

**Monday, April 23**

- 7:30 AM Stephen Turgyan
RB/Charles Howard; and,
Luciano Rivera (A) RB/Son
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 24

- 7:30 AM Josephine & Joseph Radice
RB/Radice Family; and,
Leocadia (Kitty) Huminski
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, April 25

- 7:30 AM Robert & Eleanor Chambers
RB/Kathleen Houston & Family
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

Thursday, April 26

- 7:30 AM Leona A. Salewski (A)
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski
- 7:00 PM Eucharistic Service

Friday, April 27

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 28

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Eileen Howe RB/Fresco Family;
Stephen Shoemith (A) RB/Wife

Sunday, April 29

- 7:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
- 9:30 AM Josephine Bartha-Garmer (A)
RB/Renata Nowak-Garmer
- 11:30 AM Joanne Smith
RB/Shari Gerace

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>

FR. JOE'S MESSAGES:

New Parish Name: Mary, Mother of the Church

Bishop David O'Connell has chosen a new name for our combined parishes—Mary, Mother of the Church—effective as of July 1st.

Although not exactly the same as the top choice of our parishioners who voted (i.e., Mary, Mother of God), upon further reflection I think our new parish name is an excellent choice, and in fact a real honor. Since Pope Francis recently announced the addition of a new Church-wide feast—Mary, Mother of the Church—to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost, Bishop O'Connell has given us this name based on an important feast in the universal Church calendar, as a first in our large diocese.



In 1964 Blessed Paul VI had formally bestowed the title “Mother of the Church” on Mary, but recognition of her maternal care for the Church and for believers had already spanned many centuries. The Church calendars in Poland, Argentina, St. Peter’s Basilica, and some religious orders had already noted this feast, but now it will be universally celebrated. Honoring Mary as Mother of the Church on the day after Pentecost also highlights for Catholics that Mary was present with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Cardinal Robert Sarah, who was instrumental in establishing this new feast, said that Mary “from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim Church on earth”.

Mary, Mother of the Church, please continue to be our patroness and intercessor!

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

St. Vincent de Paul Society

April 22, 2018: 4th Sunday of Easter

The good shepherd fulfills the obligation of relationship. The relationship between shepherd and sheep (“I know mine and mine know me”) is likened to the relationship between the Father and the Son. Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away, but we must lay down our lives for the sake of others. It calls us to commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us, loving others as God has loved us. These good deeds are the very “stuff” of our everyday living and loving, in our families and in our service to the poor.



In March the St. Vincent de Paul Society helped 3 families with \$6,300 for rent, and 1 family with \$499 for furniture from Habitat, plus beds we received as a donation from a retailer.

Please remember to put your orders, and money, for our St. Vincent de Paul **Mother's Day Flower Sale** in an envelope and put it in the collection basket today or next Sunday. All orders must be received by Sunday, April 29.

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

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon.	7:00 PM	Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel
	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus #570 Parish Center, upstairs
Tues.	7:00 PM	Bible Study: Revelation II Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	6:00 PM	1st Holy Communion Practice (Church)
Fri.	2:30-7 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive Parish Center, upstairs
Sat.	10:00 AM	1st Holy Communion Church



Spring Bible Study
April 24th—7PM
Parish Center, Upstairs
Book of Revelation II



St. Mark – Feast Day is April 25

St. Mark, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians. He was baptized and instructed by St. Peter. In about the year 42 A.D. he came to Rome with the Prince of the Apostles. There at the request of the faithful he wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. His Gospel is a record of St. Peter's preaching about Our Lord and pays special attention to the head of the Apostles. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His hearers. St. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alexandria and was martyred there by the heathen.

An intimate friendship existed between Mark and Peter; he played the role of Peter's companion, disciple, and interpreter. According to the common patristic opinion, Mark was present at Peter's preaching in Rome and wrote his Gospel under the influence of the prince of the apostles. This explains why incidents which involve Peter are described with telling detail (e.g., the great day at Capharnaum, 1:14f)). Little is known of Mark's later life. It is certain that he died a martyr's death as bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. His relics were transferred from Alexandria to Venice, where a worthy tomb was erected in St. Mark's Cathedral.

The Gospel of St. Mark, the shortest of the four, is, above all, a Roman Gospel. It originated in Rome and is addressed to Roman, or shall we say, to Western Christianity. Another high merit is its chronological presentation of the life of Christ; for we should be deeply interested in the historical sequence of the events in our blessed Savior's life.

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 belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation.”—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 30th.**

>>**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.; Baby Isaac for continued healing; 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 the Parish of Mary, Mother of the Church, 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.

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.**



3rd Annual Mother’s Day Tea

Next Sunday—April 29th—12 to 2:30PM

Celebrate anyone in your life who deserves a little more quality time!

