



# SAINT MARY'S

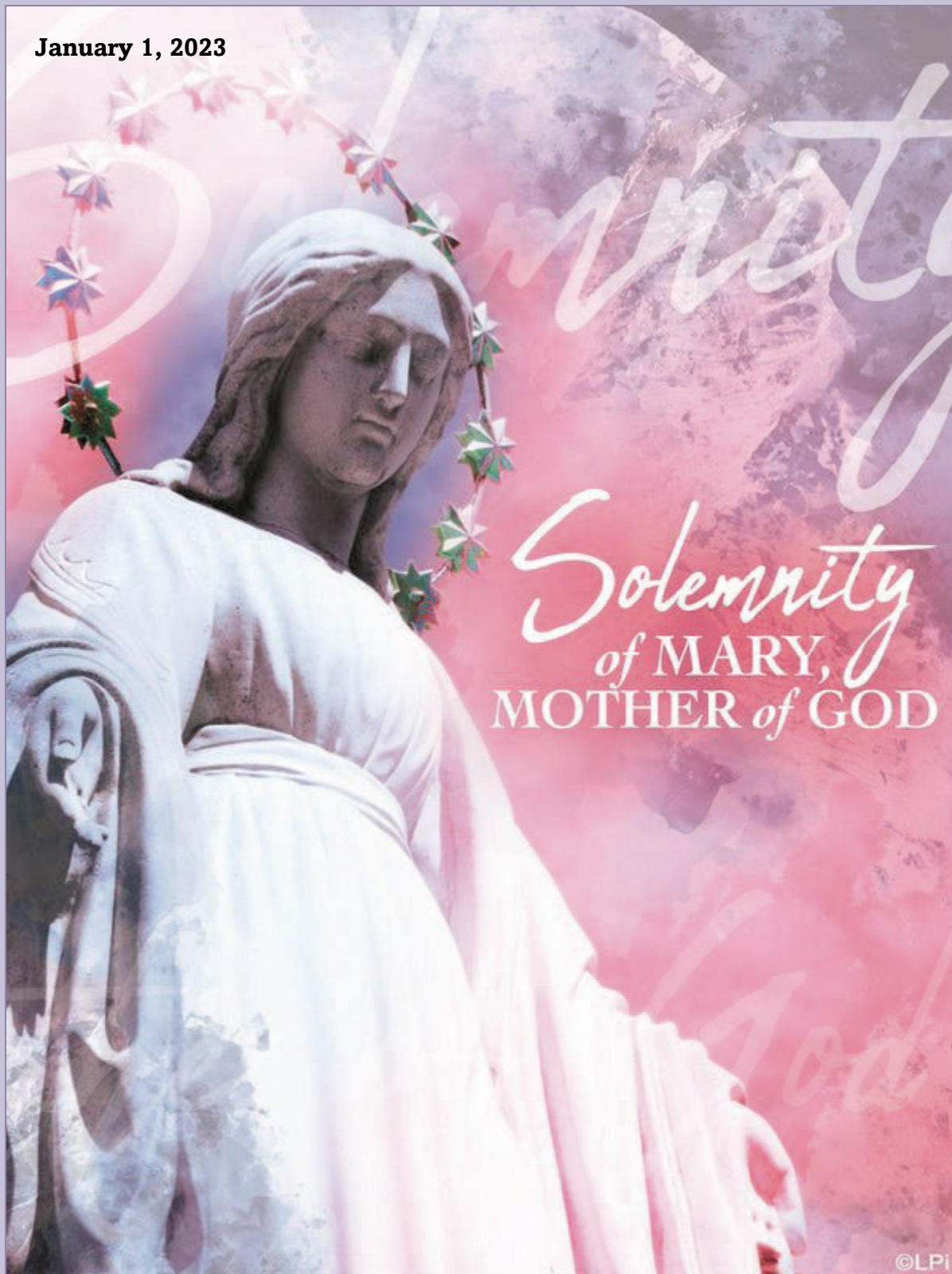
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## Starting Out the New Year with a Holy Hour

For some people, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are a big deal. They enjoy being at a party with family and friends. There are many who make it a point to watch the ball drop at Times Square on TV or in person. For me, although I had always loved Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day coming a week after Christmas Eve and the first day of Christmas was always a letdown. I was all partied out by the time December 25th was over. It was never a holiday that depressed me; I simply did not care about it or look forward to it.

