



Saint Mary Parish - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, Pastor



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men." - Mt 4:19

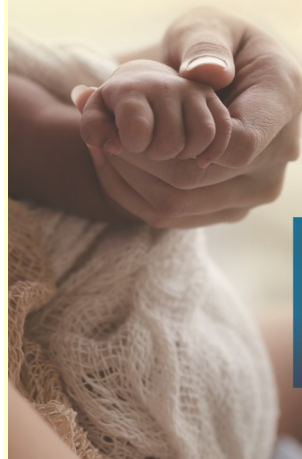
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“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”

ST. JOHN PAUL II



Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

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Pray
FOR THE
**PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN**

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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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Deacon Walter Maksimik

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Nancy Stoll, Administrative 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

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 ..."*



Blessing of Throats



The feast day of Saint Blaise is February 3rd each year. We will have Blessing of Throats available at all Masses next weekend (January 28th & 29th) as well as the morning Mass on Friday, February 3rd.

Question of the Week

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah foresaw a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali.

When have you received an unexpected blessing or gift in your life?

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 23

5 pm & 7 pm Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, January 25

4 pm Religious Education Classes
7 pm Choir

Thursday, January 26

8 am Mass for Widows and Widowers
10:15 am Seniors Gathering

Saturday, January 28

10 am Sacrament of First Penance

Sunday, January 29

10 am Religious Education Classes
12 pm RCIA

Sacrament of First Penance



On **Saturday, January 28th** our second grade students will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please keep our students — and their families — in your prayers as they experience the awesomeness of God's forgiveness!

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!

Our Sacrificial Offering

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

Weekly Collection for January 15, 2023:

In Pew	\$7,288
WeShare (online)	<u>\$3,454</u>
Total	\$10,742

Christmas (final total) \$47,911

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 YTD
(Incl. WeShare through December 31st)

Collected	Budget	(Under)/Over Budget
\$268,664	\$271,065	(\$2,401)

Month of Dec. 2022 (Includes WeShare through Dec. 31st):

\$45,333	\$51,121	(\$5,788)
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God bless you

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 23, 2023

God our Creator,
we give thanks to you,
who alone have
the power to impart
the breath of life
as you form each of us
in our mother's womb;
grant, we pray, that we whom you have
made stewards of creation,
may remain faithful to this sacred trust
and constant in safeguarding
the dignity of every human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



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!

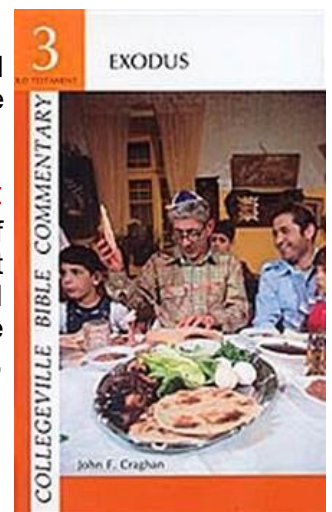
Word of God Sunday

In 2019, Pope Francis instituted Word of God Sunday to be celebrated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year. According to his Apostolic Letter "Aperuit Illis", the day "is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God."

