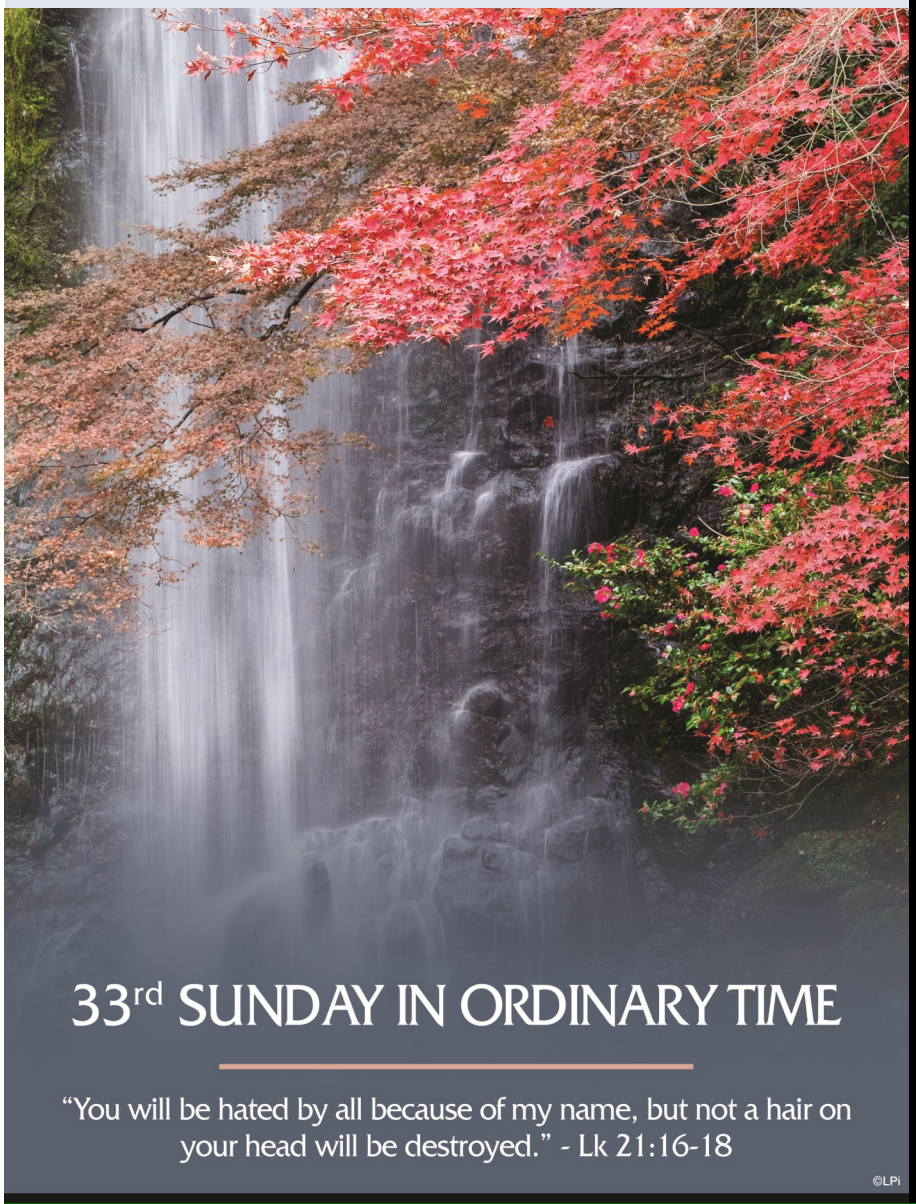
Saint Mary's Church - Stony Hill
Roman Catholic Church

November 17, 2019



The Covenant Committee of
St. Mary's Stony Hill and Wilson
Memorial Church
Invite you to our Annual

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 24th
at 4:00 pm
in the Church

Refreshments following the
celebration in Murray Hall

225 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, NJ 07069

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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 office 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.

Parish Directory:

Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, OFS, Pastor
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Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Peter D'Angelo
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Frank Capobianco, Parish Buildings & Grounds
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sminogue37@gmail.com

Darrin Nelson, Adult Formation/Evangelization
908-756-6524 ext. 15; dnelson@stmaryswatchung.org

Nancy Stoll, Parish Administrative Assistant

Religious Education

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners who attend public school grades Pre-K thru 8. Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is also provided for students who attend Catholic schools. The Confirmation Program is a two-year preparation program. Students may not enroll into 8th grade, unless they complete our 7th grade program or attend a Catholic school. Please check our website or contact the Office of Religious Education at 908-756-6524 ext.16 for more information.

