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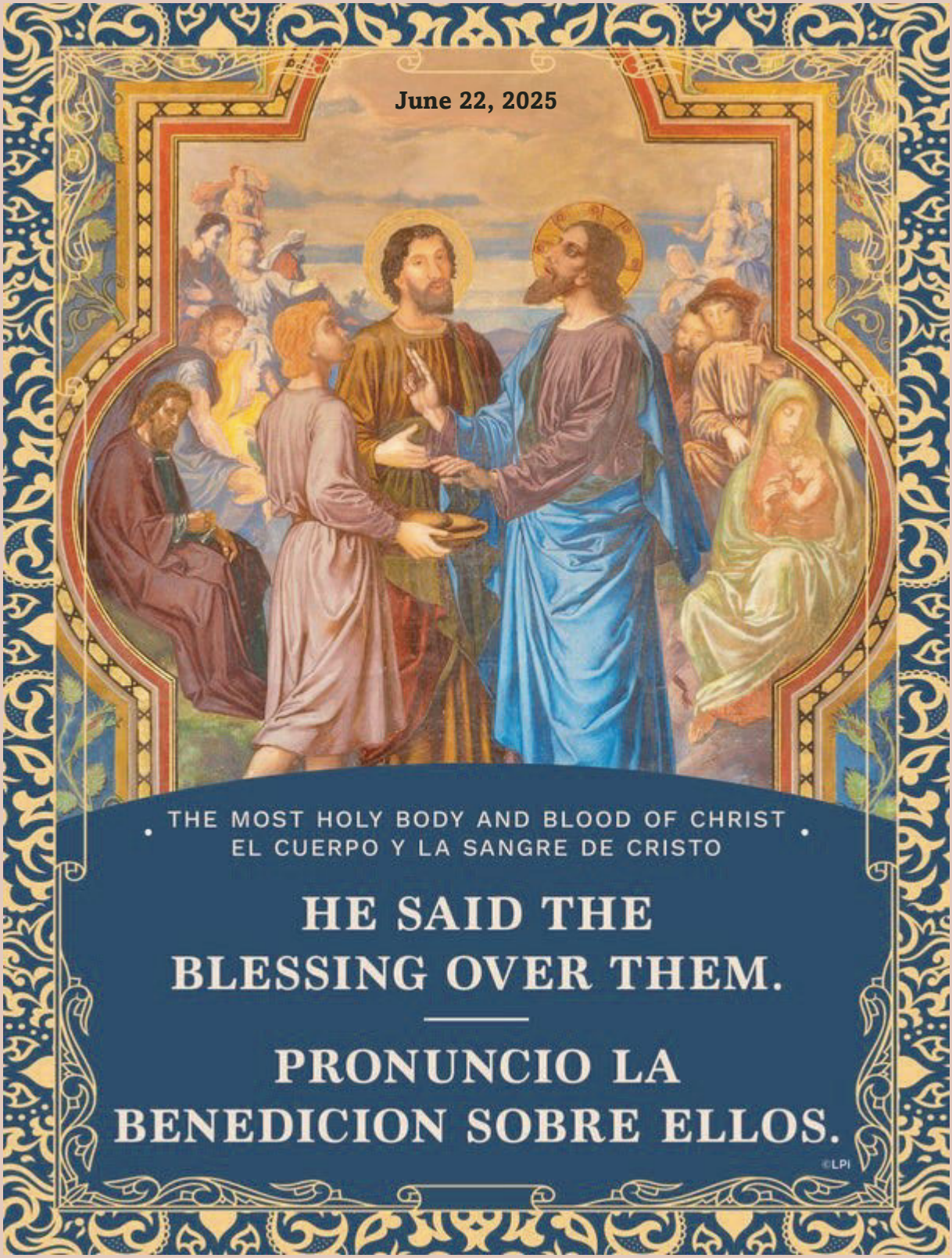

FRIAR'S DESK

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Did you ever wonder where many of our expressions and customs come from?

We often talk about June brides. At one time that was the month when most weddings took place. In the olden days, people took a bath only once a year—in May. So, the bride smelled her freshest in May and June. How did the practice come about of the bride carrying a bouquet of flowers? Hopefully the aroma of the flowers would cover up her body odor.

