

PARISH OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

45 Crosswicks St.
Bordentown, N.J. 08505



HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL



SAINT MARY CHURCH

Monday, May 21

7:30 AM Nadine Daddona
RB/Bob & Carol

7:00 PM Mass & Healing Service

Tuesday, May 22

7:30 AM Jodie Finn—Mass of the Living
RB/Joan MacMullan

2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

Wednesday, May 23

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Mothers

3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and
Vocations

7:00 PM Novena Service & Adoration

Thursday, May 24

7:30 AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 25

7:30 AM Betty Lou Turgyan
RB/Steve Turgyan

Saturday, May 26

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Thomas Lynch
RB/Janet & Larry Denney

Sunday, May 27

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Mothers

9:30 AM Mary & Chester Korpusinski
RB/Daughters

11:30 AM Raymond Yack (A)
RB/Family

Mass & Healing Service – May 21st

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 Tom Ganley will be offering a Mass for healing on **Monday, May 21st at 7 PM**. During the Mass, a collection will be taken for Father Tom and his ministry. Following the Mass there will be individual prayer for healing. Father Tom is an author, a well-known speaker on Divine Mercy, and ministers in the Gift of Healing. Following the Mass and individual prayer, a reception for Father will take place in the school hall. For more info call Pat Baylog at 609-298-4249.

NOTE: On Monday, May 28th, there will be special Memorial Day Masses offered at 9AM (St. Mary's) and at 9AM (Holy Assumption).

HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Monday, May 21

8:00 AM Sezen Sari
RB/Family

Tuesday, May 22

8:00 AM Bernadette Knecht
RB/Michael Angelini

Wednesday, May 23

8:00 AM Eucharistic Service

Thursday, May 24

8:00 AM Margaret Pastore
RB/Elsie Nyiri

Friday, May 25

8:00 AM John Olah
RB/Family

Saturday, May 26

3:00 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Carl Lubrano RB/Family; and,
Elvina Zumaeta
RB/Gonzalez Family

Sunday, May 27

10:30 AM Florian Smith RB/Family

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

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| <i>Adult Choir</i> | Jac Madson 758-7243 |
| <i>Adult Faith Formation</i> | Earl Alger 298-7071 |
| <i>Altar Linen Ministry</i> | Helene Shea 298-7612 |
| <i>Church Ushers</i> | Ferd Loretangeli 298-2131 |
| <i>Contemporary Choir</i> | Cathy Alphonse 291-9204 |
| <i>Food Pantry</i> | Mike Novalis 298-4664 |
| <i>Knights of Columbus</i> | Ron White 903-0342 |
| <i>Open Hearts, Willing Hands (Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County)</i> | 609-393-9922 |
| <i>Parish Council</i> | Deacon Gary Richardson |
| <i>Rosary & Altar Society</i> | Stephanie Salewski 291-1816 or Donna Frappolli 221-1957 |
| <i>Sports Committee</i> | John Bacovin 638-9054 |
| <i>St. Vincent de Paul Society</i> | Sharon Callahan 298-1414 |
| <i>Word of Life Prayer Group</i> | Pat Baylog 298-4249 |

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.

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.

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call.

Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your son, our Lord!

[The Monday after Pentecost, May 21 this year, is the new annual Memorial for Mary, Mother of the Church.]

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, Queen of May, 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 rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one.”
—St. Louis De Montfort

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 May 21st.**

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

June 3rd—at **Holy Assumption Church**—Rosary at 10AM, followed by 10:30AM Mass;

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

>>**ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**—**June 6th**, in the Divine Mercy Room at Holy Assumption Church; Rosary at 6:30PM, followed by membership meeting and ice cream social. **ALL MEMBERS OF BOTH PARISHES & THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING MEMBERS ARE INVITED.**

>>**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 May:

•***Evangelization: the Mission of the Laity***—That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges we face in the world today.

Let us pray ... We pray for the repose of the souls of Arlene Bibus and Bill Donnelly, father of Peggy Schwoebel. Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: John A.; 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; 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 — May 26th & 27th (St. Mary Church)

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| 5:00PM | Team #3 | Zola |
| 7:30AM | Team #5 | Spivey |
| 9:30AM | Team #8 | Labissiere |
| 11:30AM | Team #10 | Ogbutor |



Happy Anniversary!

