

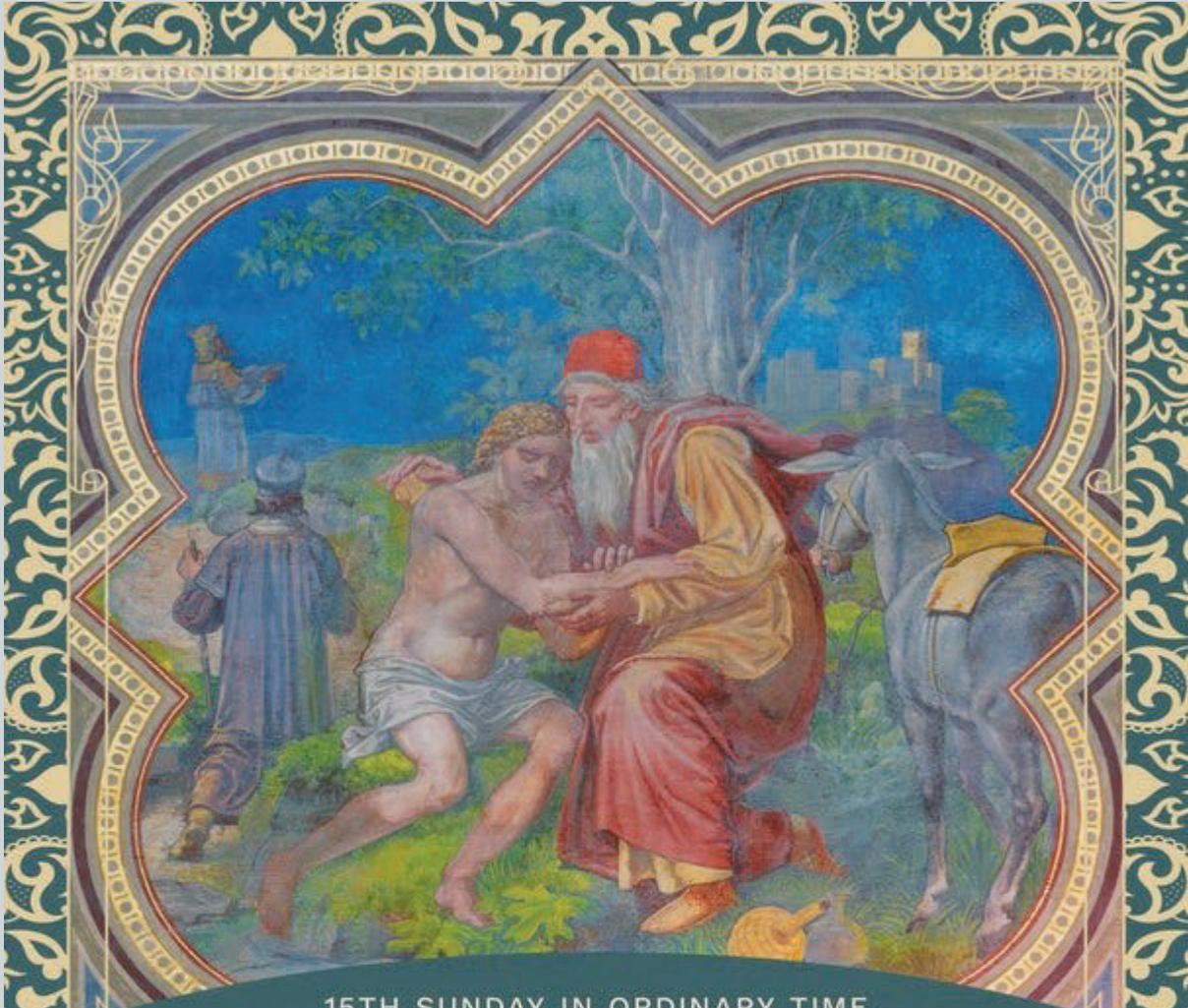


# SAINT MARY'S

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
15º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**

**AMA A TU PRÓJIMO  
COMO A TI MISMO.**

July 13, 2025

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## FRIAR'S DESK

The following letter was written by  
Sullivan Ballou, a Union soldier, to his wife.

