

**Monday, March 12**

- 7:30 AM Lois Raine  
RB/Edie Serafine
- 7:00 PM Parish Lenten Mission (Church)

**Tuesday, March 13**

- 7:30 AM Mary Lou Noble  
RB/Pat & Attila Kekesi
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

**Wednesday, March 14**

- 7:30 AM Stephen M. Turgyan  
RB/Ushers of St. Mary's
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations (Chapel)

**Thursday, March 15**

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00 PM Mass for St. Mary's & Ss. Francis &  
Clare Parishioners

**Friday, March 16**

- 7:30 AM Jan Nowak (A)  
RB/Renata Nowak-Garmer
- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 17**

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Eleanor (Flo) Mucciarelli  
RB/Daisey Family

**Sunday, March 18**

- 7:30 AM Jean & Victor Gilardi (A)  
RB/Family
- 9:30 AM Malcolm Baldwin  
RB/Lynch Family; and,  
Stephen Turgyan RB/Marge Mohr
- 11:30 AM Mary Lou Noble  
RB/Bijou Family

**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**

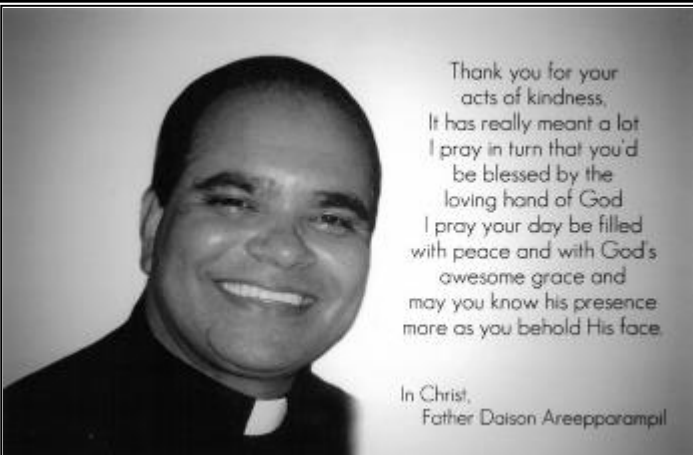
The regular use of envelopes provides for a stable income to the church. This enables the pastor to plan for repairs, future expansion and improvements. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of the envelopes.

**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 &amp; 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.



**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

**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 [rmooore@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rmooore@dioceseoftrenton.org).

**Lenten Mission – March 12**

Fr. Padavoni will be presenting us with a great mission talk on *Forgiveness and Reconciliation*. This is the last talk during our Lenten Mission. It will start at 7 PM and should last about an hour. Come learn how our lives can be changed by just moving closer to God and beginning to forgive.

Fr. Martin Padovani is a priest with the Divine Word Missionaries. He is a psychotherapist specializing in individual, marriage, and family therapy. For more info call the parish office during normal office hours at 298-0261.



**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon.	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Parish Lenten Mission Church
Tues.	7:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study Parish Center, upstairs
Thurs.	7:00 PM	RCIA Seminar Parish Center, downstairs

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Year B of the Lectionary has the *Letter to the Ephesians* today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) 17 gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the *Council of Ephesus* in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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

**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!

## 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.*

*“I do not know how this should be, but it is perfectly true; and I know no surer way of discovering whether a person belongs to God than by finding out if he loves saying the Hail Mary and the Rosary.” —St. Louis de Montfort*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

>>COMMUNION SUNDAY – March 11th—TODAY—9:30 AM Mass for all Rosarians, living and deceased.

>>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 12th.

>>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.

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

>>CLARE ESTATE ROSARY—First Tuesday at 10:30; next recitation scheduled—April 3rd. All are welcome.

### 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; 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.

### 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).



### Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of March 4th, we received \$10,139 in our regular collection, and \$1,808 for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

*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 11:** *Maria Bellusci*

**Week of March 18:** *Jeanne Zalegowski*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

**“Peace Be With You”**

The first words of the risen Lord to his disciples in John’s Gospel are used in the sign of peace at Mass.