And speaking of weddings, what is the origin of the father accompanying his daughter down the aisle, and then offering her hand to the groom? At one time, the father did not "give away" his daughter. As he handed her to the groom, the groom was handing him a dowry. He was buying her. Maybe this is why more and more brides today come down the aisle with both their mother and father.

We also have the expression, "don't throw the baby out with the bath water." When bathing was a yearly event, the whole family bathed in the same tub. The father went first, then the mother, and then the children starting with the oldest. When it came time for the baby, the water was black. If the baby went under, you wouldn't be able to see them, hence the expression.

The animals used to warm themselves by laying on a thatched roof. If it rained, the roof got slippery and they often fell off. As so it really was "raining cats and dogs".

There was very little meat at that time. My sister and her husband once visited our German relatives. They were poor farmers. They served my sister meat, but they only ate the fat. After dinner, they sat around and talked. They enjoyed "chewing the fat."

At one time, they dug up graves and reused them. Sometimes they found scratch marks on the inside of the grave which meant the person had been buried alive. So, they then buried people with a string tied around their finger. The string went above ground and was attached to a bell. They could be saved by pulling the string and ringing the bell. They were truly "saved by the bell."

If my teachers had told me more stuff like this, maybe I wouldn't have dozed off so often. Maybe.

—Father John Alderson, OFM

POR QUÉ HACEMOS LAS COSAS QUE HACEMOS

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado cuál es el origen de muchas de nuestras expresiones y costumbres?

A menudo hablamos de las novias de junio. Antiguamente, ese era el mes en el que se celebraban la mayoría de las bodas. Antiguamente, la gente sólo se bañaba una vez al año, en mayo. Así que la novia olía más fresco en mayo y junio. ¿Cómo surgió la costumbre de que la novia llevara un ramo de flores? Se esperaba que el aroma de las flores disimulara su olor corporal.

Y hablando de bodas, ¿cuál es el origen de que el padre acompañe a su hija hasta el altar y luego ofrezca su mano al novio? En otros tiempos, el padre no "entregaba" a su hija. Al entregársela al novio, éste le entregaba una dote. La estaba comprando. Quizá por eso, hoy en día, cada vez más novias llegan al altar acompañadas de su padre y de su madre.

También tenemos la expresión "no tires al bebé con el agua del baño". Cuando el baño era un acontecimiento anual, toda la familia se bañaba en la misma bañera. Primero iba el padre, luego la madre y después los hijos, empezando por el mayor. Cuando llegaba el momento del bebé, el agua era negra. Si el bebé se sumergía, no se le veía, de ahí la expresión.

Los animales se calentaban tumbados en un tejado de paja. Si llovía, el tejado resbalaba y a menudo se caían. Así que realmente "llovía a cántaros".

En aquella época había muy poca carne. Mi hermana y su marido visitaron una vez a nuestros parientes alemanes. Eran campesinos pobres. Le sirvieron carne a mi hermana, pero sólo comieron la grasa. Después de cenar, se sentaban a charlar. Disfrutaban "masticando la grasa".

En una época, desenterraban tumbas y las reutilizaban. A veces encontraban marcas de arañazos en el interior de la tumba, lo que significaba que la persona había sido enterrada viva. Entonces, enterraban a la gente con un cordel atado alrededor del dedo. La cuerda llegaba hasta la superficie y estaba atada a una campana. Si tiraban de la cuerda y hacían sonar la campana, se salvaban. Eran realmente "salvados por la campana".

Si mis profesores me hubieran contado más cosas como ésta, quizá no me habría quedado dormido tan a menudo. Tal vez.

—Father John Alderson, OFM

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WEDDINGS

Getting married at St. Mary's? We'd love to celebrate the sacrament of marriage with you! Please contact Lynda Rogalski at lrogalski@stmarys-pompton.org six months to a year before your desired date.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Please call **973-835-0374** or send an email to 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!

Calendar of Events

Please see our Parish Calendar for all the current events and activities going on at St. Mary's!
https://stmarys-pompton.org/parish-calendar

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)
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
www.facebook.com/smcpompton
www.youtube.com/c/stmaryspomptonlakes

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

CONFESSION: Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or call for an appointment.

ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and for one hour after morning Mass on the first Friday of each month. During Adoration, please maintain a reverent silence.

