

PARISH OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

45 Crosswicks Street
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HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL



SAINT MARY CHURCH

Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

- 7:30 AM Albert DiMaria
RB/Alberta Kunkel & Family; and,
John Mackiewicz (A) RB/Family
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, June 6

- 7:30 AM Ann Meadus
RB/Darota Family
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

Thursday, June 7

- 7:30 AM Tammy Amari
RB/Bonnie & Frank Burger

Friday, June 8

- 7:30 AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, June 9

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

Sunday, June 10

- 7:30 AM Richard P. Schwing
RB/Tim Martin
- 9:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary & Altar Society
- 11:30 AM Dorothy Lippincott
RB/Dina & Tersina DiPietro

Come to the Lord!

Visit with the Lord every day in St. Mary's Chapel.
The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for solemn
adoration after morning Mass, Monday - Friday.

Parish Offerings for the weekend of May 27th—

Holy Assumption Church:
\$3,687 (regular)

Saint Mary Church:
\$7,771 (regular); \$928 (Catholic Communications);
and \$388 for Father's Day memorials.

Many thanks for your generosity!

HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Monday, June 4

- 8:00 AM William Donnelly
RB/Kathleen Houston

Tuesday, June 5

- 8:00 AM Michael Rusnak
RB/Rusnak Family

Wednesday, June 6

- 8:00 AM Eucharistic Service

Thursday, June 7

- 8:00 AM William Donnelly
RB/Trezza & Zsebenyi Families

Friday, June 8

- 8:00 AM Elizabeth "Elsie" Protich
RB/Helen Totten & Family

Saturday, June 9

- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Nicholas R. DeMutii
RB/Rita & Nick DeMutii; and,
Deceased Members of the Ladies
Ancient Order of Hibernians
RB/Division 3, LAOH

Sunday, June 10

- 10:30 AM William Donnelly
RB/Rosary & Altar Society

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 (SM);
Sue Oros 499-0022 (HA)</i> |
| <i>Knights of Columbus</i> | <i>Ron White 903-0342</i> |
| <i>Open Hearts, Willing Hands (Interfaith Caregivers of
Greater Mercer County)</i> | <i>609-393-9922</i> |
| <i>Parish Council</i> | <i>Deacon Gary Richardson</i> |
| <i>Rosary & Altar Society</i> | <i>Stephanie Salewski 291-1816
or Donna Frappolli 221-1957</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> |

Please return your Father's Day spiritual bouquet envelopes
prior to Father's Day, June 17th. A series of Masses will be
offered for all living and deceased fathers whose names are
submitted.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM at Holy Assumption, and
5:00 PM at St. Mary

Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM at St. Mary, and
10:30 AM at Holy Assumption

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday—7:30 AM at St. Mary; and
8:00 AM at Holy Assumption (except Wed.—
Eucharistic Service);
[no morning Mass on Saturdays.]

Eve before a Holy Day: 7:00 PM (St. Mary)

Holy Days: 7:30AM (St. Mary), 8AM (Holy Assumption)
and 7:00 PM (St. Mary). Schedule may vary.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The chapel is open daily. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for solemn adoration: Mon-Fri 8:00-8:45AM; Sat, 8:00-10:00AM. Evening hours are Wed, 7-8PM; Thurs, 7-9PM. Quarterly, special adoration times & events are offered.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 3:00 PM (Holy Assumption) and
4:00 PM (St. Mary); also by appointment.

NOVENA

In honor of the Miraculous Medal each Wednesday at 7 PM
at St. Mary.

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, and also documents Mass attendance. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of the envelopes.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are done on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, following the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary; and on the 3rd Sunday during the 10:30 AM Mass at Holy Assumption. Please call the rectory office to register, provide the required documents, and schedule a Baptism Prep class.

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.

Religious Education

Public elementary school children on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at St. Mary School.
See separate column on Religious Education activities and contact information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society**June 3, 2018: Corpus Christi Sunday**

Jesus' identity as the suffering servant who obtained redemption for us "with his own blood" is truly the same as his mission – to give of himself without counting the cost, even if its cost is his very body and blood. Self-giving unites identity and mission into the same reality. This solemnity brings us once again to Jesus' self-giving on the cross and to continue self-giving in the Eucharist, and challenges us to take up Jesus' mission of self-giving. The Eucharist is the centerpiece of our lives, challenging us: our identity is our mission – self-giving.



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

RETREAT FOR MEN—JULY 13-15

The **Knights of Columbus** Bordentown Council #570 is sponsoring its annual retreat for all men of the parish at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, where God and the ocean come together.



The retreat will be held on the weekend of July 13th-15th, beginning at 5 PM on Friday evening and ending at 12 Noon on Sunday. The cost is \$220, and includes your room and all meals.



Contact Ferdinand Loretangeli at 298-2131, or Larry Denney at 298-1892, for more details.

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Mass While Away From Home?

Keep God in your travel plans—visit www.masstimes.org.

Rosary Recitations
Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Pray for us



ALL ARE WELCOME—PLEASE JOIN US IN THESE PRAYER SESSIONS:

- ♦ **Daily Rosary** – 7:00AM and 8:00AM in the St. Mary chapel (before and after the 7:30AM Mass); and 7:30AM in Holy Assumption Church;
- ♦ **Tuesdays** from 2:00—3:00PM in the St. Mary chapel;
- ♦ **Wednesdays** at 3:00PM for priests and religious in the St. Mary chapel;
- ♦ **Saturdays** at 9:00AM the “Timeless Rosary” is recited in the St. Mary chapel;
- ♦ **Sundays** at 10AM (before Mass) at Holy Assumption Church.

Pray the Rosary as a family, even if only a decade a day—just begin.

“Because the Rosary is both a mental and a vocal prayer, it is one where intellectual elephants may bathe, and the simple birds may also sip.”—Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

UPCOMING EVENTS & PARISH DEVOTIONS:

>>**PRAYER SHAWL PROJECT – Mary’s Weavers** —**Monday evenings at 7 PM** in the downstairs meeting room, Parish Center, St. Mary site. Call Helene Shea for more information at 298-7612. **Next Meeting is on June 4th.**

>>**ROSARIANS’ COMMUNION SUNDAY**—for the intention of all Rosarians, living and deceased:

June 3rd—TODAY—at Holy Assumption Church—Rosary at 10AM, followed by 10:30AM Mass;

June 10th—at St. Mary’s Church—Rosary at 9AM, followed by 9:30AM Mass

(Note: The floral arrangement in Holy Assumption Church this weekend is in memory of Michael & Mary Hatala and Susanna Hatala, from the Warner family.)

>>**ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING—June 5th (note changed date)**, in the Divine Mercy Room at Holy Assumption Church; Rosary at 6:30PM, followed by membership meeting and Ice Cream Social. **ALL MEMBERS OF BOTH PARISHES & THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING MEMBERS ARE INVITED.**

>>**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:**

St. Mary’s Church—Wednesdays at 7PM (in the Chapel);

Holy Assumption Church—Mondays after 8AM Mass

>>**ROSARIAN WEEKLY ROSARY & PRAYER HOUR**—Tuesdays at 2:00 PM, in St. Mary’s Chapel.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for June:

- Universal Social Networks—*That social networks may work towards the inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.*

Let us pray . . . Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: John A.; Frank H.; Suzanne M.; Samme; Loretta S.; Mary M.; Patricia H.; Catherine; Joe C. for healing of cancer; Ginny’s brother Bob; B.J. and Pam; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Maryann; Bill S; Paul Shea; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Irene D.; Sharon C. for strength and healing; Nicholas E.; Baby Isaac for continued healing; Therese S.; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Marilyn Rogalski; Julie and family; Luz; Timothy; Jan 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 and for all life concerns; for the family and sacramental marriage; for our civil protectors in the military, the police, firefighters and EMTs; for vocations; 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. We pray for Our Lady’s help in bringing our parishes of St. Francis and Clare and St. Mary’s to unity as the Parish of Mary, Mother of the Church, one fervent and vibrant community of the faithful; let us pray earnestly as we remember our mission to Our Father and each other of LOVE.

