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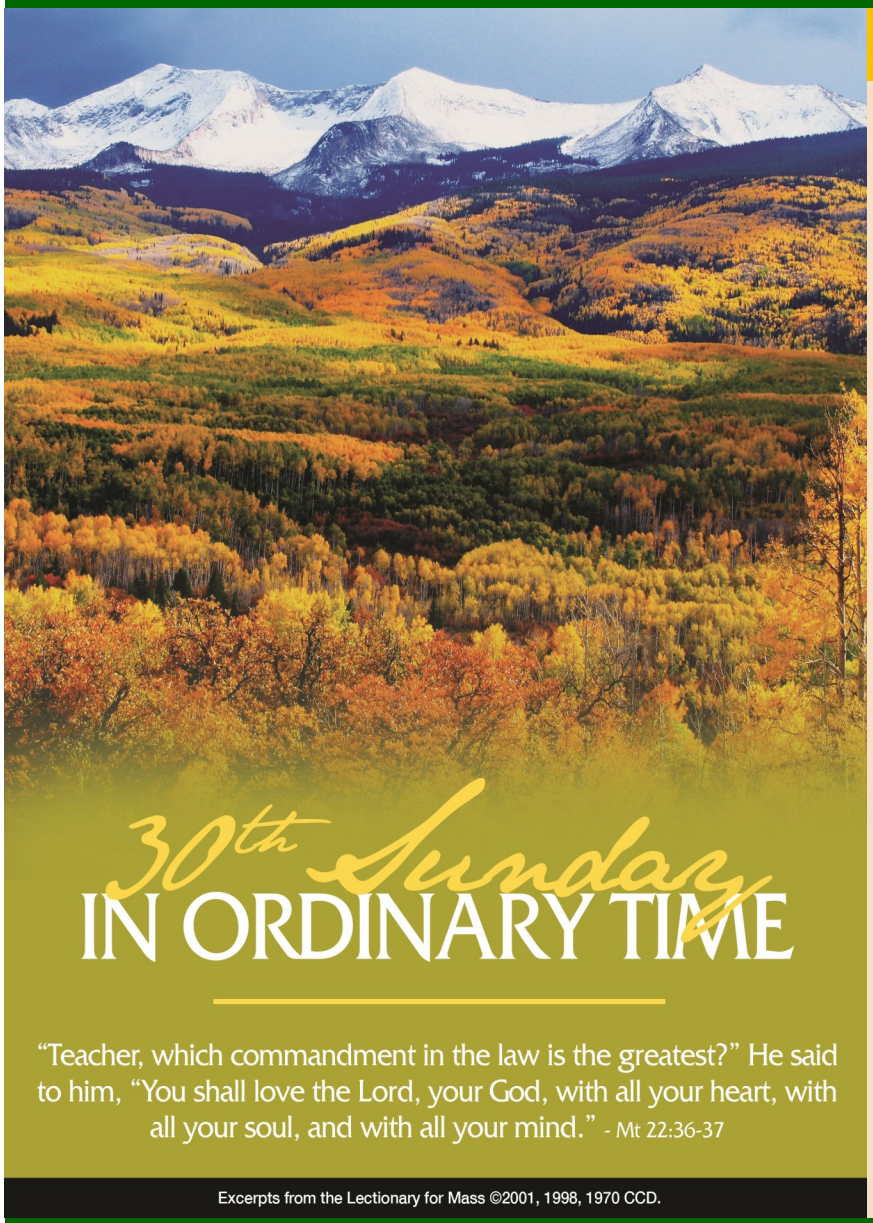

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October 25, 2020

Memorial Mass on All Soul's Day

Msgr. Benwell will celebrate Mass in the church on ***Monday, November 2nd at noon.*** This Mass is for all who have lost a loved one over the past year — and especially for those who were lost during the pandemic, who were not able to have a funeral Mass due to restrictions at the time. Please provide the name of your loved one to Nancy (parish@stmaryswatchung.org or call 908-756-6524 ext 10) and they will be mentioned by name at the Mass.

