

**Monday, February 5**

- 7:30 AM Margaret Dawson  
RB/McHugh Family
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

**Tuesday, February 6**

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

**Wednesday, February 7**

- 7:30 AM Luning Pasion  
RB/Vicky Romero & Family
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations
- 7:00 PM Novena & Adoration Hour

**Thursday, February 8**

- 7:30 AM Fr. Felix Venza—Mass of the Living  
RB/Prayers for Priests group
- 7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &  
Clare Parishioners

**Friday, February 9**

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, February 10**

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM John Ovat (A) RB/Family; and,  
Mary Aveni RB/Vince Aveni

**Sunday, February 11**

- 7:30 AM Special Intention  
RB/Cathy Lippincott
- 9:30 AM Larry & Duke Mercantini (A)  
RB/Mercantini Family
- 11:30 AM James E. Dougherty  
RB/Wife & Children

**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 6:15 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:**



**Lenten Dispensations**

During the upcoming season of Lent, I encourage you to follow the Church's guidelines on fasting and abstinence. We will include an insert on these guidelines from our bishop in next week's bulletin. However, there may be certain parish-sponsored events which may be excluded from such guidelines; and Bishop O'Connell has empowered me and other pastors to offer dispensations where appropriate. [Note: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday events are never appropriate for such dispensations.]

**Ash Wednesday—Feb. 14th**

We are planning to conduct Ash Wednesday Services after the 7:30AM Mass, at 3:30PM, and at 7PM.

**Weddings at St. Mary's & Ss. Francis and Clare Parishes**

It has come to my attention that there are now Catholic young people who are not aware that they must follow the **Catholic Form of Marriage** according to the regulations of the Church, when planning a wedding. Please call the parish office as you begin planning, if you want your marriage recognized as a valid sacrament in the Church. Parents need to make their adult children aware of this requirement.

One of the wedding party who wishes to be married in the Church, at either Church site, should be a registered parishioner for at least 1 year prior to begin making wedding plans. A recent additional requirement states that "Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are to receive it to complete their Christian Initiation before they are admitted to Marriage if this can be done without grave inconvenience." This should not be an obstacle if you plan the wedding a year in advance.

A date for a wedding can only be scheduled at either Church after meeting with the marriage preparation team of the Church and then approved by the pastor of the parish. Please call the parish for more information.

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

**Almsgiving**

Alms are a freewill gift to those in need. The *New Catholic Encyclopedia* defines almsgiving as "a religious act, inspired by compassion and a desire for justice, whereby an individual who possesses the economic means helps in a material way a less fortunate neighbor".

Almsgiving has been part of Church practice since its beginning. In the first three centuries, alms were brought to the Eucharist and later distributed by the deacons. By the fourth century, the bishop collected the alms offered and established endowments used for building hospitals, and institutions to help the poor, orphans, sick, etc.

"Fasting and almsgiving are the two wings of prayer which enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach even to God." (St. Augustine)

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

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon.	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel
	7:00 PM	Parish Council Holy Assumption office
	5:30—8 PM	Confirmation interviews Parish Center, downstairs
Wed.	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Center, upstairs
	5:30—8 PM	Confirmation interviews Parish Center, downstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs



**Altar Servers — February 10th & 11th**

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



**St. Mary's Church is happy to announce that we will be starting a Children's Liturgy Program at the 9:30AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month, beginning on February 4th.**

Children's Liturgy is an age-appropriate *Liturgy of the Word* offered for children of ages 5-9 (Kindergarten through 3rd grade)—all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Just before the *Liturgy of the Word* begins the children will be invited to the back Chapel for an age-appropriate activity. During this time, the volunteers will lead the children through prayers, songs and readings that relate to the liturgy that week, and help them understand the Scripture readings. They will then rejoin their families for the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*.

This is being run by parent volunteers in an attempt to make the Mass more engaging for our children. Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults, and middle school and high school youth, to help these eager youngsters learn the Bible stories and the Word of the Lord. Please consider volunteering your time even one or two Sunday's a year. (All volunteers will be fingerprinted and attend a "Virtus" Child Abuse Awareness training). Any questions can be directed to Colleen Morgan through the Office of Religious Education at [office@stmarysre.org](mailto:office@stmarysre.org).

## 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 great remedy of modern times, which will influence the events of the world more than all diplomatic endeavors and which has a greater effect on public life than all organizational ones, is the Rosary.”*

—Servant of God, Father Joseph Kentenich

### 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 February 5th.**

>>**CLARE ESTATE ROSARY**—First Tuesday at 10:30; next recitation scheduled—February 6th. All are welcome.

