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Parish Office Hours:

Mon – Fri 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Closed for lunch 12:00PM– 12:30PM

6th
**SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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OUR MISSION

St. Mary's Parish is a unique Christian Community rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions. Here religious and laity strive to be equal partners in ministry. We seek to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome, celebrate and nourish one another through outreach, evangelization and joy-filled worship.



MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS

Public Masses in Church:

5:00 PM-English

7:00 PM-English

SUNDAYS

Public Masses in Church:

7:30 AM -English

8:45 AM-Español & Online

10:30 AM- English & Online

12:00 PM (Noon) -English

WEEKDAYS DURING LENT

Online Masses & Public Masses

8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon : Monday to Friday in English

9:30 AM: Thursday en Español

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC MASSES:

You will no longer need to call or email the parish office to attend a public Mass. We will admit people on a first come, first serve basis, with a maximum capacity of 150 people per legal guidelines. Visitors will be counted, masks are required, and social distancing will be in effect.

WATCH MASSES ONLINE AT:

www.stmarys-pompton.org or

www.facebook.com/smcpompton/ or

www.youtube.com/c/stmaryspomptonlakes

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

NEW SCHEDULE FOR CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH:

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Mondays (During Lent)

7:00 to 8:30PM

Thursdays

4:00 to 5:00PM

No Confessions on Saturdays

Or call to make a appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9:00AM—4:00PM

(CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00PM- 12:30PM)

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on
President's Day Monday February 15, 2021 and
will reopen Tuesday February 16, 2021. Please call
973-513-5201 in case of an emergency.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 15, 2021
8:00am	†John Vasquez
	†Jenny Vasquez
	†David Vasquez
Tuesday	February 16, 2021
8:00am	For The People of the Parish
Wednesday	February 17, 2021
8:00am	†Tina Spages (14th Ann)
	†James C. Barone
	†Beatrice Decker (8th Ann)
12:00pm	For The People of the Parish
7:00pm	For The People of the Parish
Thursday	February 18, 2021
8:00 am	†May Garofalo
12:00pm	For The People of the Parish
Friday	February 19, 2021
8:00 am	For The People of the Parish
12:00pm	For The People of the Parish
Saturday	February 20, 2021
5:00 pm	†Alan Rienstra
	†Alfred Barbato
	†Mario Famulare
7:00 pm	For The People of the Parish
Sunday	February 21, 2021
7:30 am	†Peggy Rao
	†Joseph McHugh (4th Ann)
8:45 am (Spanish)	For The People of the Parish
10:30 am	†Sandra Mattera
	†Anthony Bonanni
	†Francis & Lucille Marshall
12:00 pm	†Mariano Furnari



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome into our Community:

Lorenzo R. Muti, Juliette R. Succar

Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Nicole & Anthony Russo
 on celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Lori Douma, John, Terry Walsh, Al Loeffler, Bill Houston, Angelo, Bernie Ferrary, W. B. Todd, Francine Moody, Lucille LeBlanc, Trudy Miller.

Please note: To add a loved one to the prayer list, please call the Parish office at 973.835.0374 - Names for healing will be listed for 30 days.

ALL THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY:

Lt. Jessica T. Atterbury, PFC Nathan Hunt, CMCN Michael LeTennier, Joseph P. Roberts, MCS, PFC Sean Jennings, SPC Sean J. Carey, SGT Ryan Cronin, Chris Sabatini, US Navy SO, David Welsh, US Navy SO Justin Bensinger, US Navy SO, LTJG Brian Schoenig, LCpl Michael Formisano III, SSG Kevin Carey, SPC Brian R. Sudol, CSM Robert Hammerle, Sgt. Mark Ashley, SGT Ryan J. Heppel, SPC Dean V. Lucas, LCpl Michael Vignuli, Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli, HM Jaeson Henderson, Jake Shovlowsky, Cpl Justyn Shovlowsky, Captain Austin Canning, 1st LT Joseph Sameski, 1st LT Thomas Sameski, Tyler DeVito, Petty Officer 3rd Class, SSG Tiffany Thumann, 2nd LT Matthew R. Brice, LT. Zak-id Gamarra, TSSgt. Scott Miller, 1st Lt. Alyson Garino, Capt. Krystal Thumann, Cpl F. S. Raza, Sean Flanagan, 1st Lt. Matthew W. D'Amico, USMC Lt. 1st Thomas Seneski; Sgt. Anthony W. Gabriel; Brian Hansen, Sgt. Ashlee Quigle; Capt. Daniel M. Kearney, USMC; Navy Lt. Ryan Hackett

