

Saint Mary's Church - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Easter

April 26, 2020

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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

Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus, Weekend Assistant

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Richard Dorsi, Cemetery Sales

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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.

Msgr. Benwell is celebrating Mass daily.

Mass is celebrated privately, but livestreamed on our parish Facebook page. The recording is then posted on our parish website (select "home" then "Recorded Mass") to view.

Mass will be livestreamed as follows:

Monday—Friday at 8:00 am

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:00 am

Contact Us:

While the parish office is closed to the public, **we are still here to answer your needs.**

You may reach us by phone or by email:

Call **908-756-6524 ext. 10** and leave a message for a return phone call or email

parish@stmaryswatchung.org.

Please don't hesitate to reach out!

Ministry Leaders:

Bereavement Group	<i>Cheryl Gatti</i>	908-285-0330
Cemetery Sales	<i>Dick Dorsi</i>	908-380-3321
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Children's Liturgy	<i>Melissa Camiolo</i>	
	oloimac21005@gmail.com	
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Finance Committee	<i>Nancy Finn</i>	908-756-6524
Food Pantry	<i>Mary Ann & Tony Pangl</i>	732-764-0264
Food for the Needy (SHIP)	<i>Bob Palasits</i>	908-757-5728
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	agermaine2@icloud.com	
Liturgical Ministries	<i>Peter D'Angelo</i>	908-963-0436
Making Music -	<i>Roseann Sicola</i>	908-755-2853
Praying Twice	<i>makemusic@stmaryswatchung.org</i>	
Moms & Tots	<i>Paige Jasaitis</i>	908-753-0443
Morning Prayer Group	<i>Mary Cooper</i>	908-561-0854
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Religious Ed. Grade K-6	<i>Catherine Cooney</i>	908-756-6524
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St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	<i>Sheryl Szlosek</i>	908-616-2697
Stewardship Committee	<i>Beth Mattiassi</i>	908-561-0993
Youth Ministry	<i>Tina Kelly</i>	908-756-6524

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Behold to Be Held

Do you have a favorite word? A word that you like to say because of the way it sounds, or how the syllables just roll off your tongue so easily? I do and I have cherished the word, "Behold" for many decades.

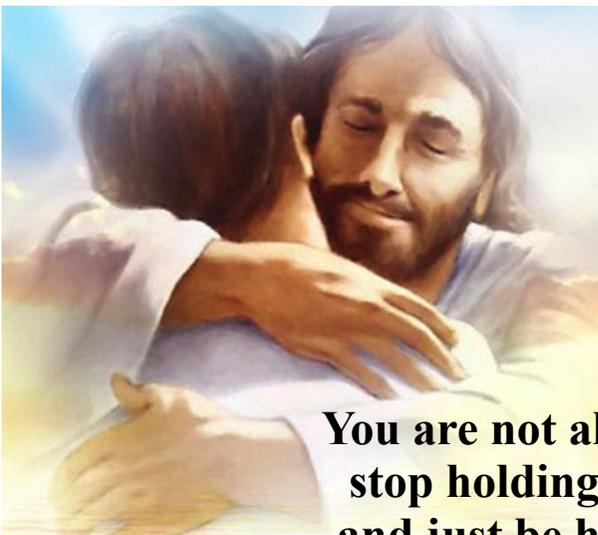
A few years ago, one of my friends was on retreat and she called me. She told me that the Priest had a favorite word and she wanted to see if I could guess what it was. I immediately responded "behold". My friend was in disbelief that I had guessed the priest's word! Before we hung up, she told me that she was going to speak to the Priest to tell him that he and I share the same word. My response to her was this: "tell Father that after years of praying with 'behold', I have come to realize how often I hear it as "be held".

It is as if I am being reminded that God is in control and that all I need to do is trust that it is so. *Don't worry about tomorrow, be held in my love; the difficulties and situations in our world will be resolved, be held in trust; soon my people will be healthy and joyful again, be held in hope.*

The Coronavirus has been very disorienting to many of us as we turn to God for comfort and assurance. **The silver lining of behold is be held.** At various times in life we all need to be held...in the arms of a trusted friend, or in the silence that speaks of the mystery of God. I share this story because when I feel frightened or disoriented, I am comfortable asking God to hold me, for a while, until I adjust to a new normal.

Until we can once again greet each other at Mass, I will continue to pray that we all will be held by our Loving God.

Pat Dorsi 4/17/20



**You are not alone,
stop holding on
and just be held.**

Remember in Prayer

We offer our sincere sympathy to all of the families who have lost a loved one during the time of this pandemic. Please keep the recently deceased in your prayers: **Richard Walters, Sr., George & Lorraine Manfredonia, Rosa Soares, Doris Kratson, Jeanne Segelken, William McLaughlin, Carolyn Iorio, Sister Dolores Targiano, Anne Moltisanti, Clara Stuffer, Nicholas DeFronzo, Philomena Gyrurian, Marguerite "Peggy" Cusack, Frank Riggi and Valentin Soliven.** May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in God's peace.



The 2021 Mass Intentions book is open.

As the parish office is currently closed to the public, Mass Intentions will be taken via email and/or phone this year. If you would like to schedule Mass for your loved ones, please phone the parish office at 908-756-6524 ext. 10 and leave a message for a return phone call; or you may email your date requests to parish@stmaryswatchung.org. You will receive a response confirming availability. All requests will be scheduled in the order they are received. Thank you, in advance, for your patience and understanding.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

Stepping Forward in **FAITH:**
GRACE IN ACTION

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of the end of March, the diocese has received pledges totaling \$249,681 and payments totaling \$239,672. This represents 76.5% of our assigned goal. Thank you for your support!

