Saint Mary - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

March 27, 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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Baby Bottle Boomerang

The Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign for the benefit of Great Expectations is underway and will conclude on April 10.

Please bring your baby bottles back to the church each Saturday or Sunday and give them to either an usher or a member of the Knights of Columbus as you enter the church. We invite you to take an empty bottle after each Mass and bring it back on the next weekend with your loose change, dollars or checks made out to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your years of support and for ensuring again the success of this program.

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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

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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, 9:00 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
Cemetery Sales	*Dick Dorsi*	*908*-380-3321
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St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	*Melissa Hillier*	*908*-**448-8874**
Youth Ministry	*Tina Kelly*	*908*-**756-6524**

Reflecting on this Week's Readings

Second Reading: Paul emphasized to the Corinthians the importance of reconciliation with God.

Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?

Every Friday during Lent:

Our schedule for ***each Friday during Lent*** is as follows: 8:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:40 p.m. Benediction

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 28
Religious Education Classes (5 pm & 7 pm)

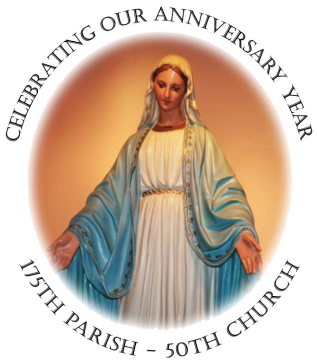
Tuesday, March 29
Bereavement Ministry (7 pm)

Wednesday, March 30
Religious Education Classes (4 pm)

Thursday, March 31
Seniors Group Meeting (10:15 am)

Friday, April 1
Stations of the Cross (7 pm)

Sunday, April 3
Religious Education Classes (10 am)
Second Grade: Banner Making (10 am)
Baptism (12 pm)



We have much to celebrate this year - and have several events planned:

Please mark your calendar and SAVE THESE DATES!

Parish Picnic

in Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our church building

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Parish Retreat

at St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Parish Anniversary Mass

in Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of our parish

Saturday, October 15th
4 pm Mass with reception following

We hope you will join us!

Your Sacrificial Offering

(Including WeShare)		
Weekend Collection	3/20/22	$10,761

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

Our Seniors Ministry

Our Senior Ministry Group had a wonderful St. Patrick Day luncheon and celebration this week. We enjoyed a traditional Irish lunch (corned beef, cabbage & all the fixings) as well as a performance of Irish dancing by The Joy Luck Club (photo at left). Our Seniors meet every Thursday at 10:30 am in the parish center. All are welcome!

How to Live the Works of Mercy

As you know, this Lenten season Bishop Checchio is inviting us all to put mercy into action by committing to do 40 works of mercy. Each day, we are provided with opportunities to serve others, though some are more formal than others. Do you need some ideas of how you can put mercy into action this Lent? Visit: diometuchen.org/worksofmercy. Keep up the great works!

Union Catholic High School Open House—Wednesday, April 6th

5th, 6th and 7th Grade students and families, please join us for our Spring Open House on Wednesday, April 6th at 7 pm. Learn why our outstanding academics and a culture of caring and connectedness in our co-educational, real-world environment is the perfect setting for students to discover their purpose and find their niche. For more info, call 908-889-1600 ext. 302.(1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains).

The Center for Great Expectations

You are cordially invited to attend the CGE "Hope Takes Flight" Luncheon and Spring Market on Friday, April 29th at the Bridgewater Manor. Founding partner, Sr. Rita Woehicke, S.S.J. and author, Lauren B. Davis, will be the featured guest speakers. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the CGE website at:

cge-nj.org/events/hope-takes-flight/

Doors open to shop the vendor fair at 11 am. Luncheon is 12—2pm. Come out and learn more about the wonderful work being done at the Center for Great Expectations.

Masses and Services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday Mass:

Saturday, April 9th at 4 pm
Sunday, April 10th at 7:30 am, 9 am and 11:15 am

Holy Thursday Mass:

Thursday, April 14th at 7 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

Good Friday Service:

Friday, April 15th at 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

Easter Vigil Mass:

Saturday, April 16th at 8 pm

Easter Sunday Masses:

April 17th at 7:30 am, 9 am & 11:15 am

Parish Mission at Blessed Sacrament Church

We are invited to join our friends at Blessed Sacrament Church (1890 Washington Valley Road in Martinsville) for their parish mission on **March 28th and 29th at 7 pm**. The host is Deacon Greg Kandra, a Roman Catholic deacon of the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as author of *The Busy Person's Guide in Prayer*, an award -winning broadcast journalist and blogger (*Deacon's Bench).* No tickets/reservations needed.