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED:

Patricia Smith, MaryAnn Martello, Flavio Hernandez,
 Joan Merenda



The *Bread and Wine* this week have been donated in loving memory of *Tina Spages from her children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.*

WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR LENT? POPE FRANCIS' 10 TIPS

1. GET RID OF THE LAZY ADDICTION TO EVIL

"[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. **Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.**" – General Audience, March 5, 2014

2. DO SOMETHING THAT HURTS

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. **I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.**" – Lenten Message, 2014

3. DON'T REMAIN INDIFFERENT

"Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation." – Lenten Message, 2015

4. PRAY: MAKE OUR HEARTS LIKE YOURS!

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: *'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum'*: **Make our hearts like yours** (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference." – Lenten Message, 2015

5. TAKE PART IN THE SACRAMENTS

"Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015

6. PRAYER

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more

intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." – Homily, March 5, 2014

7. FASTING

"We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him." – Homily, March 5, 2014

8. ALMSGIVING

"Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others." – Homily, March 5, 2014

9. HELP THE POOR

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. **Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.**" – Lenten Message, 2014

10. EVANGELIZE

"The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness." – Lenten Message, 2014

You probably won't be able to take huge steps forward in all of these areas. Instead, pick a couple that stand out to you and try to find practical ways to grow in your love of God and your love of your neighbor.



COLLECTION UPDATE

The Sunday Collection for the month of January 2021 was \$108,887.50 The breakdown is as follows:

Sunday Collection	\$50,800
Faith Direct	\$58,087.50
Total	\$108,887.50

Thank you for all you do for St. Mary's.

TEXT TO GIVE

This time last year the full scope and inherent dangers of COVID-19 were becoming clear. Our world was brought to a standstill, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

To continue to make a difference in 2021, St. Mary's Parish is reaching out to our parishioners. The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ23, or text 'Enroll' to (Text-to-Give Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Frank Critch, OFM



Support St. Mary's Parish through AmazonSmile!

During these times, it has become more important than ever to support our local businesses. Wherever possible, and whenever it is safe, we encourage you to support all the local businesses that make our community great. We especially ask that you support those businesses that advertise in our bulletin!

However, if you do some shopping on amazon, did you know that if INSTEAD you shopped at [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) you'll get all the same merchandise and pricing BUT .5% of the purchase is donated to your favorite charity –St. Mary's?! It's easy to sign up and choose our parish - "Our Lady of the Assumption" in Pompton Lakes on [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile)! Thanks for giving in all the ways you do!

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

Annual contribution statements for 2020 are now available. Please call the parish office if you would like to request one and it will be mailed out to you.

Please remember that if you give through Faith Direct, you will receive your contribution statement directly from them.

GIVE US A CALL/SEND AN EMAIL/GO ONLINE!

- Has your address, email address or phone number changed?
 - Has a child been married and moved?
- We want to keep our records current and would appreciate receiving any updated information you can give us. [Call 973-835-0374, email smc@stmarys-pompton.org or go to website and click "update records"]

Thank you!





St Mary's Explorer Academy
is opening September 2021.

Registration now open!