July 14, 1861  
Washington, D.C.

My very dear Sarah,

The indications are strong that we will move out in a few days. Perhaps tomorrow. Lest I shall not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye, in case I shall be no more.

Sarah, my love for you is deathless. It seems to bind me with mighty cables that nothing but God could break. And yet my love of country comes over me like a strong wind, and bears me unresistably on, with all these chains, to the battlefield.

The memories of the happy moments I have spent with you come creeping over me and I feel most grateful to God and to you, that I have enjoyed them for so long. And as hard as it is for me to give them up, and to burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when, God willing, we might have lived and loved together, and seen our sons grow up to honorable manhood around us.

I have, I know, but few and small claims upon Divine Providence. But something whispers to me that I shall return to my loved ones unharmed. But if I do not return, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I have loved you.

And if my last breath escapes me on the battlefield, it will whisper your name. Forgive my many faults and any pain I may have caused you. How thoughtless and foolish I have often been at times. How gladly I would wash out with my tears every little spot upon your happiness.

But, oh Sarah, if the dead can come back to this earth, and walk unseen around to those they love, I shall always be near you in the happiest deeds and in the darkest nights. Always. Always. And if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath. And as the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by.

Sarah, if I die, do not mourn me. Think of me as gone, and wait for me, for we shall meet again.

Your loving husband,  
Sullivan

*Sullivan Ballou was killed a week later, in the Battle of Bull Run.*

May we never talk "politics" and blind our eyes and hearts to the horrible suffering war brings to so many.

—Father John Alderson, OFM

La siguiente carta fue escrita por  
Sullivan Ballou, un soldado de la Unión, a su esposa.

14 de julio de 1861  
Washington, D.C.

Mi queridísima Sarah:

Todo indica que nos marcharemos en unos días. Quizás mañana. Por si no puedo volver a escribir, siento la necesidad de escribir unas líneas que quizá lleguen a tus ojos, en caso de que yo ya no esté.

Sarah, mi amor por ti es eterno. Parece atarme con poderosos cables que solo Dios podría romper. Y, sin embargo, mi amor por la patria me invade como un viento fuerte y me lleva irresistiblemente, con todas estas cadenas, al campo de batalla.

Los recuerdos de los momentos felices que he pasado contigo se apoderan de mí y me siento muy agradecido a Dios y a ti por haberlos disfrutado durante tanto tiempo. Y por muy difícil que me resulte renunciar a ellos y reducir a cenizas las esperanzas de los años venideros, en los que, si Dios quiere, podríamos haber vivido y amado juntos, y haber visto crecer a nuestros hijos hasta convertirse en hombres honorables a nuestro lado.

Sé que tengo pocos y pequeños derechos ante la Divina Providencia. Pero algo me susurra que volveré sano y salvo con mis seres queridos. Pero si no regreso, mi querida Sarah, nunca olvides cuánto te he amado.

Y si mi último aliento se apaga en el campo de batalla, susurrará tu nombre. Perdona mis muchos defectos y cualquier dolor que te haya causado. Cuán imprudente y necio he sido a veces. Con qué gusto borraría con mis lágrimas cada pequeña mancha de tu felicidad.

Pero, oh, Sarah, si los muertos pueden volver a esta tierra y caminar invisibles junto a sus seres queridos, siempre estaré cerca de ti en los momentos más felices y en las noches más oscuras. Siempre. Siempre. Y si una suave brisa acaricia tu mejilla, será mi aliento. Y cuando el aire fresco refresque tu sien palpitante, será mi espíritu pasando a tu lado.

Sarah, si muero, no me llores. Piensa en mí como si me hubiera ido y espérame, porque volveremos a vernos.

Tu amado esposo,  
Sullivan

*Sullivan Ballou murió una semana después, en la batalla de Bull Run.*

Que nunca permitamos que las "políticas" nos cieguen los ojos y el corazón ante el inmenso sufrimiento que la guerra causa a tantos.

