16**

- 7:30 AM Jeannie Rodriguez
RB/Rivera Family
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 17

- 7:30 AM Rocco Summa (A)
RB/Susan Villanova
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, April 18

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

Thursday, April 19

- 7:30 AM Carl Byard
- 7:00 PM Eucharistic Service

Friday, April 20

- 7:30 AM Evelyn Fall
RB/Pearl & Pat Sullivan

Saturday, April 21

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Rosalia Balsamo
RB/Carol & Richard Capobianco

Sunday, April 22

- 7:30 AM Gerry Leitrim (A) RB/Family
- 9:30 AM Francis Paul Salvatore, Sr.
RB/Marynell Tabayoyong; and,
Clarita Farre
RB/Vicky Romero & Family
- 11:30 AM Christina Bickford
RB/Bernotas Family; and,
Rosalie Britton (A) RB/Cousins

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:

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| <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.

Phishing Scam

One of our parish telephone numbers—609-298-1664—is being used by a telemarketing company as part of a “phishing scam”. If you see a call from 609-298-1664 identified as “St. Mary Roman” on your Caller ID—do not answer the call. This call is not coming from St. Mary Catholic Church.

If you do answer, please do not give them any information about yourself.

We are trying to report the problem through the proper channels but it will take time to resolve. . .

Once again. . . it is not from us. . . do not answer the call.

If you have any questions please call the parish office at 609 298 0261 during normal office hours..

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

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| Mon. | 7:00 PM | Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs |
| | 7:00 PM | Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel |
| Wed. | 6:00 PM | Spiritual Theme Night Grades 5-8 (School Hall) |
| | 7:00 PM | St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Center, upstairs |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a “rule” that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called “Kentucky Dominicans,” began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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

Come, Holy Spirit!

The early Christian writers were enthusiastic about what we can expect from the Spirit. St. Cyril of Jerusalem assured us, “*The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console.*”

St. Cyril of Alexandria testified, “*The Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell; he so transforms them that they begin to live a completely new kind of life.*”

St. Hilary reminded us that the grace of the Holy Spirit is “*given to each person in proportion to their readiness to receive it.*” The greater our desire, the more open our heart, the more the Spirit enriches our life. Our fervent prayer is, “Come, Holy Spirit!”

By the power of the Gospel, Vatican II says, the Spirit “*enables the Church to grow young, perpetually renews it, and leads it to complete union with the Bridegroom.*” Karl Rahner sums up: “*Because God creates as God, he creates as Spirit everything in the world that is constantly new and fresh, free and alive, unexpected and mighty, at once tender and strong—the mystery of love.*”

Come, Holy Spirit!

—Friar Jeremy Harrington, OFM

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 family that prays together stays together. The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes toward Jesus, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God.” —St. John Paul II



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 16th.**

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – May 13th**—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 **May 15th 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 ... Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: 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; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Maryann; Bill S; Paul Shea; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Irene D.; 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 for 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.

DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

Bishop David M. O’Connell invites all law enforcement personnel who live or serve in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties to attend the annual Diocesan Celebration of Law Enforcement Mass and luncheon on **Tuesday, April 17th at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton.** Family and friends, as well as the public, are also welcome to attend. A catered luncheon will immediately follow the Mass in the parish hall. A donation of \$20 is requested for those attending the luncheon. To order lunch tickets, contact Jennifer Britton at 609-403-7199, and see bluemass.org for further information.

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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 remains of your loved ones.



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

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of April 8th, we received \$10,419 in our regular weekly collection, and \$1,843 in offerings for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Many thanks for your generosity!

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of April 15: Mary Smith

Week of April 22: Donna Valeri

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

St. Vincent de Paul Society

April 15, 2018: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Jesus “was made known” in repentance and forgiveness. Forgiveness is an encounter with the risen Christ. When we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts ought to burn because of the encounter with the risen Christ within us. This is resurrected life: “*You are forgiven.*” This is our witness to the resurrection: “*I forgive you.*” We must walk and act like a forgiven people. Forgiveness is the virtue that enables us not to allow past hurts to determine our decisions and actions in the here and now. Forgiveness opens up the space for creating together with the one forgiven, a new future where we can live in peace. This is how Jesus is known.



The order form for the St. Vincent de Paul Mothers' Day Flower Sale is in today's Bulletin. Please put your orders and the money in an envelope and put it in the collection basket on one of the two following Sundays. Thank you!

