St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church

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AUGUST 9, 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Michael J. Gromadzki
Pastor

Thomas F. Dominiecki
Deacon Emeritus

Mark Hennicke
Deacon

Mrs. Gayle Spezio, *Assistant Administrator*
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PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE:
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CEMETERY OFFICE:
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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM (Children's Liturgy), 12:00 N (Polish)
Saturday: Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8:00 AM / Thurs: 6:30 PM
{Weekday Masses are in the Chapel except for Holy Days}

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM

ROSARY:

Prayed before daily Mass & before
4 PM Vigil & 8:30 AM Sunday Mass.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Every Monday following the 8:00 AM Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Prayed following all weekday Masses.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday -Thursday: Pending
Friday - Closed during Summer Months

CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: By Appointment

OFFICES CLOSED ON ALL HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of Ostrabrama Parish, a Roman Catholic Community, embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ by fostering our rich traditions and serving the needs of others. Through worship, sacrament and prayer, all are invited to join with us as we continue to inspire and strengthen our parish family.

Anyone wishing to present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass, kindly speak to an usher prior to the beginning of Mass. Family members of those for whom the Mass is offered are always welcomed and encouraged to present the gifts and given priority.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All parishioners should be registered. Parishioners over the age of 18 should register independently of their parents. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months in order for us to provide testimonial letters. Kindly notify the Parish Office of any changes.

BAPTISMS: Third Saturday of the month at 1 PM. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements prior to making social plans. **Parents & godparents must attend instructions** on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM in the Msgr. Wujek Room.

MARRIAGES: Must be registered, practicing and contributing parishioner one year in advance of scheduling a wedding. Arrangements should be made at least **one year in advance, prior to making social plans.**

SICK CALLS: Arrangements for communion calls to the sick can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital. Emergency calls are made at any time.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP): Instruction in the Catholic Faith for children in grades 1-8. Classes are held from September to April on Monday afternoons from 4:30 - 5:45 PM. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): A process of prayer, study, & spiritual formation which prepares unbaptized adults & adults baptized outside the Catholic Church to be in full communion.. Any adult 18 years of age or older who desires becoming a Catholic should call the Parish Office.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29)

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live. The extraordinary life He has intended for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (Sobota), August 8
4 PM **+Anna & John Adamusik**
Req. by: Son, Joe

Sunday (Niedziela), August 9
8:30 AM **Intentions of Holy Name**
10:30AM **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**
12N Polish **+Jan Pasychenko**
Req. by: Pasanowic Family

Monday (Poniedzialek), August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
8 AM **+Claire & Ed Porowski**
Req. by: Barbara & Russ Koch

Tuesday (Wtorek), August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
8 AM **+Rose Razzano**
Req. by: Anna Klich

Wednesday (Sroda), August 12
St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
8 AM **+Richard Munly**
Req. by: Karen & Glenn Ruffner

Thursday (Czwartek), August 13
Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
6:30PM **+Jerzy & Piotr Naglik**
Req. by: Mom & Sister

Friday (Piatek), August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
8 AM **+Edward F. Fafara**
Req. by: Daughter

Saturday, (Sobota), August 15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4 PM **+Michael & Rose Razzano & Cathy Coons**
Req. by: Shearn & Gregory Family

Sunday (Niedziela), August 16
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**
10:30AM **+Sophie Marie Migut**
Req. by: Raymond Migut & Family
12N Polish **+Bronislawa Pruszkowska &**
+Marian Pruszkowski
Req. by: Corka z Rodzina

Start your day with Jesus!
Come to daily Mass.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August

Universal Prayer Intention - The Maritime World:

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE . . .

Saturday, August 8
Meeting for First Communion Parents following 4 PM Mass
C.O.P.E. Collection

Sunday, August 9
C.O.P.E. Collection

Saturday, August 15
Confessions 11:00 am

ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday 9 AM to 3 PM
Wednesday & Thursday pending.
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IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS . . .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:

+Marie Borichewski

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

REMEMBER THE SICK & HOMEBOUND, especially:

