



Saint Mary Parish - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, Pastor

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“
HE
IS
THE
SON
OF
GOD.”

HERALD OF CHRIST

- ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 15, 2023



**The next
Knights of
Columbus
food drop off
date is
January 18th**

Food may be delivered to the cars in the parking lot between 10—10:30 am on Wednesday, January 18th. Or, you may bring donations to the parish office in advance of the drop off date.

Grocery items for the Food Bank and frozen casseroles for SHIP are most gratefully appreciated!

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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

908-963-0436; deaconpeter@stmaryswatchung.org

Deacon Walter Maksimik

deaconwalter@stmaryswatchung.org

Catherine Cooney, Director of Religious Education
908-756-6524 ext. 16; ccooney@stmaryswatchung.org

Karen Dill, Confirmation | Catholic Schools | Seniors
908-756-6524 ext. 11; kdill@stmaryswatchung.org

Nancy Finn, Communications & Financial Planning/Ops.
908-756-6524 ext. 14; nancy@stmaryswatchung.org

Suzanne Gallic, Director of Music
suzannegallic@gmail.com

Pat Manfredonia, Business Admin. | Parish Cemetery
908-756-6524 ext. 17; patm@stmaryswatchung.org
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Darrin Nelson, Adult Formation | Evangelization
908-756-6524 ext. 15; dnelson@stmaryswatchung.org

Nancy Stoll, 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

Vigil Mass • Saturday 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	<i>Cheryl Gatti</i>	908-285-0330
Cemetery Concerns	<i>Pat Manfredonia</i>	908-756-6524 x 17
Covenant Committee	<i>Florence Larkin</i>	908-757-4029
Finance Council	<i>Nancy Finn</i>	908-756-6524 x 14
Food Pantry	<i>Anthony Pang</i>	732-764-0264
Food for the Needy (SHIP)	<i>Larry Latore</i>	908-370-3538
Knights of Columbus	<i>Paul Fischer</i>	908-391-5038 PFischerGK@gmail.com
Liturgical Ministries	<i>Deacon Peter D'Angelo</i>	908-963-0436
Morning Prayer Group	<i>Mary Cooper</i>	908-561-0854
RCIA	<i>Deacon Walter & Loretta Maksimik</i>	lkamak24@gmail.com
Seniors Group	<i>Karen Dill</i>	908-756-6524 x 11
St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	<i>Melissa Hillier</i>	908-448-8874

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Thursday, January 26th at 8 am

Saint Paula

Patron Saint of Widows

Feast Day: Jan. 26

*"Love continues
to live ..."*



From the Bookkeeper:

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

2022 Contribution Statements will be provided for all parishioners who request one. Statements will be mailed (or emailed) to you. To request your statement, please contact

Pat Manfredonia directly at:

Phone: 908-756-6524 x 17 or
Email: patm@stmaryswatchung.org

Please include your name, home address (and email address if you would like your statements emailed to you). Thank you!

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 16

No Religious Education Classes
Parish Office Closed today

Wednesday, January 18

10—10:30 am Food Collection
4 pm Religious Education Classes
7 pm Choir

Thursday, January 19

10:15 am Seniors Gathering
7 pm Pastoral Council

Saturday, January 21

10 am First Penance Retreat
Second Collection: Foundation for Catholic Education

Sunday, January 22 • Word of God Sunday

10 am Religious Education Classes
12 pm Baptisms (Gatti)

Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome **Chloe Mackenzie**, daughter of Seth & Heather Benge and **Luca Mario**, son of Anjan & Ashlynn Gandhi, who were recently baptized. May the flame of faith grow ever stronger in their hearts! God Bless Chloe Mackenzie, Luca Mario and their whole families!



The Benge Family



The Gandhi Family

Our Sacrificial Offering

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

Weekly Collection for January 8, 2023:

In Pew	\$7,751
WeShare (online)	\$4,104
Total	\$11,855

Together In Charity (total) \$3,350

God bless you

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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January 15, 2023

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION Annual Collection January 21/22, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The value of Catholic education cannot be overstated. Our schools continue to be places where faith, academic excellence, athletics, and service combine to provide a rich educational experience that helps to form the next generation of leaders for our Church and civic communities. Every time I visit our Catholic schools and witness firsthand the dedication of the teachers, administrators and principals, I am filled with great joy and hope for the future. Invariably, I find a nurturing environment where our students are challenged and encouraged to meet the highest of standards through Christian discipleship.

We strive to keep Catholic education affordable and accessible for all families who want their children to have the advantage of a Catholic school education. For families unable to afford the entire cost, help is available through the Foundation for Catholic Education, which was established to provide financial support to aid low- and moderate-income families.

The *Annual Collection for the Foundation for Catholic Education* will be taken next weekend, **January 21/22, 2023**. By helping to provide tuition assistance for children attending our diocesan Catholic schools, your gift will make a tremendous impact and offer the promise of a better future to many deserving young students. Please consider supporting this effort and be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during *Catholic Schools Week*, January 28 through February 3, 2023. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the benefit of a great Catholic education, please visit our website at www.diometuchen.org.

Difficulty Hearing in Church?