Please join us in celebrating a real milestone—

Fr. Joe Hlubik’s 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, on May 15.

Many thanks, Fr. Joe, for your dedicated and tireless service to God and our parishioners, and may God bless you always!

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY
at St. Mary's**

Week of May 20: *Ginny Richardson*

Week of May 27: *Maria Bellusci*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Mon. | 7:00 PM | Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs |
| | 7:00 PM | Healing Mass (Church) & Reception (School Hall) |
| Tues. | 6:30 PM | 2019 Confirmation meeting for candidates & parent St. Mary's School Hall |

NOTE: FINAL BIBLE STUDY CLASS ON MAY 29th
(next week)

Jewish Feast of Pentecost

Pentecost began as a Jewish celebration of the wheat harvest in the late Spring. No specific date was set—it took place when the harvest was ready.

Gradually it became customary to celebrate the feast 50 days after the Passover. This gave it additional meaning. Jewish scholars had calculated that when their ancestors left Egypt, they arrived at Mount Sinai approximately 50 days later. It was there that God gave them the Law and made a covenant with them: *"I will be your God, and you will be my people."*

Thus, Pentecost became a time for the Jewish people to celebrate the covenant that made them God's chosen people. The word "pentecost" is Greek for 50th day.

[source: [The Little White Book—2017](#); Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan; www.littlebooks.org]

**Mary, Mother of the Church
Community Food Pantry**

We are a supplemental food source run by 30+ volunteers collecting and distributing food to over 300 families in need in Bordentown, Chesterfield, Crosswicks, Fieldsboro, Florence, Roebling 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: macaroni & cheese; small bags of instant mashed potatoes or rice.

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: toilet paper; paper towels; cereal; macaroni & cheese; small bags of rice; canned or powdered milk.

Access Hours: Tuesdays 2-3PM.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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

Arlene Bibus; William Donnelly III

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

Rev. Joseph Procaccino
RB/Tersina DiPietro

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Blanche DiPetro
RB/David (husband)

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

Parish Retreat – June 2nd

Our parish is sponsoring a one-day retreat on June 2nd at Discovery House in Mullica Hill, NJ. The theme of the retreat is *"The Eucharist"*. Father Jay Bowden, a retired priest of our diocese, will lead the retreat. It will be an all-day retreat—we will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 9 AM and arrive back at about 8:30 PM. Space is limited to only 30 folks, so first-come, first-served. To sign up you must call the parish office at 298-0261 before May 25th. The cost of the retreat is \$10 and you can pay on the day of the retreat. For more info about the retreat, please call the parish office at 298-0261 or visit our website.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

May 20, 2018: Pentecost Sunday

Jesus tells us that he is sending the Spirit to us. The Spirit is the Word speaking to us in a most profound way because he dwells with us and guides us to all truth. This Spirit is all we need, provided we allow the Spirit to speak through us and not turn God's word into our word. Openness to the Spirit within is our guarantee that what we speak as disciples is spoken in Jesus' name. This Pentecost commemoration isn't simply recalling a past event but celebrating what God is doing with us now. In Baptism each of us received the Spirit; that was our Pentecost. The Spirit dwells within us so we can be faithful and true disciples. The indwelling of the Spirit is a continual Pentecost!



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



Religious Education & Sacramental Programs
For Mary, Mother of the Church Parish
 1st through 8th Grade & High School

- May 20**.....Confirmation Banquet following the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Mass at St. Mary's, and following the 10:30AM in HA – Banquet is in St. Mary's School Hall
May 22.....NEW Confirmation candidates' 2018-2019 meeting—6:30PM in the School Hall
August 6-10.....Vacation Bible School open to K–6th graders, 9-12PM in St. Mary's School Hall

Newly Confirmed Candidates Banquet – 8th graders are to attend one of our Sunday Masses on May 20th—9:30AM (at St. Mary's), 10:30AM (at Holy Assumption) or 11:30AM (at St. Mary's). Afterwards you are invited over to St. Mary's School Hall for a light celebration. At that time you will return your robes and receive your Confirmation certificates.

