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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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ostrabrama@stmarysr.org

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cemetery@stmarysr.org

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:
prep@stmarysr.org

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 4:00 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 - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday - Closed

CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: By Appointment only

OFFICE IS 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.

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: Second 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 first Sunday of the month after 10:30 AM Mass in the Msgr. Wujek Room or Chapel.

MARRIAGES: Must be registered, practicing and contributing parishioner. 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.
For emergencies, call anytime.

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.

DUPLICATE SACRAMENTAL CERTIFICATES

or past family information will incur a $15.00 Dollar Processing Fee. This Fee must be paid in advance prior to providing the requested information from our Parish Office.

"No servant can serve two masters.
He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."
(Luke 16:13)

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as a top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charities is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministries. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

FROM THE PASTOR

A very special "Thank you! and Bóg Zapłać!" to everyone who has worked so very hard in prepping and helping us in setting up and taking down everything for our Parish Picnic. Although it rained, it was still a very special and fun afternoon this past Sunday. As always, the food was amazing!

May our Blessed Mother Bless all of you for your loving kindness.

Fr. Michael G., Pastor

NEW JESRSEY RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

October 1 & 2 , 2022 after all Masses

Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.
Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket! ***The cost is $10 per ticket.***

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

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

ONLY your generosity & sacrifice is making it possible for us to continue to make much needed repairs to our beautiful Church, The Jewel of South River!"

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 through Thursday between 9 AM and 4 PM.**

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, (SOBOTA), SEPTEMBER 17
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop
4:00 PM **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), SEPTEMBER 18
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM **65th Anniversary Blessings for Annette & Stanley Daszkiewicz**
10:30AM **Steven & Christina S.**
Req. by: Mom & Dad
12:00n **+Barbara & Andrzej Focht**
Req. by: Daughter, Marta Oganiaczyk

MONDAY (PONIEDZIAŁEK), SEPTEMBER 19
St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
8:00 AM **Rocky Chan Family**
Req. by: Rocky Chan
5:00 PM **PREP Opening Mass**
Piotr Zajac
Req. by: Family

TUESDAY (WTOREK), SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Ha-sang
8:00 AM **+John Woznicki**
Req. by: Theresa, Stephanie & Families

WEDNESDAY (ŚRODA), SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
8:00 AM **+Caroline Ciak**
Req. by: Family

THURSDAY (CZWARTEK), SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
6:**30PM** **+Ron John Koczon**
Req. by: Mother, Teresa Mach

FRIDAY (PIĄTEK), SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
8:00AM **+Mr. & Mrs. B. Samsel**
Req. by: Grandchildren

SATURDAY, (SOBOTA), SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
4:00 PM **+William Shearn**
Req. by: Gregory & Shearn Families

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), SEPTEMBER 25
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM **+Sophie & Vincent Gostkowski**
Req. by: Family
10:30AM **+Robert Pogroszewski**
Req. by: Family
12:00n **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**

Family Prayer...

Jesus, thank you for being a friend who is always there and never turns his back on me. Amen.

WINE & HOSTS

{Available ~ $50 for one week}

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles
God's Blessings on 59th Wedding Anniversary
For Dot & Don Hefner
Req. by: Louise & Richard

Sacred Heart Altar Candles
{Available ~ $25 for two candles for one week}

St. Joseph Candle
+Barbara Molnar
Req. by: Lorraine & Evangelos Kapetanakos

St. Anthony Candle
+Arleen Ferro
Req. by: Lorraine & Evangelos Kapetanakos

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

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

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

Divine Mercy Candle ~ Chapel
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St. Rita's Candle ~ Chapel
+Jamie Willovghby
Req. by: Theresa Rojek & Family

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

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 - September 4, 2022

Weekly Collection
Building Fund
Online Giving
Monthly Collection

Sunday Collection - September 11, 2022

Weekly Collection
Building Fund
Online Giving
Fall Collection

Thank you & God Bless You! Bóg Zapłać!

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS . . .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

+Harry Rawdanowicz

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

CENSUS UPDATE 2022

We are in need of your current information in order to update our records. You may place this form in the collection basket or send us an email at ostrabrama@stmarysr.org with the information listed below:

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone # _____

Envelope # _____

Email _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE . . .

Saturday, September 17
Confessions 11am
C.O.P.E. Collection

Sunday, September 18
PHS Coffee & Cake 1pm PC
C.O.P.E. Collection

Monday, September 19
Seniors Mtg. 10:30am MWR
PREP Class 4:30pm; Opening Mass begins at 5pm

Saturday, September 24
Confessions 11am

Monday, September 26
Seniors Mtg. 10:30am MWR
PREP Class 4:30pm - 5:45pm
ARS Exec. Board Mtg. 7pm MWR

Tuesday, September 27
ARS Clothing Drop off 10am-12Noon PC

Wednesday, September 28
ARS Clothing Drop off 10am-12Noon
6pm - 8pm PC

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Mary of Ostrabrama through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ryan Taylor Zarzycki

May the Lord bless him & keep him in His care!

