

**Monday, February 19**

- 7:30 AM Mary Pelletteri  
RB/Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tanzini
- 7:30 PM Healing Mass

**Tuesday, February 20**

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

**Wednesday, February 21**

- 7:30 AM Alfredo Paronable  
RB/Vicky Romero & Family
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations (Chapel)

**Thursday, February 22**

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &  
Clare Parishioners

**Friday, February 23**

- 7:30 AM Dino Loretangeli  
RB/Ferdinand Loretangeli
- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 24**

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Margaret Pinto  
RB/G. Morelli; H. & R. Concklin

**Sunday, February 25**

- 7:30 AM Nina Adonizio
- 9:30 AM Joseph Huggler  
RB/Patricia Dyer
- 11:30 AM Lena Tague (A)  
RB/Elizabeth Laureti & 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 6:15 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:**

**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.



**Palm Cross Sale**

Today's bulletin contains an ad and order form for the Palm Cross Sale, which benefits the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please support the sale if you can.

**Selection of our Parish Name**

On the reverse side of the Palm Cross Sale form, I have explained the need to submit the best name suggestions to Bishop O'Connell, and I am asking for your help in voting for your top 2 choices. We will conduct a vote at our weekend Masses next weekend, Feb. 24 & 25.

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

**St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716)**

St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort is famously known for his prayer of entrustment to Mary the Mother of Jesus, "*Totus Tuus ergo sum*", which means "I am all yours", and for his masterpiece of Marian piety, "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin".

Born in Montfort, Brittany, St. Louis-Marie had a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament as a child, and was also intimately devoted to the Blessed Virgin, especially through the Rosary. He took the name Marie at his Confirmation.

While at school he joined a society of young men who ministered to the poor and the sick on school holidays. At 19, he walked to Paris (130 miles) to study theology, and gave all that he had to the poor and the sick he met along the way, and made a vow to live only on alms. He was ordained at 27, and served for a time as a hospital chaplain.

St. Louis-Marie discovered his great gift for preaching at the age of 32, and committed himself to it for the remainder of his life. He met with such great success that he often drew crowds of thousands to hear his sermons in which he encouraged frequent communion and devotion to Mary. A year before he died he founded two congregations: the *Daughters of Divine Wisdom*-which tended to the sick in hospitals and the education of poor girls, and the *Company of Mary*-missionaries devoted to preaching and spreading the devotion to Mary.

[adapted from the [Catholic News Agency.com/saint](http://Catholic News Agency.com/saint)]

**Note to parishioners:**

The Montfort Fathers, missionaries of the *Company of Mary*, used the Divine Word Seminary in Bordentown to train some of their seminarians years ago, through an agreement with Fr. Paul Connors, SVD, until June 1978.

—Deacon Tom Shea

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon.	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:30 PM	Healing Mass (Church) & Reception (School Hall)
PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY		
Tues.	7:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study Parish Center, upstairs
Wed.	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs

**PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT**

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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**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.

**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

## 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.**

*“Concentration is impossible when the mind is troubled; thoughts run helter-skelter; a thousand and one images flood across the mind; distracted and wayward, the spiritual seems a long way off. The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual, and in that order.”*—Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

### 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 19th.**

>>**SOUP FOR THE SOUL LENTEN SUPPER**—February 23rd, and March 2nd, 9th, and 23rd—6PM in the basement of Holy Assumption Church, Roebbling, 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.

>>**WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO**—March 9-11 retreat; see details in separate ad.

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – March 11th**—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 **March 13th at 2:00 PM**, in the Chapel.

### 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 for continued healing; 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; Maryann; Deb; Bill S; Paul Shea; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Lucille; Sharon C. for strength and healing; 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.

### VOLUNTARY LENTEN PRACTICES

**Question:** When we give something up for Lent, such as candy, can we have it on Sundays in Lent?

**Answer:** Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole period of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, **such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.** (USCCB)

### Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of February 11th, we received \$8,485 in our regular collection.

*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 18:** *Palma Harwick*

**Week of February 25:** *Josephine O'Dwyer*

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 overdue)**

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

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

**St. John the Almsgiver**

St. John was born of a noble family in Cyprus about 550 A.D. He married and had children, but after his wife's death he decided to live a simple life, serving God.

In the early seventh century, at the urging of the people of Alexandria, Egypt, the emperor appointed John as their patriarch. As a young man John had a vision of a beautiful maiden who called herself Compassion. Now, as patriarch, he had the opportunity to "practice charity without limits" among Alexandria's poor. He made a list of nearly one thousand needy people whom he placed under his care. He called the poor his "lord and masters" because of their "mighty influence" with God. Sometimes people who really weren't poor took advantage of his benevolence. When John was told of this, he said *"Give unto him; he may be Our Lord in disguise"*.

John faithfully visited hospitals, freed slaves, gave the Church's treasury to hospitals and monasteries, and welcomed refugees. He distributed his own money and possessions to the poor. A story is told of a merchant who gave him a valuable gift. John sold it and gave the proceeds to the poor. The merchant re-bought the item and gave it to John again. The same thing happened. John is said to have remarked, *"We'll see who tires first."*

John was forced to flee Alexandria when the city was occupied by the Persians. He returned to his homeland of Cyprus where he died in 616 A.D.

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



**...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**

Lourdes Aquino

**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.*

**Parish Office Closed**



Our parish office will be closed this **Monday, February 19th**, in observance of Presidents Day.

**Altar Servers — February 24th & 25th**

5:00PM	Team #2	Hutman
7:30AM	Team #4	Ritter
9:30AM	Team #7	Cooper
11:30AM	Team #9	Jones

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**February 18, 2018: 1st Sunday of Lent**

Jesus went out into the desert to be alone. He is on the brink of inaugurating his public ministry. Something new and important is about to happen. He does the natural thing: goes off alone to think things through and confront the demons that would dissuade him from his mission. Then he goes to Galilee to proclaim the gospel of God. This defines in a nutshell what Lent is all about: we, too, spend extra time by ourselves during Lent so that we can come to the Easter celebration better able to proclaim the gospel.

In January the St. Vincent de Paul Society helped two families with \$3,250 for rent. Thank you for your generosity. The order form for the Palm Cross Sale is in today's Bulletin.

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





**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

- Feb. 18 & 20** .....**NO RE CLASSES, in honor of Presidents' Day**  
**February 25**.....February RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School  
**February 27**.....February RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church  
**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  
**March 4**.....Children's Liturgy Program, 9:30AM Mass at St. Mary's Church

**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

**Children's Liturgy Program** — St. Mary's Church is happy to announce that we have started a Children's Liturgy Program at the 9:30AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Children's Liturgy is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for ages 5–9. Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins the children will be invited to the 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 join their families for Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents and high school students please consider volunteering your time, even one or two Sundays 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 [office@stmarysre.org](mailto:office@stmarysre.org).

**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**  
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**Facebook page: St. Mary's Church—Bordentown, NJ**  
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***One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.***

**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).



**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](http://CatholicMenForJesusChrist.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: tomato sauce; mac & cheese; rice; canned pork and beans. *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).



**Mass While Away From Home?**

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