This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of **Joseph Brown Jr.** from his loving family.

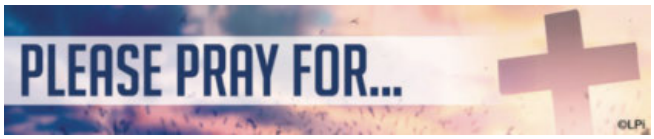
This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of **Ralph Tarsitano**. Happy Birthday to our father in heaven above, always watching over us. Love you and miss you, from your family.

CCD Registration for next year (all grades) and 5th grade Peace Week is now open! Please visit our website or scan the QR code to enroll today.

MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased, L = Living

Saturday	June 21
5:00 p.m.	† Thomas "Tommy" Vigorito † Patricia Catherine Norden † Anthony Sigismondi † Charles Garske
7:00 p.m.	† Robert McCorry † Thomas Rocco † Bill Lindsay
Sunday	June 22
7:30 a.m.	† Elisa Sudol
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	† Rosa Rosario
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Phyllis D'Onofrio
10:30 a.m.	L Kevin & Marina Touw † Thomas Ayres † Thomas Vigorito † Innocenza Dattilo L† The living & deceased of the Fries Family
12:00 p.m.	† Ralph Tarsitano (heavenly birthday) † Harold Poppe † James Reilly † Br. Michael Chowning † Yvette Rodriguez
Monday	June 23
8:00 a.m.	† Sean O'Flaherty L Barbara Carney
Tuesday	June 24
8:00 a.m.	† Hedwig Rottmond † Kathleen Mulvehill
Wednesday	June 25
8:00 a.m.	† Angela Aluotto (1st Ann.)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday	June 26
8:00 a.m.	† Grace & Charles French
Friday	June 27
8:00 a.m.	L John French (happy birthday)
Saturday	June 28
5:00 p.m.	† Thomas Vigorito † Tricia Norden † Justin Lizza † Leonard Van Dyke
7:00 p.m.	† JoAnn C. Perrotta † Margaret Gwynne
Sunday	June 29
7:30 a.m.	† Elisa Sudol
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Trisha Revis Norden † Lillian Putz † Juderick Salamana (5th Ann.)
10:30 a.m.	† Francis & Lucille Marshall † Edward Kelemen † James A. Breslin, Jr. † Custodio Fernandes † Oscar Buonafina † Josephine Emilo
12:00 p.m.	† Mario Uy (40th day of his passing) † James Reilly † Louis Gioffre † Theresa Gioffre (heavenly birthday)



...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

Louis Gioffre

...THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, Bernice Weinheimer, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Valentina Ionta, Lynn Hutman, Mary Grace Van Etten, Jeanmarie Stella O'Dell, Mary Catherine Fleming, Erin Veloso, Linda Bedell Kniatkowski, John Donnelly, Providence Torres, Edna Hoogerhyde, John Comiso, Sue Cambre, Jim Shea, Owen Patrick Brophy, Donald Harkin, Debbie Grish, Br. Patrick Fereday, Patricia Tompkins, Paul Gaffin, Elaine Kuszony, John Medicino.

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

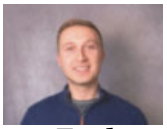
Lt. Jessica T. Atterbury, PFC Nathan Hunt, CMCN Michael LeTennier, MCS, PFC Sean Jennings, SGT Ryan Cronin, US Navy SO, SSG Kevin Carey, SPC Brian R. Sudol, CSM Robert Hammerle, Sgt. Mark Ashley, SGT Ryan J. Heppel, SPC Dean V. Lucas, LCpl Michael Vignuli, Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli, Sgt. Justyn Shovlowsky, Captain Austin Canning, SSG Tiffany Thumann, 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, LT Vincent Bellomo, Staff Sergeant Andrew Murphy, Emmanuel Folleco

IF THE STATUS OF SOMEONE ON THIS LIST HAS CHANGED, PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP. THANK YOU!

Please feel free to come up to one of the Parish Council members if you see us around or email parishcouncil@stmarys-pompton.org!