Cindy Abreu-Maia, Mrs. Marlene Ahde, Nina Argresta, Jack Batchie, JoAnn Belko, Christopher Chadwick, Patricia Brink, Virginia Brown, Cathy Christan, Leon & Claire Chmura, Lynette Cucco, Thomas DelGuercio, Mary Dzienkowski, Tom Fackovec, Evelyn Fafara, Penelope Fry, Sophie Galinski, John Ganser, Matthew Giardelli, Maryann Goccia, Veronica Griscavage, Amelia Halmo, Jean Hill, Eleanor Holz, Rose Johnson, Edward Jurewicz, Catheryn Kelly, Jason Klee, Anna Klich, Boguslaw Kmieciak, Sofia Koutsoupias, Marion Kovacs, Michael Lucas, Anthony Martino, Wanda Massaro, Paul Matyas, Dorothy McMahon, Irene Mendoker, Hannah Grace Michlik, Rozalia Milkowski, Kazia Naglik, Adela Ogrodnik, Joe Pawelek, Shona Pietraczenko, Nicholas Piacenti, Anne Piersanti, Cecelia Polanski, Kevin Rasimowicz, C. Rasmussen, Walter Rice, Donald Rish, Sr. Rosangela, Sean Ryan, Steven Samuel, Gregory Sciscoe, Edward Strugala, Joe Szumski, Pauline Terelmes, Sylvia Thrasher, Maria Uzzo, Juan Velazquez, Helen Wanson, Arlene Watson, Claire Watson, Martha Sue Williams, Karolina Wojciechowski, Edward Wolanin, Jr., Kathryn Wolanin, Barbara Zambrzicky, Henry Ziolkowski.

WINE & HOSTS

{$50 / week}

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sanctuary Candle ~ Church
+Ben Kaczorowski - Joe & Pat Brzozowski

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles
+Arthur Skwiat - Russ & Barbara Koch

Sacred Heart Altar Candles
Intentions of Living & Deceased
Holy Name Members

Candle for St. Joseph
+Stephanie Lam - Melanie Chan

Candle For St. Anthony
+Ceil Sergel - Mary & Cindy Wilk

Our Lady of Ostrabrama Candles
{Available ~ $25 for two candles for one week}

Sanctuary Candle ~ Chapel
{Available ~ $25 for one candle for one week}

Divine Mercy Candles ~ Chapel
God's Blessings & Speedy Recovery
for Michael Makowsky - Christine

St. Anne's Altar ~ Chapel
{Available ~ $25 for two candles for one week}

La Pieta Grotto Candles
{Available ~ $25 for two candles for one week}

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to donate candles or wine

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMORIALS

In addition to Mass intentions, St. Mary's offers a variety of options to remember your loved ones or special occasions. All of the following are available throughout the year. The names and/or intentions will be printed in the bulletin for that week. Please contact the Parish Office for details and availability.

- ***Altar Flowers***: Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel except Lent & Advent
- ***Wine & Hosts***: Available for Masses for one week
- ***Candle Intentions***: Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel
- ***Memorial Room Candles***: Available monthly
- ***Memorial Room Plaques***: Various sizes available
- ***Tree of Life***: Leaves still available

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING . . .

St. Mary's Parish is totally dependent upon the generosity of its parishioners for parish support. Our church support program is called "Sacrificial Giving". Each individual parishioner or family is asked to consistently give "their fair share", in support of their parish in a spirit of thanksgiving to God, to enable our parish church to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The envelopes provided for you are to be used as gift wrappers for each sacrificial gift you give to the Lord. Please be generous, since God is generous to us.

Sunday Collection - August 2, 2020
Weekly Collection
Building Fund
Monthly Offering

Even though you have the opportunity for on-line giving, we would like to remind you that you can continue to use your church envelopes at Mass. Or, they may be placed in the office door mail slot between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Thank you & God Bless You! Bóg Zapłać !

Shop-Rite Certificates

Everyone needs to shop for **groceries & prescriptions**. The certificates program is a means for St. Mary's to earn five cents on every dollar spent at Shop-Rite without any additional cost to shoppers. Certificates are **available at the Parish Office on Monday and Tuesday between 9 AM and 3 PM.**

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

God will never be outdone in generosity. Please remember St. Mary's Parish in your Will & Testament!

The repairs you are witnessing in our Beautiful Church are the results of donations and remembrances in our Parishioners' Last Will & Testaments. Thank you & Bóg Zapłać for your generosity!!!

Please patronize our advertisers
They make our bulletin possible.

"Thank you" to our beloved Parishioners who have been and are donating cleaning wipes, disinfectants and paper towels. Also, "Thank you" to all Parishioners who continue to volunteer to stay after each Mass to disinfect the pews, railings and door knobs.

May Jesus +Bless+ all of you for your holy sacrifice.

Fr. Michael G.

Summer Envelopes

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the parish office during the summer months. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations are on-going no matter the time of year. So, it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass.

C.O.P.E.

The Holy Name will be asking for donations for their C.O.P.E. Program after all Masses this weekend, August 8/9.