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – February 11th**—9:30 AM Mass for all Rosarians, living and deceased.

>>**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**—February 11th

>>**ROSARIAN MONTHLY ROSARY**—Rosarians will meet to recite together their monthly public Rosary during the regular Tuesday Rosary Hour on **February 13th at 2:00 PM**, in the Chapel.

>>**WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO**—\$50 deposit needed by Feb. 9th, for March 9-11 retreat.

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

- *Universal: Say “No” to Corruption—That those who have material, spiritual or political power may resist any lure of corruption.*

**Let us pray** Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: Emily; Frank H.; Jack Laciskey; Samme; Ruth B.; Mary M.; Patricia H.; David; Daniel; Catherine; Joe C.; Ginny’s brother Bob; B.J. and Pam; George T.; Ginny M.; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Carol P.; Bill S; Paul Shea; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Maryann; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; Christy, Joan and family members; for Jo for healing; Benjamin; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Marilyn Rogalski ; Julie 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; for the family and sacramental marriage; for our civil protectors in the military, the police, firefighters and EMTs; for vocations; for the people affected by natural disasters; 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.

### Lenten Bible Study – The Book of Revelation

The parish is having a 5-week Lenten Bible Study on the Book of Revelation, to be held upstairs in the parish center at 7 PM starting Tuesday February 20th. The study will continue every Tuesday through Lent. Our presenter is our pastor, Father Joe. Make this Lent special. Come with other parishioners on a Lenten journey and finally figure out what the heck is going on in the Book of Revelation. The cost of the study is \$10. You can sign up 2 ways—online at our website - [stmarysbordentown.org](http://stmarysbordentown.org) or by calling the parish office at 298-0261 during normal office hours. You must sign up by Feb 12th so we can make sure you have your study book in time for the beginning of your Lenten journey thru the Book of Revelation.

Don’t miss this chance to discover the Book of Revelation! For more info call the parish office at 298-0261 during normal office hours.



### Mass While Away From Home?

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

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**The Stations of the Cross will be re-enacted at our Good Friday evening service at 7PM on March 30, at St. Mary’s Church.**

**PARTICIPANTS ARE NEEDED FROM BOTH STS. FRANCIS AND CLARE AND ST. MARY’S.**

We need Roman soldiers (including Longinus who pierced Our Lord’s side and the centurion who recognized Our Lord as Our Savior), and members of the crowd (including our Blessed Mother and St. Veronica).

**NO LINES TO MEMORIZE!!!**

Authentic costumes are provided.

Please be part of this living devotion.

Kindly call either Pat Baylog (609-298-4249) and/or Ginny Olsen (609-947-3336) for details and to sign up.

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

**Week of February 4:** *Luz Moore*

**Week of February 11:** *Pat Kekesi*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

*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:  
 Feb. 6th (Tues) .....10 AM to 12:30 PM  
 Feb. 10th (Sat) .....10 AM to 12:30 PM  
 Mar. 6th (Tues).....10 AM to 12:30 PM  
 Mar. 10th (Sat).....10 AM to 12:30 PM  
 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**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**February 4, 2018: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus rose "very early before dawn" and went out to a "deserted place" to pray, to be in communion with God. He is able to turn his back on the adulation and keep his mission on a steady course because he does not lose sight of why he came—to preach the good news of salvation. He does not lose sight of his mission because he never loses sight of his Father. This is how we reorder ourselves—by praying, being in communion with God so that Jesus' mission is truly our own.



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

***Parish Offerings:***

For the weekend of January 28th, we received \$8,575 in our regular collection, and \$1,170 for the Church in Latin America.

*Many thanks for your generosity!*

**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.



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

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Victoria Seda, Marilyn Rogalski, Lois MacArthur, Francis Schuessler, Lucy Johnson, John Young, D.J. Hoch, Raleigh Sunday, Alvah Schully, Nicole Cochran, Boleslaw Pacholek, Tony LaPointe, John Campo, Quincy Johnson, Elizabeth Gusrang, Maida Burke, Dave and Arlene Bibus, Gerry Jacobs, Debbie LePre, 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 and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

Eleanor Mucciarelli; John J. McGrain III

**Chapel Sanctuary Lamp**  
 Parishioners & Benefactors

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**  
 Men & Women of our Military Services  
 RB/Dina & Tersina DiPietro

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

**Cathedral High School—Class of 1968  
 50th Reunion**

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Place: Hilton Garden Inn, Rt. 130, Hamilton, NJ

For further information, please contact Patricia Bucchino Erzak at [paterzak@aol.com](mailto:paterzak@aol.com) or Marcia Minton Bollwage at [marcia816@hotmail.com](mailto:marcia816@hotmail.com).

