Saint Mary - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

We were happy to welcome Bishop Checchio to our 11:15 am Mass this past weekend (more photos inside).

May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

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Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to St. Mary-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 Leadership:

Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, OFS, Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Peter D'Angelo
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Nancy Stoll, Parish Administrative Assistant
908-756-6524 ext. 10; parish@stmaryswatchung.org

Religious Education

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners who attend public school grades 1 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
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Children's Liturgy	*Melissa Camiolo*	oloimac21005@gmail.com
Covenant Committee	*Florence Larkin*	*908*-757-4029
Finance Committee	*Nancy Finn*	*908*-756-6524
Food Pantry	*Anthony Pangi*	732-764-0264
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Knights of Columbus	*Wayne Oborne*	*908-581-0975* *knightswayneoborne@yahoo.com*
Liturgical Ministries	*Peter D'Angelo*	*908*-963-0436
Moms & Tots	*Paige Jasaitis*	*908*-753-0443
Morning Prayer Group	*Mary Cooper*	*908*-561-0854
RCIA/Adult Ed	*Anthony Pangi*	*732*-764-0264 *a.pangi@aol.com*
Seniors Group	*Pat Dorsi*	*908*-**917-5709**
St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	*Melissa Hillier*	*908*-**448-8874**
Youth Ministry	*Tina Kelly*	*908*-**756-6524**

Mass is celebrated daily:

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

Effective May 19, 2021, indoor religious services and celebrations may be held at 100% of the room's capacity with appropriate social distancing. **The faithful participating in Mass are expected to wear masks in accordance with CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings and are encouraged to practice social distancing.**

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.

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.

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2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a pledge, there is still time to participate.

Mail your gift to:

Diocese of Metuchen
Bishop's Annual Appeal
P.O. Box 4000
Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000

Or give online at:
www.diometuchen.org/BAA

The diocese has received pledges totaling $238,666 (76.4% of goal) and payments totaling $225,386 (72.2% of goal) from our parishioners. As you may know, the parish receives a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over our $312,000 goal. ***Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Appeal!***

SENT ON MISSION to *Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church*

2021-22 Religious Education Program Information and Registration

Information about next year's Religious Education Program is coming soon! If you were enrolled in our Religious Education program this year, watch for our re-registration email to be sent out this week. This email will contain everything you need to register your child(ren) for next year's program.

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 for your continued generosity in support of our parish. God Bless you!

We were happy to welcome Bishop Checchio to our 11:15 am Mass on Sunday, May 9th. We're sharing some photos from the morning. Photo Credit: Rachel Gallic Photography

Summer Programs at MSMA, Watchung

Mount Saint Mary Academy (MSMA) is offering an exciting slate of academic and athletic summer programs for girls entering 5th—8th grade. Enrichment courses focus on STEM, science, math, Python coding, art and more! The Athletics Camp is designed for all levels of players. Contact Joanne Cadigan-Peters at jcadigan@mountsaintmary.org or 908-757-0108. Register online at mountsaintmary.org (under Admissions).

You are Invited

Please join Our Lady of the Mount Women's Ministry via live stream on May 18, 2021 at 7 pm. Hazel Aiello will speak to us about "Because of Intimacy With God, We Have Hope:". Information on how to join is available on the Our Lady of the Mount (Warren) parish website.

Let us pray for the sick:

Agapito Aquino
Joseph M. Angeleri
Eloy Bello
David Bestwick
Anda Braun
Diane Brown
Andrea Callejas
Genna Camiolo
Brian Carpenter
Lorena D'Amato
Calvin David
Vivian Flower
Gregory Frisoli
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...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...

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."
- Mk. 16:15

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING
May 15—21:
Bob Eisele

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8/Jn. 16:29-33
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mrs. Dorothy Wagner (I)

