

## PARISH OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

### SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

45 Crosswicks Street  
Bordentown, N.J. 08505



### HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

1290 Hornberger Avenue  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL**



### SAINT MARY CHURCH

#### Monday, June 11

- 7:30 AM Kathleen Werner  
RB/Anita Hoeh
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, June 12

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

#### Wednesday, June 13

- 7:30 AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

#### Thursday, June 14

- 7:30 AM Charles Palmer  
RB/Vince Aveni

#### Friday, June 15

- 7:30 AM Tammy Amari  
RB/Dot Asbury; and,  
Lawrence Sellnow  
RB/Elmer Family

#### Saturday, June 16

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Living & Deceased Fathers

#### Sunday, June 17

- 7:30 AM Frank Makovec (A)  
RB/Family
- 9:30 AM Bob O'Dwyer (A)  
RB/O'Dwyer Family
- 11:30 AM Living & Deceased Fathers

### 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 June 3rd—

**Holy Assumption Church:**  
\$5,720 (regular)

**Saint Mary Church:**  
\$10,090 (regular); \$2,050 for St. Vincent de Paul  
Society; and \$178 for Father's Day memorials.

*Many thanks for your generosity!*

### HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

#### Monday, June 11

- 8:00 AM William Donnelly  
RB/Pennacchi Family

#### Tuesday, June 12

- 8:00 AM Jeffrey Wright and Samantha Wright  
RB/Martha & Thomas Wright

#### Wednesday, June 13

- 8:00 AM Eucharistic Service

#### Thursday, June 14

- 8:00 AM William Donnelly  
RB/Helen Totten

#### Friday, June 15

- 8:00 AM Clark T, Carey  
RB/Carole & Family; and,  
Josephine Nicolo  
RB/Carole & Family

#### Saturday, June 16

- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Fathers

#### Sunday, June 17

- 10:30 AM Living & Deceased Fathers

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

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|---|--|
| <i>Adult Choir</i>  | <i>Jac Madson 758-7243</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);<br/>Sue Oros 499-0022 (HA)</i>      |
| <i>Knights of Columbus</i>                                    | <i>Ron White 903-0342</i>  |
| <i>Open Hearts, Willing Hands<br/>(Greater Mercer County)</i> | <i>(Interfaith Caregivers of<br/>609-393-9922)</i>                 |
| <i>Parish Council</i>   | <i>Deacon Gary Richardson</i>                                      |
| <i>Rosary &amp; Altar Society</i>                             | <i>Stephanie Salewski 291-1816<br/>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.

**PROMISES**

Today's liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Genesis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians promises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel promises that doing God's will makes us "family" with Jesus, who forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise ourselves to believe—really believe—that while we are not sinless, we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to one another as well.

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**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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**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.*

*“The Rosary is the scourge of the devil.”—Pope Adrian VI*

**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 11th.**

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

**July 1st**—at **Holy Assumption Church**—Rosary at 10AM, followed by 10:30AM Mass;

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

>>**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 ...** We pray for the soul of Anne Lukach and for her family. Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: John A.; Deacon Tom Watkins; 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 16th & 17th  
(St. Mary Church)**

5:00PM	Team #3	Zola
7:30AM	Team #4	Ritter
9:30AM	Team #8	Labissiere
11:30AM	Team #9	Jones

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

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

**Week of June 10:**

*Marge Devennie (SM)*

*Barbara Boldizar (HA)*

**Week of June 17:**

*Roseanne O’Donnell (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
	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus #570 Parish Center, upstairs
Tues.	6-7:30 PM	At-Home Faith Interviews Parish Center, RE Office

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The cathedral is a treasure in a diocese and in our tradition. It is not simply a "big church," as some say; some parish churches are larger. What makes a cathedral is the presence of the chair, called a cathedra (Latin for seat) reserved for the bishop.

There are many instances in our country of a local church (diocese) outgrowing a cathedral. In Baltimore and St. Louis, the former cathedrals are historic treasures in the heart of the old city, but new and larger structures now function as the seat of the bishop.