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. Your financial support, especially at this time, is so greatly appreciated.

While we may no longer celebrate Mass together publicly, we will not publish a weekly collection number in the bulletin. Instead, we will publish the amount collected at the end of the month which will include both WeShare (online donations) and donations dropped off/mailed to the parish office.

Thank you and God bless you!

2020—21 Religious Education



For returning families: You will receive an email from St. Mary's shortly which contains an invoice, along with instructions and links for registering your child(ren). Please follow the instructions as detailed in that email. *Please note: you may defer payment of Religious Education fees, but we ask that you still register your child(ren) at this time.*

If your child participated in our religious education program this year and you do not receive the registration email by May 5th, please contact Pat Manfredonia at 908-756-6524 ext. 17 or via email at patm@stmaryswatchung.org .

If you are new to our program or if you are adding a child to the program: Please contact our Director of Religious Education, Cathy Cooney at ccooney@stmaryswatchung.org or 908-756-6524 ext 16 for information about our program and requirements for registration.



Thank you for your patience as we work to wrap up the 2019-20 Religious Education Program year. Please continue with the program at home as best as you are able, and reach out if you have any questions or issues. You will be notified of the rescheduling of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion as soon as we have it to share. The safety of you and your family remain in our prayers.

Food Bank/SHIP Collection

During this time that we may not celebrate Mass together, we are changing our procedure for food collections. Instead of dropping off grocery items and/or prepared frozen meals at the parish, we are asking that food be delivered directly to SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program). Please phone them first (at 908-393-9545) to arrange for delivery. They will be happy to provide information about times and location for food drop-off. SHIP is located on East High Street in Somerville. They continue to be so grateful for our food donations.



We are Looking for Volunteers for Faith Formation!

Next to home and family, the witness of the catechist may be pivotal in every phase of the catechetical process. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, catechists powerfully influence those being catechized by their faithful proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the transparent example of their Christian lives. (National Directory for Catechesis, pg 101)

To catechize means to echo. As catechists we echo the Good News. What is the Good News – The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! We are living witnesses to the children and young people who will be in our classes. **Please consider volunteering for one of the faith formation sessions this Fall.**

Top 10 Reasons to Become a Catechist

(by Joe Paprocki, national faith formation consultant)

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

New volunteers: we will provide training! For more information, contact Cathy Cooney (908-756-6524 ext 16; ccooney@stmaryswatchung.org) or Karen Dill (kdill@stmaryswatchung.org; 908-756-6524 x 11).

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

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
Lorena D'Amato
Calvin David
Sophie Fiegenbaum
Vivian Flower
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
Anthony Leone
Veronica March
Cornell Marino
Kesla Marie Martinez
Daniel McCaffrey
Grace Mitchell
Brenda Mittenhuber
Carolyn Monday
Clare Murphy
John Osborne
Donna Palardy
Joanne Quense
Walter Quense
Rolando Severino
Karen Shanahan
Rose Simone
Frank Skopowski
Bessie Sullivan
Marie Summa
Emma Szanicz
Pat Turner
Maryellen Wilson
...and all those who are sick or suffering.

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, National Guard
Morgan Slaninko, USN
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC
Major John Voorhees, USA
Lt. Taylor Wing, US Army

From today's readings...

“... their eyes were opened and they recognized him ... ”
- Lk. 24:30

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

April 25 - May 1
For all our parishioners.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15/Jn. 6:22-29

8:00 a.m. Joan McClinton

TUESDAY, April 28

Easter Weekday • Saint Peter Chanel
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn. 6:30-35

8:00 a.m. David J. Rock

WEDNESDAY, April 29

Saint Catherine Siena

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn. 6:35-40

8:00 a.m. Alfonso DiRosa

THURSDAY, April 30

Easter Weekday • Saint Pius V

Acts 8:26-40/Jn. 44-51

8:00 a.m. Irene Karneckaja

FRIDAY, May 1

Easter Weekday • Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 9:1-20/Jn. 6:52-59

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Panepinto

SATURDAY, May 2

Saint Athanasius

Acts 9:31-42/Jn. 6:60-69

4:00 p.m. Intentions of Jack Stewart (I) and Peter A. Rienzi

SUNDAY, May 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt. 2:20b-25/Jn. 10:1-10

10:00 a.m Robert Brandell, Denise Szurick, Anna Hopkins and for the People of the Parish

On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



W X Q T T I Z H E G H W Z O R
V O D H L I F G J S E C R O E
Q P E A Y N I Q I H Y Q T G U
C E P N A B J L X D E I A T X
T N Y K D R O I E E S L Y U H
J E I S E O Z K F I L C K G R
I D S V F A L L V I G R R J X
B P K T T A H T V K U U S K E
D E R W W B R E A D N C U F I
U S L O C L E O P A S I F V E
O T D I P H F V S C M F F I A
W T I M E H I C J I O I E C D
J M S M C V E Y K J S E R Z G
E M M A U S E T Y L E D P C O
J V K V I D K H J E S U S R Z

WALKED
MOSES
THANKS
CLEOPAS

JESUS
BREAD
FOOLISH
OPENED

SUFFER
BELIEVE
PROPHET
VILLAGE

CRUCIFIED
VISITOR
EYES
EMMAUS