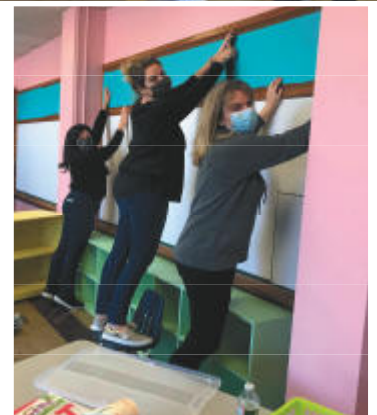
Open House will be
This Sunday, February 14, 2021
at 9AM- 2:30PM

The Explorer Academy is a
unique preschool dedicated to
educating three & four year
old's with a strong academic
foundation and a Franciscan
spirit.

For more information email
[exploreracademy@stmarys-
pompton.org](mailto:exploreracademy@stmarys-pompton.org) or
Call 973-835-2010

Former St Mary's School Teachers prepare classrooms for Open House this Sunday!

Teams of teachers worked together seamlessly Saturday arranging classrooms and putting finishing touches on bulletin boards in preparation for this Sunday's Open House! A very special thank you to Allison Chorba, Tara Quintavella, Nicole George, Lynn Brehm, Kari Nixon, Edie Kimak, Tracey Metz, Marianne Pereney, Heather Schnaars, Colleen Lavorgna, Annie Buhowski, Karen Connolly and Cathy Feld for creating a fun, nurturing space for little ones to learn!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

We are distributing pre-bagged food, with "curb-side" Pickup. Shoppers are to follow the directions they have been given, and signage at the pantry upon arrival. Call the Pantry at 973-831-4442 for information.

NEW MEMBERS/SHOPPERS

New members/shoppers may come to the Food Pantry any date/time listed below.

To donate food and household cleaning supplies please drop items off **ONLY** in the GRAY VAN (no longer in the box truck) located in the church parking lot.

DO NOT DROP OFF FOOD AT THE PARISH OFFICE. Please, no perishables or frozen food accepted in the GRAY VAN.

(NOTE: We do not accept clothing.)

ITEM NEEDED:

Shelf Stable WHOLE milk
Mayonnaise (30 Oz.)
Canned Ham (16 Oz.)
Cooking Oil
Deodorant

NEW ITEMS! Fresh Meat!

We are now accepting much-needed fresh meat, **only at the food pantry during our regular distribution sessions.** When dropping off meat, please park your car and call 973-831-4442 for assistance with your donation. Do not leave fresh meat in the Van or unattended at the pantry or church.

PREFERRED MEAT ITEMS:

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Ground Beef(one to one- and- one- half pound packages)
Chicken (all varieties, Except Roasters)
Pork Chops
Bacon

Please bring your meat donations to the food pantry, 22R (Lower level, Rear) Lakeside Avenue, Pompton Lakes (accessible from the municipal parking lot) on the following:

FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND MEAT COLLECTION DATES/TIMES:

Saturday, February 20th, 9:30AM-3:30 PM
Wednesday, February 24th, 4—7 pm
Saturday, February 27th, 9:30AM-3:30 PM
Wednesday, March 3rd, 4—7 pm

Monetary donations may be made by sending a check to the parish office (17 Pompton Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442) and made out to "St. Mary's Parish", with "Food Pantry" written in the memo section.

Amazon Orders

Also, you may order from our wish list on Amazon.com. Just click this link and place your order. Orders are to be shipped to: St. Mary's Food Pantry, 17 Pompton Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39G4C7S9HDZXD?ref=wl_share

Gift Cards

Visa Gift Cards, Amazon Gift Cards, ShopRite Gift Cards (\$20 and \$25 denominations), may be dropped off at the parish office (in the mail/drop box on the wall to the left of the front entrance and at the back entrance). Please mark the envelope "St. Mary's Food Pantry".



