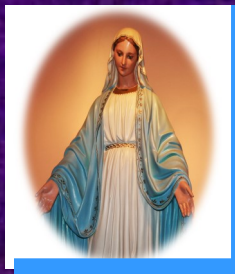

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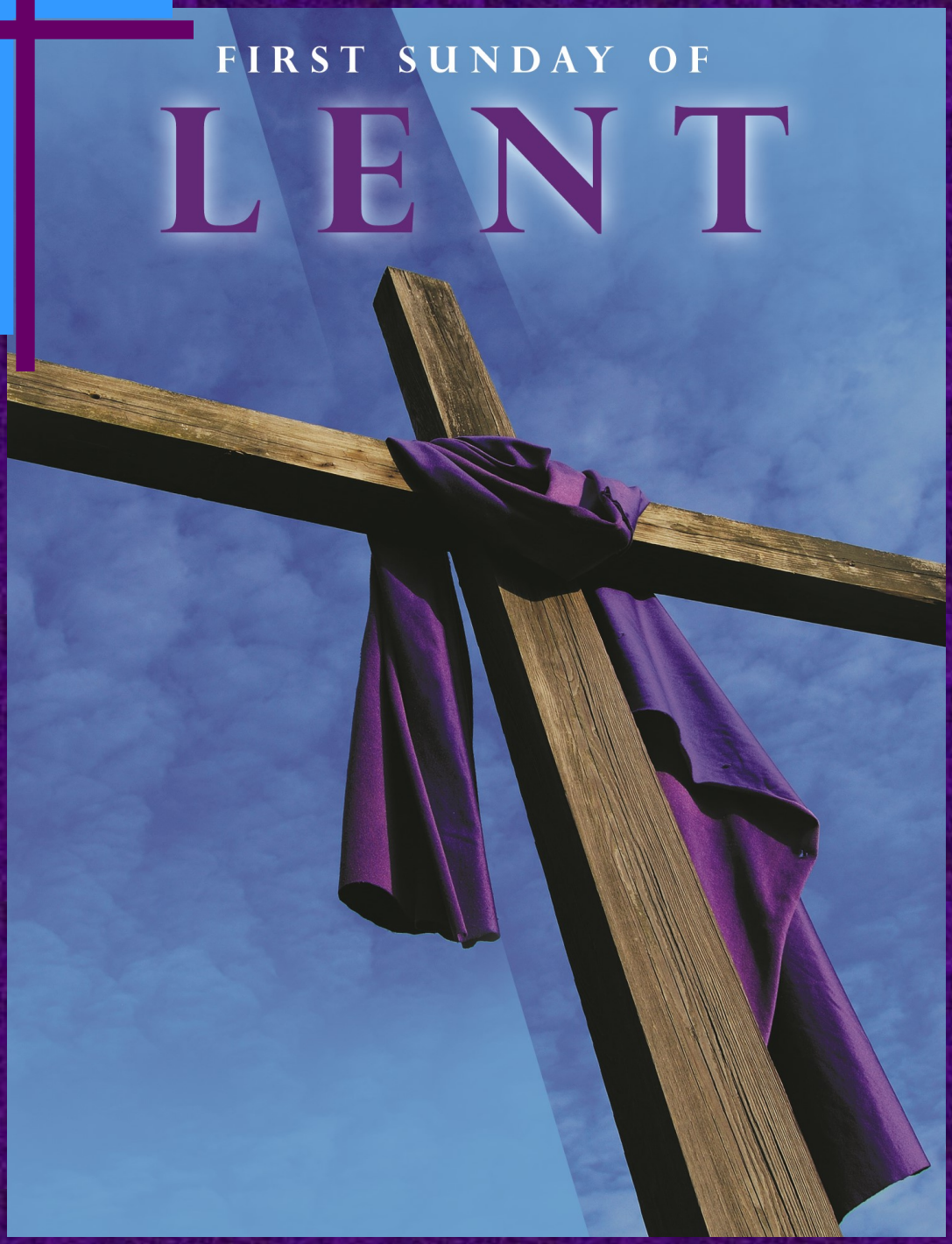

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (Mon-Sat): 7:00 am
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 pm
SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 am
HOLY DAY MASSES: VIGIL: 7:30 pm
DAY: 7:00 am, 12:10 pm & 7:30 pm
FIRST FRIDAYS: 7:00 am & 7:00 pm

Morning Prayers and the Rosary prayed daily at 8:40 am

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WELCOME!

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to St. Mary's-Stony Hill to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners and welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally. We want you to know that you are always welcome! All parishioners should be registered with the parish office. Please notify the parish if you change your address or move out of the parish. Certificates of eligibility to sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to registered parishioners who are active and practicing Catholics.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners, who attend public school grades 1-8. In addition, preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is also provided for students who attend Catholic schools. Please check our website or contact the Office of Religious Education for information.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Due to privacy laws, we are no longer notified when parishioners are admitted to local hospitals. We are happy to visit sick or homebound parishioners when requested by family members. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. Emergency sick calls can be made at anytime by calling the parish office and selecting "9". Please only use this option for genuine emergencies requiring a priest.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY: 12:15 pm—Arrangements must be made through the parish office at least one month in advance. Parents must be registered parishioners; sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing. If sponsors are from other parishes, a letter of good standing from their pastor is required.
Reconciliation: SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 pm; FIRST FRIDAY: 6:30 pm; Also by appointment. Confessional in foyer.
Marriage: Please contact the parish office for an appointment at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date. Additional information is available on our parish website: www.stmaryswatchung.org.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, February 15, 2016
President's Day—Parish Office Closed
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
No Making Music Praying Twice today
No Religious Education tonight

TUESDAY, February 16
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
No Making Music Praying Twice today
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 17
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary & Morning Prayers
4:00 p.m. Religious Education
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

THURSDAY, February 18
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
10:00 a.m. Seniors Meeting

FRIDAY, February 19
7:00 a.m. Mass & Adoration
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
6:45 p.m. Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass followed by
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 20
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
9:00 a.m. Prepare to Lead Class
4:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, February 21
7:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Lenten Series
10:00 a.m. Religious Education
11:15 a.m. Mass

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support of our parish!

Parish Offertory Collection (Excludes WeShare)

February 6-7

2016 Weekly Offering	2015 Weekly Offering
$7,196	$8,705

July 1, 2015 –June 30, 2016 YTD (Incl. WeShare through Jan. 31st)

Collected	Budget	(Under)/Over Target
$328,720	$313,773	$14,947

Month of December 2015 (Includes WeShare through Jan. 31st)

$47,155	$42,972	$4,183

Statistics (July 1, 2015—January 31, 2016):
WeShare Online Giving 106 donors
Envelopes/Checks 317 donors

Stewardship
A Way of Life

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

February 14, 2016 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Dt. 26:10)
This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, February 20th-21st, we will be taking up a second collection, the diocesan Winter Collection. All proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

From the Office of Religious Education

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Rosary Making Workshop last week. We hope you enjoyed the experience of making your own rosary beads and that it enhances your spiritual life.

Lent

St. Mary's Parish will once again offer a Lenten reflection series. This year, there will be a discussion of the new book by Fr. James Martin, S.J. "Seven Last Words" The book is a reflection on the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, February 21, 2016 after the 9:00 Mass in Murray Hall. The parish has purchased several copies of the book or you may bring your own copy. For more information on the book, please visit: http://www.cruxnow.com/faith/2016/02/03/seven-last-words-james-martin-they-do-not-know-what-they-are-doing/

Please consider joining us as we gather together to share our faith and learn from one another. All are welcome!

SOUP SUPPERS

We are planning Soup Suppers on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:00 p.m. We will share a simple meal in Murray Hall and then have a presentation & reflection from Bishop Barron's series on Catholicism. Each week, a different parish ministry group will prepare the meal. Please mark your calendars for the following dates and join us as often as you are available:

February 17 (parish staff to host)
February 24 (religious education to host)
March 2 (liturgical ministry to host)
March 16 (Knights of Columbus to host)

**Note: we have no Soup Supper planned for Wednesday, March 9th as we have a Penance Service scheduled that evening.

LENTEN FRIDAYS

Each Friday during Lent, our schedule is as follows:
7:00 a.m. Mass and Adoration
6:45 p.m. Benediction
7:00 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Come spend a few moments during the day resting in the presence of Jesus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross specifically tailored to families with young children. All young families are welcome and encouraged to join us at ***6:45 p.m. in the Church***, beginning Wednesday, February 17th.

Sunday, February 28th the Covenant Committee is hosting our Christian Unity Celebration with Wilson Memorial Church. We will have a concert featuring Rio Clemente (pianist) and Carey Jackson (Gospel singer) - followed by supper. The events begin at 4:00 pm here at St. Mary's Church. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for children 12 & under and may be purchased in the Narthex after Masses or in the Parish Office. For more info, please contact Florence Larkin at 908-757-4029.

A Message from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski

Catholics are not obliged to follow the precept to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when weather conditions could make roads, sidewalks, and parking lots unsafe. When judging whether travelling could be dangerous, one should use common sense and always err on the side of caution.