**Annual Women's Weekend Retreat  
 Sponsored by Rosarians from our Cohort Parishes**

**SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, Long Branch, NJ  
 March 9-11 or March 16-18 or April 20-22**

Please join us for *any one* of three women's retreats this year. **Come away from your busy life and refresh your spirit.** The theme for 2018 is "Living from the Heart". The sessions will examine how life is marked by experiences of the heart in light of our own stories and the guiding and plentiful love of God. The weekend consists of several conferences, homilies, opportunities for consultation with the Redemptorist priests, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, reflection, rest and prayer. The retreat begins on Friday evening with registration at 4PM and concludes on Sunday with departure after lunch. **The cost is \$220 for the weekend (includes two overnights and six meals).** A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required in advance to participate in the retreat. For more information call:



Stephanie Salewski (St. Mary's) at 291-1816 for **March 9-11**  
 (Note: \$50 deposit is due by **February 9th**)

Barbara Boldezar (FNC) at 499-0900 for **March 16-18**

Betty Mazur (St. Kath. Drexel) at 386-9386 for **April 20-22**



**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

**February 4, 11, 25**....February RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School  
**February 6, 13, 27**....February RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church  
**February 5, 7**.....Confirmation candidates interviews for 8th graders in St. Mary's parish office  
**February 15**.....First Eucharist Parent Prep Meeting, 6:30-8:00PM in St. Mary's School  
**February 25**.....AT-HOME FAITH Unit 3 Test is due

**Confirmation Candidates** — Your interview times have been emailed to you. Once again you will hear about your Tracking Form. You will also be measured for Confirmation Robes. If you have turned in all your paper work and your class and Mass attendance is spectacular, you will be receiving your Confirmation Application. All others can continue to finish up on their reports and service projects. As you move closer to your Confirmation be reminded that its purpose is to perfect in us that which was begun in Baptism.

**Best LENT Ever** — Take a 40-day journey to become the *best-version-of-yourself*. Best Lent Ever is a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Every day you'll get inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories. Are you ready to have your Best Lent Ever? Sign up is free at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent). "*When we focus our attention on becoming the-best-version-of-ourselves, our lives are flooded with energy, enthusiasm, and a real and sustainable joy.*"  
 —Matthew Kelly

**Parents of 2nd Grade students** are asked to attend a very important meeting on February 15th from 6:30-8:00PM in St. Mary's school hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Only one parent need attend. We look forward to seeing you at this time. We ask that at least one parent attend, and no children, if possible.

**Food Pantry donations** are always welcome. Please consider bringing in an unperishable item to donate to the pantry. Please place these *non-perishable* foods at the entrance of the school hall. We thank you for helping out those in our community!

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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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***Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.***  
***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.***

**Our Knights of Columbus** proudly announce the winners of their recent *Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest*: Peter Sukola, Edward Sukola, Sophia Dileo, Matthew Lutzker, Catherine Bishop, and Mason Wicks;  
 as well as the winners of the *Annual Basketball Free-Throw Competition*: Jack Procaccino, Corrin Arnold, Connor Oswari, Juliana Morolda, Michael Stanton, Tiffany Matthews, Dennis Morolda, Gurleen Gusal, Jonny Manion, Khushmit Sidhu, Zachary Matthews, and Cierra Acevedo. Congratulations!

### **Gentlemen of St. Mary's,**

Are you willing and able to serve as an Usher?  
 St. Mary's needs additional ushers for our Saturday 5PM, Sunday 9:30AM and Sunday 11:30AM Masses. We are in need of substitute ushers as well. This is a rewarding and necessary ministry, as you will be helping your neighbors and the entire parish community.



We are grateful for the consistent dedication and long-time service provided by our ushers here at St. Mary's parish:

If you can help out, please see the head usher at your Mass, or call me directly at 609-298-2131. Many thanks!

—Ferd Loretangeli

### **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 chicken; Ramen noodles; granola bars; canned fruit cocktail. *We are no longer collecting empty egg cartons.*

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).



### **THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL**

***The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.***

—Gilbert K. Chesterton