Altar Servers — June 9th & 10th
(St. Mary Church)

5:00PM	Team #2	Hutman
7:30AM	Team #5	Spivey
9:30AM	Team #7	Cooper
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

at St. Mary’s (SM) & Holy Assumption (HA)

Week of June 3: *Jeanne Zalegowski (SM)*
Barbara Boldizar (HA)

Week of June 10: *Marge Devennie (SM)*
Barbara Boldizar (HA)

For more information, call Helene Shea (SM) at 609-298-7612 or Barbara Boldizar (HA) at 609-499-0900.

Have Your Voice Heard!

We are seeking three (3) “at-large” members for our Parish Council, to represent the concerns of the parish faithful, and who may or may not be otherwise involved in the functions or ministries of the parish. If interested, please contact the parish office staff or Fr. Joe. Many thanks for your help!

—Deacon Gary Richardson, Council President

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 SM Parish Center, upstairs
Tues.	6-7:30 PM	At-Home Faith Interviews Parish Center, RE Office
Wed.	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society SM Parish Center, upstairs

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of today’s solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never from the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, *Juliana of Liège*, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions.

Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204: a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the *procession of the Holy Blood* is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible.

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

New Logo or Symbol Wanted

With the introduction of our new parish name — Mary, Mother of the Church — we are hoping to add a new logo or symbol for our parish, that could be used on our website, bulletin or other correspondence as needed.

Are there any “budding artists” among the parish faithful who are willing to design such a symbol? Please submit your design entry to the parish office by June 18th. If we have competing designs, we will vote on them.

—God Bless, Fr. Joe



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

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Victoria Seda, Marilyn Rogalski, Tony LaPointe, John Campo, Quincy Johnson, Elizabeth Gusrang, Maida Burke, Dave Bibus, Thaddeus Custer, Donald & Ann McGarrity, Rev. John Owens, John Fitzgerald, Anna Vosila, Cindy Marriot, Michael Albano, Brody Lingle, Patricia Gates, May Browning, Alice tenBerge, John Wehrman, Frances Mercantini, Charlie Radvany, Angelo LePre, Rev. John H. Maltby, Angelo Nasti, Jesse Dunn, Sam Eleuteri, Nicole Cochran, Dennis Kish, Luzie Johnson, Carol Greco, Theresa Stearle, Deacon Ron Schwoebel, Anne Lukach and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Mike Walsh
RB/Judy & Bill Bott

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Eva & Eugene DiPetro
RB/Family

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



First Banns

Rodger Allen Purdy III — Meagen Beata Browne

**Mary, Mother of the Church
Community Food Pantry**

We are a supplemental food source run by volunteers collecting and distributing food to over 300 families in need in Bordentown, Chesterfield, Crosswicks, Fieldsboro, Mansfield, Springfield, Florence, Roebing 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!



St. Mary site:

Current needs: Thanks to recent generous donations from two food drives (US Postal Service and Bordentown Rotary) and from the Congregation and Bordentown Community, St. Mary’s Food Pantry is well-stocked this week.

Access Hours: M-W-F 2-3:00 PM; Tu-Th 9-10:00 AM and 6-7:00 PM; and Sat. 9-10:00 AM.

Holy Assumption site:

Current needs: tomato sauce; toilet paper; paper towels; cereal; canned fruit.

Access Hours: Tuesdays 2-3PM.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Please DO NOT drop off and leave any food outside either Pantry site! Please drop off food only when the Pantry or the Church is open. Reminder: The Food Pantry may not distribute any foods that have expired.