TUESDAY, May 18
Saint John I
Acts 20:17-27/Jn. 17:1-11a
8:00 a.m. Annette Tucker

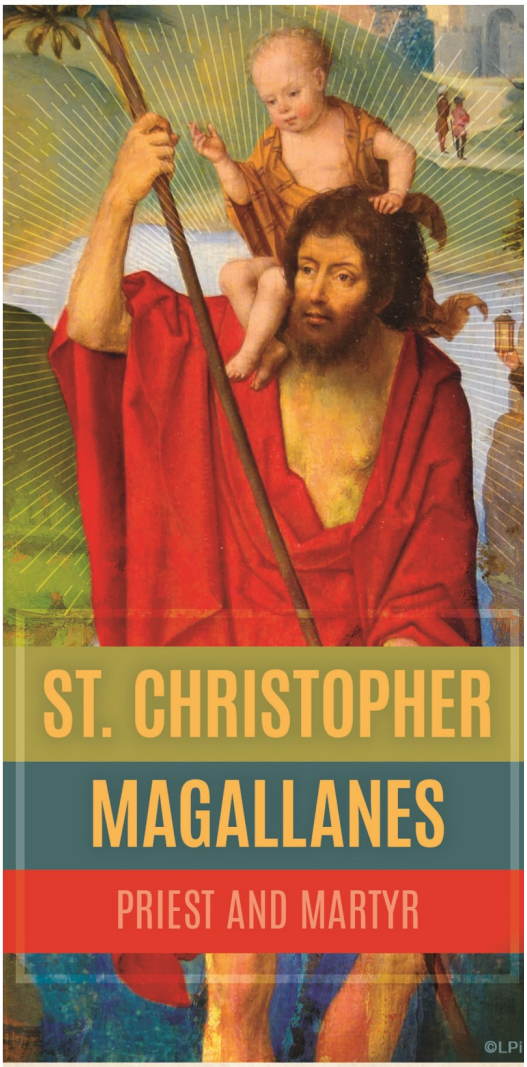
WEDNESDAY, May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts. 20:28-38/Jn. 17:11b-19
8:00 a.m. Linda Gugliardotto

THURSDAY, May 20
Saint Bernardine of Siena
Acts 18:1-8/Jn. 17:20-26
8:00 a.m. Christopher Carson

FRIDAY, May 21
Saint Christopher Magallanes
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn. 21:15-19
8:00 a.m. Angela Patricia Ferris

SATURDAY, May 22
Saint Rita of Cascia
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. Albert F. Germaine
Ralph Losanno

SUNDAY, May 23
The Feast of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn. 20:19-23
7:30 a.m. Josephine Balko
For the People of the Parish
11:15 a.m. William Dicindio
Patrick Moccia



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– JOHN 17:17 –

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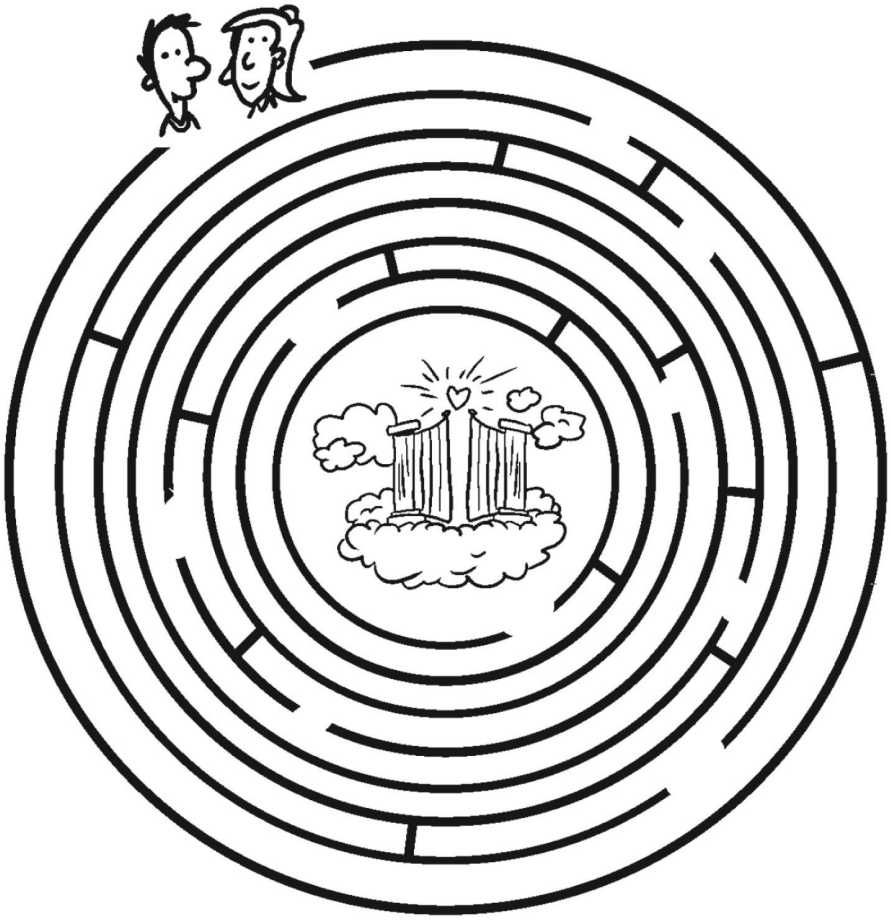

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