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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:

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Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus, Weekend Assistant

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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.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass at 7:30 and 11:15 am
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of 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 follow the prompt. Please use this option only for a genuine emergency requiring a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held after our Sunday Mass. 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**
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Making Music - Praying Twice	*Volunteer Needed!*	
Moms & Tots	*Paige Jasaitis*	*908-***753-0443**
Morning Prayer Group	*Mary Cooper*	*908-***561-0854**
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Religious Ed. Grade 7-8 Confirmation Program	*Karen Dill*	*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**

Msgr. Benwell is celebrating Mass daily:

Monday through Friday at 8 am
Saturday at 4 pm and
Sunday at 7:30 & 11:15 am

We are required to limit attendance at each Mass. The current governor's order limits Mass attendance to 150 people.

Your safety is always our top priority. We will continue to monitor the directives from the State of New Jersey and our Diocese and make adjustments as needed. We apologize for any inconvenience you experience.

Current information is available on our parish website (stmaryswatchung.org) or phone the parish office at 908-756-6524 ext. 10.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues in effect. If you are not comfortable attending Mass publicly at this time, you should stay at home. If you are feeling sick, you must stay at home.

We will continue to livestream our Masses on the parish Facebook page and post the recording on our parish website

In addition, Holy Communion will continue to be available for distribution outside the church after the weekend Masses. Parishioners may arrive to the church parking lot immediately following Mass (at 4:40 to 4:50 pm on Saturday and 8:00-8:10 and 11:45-11:55 am on Sunday) to receive Communion in their car.

We are happy to welcome you back to church in whatever way is appropriate for you and your family. Be safe and know that you are in our prayers.

Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome ***Oliver Anthony,*** son of Arthur and Lisa Adamczyk who was recently baptized. May the flame of faith grow ever stronger in his heart! God Bless the whole family!

Stewardship Reflection

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind."
– Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

Stewardship
a way of life

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 are limited in celebrating Mass together publicly, we will not publish a weekly collection 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 may God bless you!

Fr. Carroll Memorial Mass
October 31 at 11 am

A Mass in memory of Father James Carroll is being planned for Saturday, October 31st at 11 am here in the church. Father Brian will be the main celebrant. More information to follow.

Bereavement Group

"Journey through Grief" our parish bereavement support group is meeting via "Zoom" on Thursdays from 7—8 pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Cheryl Gatti at 908-285-0330 for the log-in credentials. In addition, Cheryl has many resources available which she will be happy to share with you. Please reach out directly to Cheryl for more information.

Warm Winter Wear Collection

As the temperature falls Franciscan Charities/St. Ann's Soup Kitchen needs your help! Please consider helping us to provide warm winter wear for our clients in Newark. ***We are collecting clean, gently used, and new coats along with hats, gloves, and scarves — for all ages***. We will have bins for your donations in the Narthex of the church from October 31st through November 14th. If you prefer to make a cash donation towards the coat drive you may 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 their website at www.franciscancharitiesinc.org and click on the donate tab. If you have any questions, call Sheryl @908-616-2697. Thank You!

There are opportunities available for memorializing items in our church and cemetery mausoleums in honor of departed loved ones. If interested, please see Msgr. Benwell before or after Mass or email him at parish@stmaryswatchung.org

Please do not leave food or other items in the area of the baptismal font. The baptistery is a sacred space in our narthex. Thank you.

Remember in Prayer

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of **JoAnn Scalera**, who was recently called home to the Father. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in God's peace.

The Challenge of Love

Today's readings challenge us to love – love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. Do you know someone who would like to know more about our God who showers us love, Jesus, or the Catholic faith? Invite that person to call about an RCIA Inquiry Session. Participation in a session does not require a commitment to belong to the Catholic Faith Family. Anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into a non-Catholic Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist and Confirmation, is invited to come and inquire about Jesus who tells us that a person's basic worth is not derived from anything less than God's unconditional love for all of his children and the Community of faith that can help us to understand the dignity inherent to that status. During the Pandemic the RCIA Inquiry sessions might be virtual. For more information, please reach out to our parish office.