That changed after experiencing New Year's in a Franciscan place known as Mt. Irenaeus. The Mountain, as it is sometimes called, is a community of friars and lay people in western New York State located on a large piece of forested land in Allegany County. There are a few houses, several cabins and a simple beautiful chapel with windows looking out on the surrounding forest with a view of the mountains.

As New Year's Eve ticked closer to midnight, the friars and several lay persons would do a contemplative walk from the main house on the property up a hill to the chapel. We would walk one-by-one in the fridged night air with enough space between each person so we could avoid talking and maintain silence. The walkers would enter the chapel to the sound of meditative music, the smell of incense and the relaxing glow of candle lights. It was the beginning of a holy hour. Although the content of that holy hour would change a little from year to year, from what I remember, the Blessed Sacrament was usually exposed for a period of silent adoration. We would pray Evening or night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, listen to a biblical reading and do a shared reflection. It would end around midnight with the ringing of the chapel bell, a walk back down to the main house where there would be more bell ringing, along with clanking of pots and pans and a short celebration with food and drink. One year we even sent some fireworks into the night sky above the forest. So, there was a little partying.

Being immersed in the prayerful experience of a holy hour was for me a wonderful way to transition from one year to the next. For those who might have an interest in arranging for themselves a holy hour on New Year's Eve or Day but find it to be too congested with social activities, the first week of the year is a good time in general to make it happen. There are two special holy days that occur during that week: January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God and January 6th is the traditional date for the Feast of the Epiphany – although in the U.S. we will be celebrating the coming Epiphany on Sunday, January 8th. You might find it helpful to make a holy hour for yourself in between those two feasts.

How does one arrange a holy hour? There is no one way to do it. If you want to give it a try, the first decision to make is whether you want to do it alone or with others. Making a holy hour with family and/or friends, or even as a couple, can be a great way to invite God into your shared life and strengthen your relationships. Setting up a prayerful environment is certainly part of the fun. Candles, incense, sacred images or natural objects like flowers or branches might help you to ease into the hour. A period of silence is always recommended. Making use of music, scripture or other non-biblical religious readings are conducive to prayer. You might want to try devising a ritual as part of your hour with God. For example, you can light small individual candles for particular prayer intentions and insert them in a snowbank outside or in a pot filled with soil or sand. Do not be afraid to experiment and be creative! You can also simply come to St. Mary's church and spend an hour in eucharistic adoration when we offer it on Thursdays from 4-5 PM or pray your favorite devotion. Our doors are usually open during the daytime for several hours. Whatever ways you choose to organize your holy hour, know that the most important thing is to make it something that is prayerful for yourself and for any others who might be joining you for it. Can there be a better way to set your new year on the right track!

Fr. John Coughlin, OFM

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## ONLINE GIVING

This new year is filled with hope and promise – opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2023, we are reaching out to our parishioners. Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2023 that reflect the promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting [www.faith.direct/NJ23](http://www.faith.direct/NJ23) or text 'Enroll' to 973-500-6123 or use the QR code above. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

## COLLECTION UPDATE

The weekly collection for the month of November was \$95,124.00.  
The breakdown is as follows:

Sunday Collection	\$51,783.00
Faith Direct	\$43,341.00
Total	\$95,124.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Follow us on Social Media!



<https://www.facebook.com/smcpompton>



<https://instagram.com/stmaryspomptonlakes?igshid=75tb9mkcychl>



Please call **973-835-0374** or send an email to [smc@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:smc@stmarys-pompton.org) if:

- your address, email address or telephone number has changed, and/or
- a parishioner has been married and/or
- a parishioner has moved.

Parish records need to be current so please be sure to inform us of any changes as soon as possible.

Thank you!