Religious Education & Sacramental Programs
For Mary, Mother of the Church Parish
 1st through 8th Grade & High School

June 5 & 12.....AT-HOME FAITH Testing, 6:00-7:30PM in the parish office.

June 18.....2019 Confirmation candidate and parent MAKE-UP Meeting, 6PM in parish office.

August 6-10.....Vacation Bible School open to K–6th graders, 9-12PM in St. Mary’s School Hall.

2018-2019 tuition payments are due by June 15th for early registration families. All other registering participants must submit tuition with their registration forms.

AT-HOME FAITH Testing will be conducted on June 5th and June 12th from 6:00-7:30PM in the Parish Office. Emails have been sent home with schedule times. An evaluation allows the RE office to follow-up with your individual learning of the curriculum text you have done throughout the year.

2019 Confirmation candidates and parents/sponsors who were unable to attend the informational meeting on May 22nd will have a make-up meeting on June 18th at 6:00PM in the upstairs conference room of the Parish Office. **Remember that all candidates will be taking their 7th Grade Confirmation Test at this meeting. Study Guides were distributed to all candidates and can be found on our RE website.**

Volunteers are always needed! Please consider volunteering for our Religious Education program. We have a wonderful program for Catechists, Aides and Hall Monitors. The success of our program is dependent on the willingness of individuals to help out. All volunteers need to be fingerprinted and attend a “VIRTUS” Safe Child workshop before being allowed to volunteer. (Fingerprinting and VIRTUS information can be found on our RE website.) Volunteering is a rewarding experience—share your faith with our parish youth.

Returning Students please complete and return your 2018-2019 Registration Forms as soon as possible. Remember all classroom assignments are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

New Students entering our RE program for the 2018-2019 school year are asked to fill out a Registration Form that is now available in the bookcase in the back of church. Please note – if your child is new to our program and was not baptized in Holy Assumption, St. Clare’s, or St. Mary’s Church, we will need to see an original Baptismal Certificate.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL dates have been confirmed for August 6-10, from 9-12PM for students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. This year’s theme is *SHIPWRECKED Rescued by Jesus*. Registration forms are now available in the back of the church. Come out for a wonderful week where kids will learn that Jesus will continue to rescue you!

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 Mary, Mother of the Church RE Office

Phone: (609) 291-8281 ext. 18 (CRE) or ext.17 (Asst.); Fax: (609) 298-7178

Email: [office@stmarvsre.org](mailto:office@stmarvsre.org) or [office2@stmarvsre.org](mailto:office2@stmarvsre.org); Website: [www.stmarvsre.org](http://www.stmarvsre.org).

Facebook page: St. Mary’s Church—Bordentown, NJ  
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Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Bearing Hope is a support group for women struggling with infertility and pregnancy loss, and those willing to share their experiences and provide encouragement. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM at St. Gregory the Great’s community center. Contact Stefanie Riehl at srieh130@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Sorrows School is holding an Open House for our Pre-K (3 & 4 year-olds) programs on Tuesday June 12th, from 4:30–7:00 PM. We invite you to visit our updated classrooms and learn how we can meet the educational, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of your child in a loving and nurturing atmosphere.

We are located at 3800 East State Street Ext., Hamilton NJ 08619. Please contact us at 609-587-4140 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on June 12th!

Volunteer Collection Counters Wanted

We still need a few volunteers to help record our weekly collections, to be done on either Sunday or Monday mornings, for St. Mary’s Church. I am trying to re-establish 3-4 teams, whereby volunteers would not be overburdened each week. If you are willing to assist us, please contact me at the office, 609-298-0261.

—Larry Denney, Business Administrator

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Alumni Memorial Mass — June 10th

All alumni of Holy Angels School and St. Raphael's School, and their guests, are invited to a special Alumni Mass & Continental Breakfast on Sunday, June 10.