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

BLOOD DRIVE — FRIDAY, APRIL 27th

St. Mary Church will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive, on **April 27th from 2:30 to 7:30 PM**, in the parish center, 2nd floor, at 45 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown. Donating blood provides a unique opportunity to directly contribute toward saving a life. To schedule an appointment, please **call Nancy at 646-423-0944, or go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code *St Marys Church*.**



BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in “*Jesus Christ the righteous one*” (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to “*repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away*” (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ “*expiation for our sins*” (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with “*Peace*” and urges them to preach “*repentance, for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 24:47).

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...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, Patricia Gates, May Browning, Alice tenBerger, John Wehrman, Frances Mercantini, Charlie Radvany, Angelo LePre, Rev. John H. Maltby, Angelo Nasti, Jesse Dunn, Sam Eleuteri, Nicole Cochran, Dennis Kish, Luzie Johnson, Carol Greco and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Joanne Smith; Nadine Daddona

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Benefactors of St. Mary's Parish

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.

Many Thanks . . .

. . . to all of our hard-working clergy and lay volunteers who served during Holy Week & Easter at both parishes—you truly made our celebrations special!

Lectors: Marlene Thompson, Linda Howard, Connie Gagliardi, Bill Walters, Emilia Winters, Tom Cummings, Paula Andras, Paul Keller, Karen Hegarty, Betty Wargo, Sheila Tkacs, Eileen & Gene Bishop

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria & Steve Paczkowski, Joyce Ingling, Virginia Olsen, Eileen McClure, Marlene Thompson, Cookie Richmond, Jack Kinsley, Joe Gramlich, Pat & Geoff McElven, Helene Shea, Rose O'Connor, Vince Aveni, Javier Perez, Teresa Diaz, Liz Evans, Yolette Labissiere, Jeff Burns, John Young, Linda Yack, Anna DeChiara, Ron Scully, Karen Hegarty, Barbara Boldizar, Paul Ordog, Yvonne Ross, Elsie Garcia, Tom McCue, Mary Oros, Peg Schwoebel

Altar Servers: Chris Chilelli, Brianna Coppola, Benjamin Popso, Matthew Prihoda, Chloe Montera, Veronica Spivey, Angelina Marrano, Amelie Dela Cruz, Julian Estes, Chizzy Ogbutor, Jonathan Jones, Mia Haddock, Matthias Cross, Elisabeth Cross, Stephen Ingham, Christopher Ingham, Tom Cummings, Roseann O'Donnell

Deacons: Tom Shea, Gary Richardson, Ron Zalegowski

Organists: Jac Madson, Bob Scara

Cantors: Julie Klusman, Alfonso Gonzalez, Erika Shultes

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

Altar Servers — April 21st & 22nd

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| 5:00PM | Team #1 | Coppola |
| 7:30AM | Team #4 | Ritter |
| 9:30AM | Team #6 | Marrano |
| 11:30AM | Team #9 | Jones |



Religious Education & Sacramental Programs
For St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare Parishes
 1st through 8th Grade & High School

- April 15, 22.....**April RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School
April 17, 24.....April RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church
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 Night – Come drop your children off with their peers for fun. Activities and snacks have been planned based on grade level. We're looking forward to April 18th at 6:00PM for our 5th-8th graders to join us in St. Mary's School—we hope your children can make it! What an exciting way to get them more involved in the Catholic Church and truly watch faith in action.

2018-2019 NEW Family Registration will begin May 2nd. Registration forms will be in the parish offices and in the back of Church. Below is a description of our new Fall schedule:

- ♦ **Monthly classes**—We are now offering families the option to attend our Monthly Program in St. Mary's School. Classes will be on the first Monday evening of each month, with a few changes as necessary. Monthly classes are only available to children in non-sacramental year programs, which are those children in 3rd—6th grades. While your children are attending their classes, one parent will be expected to stay and receive support to guide their child in off-week lessons. Monthly classes are for 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- ♦ **Weekly classes**—All of our weekly classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday nights in St. Mary's School. Your choice of a class commits your child to that day and time for the remainder of the year. Our weekly classes are offered for our 1st—8th graders. We offer a choice of either Tuesday or Wednesday night classes. Classes weekly are for 1 hour 15 minutes.
- ♦ **Home Study**—Available to those families that are practicing Catholics, where travel makes it to difficult to attend class and extreme situations. Students in 2nd and 8th grades may not enroll in this program. Please be advised that Home Study families will have a mandatory parent kick-off meeting in the Fall; the children will take four unit tests spread out evenly throughout the year; and children are expected to attend additional parish activities and have a final oral interview in May.

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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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The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that Zachary Matthews, who competed in the Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest, advanced to the State Championship where he made 23 of 25 free throws to win the boys (age 14) group. Congratulations Zach!



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. You 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

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: toothpaste; shampoo; granola bars; macaroni and cheese .

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).