When unable to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, the faithful still are encouraged to observe the Day of the Lord (Sunday). A practical approach may be to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and, if living with others, you may discuss ways the Gospel message can be lived out in your own household, the Domestic Church. You may also consider praying together the Responsorial Psalm of the Day.

SAT PREPARATION CLASS

SAT Smart is offering 12 hour courses for the NEW SAT here at St. Mary's on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 pm. For more details, visit www.SATsmart.com or call 908-369-5362.

IN AND AROUND THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Grace, Mercy & Peace

Ministering to those experiencing pain, confusion and fear, and those preparing for death is the role of the clergy assigned to ***Hospital Ministry***. They respond to calls at every hour of the day and night providing sacramental and pastoral presence in hospitals and health care facilities throughout the diocese. ***Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry.*** To date, the diocese has received pledges totaling $218,330.98 and payments totaling $216,536.24 from 169 parishioners. This represents 122.1% of our $178,800.00 goal. Thank you!

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People: How to Report Sexual Abuse. If you were sexually abused as a minor 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, through the diocesan website (www.diometuchen.org) or calling Lawrence Nagle, diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 732-562-2413.

Mass Servers

Feb. 20-21

MASS	READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
Saturday 4:00pm	D. Speeney	M. L. DiRosa A. Fennelly D. & K. Germaine	N. & N. Przybylski
Sunday, 7:30am	D. Wellbrock	D. & M. Cronheim J. Eisele	Open
9:00am	M. Santucci	M. & M. Christian B. Tozzi	M. Mattiassi P. Memoli
11:15am	L. Munoz	D. Blundin P. D'Angelo S. C. Munoz	R. Molnar F. Salas

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

February 12– February 18
For those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring

PRAY FOR . . .

A time to heal... Let us pray for the sick:

Agapito Aquino
Eloy Bello
Rose Bello Buono
David Bestwick
Anthony Addario
Annabella Biondo
Anda Braun
Diane Brown
Genna Camiolo
Marion Caparaso
Brian Carpenter
Lorena D'Amato
Calvin David
Bishop John Flesey
Gregory Frisoli
Denise Gilmartin
Barbara Giordano
Jennifer Gonzalez
Robert Gonzalez
Andrew Greiwe
Anthony Gottlick
Eric Hartman
Federico Jarantilla
Doris Kratson
Donna Kugelman
Eric LeGrand
Anthony Leone
Veronica March
Kesla Marie Martinez
Daniel McCaffrey
Grace Mitchell
Brenda Mittenhuber
Clare Murphy
John Oborne
Donna Palardy
Rolando Severino
Karen Shanahan
Rose Simone
Bessie Sullivan
Marie Summa
Emma Szanicz

PRAY FOR

Those in the Military… May God bless you for your service:

Joseph Butrico, L.Cpl. USMC
Michael F. Hogan, Corp. USM
Pvt. David Lavery, USMC
Edward Paul Louis, USA
Eric Marsjanik, USN
Eric Merkle, USAF
Capt. Jason Milbrandt, USMC
Chaplain Robert Monagle, USAF
Sgt. Patrick Noll USMC
P.F.C. Clifton Sallach
Pvt. Jonathan Sims, Natl. Gd.
Daniel Szurick, 1st Lt USMC
Major John Voorhees, US54A

"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." - Psalm 91

MASS INTENTIONS

For The Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016
Readings: Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt. 25:31-46
7:00 a.m. Marge Kugelman

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Readings: Is. 55:10-11/Mt. 6:7-15
7:00 a.m Sally Buccarelli

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Readings: Jon. 3:1-10/Lk. 11:29-32
7:00 a.m. Marge Kugelman

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Readings: Est. C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt. 7:7-12
7:00 a.m. Marge Kugelman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Readings: Ez. 18:21-28/Mt. 5:20-26
7:00 a.m. Anna M. Puchalski
7:00 p.m. Susan DeParto

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20
Readings: Dt. 26:16-19/Mt. 5:43-48
7:00 a.m. Joseph Schirripa

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent
Rdgs: Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil. 3:17-4:1/Lk. 9:28b-36
4:00 p.m. Marie Bahto

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Second Sunday of Lent
Rdgs: Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil. 3:17-4:1/Lk. 9:28b-36
7:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Anthony Danella III
11:15 a.m. Mary Lasher

KIDS CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.

Help Jesus to avoid the devil by staying on the path that leads to God!

LENTEN WORD SEARCH

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FORTY DAYS
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY THURSDAY
LENT
PALM SUNDAY
PRAYER
REPENTANCE
SACRIFICE
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