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Mary-Stony Hill. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Msgr. Benwell, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: https://diometuchen.org/BAA. To date, we have received pledges totaling $237,010 (63.7%) and payments of $221,169 (59.5%) toward our $372,000 goal. Thank you!

Let us pray for the sick:

Joseph M. Angeleri
Eloy Bello
Andrea Callejas
Genna Camiolo
Lorena D'Amato
Lori Engler
Annette Barcomb Eyrich
Vivian Flower
Robert Hardy
Shannon Hardy
Agnes Harris
Laura Hinkley
John Hunton
Chet Janusz
Cornell Marino
Rose Molnar
Carolyn Monday
Anthony Pelle
Jaxson Rivera
Joanne Quense
Cathleen Schmidt
Frank Skopowski
Pat Turner
Sharon Venuto

...and all those who are sick or suffering.

If there are any names that should be added to, or removed from the list, please phone the parish office. We pray daily for all those who are sick.

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...

" … he was lost and has been found."
- Lk. 15:32

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

March 26 - April 1:

For all parishioners.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 28
Lenten Weekday
Is. 65:17-21/Jn. 4:43-54
8:00 a.m. Maryann Sasso

TUESDAY, March 29
Lenten Weekday
Ez. 47:1-9, 12/Jn. 5:1-16
8:00 a.m. Raymond Ungemach

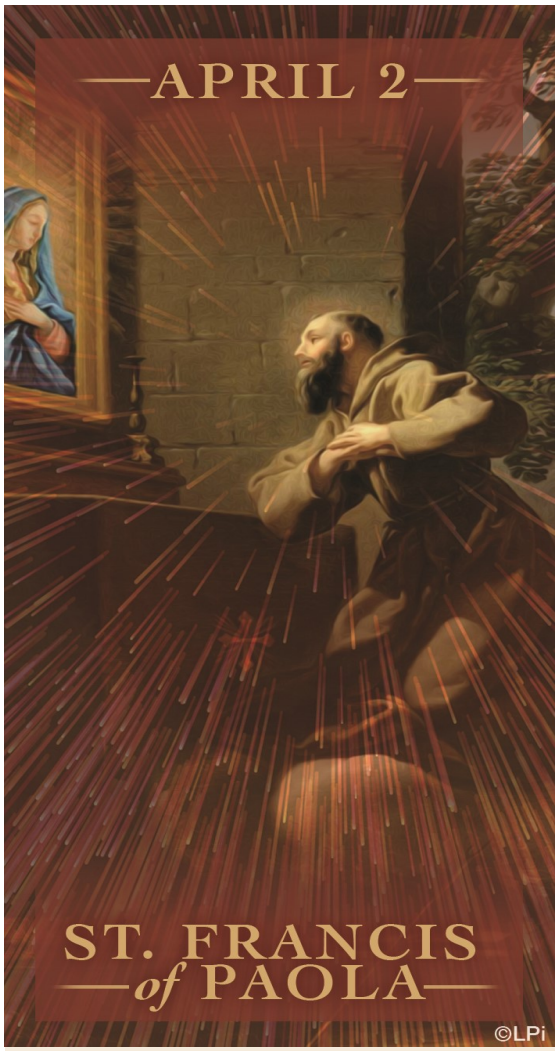
WEDNESDAY, March 30
Lenten Weekday
Is. 49:8-15/Jn. 5:17-30
8:00 a.m. Alfred Hartmann

THURSDAY, March 31
Lenten Weekday
Ex. 32:7-14/Jn. 5:31-47
8:00 a.m. Maryann Sasso

FRIDAY, April 1
Lenten Weekday
Wis. 2:1-a, 12-22/Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
8:00 a.m. Richard Bittone

SATURDAY, April 2
Saint Francis of Paola
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. Christopher Orecchia
Kenneth Phillips

SUNDAY, April 3
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is. 43:16-21/Phil. 3:8-14/Jn. 8:1-11
7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Kenneth Phillips
11:15 a.m. John Halgas
Giuseppe Santangelo



"Take pains to refrain from harsh words. But if you do speak them, do not be ashamed to apply the remedy from the same lips that inflicted the wounds."

- Saint Francis of Paola

March Saints & Feast Days Word Search

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Find the portion of the name that is **highlighted** :

St. **Katharine Drexel**
St. **Casimir**
St. **Perpetua**
St. **Felicity**
St. **John** of God
St. **Patrick**
St. **Joseph**
St. **Cyril** of Jerusalem
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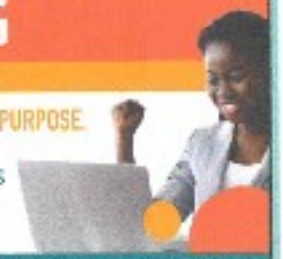

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