

**Monday, March 5**

- 7:30 AM George Kelley
7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7

- 7:30 AM Henry Huminski (A)
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski
3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)

Thursday, March 8

- 7:30 AM Roger Yard
7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &
Clare Parishioners

Friday, March 9

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10

- 7:30 AM Thomas Paglione
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Theresa Fiorentino (A)
RB/Family

Sunday, March 11

- 7:30 AM Kay O'Dowd
9:30 AM Donald Zullo
RB/Patricia Foster; and,
Florence Mucciarelli
RB/Sharon Byrne & Paul Gaudini
11:30 AM William H. Thomas
RB/Susanne Williams & Gerald Howard

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 6:30 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**

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be re-enacted at our Good Friday evening service at 7PM on March 30, at St. Mary's Church.

PARTICIPANTS ARE NEEDED FROM BOTH STS. FRANCIS AND CLARE AND ST. MARY'S.

We need still need a few cast members!

NO LINES TO MEMORIZE!!!

Authentic costumes are provided.

Please be part of this living devotion.

Kindly call either Pat Baylog (609-298-4249) and/or Ginny Olsen (609-947-3336) for details and to sign up.

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.

THE SURLY BIRD

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.

—Anonymous

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-at St. Mary's Parish Center, upstairs
Tues.	7:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study Parish Center, upstairs
Wed.	7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs
Fri.	7:00 AM to	24 Hours of Adoration &
Sat.	7:00 AM	Confession Chapel & Parish Center

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the *Holy of Holies* once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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

Lenten Mission – 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, 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.

“If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son’s path.” —St. Josemaria Escriva

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 March 5th.**

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

>>**SOUP FOR THE SOUL LENTEN SUPPER—March 9th and 23rd—6PM** in the basement of Holy Assumption Church, Roebling, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7PM.

>>**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 March:

- ◆ *Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment—That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.*

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; Irene; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Maryann; Deb; Bill S; Paul Shea; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Lucille; Sharon C. for strength and healing; Josephine H.; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Marilyn Rogalski; Julie and family; Addie; and Rosemarie Brodowski. We continue to pray for peace in our world and in our country that we may come together in harmony and mutual respect for each other; for our religious freedoms and conscience rights; for the recognition of the civil right of the unborn to be recognized as persons; for the family and sacramental marriage; for our civil protectors in the military, the police, firefighters and EMTs; for vocations; for the people affected by natural disasters; and for the Holy Father and the Church throughout the world. We ask for the continuing health of our parish clergy, and give thanks for our Deacons and their families for their dedication and self-giving help in the ministries of the Church. We pray for our homebound that they may know that they remain with us in our hearts and prayers. We pray for family members having responsibility for decisions in the care of family members.

VOLUNTARY LENTEN PRACTICES

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

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

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of February 25th, we received \$8,860 in our regular collection, and \$1,015 for the Church in Eastern Europe.

Many thanks for your generosity!

The Bordentown Knights of Columbus Council #570 is pleased to announce **we are offering scholarship awards to qualified Seniors** who are graduating in the June class of 2018. No individual student will receive an award in excess of \$1000.

To be considered eligible for one of these scholarships an applicant must have: a) maintained a grade point average of at least a 3.0 through January 2018; and b) an individual family member (father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent) be either a registered parishioner of St. Mary’s, or a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #570 in good standing.

A scholarship application and introductory letter can be obtained in several ways:

- ◆ in the Parish Office during Monday to Friday hours;
- ◆ from the table at the back of the church, in the Scholarship Applications folder; and
- ◆ downloaded from the St. Mary’s Church website and facebook pages.

The completed application must be turned in to the Parish Office **no later than 3 PM on Friday May 4, 2018.**

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of March 4: *Ginny Richardson*

Week of March 11: *Maria Bellusci*

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**

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

When: **March 19 to 21** (Mon-Wed) 8:15AM & 7:15PM
(following morning/evening Mass)

Where: St. Raphael Church, 3500 S. Broad St., Hamilton

Presenter: Fr. Paul Fagan, Passionist Priest and Minister
(aka *Preacher on the Run*)

Topic: The Challenge of Faith—Living with God's Mercy and Love

Join us to discover the ways we might live each day of our lives in mercy, as our heavenly Father is merciful. Invest your time at the mission to reap its reward: **LIFE-CHANGING BLESSINGS!**

Bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Raphael-Holy Angels Food Pantry

ALL ARE WELCOME

Altar Servers — March 10th & 11th

5:00PM	Team #1	Coppola
7:30AM	Team #4	Ritter
9:30AM	Team #6	Marrano
11:30AM	Team #9	Jones



...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 tenBerger, John Wehrman, Frances Mercantini, Charlie Radvany, Angelo LePre, Rev. John H. Maltby, Ramon Alustiza, Jim Heisler and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased
Leslie Caci

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.

Mass While Away From Home?

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

**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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 4, 2018: 3rd Sunday of Lent

The simple call of the Gospel is to see the signs of God in our midst. This story gives us a glimpse of the human struggle of often failing to see and believe the signs of God. Jesus showed us the signs so clearly; he was crucified and then raised up.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the Mattress Firm in the Hamilton Marketplace for donating beds to a needy family.

Please put Palm Cross orders in collection basket.

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





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

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 4.....Children's Liturgy Program, 9:30AM Mass at St. Mary's Church
March 25.....Knights of Columbus Easter Bunny Breakfast—St. Mary's School Hall
March 27.....Penance Service 7:00 PM in St. Mary's Church

Our current 2nd graders attended their First Holy Communion Retreat Saturday morning. Please pray for these 67 children as they approach their final journey towards receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the very first time. A beautiful gift from God!

Missionary Childhood Association Coin Boxes were handed out to all our RE students last weekend. 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.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 570 is set for Sunday, March 25th from 7:30AM – 12:30PM in St. Mary's School Hall. Come out for a delicious breakfast and fellowship. We are so very fortunate for all the Knights do for our parish; please come out & support them.

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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@stmarysre.org](mailto:office@stmarysre.org) or [office2@stmarysre.org](mailto:office2@stmarysre.org); Website: [www.stmarysre.org](http://www.stmarysre.org).**  
**Facebook page: St. Mary's Church—Bordentown, NJ**  
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*For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give
 will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.*

24 Hours for the Lord

Pope Francis in his 2018 Lenten message has invited the faithful to “come to confession and spend time with the Lord”, and has asked for designated churches to remain open for 24 hours for Adoration and Confession. Bishop O’Connell has announced that 10 diocesan churches will do so on March 9/10, including St. Mary’s in Bordentown.

From 8AM on Friday March 9 through 8AM on Saturday March 10, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available in our Chapel. There will be 7:30 AM Mass on both Friday and Saturday. Additionally, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available during this 24-hour time period in the Parish Center.

Marriage Annulment Informational Sessions are offered periodically by the diocese, to dispel misconceptions and describe the procedures involved. The next session in our area is on **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.

FORGIVENESS

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.

—Anonymous

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).



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: canned evaporated milk; strawberry jelly; rice; tomato sauce. *We are no longer collecting empty egg cartons.*



Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Our food pantry hours are as follows: **M-W-F 2-3:00 PM; Tu-Th 9-10:00 AM and 6-7:00 PM; and Sat. 9-10:00 AM.** To learn more, go to: [Facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysFoodPantry).