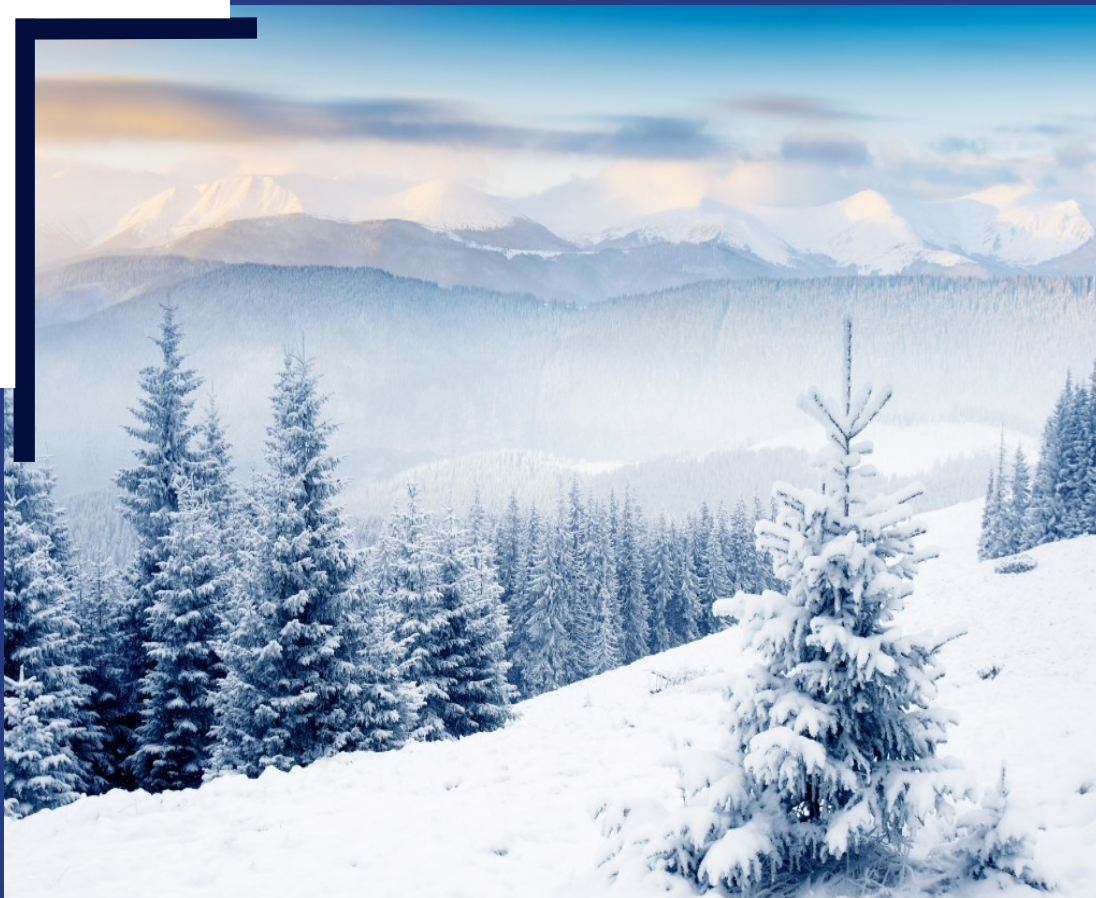




Saint Mary's Church - Stony Hill

Roman Catholic Church

January 14, 2018: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Winter

In the quietness of this place,
in the sacredness of this hour,
let us leave behind the dust
and noise of our world
and enter the holy hush of
God's presence.

-Rev. Leroy Koopman

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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.

Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 pm

SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 am

DAILY: Mon.-Thurs. & Sat.: 7:00 am; Fri.: 12:10 pm
Morning Prayers and the Rosary prayed daily at 8:40 am

FIRST FRIDAYS: check the bulletin or website for evening Mass schedule.

HOLY DAYS: VIGIL: 7:30 pm

DAY: 7:00 am, 12:10 pm & 7:30 pm

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

Also by appointment. Confessional in the Narthex.

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.

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.

Religious Education

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners, who attend public school grades Pre-K thru 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 (908-756-6524 ext. 16) for information.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

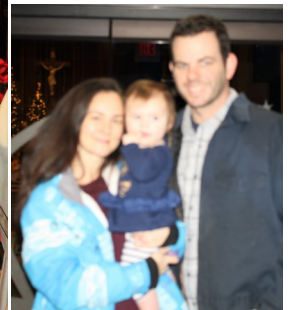
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<u>Weekday</u> 7 am Mass No Religious Ed. Classes (parish office closed)	<u>Weekday</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 10 am MMPT 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee	<u>St. Anthony</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 4 pm Religious Ed. Classes	<u>Weekday</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 10 am Senior Meeting	<u>Weekday</u> 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 12:10 pm Mass	<u>St. Fabian St. Sebastian</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 4 pm Mass	<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:30 am Mass 9 am Mass 10 am Religious Ed. Classes 11:15 am Mass

Baby's First Christmas Mass

A few photos from our Baby's First Christmas Mass which was held at the 11:15 am Mass on the weekend of January 7th:



God Bless all the families!



Saturday, January 6



The Week 4 session is entitled "Engaging Our Gifts and Strengths for Christ"

God has given each of us unique gifts and talents. It takes a community of believers—each with different gifts—to engage in the New Evangelization and to build the kingdom of God

Please keep our "Be My Witness" participants in your prayers this week as they continue their journey to encounter Jesus Christ. If you want to learn more about the program, call Nancy in the parish office at 908-756-6524 ext. 10.