**St. Mary's
Knights of Columbus**

ASH WEDNESDAY Fish Fry

Catered by **'TASTEFULLY BRITISH'**

Wed. Feb. 17

**Pickup 5-8 pm, Carnevale
Center Parking Lot**

**\$15 includes Fish & Chips, coleslaw,
drink and dessert. TAKE OUT ONLY**

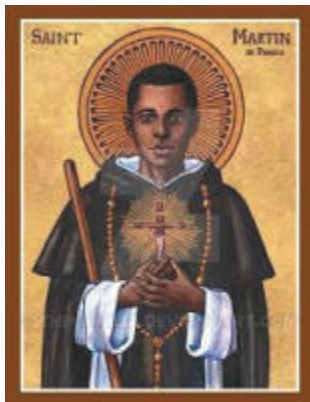
★ **All orders are due by Sun., Feb. 14**
★ **No orders will be taken at the door** ★

Place order by emailing KofC3801@gmail.com
or calling Keith Ahearn, 201-388-7346

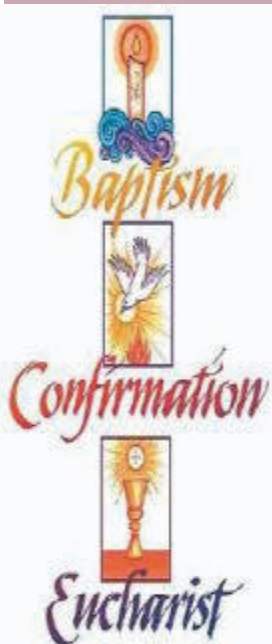
Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Food Pantry and
Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3801 charities



During Black History Month, we remember Servant of God, Sister Thea Bowman. She is the first African-American woman to receive a Doctorate in Theology from Boston College. Sr. Thea was born in the small rural town of Canton in Central Mississippi. Her grandfather was a slave; her father was a physician and her mother, a teacher. In 1965, Sr. Bowman received a B.A. in English, Speech, and Drama from Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wisconsin. In 1969, she received an M.A. in English and in 1972, a Ph.D. in English Language, Literature, and Linguistics; both degrees from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



During Black History Month, we remember St. Martin de Porres, the Patron Saint of Interracial Harmony. Saint Martin de Porres was a lay brother of the Dominican Order who was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. He is the patron saint of mixed-race people and all those seeking interracial harmony. He was noted for work on behalf of the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital. He maintained an austere lifestyle, which included fasting and abstaining from meat. Among the many miracles attributed to him were those of levitation, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and an ability to communicate with animals.



Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming into Full Communion With The Catholic Church

This weekend at the 8:45 a.m. Spanish Mass and 10:30 a.m. English Mass, we will be welcoming NUMBER TO COME men and women who are seeking to be baptized and/or receive First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. At the doors of the church, you'll find prayer cards with their names. Please take one home and keep them in prayer as they prepare to join our church at the Easter Vigil!

Order of Catechumens

Jaime Bram
Wendy Fabian
Jennifer Zhang

Seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church

Olimpia Tacumul Campo
Regina DiPietro
Christopher Duff
Kevin Huerta
Marie Michel
Hector Hugo Martinez Montoya

St. Mary's Ash Wednesday: February 17, 2021

Ash Distribution

Ashes will be distributed outdoors on the pavers from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You may either walk or drive up to receive ashes. Ashes will be administered via q-tips (which will be disposed after use on one family).

Ashes will also be available in plastic bags to take home and administer to your family.

Ash Wednesday Services

- **6:30 a.m.** Liturgy of the Word Service (Church; no communion)
- **8:00 a.m.** Mass (Church; Livestreamed)
- **12:00 p.m.** Mass (Church)
- **4:00 p.m.** Outdoor Liturgy of the Word Service (Parking Lot; no communion)
- **7:00 p.m.** Mass (Church)
- **8:30 p.m.** Misa en español (la iglesia; la transmisión en directo)

Miércoles de Ceniza: 17 de febrero de 2021

- **6:30 AM** Servicio de Liturgia de la Palabra en inglés.
- **8:00 AM** Misa en inglés (Transmisión en vivo)
- **12:00 PM** del mediodía: Misa en inglés
- **4:00 PM** Servicio de Liturgia de la Palabra al aire libre (en inglés)
- **7:00 PM** Misa en inglés
- **8:30 pm.** Misa en español en la Iglesia Principal (transmisión en vivo)

Las cenizas se distribuirán al aire libre frente al gimnasio del edificio de la escuela entre las 7:00 am y las 7:00pm. Durante este horario siempre habrá un ministro o un sacerdote para distribuir las cenizas. Usaremos hisopos para distribuir las cenizas. Por otro lado, usaremos bolsitas para que la gente se las lleve a casa.



HOMEBOUND CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like a visit and receive Eucharist, please contact our Parish Office at 973-835-0374 so we can set up a time. Fr John Alderson will be there to brighten your day!



St. Mary's offers Gluten-Free/Low-Gluten Hosts



Please alert an Usher or Eucharistic Minister before Mass if you would like to receive a gluten-free/low-gluten host. We will make sure that the priest has one available for you. These hosts are in compliance with the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION

To better accommodate those who don't feel comfortable coming into the Church building, the Eucharist will be distributed in the Church parking lot by the pavers at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. You do not need to leave your car to receive communion. Simply drive up to the pavers and Fr. John will come to you. You may also call the parish office to arrange for another time. May the gift of the Eucharist continue to strengthen and console us during these difficult days.



The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the end of daily Mass, Monday through Friday, in the Church.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 12:30 PM (After the Noon Mass) Stations to be setup outside for those who wish to do them individually. Books will be provided out in the church for private devotions.



Offering cards for the Bread and Wine for the Liturgy of the Eucharist are available at the Parish Office. These make wonderful remembrance gifts; the suggested donation is \$35.



Offering cards for Altar Flowers are available at the Parish Office. These make wonderful remembrance gifts; the suggested donation is \$50.

The friars had some fun in the snow!



Who will win the snowball fight?

REZO COMUNITARIO DEL SANTO ROSARIO



Todos los **MIÉRCOLES** a las 8:00pm vía **ZOOM**

CODIGO DE LA REUNION:

893 7978 3105

CODIGO DE SEGURIDAD: 878314

BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Requisitos: Certificado de Nacimiento del(a) niño(a), padrinos y asistir a una clase antes de la celebración del Sacramento (padres y padrinos) **vía ZOOM**. Información: Milagros Anto. Si desea bautizar su hijo(a) en inglés debe asistir a una clase y llamar a Connie Maritato 973.835.5841, ext 120

CATEQUESIS/PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Este programa consiste de 2 años de preparación de septiembre a junio. Las clases son los martes a las 6:00 PM vía ZOOM. Requisitos: Partida de Bautismo y tener entre 8 a 13 años de edad. Nuestra directora es Angelina Nuci. Información: Angelina Nuci (973.866.8431) angehannuci@yahoo.com

PREPARACIÓN PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN

Este programa consiste en 2 años de preparación de septiembre a junio. Es un camino juvenil muy interesante y una oportunidad para crecer en la Fe Católica. Las clases son los miércoles a las 6:00 PM vía ZOOM. Requisitos: Partida de Bautismo, certeza de que ha hecho la Primera Comunión, padrinos y estar cursando la escuela secundaria. Nuestra directora es Milagros Anto. Información: Milagros Anto.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

El propósito primario de RICA es la iniciación de los adultos y niños no bautizados que han llegado a la edad de la razón; sin embargo, el Rito también se extiende a los adultos bautizados, pero no catequizados. Las clases son los martes a las 8:30 PM vía ZOOM. Los Sacramentos se reciben durante la Vigilia Pascual, en la noche del Sábado Santo. Información: Milagros Anto.

DESPENSA DE LA PARROQUIA (FOOD PANTRY)

Nuestra despensa de alimentos de la iglesia de Santa María está abierta para atender a todos los que necesiten de comida en el siguiente horario: EL TERCER O CUARTO MIÉRCOLES O EL TERCER O CUARTO SÁBADO DE CADA MES. Para más información póngase en contacto con Milagros Anto, Angelina Nuci o Lourdes Huerta.

