



# Saint Mary - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church



August 29, 2021

## PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION

IN HONOR OF THE  
YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH**  
**9:30 AM - 3 PM**

**AT ST. JOSEPH SHRINE,  
STIRLING**

Please register via Flocknote or  
phone the parish office.

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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:

<b>Bereavement Group</b>	<i>Cheryl Gatti</i>	908-285-0330
<b>Cemetery Sales</b>	<i>Dick Dorsi</i>	908-380-3321
<b>Cemetery Concerns</b>	<i>Pat Manfredonia</i>	908-756-6524
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<i>Melissa Camiolo</i>	oloimac21005@gmail.com
<b>Covenant Committee</b>	<i>Florence Larkin</i>	908-757-4029
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<i>Nancy Finn</i>	908-756-6524
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<i>Anthony Pangl</i>	732-764-0264
<b>Food for the Needy (SHIP)</b>	<i>Larry Latore</i>	908-370-3538
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	<i>Wayne Osborne</i>	908-581-0975 knightswayneosborne@yahoo.com
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<b>Morning Prayer Group</b>	<i>Mary Cooper</i>	908-561-0854
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<b>Seniors Group</b>	<i>Pat Dorsi</i>	908-917-5709
<b>St. Ann's Soup Kitchen</b>	<i>Melissa Hillier</i>	908-448-8874
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	<i>Tina Kelly</i>	908-756-6524

**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!**

**Pope Francis on COVID-19 Vaccinations**

In a brotherly spirit, I offer this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together.

Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies (cf. *Laudato si'*, no. 231, cf. *Fratelli tutti*, 184).

Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future.

**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.



**Please note:**

Daily Masses will not be live-streamed next week (Monday through Friday, August 30-September 3). Daily Mass will be celebrated in the church on these days, except on Tuesday, August 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.

**Reflecting on this Week's Scripture**

**Second Reading:** In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves."

**Why do you think this is wise advice?**

**Holy Hour**

**Wednesday, September 8th**  
**7 - 8 pm**

Join us for a few moments or for the entire hour, as long as you are able.



**Our Sacrificial Offering**

(Including WeShare)  
Weekend Collection 8/22/21 \$8,450.00

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

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

## Coming to St. Mary-Stony Hill this Fall 2021



### Rick's Story:

If your spiritual life is not moving in the right direction, then usually something is amiss or at least that has been my experience.

I joined Discovering Christ last year during the lock down, I had joined a Holy-hour group over Zoom once every two weeks, and that started to fill my longing to kickstart my relationship with Jesus, in the context of a community, with fellow parishioners. So, when I received an invitation to join many of the same people to do a weekly Zoom call with this program called Discovering Christ, I immediately signed up. I had no idea what I was getting into... It was wonderful!

I know now it was an answer to my prayers.

I believe we are made with kind of a hole in our hearts that needs to be filled, and our tendency is to try to fill it with things of this world: pleasures, indulgences, power, material things, etc. and when that doesn't work, we usually double-down. But it seems we are just making that hole bigger. I believe that hole can only be filled with Jesus, and that's why we have that longing, that need, that desire for a lot more. It's like God put a "Spiritual GPS" in our hearts, with the destination set to Jesus, sometimes we follow it, but many times we just ignore it. Yet we know it's always there, and in my case, it often says: take the next exit (or jug-handle) and do a U-turn!

Our spiritual life is crucially important and it's a life-long journey. Discovering Christ helped me understand this and got me heading again in the right direction. After a very difficult chapter in my life, that I could not have gone through without humbly putting myself in God's hands completely, I was left with a "what now" daze for many months. It's not that I was going in the wrong direction, I just didn't know where to go. So, I prayed intently to our Lord to show me the way...

If you feel like your life has somehow become more challenging and problems seem more daunting, come and join us in Discovering Christ, and see how setting your path to Jesus will help you navigate life's difficulties with joy and in peace.

Jesus didn't say that life would be easier if you follow Him, but he said we can always count on the Love of the Father. Come and see what this means.

Most Catholics believe that Jesus suffered and died for our Salvation, but many Catholics think that only comes into play when we die. Yet, our Salvation is here for us, in our lives...now!

Join us in this Discovering Christ program and start moving your spiritual life in the right direction. We will go through a process that helps us in that most crucial and important thing, which many lifelong Catholics don't yet have, which is a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus. And how wonderful that is for us in our lives here on this earth!

- Rick Urdaneta

## Are you hungry to grow in your faith?

7 Week Adult Faith Formation Gathering  
Begins Tuesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:dnelson@stmaryswatchung.org) or phone at (908) 756-6524 ext 15.



Pope Francis has established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

There are many ways to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for the gift of God's creation—why not take some time out of your day on September 1st to walk in a local park or take a few moments to thank God for the flowers, fruits and/or vegetables growing in your garden? We can also pray for God's creation. Following our Creator's call to "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10) humbles us. With prayer, God knits us closer together in community and His grace can inspire hearts and transform minds.

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  
Denise Gilmartin  
Barbara Giordano  
Jennifer Gonzalez  
Robert Gonzalez  
Andrew Greiwe  
Anthony Gottlick  
Robert Hardy  
Shannon Hardy  
Agnes Harris  
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  
Rose Molnar  
Carolyn Monday  
Clare Murphy  
John Osborne  
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, National Guard  
Morgan Slaninko, USN  
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC  
Major John Voorhees, USA  
Lt. Taylor Wing, US Army

From today's readings...