—Padre John Alderson, OFM

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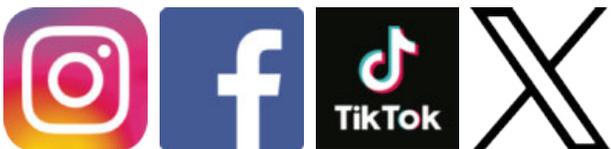
**WEDDINGS**

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](mailto:lrogalski@stmarys-pompton.org) six months to a year before your desired date.

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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](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!

**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>



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

[www.facebook.com/smcpompton](https://www.facebook.com/smcpompton)

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

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

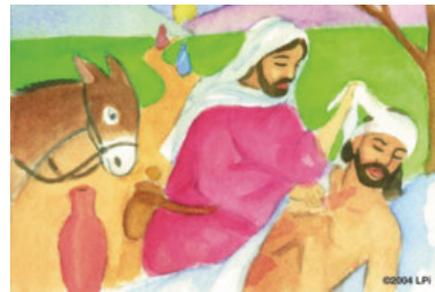


## CONFESSION AND ADORATION

**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 *and* Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of **Victor Dimino** from Ann Dimino.



### HOLY BONES

Healthy treats for your dog!



Holy Bones provides a work experience program to individuals with developmental disabilities in making and packaging all natural dog bones and bits.

There are 3 flavors in 8 oz. bags: peanut butter, sweet potato and chicken. Price is \$10 per bag

The bones and bits are on sale in the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—closed 12 to 12:30 for lunch) and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

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.

REGISTER FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



**MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living**



**...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED**

Edwin Reder, Rolando Sunga

**...THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, Bernice Weinheimer, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Valentina Ionta, Lynn Hutman, Donald Harkin, David Grish, Br. Patrick Fereday, Patricia Tompkins, Paul Gaffin, Elaine Kuszony, John Medicino, Marie Cody, Owen Patrick Brophy, Mila Dudas

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. Ciccarella, 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, Sergeant Denise Gonzalez, Staff Sergeant Victoria Zimbaro.

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 12</b>
5:00 p.m.	† Tricia "Revis" Norden † Walter J Winrow, Jr. † Thomas Vigorito † Neil Pilaar L Laura & Robert Matthews (65th Wedding Anniversary)
7:00 p.m.	† Judy Bowling
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 13</b>
7:30 a.m.	† Elisa Sudol
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	L Emily Rose Touw † Pilar Santianna (heavenly birthday) † Patrica Norden † Domingo Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez
12:00 p.m.	† Louis Gioffre † Leon Djecki † Sophie M. Digerolamo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 14</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Nancy M. Koch † Martin Walker
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 15</b>
8:00 a.m.	† William Lindsay † Michael Joseph Shine
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 16</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Peggy Rao (5th Ann.)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Colleen Haerle † Marino A. Piccinich † Joseph Hage (14th Ann.)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 18</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Jack Sweeney (4th Ann.)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 19</b>
5:00 p.m.	† Victor Dimino † Susan Lubas † Tommy Vigorito † Patrica Norden † Charles Garske † Bob Brady
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 20</b>
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Phyllis D'Onofrio
10:30 a.m.	L Wanda & Kazimierz Wiecek † Colleen Haerle † Mary & Louis Luzzi † Volker Leowrigkeit
12:00 p.m.	L Mary & Bob Raczko (40th Wedding Ann.)



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



**Diane**



**Toma**



**Zach**



**Kristine**



**Greg**



**Mark**



**Joanne**



**Dino**



**Katie**

*If you are having a Sunday Mass said for a friend or family member and would like to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory, please make yourself known to a friar or volunteer before Mass begins.*

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



**Massimo Joseph Figliolino**



**Carter John Carroll**



**Margot Island Burd**



In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the annual memorial of **Mary Magdalene** on July 22nd to that of a Feast, the same status as celebrations of the apostles and evangelists.