Diane

Toma


Zach

Kristine

Greg

Mark

Joanne

Dino

Katie

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the Body of Christ…

Gracie Rae Rosko

Delaney Kathleen Speight

Eva & Natalie Enriquez

Avery Eleanor Boysen

Gianni Michael Palermo

Maeve Lynn Lattanzi

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the Body of Christ...

Joseph Vincent DeAngelo

Benjamin Sedo

Stella Michelle Hierro

Dominic Jett Dasilva

Emmanuel Alfonso Hernandez

Owen Christoper Route

Emma Marie Pena

Madison DiNome Turner

Back from our pilgrimage!

Father John Aherne, OFM

A group of 14 of us recently returned from a wonderful 10-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Pilgrims are not tourists. Pilgrims are people on an interior journey where they can encounter the extraordinary, and thereby experience God in a new and profound way. This is exactly what happened to us.

In Assisi, we walked the same streets that St. Francis did, asking the Lord to guide us on the paths that will bring us closer to God. One evening, we traced the steps that St. Clare took as she courageously left behind everything she knew to follow St. Francis and Christ more closely. We prayed in front of the same crosses they did; saw where they were baptized, ate and slept; prayed at their tombs and relics; and celebrated Mass in the places that were most important to them. We also had a lot of gelato.

In Rome, we went through three Holy Doors, opened only during Jubilee Years, and experienced God's love and mercy in a profound way. We prayed at the tomb of St. Francis, cheered on St. Leo in person, and saw some of the most magnificent and significant churches on Earth. We also had a lot of gelato.

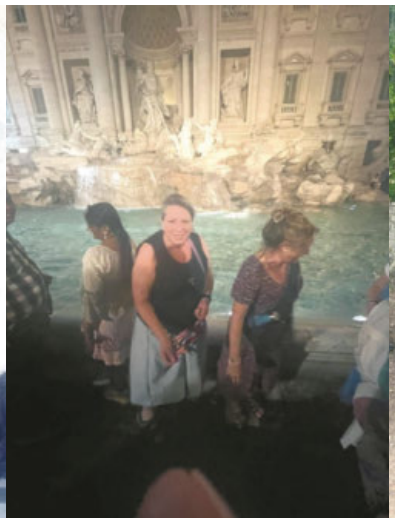
I know I speak for many of us when I say how touched and moved we were by our pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. We were fed by the Eucharist, supported by each other, transformed by what we experienced….and had lots and lots of gelato!

Outside the Basilica of St. Francis

We were fed in soul, mind, and body!

On the plain below Assisi

Our pilgrims at the Holy Door of Santa Maria Maggiore, where Pope Francis is entombed.



Confirmation Coordinator, Cathy Feld, throwing her coin in the Trevi Fountain, hoping to return to Rome.

Kathy Arts proclaiming the Word at Mass at the Carceri, a place where St. Francis went to rest and pray.

We were very fortunate to get close to Pope Leo who passed right by us in the Popemobile!

FOOD PANTRY

Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, June 21	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, June 25	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, June 28	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, July 2	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, July 19	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, July 23	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

Current needed items:

Deodorant, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, paper napkins, spices (other than salt, pepper and garlic powder).

We need drivers for the pantry's truck. A special license is not needed! Please call the Parish Office if interested.

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 church unless otherwise specified.

NO CLOTHING DONATIONS PLEASE.