When a bishop dies or retires, it is said that "the seat is vacant," and when the new bishop is installed, the central ritual is the moment when the decree of the Holy Father is read and the new bishop is escorted to the cathedra. No one but the bishop sits in the cathedra during a ritual, but in Los Angeles the cathedra in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels is accessible, and no one seems to mind when a visitor tries the cathedra out for the bishop's point of view.

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

**Mass & Healing Service – June 18th**

*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 Jay Bowden will be offering a Mass for healing on **Monday, June 18th at 7 PM**. During the Mass, a collection will be taken for Father Jay and his ministry. Following the Mass there will be individual prayer for healing. Father Jay is a retired priest of the Diocese of Trenton, and ministers in the Gift of Healing. Following the Mass and individual prayer, a reception for Father will take place in the school hall.

This will be our final monthly Healing Mass. In the future we will have a Service for the Anointing of the Sick on a quarterly basis.

For more info call Pat Baylog at 609-298-4249.



Pray for ...

**...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, and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

Anne Lukach

**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.*

*Wedding Banns*

**Second 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: tomato sauce; granola bars; macaroni and cheese; shampoo; soap; toilet paper; toothpaste.

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: canned fruit; tomato sauce; toilet paper; paper towels; cereal; macaroni and cheese.

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**  
 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & High School

- June 12**.....AT-HOME FAITH Testing, 6:00-7:30PM in the parish office.  
**June 15**.....Early registration tuition payments are due.  
**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.

**Congratulations to Dominic Cuccia, Joe Gramlich and Nancy Nitti** who were honored June 3rd as Knights of Columbus Council #570 *Catechists of the Year*. These three very caring Catechists teach 1st, 2nd and 5th grade because they love what they do and their strong faith is meant to be passed on to the next generation. Thank you for continuing to inspire the faith of our future!

**Congratulations to Elizabeth Evans** for being chosen for The First Annual Knights of Columbus Council #570 **Wendy O’Hare Award**. Mrs. O’Hare’s love for God shown immensely in all she did for our many students and the parish. She is a very dedicated 8th grade Catechist, and the first to receive the Knights of Columbus Council #570 “Wendy O’Hare” Award. We are truly blessed by your dedication to RE, and for your students receiving the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

**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 continue on 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.

**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 and on our website. Come out for a wonderful week where kids will learn that Jesus will continue to rescue you! The week will include songs, crafts, bible stories, snacks, games and so much more.

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**Mary, Mother of the Church RE Office**

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 Facebook page: St. Mary’s Church—Bordentown, NJ

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*The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.*

Ss. Francis & Clare Parish is sad to announce that Anne Lukach, a lifetime member of Holy Assumption Church, has passed away.

Anne was very active in many areas of Holy Assumption Church and Holy Assumption School. She was a past PTA president for Holy Assumption School, past president of the Altar Rosary Society, a Secretary in the parish office, children & adult choir director, and organist.

We offer our prayers for Anne and for her family.

—Peggy Schwoebel

*There is no more excellent way to obtain graces from God than to seek them through Mary, because her Divine Son cannot refuse her anything. — St. Philip Neri*



**St. Mary’s Cemetery**  
**Additional Gravesites Now Available**

Approximately 75 gravesites are now available for purchase in the rear of St. Mary’s cemetery on Cemetery Lane, Bordentown, near the mausoleum, along the rear access road. The cost is \$1,100 per grave, or 5 for \$5,000, perpetual care included. Please contact me directly at 609-298-0261 if you are interested in discussing a purchase.

—Larry Denney, Business Manager



**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**June 10, 2018: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

To "do the will of God" demands interior detachment as we search to discern what God is asking of us. It means that our mind cannot be already made up so that we are trying to change God's mind and everybody else's. We must be willing to give up control, to step out of our preconceived plans, and to stand in the freedom of accepting a "yes" or a "no". And so we are called to answer the following questions in simplicity and honesty: *Am I willing to let go of my prejudices? Am I willing to step outside my preconceived plan? Am I willing to give up control?*



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

**AMERICAN FLAG**



This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation.