Current 7th Grade NEW Confirmation candidates and parent Meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd from 6:30-8:00PM in the School Hall. This meeting is for current 7th graders and their parent/sponsor. You will be receiving everything you need to prepare you for your Confirmation in May 2019. ***Please note that all candidates will be taking the 7th grade test at this meeting. All candidates have received the Study Guide through email and in RE Classes. The Study Guide is also on the RE website.***

2018-2019 NEW Family Registration forms are available in the parish offices and in the back of church. Below is a description of our new Fall schedule:

- ◆ **Monthly classes**—We are now offering families the option to attend our Monthly Program in St. Mary's School. Classes will be on the first Monday evening of each month, with a few changes as necessary. Monthly classes are only available to children in non-sacramental year programs, which are those children in 3rd—6th grades. While your children are attending their classes, one parent will be expected to stay and receive support to guide their child in off-week lessons. Monthly classes are for 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- ◆ **Weekly classes**—All of our weekly classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday nights in St. Mary's School. Your choice of a class commits your child to that day and time for the remainder of the year. Our weekly classes are offered for our 1st—8th graders. We offer a choice of either Tuesday or Wednesday night classes. Classes weekly are for 1 hour 15 minutes.
- ◆ **Home Study**—Available to those families that are practicing Catholics, where travel makes it to difficult to attend class and extreme situations. Students in 2nd and 8th grades may not enroll in this program. Please be advised that Home Study families will have a mandatory parent kick-off meeting in the Fall; the children will take four unit tests spread out evenly throughout the year; and children are expected to attend additional parish activities and have a final oral interview in May.

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. Come out for a wonderful week where kids will learn that Jesus will continue to rescue you!

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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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They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Parish Offerings for the week of May 7th to 13th—

Holy Assumption Church:

\$4,541 (regular); \$155 (St. Vincent de Paul Society);
 \$168 (Catholic Communications); \$876 (Ascension)

Saint Mary Church:

\$9,314 (regular); \$1,900 (Ascension Holyday).

Many thanks for your generosity!

Bordentown Cemetery / St. Mary's Section
Attn: Parishioners, Visitors, Non-Parishioners
Pre-Need Special: 10% Price Discount

Stop in and visit us at 210 Crosswicks Road, Bordentown, NJ. We offer a beautiful extended St. Mary's section, a veterans section and a non-denominational section for burials. Also we offer a Columbarium for cremains of your loved ones.

Office hours 9-1 Monday thru Friday.

Call 609 298-0605



To be a sinner is our distress, but to know it is our hope. — *Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the wonderful parishioners who have shown me so much compassion with their prayers, well-wishes, spiritual bouquets, and get well cards during my recent bout with cancer.

The surgeon has deemed the operation a success, and I am on the road to recovery. While the recovery will of necessity be a long road to travel, be assured that your heartfelt concerns have been heard by the Lord and felt in my heart. In all sincerity, this episode has sharpened my discernment, and I can truly see the face of Jesus in all of you.

Again, thank you to all of you, along of course with thanks to Father Joe, Father Steve, and all of my brother deacons. God's blessings be upon all of you!

In His Name,
Deacon Ron Schwoebel

St. Rita of Cascia (1381-1457) – Feast Day is May 22

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with St. Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year, and she is considered a patron saint of difficult marriages, impossible causes, infertility, and parenthood.

Comment:

Although we can easily imagine an ideal world in which to live out our baptismal vocation, such a world does not exist. An "If only ..." approach to holiness never quite gets underway, never produces the fruit that God has a right to expect.

Rita became holy because she made choices that reflected her Baptism and her growth as a disciple of Jesus. Her overarching, lifelong choice was to cooperate generously with God's grace, but many small choices were needed to make that happen. Few of those choices were made in ideal circumstances—not even when Rita became an Augustinian nun.

