

**Monday, March 19**

- 7:30 AM Stephen M. Turgyan
RB/Betty & Jack Kinsley
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

- 7:30 AM Mary Lou Noble
RB/Kris & Christian Kekesi
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

- 7:30 AM Joan Solan
- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24

- 4:00 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Aloysius Kandrac
RB/Children

Sunday, March 25

- 7:30 AM Mary Lou Eagan
RB/Dimon Family
- 9:30 AM Angelina Ciufu
- 11:30 AM Anthony M. Barbalace, Sr. (A)
RB/Wife & Children

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:

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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</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.



Penance Service – March 27 – 7PM

Our parish is offering a Penance Service on Tuesday, March 27th in the church at 7PM. This is during Holy Week, and a great chance to come closer to Our Lord and prepare yourself for the great feast of Easter. Don't miss this chance to go through an examination of conscience, confess your sins and get help creating a plan to change. Here is a chance to "wipe the slate clean" and continue through Holy Week spiritually refreshed and renewed. Bring the whole family. Make it a night to remember.

For more info call the parish office during normal office hours at 298-0261.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 18, 2018: 5th Sunday of Lent

Serving means following; following Jesus means serving. Also, serving means entering into Jesus' death—like Jesus we must also be the grain that dies to produce much fruit. When we follow Jesus into his service, we, too, have the pledge of receiving the same honor that the Father bestows on Jesus. We see Jesus by being Jesus. It's that simple! And that challenging. We see Jesus in those who lay down their life in servanthood, and others see Jesus in us when we are servants.

Please remember to pick up your Palm Crosses in the School Hall after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support of our fundraiser for the poor!

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



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.

Please call either Pat Baylog (609-298-4249) and/or Ginny Olsen (609-947-3336) for more information.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Mon. | 7:00 PM | Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs |
| | 7:00 PM | Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel |
| 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 |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the *Garden of Gethsemane*, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the *Mount of Olives* is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the *Basilica of the Agony*. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Fleuit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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

Healing Hearts Support Group—April 4th

A healing program for the separated and divorced will begin on Wednesday, April 4th from 7:30-9:00 PM at St. Veronica Church (rectory basement) in Howell, NJ. This is a 12 week program, held on Wednesdays through June 27, for those who have suffered or are suffering from separation and/or divorce. The program offers support and addresses the most pressing challenges of divorce, and is designed to help Catholics recover more fully by learning and living their faith.

Please email stveronicakre4u@gmail.com for more information or contact Maria at 732-363-5698. The best gift you can give yourself is to make a commitment to your healing!

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.

“The repetition of the Hail Mary in the Rosary gives us a share in God’s own wonder and pleasure: in jubilant amazement, we acknowledge the greatest miracle in history.” —St. John Paul II

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 19th.**

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

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

>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY – April 8th—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 **April 10th 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; Bill S; Paul Shea; Michael S.; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Lucille; Sharon C. for strength and healing; Josephine H.; Nicholas E.; 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. We pray for Father Daison for Our Lady’s help with the Jericho House Ministry, and to wish him well in his continuing service to the Church in all assignments and thank him for his service to our parish.



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:

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**

Travel Extravaganza — June 7-16, 2020

Graycar Travel presents a classic Danube River Cruise, combined with the Oberammergau Passion Play, with tours through Munich, Passau, Linz, Bratislava, Budapest, and more. Join with Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Msgr. Tom Gervasio, Fr. Garry Koch, Fr. Jeffrey Lee, Fr. Gerald Lynch, Fr. Anthony Sirianni, and Fr. Michael Hall on the trip. For more info, contact Graycar Travel at 609-587-7050, or Larry Denney at the parish office, 298-0261. Trip is for 10 days, and includes round trip air fare from Newark and 22 meals, and costs range from \$6,600-\$10,250.

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Information Session — March 28th

Join Msgr. Gervasio for an informational session on Wednesday, March 28, at Our Lady of Sorrows at 6:30PM regarding the above trip, as well as a 2018 trip “*Greece in the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle*”. Contact Graycar Travel at 800-214-6723 for more information.

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

Week of March 18: *Jeanne Zalegowski*

Week of March 25: *Marge Devennie*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

Take Time For Yourselfes

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it—you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekends are **March 23-25 and May 4-6, 2018**. For more information call 609-741-8012

or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org

Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org



Inscription on the Cross

All four Gospels mention the inscription on Jesus' cross. John, however, describes the placement of the inscription like a solemn announcement that might be proclaimed when a new king is crowned:

JESUS THE NAZOREAN
THE KING OF THE JEWS

John also has the inscription in the three languages that would have been used for such a proclamation in the Imperial Roman Province of Judea—Latin, Greek and Hebrew. It is the Latin form of John's version that has become the familiar "INRI" used in art. It comes from the first initials of the Latin words "*Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*".

[The Little Black Book 2017, Diocese of Saginaw, MI; www.littlebooks.org]

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/Ss. Francis & Clare parishes, 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**.



...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, Jesse Dunn, Sam Eleuteri and all of the sick of the parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

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 24th & 25th

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

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

Parish Offerings:

For the weekend of March 11th, we received \$8,306 in our regular collection, and \$1,048 for the Black and Native American Missions.

Many thanks for your generosity!



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

March 18, 25.....March RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School
March 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 25.....Holy Childhood Coin Boxes are due
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
May 1.....RE Classes 5PM & 6:30PM at 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)

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.

Missionary Childhood Association Coin Boxes are due next Sunday, March 25th. Thank you to all the families that have already donated. This annual Lenten appeal benefits needy children in more than 120 countries. Last year we raised \$990.69.

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.

Current 7th graders have begun their required community service hours in preparation for their Confirmation in May 2019. Forms can be found under the RE website (go to Sacraments, Confirmation, Christian Community Service, Service Pledge Form). Please remember to have all volunteer service hours approved **before** you begin any service. Any service done before approval may be denied.

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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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Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.

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.

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.

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: baked beans; canned fruit; kid's cereal; 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.**