Saint Mary - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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August 22, 2021

Parish Day of Reflection

In honor of the Year of Saint Joseph

Saturday, September 25th
9:30 AM – 3 PM
at St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling

(More information inside this bulletin)

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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

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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*

* Mass livestreamed and saved to our parish website.

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
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Food Pantry	*Anthony Pangi*	732-764-0264
Food for the Needy (SHIP)	*Larry Latore*	*908*-370-3538
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Liturgical Ministries	*Peter D'Angelo*	*908*-963-0436
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Morning Prayer Group	*Mary Cooper*	*908*-561-0854
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St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	*Melissa Hillier*	*908*-**448-8874**
Youth Ministry	*Tina Kelly*	*908*-**756-6524**

SAVE THE DATE

We are planning a Parish Day of Reflection in honor of the Year of Saint Joseph

Saturday, September 25th
9:30 AM – 3 PM
at St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling

The day will include:
Mass, guest speakers, lunch, and quiet time for reflection.
(More details will follow.)

We are asking everyone interested in attending our Day of Reflection to Register and include a $10 donation to help offset the costs of the event.

Watch for the Flocknote, or phone the parish office at 908-756-6524 x 10 to register.

We hope you will join us!

Please note that the parish office is closed on Fridays during August.

Have a Blessed week !

Knights of Columbus Gift Cards

For the next several weekends, our Knights of Columbus will be selling discount cards for 14 local restaurants. The cost of the card is $20 and it can be used until September, 2022. Purchasing a card helps local businesses and their employees—-some of whom might be your neighbor. All proceeds will be donated to the Somerset County Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

Reflecting on this Week's Scripture

Gospel Reading: Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus.

How do you respond to family or friends who have strayed away from Jesus?

Please note:

Daily Masses will not be live-streamed for the next two weeks (Monday through Friday, August 23-27 and August 30-September 3). Daily Mass will be celebrated in the church on these days, except on Tuesdays, August 24th & 31st, when Deacon Walter will celebrate a Communion Service in place of Daily Mass.

The Saturday 4 pm Mass will be celebrated and livestreamed, as usual. Sunday Masses will also be celebrated, as per our regular schedule.

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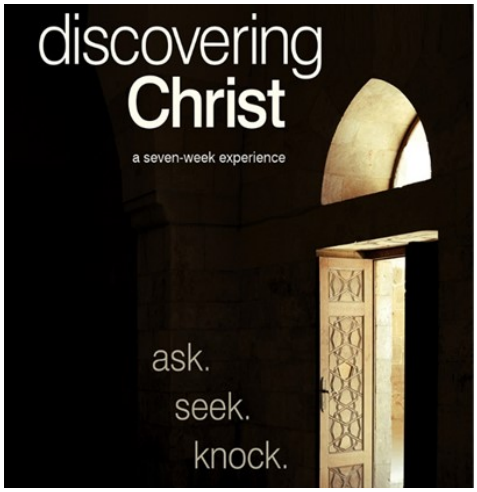
Weekend Collection 8/15/21	$8,486.00
The Assumption of Mary	$707.00

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

Coming to St. Mary-Stony Hill this Fall 2021



Tina's Story:

Many stories begin with, "where shall I start"? This is how I would like to start mine. Where shall I start? How did I find myself in Discovering Christ gatherings? It's really beautiful actually. I found myself in a scary place in my life. Debilitating grief of many loved ones, hopeless of helping myself or others, lonely even though I have a family. Family struggles ... I could continue on with more negative things that were happening all around me, I was very scared.

I know now that Jesus called me and put me exactly where I needed to be! With a wonderful group of people in Discovering Christ. I have tried a few different avenues to help myself and my loved ones, but nothing holds a candle to the experience I received in Discovering Christ. When I first started, I was a bit reserved, but as the weeks went by I found myself looking forward to our meetings with this group. They became my spiritual family. You see, not only did this group help me with everything I was facing, but I found serenity and peace during our discussions like I've never felt before, and a loving, close relationship with Jesus Christ.

The beautiful thing about my story is, Jesus led me to this group and little did I know he was protecting me and surrounding me with so much love! As I look back now and unfold my story, Jesus is truly amazing! He worked with me, through me and around me. His work is beautiful! Discovering Christ was nothing less than life changing. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to be a part of something so beautiful. I love my faith and I have Jesus to thank for that!

When I follow the Lord, I am never alone!

Tina Regina

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 22nd

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on ***Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM***. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at:

https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration.

If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold or calling 732-562-1543.

Marriage Encounter

With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Experience? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions, 7:00-9:30 pm, presented on Monday & Thursday evenings from September 27—October 21. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco 1-732-904-9636 for information. Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Are you hungry to grow in your faith?

7 Week Adult Faith Formation Gathering

Begins Tuesday Sept 21st at 6:30 PM

Sign up weekends: Aug 28/29 Sept 11/12

"I invite all Christians, everywhere at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day."

[Pope Francis EG,3]

Would you be interested in having dinner with other parishioners, time of prayer, and an opportunity to discuss how Jesus Christ and the Gospel message is relevant to your life? We encourage you to consider joining us in the Parish Center for Discovering Christ -- a seven-week journey to grow in your faith. We will gather on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 21st. Sign up's will be in the Narthex after masses the weekends of Aug 28/29 and Sept 11/12. You can view more information on our parish website under the Faith tab and then Discovering Christ to learn more about the experience. You may also contact our staff member Darrin Nelson via email dnelson@stmaryswatchung.org or phone at (908) 756-6524 ext 15.

