

**Monday, March 26**

- 7:30 AM Vivian Costanzo (A)
RB/Gail
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 27

- 7:30 AM The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, March 28

- 7:30 AM Mickey McClure (A)
RB/McClure Family
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

Holy Thursday, March 29

NO MORNING MASS

- 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Anne A. Pihlak RB/Vince Aveni

Good Friday, March 30

NO MORNING MASS

- 3:00 PM Good Friday Service w/Communion
- 7:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31

NO MORNING MASS

- 10:00 AM Blessing of Easter Foods
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass:
Parishioners of our Linked Parishes

Easter Sunday, April 1

- 7:30 AM Easter Flower Memorials
- 9:30 AM Theresa Stia (A)
RB/St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 11:30 AM Easter Flower Memorials

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>

FR. JOE'S MESSAGES:



Each year Catholics are strongly encouraged to participate in the events of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. This is the holiest week of our liturgical year. The Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Virgil comprise the holiest three days of the Church year when we recall and enter into the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Pascal Mystery.

Please see the schedule on page 5, and related ads, and join us as we prepare for the conclusion of Lent and the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection.

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 25, 2018: Palm Sunday

The essence of discipleship is that we carry his cross. Disciples go wherever the Master goes. Coming to understand who Jesus is, his mission, and how that relates to us his disciples is not an easy task; it takes a lifetime. Like Jesus, to be faithful followers by taking up our cross means we will feel this in the depths of our humanity: we will suffer, we will lose heart, we will cry out to God to take life's miserable lot away from us. But also like Jesus we have divine life which gives us the strength to carry our cross. It is divine life pulsating within us—which we first receive at our baptism—that raises up our humanity enabling us to be faithful disciples carrying our crosses.



In February the St. Vincent de Paul Society helped four families with \$4,679 for rent and utilities.

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

***Anointing of the Sick
and Communion for the Homebound***

Please notify the parish office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. Arrangements can be made to bring Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

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 |

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Bread and Wine at Passover

During Passover, bread and four cups of wine are an important part of the Seder meal.

The dinner begins with a first cup of wine when two prayers of blessing to God are offered—one for the feast and one for the cup of wine. Unleavened bread is eaten, dipped by hand into a dish of sauce.

The first part of the Hallel (taken from Psalms 112-113) is sung, and the second cup of wine is drunk as a memorial to the Exodus.

The lamb is eaten along with the herbs and unleavened bread, and a third cup of wine is drunk with thanksgiving to God for the meal and hope for the future.

The rite ends with a fourth cup of wine (hope for the Messiah) and the singing of the rest of the Hallel.

Scripture scholars often pose the question: Which of the four cups did Jesus raise and say "This is my blood" during the Passover meal with the apostles?

[source: The Little Black Book 2018; Diocese of Saginaw, MI; littlebooks.org]

**Living Stations of The Cross
Good Friday, March 30 at 7PM**

This is a presentation of Jesus walking the 14 Stations of The Cross through the eyes of Mary. Meditating on The Way of the Cross has been a centuries-old Catholic tradition. Through this presentation we hope to bring to you a better appreciation of what Christ did for us, to have a deeper love for him and for each other.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

This needs your participation to make it successful!

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.

“How could love not be made more fervent by the Rosary? We meditate on the suffering and death of our Redeemer and the sorrows of His afflicted Mother.” —Pope Pius XI

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 26th.

>>PRAY THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY this week, recognizing Our Lady’s journey with her Son to the foot of the cross.

>>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; 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 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 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.

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 25: *Marge Devennie*

Week of April 1: *Roseanne O'Donnell*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

Holy Week Schedule for 2018:

Tuesday, March 27:

- ◆ Confessions—7 PM, at St. Mary's (3 priests)—
LAST CHANCE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, March 29:

- ◆ Mass of the Lord's Supper with a Procession and Adoration in the Chapel—7 PM at St. Mary's Church;
- ◆ Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration to follow—7PM, at Holy Assumption Church.

Good Friday, March 30:

- ◆ Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, with Holy Communion—3 PM, at St. Mary's Church;
- ◆ Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, with Holy Communion—3 PM, at Holy Assumption Church;
- ◆ Living Stations of the Cross—7 PM, at St. Mary's

Holy Saturday, March 31:

- ◆ Blessing of Easter Foods—10AM, at St. Mary's Church;
- ◆ Easter Vigil Mass—7 PM, at St. Mary's Church

**NOTE: NO CONFESSIONS OR 4PM/5PM MASSES*

Easter Sunday, April 1:

- ◆ Masses at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM —St. Mary's;
- ◆ Masses at 8:00 and 10:30 AM —Holy Assumption.



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

Pray For Our Deceased

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Ida DiPietro
RB/Family

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Anna & Walter Karch
RB/Daughters

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 31st & April 1st

7:00PM	Team #1	Coppola
7:30AM	Team #5	Spivey
9:30AM	Team #6	Marrano
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor

**Annual Women's Weekend Retreat
Sponsored by Rosarians from our Cohort Parishes**

**SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE, Long Branch, NJ
April 20-22**

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 Betty Mazur (St. Katharine, Drexel parish) at 609-386-9386.



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.



Parish Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed from Thursday March 29th through Monday April 2nd in observance of Holy Week and Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday April 3rd.





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

- March 25**.....March RE Classes at 8:00, 9:45, and 11:15 AM in St. Mary's School
- 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 this 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.

BE AWARE

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.

—Anonymous

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.

Blessing of Easter Foods

The traditional Blessing of Easter Foods will take place in our church on Holy Saturday, March 31st, at 10 AM.

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.

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)**.



Mass While Away From Home?

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