

**Monday, January 8**

7:30 AM Sybil Cushing

Tuesday, January 97:30 AM Josephine & Joseph Radice
RB/Radice Family

2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations

7:00 PM Novena & Adoration Hour

Thursday, January 117:30 AM John Rogers (A)
RB/Family7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &
Clare Parishioners**Friday, January 12**7:30 AM Carmela L. Aveni
RB/Vince Aveni**Saturday, January 13**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Jean Wooley
RB/Tracy & Tom Moser**Sunday, January 14**7:30 AM Giovanni & Ponziane Loretangeli
RB/Ferdinand Loretangeli9:30 AM Anthony J. DeLorenzo
RB/Angelo Gitto11:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Granaldi
RB/Karen & Peter Granaldi**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 EducationPublic 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: M,Tu,W,F 8:00-
8:45AM; Th, 8:00AM-12:00Noon; Sat, 8:00-
10:00AM. Evening hours are Wed, 7-8PM.
Quarterly, special times & events are 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 CALLSUrgent 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>Adoration</i>	<i>Ginny Olsen 947-3336</i>
<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>

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon.	7:00 PM	Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel
	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Eucharistic Ministers Church
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs
Fri.	7:00 PM	Ushers Meeting Parish Center, downstairs

St. Vincent de Paul Society

January 7, 2018: Feast of the Epiphany

The Magi were searchers. They traveled by night, following a star, moving like pilgrims, struggling through deserts. That is so often the human way. Most of us grope in the darkness most of our lives. The wise men's search revealed to them how closely light and darkness, birth and death, joy and sorrow, belief and unbelief are interlocked. It is crucial for us to recognize ourselves as searchers, as did the Magi. Our life is a journey, in which we often travel by night. In fact, the Lord's star is visible for us only when we acknowledge the darkness. Life holds so many unanswered questions, so many unfulfilled desires. Our hearts find ultimate fulfillment only in God, whom we search for during the entire course of our lives. This is what the Magi proclaim to us very clearly.

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



Attention:

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors are now responsible for the Prayers of the Faithful. Please allow ample time before Mass to review, with special attention for the Mass intention.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

are invited to attend an upcoming training session. There will be two training sessions concerning the responsibilities and duties of the Eucharistic Ministers, and you may select either session, **January 8th or January 16th**. Both sessions will begin at 7:00 PM in the main body of the church. The training should last approximately 30 minutes. Discussion will focus around the increased roles for EMs due to the decreased number of Deacons available for Mass. Additionally, the procedures for those who are bringing Holy Communion to the homebound will also be addressed. Please plan on attending one of these sessions.



—Deacon Gary Richardson

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the *Shrine of the Three Kings* has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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

Prayer Garden Memorial Pavers

We have recently installed 65 memorial pavers in our Prayer Garden, and it is our intention to install as many as 200. If you would like to purchase one or more pavers in memory of your loved ones (living or deceased), please utilize the form which is available at our church exits or in the parish office. The cost is \$100 per paver. Please contact me if you have any questions.

—Larry Denney, Business Administrator

Altar Servers — January 13th & 14th

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

2018 Parish Calendars

Parish Calendars for 2018 are now available at our church exits, from our ushers, and in our parish center.

January 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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.

“Even if you have to fight distractions all through your whole Rosary, be sure to fight well, arms in hand: that is to say, do not stop saying your Rosary even if it is hard to say and you have absolutely no sensible devotion. It is a terrible battle, I know, but one that is profitable to the faithful soul.”—St. Louis De Montfort

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 January 8th.**

>>**ROSARIAN MONTHLY ROSARY**—Rosarians will meet to recite together their monthly public Rosary during the regular Tuesday Rosary Hour on **January 9th at 2:00 PM**, in the Chapel.

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – January 14th**—9:30 AM Mass for all Rosarians, living and deceased.

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

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for January:

- ♦ *Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia—That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.*

Let us pray Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: Emily; Sandra Frick; Jack Laciskey; Samme; Ruth B.; Patricia H.; Mary M., Maryann, and Joe C. for the healing of cancer; John Mullen; David; Daniel; Catherine; 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 & family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Josephine H.; Christy, Joan and family members; for Jo for healing in her grief; 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.

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS — WEEKLY SHOPPING

Shoprite Supermarket Gift Cards are available in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations through the Rosary & Altar Society. They are convenient and beneficial to every household. We promise quick turnaround of cards once ordered and the parish community earns a 5% return on every card purchased.



You may place orders by telephoning Stephanie at 609-291-1816, and thanks for your patronage!

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of December 24th, we received \$8,077 in our regular collection; for December 31st we received \$7,320; for the January 1st holyday we received \$2,598; and to date we have received over \$43,127 in Christmas offerings.

Many thanks for your generosity!

Visit Italy in May 2018

Join Fr. Timothy Byerley and Brenda Quinn for 9 days in Rome from **May 21-May 30, 2018!** We will be departing from Philadelphia, and staying at the beautiful Michelangelo Hotel, next to the Vatican! Our travelers will visit Assisi, Orvieto, and Siena, and we will celebrate Mass everyday. Included is a Papal Audience, visits to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, St. Mary Major and St. John the Lateran Churches, Mass in the Catacombs, The Spanish Steps, San Domiano Convent, The Basilica of St. Francis, the steps stained with the Blood of the Eucharistic Miracle in Orvieto, and more!!

For more information, go online to <https://thecollegiumcenter.org/rome-italy-may-21-may-30-2018/> or contact Brenda at 856-534-0400 or via email at olvbquinn@aol.com

Visit thecollegiumcenter.org for information about upcoming events. Due to high demand for The Michelangelo Hotel, we need reservations by Jan. 30th. Thank you!