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am | 9:00 am | 11:15 am

Daily Masses: Monday - Thursday 7:00 am
Friday 12:10 pm; Saturday 7:00 am
Rosary prayed daily at 7:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm (Also by appointment.)

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound

We are grateful to know if there is someone who should be on our prayer list, or who would benefit from a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or anointing by a priest. Please ask the individual, or immediate family member to contact the parish office. In an emergency, phone the parish office and select "9". Please use this option only for a genuine emergency requiring a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held at 12:15 pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Contact the parish office for scheduling.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the parish office for an appointment at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

Ministry Leaders:

Bereavement Group	*Cheryl Gatti*	*908-***285-0330**
Cemetery Sales	*Dick Dorsi*	*908-***380-3321**
Cemetery Concerns	*Pat Manfredonia*	*908-***756-6524**
Children's Liturgy	*Melissa Camiolo*	
	oloimac21005@gmail.com	
Covenant Committee	*Florence Larkin*	*908-***757-4029**
Finance Committee	*Nancy Finn*	*908-***756-6524**
Food Pantry	*Mary Ann & Tony Pangi*	*732-***764-0264**
Food for the Needy (SHIP)	*Bob Palasits*	*908-***757-5728**
Knights of Columbus	*Al Germaine*	*973-***896-7250**
	agermaine2@icloud.com	
Liturgical Ministries	*Peter D'Angelo*	*908-***963-0436**
Making Music - Praying Twice	*Roseann Sicola*	*908-***755-2853**
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Moms & Tots	*Paige Jasaitis*	*908-***753-0443**
Morning Prayer Group	*Mary Cooper*	*908-***561-0854**
Music Ministry	*Suzanne Gallic*	*908-***605-0097**
RCIA/Adult Ed	*Anthony Pangi*	*732-***764-0264**
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Religious Ed. Grade K-6	*Catherine Cooney*	*908-***756-6524**
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Seniors Group	*Pat Dorsi*	*908-***917-5709**
St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	*Sheryl Szlosek*	*908-***616-2697**
Stewardship Committee	*Beth Mattiassi*	*908-***561-0993**
Youth Ministry	*Tina Kelly*	*908-***756-6524**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 18
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
7 am Mass • 7:30 am Rosary
7 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, November 19
Weekday
7 am Mass • 7:30 am Rosary
10 am MMPT
7 pm Adult Formation

Wednesday, November 20
Weekday
7 am Mass • 7:30 am Rosary
4 pm Religious Education Classes
7 pm Multi-Parish Discipleship Meeting

Thursday, November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7 am Mass • 7:30 am Rosary
10 am Senior Meeting
7 pm Bereavement Group

Friday, November 22
Saint Cecilia
7:30 am Rosary
12:10 pm Mass

Saturday, November 23
Saint Clement I
7 am Mass
10 am First Penance
4 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday, November 24
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:30 am Mass; 9 am Mass; 11:15 am Mass
10 am Religious Education Classes
12:15 pm Baptism
4 pm Covenant Thanksgiving Service

MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

November is traditionally the month for remembering in special ways the faithful departed. We pray for their swift admission into Heaven, but also, because the human body is a "temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 CORINTHIANS 6:19), we reverence their burial places.

This month has me thinking about our parish cemetery. Unfortunately, we have only a handful of plots remaining for in-ground burials. For those who wish to be cremated we have the beautiful St. Christopher Memorial Garden. We also have, of course, two mausoleums for entombments, including cremains.

A project it seems important to take on, especially with our cemetery grounds nearly full, is the repair and enhancement, both inside and outside, of our mausoleums. Indeed, the Chapel Mausoleum is nearing 30 years old. As plans for inside the mausoleums finalize, there will be, I'm sure, memorial opportunities for liturgical appointments (furniture), e.g., altars, ambos, chairs, etc. I will be sure to keep you posted on this project in the months ahead. If you think you would like to memorialize a liturgical appointment in either mausoleum, please feel free to speak with me after Mass or to make an appointment through the Parish Office to talk about it.