Catholic High Schools

If you and your child would like more information about Immaculata High School in Somerville, Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen or St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, just check out the diocesan website at: **https://diometuchen.org/highschools** to view a webpage with options for each school. Collectively, they offer competitive opportunities for your children to excel academically, broaden interests and horizons, live in service to others, and deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ.

Even if you have not considered a Catholic high school before, this may be the year to do so. Our schools have been open for full-day instruction every day this school year, and their commitment to their families is unwavering. Take a minute to see what they have to offer.

Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Let us pray for the sick:

Agapito Aquino
Joseph M. Angeleri
Carmen Antonelle
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 Oborne
Donna Palardy
Joanne 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, Natlonal Guard
Morgan Slaninko, USN
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC
Major John Voorhees, USA
Lt. Taylor Wing, US Army

From today's readings...

"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt. 22:39

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

October 24 — 30

For all families expecting a child.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 26
Weekday
Eph. 4:32-5:8/Lk. 13:10-17
8:00 a.m. Joseph Montalbano

TUESDAY, October 27
Weekday
Eph. 5:21-23/Lk. 13:18-21
8:00 a.m. Ricci Desiderio

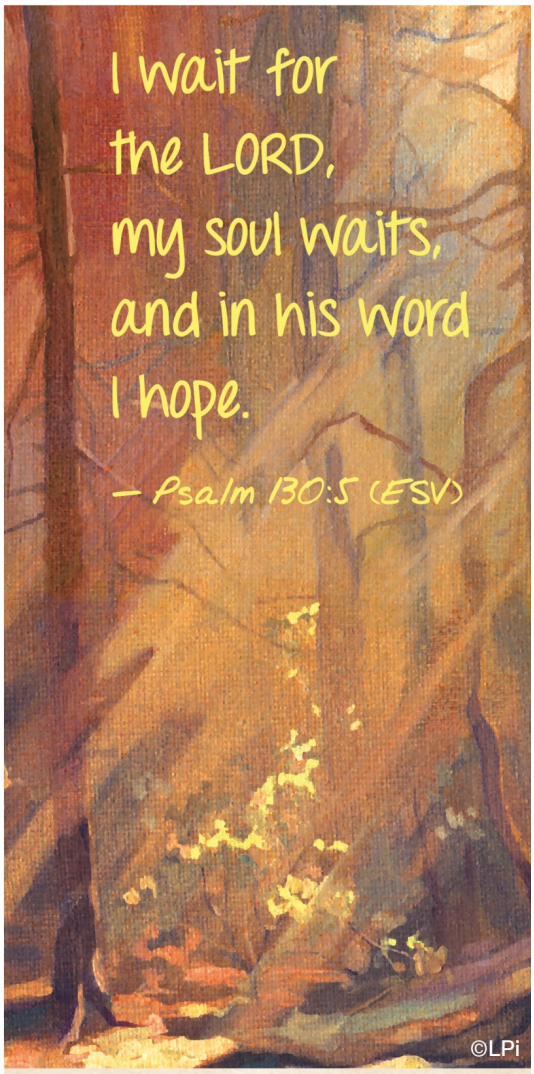
WEDNESDAY, October 28
Saints Simon and Jude
Eph. 2:19-22/Lk. 6:12-16
8:00 a.m. Kathryn Davis

THURSDAY, October 29
Weekday
Eph. 6:10-20/Lk. 13:31-35
8:00 a.m. Julie Baran

FRIDAY, October 30
Weekday
Phil. 1:1-11/Lk. 14:1-6
8:00 a.m. Ameriga Procino

SATURDAY, October 31
Weekday
4:00 p.m. Donald Germaine
For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, November 1
All Saints
Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn. 3:1-3/Mt. 5:1-12a
7:30 a.m Anthony Tasco
11:15 a.m. Catherine "Peg" Hardy
Erma Ventola



Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~GREATEST~~
LAW
LOVE
LORD
HEART
SOUL
MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

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