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of January 7: *Roseanne O'Donnell*

Week of January 14: *Claudia Houseworth*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

Christmas and the Epiphany of the Lord

In the early centuries, the birth of Christ didn't have its own feast. It was originally part of a great feast on January 6 called "Epiphany" that celebrated several "manifestations" of Christ—his birth, his recognition by the Magi, his baptism in the Jordan River, and his miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. During the fourth century, Christians in the western world pulled Christmas out of the Epiphany celebration and gave it its own feast on December 25. The time between this new feast on December 25 and the Epiphany on January 6 became the Christmas season—the "12 days of Christmas".

But the Christmas season no longer ends on January 6. That's because eventually an "octave" was added to the feast of the Epiphany—an extension of the celebration for a week after the feast. When this happened, the Christmas season no longer ended on Epiphany but continued through the octave. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was eventually placed at the end of the octave . . . and now it's the feast that brings the Christmas season to a close.

[source: [The Little Blue Book: Advent and Christmas Seasons 2016-2017](http://www.littlebooks.org), Diocese of Saginaw, MI; www.littlebooks.org]

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much."

—St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Parish of Ss. Francis & Clare is seeking an experienced church organist, to serve at Holy Assumption Church, following the retirement of Bob Scara. Interested applicants are invited to contact Jac Madson, St. Mary's music director and organist, at **609-298-0261** for more information.

Attention: Ushers!

There will be a general meeting for all parish ushers on **Friday, January 12th at 7PM** in the parish center. Also, anyone who is interested to serve as an usher is invited to attend. Should you have any questions, please call Ferd Loretageli at 609-298-2131.



...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, Suzanne Madson, Alice tenBerge and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Mary Louise Torrillo

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Ada DiPietro
RB/Family

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Edward MacMullan
RB/Wife

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

Mass & Healing Service – January 15th

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 January 15th at 7:30 PM** for healing. 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. Following the Mass will be individual prayer for the sick and then a reception for Father will take place in the cafeteria. For more info call Pat Baylog at 298-4249.



2018 March for Life

The **Knights of Columbus Council 570** is co-sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 19, 2018**. The bus will depart at 8AM, following our 7:30AM Mass, from St. Mary's parking lot. The March will be approximately 2 hours; we may visit the National Shrine; our group will stop for an evening meal at the Golden Corral; and return by 10PM. Suggested donation is \$25.00. Seats are limited; please call Ed Connor at 609-291-9750, or email at edconmba@gmail.com

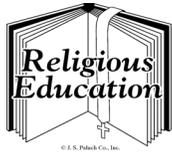
Baptisms for December 2017

Baby's Name
Gabriella Ryan DeClerico
Harper Capri Quarino

Parents' Names
Ryan & Stephanie DeClerico
Matthew & Jamie Quarino

Date of Baptism
December 17, 2017
December 17, 2017

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

- January 7, 21, 28**.....January RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School
January 9, 23, 30.....January RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church
January 7.....Final day to turn in ALL Confirmation paperwork
January 7.....AT-HOME FAITH Unit 2 Test is due
January 25.....First Penance Practice Group A — 5:00-6:00PM in St. Mary's Church
January 25.....First Penance Practice Group B — 6:30-7:30PM in St. Mary's Church
January 27.....First Penance: Group A—9AM; and Group B—11AM in St. Mary's Church

Confirmation Candidates – all your paperwork is due today, January 7th. You will be receiving information about your Confirmation Interview shortly. If all of your paperwork and service hours are finished, you will be receiving your Confirmation Application. You will also be measured for Confirmation Robes.

AT-HOME FAITH students — your Unit 2 tests are due back in the RE office no later than today, January 7th.

First Penance — Our 2nd Graders will have had their retreat on Saturday, January 6th and will receive their sacrament later this month. Please pray for all our boys and girls that they may open their hearts and minds to this beautiful sacrament of forgiveness. Help them turn to God for forgiveness. Email reminders will go out to the families for their practice and Penance times.

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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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We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Jesus' Name Conveys Meaning and His Purpose

The angel said to Joseph: 'She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins'. (Matthew 1:21)

Joseph learns that Mary is carrying a son, and that he is to be named "Jesus". This is a shortened form of the Hebrew name "Joshua". It literally means "Yahweh helps". As often happens with names, it also had a popular meaning that the evangelist Matthew uses here—"he will save his people from their sins."

From the very beginning until the day he died, it was clear that Jesus came for sinners. This had particular meaning for the apostle Matthew, who recorded in his Gospel the Pharisees' criticism, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (Matthew 9:9-11)

Jesus never backed away from the charge of eating and drinking with sinners. He responded, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do." It was true then, and it's true now. You never have to waffle when talking to the Lord about your problems and sins. He was born for this.

[source: [The Little Blue Book 2017-18](#); Diocese of Saginaw, MI; littlebooks.org]

***Anointing of the Sick
 and Communion for the Homebound***

Please notify the parish office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. Arrangements can be made to bring Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

The West Point Concert Band will be giving a free concert at Bordentown Regional High School, 318 Ward Ave. in Bordentown on **Friday, January 12th at 7:00 PM**. Tickets to this wonderful evening of music are free, but seating is limited.

For more information or to reserve tickets contact Robert Violette at bordentownmusic@gmail.com.

This concert is brought to you by the City of Bordentown and the Bordentown Military Institute Alumni Association.

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: Beef-a-Roni; peanut butter; canned chicken; granola bars; kid's cereal; toothpaste; shampoo; razors.



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).