“All good giving and every perfect  
gift is from above, coming down  
from the Father ... ” - Jas. 1:17

## TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

August 28—September 3:  
For Deacon Henry Albert.



## Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 30

**Weekday**

1 Thes. 4:13-18/Lk. 4:16-30

**8:00 a.m. Glynn Holzmann**

TUESDAY, August 31

**Weekday**

1 Thes. 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk. 4:31-37

**8:00 a.m. Communion Service**

WEDNESDAY, September 1

**World Day of Prayer for the  
Care of Creation**

Col. 1:1-8/Lk. 38-44

**8:00 a.m. Flor Gualberto**

THURSDAY, September 2

**Weekday**

Col. 1:9-14/Lk. 5:1-11

**8:00 a.m. Eleanor Gelles**

FRIDAY, September 3

**Saint Gregory the Great**

Col. 1:15-20/Lk. 5:33-39

**8:00 a.m. Anne Triandaflo**

SATURDAY, September 4

**Weekday**

Saturday Vigil Mass

**4:00 p.m. Vincent Scarano  
Arthur Mills**

SUNDAY, September 5

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

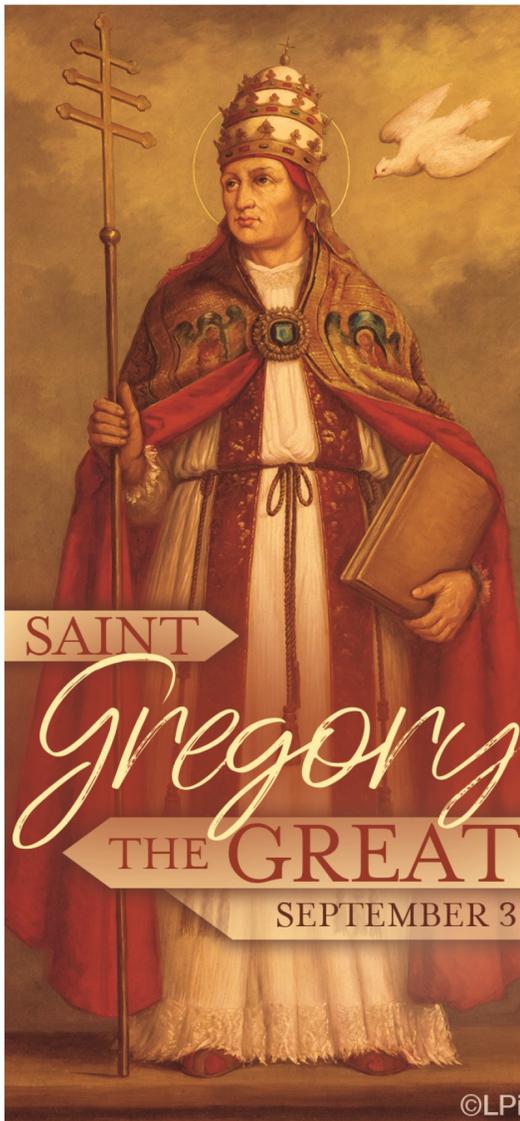
Is. 35:4-7a/Jas. 2:1-5/Mk. 7:31-37

**7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish**

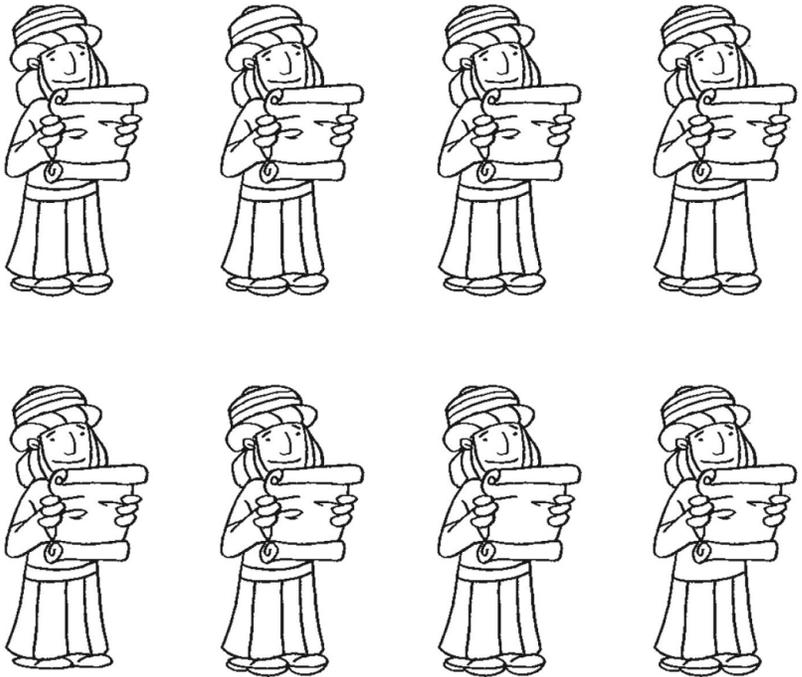
**11:15 a.m. Marty Rome  
William DiCindio**

Our Daily Masses (M-F 8 am) and Saturday Vigil  
Mass (4 pm) are live-streamed and saved to our  
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AUGUST 29, 2021



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ANSWER: three and six

*"Hear me, all of you, and understand."*

— MARK 7:14 —



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