—Woodrow Wilson

Thursday, June 14, is Flag Day.

**Marriage Moments:**

- *As a husband and wife were hanging wallpaper together, the husband thought his wife seemed to be indifferent about the quality of her work and was doing a poor job. He finally said, "The problem is that I'm a perfectionist and you're not." The wife replied, "Exactly! That's why you married me and I married you!"*
- *Is there anything you need to ask your family (especially your spouse) to forgive you for? Are there any relatives you need to forgive? It doesn't matter if you were right. Forgive anyway.*

**Parenting Pointers:**

- *In reflecting back on parenting your children, remember that "You are responsible for the process in raising your children, not the outcome." (from Parenting Your Adult Child). Your success or failure does not depend on theirs. Don't beat yourself up or take undue pride.*

by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

**Meaning of Catholic Marriage**

Friends, in Mark's Gospel (Mark 10:1-12), Jesus defines the fundamental sacredness of marriage. I'm convinced that the deep sacramental and religious meaning of marriage—even within the Church—has been, in recent years, dramatically compromised. We say that marriage is a vocation, but do we mean it?

We can look at human sexual relationships at a number of different levels. Two people can come together purely for physical pleasure, for economic reasons, or for psychological companionship. And we might witness two people coming together out of authentic love.

But none of these levels is what the Bible means by marriage.



When I was doing parish work I would invariably ask young couples, "Why do you want to get married in church?" Most would say something like, "Because we love each other." But I would reply, "Well, that's no reason to get married in church."

They usually looked stunned, but I meant it. You come to church to be married before God and his people when you are convinced that your marriage is not, finally, about you; that it is about God and about serving God's purposes; that it is, as much as the priesthood of a priest, a vocation, a sacred calling.

—Bishop Robert Barron

**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. **After all Masses on 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!



*The Knights of Columbus Council #570 is pleased to announce that they have selected three graduating Seniors to receive awards in their 2018 scholarship competition. The three award winners will be introduced and will receive their monetary awards at the conclusion of the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 17th.*

**Baptisms for May 2018**

Baby's Name

Broday Thomas McCarney  
Eva Laura Rodriguez  
Haney James West  
Kade Daniel Krichling  
Layla Rose Moloney  
Adeline Carol Nagle

Parents' Names

Daniel & Kathryn McCarney  
Pedro & Jessica Rodriguez  
Jason & Hillary West  
Charles & Jaimie Krichling  
Michael & Andrea Moloney  
Anthony & Amy Nagle

Date of Baptism

May 6, 2018  
May 6, 2018  
May 6, 2018  
May 20, 2018  
May 20, 2018  
May 20, 2018

**Congratulations to the newest members of our parish family and their parents!**

### St. Barnabas – Feast Day is June 11th

Barnabas, a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated with St. Paul (he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles) and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still-suspicious Jewish Christians.

When a Christian community developed at Antioch, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the Church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerusalem.

Later, Paul and Barnabas, now clearly seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the Gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods—Barnabas being Zeus, and Paul, Hermes—but the two said, *“We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God”* (see Acts 14:8-18).

But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision, and even the best of friends can have differences. When Paul wanted to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along John Mark, his cousin, author of the Gospel, but Paul insisted that, since Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement that followed was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated, Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later, they were reconciled—Paul, Barnabas and Mark.

When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with Gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that *“even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy”* (see Galatians 2:1-13).

#### Stories:

Barnabas is mentioned by name as one of the generous members of the idyllic and extremely poor Church in Jerusalem: *“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. . . . There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.”*

*“Thus Joseph, also named by the apostles Barnabas (which is translated ‘son of encouragement’), a Levite, a Cypriot by birth, sold a piece of property that he owned, then brought the money and put it at the feet of the apostles”* (Acts 4:32, 34-37).

#### Comment:

Barnabas is spoken of simply as one who dedicated his life to the Lord. He was a man *“filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby large numbers were added to the Lord.”* Even when he and Paul were expelled from Antioch in Pisidia (modern-day Turkey), they were *“filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”*

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