VISITA Y SACRAMENTO DE UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Los enfermos necesitan ser acompañados por su familia. La Iglesia es una Gran Familia. Permítanos organizar la visita semanal, para acompañar, dialogar, escuchar, compartir un tiempo con el enfermo o el adulto mayor que ya no puede venir solo a la Eucaristía. Por favor comunicarse con el Padre [John Coughlin](#) o Milagros Anto.

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

En el año realizamos varias jornadas de Reconciliación (Confesión), especialmente en Cuaresma y Adviento. Todos los jueves de 4:00 PM a 5:00PM un sacerdote está disponible en el confesionario de la iglesia principal para escuchar su Confesión en inglés. Si desea confesarse en español, por favor hacer una cita con el Padre John Coughlin.

MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA EUCARISTÍA

Los ministros de la Eucaristía sirven a la comunidad durante las misas de la semana, fin de semana, domingos y días de fiesta, ayudando a distribuir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesucristo durante el rito de la comunión. Este Ministerio se reúne los segundos y cuartos lunes de 7:30pm a 9:30pm vía ZOOM. Coordinadora: Ana Cadena (201 665 8020)

Reflexión sobre las lecturas dominicales.



Les invitamos a suscribirse a este canal **"VERBUM DEI"** del hermano franciscano **Br. Javier Del Angel, ofm** en **YOUTUBE**. Esperamos que este nuevo recurso sea de utilidad para su formación bíblica y además los ayude en su meditación y oración. El hermano Javier desea conocer sus comentarios y su feedback en su canal.

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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence (no meat) for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat other than flesh is required of people in good health from age 14 onwards.

Weekdays during Lent:

Mass M-F at 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Monday evenings during Lent

Welcome Home to Healing Confessions:

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 12:30 p.m. (after the noon mass)

Lenten Penance Services

Friday, March 26th at 7 pm with music

Saturday, March 27th at 11:00 a.m. with music

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Please stay tuned for more information about an upcoming Lenten Mission with Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM

Miércoles de Ceniza: 17 de febrero de 2021

- 6:30 AM Servicio de Liturgia de la Palabra en inglés.
- 8:00 AM Misa en inglés (Transmisión en vivo)
- 12:00 PM del mediodía: Misa en inglés
- 4:00 PM Servicio de Liturgia de la Palabra al aire libre (en inglés)
- 7:00 PM Misa en inglés
- 8:30 pm. Misa en español en la Iglesia Principal (transmisión en vivo)

Las cenizas se distribuirán al aire libre frente al gimnasio del edificio de la escuela entre las 7:00 am y las 7:00pm. Durante este horario siempre habrá un ministro o un sacerdote para distribuir las cenizas. Usaremos hisopos para distribuir las cenizas. Por otro lado, usaremos bolsitas para que la gente se las lleve a casa.

Los **Recursos sobre el tiempo de Cuaresma** estarán disponibles a partir del miércoles de ceniza Asegúrese de pasar por la iglesia para recoger su copia de “**Abraza**” esta temporada santa. Reciba este tiempo santo abrazando a Jesús o permitiéndole que nuestro Señor guíe su camino. Estos libros contienen reflexiones, actividades y oraciones diarias para guiarnos a través de esta Santa Temporada de Cuaresma. Que Dios nos bendiga durante estos sagrados 40 días.

Durante los días de semana de la Cuaresma:

Misa de lunes a viernes a las 8:00 a.m. y a las 12 del mediodía. Los jueves de cada semana como es usualmente hay misa en español a las 9:30am en la iglesia principal

Lunes por la noche durante la Cuaresma

Confesiones-Reconciliación y Sanación: 7:00pm - 8:30pm(ingles) Solo el lunes 8 de marzo habrá un sacerdote bilingüe para escuchar confesiones.