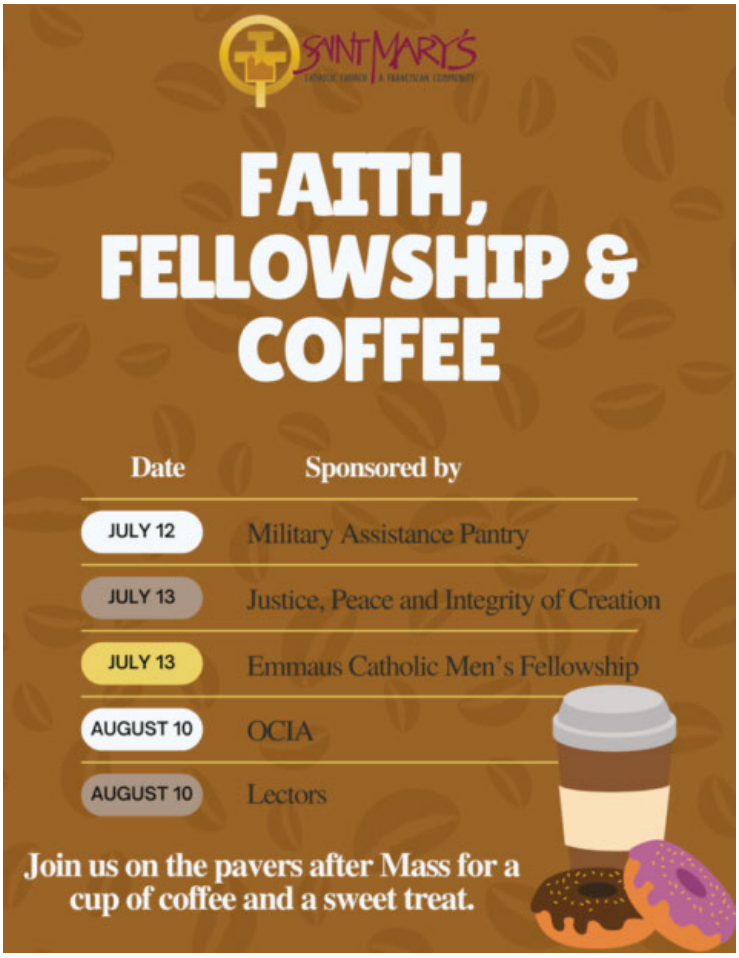
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2025-2026 Religious Education registration is open for grades 1 through 10. Please go to the St. Mary's website or scan the QR code to register.

If you have any questions please contact Toni Wong (grades 1-5) at extension 102 or Cathy Feld (grades 6-10) at extension 103.

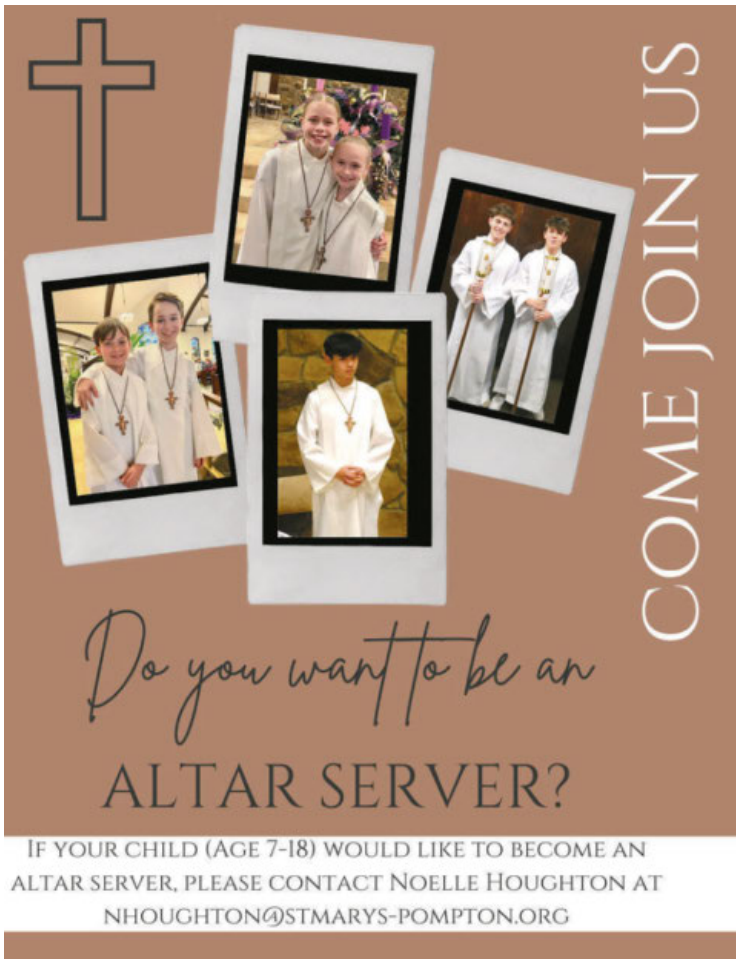
We look forward to continuing to provide a fun-filled, engaging opportunity for the children to build friendships and deepen their relationship with God.

A heartfelt thank you for your commitment to your child's religious education from our Friars and the Religious Education staff.



We are looking for volunteers to help us count the collection each week. Volunteers will need to be available every other Monday morning from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Given the sensitive nature of the work, volunteers will need to complete a background check and be vetted by the pastor.

Please email Fr. John Aherne at jaherne@stmarys-pompton.org if you are interested in helping us with this important work.



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STEPHEN MINISTRY

For Someone Whose Heart is Wounded or Life is Challenged…a St. Mary's Stephen Minister is a Gift of Love

Are you lonely, grieving, facing a difficult medical diagnosis, experiencing financial, job, family issues, or any one of life's many struggles? A Stephen Minister is "there to care."

We provide confidential, one-to-one, Christ-centered care — offering emotional and spiritual support.

Stephen Ministers are highly trained and attend twice-monthly peer group support and on-going continuing education to ensure the best care possible as we listen, extend acceptance and offer encouragement.

There's never a fee.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing worry, fear, lack of faith, discouragement or sadness due to any of life's difficulties, a St. Mary's Stephen Minister is a gift of love.

For further information, please contact:
Clare Russo at 973-835-0374, ext. 113

PEER MINISTRY

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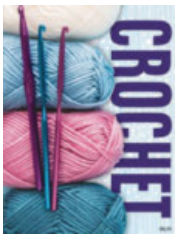
Peer Ministry Training
Sunday July 13th, 9:30-11:30am
Banta Room in the Carnevale Center

Are you looking for new opportunities to lead and serve? Are you looking for a group of fun, dynamic teens in a supportive faith community? Would you like to be a member of our retreat team?

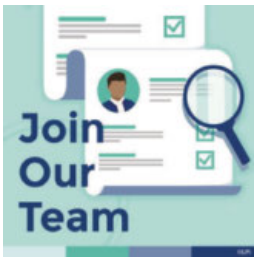
Please consider joining our high school Youth Ministry Peer Ministry Team, eligible for any student that is going to be sophomore, junior or senior this upcoming 2025-2026 school year! Please scan the QR code or visit our website to register!



While our young people are home from school, the **Hearts and Hands Crochet Ministry** invites them to learn how to crochet and have fun!
(Ages 8 and up.)

Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All meetings are in the Carnevale Center Assisi Room.

Yarn and crochet supplies will be provided!



Holy Bones is looking to employ the following starting July 2025:

Batch maker: includes making the dough batches, cleaning and packaging all natural dog treats.
Director: includes record keeping, organizing and overseeing bakers and volunteers, completing orders.

Hours are Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Marie Cioletti at mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org or 973-289-9613.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNTIES

We have several ways that you can remember your loved ones at St. Mary's.

- Mass intentions: Mass intentions are listed in the bulletin and announced during Mass. Suggested offerings are $15 for weekday Masses and $20 for weekend Masses.
- Bread and Wine: This offering covers the cost of the bread and wine we use during the week. This offering is listed in the bulletin and announced at weekend Masses. Suggested offering is $35.
- Altar Flowers: This offering covers the cost of the flowers on the altar during the week. This offering is listed in the bulletin and announced at weekend Masses. Suggested offering is $50.
- Vigil Lights: Vigil Lights are the candles in the vestibule of the church which burn for one year. A small plaque can be placed on the candle commemorating your loved one. Offering is $100 for one year (with the option to renew every year) and $25 to engrave the plaque. We currently have 3 vigil lights available.
- Paving Stones: You can have a stone with your loved one's name placed in our prayer garden which will remain in perpetuity and be cleaned on a regular basis. Stones are $350. Please be aware that it may take several months for your stone to be engraved and placed.
- Tree of Life: In the vestibule of the church, you will see our Tree of Life, which has the names of people who have died. Leaves are $500 and stones are $1,000.

Please call the Parish Office or email us at smc@stmarys-pompton.org for more information about these memorial opportunities.