## MASS SCHEDULE

### **SATURDAY**

9:00 AM—Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
(Prayer Room)

Vigil Masses:

5:00 PM—English

7:00 PM—English

### **SUNDAY**

7:30 AM—English

8:45 AM—Español (livestreamed)

9:00 AM—English (Carnevale Center)

10:30 AM—English (livestreamed)

10:30 AM—Children's Liturgy (Carnevale Center)

12:00 PM—English

### **WEEKDAYS**

8:00 AM—Monday-Friday in English (livestreamed)

7:00 PM—Wednesday en Español (livestreamed)

### **MASSES ONLINE AT:**

[www.stmarys-pompton.org](http://www.stmarys-pompton.org)

[www.facebook.com/smc Pompton](https://www.facebook.com/smc Pompton)

[www.youtube.com/c/stmaryspomptonlakes](https://www.youtube.com/c/stmaryspomptonlakes)

## DRIVERS NEEDED

Our Food Pantry is in need of drivers for the parish box truck! Time commitment is just a few hours, once or twice a week. Regular driver's license required and an excellent driving record. Must be comfortable driving the box truck. Contact Phil Epstein for more information at [pepstein@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:pepstein@stmarys-pompton.org).

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday**

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

### **Monday**

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

### **Tuesday**

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

### **Wednesday**

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

### **Thursday**

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

### **Friday**

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or  
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

### **Saturday**

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11



### *Confession and Adoration*

CONFESSION: Thursdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm (or call for an appointment). There are no confessions on Saturdays.

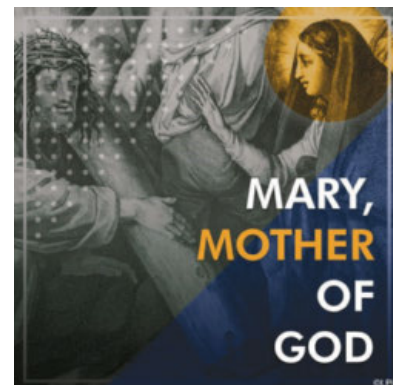
ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

During adoration, please maintain a reverent silence.



### **THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED:**

John "Jack" Shuman, Avery Rose Ingraffia,  
Margaret Resin



## MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L= Living

Monday	January 2 (DAILY MASS AT 9:00AM)
9:00 a.m.	† Louis Lombardi † Jack Shuman
Tuesday	January 3
8:00 a.m.	† André Casale L Sarah
Wednesday	January 4
8:00 a.m.	† Herbert Colella † Richard Kellner † Michael Albano
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday	January 5
8:00 a.m.	† Diane Geary (2nd Ann) † Sheila Clements † Luke Jaxon Marquez
Friday	January 6
8:00 a.m.	† Carlos Hernandez † John Popovich † Sheila Kelly (10th Ann) † Mary Barbato † Margaret & Peter Franco
Saturday	January 7
5:00 p.m.	† Rosemarie Fioranelli † Victor Scine (12th Ann) † Bob Smith † Joseph Miglino
7:00 p.m.	† Valdomiro Schiano DiCola † Robert D'Arienzo † Dale Bishop
Sunday	January 8
7:30 a.m.	† Louis Vozzo † Darren Siker † Karen Gilbert † George & Catherine Conroy
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish
10:30a.m.	† Ann Connolly † Catherine Holster † Helen Mortis † Janet Marie Greco
10:30 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	† Fernando M. Rios † Patsy Taranto † John J. Bernhard † Henry & Margo Zupa

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

### ...THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Angelo, John, Bob, Joe, Riona, Ann Fagan, Eileen, Mark O'Driscoll, Anthony Serpe, Alice, Carolyn Bocket, Laura Mariconda Petrillo, Russell Bavelaar, Mary M., Lori DelGiudice, Rita Ryan, Robert Lobbregt, Jack & Gerry Shuman, Louise Grenner, Barry, Adam Diamond, Janice Ortner Stein, Anthony Montagna.

To add a loved one to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 973-835-0374. Names are kept on the list for 30 days unless we are notified otherwise.

### ...THOSE 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, Sgt. Justyn Shovlowsky, Captain Austin Canning, SSG Tiffany Thumann, 2nd LT Matthew R. Brice, TSSgt. Scott Miller, Capt. Krystal Thumann, Cpl F. S. Raza, Sean Flanagan, Capt. Matthew W. D'Amico, USMC Lt. 1st Thomas Seneski; Sgt. Anthony W. Gabriel; Brian Hansen, Sgt. Ashlee Quigle; Capt. Daniel M. Kearney, USMC; 2nd LT Emily Simone and Navy Lt. Ryan Hackett, Tracie Kasko, LSS2 Gavin Pagano.



Next Sunday, as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we will chalk the lintels of St. Mary's Church and invite God to bless everyone who comes into our Church building. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers and chalks their doorway to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 23. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2023 is the year.

We will bless chalk and mark our doorways at the 5 p.m. Mass on January 7th and the 10:30 Mass on January 8th, and invite you to take a piece of chalk and do the same at your home!



If you have received a final request from Bishop Sweeney asking for your support of the 2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, please respond as your means permit. There is still time to participate since 2022 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2023.

Every gift is important so whatever you can give is a blessing. Please respond today. May God bless you for your support!

Simply scan the QR code or go to [www.2022appeal.org](http://www.2022appeal.org) and follow the user-friendly instructions.



## FOOD PANTRY

### Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, January 21	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, January 25	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, January 28	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, February 1	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

### Most needed items:

Toilet paper, cereal, white rice 2lb bags, vegetable oil, Progresso soup, brownie and cake mixes, frosting, canned hams, canned chicken, Spam, juice packs, black beans, garbanzo beans [chick peas], pasta sauce [in jars], decaf coffee [brewed], instant coffee [regular], tuna fish [canned], Rice a Roni, Pasta Roni, pudding cups, full size cookies, full size crackers, shelf stable whole milk, shelf stable 2% milk, tissues, paper towels, paper napkins, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, canned potatoes, mushrooms.

### WE ARE NO LONGER IN NEED OF REUSABLE CLOTH SHOPPING BAGS.

The Food Pantry is located at 22R (Lower level, rear) Lakeside Avenue, Pompton Lakes (accessible from the municipal parking lot) and the phone number is 973-831-4442. All donations are requested to be dropped off in the shed directly behind the church. It is open 24/7.

**Please do not drop food off in the Parish Office or in the Church.**

**NO CLOTHING DONATIONS PLEASE.**



## WINTER BIBLE STUDY

St. Mary's will be offering a free six-week Bible study during the winter entitled

Becoming a Person of Prayer. Participants will learn about the art of prayer and different methods of prayer from a variety of important biblical figures from both the Old and New Testaments. The classes will meet on Tuesdays from January 10th to February 14th in the Banta Room of the Carnevale Center.

The course will have both a morning and an evening section (mornings: 10:00 – 11:30 AM, evenings 7:00 – 8:30 PM). To sign up, please contact Fr. John Coughlin at [jcoughlin@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:jcoughlin@stmarys-pompton.org) or call the parish office: 973-835-0374. Leave your name, email address, and/or phone number. Indicate whether you prefer the morning or evening section.

\*Note: classes may be postponed and rescheduled due to inclement winter weather.



## Knights of Columbus®

Congratulations to the recent winners of the **Knights of Columbus Calendar Raffle!**

Proceeds to Benefit the Knights of Columbus Charitable Causes and St. Mary's Parish Ministries.

12/11 Adrienne Tamboia, Wayne, NJ \$100  
12/12 Debbie Lastro, Newfoundland, NJ \$50  
12/13 Jorge Rios, Bloomingdale, NJ \$50  
12/14 Lynda Haring, Oakland, NJ \$50  
12/15 JoAnn Sisco, Pompton Lakes, NJ \$50  
12/16 Linda Gomes, Pompton Lakes, NJ \$50  
12/17 Tom Salus, Pompton Lakes, NJ \$75





# LASAGNA LOVE



St. Mary's Food Pantry and Lasagna Love have teamed up! Who is Lasagna Love and why is this a perfect fit? Lasagna Loves mission is simply this. To feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. Volunteers from this wonderful organization will be making meals for our Food Pantry families again for February distributions.

Would you like to help Lasagna Love in its mission and help our food pantry families or others that are in need? Find out more about the organization here! <https://www.lasagnalove.org>



## Expecting a Baby?

Let a retired baby nurse encourage and teach you best practices for your newborn.



Each 1 1/2 to 2 hour class focuses on “how to” take care of your newborn. Parents to be will receive clinical and practical information to assist in caring for their newborn and family. Classes tailored around your schedule.

### NEWBORN CARE CLASS

Topics covered: diapering, cord care, bathing, nail care, temperature taking, tummy time, safe sleep, basic safety, what to expect in the hospital. \$10 Fee

Register <https://stmarys-pompton.org/newborn-care-classes>. After registering you will be called to set up best date and time.

Classes given by Pamela Luzzi, RNC, Certified in Maternal Newborn Nursing, Certified Lactation Counselor

## MORE THAN EVER MINISTRY



In the US, family estrangement affects 1 in 4 adults. MORE THAN EVER offers a place of compassionate support, understanding, and hope for the heartbreak and frustration of being an alienated parent/grandparent.

Upcoming dates for the monthly meetings are January 26, February 24, and March 30 from 2-3:30pm, Bonaventure Room (behind the Parish office).

Contact Veronica Picone at [seewhatis@msn.com](mailto:seewhatis@msn.com) for more information.



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

# CHARITY BEEFSTEAK DINNER

**Sat. Jan. 28, 7pm  
Carnevale Center**

**\$50 at the door includes Beefsteak Dinner,  
beer, wine & soda, Tricky Tray, door prizes,  
50/50 and DJ! (21 & over please)**

**Buy tickets at [kofc3801.org](http://kofc3801.org)**

or call Chris Arts, 973-492-2708

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3801 charities

## HOLY BONES IS LOOKING FOR HELP!



The Special Needs Ministry is looking for individuals with experience in sales to help to sell their dog bones and bits.

For more detailed information, please contact Marie Cioletti at 973-289-9613 or [mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org).



## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The Special Needs Ministry is looking for an individual to work part-time. Someone with a degree in Special Education or a related field preferred.

Responsibilities for the children's ministry include teaching students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, plan for a weeklong bible camp in August, plan four Saturday workshops for Advent, Lent, Saints, etc.

Responsibilities for the adult ministry include planning and conducting monthly meeting activities, planning for six dinner dances, setting up times and dates for dinner nights at local restaurants and oversee the adult work program at Holy Bones.

For further information please contact Marie Cioletti at [mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org) or 973 289 9613.



## Young Adult Ministry Retreat

On January 28th starting at 9:00am, the Young Adult Ministry will hold a retreat in Spina Hall for adults age 22-35.

The day will include faith formation, community building and FOOD! We will conclude the day by attending 5:00pm Mass.

The cost is \$30 dollars and you can register by going to <https://www.stmarys-pompton.org/young-adult-ministry> or scanning the code below.

Contact Genevieve Smith at [91smithg@cua.edu](mailto:91smithg@cua.edu) with any questions.



MY  
Soul  
THIRSTS  
YOUNG ADULT RETREAT  
January 28, 2022  
9am-5pm



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1-5

The 1st and 2nd grade Religious Education classes will begin the week of Monday, January 16, 2022.  
The 2nd grade will begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A New Year is God's Gift  
In the joyful moments - Thank God  
In the busy moments - Thank God  
In the trying moments - Trust God  
In the quiet moments - Praise God

# Music Together

MEMORIES WITH YOUR LITTLE  
MUSIC MAKER!



**Ages Birth-5  
and a caregiver**

**9 week Winter Session**

**CLASSES START  
JANUARY 18 AT  
9:30AM, 10:30AM  
OR 4:15PM**



**scan to register**



A wonderful time was had at our Holy Bones Christmas Party!





Thanks to all who joined us for the Simbang Gabi Mass!



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the Body of Christ...**Henry Theodor Niemeier.**



Congratulations and  
may God bless...