Estaciones de la Cruz

Todos los viernes a las 12:30 p.m. (después de la misa en inglés del mediodía) Habrá libros que se dejan en la Iglesia para devociones privadas. Tendremos un VIA CRUCIS en español el viernes 12 de marzo a las 7:30pm

Servicios de penitencia de Cuaresma

Viernes 26 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. con música

Sábado 27 de marzo a las 11:00 a.m. con música

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

Miércoles de 8:30 a.m. a 11:45 a.m.

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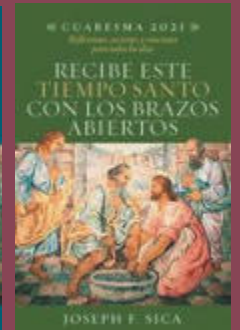
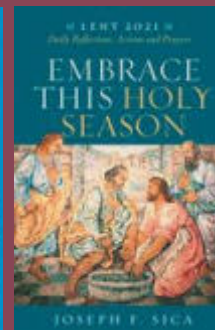
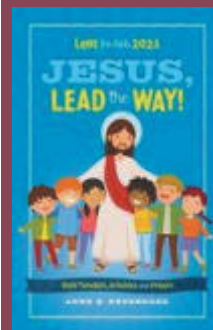
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LENTEN RESOURCES

Be sure to come by church to pick up your copy of *Embrace This Holy Season, Recibe este teimepo santo con los brazos* or *Jesus Lead the Way*. These books contain daily reflections, actions, and prayers to guide us through this Holy Season of Lent. May God bless us during these sacred 40 days.



We are starting the Lenten season and during this time are 1st, 2nd and 5th graders will begin their Service Project. The children will start to understand that this season is a time of prayer, caring and giving as Jesus did. It is a good way for the children to feel that they are showing love and care for the less fortunate.

1st & 2nd Grade News!

The 1st and 2nd graders project will be making a small care package for children that are being treated for cancer. I will be taking the packages to HUMC Tomorrow's children in Hackensack to distribute to the children that are patient's there.

5th Grade News!

The 5th grade project decorating small clay planter pots add seeds so that a small plant will begin to grow. This will be given to the seniors at Lakeview Nursing and Rehab facility in Wayne. They can enjoy in their room during the winter and In the spring the seniors will be able to take their plant and Re plant on their patio making a beautiful garden that they can appreciate all summer long.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Quote of the Week:

"Lean on your Beloved, because the soul who abandons themselves in the hands of Jesus in all they do, is carried in his arms." St. Clare

MASS REFLECTIONS

Are due by the end of the month for grades 7, 8, 9 (Confirmation Phase 1), and 10 (Confirmation Phase 2).

JUST A REMINDER THERE ARE NO 7TH OR 9TH/CONFIRMATION MEETINGS the week of Presidents Day, 2/7-2/13/2021.

We will be starting zoom classes for young adults (18-20) who are interested in celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. Interested candidates need to have completed grades 1-8 of religious education and celebrated the sacraments of Baptism and first Eucharist. Contact Pat Newton at 973-835-5594 x 160 or pat@stmarys-pompton.org for more information.

DEAR PHASE 1 CANDIDATES,

Did you know that the week of March 8-14th is NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS' WEEK? Did you know that 4 orders of religious sisters worship at Saint Mary's Church? Neither did I until Father John Aherne told me. So, what does that mean to you?

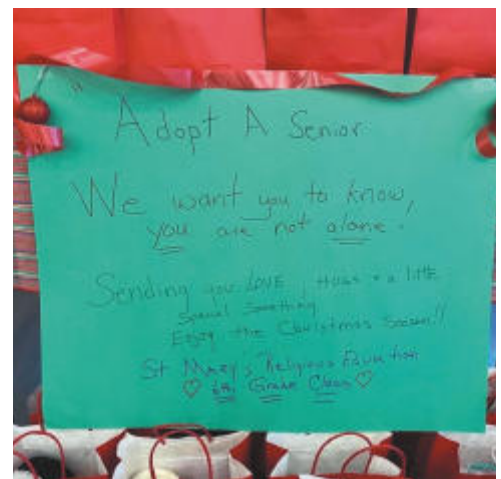
St. Mary's is hosting AN EVENING WITH THE SISTERS on Tuesday, March 9th at 7PM and you are invited (some might say required) to attend in lieu of your regular class time. AND since, service hours are hard to come by these pandemic riddled days, we have added a service component.