- Intenciones de Misa: Las intenciones de misa se enumeran en el boletín y se anuncian durante la misa. Las ofrendas sugeridas son $15 para las misas entre semana y $20 para las misas de fin de semana.
- Pan y Vino: Esta ofrenda cubre el costo del pan y el vino que usamos durante la semana. Esta ofrenda aparece en el boletín y se anuncia en las misas de fin de semana. La ofrenda es de $35.
- Flores del Altar: Esta ofrenda cubre el costo de las flores del altar durante la semana. Esta ofrenda aparece en el boletín y se anuncia en las misas de fin de semana. La ofrenda es de $50.
- Luces de Vigilia: Las Luces de Vigilia son las velas en el vestíbulo de la iglesia que arden por un año. Se coloca una pequeña placa en la vela conmemorando a su ser querido. La ofrenda es de $100 por un año, con la opción de renovar cada año. Actualmente tenemos 3 luces de vigilia disponibles.
- Ladrillos: Usted puede tener una piedra con el nombre de su ser querido colocado en nuestro jardín de oración que permanecerá en la perpetuidad, y limpiado sobre una base regular. Las piedras cuestan $350. Tenga en cuenta que su piedra puede tardar varios meses en ser grabada y colocada.
- Árbol de la Vida: En el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, verá nuestro Árbol de la Vida, que tiene los nombres de personas que han fallecido. Las hojas cuestan $500 y las piedras $1000.

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia o envíenos un correo electrónico a smc@stmarys-pompton.org para más información sobre estas oportunidades conmemorativas.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

For more information about these and our other ministries, call the Parish Office or email us at smc@stmarys-pompton.org

CONNECT WITH US

Active Seniors: We are a group for men and women over 55. We meet regularly, host speakers and plan trips and outings to promote community.

Filipino Ministry: We are a lay ministry of St. Mary's Parish. Most of us are both affiliate members of Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group and the Missionary Families of Christ. We pray the Rosary and recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. We meet on a regular basis as a household to worship, pray and hold fellowship.

Hispanic Ministry: We are people who promote a truly Catholic formation that will help the community better respond to the challenges they face today. We are also all the people who speak Spanish as a first language. We are from different countries of the Americas: Honduras, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Bolivia, Cuba, Peru, Guatemala, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador. Most of us are immigrants who want to have legal status to be citizens of the United States and contribute to this country based on honesty, integrity and justice.

Knights of Columbus: We are the world's largest Catholic benefit society, providing both financial aid and volunteer hours to those in need. The principals are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

LGBTQ+ Spirituality Group: We are the parish faith sharing group for Catholic gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons 18 and over and their families. We are in frequent collaboration with our brothers and sisters across central NJ. We acknowledge and respect the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and strive to create an environment where people may honestly and faithfully share their stories and faith lives.

Original St. Mary's Seniors: We are a group of Seniors 55 years or older who reside in Pompton Lakes and get together for fellowship in social and educational experiences.

Young Adult Ministry: We are a group of men and women between the ages of 18 – 35 who desire to grow closer to God and to each other through service, prayer and fellowship.

Youth Ministry: We are a group of high school age men and women who gather weekly and go on periodic retreats to grow in our faith with God and friendship with one another.

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Bible Study: We offer periodic scripture experiences that typically study a particular book or theme of the Bible. Sessions are conducted in a faith-sharing style of learning. They are facilitated scripture study groups in English and Spanish alternately.

Baptismal Preparation: We offer catechesis to parents interested in having their babies or other young children baptized in the Catholic Church. The class gives instruction on the sacrament of baptism and other key teachings of the Church. It also provides ideas, resources, and inspiration to parents in their efforts to raise their children as practicing Catholics.

Book Group Ministry: We are a group of parishioners who gather to read and discuss books based on religious and spiritual themes.

Marriage Preparation: We are a team of married St. Mary's couples who lead an interactive and uplifting seminar illustrating aspects of a successful Catholic Christian marriage. We use personal experiences, small group discussions and base the day on the St. Mary's Franciscan spirit of openness.

Men's Book Group: We are a group of men who meet throughout the year to read and discuss books on faith.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): The OCIA is designed for adults as a process for people who wish to become part of the Catholic community of faith including those who have never been Baptized, Catholics who have been Baptized but never received the sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation, and those from a different faith who wish to convert to Catholicism.

Religious Education: Religious education begins a lifelong process that helps children develop a strong religious foundation which will continue with their family, community and the Church. Religious Education and the Confirmation program provides religious education and sacramental preparation vital to a child's development as a Catholic.