REMEMBER THE SICK & HOMEBOUND, especially:

Cindy Abreu-Maia, Mrs. Marlene Ahde, Nina Argresta, Jack Batchie, JoAnn Belko, Christopher Chadwick, Patricia Brink, Virginia Brown, Lynette Cucco, Thomas DelGuercio, Mary Dzienkowski, Tom Fackovec, Evelyn Fafara, Penelope Fry, Sophie Galinski, John Ganser, Matthew Giardelli, Maryann Goccia, Veronica Griscavage, Jean Hill, Eleanor Holz, Rose Johnson, Edward Jurewicz, Catheryn Kelly, Jason Klee, Boguslaw Kmieciak, Sofia Koutsoupias, Michael Lucas, Anthony Martino, Wanda Massaro, Irene Mendoker, Hannah Grace Michlik, Adela Ogrodnik, Shona Pietraczenko, Nicholas Piacenti, Anne Piersanti, Cecelia Polanski, Kevin Rasimowicz, C. Rasmussen, Donald Rish, Sr. Rosangela, Ruthann Shesser, Sean Ryan, Gregory Sciscoe, Edward Strugala, Joe Szumski, Pauline Terelmes, Sylvia Thrasher, Aideen Ulrich, Maria Uzzo, Juan Velazquez, Helen Wanson, Arlene Watson, Claire Watson, Martha Sue Williams, Karolina Wojciechowski, Edward Wolanin, Jr., Regis Wyluda, Barbara Zambrzicky, Henry Ziolkowski.

IN OUR PARISH . . .

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society would like to invite any woman, 21 years or older, to become a Rosarian. Join us in praying the Rosary and sharing monthly fellowship.

Induction into the society will take place on **Friday, October 7, 2022**, **at 7:00 pm,** during our Living Rosary Service.

If you would like to join us and are interested in becoming an active member of the Society, please contact Christine at 908-391-3355.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

The Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on
Saturday, October 15, 2022
12Noon in St. Mary's Parking Lot

This public Square Rosary Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day and at that time in honor of the 105th year anniversary of the Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. Please join us in praying for our nation and ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Mother. Please visit www.ANF.org or call Fatima Fernandes at 732-238-1159 for information.

The South River Food Bank gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary's Church for their continued support. Contributions for the Month of September included 10 bags of food, 1 box of food and $100.00 check.

Join us for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 1, 2022 in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. The Blessings will be held in the Church parking lot at 1:30 pm.

FAITH FORMATION . . .

If you want to know more about the RCIA Program, please join us on **Sunday**, **September 25th, 2022 at 9:30 am** in the Rectory Office.

CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH GROUP

All children of God from grades 6 to 12 are welcomed! Our first meeting will be on ***September 25, 2022*** at ***6pm*** in the Corpus Christi basement.

For more information please email:
ccyouthgroup1@gmail.com

Healing Mass

Monday, October 3, 2022
at 11:00 am

Services begin with the Rosary at 10:30 am, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and private meditation before 11:00 am Mass and Anointing. All are invited!

ST. MARY'S HOLY NAME & ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETIES FUNDRAISING DINNER

Saturday, October 22, 2022
5 to 7 pm in the Parish Center

Take out dinners will be available.
Roast pork, pierogi, kielbasa & sauerkraut, rye bread, coffee, tea & dessert.

Adults: $20
Children under 12: $5
Children under 5: FREE

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office during business hours or at the door.
The Holy Name and Altar Rosary Committee will need help preparing the food for the dinner. We will be in the Parish Center on Friday, October 21, from 9 am to 2 pm.

The committee will also need desserts for the dinner. Desserts can be delivered to the Parish Center after 1pm on Saturday.

"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" (not available)
$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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE . . .

DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FOR SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on **Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 3:30 PM**. Registration is required. Go to: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543.Registration will close on October 7, 2022. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations may be made online at https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silverand-gold or calling 732-562-1543.

REPORT A FINANCIAL VIOLATION

Parishioners who would like to report suspected financial malfeasance and other violations of ethical conduct in any of our parishes, schools, cemeteries and diocesan institutions, may do so by using info below:
Web intake site:
https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com

Hotline: 844-796-1296

ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION? HELP IS AVAILABLE!

If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing: Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number 877-877-4300. or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. Spanish-speakers may visit: EsperanzaPosaborto.org. or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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 local law enforcement, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873) or 1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), and also 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: diometuchen.org/healing.

NEW JERSEY SAFE HAVEN LAW

Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline - 1-877-839-2339 - and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

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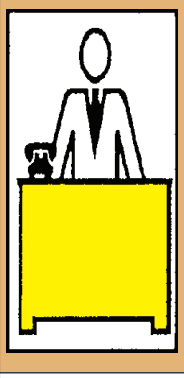

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