There is evidence that this ceremony was part of the Mass in Rome as early as the 2nd century. The sign of peace was given after the general intercessions (formerly called the prayers of the faithful; now known as the universal prayer). Probably it was placed there because Jesus had said that if those bringing their gift to the altar recall that their neighbor has something against them, they should leave their gift there and go and be reconciled.

In the 4th century, the peace ceremony was moved to a place after the *Our Father* – probably because of the final petition of that prayer: *“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”*

Over the course of centuries, the peace ceremony came to be exchanged only among the clergy and, eventually, only at a solemn high Mass. It was given back to the whole assembly in the reform of the liturgy after the Second Vatican Council.

[source: [The Little White Book – 2015](http://www.littlebooks.org), Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan; [www.littlebooks.org](http://www.littlebooks.org)]

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**March 11, 2018: 4th Sunday of Lent**

Jesus is the One raised up and by whom we are saved, we only must gaze on him and believe in him. The light of Christ enables us to see; seeing is believing. But we can only come to the light and believe if we “live in the truth” which is expressed in good works. Light and faith are gifts, and we demonstrate that we accept these gifts when we do good works. God demonstrates great love for us by sending the Son to be lifted up on the Cross and then raising him to eternal life. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works. Our good works—reaching out to others, doing our daily tasks for our family with love and care, working professionally and honestly, acting justly and charitably—this is our way of being is “lifted up.” This is how we live in the truth, so that our works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Please remember to pick up your Palm Crosses after all Sunday Masses next weekend in the School Hall.

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



**...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 and Arlene Bibus, Thaddeus Custer, Donald & Ann McGarrity, Rev. John Owens, Maureen Fabriano, John Fitzgerald, Anna Vosila, Hugh Delaney, Cindy Marriot, Michael Albano, Brody Lingle, Nadine Daddona, Patricia Gates, May Browning, Alice tenBerge, John Wehrman, Frances Mercantini, Charlie Radvany, Angelo LePre, Rev. John H. Maltby, Jim Heisler, Angelo Nasti and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

Mary Lou Noble; Stephen Turgyan; Ramon Alustiza

**Chapel Sanctuary Lamp**

Rev. Arthur Conlon  
RB/Tersina DiPietro

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

Francesco Battisti  
RB/Tersina DiPietro

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

**Altar Servers — March 17th & 18th**

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

**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

**Baptisms for February 2018**

**Baby’s Name**  
Amelia Anna Niles  
Audriana Rose Delle Grotti

**Parents’ Names**  
Daniel & Jennifer Niles  
Vincent & Victoria Delle Grotti

**Date of Baptism**  
February 4, 2018  
February 18, 2018

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

**March 11, 18, 25**.....March RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School  
**March 13, 20**.....March RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption 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  
**April 8, 15, 22**.....April RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School  
**April 10, 17, 24**.....April RE Classes at 5:00 and 6:30 PM in Holy Assumption Church

**Bible Reading** – When reading the Bible, it's important to approach your reading by keeping two ideas at the forefront of your mind: read to come to know the God revealed in the inspired Word, and to know God's will for your life. Bible reading should take place in the context of prayer and faith. Before you begin reading, ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to God and his will. (USCCB.org)

**Penance Service** – The Parish will be holding a Penance Service on March 27 for ALL of the RE children and their families starting at 7:00PM in St. Mary's Church. We encourage those that haven't gone to confession since Advent or have been away for some time to come join us. A Penance Service has more of a communal aspect where you feel "you're not alone in this" because there are many others there for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come prepare your soul for the coming of the Lord.

**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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*The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.*

### 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.

### 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.

### 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: peanut butter; grape jelly; Beef-a-Roni; Easter candy. *We are also collecting frozen turkeys or hams to distribute for Easter, but only during the hours the pantry is open.*



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).



**Daylight Saving Time**  
**Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11th—**  
**"Spring forward" 1 hour**