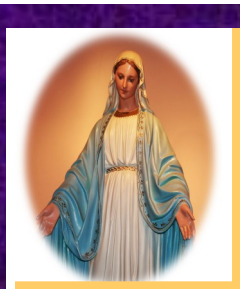

Saint Mary's Church - Stony Hill
Roman Catholic Church

March 13, 2016

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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

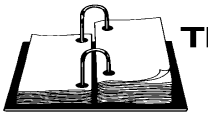
We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners, who attend public school grades 1-8. In addition, preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is also provided for students who attend Catholic schools. Please check our website or contact 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, March 14, 2016
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
10:00 a.m. Making Music Praying Twice
7:00 p.m. Religious Education Classes

TUESDAY, March 15
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
10:00 a.m. Making Music Praying Twice

WEDNESDAY, March 16
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 & Reflection
6:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross for Children

THURSDAY, March 17
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
10:00 a.m. Seniors Meeting

FRIDAY, March 18
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, March 19
7:00 a.m. Mass
8:40 a.m. Rosary and Morning Prayers
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
4:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, March 20
Palm Sunday
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

From the Office of Religious Education

Over the next several weeks, we invite a second grade family to bring up the gifts at Sunday Mass. Thank you to the **Brezee Family** who brought up the gifts at the Mass this past Sunday.

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES (SUNDAYS)

This year, our Adult Reflection Series we 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. **We meet on Sundays after the 9:00 Mass in Murray Hall.** All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOUP SUPPERS

Join us for our final Soup Supper for this Lenten season on Wednesday evening, ***March 16th at 6:00 p.m.*** We share a simple meal in Murray Hall and then have a presentation & reflection from Bishop Barron's series on Catholicism. The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross specifically tailored to families with young children. This is a great opportunity for you to introduce your children to the Stations of the Cross. Join us at ***6:45 p.m. in the Church***.

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.

PARISH SEDER SUPPER

Join us for our annual tradition during Holy Week, **Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.** $20/per person. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Please sign up on our parish website, in the Narthex after Mass or in the parish office.

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JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Journey through Grief" our parish bereavement support program will begin on **Thursday, March 31st at 7 PM** in the Parish Center. We meet for six consecutive Thursday evenings (skipping Thursday, April 21st). The group is open to all those grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no cost, but we do ask you to register. Please contact Cheryl Gatti via phone at 908-285-0330 or email at cgatti4712@aol.com to let her know you will be attending.

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT 2016

Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on ***March 19th at 10 am*** (rain date: March 26th). It is open to all children of the parish ages 8 and below. ***We ask that each family attending this year donate at least one dozen filled eggs no later than March16th.*** If you plan on attending please let us know by signing up via our parish website (stmaryswatchung.org).

Your Sacrificial Offering

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

Parish Offertory Collection (Excludes WeShare)

March 5—6

2016 Weekly Offering	2015 Weekly Offering
$8,483	$8,213

July 1, 2015 –June 30, 2016 YTD (Incl. WeShare through Feb. 29th)

Collected	Budget	(Under)/Over Target
$374,343	$354,349	$19,994

Month of February 2016 (Includes WeShare through Feb. 29th)

$45,623	$40,576	$5,047

Statistics (July 1, 2015—February 29, 2016):
WeShare Online Giving 108 donors
Envelopes/Checks 327 donors

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce the Dinner Dance Gala raised $31,044 for the parish ministries and programs. Thank you for you support!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

March 13, 2016 - 5th Sunday of Lent

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ…" (Phil. 3:8) The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them "rubbish" does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.

SECOND COLLECTION

"*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*." (Mt. 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of humabn trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you help ***Jesus in disguise***.

IN AND AROUND THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The second annual **Stations of the Cross** for persons with Disabilities will be held on **Saturday, March 19th at 3:00 pm** at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway). Fellowship and light refreshments will follow Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to 732-765-6432 or by emailing catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

CHRISM MASS—Monday, March 21
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On **Monday, March 21, Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski** will celebrate the ***Chrism Mass*** with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service,** recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30 pm.**

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Grace, Mercy & Peace

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. The staff of the office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry believes it takes a parish to raise a Catholic. That's why it offers the Youth Ministry Certificate Program for the parish leaders involved in this vital ministry. ***Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to integrate our young people into the life of the parish and empowers them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please give generously.*** To date, the diocese has received pledges totaling $222,657.61 and payments totaling $220,745.45 from 177 parishioners. This represents 124.5% of our $178,800 goal. Thank you!

Welcome!

Msgr. James F. Checchio was appointed the 5th Bishop of Metuchen by Pope Francis this week. St. Mary's-Stony Hill joins with all the parishes of the Diocese to warmly welcome him. God Bless!

Mass Servers

March 19-20

MASS	READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
Saturday 4:00pm	S. Rienzi D. Speeney	M. L. DiRosa A. Fennelly A. & R. Genabith	N. & N. Przybylski
Sunday, 7:30am	J. Eisele L. Latore	V. Bannon D. & M. Cronheim	Open
9:00am	C. Gatti J. McDonald	M. & M. Christian S. Hudzik	D. Tse J. Santucci
11:15am	K. Helwa	P. D'Angelo M Hanlon K. Lawlor	D. Peterson F. Salas

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

March 11 – March 17
For Jean Curran

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, USA

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone..." - Jn. 8:1-11

Mass Intentions

For The Week

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016
Readings: Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn. 8:12-20
7:00 a.m. Joseph Coffey

TUESDAY, MARCH 15
Readings: Nm. 21:4-9/Jn. 8:21-30
7:00 a.m Marie Tozzi

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
Readings: Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn. 8:31-42
7:00 a.m. David Curran

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
St. Patrick
Readings: Gn. 17:3-9/Jn. 8:51-59
7:00 a.m. Mary Milano

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Readings: Jer. 20:10-13/Jn. 10:31-42
7:00 a.m. Edie Hostetter
7:00 p.m. Nita Soliven

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 19
St. Joseph
Readings: 2 Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a
7:00 a.m. Anthony Mastrobattista

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 19
Vigil of Palm Sunday
Readings: Is. 50:4-7/Phil. 2:6-11/Lk. 22:14-23:56
4:00 p.m. Joe Laurent

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Readings: Is. 50:4-7/Phil. 2:6-11/Lk. 22:14-23:56
7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Marie Secola
11:15 a.m. Henry Albert

KIDS CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

In Bible days, people who did wrong were stoned to death. Jesus changed that. He said, "If you have never done anything wrong, throw the first stone." Everyone makes mistakes. A rock can hurt people, animals, cars, and houses. When you say bad things about someone, you are throwing a rock at them. The rock might come back and hurt you, too. If you can not say something nice about someone, pray for them.

Lent Word Search

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DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Office of the Bishop

Annual Collection for Retired Diocesan Priests

Palm Sunday Weekend - March 19/20, 2016

March 13, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Diocese of Metuchen currently has 28 retired diocesan priests. Just imagine how many people have heard them preach and teach over the years, and how many more have been the recipients of their sacramental and pastoral care. In their combined years of service, these men have ministered to literally hundreds of thousands of people.

Next weekend, March 19-20, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these men by responding to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. This collection assists our elderly priests by helping to provide them with a monthly pension. It also subsidizes the operation of the Maria Regina Residence where 14 of our retired priests are currently living.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Paul G Bootkoski

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD
Bishop of Metuchen