**Monica Martini  
and Jack Potash**







### Centering Prayer

Do you find yourself a little more stressed or overly concerned lately with things in your life and things going on in the world? Thankfully there is a solution...meditation. Our Centering Prayer group meets every Tuesday in the Carnevale Center library at 7 pm. Come join us in the silence of God and experience the gift of silence. You only need to bring yourself. If you have any questions please feel free to call Steve at 201-981-2622. Peace.

### Cleaning Crew

We are looking for volunteers to join our Church's cleaning crew. Cleaning teams meet at 9am on Tuesday mornings on a three-week rotating schedule to vacuum, clean and tidy up our worship space. For more information, please contact Bernadette Nolan at [nolanbern@verizon.net](mailto:nolanbern@verizon.net).

### Hearts & Hands Crocheting & Knitting Ministry

Volunteers of various ability (beginners to experienced) gather once a month to "stitch with love" baby items for babies in Baptismal Aftercare and Franciscan missions. Patterns, yarn, and free lessons provided! All are welcome! We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Carnevale Center Assisi Rm from 10-11:30am and the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Carnevale Center Assisi Rm from 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Mary Lenoir at 973-725-3178.

### Homebound Connections Ministry

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

### Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Ministry

We welcome new members! To learn more contact Jane Egan at [jpice@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:jpice@stmarys-pompton.org).

### Lost Angels Bereavement Ministry

The loss of a loved one forever changes us. When experiencing the tragedy of a child's death from drugs and alcohol, parents and loved ones often find themselves isolated and confused. Lost Angels bereavement/support group offers support, compassion, understanding and hope to parents and loved ones struggling to rebuild their lives after the death of a child or loved one as a result of substance abuse/addiction and overdose. For meeting dates and times, contact Donna Andelora at 973-713-9962 or [dandelora@yahoo.com](mailto:dandelora@yahoo.com).

### Meals With Love!

St Mary's has joined with NJ Buddies to provide home cooked meals for 8 people living with HIV/AIDS. We have offered to take the 4th Tuesday of each month and are looking for 12 people to each take a month. Contact Peggy Turpan at [Peggyturpan@gmail.com](mailto:Peggyturpan@gmail.com).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls can be picked up at the Parish Office. The shawls can be given to celebrate a joyous occasion, to console those in need or to give hope and comfort.

### Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

### St. Mary's Original Seniors

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:30am in the Carnevale Center. Pompton Lakes residents 55+ are welcome to join us. Contact Anne Marie Michael at 862-248-7967.

### St. Mary's Active Seniors

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 11:30am in the Carnevale Center. Anyone 55 and over is welcome to join us. Questions? Contact Rose Ann Estep at [rose-aestep@yahoo.com](mailto:rose-aestep@yahoo.com)

### St. Mary's Book Group

If you enjoy reading and would like to explore and discuss current as well as classic works about faith, religion, spirituality and human connectedness, please join us. For questions, please contact Monica Coyle at [mgcoyle@verizon.net](mailto:mgcoble@verizon.net).

### Stephen Ministry

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### Women's Faith Reflections

We meet on Wednesdays from 10 -11:30 a.m. in the Carnevale Center. We use the Lector books to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings for Mass. There is no registration needed.

### Women of Prayer and Spirit

A group of women who meet monthly to discuss one chapter of a book and to pray for the intentions members bring to the group. We meet via zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30. Women of Prayer and Spirit reflects the early church when Christians met in small groups to pray, to inspire, and to be inspired by other Christians. If you would like to join this group, please email Jean Barkovitz [jbarkovitz1009@gmail.com](mailto:jbarkovitz1009@gmail.com).