Mass will be offered at 9:30AM at St. Raphael's Church, 3500 South Broad Street, Hamilton followed by breakfast in the community meeting room below the church. Archives of photos and yearbooks will be on display. Bring your momentos and photos to share—we will copy your originals. Visit with your classmates.

RSVP: colleen.white@srsnj.org; 609-324-0501.

Spirituality & Aging Retreat—June 5-7

Where: Marianist Family Retreat Center, 417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ

When: June 5th—7th (Tues.-Thurs.)

Cost: \$130 (includes program, lodging & meals)

This retreat is intended for those 55+ and will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. Mass, prayer rituals, small group sharing, and quiet personal time are included.

Sign up online at capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

St. Paul School Forensics STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) team members Megan Turpin and Emma Tomczynski are very close to their goal, and are looking forward to competing at the Nationals in Atlanta, GA.

Follow their exploits on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Paul-School-Burlington> or on the website www.stpaulbri.org.

Rosary Relay for Priests — June 8

The Holy Father Pope Francis has given his Apostolic Blessing to the 9th Annual Global Rosary Relay for the sanctification of priests on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We once again encircle the world in prayer, with more shrines than ever taking part in what is now recognized as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church, to bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. Each of the 168 participating Marian shrines in 68 countries prays a particular mystery of the Rosary at a particular half hour on the day (i.e., Blue Army Shrine, Washington, NJ at 11:30 AM), in thanksgiving to God for our priests, and to implore the protection and loving care of Our Lady, Mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. Perhaps you would like to join the communion of the faithful in this most powerful prayer for our priests on June 8th.

THE START

It's the start that stops most people.

—Anonymous

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Adult Stem Cells Provide the Answer

Stem cell research represents one of the most exciting and promising frontiers for treating people with a myriad of diseases and conditions. Indeed, stem cell research and treatments represent perhaps mankind's greatest opportunity to fulfill that ancient call to "heal the sick," relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for untold millions of people.

However, a vitally important distinction must be made between adult stem cells and embryonic stem cells.

Adult stem cells are a "natural" and ethical solution (and are encouraged by the Church). They naturally exist in our bodies, and they provide a natural repair mechanism for many tissues of our bodies. For example, adult stem cells can be harvested from bone marrow, cord blood, and other tissues. Most importantly, adult stem cells have already been successfully used in human therapies for many years and continuous and rapid advances are being made to treat an increasing number of illnesses.

In stark contrast, embryonic stem cells are unethical and despite enormous investment over many years, they have been unsuccessful as they tend to cause tumors and immune system reactions. As of this moment, no therapies in humans have ever been successfully carried out using embryonic stem cells.

Kansas is becoming a leader in the development of adult stem cells area, creating a comprehensive adult stem cell therapy center. Started in July 2013, the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center has already set up its lab and treated its first patients. The latest? "Stressing" normal adult cells to transform them into embryonic-like stem cells (similar to induced stem cells that won the Nobel Prize in 2012). This avoids the unethical problems of using embryonic stem cells and promises to solve the adverse reactions associated with embryonic stem cells. An acid bath or stretching quickly makes stem cells -- ethically -- and without creating or destroying embryos.

Are We Observers or "Doers" in the Abortion Debate?

Are we doing enough? The answer is an emphatic "no" as it is so easy to simply tune out and put this horror out of our minds and sight.

Yet, nearly all violence done against human beings involves three types of people: the Perpetrator, the Victim, and the Observer. This is sometimes called the "Tragic Triangle". With abortion, the abortionist, in collusion with the parent(s) is the perpetrator, the child is the victim, and the observers are all the rest of us. Some believe that we as observers have an equal or greater responsibility than the perpetrators because we can be more objective and if we were really motivated, we could stop this daily slaughter of the innocents.

We can start by making sure we vote for LIFE in the upcoming national, state, and local elections.