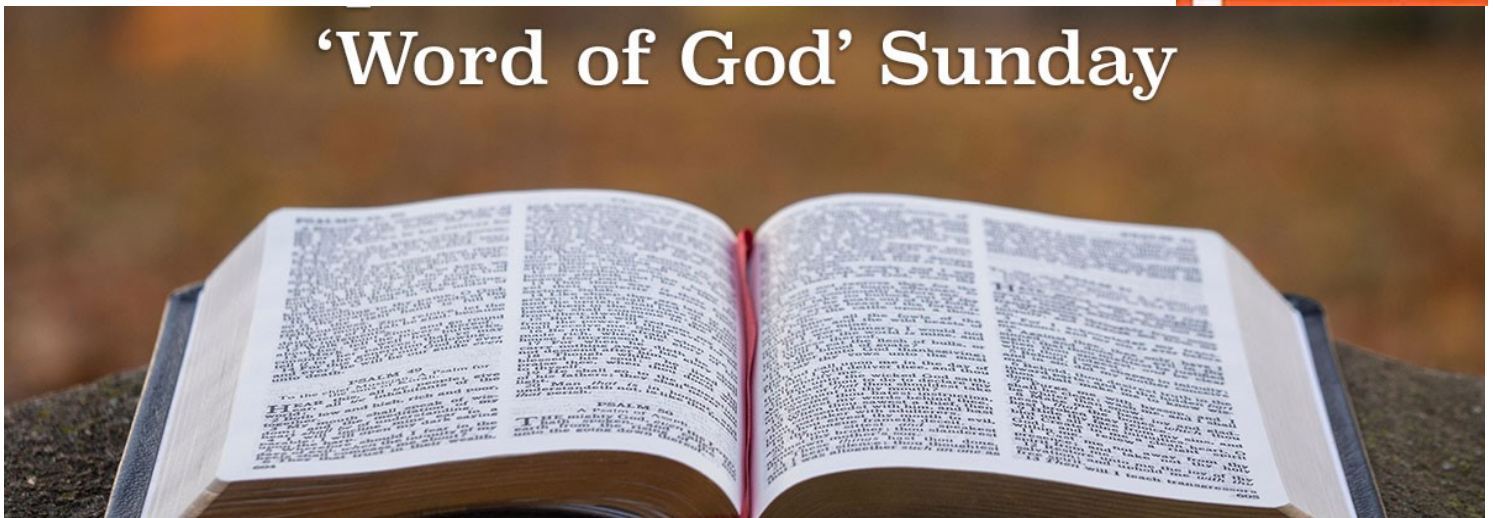
After all Masses this weekend, please pick up a copy of "Exodus" as a gift from the parish. The Exodus or the going out from Egypt lies at the very heart of Israel's faith experience. The God who acted on her behalf was not an insignificant deity of the ancient Near East cut off from reality and relegated to the realm of mythical time. Rather, God dramatically entered the arena of real time and real people. As the introduction puts it, "I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery" (Exodus 20:2).

Source: Exodus, p. 5

We hope you will join us in celebrating Word of God Sunday!



'Word of God' Sunday



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
Vincent 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...

*"The people who walked in
darkness have seen a
great light..."* - Is. 9:3

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

January 21-27:
Blessed New Year!