Please support this important program for our parish. Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Immediate part-time position is available at St. Mary's Parish Office for a parish secretary. Approximately 20-25 hours per week. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Publisher and some knowledge in Excel. Some duties include preparation of weekly bulletin, upkeep of parish calendar, parish census, sacramental registers, etc.

If you would like more information or are interested, please see Father Michael or call or email the Parish Office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Confessions for Saturday, August 22, 2020 are cancelled due to the Diocesan Ordinations to the Priesthood.

FROM THE PASTOR

August 2, 2020

Blessings to all our Parishioners,

Some good news! As you may have seen, we have been doing some repairs in our Cemetery. Last year, we repaired the Cemetery Garage Roof and installed new siding that was damaged by Superstorm Sandy. This year, we have purchased a used John Deere tractor and have completed some repairs on the inside of the Garage. We have also installed new L.E.D. spotlights all around the Garage and next we will install Security Cameras to monitor the Garage and the Cemetery. Slowly, we will make all the necessary repairs that are overdue.

I also would like to remind all our Parishioners and visitors that the Dumpster is for Cemetery trash ONLY! Please do not dump trash from home. Each time the Dumpster is emptied, it costs St. Mary's Parish close to $400.00.

Thank you to all our Parishioners for your loving care and financial support of our beautiful Cemetery.

Fr. Michael G

Holy Humor

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally, she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, the little girl observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

FAITH FORMATION . . .

Sacraments at St. Mary of Ostrabrama 2020

We are pleased to announce that our Pastor, Rev. Michael J. Gromadzki will be the presider at the **Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 10:00 am Mass.**

Also, our second grade students will be receiving their **First Holy Communion on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the 10:00 am Mass.**

May Our Lord bless our young parishioners and the Holy Spirit guide them in their preparation.

PREP NEWS -

Just a reminder that PREP Registration for 2020-2021 is ongoing. You can register at the parish office. The registration fee is $125.00/ child, $200.00 for a family. Sacramental fees are $40.00.

Please make payment by September 30th. The late fee is waived.

Any questions or concerns, please call the PREP office at 732-254-2220 or email prep@stmarysr.org.

GUARDIAN ANGEL

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail, Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God! pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Goodsearch.com

WWW.GOODSEARCH.COM and its companion GoodShop are simple ways to help St. Mary's raise money. Goodsearch.com is an internet search engine that donates money to numerous causes whenever a registered user makes a search on the web. Goodsearch.com will donate one penny to St. Mary's of Ostrabramaa (St. Mary of Ostrabrama is one of those registered causes.)

To begin, a prospective user logs onto www.goodsearch.com .

Step #1 - Click on the oblong icon that reads "GET STARTED" (white letters on a red oblong icon in the center/top of the main page.)

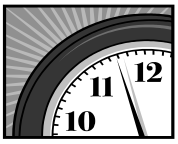
Step #2 - The user types in the name of the cause they wish to support: "St. Mary of Ostrabrama."

Step #3 - Underneath the search bar, "St. Mary of Ostrabrama South River, NJ" will appear. The user clicks on "St. Mary of Ostrabrama South River, NJ".

Step #4 - The user fills out the sign-up information required in the drop-box. They will then be informed that an e-mail confirming their new account on Goodsearch.com will be sent to them. All they then need to do is answer that confirmation e-mail affirmatively and they will be ready to start earning money for St. Mary's immediately.

There is no cost of any kind to St. Mary's or any registered user for searching on **Goodsearch.com.** The more people who use Goodsearch.com on behalf of St. Mary of Ostrabrama, the more money we will make. The possibilities are endless.

MINUTE MEDITATION



Admiration

It's a good idea to reflect regularly on the wonderful qualities of Our Lord - His great power, unconditional love, approachability, and so on. Let's not take the Lord of the universe, our Redeemer and Savior, for granted!.

- from Find a Real Friend in Jesus

"Tree of Love" Memorial

A "Tree of Love" Memorial was created for our beloved deceased family members and parishioners. It is an everlasting tribute in their honor.

The Memorial Room with the "Tree of Love" is a *private area* to spend time in prayer and remembrance of a deceased loved one.

To have your loved one's name or a family name as an everlasting remembrance of this beautiful "Tree of Love" Memorial, the following donations are requested according to plaque sizes available:

$1,500 Plaque 2" x 4"
$1,000 Plaque 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"
$ 500 Plaque 1" x 3"

Contributions for an engraved plaque can be made by anyone, for any deceased person or family at any time.

Call the church office for a memorial request form and it will be mailed to you. Further information is listed in the brochure.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE ... If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website:
https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse.