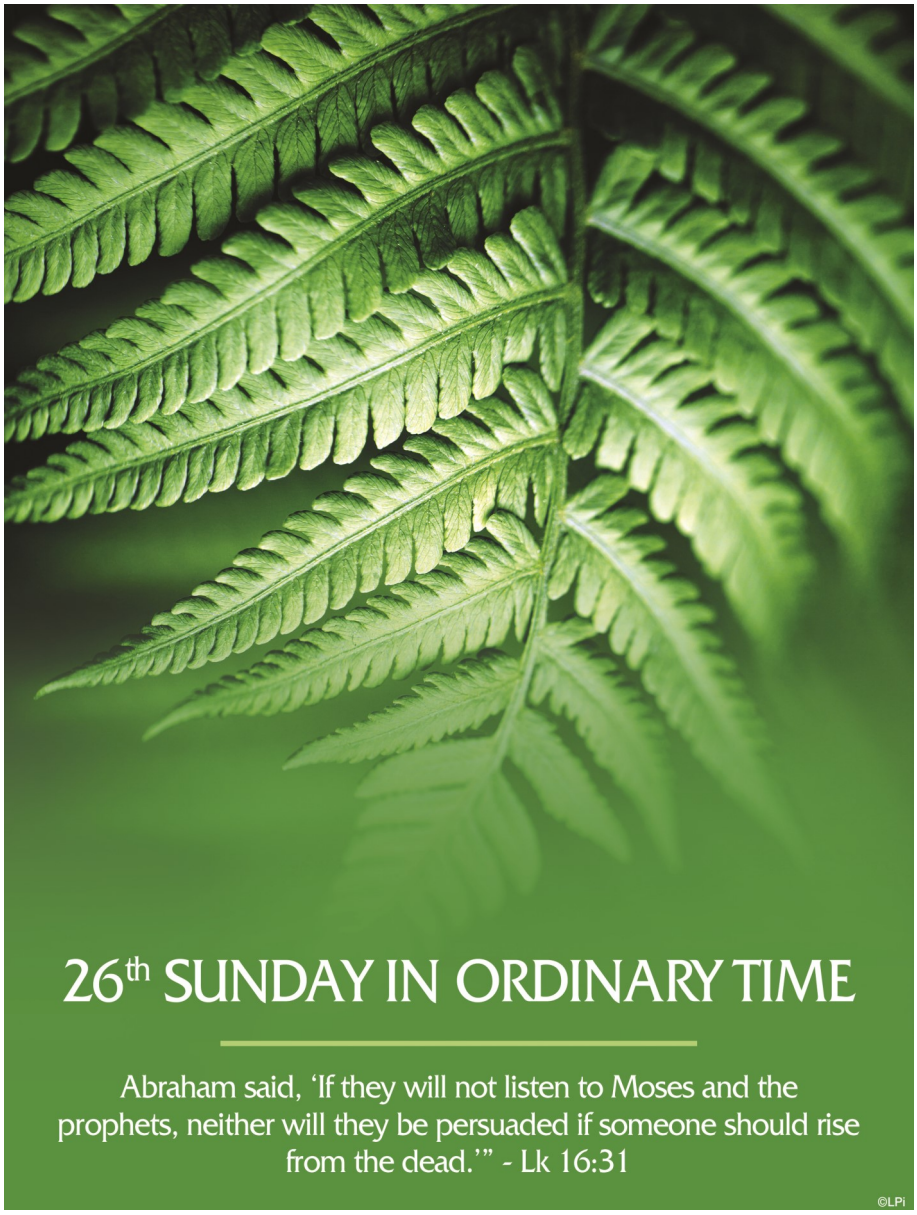
Saint Mary Parish - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, Pastor



September 25, 2022

Food Collection:

Wednesday, Sept. 28th

10-10:30 am parking lot

Non-perishable grocery items for the Somerset County Food Bank and frozen casseroles for SHIP are most gratefully appreciated! Food may be dropped off in the parish office during regular office hours in advance of the food collection date, if that is more convenient for you.

Thank you for your continued support.

