

**Monday, February 12**

- 7:30 AM Lillian Sicilia
RB/Ruth Badyrka & Anita Hoeh
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, February 13

- 7:30 AM Paul S. Hlubik (A)
RB/Dave & Stephanie Salewski
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)
- 3:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 PM John Sergio—Mass of the Living

Thursday, February 15

- 7:30 AM Yolanda Foley
RB/Family
- 7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &
Clare Parishioners

Friday, February 16

- 7:30 AM Frank Z. Hawrylo RB/Family
- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM John Aveni RB/Vince Aveni

Sunday, February 18

- 7:30 AM Special Intention
RB/Cathy Lippincott
- 9:30 AM Lumen Sorhalvo (A)
RB/Vicky Romero & Family
- 11:30 AM Frank Skeratt
RB/Helen Payne

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:

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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> |

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 after the 7PM Mass.

Convent Building Demolition

St. Mary's former convent building, adjacent to the left front of our church on Crosswicks Street, will be demolished in the near future. The convent has been vacant for many years and is in severe disrepair, and it represents a serious liability for our parish. Our Diocese will manage the demolition, and they have awarded the project to the J.C. Vinch Co., and have loaned our parish the monies to accomplish this improvement.

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

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

How Much to Give?

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the common standard among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do, because our charitable expenditure excludes them."

—C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), English author

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

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 |
| | 8:00 PM | Knights of Columbus Parish Center, upstairs |
| Thurs. | 6:30 PM | 1st Holy Communion Parent Prep meeting School Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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

Mass for Healing – February 19th

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, our parish priest, will be offering a Mass on **Monday February 19th at 7:30 PM** for healing. Confessions will be heard from 6:30-7:15PM. 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.

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.

“How could one possibly contemplate the mystery of the Child in Bethlehem, in the joyful mysteries of the Rosary, without experiencing the desire to welcome, defend, and promote life, and to shoulder the burdens of suffering children all over the world?” —St. John Paul II

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

>>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 12th.

>>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. 13th, for March 9-11 retreat.

>>SOUP FOR THE SOUL LENTEN SUPPER—February 16th—6PM in the basement of Holy Assumption Church, Roebling, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7PM.

>>WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—March 1—Community prayers at Holy Assumption Church, 7PM.

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

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: Baby Isaac who is in a coma; Frank H.; Samme; Mary M.; Patricia H.; Catherine; Joe C. for healing of cancer; Ginny’s brother Bob; B.J. and Pam; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Bill S; Paul Shea; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; 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.

Altar Servers — February 17th & 18th

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| 5:00PM | Team #1 | Coppola |
| 7:30AM | Team #5 | Spivey |
| 9:30AM | Team #6 | Marrano |
| 11:30AM | Team #10 | Ogbutor |

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of February 4th, we received \$10,288 in our regular collection, and \$1,827 in offerings for our Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Many thanks for your generosity!

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 11: Pat Kekesi

Week of February 18: Palma Harwick

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

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 this week)

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

February 11, 2018: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was "moved with pity", and so he chose to heal the leper. And in spite of Jesus' command to "tell no one anything," Jesus knew that the leper would not be able to keep the good news of his healing quiet. And, yes, the leper does "publicize the whole matter." Indeed, the leper proclaims the Gospel. Perhaps Jesus healed the leper because he recognized one who would be a disciple and spread the Good News. Jesus wished that the leper be made clean, he had the power to heal. But more important, his heart was filled with mercy.



Next week the order form for our annual Palm Cross Sale will be in the bulletin.

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



...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, Rileigh 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 Fabrizio, 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

Joseph Harcar

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Rev. Arthur Colon
RB/Tersina DiPietro

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.

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 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.

Parenting Pointer: You are not your children! Your success as a parent does not depend on their success. Resist the urge to take credit for your child's successes, lest you also take the blame for their mistakes. —*SusanVogt.net*

Baptisms for January 2018

| <u>Baby's Name</u> | <u>Parents' Names</u> | <u>Date of Baptism</u> |
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| Paxton Francis Luisi | Joseph & Cristie Luisi | January 7, 2018 |
| Amber Virginia Janis | Christian & Cristina Janis | January 21, 2018 |
| Cailynn Jane O'Neill | James & Christa O'Neill | January 21, 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

February 11 ,25.....February RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School
February 13, 27.....February RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church
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
March 4, 11, 18, 25.....March RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School
March 6, 13, 20.....March RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church
March 3.....First Holy Communion Retreat for children and one parent only
 "A-L" 10:00-11:30AM, and "M-Z" 12:30-2:00PM—BOTH in School Hall

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. "*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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***God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
 that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.***

PRINCIPAL WANTED

Holy Cross Preparatory Academy, a Catholic co-educational high school in Delran, New Jersey is accepting applications for a dynamic person for the principal position as the high school transitions from a diocesan sponsored Catholic school to a newly independent Catholic high school. The candidate who accepts this position must be a practicing Catholic, and have a Master's Degree in Education or a related field and have a minimum of five years teaching experience and three years administrative experience. Preference will be given to candidates with appropriate state certification in Education Administration/Leadership.

For further information and application details, visit www.newholycross.org.

Catholic Men's Conference — February 24

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. will be celebrating Mass at the *2018 Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Conference* on February 24 at St. Gregory the Great Church. This year's theme is "The Age of Mercy". The conference will run from 8AM to 3PM, and will feature speakers Ralph Martin, Bob and Maureen Digan, and Gez Ford; Mass at 11AM; and a special youth session for young men from 8th grade through college. The cost is \$30, and \$10 for students.

For more information visit the conference website, CatholicMenForJesusChrist.org.

Casino Trip — March 28

The Rosary & Altar Society of the parish of Ss. Francis & Clare is organizing a VIP bus trip to the Tropicana Casino for Wednesday, March 28th. The cost is \$45. If interested, please call either Maria Roan (609-499-2218) or Marie Margicin (609-499-4510).



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: Ramen noodles; granola bars; deodorant; shampoo. *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).