My prayerful good wishes for the week ahead. Please remember to pray for me.

Msgr. Benwell

Installation Mass

Msgr. Benwell will be installed as our pastor at the 11:15 am Mass on **Sunday, December 8th.** Immediately following, we will have a luncheon reception in the Parish Center.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Checchio as the principal celebrant for this Mass.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this very special occasion for our parish.

Warm Winter Wear Collection

As the temperature falls Franciscan Charities/St. Ann's Soup Kitchen needs your help! Please consider helping us provide warm winter wear for our clients in Newark. ***We are collecting clean, gently used, and new coats along with hats, gloves, and scarves***. We are seeking winter gear for all ages. We will have bins for your donations in the Narthex of the church on the weekends of November 16th & 17th and November 23rd & 24th. If you would rather make a donation to go towards the coat drive you can send a check to: Franciscan Charities Inc, 55 Union Place, Suite 217, Summit, NJ 07901 (please state coat drive in the memo line of your check) or visit our website at www.franciscancharitiesinc.org and click on the donate tab. If you have any questions, call Sheryl @908-616-2697. Thank You!

Breakfast with Santa

Please join us on ***Saturday, December 7th*** in the Parish Center for Breakfast with Santa! Seating times are 8:00 am, 9:00 am and 10:00 am. Tickets will be on sale soon — after Masses and on the parish website (stmaryswatchung.org). Children (under 10) are $3; Children (ages 10+) & Adults are $5. Don't forget to bring a **new unwrapped toy** for the children of St. Ann's Soup Kitchen — and your camera!. Please note: we will **not** be selling tickets at the door, so be sure to get them by December 1st. All attendees must purchase a ticket.

Family Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 1st at 10 am

We're following the star to find baby Jesus!

Join us for a morning of crafts, activities, and light refreshments as we begin the Advent Season. Please contact Cathy Cooney, Director of Religious Education at 908-756-6524 ext. 16 or via email at ccooney@stmaryswatchung.org to register or if you have any questions. We ask all families to register in advance so we can ensure adequate supplies. We also request a $5 donation per family. **Please register by November 20th!**

Your Sacrificial Offering

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

November 9 - 10 (Excludes WeShare)

2019	**2018**
Weekly Offering	**Weekly Offering**
$6,583	$8,530

Stewardship
a way of life

Stewardship Reflection

"…Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."

(2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

Second Collection

Next weekend, November 23rd & 24th, we will be taking up a second collection at all Masses. All proceeds benefit the Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your support.

First Penance

Next Saturday, 33 of our young parishioners will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare themselves for this sacrament of healing and forgiveness.

Prayer for First Penance

Jesus searches for us when we go astray and brings us back home with joy.

May you know the greatness of God's love and forgiveness on this special day!

RCIA Reflection

An Anchor In Times of Turmoil

We find ourselves in a world where nothing seems permanent, where we are confronted with violence and the threat of destruction. Psychology tells us that in times of turmoil we can maintain our stability by anchoring our life to something unshakable. Jesus calls us to anchor our life in fidelity to the Lord and his way of life. To learn more about living a life of faithfulness to our God through the focus of the Catholic faith we invite you to meet with us at an Inquiry Session. All who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received the Sacraments of Confirmation AND Eucharist are invited. Inquiry sessions do not assume a commitment to join the Catholic Church. They are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, call our parish RCIA contact at 732-764-0264.

World Day of the Poor

November 17, 2019 marks the third annual World Day of the Poor. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us "that the poor are not statistics to be counted, but people to be encountered." We are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. And to recognize Christ in those who we meet or whose stories we hear.

This year's World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 9:19, "The hope of the poor will not perish forever." He considers the suffering of millions of people who experience poverty, noting that they maintain hope in the Lord in a very real way because he assures them of his faithfulness. Pope Francis challenges us to be authentic witnesses of Christian hope and to accompany the poor through a personal and constant commitment over time.

Hope through Education

Hope through Education, a newly incorporated independent nonprofit, was formed to significantly increase the tuition assistance available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties, to allow them the chance to choose the best school for their child regardless of their ability to afford the full cost of tuition.

Hope through Education has the approval of Bishop James F. Checchio, who stands in support of its mission.

The nonprofit is staffed, operational and already at work to increase the number of scholarships available to families with the greatest financial need. Information on how to apply will be available shortly.