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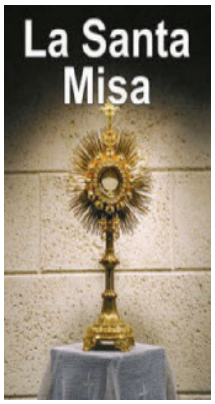

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Requisitos: Certificado de Nacimiento del(a) niño(a), padrinos y asistir a una clase antes de la celebración del Sacramento (padres y padrinos). Información: Milagros Anto. Si desea bautizar su hijo(a) en inglés debe asistir a una clase y llamar a Lynda 973-835-5841, ext 120.

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ANUNCIOS

1.- **Orar al Santísimo** es un momento de intimidad y amistad con Dios. Tendremos exposición al Santísimo después de la misa en español el miércoles 16 de julio de 2025. Si conoces a alguien que no pueda comulgar por enfermedad u otros motivos, por favor, infórmale al Padre John Coughlin para que pueda visitarle.

2.- Si usted quiere celebrar el **sacramento de Matrimonio** puede hablar y pedir la información pertinente al Padre John Coughlin después de nuestras misas en español de los miércoles o domingos.

3.- **Clases de Croché:** "Grupo Corazones Entrelazados". Te invita a sus clases y esta abierto a todos los niveles. Las clases son gratuitas y las reuniones se realizan en el Salón Asís del Centro Carnevale el tercer martes por la tarde de 6:30pm a 8:00pm y el tercer jueves por la mañana de cada mes de 10:00 a 11:30 a.m. Los tejidos hechos con materiales donados, se entregan a familias y organizaciones benéficas que trabajan con mujeres y niños. Todos son bienvenidos.

4.- **Catecismo de Primera Comunión, y Confirmación:** Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para estos catecismos que empezaran la tercera semana de septiembre.2025. Si necesita más información por favor comuníquese con Angelina Nuci o Milagros Anto.

Lecturas Bíblicas – La Solemnidad del Cuerpo y La Sangre del Señor - Ciclo C - (22 de junio de 2025)

Primera Lectura:	Génesis 14, 18-20
Salmo Responsorial:	Salmo 109, 1. 2. 3. 4
Segunda Lectura:	1 Corintios 11, 23-26
+Evangelio:	Lucas 9, 11-17

Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 23 de junio de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.

La solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor, conocida también como Corpus Christi, es una de las celebraciones más profundas y significativas de nuestra fe católica. En este día, recordamos y adoramos el gran misterio de la Eucaristía, en el que Jesús mismo se nos da como alimento espiritual. El nombre "Corpus Christi", que significa "Cuerpo de Cristo" en latín, nos invita a reconocer la presencia real de Jesús en el pan y el vino consagrados, tal como Él mismo nos lo prometió: “Esto es mi cuerpo, que se entrega por ustedes; hagan esto en memoria mía” (Lucas 22,19). Esta solemnidad nos recuerda que la Eucaristía no es solo un rito, sino el centro de nuestra vida cristiana y comunitaria. Al recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, nos unimos no solo a Él, sino también a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la fe. San Pablo nos enseña: “El pan que partimos, ¿no es comunión con el cuerpo de Cristo? Porque aun siendo muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo, ya que todos participamos de un mismo pan” (1 Corintios 10,16-17). Así, la Eucaristía nos llama a vivir en unidad, solidaridad y amor, superando divisiones y construyendo una verdadera comunidad.

El Corpus Christi nos enseña el valor del servicio y la entrega. Jesús, al darnos su Cuerpo y su Sangre, nos muestra el camino de la generosidad y el amor incondicional. Nos invita a ser pan partido para los demás, a compartir lo que somos y tenemos, especialmente con los más necesitados. En cada Eucaristía, aprendemos a ser comunidad que acoge, que sirve y que se compromete con la justicia y la paz. Que esta solemnidad renueve en nosotros el deseo de vivir como verdaderos discípulos de Cristo, alimentándonos de su presencia y llevándola a los demás. Que en nuestra parroquia de Santa María, la Eucaristía sea siempre fuente de unidad, fortaleza y esperanza. Al celebrar el Corpus Christi, recordemos que somos llamados a ser testigos vivos del amor de Dios, formando un solo cuerpo en Cristo y compartiendo con alegría el pan de la vida.

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