Hour Sacrificial Offering

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

January 6 - 7 (Excludes WeShare)

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
\$7,788	\$6,197
<u>Together in Charity</u>	<u>Together in Charity</u>
\$3,431	\$3,379

Stewardship Reflection

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"

- Jn. 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



Second Collection

Next weekend, we will have a second collection to benefit the Foundation for Catholic Education. This is a diocesan fund that provided tuition assistance grants for students in financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!



You Gotta Be In It To WIN It!

50/50 raffle tickets are available for purchase after all Masses! Tickets are \$100 each — and only 300 will be sold! Drawing will be held at our Murder Mystery Dinner on February 24th. Thank you for your support of our parish!



From the Bookkeeper:

2017 Contribution Statements will be available for all registered parishioners to access via ConnectNow by January 15, 2018.

If you haven't already created your ConnectNow account, detailed instructions may be found on our parish website (www.stmaryswatchung.org). Under the "Home" button, select "My Own Church". If you have any difficulty, please contact the parish office at 908-756-6524 ext. 10 or via email at parish@stmaryswatchung.org.

If you are not registered with the parish but would like to receive a statement, please contact Pat Manfredonia, our parish bookkeeper, directly at 908-756-6524 ext. 17 or patm@stmaryswatchung.org.

IN AND AROUND THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Bus Trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton Monday, January 22, 2018

The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 22, 2018. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11 AM and ends at 1 PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2-2:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1543.

9 Days for Life

The U.S. bishops' annual novena **9 Days for Life** takes place January 18-26, 2018. Each day, pray for the respect and protection of all human life. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!



Mass Servers



Jan 20 - 21

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
Saturday, 4:00 pm	D. Duffy	V. DeVito M. L. DiRosa P. Hall T. Opalewski	A. Cozic E. Gallic
Sunday, 7:30am	J. Savatta	Deacon Larry J. Eisele C. Gatti	Open
9:00am	P. Dorsi	Deacon Larry R. Lesaca B. Tozzi	D. Tse
11:15am	D. Touhill	Deacon Peter J. & R.M. Valente	N. Gallic F. Salas



TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

January 13 - 19

Peaceful Blessings for James E. Duffy.



PRAY FOR...

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

Rolando Ablan
Agapito Aquino
Joseph M. Angeleri
Josephine Balko
Jeanne Bellissimo
Eloy Bello
Rose Bello Buono
David Bestwick
Annabella Biondo
Anda Braun
Diane Brown
Genna Camiolo
Minnie Candelino
Marion Caparaso
Brian Carpenter
Lorena D'Amato
Calvin David
Gregory Frisoli
Denise Gilmartin
Barbara Giordano
Jennifer Gonzalez
Robert Gonzalez
Andrew Greiwe
Anthony Gottlick
Eric Hartman
Hans Hendriks
Laura Hinkley

Federico Jarantilla
Doris Kratson
Donna Kugelman
Eric LeGrand
Anthony Leone
Veronica March
Cornell Marino
Kesla Marie Martinez
Daniel McCaffrey
Grace Mitchell
Brenda Mittenhuber
Clare Murphy
John Osborne
Tom Opalewski, Jr.
Donna Palardy
Concetta Palasits
Walter Quense
Theodore Scafuto
Rolando Severino
Karen Shanahan
Rose Simone
Frank Skopowski
Bessie Sullivan
Marie Summa
Emma Szanicz
Pat Turner
Audrey Waldron



PRAY FOR

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

L. Cpl. Joseph Butrico, USMC
Corp. Michael F. Hogan, 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
Pvt. Jonathan Sims, Natl Gd.
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC
Major John Voorhees, USA



For The Week

MONDAY, January 15
Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm. 15:16-23/Mk. 2:18-22
7:00 a.m. Mary Sasso

TUESDAY, January 16
Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm. 16:1-13/Mk. 2:23-28
7:00 a.m. Linda Gagliardotto

WEDNESDAY, January 17
Saint Anthony

Readings: 1 Sm. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk. 3:1-6
7:00 a.m. Bernard Shenocca

THURSDAY, January 18
Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm. 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk. 3:7-12
7:00 a.m. Sr. Miriam

FRIDAY, January 19
Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm. 24:3-21/Mk. 3:13-19
12:10 p.m. Lainey Brennan

SATURDAY MORNING, January 20
Saint Sebastian

Readings: 1 Sm. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk. 3:20-21
7:00 a.m. Augustina Borja

SATURDAY EVENING, January 20
Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jon. 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor. 7:29-31/Mk. 1:14-20
4:00 p.m. Bob Beckert

SUNDAY, January 21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jon. 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor. 7:29-31/Mk. 1:14-20
7:30 a.m. Mary Sasso
9:00 a.m. James Matullo
11:15 a.m. For the People of the Parish

"Here I am!"

- 1 Sm. 3:3b

Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity
January 18—25, 2018



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. Peter means rock. He knew that Peter would be strong enough to hold his church together. Pretend that God is changing your name today. God might choose a name that says what he wants you to become: Patience, Courage, or Honesty. God could choose Bible names: Moses, Noah, Mary, or Joseph. Choose a name for yourself. God will call you by your new name. He will be proud of you.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

We have found the Messiah.

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