Religious Education Needs

Classes begin on September 15th

Volunteers are needed for the following days & times:

Catechists:

Monday, 5:00-6:00 pm - Grades 5 - 8
Wednesday, 4:00-5:00 pm - Grades 3 and 5

Aides & Hallway Monitors:

Sunday, 10:00-11:00 am - All grades
Monday, 5:00-7:00 pm - Grades 5 - 8
Wednesday, 4:00-5:00 pm - Grades 1 - 6

Share the love of Christ.
Help form and foster a relationship with Christ.

Come, share your gifts with others!

Enjoy some photos from
our Parish Picnic on
Sunday, August 15th
The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

There was good food and fun activities, but mostly Great Company!

Thank you for being with us!

It was a lovely day to be together!

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
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John Oborne
Donna Palardy
Samantha Rodriguez
Joanne Quense
Rolando Severino
Karen Shanahan
Rose Simone
Frank Skopowski
Marie Summa
Emma Szanicz
Pat Turner
Sharon Venuto

...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...

**"… to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."**
- Lk. 1:46

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING
August 21– 27:
For Bob Eisele.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 23
Saint Rose of Lima
1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt. 23:13-22
8:00 a.m. Hernando Tan

TUESDAY, August 24
Saint Bartholomew
Rv. 21:9b-14/Jn. 1:45-51
8:00 a.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, August 25
Saint Louis
1 Thes. 2:9-13/Mt. 23:27-32
8:00 a.m. Leoncita Belen Cabrera

THURSDAY, August 26
Weekday
1 Thes. 3:7-13/Mt. 24:42-51
8:00 a.m. Teresita Legaspi

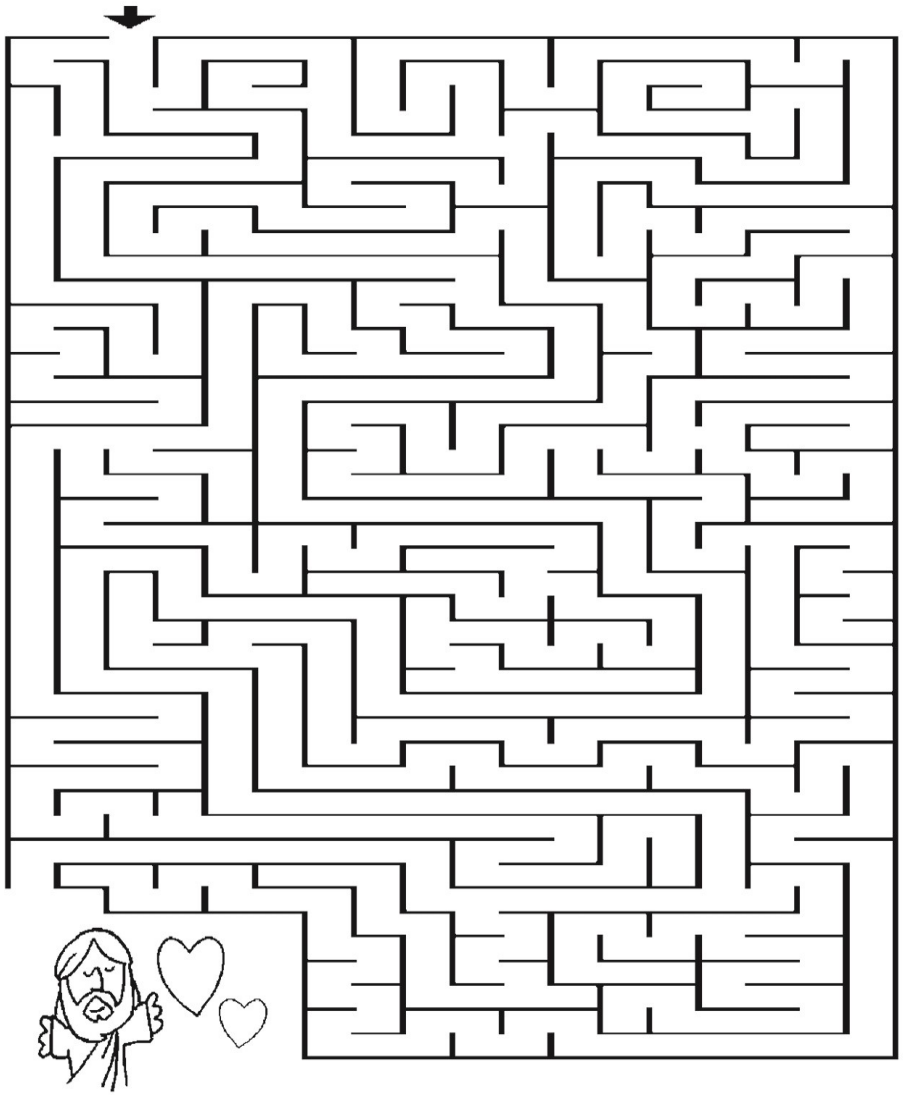
FRIDAY, August 27
Saint Monica
1 Thes. 4:1-8/Mt. 25:1-13
8:00 a.m. Ricardo Urdanetta

SATURDAY, August 28
Saint Augustine
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. Ricardo Urdanetta
Rose Pannullo

SUNDAY, August 29
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas. 1:17-18; 21b-22, 27/
Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:15 a.m. Ricardo Urdanetta
Ian Bjorge

Our Daily Masses (M-F 8 am) and Saturday Vigil Mass (4 pm) are live-streamed and saved to our parish website.

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



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