

**Monday, April 30**

- 7:30 AM Cheryl Ann Rakauskas  
RB/Tom Cummings; and,  
Josephine Harrison  
RB/St. Mary's Rosary & Altar Society
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

**Tuesday, May 1**

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

**Wednesday, May 2**

- 7:30 AM Michael O'Dwyer  
RB/O'Dwyer Family
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

**Thursday, May 3**

- 7:30 AM Mary Sofka  
RB/Children

**Friday, May 4**

- 7:30 AM Everlasting Spiritual Bouquet

**Saturday, May 5**

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Hugh Delaney  
RB/Chris & Mathew Young & Family

**Sunday, May 6**

- 7:30 AM Stephen Turgyan  
RB/Mr. & Mrs. Robert Parker
- 9:30 AM Declan Traynham  
RB/Grammy & Poppy; and,  
Vincent Bernotas  
RB/Anita Hoeh
- 11:30 AM Craig Krosnick (A)  
RB/Family; and,  
Elwood Allen  
RB/Allen 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 &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>

**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

**Virtues...I thought you'd never ask!**

A **virtue is a habit or power** which enables someone to perform an action with facility and competence. Virtues are either developed by practice, such as the virtues of **prudence, justice, temperance or fortitude**, or are infused by God, such as the virtues of **faith, hope and charity**. The virtues are the fullest expression of the person, for they manifest the precise powers and capabilities the individual. (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1991, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing)

The virtues are divided into to two groups: **Moral and Theological**.

The Moral Virtues are: **prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude**.

The Theological Virtues are: **faith, hope and charity**.

**Parish Offerings:**

For the weekend of April 22nd, we received \$9,020 in our regular weekly collection, and \$1,201 for the mission of Catholic Relief Services.

*Many thanks for your generosity!*

*Please continue to make your checks payable to “St. Mary Church” until further notice.*

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon.	7:00 PM	Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel
	7:00 PM	Mary’s Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
Tues.	7:00 PM	Bible Study: Revelation II Parish Center, upstairs
Wed.	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	6:00 PM	1st Holy Communion Practice--Group B (Church)
Sat.	10:00 AM	1st Holy Communion Church

**Gennesaret Retreat**

**A Retreat for those facing life-changing illness**

A respite from the daily coping with serious illness, in a setting that allows time for rest and quiet, with a focus on God’s love, forgiveness, and faithfulness. Staffed with spiritual directors, medical personnel, and a caring team of helpers.

Where: Archdiocesan Retreat Center, Kearny, NJ

When: May 18-20, 2018

Cost: -0-

For further information, contact Hilare Reinold (732-566-7237), or Linda Capobianco (732-608-7277), or Peggy Walsh (908-499-7667).

**Follow Me**

*“But go and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’”*

(Mark 16:7)

Despite Peter’s denial of Jesus only a few days before, now the risen Christ sends Peter a message that they will meet again in Galilee. When he heard that message, Peter must have wondered (and even feared) what the Lord would say to him.

In John’s Gospel, we are told that the last words Jesus addressed to Peter after the resurrection are the same as the first words Jesus spoke to him years before: *“Follow me.”*

Jesus has held Peter in a soft spot of his heart. He has told Peter that he would suffer as he tried to follow the Lord, but he also promised Peter that he would be with him “all days”.

The words Jesus spoke to Peter, “Follow me”, frame our lives in Baptism and ultimately in death. Following the Lord is hard—but he has promised to be with us always, in life and through death, just as he promised Peter.

[source: The Little White Book 2017, Diocese of Saginaw, MI; [littlebooks.org](http://littlebooks.org)]

***How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?***

—St. John Baptist de la Salle

## Rosary Recitations

### *Our Lady, Queen of May, Pray for us*



#### 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.**

>>**ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING—May 2nd**, in the Divine Mercy Room at Holy Assumption Church; Rosary at 6:30PM, followed by membership meeting and refreshments.

>>**MAY CROWNING—May 6th**, at the 11:30AM Mass at St. Mary’s Church; First Eucharist Children will be participating, and **ALL ARE INVITED.**

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY—May 6th—at Holy Assumption Church.** Rosary at 10AM, followed by 10:30AM Mass.

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY—May 13th—at St. Mary’s Church.** Rosary at 9AM, followed by 9:30AM Mass for all Rosarians, living and deceased.

>>**ROSARIAN WEEKLY ROSARY & PRAYER HOUR—Tuesdays at 2:00 PM**, in St. Mary’s Chapel.

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

- *Evangelization: the Mission of the Laity—That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges we face in the world today.*

**Let us pray** ... We pray for the repose of the soul of Hugh Delaney. 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; Therese S.; 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.