Guidance for the Church, Then & Now

After Our Lord's Resurrection, the early Church was in the same kind of circumstances that we find ourselves today. The risen Christ was no longer visibly present to them as he had been before, but the disciples still had to deal with organizational issues, internal conflict, and problems they had not faced before.

The Acts of the Apostles records how the early Church dealt with its problems, and it reveals Our Lord's guiding hand leading the Church members through whatever they faced.

In today's Church, we are in circumstances very similar to early Church disciples:

- ♦ The Lord is just as present to us as he was to the community of the early Church;
- ♦ The struggles we face are no more difficult than the ones faced by the early Church;
- ♦ Church members today are no different than the members of the early Church—each of us is a mixture of saint and sinner; and,
- ♦ It is the Lord who calls us together and sustains us and loves us, just as he loved those first disciples through their ups and downs.

We need to have a good heart for our Church leaders today and for all of us who are part of this great community of faith.

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

Contact your Legislators to Oppose Assisted Suicide

On March 12, the Assembly Judiciary Committee released the *Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act* (A1504). The bill will now be voted on by the General Assembly, possibly as early as June 7th. The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live.

The facts are clear: in California, Vermont and Oregon—states that have passed assisted-suicide bills—insurance companies have denied individuals expensive healthcare coverage but offered them low-cost drugs to end their lives.

In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as a financial liability for the insurance company, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by reducing costs.

Please contact your state legislators TODAY and tell them that you oppose A1504/S1072.

For an easy way to find your legislators and voice your opposition, go to www.njatholic.org and click "Take Action".

Holy Water has a special power to defend us against all attacks of the devil. When we make the sign of the cross with holy water, we gain each time an indulgence of one hundred days.

—Pope Pius IX

Seniors, it's that time again! The Senior Spirituality and So Much More Day!

- ♦ Where: St. Gregory the Great Parish, Hamilton Square
- ♦ When: Wednesday, July 18th, 10AM-3PM, with registration starting at 9:15AM
- ♦ Cost: \$18 registration fee—includes coffee, snacks, drinks, and hot lunch

Featuring the Catholic Grandparents Association and Msgr. Sam Sirianni, presenting "*Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation*", and Bishop O'Connell will celebrate Mass with us! We will hear the Doo-Wops and the Bop-Shoo-Bops of the early days of Rock 'n Roll, from the "Rock 'n Rhythm!" And we'll enjoy a bountiful lunch by Dolce and Clemente!

"Don't be square, be there!"

Go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care to register, or to download the mail-in flyer!

Founder of Boys Town

In 1917, the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints advanced the cause for the sainthood of Fr. Edward Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska.

Edward Flanagan was born in Roscommon County, Ireland, in 1886. In 1904 he sailed to the United States to become a priest. He enrolled at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. He later studied at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York, as well as in Italy and Austria.

After his ordination in 1912 in Innsbruck, Austria, Fr. Flanagan was assigned to the tiny city of O'Neil, Nebraska. He later ministered at St. Patrick Parish in nearby Omaha, where he established a shelter for unemployed men. In 1917, the priest fulfilled a longtime dream by borrowing \$90 to open the "*City of Little Men*", a home for a half-dozen delinquent, homeless boys in Omaha. The name was later changed to Boys Town.

Fr. Flanagan died in 1948, and is buried in the Dowd Chapel at Boys Town.

Today, Boys Town campuses throughout the United States annually house more than 16,000 boys and girls. Additional programs assist children who are abused, abandoned, neglected, or otherwise troubled.

In 2001, a life-size statue of Fr. Flanagan was erected in Galway, Ireland.

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

Little Bethlehem Christians

Little Bethlehem Christians is a group that represents 200



Christian families who live in Bethlehem in the Holy Land and make their living as wood carvers. **Next weekend after all Masses, June 9-10**, this group represented by the Alshouri family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items, and these items will also be for sale. Any profits from these sales go to support the Christians of the Holy Land. Please stop and take a look at these beautiful items!