

**Monday, February 26**

- 7:30 AM Joseph Harcar
RB/Vince Aveni
- 7:00 PM Lenten Mission

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

- 7:30 AM Thelma Ranieri
RB/a friend
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)

Thursday, March 1

- 7:30 AM Joseph Harcar
RB/Knights of Columbus #570
- 7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &
Clare Parishioners

Friday, March 2

- 7:30 AM Everlasting Spiritual Bouquet
- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Joseph Harcar
RB/Rosary & Altar Society

Sunday, March 4

- 7:30 AM Janice Harding
- 9:30 AM Beatriz Mayorga (A)
RB/Lucy Mayorga
- 11:30 AM Marie Todaro Sospetti
RB/Nazern Sospetti

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 & 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>

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, we are offering Stations of the Cross devotions on Fridays at 2 PM and 7 PM. This powerful form of prayer allows us to journey along with Jesus and reflect on his love for us as he carries his cross to Calvary and offers his life for our sins and the sins of the whole world.



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:
 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**

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

Volunteers Needed

1st Way of Burlington County, 500 High Street, Burlington, 609-871-1431, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center, is in need of volunteers to help poor mothers and their babies. Our hours are Monday through Thursday 10-2, and Wednesday 4-6.

If you are able to commit to 2 hours a week to give out diapers, formula, layettes, and clothing to these unfortunate families please call Karen Pierce at 856-722-9418, or our director Maria Lonergan at 609-284-7943 for any questions.

**Cast Members for Living Stations of the Cross:
 First practice is Sunday, February 25 at 12:45PM,
 upstairs in St. Mary's Parish Center.**

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon.	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Lenten Mission (Church) & Reception (School Hall)
Tues.	7:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs
Fri.	6:00 PM	Confirmation Retreat School Hall
Sat.	10 & 12:30	1st Holy Communion Retreat School Hall

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the 4,300 steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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

Lenten Mission – Feb. 26 & March 12

Jesus asks us: Do you want to be healed (John 5:6)?

Fr. Martin Padovani of Divine Word Missionaries will lead us in the powerful healing ministry of Jesus through forgiveness and reconciliation. Come and see - Monday, February 26, and Monday, March 12, at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church in Bordentown. For information, please call the parish office at 609-298-0261.



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 – Fr. 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 26th.**

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

>>**SOUP FOR THE SOUL LENTEN SUPPER—March 2nd, 9th, and 23rd**—6PM in the basement of Holy Assumption Church, Roebing, followed by Stations of the Cross at 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; 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; 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)

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women of the local communities of the area, you are invited to come together in an evening of prayer uniting with women worldwide for the needs of humanity. Remember...There is nothing more effective on the world than an army of women praying. **March 1st -7:00PM at Holy Assumption Church.**

Congratulations . . .

. . . to our young adult parishioners for their academic excellence by achieving the Honor Roll at Notre Dame High School:

Alyssa Stanley, Samuel Grala, Olivia Arronenzi, Nicholas DeMille, Nicholas Cutrupi, Amy Anderson, and Dominick Brown.

Altar Servers — March 3rd & 4th

5:00PM	Team #3	Zola
7:30AM	Team #5	Spivey
9:30AM	Team #8	Labissiere
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of February 25: *Josephine O'Dwyer*

Week of March 4: *Ginny Richardson*

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**

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.

Travel Extravaganza — June 7-16, 2020

Graycar Travel presents a classic Danube River Cruise, combined with the Oberammergau Passion Play, with tours through Munich, Passau, Linz, Bratislava, Budapest, and more. Join with Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Msgr. Tom Gervasio, Fr. Garry Koch, Fr. Jeffrey Lee, Fr. Gerald Lynch, Fr. Anthony Sirianni, and Fr. Michael Hall on the trip. For more info, contact Graycar Travel at 609-587-7050, or Larry Denney at the parish office, 298-0261. Trip is for 10 days, and includes round trip air fare from Newark and 22 meals, and costs range from \$6,600-\$10,250.



...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, 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, Charlie Radvany, Angelo LePre, Rev. John H. Maltby and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Rev. Arthur Conlon
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.

Faith To Move Mountains Update

Our parish recently received its 4th rebate check from the diocese for parishioners' contributions (30%) in the amount of \$11,202, to be applied to our parish debt reduction, and for spiritual programs and events.

—Larry Denney

St. Vincent de Paul Society

February 25, 2018: 2nd Sunday of Lent

We can find the rhythm of the dying and rising of the Paschal Mystery everywhere. In the Gospel we see the transfigured glory then allusion to Jesus' dying. In our daily lives we see the "dying and rising" between our work and leisure, between times with loved ones and times away, between success and failure, between doing something we would enjoy and doing something someone else would enjoy more. In our daily lives as we see the Paschal Mystery unfolding, the distance between the religious and secular spheres of our lives decreases. Instead of putting religion in a neat box it becomes truly the very way we live.

Please put your Palm Cross orders in the Mass collection baskets.

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



Parish Offerings:

On Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) we received \$2,281 in offerings; and for the weekend of February 18th, we received \$7,931 in our regular collection, and \$1,319 in Stewardship offerings.

Many thanks for your generosity!



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

- 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
- February 25 & 27**.....Missionary Childhood Association Coin Boxes
- 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 2**.....Confirmation Retreat from 6:00-9:00PM at St. Mary's School
- 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

Missionary Childhood Association Coin Boxes will be handed out to all our RE students this week. This annual Lenten appeal benefits needy children in more than 120 countries. A lowly donation of \$8 provides books and pencils for five children, \$5 provides milk for one child for a month, and \$4 helps provide clean water for one child. If you would like to participate, please return the boxes any time now through March 25th. Last year we raised \$990.69.

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

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@stmmarysre.org.

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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@stmmarysre.org](mailto:office@stmmarysre.org) or [office2@stmmarysre.org](mailto:office2@stmmarysre.org); Website: [www.stmarysre.org](http://www.stmarysre.org).  
 Facebook page: St. Mary's Church—Bordentown, NJ  
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This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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).



Rachel's Vineyard:

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

- When:** March 9-11
- Where:** Mariawald Renewal Center, 1094 Welsh Road, Shillington, PA 19607
- Cost:** \$300 per couple/\$170 per person, includes meals and lodging. If cost prevents your attendance, speak with Sr. Meg.
- Contact:** Sr. Meg Cole at 1-866-3-RACHEL, or projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org.

Marriage Annulment Informational Sessions are offered periodically by the diocese, to dispel misconceptions and describe the procedures involved. The next sessions in our area are on **February 27** at 7:30PM (Our Lady of Sorrows in Mercerville) and **March 22** at 7:30PM (Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Maple Shade).

For more information call 609-406-7411 or email rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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