#### Altar Servers — May 5th & 6th

5:00PM	Team #3	Zola
7:30AM	Team #4	Ritter
9:30AM	Team #8	Labissiere
11:30AM	Team #9	Jones

**Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet** envelopes are available in the back pamphlet rack of the church, or in the parish office. Please return your envelopes in the collection basket no later than May 6th. A series of Masses will be offered during the month of May, for all names submitted.

**Beginning this week, on May 1st**, the Parish Office for both parishes (St. Mary’s and Ss. Francis & Clare) will be combined at 45 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown.

There will be limited office hours in the basement of Holy Assumption Church, Roebling, on Mondays after the 8AM Mass until 10AM, at least through July 1st.

Telephone calls to Ss. Francis & Clare parish (499-0161) at all other times will be forwarded to St. Mary’s, where Peggy will have a desk; so FNC parishioners can continue to call this number, or call the St. Mary’s number (298-0261).

Parishioners from both churches of our newly-combined parish can call or visit the Parish Office from 9AM-3PM, Monday through Friday. Information about baptisms, funerals, weddings, and religious education, and pastoral concerns,, can be addressed by calling the Parish Office.

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY****Week of April 29: Luz Moore****Week of May 6: Palma Harwick**

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

**St. Vincent de Paul Society****April 29, 2018: 5th Sunday of Easter**

What do we look like when we are pruned? Some pruning creates a new shape for fruitfulness—anything that does not lead us to Christ is taken away. We don't act like others because we choose to be friendly and helpful to all without discrimination. We are allowing God's words to remain in us. The fruit we bear blossoms from the intimate relationship we have with the Risen One. Fruitfulness is never for our own sake, but always for that of others. This kind of fruitfulness is what glorifies God—bringing others into closer relationship with God. Self-giving love motivated by the sheer joy of the Resurrection opens us to fruitful pruning.



Please remember to put your orders for the St. Vincent de Paul Mother's Day Flower Sale and the money in an envelope and put it in the collection basket today. 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.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The *term days* were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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

**Happy 90th!**

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, former principal of St. Mary's School, will turn 90 at the end of May. If anyone would like to send her a birthday card, you can mail them to her at 1633 Highway 22, Watching, NJ 07069.

**...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, 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, Theresa Stearle and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

Maureen Fabriano; Elizabeth Sakiey

**Chapel Sanctuary Lamp**

Benefactors of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**Frank 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.

**NOTE:** The bus is currently filled, but we are creating a waiting list. If interested, please contact Barbara Boldizar (499-0900), or Donna Frappolli (221-1957), or Maryanne Warner (499-3462), or email [dmfrappolli@yahoo.com](mailto:dmfrappolli@yahoo.com)

**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

- 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)**  
**May 6.....May Crowning—11:30AM Mass, St. Mary's Church (arrive 11:10AM in the School Hall)**  
**May 7.....Confirmation practice, 6:30-8:00PM, St. Mary's Church (for those receiving at 4:30PM)**  
**May 8.....Confirmation practice, 6:30-8:00PM, St. Mary's Church (for those receiving at 6:30PM)**  
**May 13.....Children's Liturgy Program—9:30AM Mass at St. Mary's Church**  
**May 15.....Confirmation Services, 4:30 & 6:30PM in church (arrive ½ hour before in School Hall)**  
**May 20.....Confirmation Banquet following the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses**

**First Eucharist Practice** – Students receiving on May 5th (Group B) will practice on May 3rd at 6:00PM.

**May Crowning** is a traditional Catholic ritual that honors the Virgin Mary as “The Queen of May”. Please welcome some of our new First Communicants as they recognize Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth at our 11:30AM Mass.

**Confirmation Practice** – Students receiving the sacrament at 4:30PM will have practice on May 7th and those receiving at 6:30PM will have practice on May 8th. Both practices begin at 6:30PM, for the candidate and sponsor.

**2018-2019 NEW Family Registration** will begin May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> 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 difficult to attend class and extreme situations. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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Facebook page: St. Mary's Church—Bordentown, NJ  
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***I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
 Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)



Visit our website [wwwme-southjersey.org](http://wwwme-southjersey.org)

### **Ascension Thursday Holyday**

Our next Holyday of Obligation is coming up on Thursday, **May 10th**—the *Feast of the Ascension of the Lord*. We will celebrate holyday Masses on Wednesday May 9th at 7 PM, and on Thursday May 10th at 7:30 AM, and 7 PM in St. Mary's Church; and at 8 AM on Thursday May 10th at Holy Assumption Church.

Our parish office will be closed on Thursday, May 10th, in observance of the holyday.