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 23

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children**

Heb. 9:15, 24-28/Mk. 3:22-30

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Sasso

TUESDAY, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

Heb. 10:1-10/Mk. 3:31-35

8:00 a.m. Phil Clarke

WEDNESDAY, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16/Mk. 16:15-18

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Clarke

THURSDAY, January 26

Saint Paula

2 Tm. 1:1-8/Mk. 4:21-25

8:00 a.m. Mass for Widows and Widowers

FRIDAY, January 27

Saint Angela Merici

Heb. 10:32-39/Mk. 4:26-34

8:00 a.m. Mae Harris Clarke

SATURDAY, January 28

Vigil Mass for Sunday

**4:00 p.m. Josie Rose Mendonca
Mary Louise Wisniewski Apgar**

SUNDAY, January 29

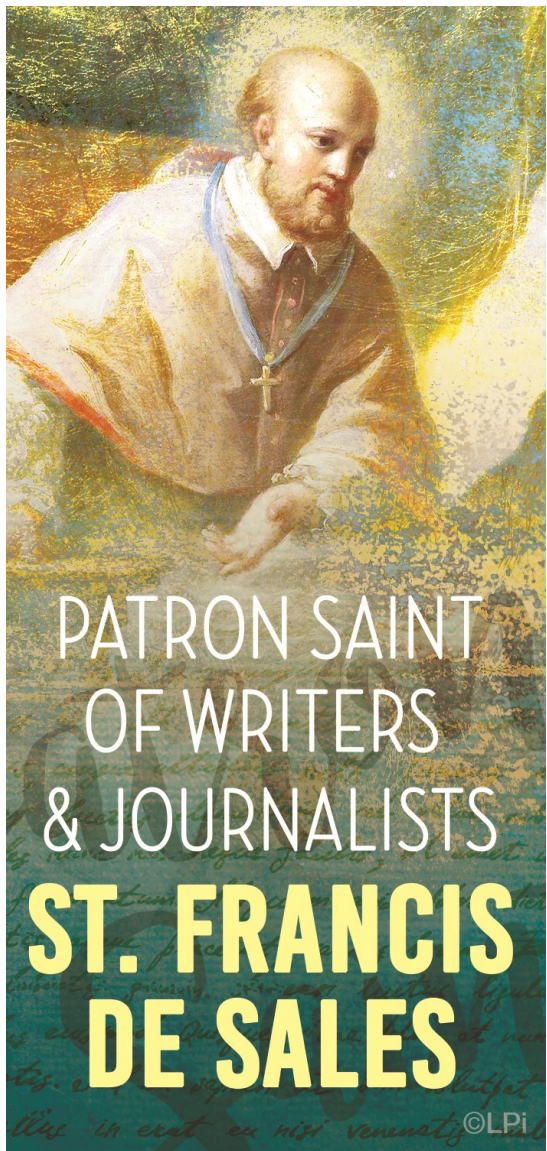
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor. 1:26-31/Mt. 5:1-12a

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

9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Toolan

**11:15 a.m. Christopher O'Brien
Joseph Lambariello**

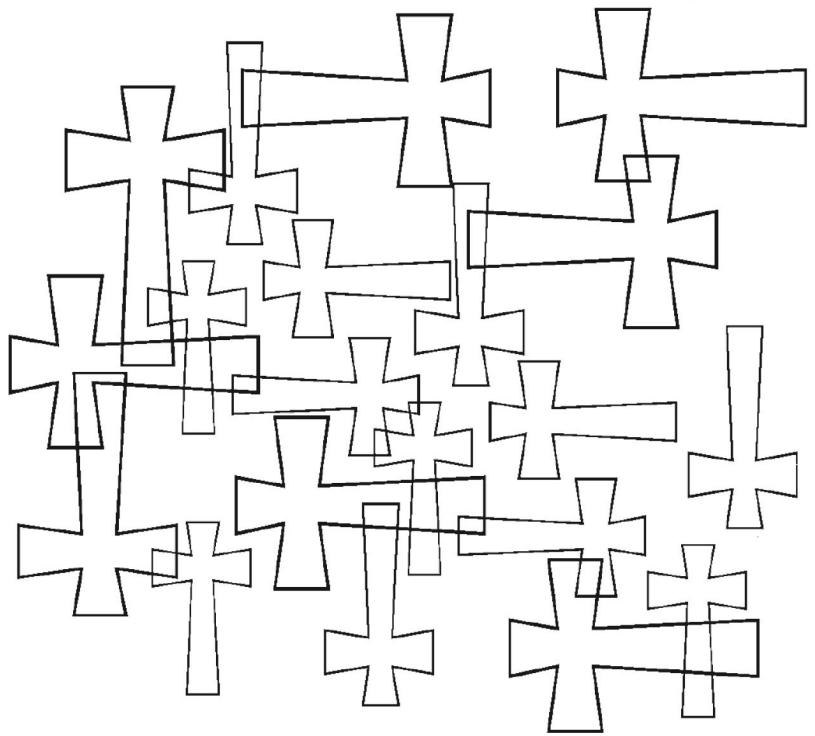


Have patience
with all things —
but first with
yourself.



- St. Francis de Sales

How many crosses can you count?



THE ANSWER IS TWENTY CROSSES