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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 the 11:15 am Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. 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
Covenant Committee	*Florence Larkin*	908-757-4029
Finance Council	*Nancy Finn*	908-756-6524
Food Pantry	*Anthony Pangi*	732-764-0264
Food for the Needy (SHIP)	*Larry Latore*	908-370-3538
Knights of Columbus	*Paul Fischer*	908-391-5038 PFischerGK@gmail.com
Liturgical Ministries	*Deacon Peter D'Angelo*	908-963-0436
Morning Prayer Group	*Mary Cooper*	908-561-0854
RCIA	*Deacon Walter & Loretta Maksimik*	lkmak24@gmail.com
Seniors Group	*Karen Dill*	908-756-6524
St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	*Melissa Hillier*	908-448-8874

Parish 175th Anniversary Mass
celebrated by Bishop Checcio

Saturday, October 15th
4 pm Mass with reception following

We hope you will join us!

A Celebration of St. Francis

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 2nd
12:15 pm

Saint Francis was a gentle saint who cared for all of God's creation. In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th), animal lovers around the world take their pets to be blessed. We invite you to bring your pet for a blessing.

Msgr. Benwell will bless pets and their owners at the Saint Francis statue on the parish lawn (on your right as you get to the top of the driveway).

All pets must be leashed or in a carrier.

Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome ***Isabella Rose***, daughter of Michael and Mary Jo Bryant, who was recently baptized. May the flame of faith grow ever stronger in her heart. God bless Isabella Rose and her whole family!

The Bryant Family

Thank You to the Garden Club!

We extend a warm thank you to the Watchung Garden Club, who work to keep our Fatima garden so beautiful. Thank you for sharing your talents with your St. Mary's family!

"One is closer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth."

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 26, 2022
No Religious Education Classes tonight

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
10 am Food Collection (groceries & frozen casseroles)
4 pm Religious Education Classes (grades K-5)
4 pm First Grade Parent Meeting
7 pm Choir

Thursday, September 29, 2022
10:15 am Seniors Gathering

Saturday, October 1, 2022
2 pm Wedding

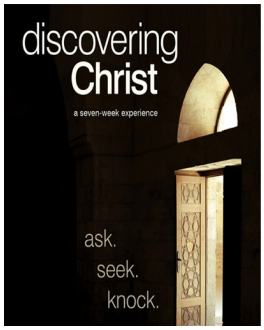
Sunday, October 2, 2022
10 am Religious Education Classes (grades 1—6)
10 am First Grade Parent Meeting
12:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
12:15 pm Blessing of Animals

Your Sacrificial Offering

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

Weekly Collection September 17/18, 2022:

In Pew	$5,446
WeShare (online giving)	$2,814
Total	$8,260



Carla's story: I am a grateful for God's work in my life and for the ways he has changed my views on worship.

It all began when a family member got diagnosed with Advanced ovarian cancer. I felt the urge to draw closer to God. I thought I would achieve a closer relationship with God through prayer and meditation. As I prayed, I felt the need to further grow my relationship with God and to serve him.

I joined the Discovering Christ program in the hope to learn more. It was the best decision I have ever made. It was God's calling.

Discovering Christ creates meaningful connections and offers powerful means of forging deep and life-giving connections with fellow parishioners. It provides participants a safe place to share their struggles. It gave me the opportunity to comfort others and it enriched me as I heard how God has strengthened, guided and directed others throughout their lives.

All of us need to have our knowledge sharpened, blind spots in our thinking corrected and resistance to change in our behavior challenged. Discovering Christ offered the optimal environment for behavior change. I matured in my faith as I learned about other parishioners' experiences.

We can expect to find inner peace in and through living out our vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ and directing our lives towards the following of his teaching.

Attending Discovering Christ taught me the importance of scriptures. The primary way God speaks to us is through the Bible. God's word brings light to paths that otherwise seem dark, in the bible you learn how to live wisely in God's world, which is the first step toward finding your purpose.

If you long to encounter God's love and to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, come join us for great evenings of sharing, learning and loving!

- Carla Jbeily

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 **Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 3:30 PM.** Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. **Registration will close on October 7, 2022**.

Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Assoc. at The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

Sunday Mass Schedule (St. Peter's Church)
Saturday Vigil, 5 pm
8 am, 10 am, 12 pm & 6 pm

Daily Mass Schedule
7:30 am (St. Peter's Church)
12:15 pm (The Catholic Center Chapel)

More information online at www.rutgerscatholic.org
www.stpeternewbrunswick.org
Facebook: Rutgers Catholic Student Association

A few photos from our Seniors' Group "Welcome Back" Luncheon

Let us pray for the sick:

Joseph M. Angeleri
Ida Antonelle
Eloy Bello
Jay Bubb, OFS
Andrea Callejas
Genna Camiolo
Lorena D'Amato
Carol Droege
Lori Engler
Vivian Flower
Robert Hardy
Shannon Hardy
Agnes Harris
Laura Hinkley
John Hunton
Chet Janusz
Cornell Marino
Betty Marrapodi
Rose Molnar
Carolyn Monday
Anthony Pelle
Jaxson Rivera
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 include all these names in our daily prayers.

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...

" Woe to the complacent … "

- Amos 6:1a

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

September 24—30:

For Phyllis Fittipaldi.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 26
Saint Cosmo and Saint Damian
Jb. 1:6-22/Lk. 9:46-50
8:00 a.m. Abes Bautista

TUESDAY, September 27
Saint Vincent de Paul
Jb. 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk. 9:51-56
8:00 a.m. José de Jesus Rodrigues

WEDNESDAY, September 28
Saint Wenceslaus
Jb. 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk. 9:57-62
8:00 a.m. Stanislaus Lizewski

THURSDAY, September 29
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn. 1:47-51
8:00 a.m. Anthony Pugliesi

FRIDAY, September 30
Saint Jerome
Jb. 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk. 10:13-16
8:00 a.m. Rocco Dinizo

SATURDAY, October 1
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
Vigil for Sunday
4:00 p.m. Raymond Applegate
Joan Hyde

SUNDAY, October 2
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb. 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk. 17:5-10
7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Lopamudra Sarkar
11:15 a.m. Lauren Berardi
Mini & William Schaefer

September Saints & Feast Days

X	F	J	R	D	K	G	R	V	I	N	C	E	N	T
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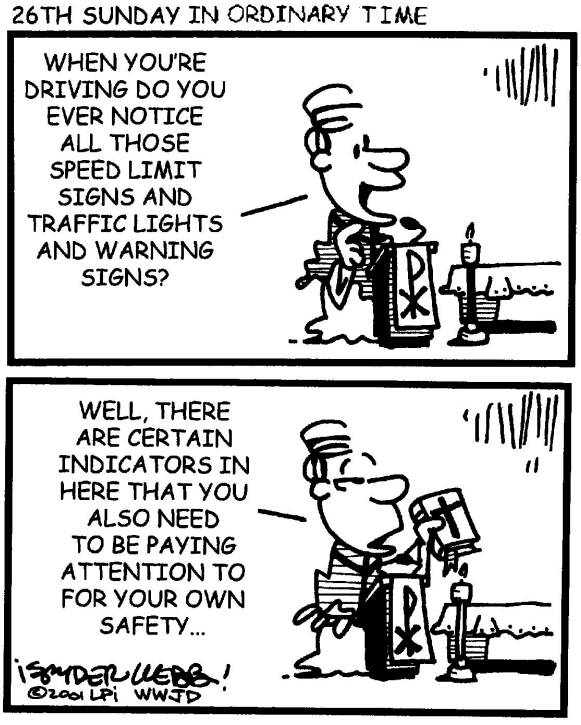
Find the parts of the names/feast day that are in **bold print**:

St. **Gregory** the Great
St. **Peter Claver**
Most Holy Name of **Mary**
Our Lady of **Sorrows**
Exaltation of the **Holy Cross**
St. **Vincent** de Paul
St. **Cornelius**
St. **Cyprian**
St. **Cosmas**
St. **Damian**
St. **Michael**
St. **Gabriel**
St. **Raphael**
St. **Jerome**
St. Andrew Kim **Taegon**
St. Paul Chong **Hasang**
St. **Pio** of Pietricina

Names can be forward, backward, up, down, diagonal.



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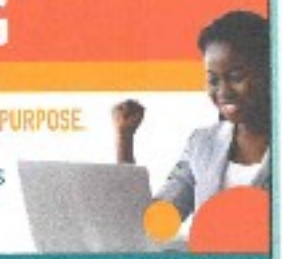

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