We understand that some parishioners may have difficulty hearing while in church and are looking into assistive device technology at the church to help address this. If you have difficulty with this, we'd appreciate your input:

1. What difficulty are you experiencing?
 - A. Is it loud enough (volume)?
 - B. If loud enough, is it still difficult to understand?
2. Do you wear a hearing aid or have a cochlear implant? (yes or no). If yes:
 - A. Is it equipped with a T-Coil (Telecoil)?
 - B. Is it equipped with Blue-tooth?
 - C. Is it equipped with both T-Coil and Blue-tooth?
4. Would you be open to wearing an additional device while in the church (perhaps a neck loop with a small receiver) around your neck to hear better?

We are collecting information via Flocknote and/or a phone call to the parish office to better understand the issue and assess possible solutions. Please call Nancy at the parish office (908-756-6524 x 10) if you'd like to provide input to this process. Thank you!

First Penance Retreat

Saturday, January 21st is our First Penance Retreat, which will begin at 10 am in the church. We ask each of our second grade students, who are preparing for this great Sacrament of Forgiveness, to attend the retreat with at least one parent (or adult).

Attention
2nd grade
parents:

RCIA is ...

- † A spiritual journey
- † A process of welcoming people into the Roman Catholic Church
- † Adapted to each person's needs

Do you want to know what Catholics believe, how to pray or why Mary is so important? Are you — or someone you know — thinking about becoming Catholic? For more information and answers to your questions, please contact Deacon Walter and Loretta Maksimik at 201-481-5139 / lkmak24@gmail.com or phone the parish office.

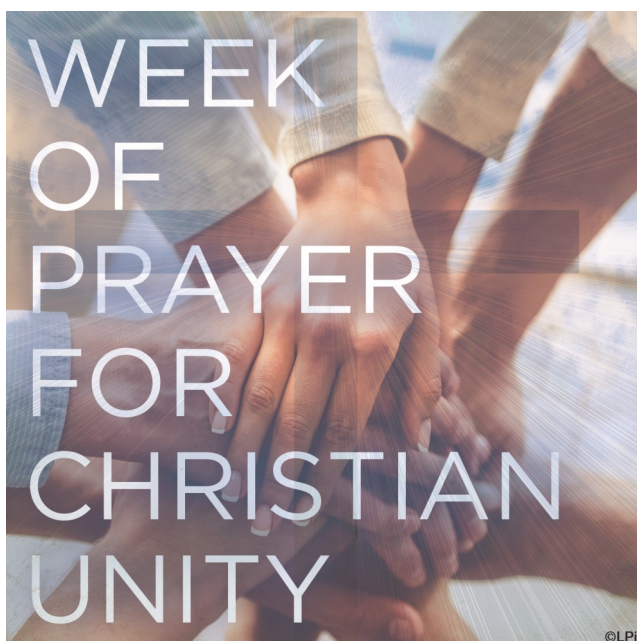


The Roman Catholic Church welcomes you!

Annulment: Facts & Myths

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Martinsville is holding an information session on February 16th at 7 pm to explain what annulment in the Catholic Church is really about. There is so much "popular" **misinformation** around, causing harm to people in need. **Come and learn the true facts.** Invite anyone you feel would benefit from the program.

Chris Fusco, a Canon lawyer for the Diocese of Metuchen annulment process is the guest speaker. Since Chris brings lots of materials to share, we are requesting that you RSVP by February 10 to Ro Bersch — 908-313-5947 or roebersch@aol.com. Feel free to call or email if you have questions. Mark your calendar! The session is sponsored by Council of Catholic Women.



LORD,

we humbly ask that, by your grace, the churches throughout the world may become instruments of your Peace. Through their joint action as ambassadors and agents of your healing, reconciling love among divided peoples, may your name be hallowed and glorified. Amen.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18—25, 2023

JANUARY 15, 2023

Let us pray for the sick:



Joseph M. Angeleri
Ida Antonelle
Eloy Bello
Jay Bubb, OFS
Andrea Callejas
Genna Camiolo
Lorena D'Amato
Lori Engler
Jerry Grubman
Lenore Grubman
Robert Hardy
Shannon Hardy
Agnes Harris
Laura Hinkley

John Hunton
Chet Janusz
Cornell Marino
Rose Molnar
Carolyn Monday
Anthony Pelle
Jaxson Rivera
Lucy Russo
Cathleen Schmidt
Frank Skopowski
Pat Turner
Emily Upton
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...

*"I will make you a light
to the nations..."*

- Is. 49:6

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

January 14-20:
Blessed New Year!



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 16

Weekday

Heb. 5:1-10/Mk. 2:18-22

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Carol Wagner (I)

TUESDAY, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb. 6:10-20/Mk. 2:23-28

8:00 a.m. Bernard Shenocca

WEDNESDAY, January 18

Weekday

Heb. 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk. 3:1-6

**8:00 a.m. Intentions of Bob &
Therese LeJeune (I)**

THURSDAY, January 19

Weekday

Heb. 7:25-8:6/Mk. 3:7-12

8:00 a.m. Linda Gagliardotto

FRIDAY, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr

Heb. 8:6-13/Mk. 3:13-19

8:00 a.m. Bob Beckert

SATURDAY, January 21

Vigil Mass for Sunday

**4:00 p.m. Maryellen Wilson
Vincent & Stephanie Scarano**

SUNDAY, January 22

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Word of God Sunday**

Is. 8:23-9:3/1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17/Mt. 4:12-23

7:30 a.m. Mary Sasso

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**11:15 a.m. Everett Pickerell
Intentions of Herbert & Sandra
Bright and family (I)**