[source: www.americancatholic.org]

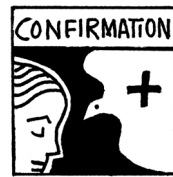
The Prayers of a Parent

Three children were granted to us, a girl and then, together, one minute apart, two boys; and my prayers doubled, for now I knew fear for them, that they would sicken and die, that they would be torn by dogs and smashed by cars; and I felt even then the shiver of faint trepidation that someday, if they grew up safely, and did not suffer terrible diseases, and they achieved adulthood, that they would be heart-hammered by all sorts of things against which I could not protect or preserve them; and so I did, I admit it, sometimes beg the Coherent Mercy, late at night, for small pains as their lot, for relatively minor disappointments, for love affairs that would break apart but not savagely, for work that they would like and even maybe love.

In the end, I remember vividly, I boiled all my prayers as a parent down to this one: Take me instead of them. Load me up instead of them. Let me eat the pains they were served for their tables. I don't think I ever fully understood the deep almost inexplicable love of the Christ for us, why he would accept his own early tortured death as a sacrifice, until I had been a father for a while.

—from the book *Eight Whopping Lies and Other Stories of Bruised Grace*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



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Eastern Christians have no sacrament of "Confirmation," but they have always had the custom of richly anointing the newly baptized in myron, or sacred chrism. They also give even infants a taste of the Precious Blood, thereby doing away with any notion of "First Communion" in later childhood.

In the West, although we too have an anointing with chrism for the newly baptized, for centuries we have normally reserved a second anointing for the bishop, sometimes many years after baptism. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is the fact that in early times the bishop was the ordinary person to officiate at baptism, not the presbyter (priest). The bishop did it all, from plunging the catechumens into the font, to pouring chrism over them, to immediately celebrating the Eucharist. When bishops began to cede some of their ministry to the ranks of presbyters, they desired to maintain a strong relationship with baptism. Thus it was decided that the solemn post-baptismal anointing, the laying on of hands, and the prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit were to be detached from infant baptism. So, to the present day, we have two anointings after baptism: one by the priest, and the other normally by the bishop. By the fifth century, the word "Confirmation" had surfaced to refer to this second anointing.

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Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Bordentown, NJ CONFIRMATION CLASS — MAY 2018

Jared Alejo
 Sarah Ashmore
 Olivia Bisceglie
 Scott Borgstrom
 Ryan Boyd
 Dominic Buonanno
 Ryan Byard
 Jocelyn Cody
 Elisa Crotty
 Andrew DeLara
 Eric DelOrefice
 Sean Donoher
 Michael Ducsak
 Benjamin Farrow
 Brianna Figallo
 Jenna Gray
 Conor Hagen
 Aiden Hoenisch
 Thomas Iadanza
 Kevin Krall
 Gayelle Labissiere
 Abigail Lynch
 Brandon Makowski
 Isabella Martin
 Nina Montalbano
 Jeremy Nappa
 Michael Papiez
 Olivia Perez
 Mia Procaccino
 Arianna Repack
 Heather Russell
 Joseph Sari
 Alexa Senf
 Thomas Carey-Stranko
 Nicholas Teesdale
 Guiliana Varone
 Owen Vliet
 Erin Yacubovich

Amanda-Jo Anguella
 Halle Besler
 Leo Bishop
 Rebecca Boyd
 Emily Boyle
 Lyndsey Burns
 Christian Cerino
 Carly Corson
 Victoria Danao
 Adrianna DeLara
 Kevin Denney
 Cameron Donovan
 Lana Duke
 Brenna Field
 Jenna Fleming
 Salvatore Guido
 Rachel Halvorsen
 Gabriella Huntanar
 Trotman Kertes
 Gerard Kramer
 Quintin Llano
 Brandon Maia
 Angelina Marrano
 Zachary Matthews
 Joshua Moore
 Joshua Neville
 Michela Paulsson
 Paige Perez
 Nathaniel Procaccino
 Christopher Roman
 Carlos Sanchez
 Nicole Schiariti
 Victor Shumway
 Ron Janssen Tarriela
 Logan Troy
 Gia Villegas
 Catrina Wahner
 Lauren Zola

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

Information Page

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