For more information, please contact Hope through Education at info@hopethrougheducationusa.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 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.

Sharing Your Care

November is National Family Care Givers Month. It is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers across the country. The Adult Day Center of Somerset County offers a caregiver support group on the second Saturday of each month. For more info, contact them at 908-725-0068 or visit their website at www.adultdaycenter.org.

Caring for the Caregiver

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nov. 23 - 24

4:00 pm Mass	7:30 am Mass	9:00 am Mass	11:15 am Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: C. D'Amato M. D'Amato R. Genabith R. Urdaneta	**Eucharistic Ministers:** V. Bannon J. Ebler N. Ebler	**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sr. A. Cooper L. Grubman C. Moccia	**Deacon:** P. D'Angelo
Reader: A. Urdaneta	**Reader:** P. Brannon	**Reader:** K. Helewa	**Eucharistic Ministers:** G. Biesiadecki M. Biesiadecki A. Germaine
Altar Servers: J. Soranno	**Altar Servers:** Open	**Altar Servers:** D. Tse S. Tse	**Reader:** N. Villa
			Altar Servers: I. R. Dimen-White

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

November 16 - 22:
For Scott Hudzik.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 18
1 Mc. 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/Lk. 18:35-43
7:00 a.m. Fern Langlais

TUESDAY, November 19
2 Mc. 6:18-31/Lk. 19:1-10
7:00 a.m. Linda Gagliardotto

WEDNESDAY, November 20
2 Mc. 7:1, 20-31/Lk. 19:11-28
7:00 a.m. Ken Herrmann

THURSDAY, November 21
1 Mc. 2:15-29/Lk. 19:41-44
7:00 a.m. Ann Gugliemetti

FRIDAY, November 22
1 Mc. 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk. 19:45-48
12:10 p.m. Ricardo Urdaneta

SATURDAY MORNING, November 23
1 Mc. 6:1-13/Lk. 20:27-40
7:00 am Carol Paxson

SATURDAY VIGIL, November 23
2 Sm. 5:1-3/Col. 1:12-20/Lk. 23:35-43
4:00 p.m. Donna Kugelman

SUNDAY, November 24
2 Sm. 5:1-3/Col. 1:12-20/Lk. 23:35-43
7:30 a.m For the People of the Parish and for Osiris Narvaez
9:00 a.m. Manuel Ramon Gonzalez
11:15 a.m. Ricardo Urdaneta

HEAR US HEAL US

Let us pray for the sick:

Agapito Aquino
Joseph M. Angeleri
Carmen Antonelle
Josephine Balko
Eloy Bello
Rose Bello Buono
David Bestwick
Anda Braun
Diane Brown
Andrea Callejas
Genna Camiolo
Brian Carpenter
Jerry Coughlin
Lorena D'Amato
Calvin David
Sophie Fiegenbaum
Gregory Frisoli
Denise Gilmartin
Barbara Giordano
Jennifer Gonzalez
Robert Gonzalez
Andrew Greiwe
Anthony Gottlick
Shannon Hardy
Eric Hartman
Laura Hinkley
John Hunton
Carol Jacob
Chet Janusz
Federico Jarantilla
Doris Kratson
Eric LeGrand
Anthony Leone
Veronica March
Cornell Marino
Kesla Marie Martinez
Daniel McCaffrey
Grace Mitchell
Brenda Mittenhuber
Carolyn Monday
Clare Murphy
John Oborne
Donna Palardy
Dorothy Parr
Joanne Quense
Walter Quense
Theodore Scafuto
Rolando Severino
Karen Shanahan
Rose Simone
Frank Skopowski
Bessie Sullivan
Marie Summa
Emma Szanicz
Pat Turner
Audrey Waldron
Richard Walters
Maryellen Wilson

Let us pray for those in the military: May God bless you for your service.

L. Cpl. Joseph Butrico, USMC
Corp. Michael F. Hogan, USM
Edward Paul Louis, USA
Eric Marsjanik, USN
Eric Merkle, USAF
Chaplain Robert Monagle, USAF
Sgt. Patrick Noll USMC
Pvt. Jonathan Sims, Natlonal Guard
Morgan Slaninko, USN
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC
Major John Voorhees, USA

From today's readings...

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."
- Lk. 21:19