- ◆ Menu: Tea/Lemonade; Finger Sandwiches; Crudite Table; Desserts
- ◆ Dressy Attire & Hats Welcome
- ◆ Location: St. Paul School, 250 James St., Burlington
- ◆ Cost: Adults—\$20; Children—\$10

Visit stpaulbrl.org or email sable0071@verizon.net for tickets, or email Sonya at brodysmom06@gmail.com for more information. Proceeds benefit St. Paul’s School.

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of April 15th, we received \$7,685 in our regular weekly collection, \$1,115 in Stewardship offerings, and \$1,859 for Mother’s Day flower memorials.

Many thanks for your generosity!

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**Week of April 22: Donna Valeri****Week of April 29: Luz Moore**

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

Arbor Day – April 27

The observance of Arbor Day varies from state to state in the United States (and in other countries). Different places try to celebrate it at a time that is best in that particular climate for planting trees.

The celebration began with Julius Sterling Morton, who had grown up in Michigan and had moved into the Nebraska Territory in 1854, which was then more or less a treeless plain. Morton not only missed the trees, shrubs and flowers of Michigan, but he also saw the agricultural value of trees as windbreakers, soil protectors, and as a source of fuel and building materials.

Morton became the editor of Nebraska's first newspaper, which gave him a forum to encourage tree-planting. At his initiative, Nebraska had the first "Arbor Day" on April 10, 1872. Prizes were given to counties and individuals who planted the most trees. It was estimated that over one million trees were planted in Nebraska on that first Arbor Day.

The custom quickly spread to other states, even other countries. In 1970, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day.

Perhaps the popularity of Arbor Day is due to the fact that trees are peaceful creatures of the earth, stable and dependable. The Psalms use the tree as a symbol of a good person, who "is like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields fruit in season, its leaves never wither." (Ps. 1:3)

[source: The Little White Book – 2017; Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan; www.littlebooks.org]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, *Eoster*. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and to concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: *Yule*.

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



...**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, Cindy Marriot, Michael Albano, Brody Lingle, 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, Luzie Johnson, Carol Greco and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Hugh Delaney

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Benefactors of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

Church Sanctuary LampFrank DiPetro
RB/Family

NOTE: Prayer List entries will be removed after 90 days unless we are notified that your loved one requires continued prayer support.

Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre— Sept. 20

The Rosary & Altar Society of the parish of Ss. Francis & Clare is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre on September 20, 2018 to see the production "Jesus". The cost is \$115 which includes bus transportation, the show ticket and lunch at the Shady Maple. A deposit of \$50 is required. If interested, please contact Barbara Boldizar (499-0900), or Donna Frappolli (221-1957), or Maryanne Warner (499-3462), or email dmfrappolli@yahoo.com

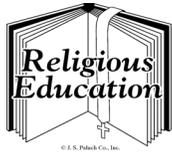
**Altar Servers — April 28th & 29th**

5:00PM	Team #2	Hutman
7:30AM	Team #5	Spivey
9:30AM	Team #7	Cooper
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

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**.





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

April 22.....April RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School—LAST CLASS
April 24.....April RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church
April 26.....First Eucharist Practice, 6:00-7:00PM in St. Mary's Church (Group A)
April 28.....First Eucharist Mass, 10:00AM in St. Mary's Church (Group A)
May 1.....RE Classes 5PM & 6:30PM at Holy Assumption Church—LAST CLASS
May 1.....FINAL DAY FOR EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS
May 3.....First Eucharist Practice, 6:00-7:00PM in St. Mary's Church (Group B)
May 5.....First Eucharist Mass, 10:00AM in St. Mary's Church (Group B)

Missionary Childhood Association – Our RE families generously donated **\$1,112.60**. Your donation expresses your dedication to reach out to those who endure much suffering and are in great need.

First Eucharist Practices – April 26th at 6:00PM for those receiving April 28th and on May 3rd at 6:00PM for those receiving on May 5th. Parents please remember to bring your child's banner to their practice. We continue to pray for these children as they prepare to meet Jesus and His gift and graces they are about to receive for the first time.

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@stmarvrsre.org](mailto:office@stmarvrsre.org) or [office2@stmarvrsre.org](mailto:office2@stmarvrsre.org); Website: [www.stmarvrsre.org](http://www.stmarvrsre.org).

Facebook page: St. Mary's Church—Bordentown, NJ  
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***The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep
 and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.***

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



"I wear a crucifix because I don't want to forget that God is with me. I like to hold on to Him when things get difficult because it reminds me how much Jesus loves me."

—from Mother Angelica's Little Book of Life Lessons
 and Everyday Spirituality

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: shampoo; deodorant; toothpaste; applesauce; pork & beans.

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).