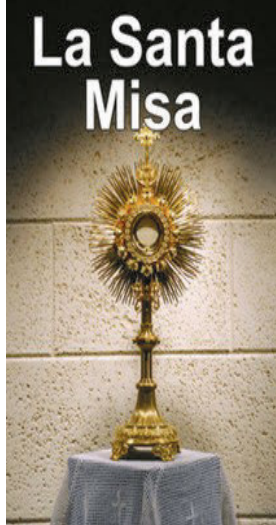
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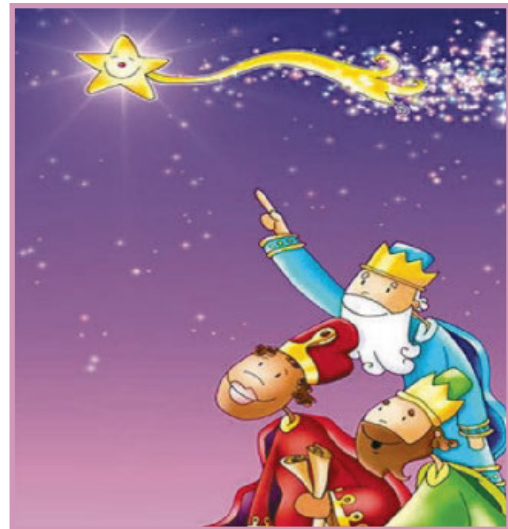
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### A tomar en cuenta:

Orar al Santísimo es un momento de intimidad, de confianza y de amistad con Dios. Tendremos exposición al Santísimo después de la misa en español **el miércoles 18 de enero de 2023**. Por otro lado, si conoces a alguien que por motivos de enfermedad u otros no pueda comulgar déjele saber al Padre John o al hermano Luis Rosado para visitarle.

Las inscripciones para la **Catequesis de Confirmación 2023-2025** están abiertas. Puede hablar con el Padre John Coughlin, el hermano Luis Rosado, Angelina Nuci o Milagros Anto después de la misa dominical de 8:45am. Si necesita mas información escribe a [miliorange@gmail.com](mailto:miliorange@gmail.com);

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**Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra.** Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 9 de enero de 2023 de 7:30pm a 9:30pm en el salón 201 del centro Carnevale.



### Visita de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" a tu hogar.

Si deseas que Nuestra Morenita visite tu hogar ponte en contacto con **Angelina Nuci** después de nuestra misa dominical o escríbele al siguiente correo electrónico: [angehannuci@yahoo.com](mailto:angehannuci@yahoo.com). Cada domingo en misa con la bendición de nuestra comunidad; "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" es enviada a visitar cada familia que así lo requiere.





## Santa María Madre de Dios

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A muchos puede extrañar que nuestra Iglesia haga coincidir el primer día del nuevo año civil con la fiesta de Santa María Madre de Dios. Sin embargo, es significativo que, desde el siglo IV, nuestra Iglesia Católica, después de celebrar solemnemente el nacimiento de El Salvador, desee comenzar el año nuevo bajo la protección maternal de María, Madre de El Salvador y Madre nuestra. María es modelo de fe. Según el evangelista Lucas, creer en Jesús Salvador no es recordar acontecimientos de otros tiempos, sino experimentar hoy su fuerza salvadora, capaz de hacer más humana nuestra vida. María es la gran creyente. La primera seguidora de Jesús. La mujer que sabe meditar en su corazón los

hechos y las palabras de su Hijo. La profetisa que canta al Dios, salvador de los pobres, anunciado por él. La madre fiel que permanece junto a su Hijo perseguido, condenado y ejecutado en la cruz. Ella es también testigo de Cristo resucitado, que acoge junto a los discípulos al Espíritu que acompañará siempre a la Iglesia de Jesús. María proclama también al Dios de los pobres porque derriba del trono a los poderosos y los deja sin poder para seguir oprimiendo; ella, por el contrario, **“enaltece a los humildes”** para que recobren su dignidad. María nos lleva a acoger la Buena Noticia de Jesús: Dios es de los pobres. María nos enseña como nadie a seguir a Jesús, anunciando al Dios de la compasión, trabajando por un mundo más fraterno y confiando en el Padre de los pequeños. Empecemos este nuevo año pidiendo la bendición de nuestra Santa Madre y que nos ayude a que nos sea concedida la gracia del encuentro con Dios en las circunstancias cotidianas de nuestra vida y en las personas que se acerquen a nosotros.

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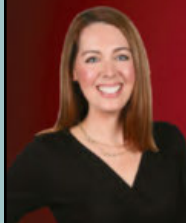
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