In summary,

- All phase 1 candidates are to attend this parish-wide forum on March 9th, 2021 at 7PM. A zoom invite will be sent to you as the forum date nears. This will replace the Sunday, March 7th 6PM and 7:45PM meetings. This will also replace the Tuesday, March 9th 6:30PM meetings.
- Since this is a parish-wide event, attendance taking during the forum is not feasible. So, the attached questionnaire is attached for you to complete during the forum and then scan and email to me as proof of your attendance. Service hours! The sisters want to hear from you and ask that you send in questions they can answer during the meeting. FOR EACH QUESTION YOU SEND ME, YOU WILL EARN 1 HOUR OF SERVICE. So, give it some thought and send me your questions by March 2nd.

6TH GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our 6th grade Religious Ed students brought a little cheer to our friends at Lakeview in December!





Once again, St. Mary's Parish will be taking part in Operation Starfish during Lent. Operation Starfish is a simple program that is designed to let families more fully engage in both the opportunity for spiritual reflection and the chance to make daily sacrifices that benefit those who are suffering. The program encourages families to save up 50 cents or more each day and then bring their money each week and place it in the Operation Starfish Baskets located in the Church to help fund many of St. Mary's outreach ministries.

The story of *Operation Starfish®* began in 1998 with a late evening stroll by a man and his dog. Father Dick Martin, pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Burke, Virginia, and his pooch, "Pete," were walking one night. Fr. Martin was wrestling with ideas for programs that would allow families

to contribute a little and turn it into a lot. Fr. Martin couldn't believe the numbers when he calculated them: 2,500 families saving just 50 cents a day for the 40 days of Lent could donate \$50,000 to make a difference in the lives of the poor.

This simple program of sacrifice was far more successful than Fr. Martin predicted. The parish family at the Church of the Nativity raised nearly \$67,000. They decided to use the funds to build 27 simple houses in Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, working through Food For The Poor.

Last year, St. Mary's raised over \$4,000 for Operation Starfish...even in the middle of a pandemic! Please help the neediest in our communities....and teach your children about the Lenten pillar of almsgiving....through taking part in operation Starfish this year. Link for facebook/ website video <https://youtu.be/BoGkOQOFSQ8>



ATTENTION PHYSICS NERDS [or wanna be's] A longtime St. Mary's parishioner, Bob Barkovitz, recently retired from 46 years of physics teaching, will offer tutoring/help/explanations to interested high school students. A student must be currently enrolled in high school/college physics. He will work with individuals or groups through zoom. He is very passionate and knowledgeable about this subject, and is interested in motivating and helping inquisitive pupils. A donation of \$15 per class will be charged to benefit the ministries of St. Mary's. For further information, parents please contact Bob at mrbarque@gmail.com.

ATENCIÓN FÍSICOS (o que quieran ser) Bob Barkovitz, un feligrés de Santa María desde hace mucho tiempo, recientemente retirado después de 46 años de enseñar física, ofrece tutoría / ayuda / explicaciones a estudiantes de secundaria. El (la) estudiante debe estar matriculado (a) en física en la escuela secundaria o universidad. Bob trabajará con individuos o grupos. Se pedirá una donación de \$ 15 por clase para beneficiar a los ministerios de Santa María. Para más información, los padres por favor contacten a Bob al correo mrbarque@gmail.com.

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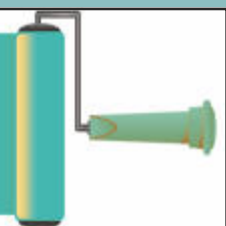
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