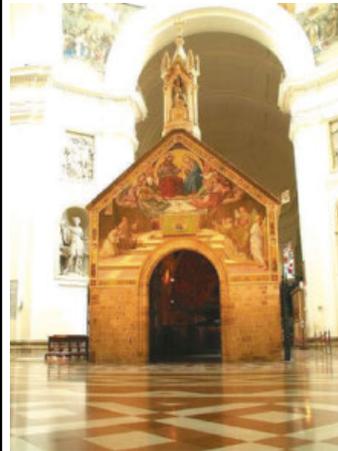
In light of the fact that she announced the good news of the resurrection to the Twelve on Easter Morning, she is fittingly called "Apostle to the Apostles."

We will honor and celebrate Mary Magdalene at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, July 22nd.

En 2016, el Papa Francisco elevó la conmemoración anual de **María Magdalena**, el 22 de julio, a la categoría de Fiesta, al mismo nivel que las celebraciones de los apóstoles y evangelistas.

Dado que anunció la buena nueva de la resurrección a los Doce en la mañana de Pascua, se le llama apropiadamente "Apóstol de los Apóstoles".

Honraremos y celebraremos a María Magdalena en la misa de las 8:00 a. m. del martes 22 de julio.



### **The Pardon of Assisi**

The Portiuncula is a small church in Assisi that was beloved by St. Francis and is considered the spiritual heart of the Franciscan Order.

In 1216, Pope Honorius III declared that anyone who visited the Portiuncula on August 1st or 2nd would receive a plenary indulgence, which is the full remission of all temporal punishment (time spent in purgatory) up to that point in a person's life. Individuals can gain Plenary Indulgences for themselves and for the deceased.

Now, the Portiuncula indulgence (also known as the Pardon of Assisi), is available to anyone who visits a Franciscan Church (St. Mary's included!) on August 1st or 2nd. If you wish to receive the indulgence you should receive communion and pray for the Holy Father's intentions on either of those days, and go to confession within a reasonable period of time before or after.

This is a perfect time to remember God's great desire to forgive sinners. Receive your Pardon of Assisi on August 1st or 2nd.



## FOOD PANTRY

### Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, July 19	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, July 23	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, July 26	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, July 30	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, August 16	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, August 20	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

### Current needed items:

Salad dressing, baked beans, ketchup, jar spaghetti sauce, spices (not salt, pepper or 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

We completed the first 5th Grade Peace Week, and it was a great success. The volunteers were invaluable, and the students thoroughly enjoyed their experience! If you have a 5th grader and have not registered them for Peace Week, you should do it as soon as possible as there is only one week left open: July 21st through July 25th. This is the only way to fulfill their requirement for completion of 5th grade CCD.

**Reminder:** CCD registration for all grades is open online. Please register your child as soon as possible. You will have an opportunity to choose your preferred class day, but if you wait, it becomes more difficult to make that placement.

What are the costs for Religious Education? 1st child: \$200, 2nd child: \$200, each additional child: \$20.00. If you teach your child's grade, the tuition fee is waived.

*"Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."*

– Pope Francis



# FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE

Date	Sponsored by
JULY 12	Military Assistance Pantry
JULY 13	Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
JULY 13	Emmaus Catholic Men's Fellowship
AUGUST 10	OCIA
AUGUST 10	Lectors



**Join us on the pavers after Mass for a cup of coffee and a sweet treat.**



## IRISH DANCING WITH FATHER JOHN

Wednesdays, starting July 16th through August 13th  
7-8 p.m. in St. Clare Hall (Carnevale Center)

Suggested donation \$25 (\$5 per class)

Dancers should be prepared to sweat a little, so comfortable workout clothes and water bottles are recommended. Light, flexible, and smooth-soled shoes or dancing sneakers are best but regular sneakers are fine, too!

We'll be doing ceili dancing (group dances) for this session, so feel free to bring a friend or partner!

Please register at  
<https://www.stmarys-pompton.org/irish-dancing-with-father-john>  
or call the Parish Office.





Crossing the Street by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't want to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we see, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?



**JETS** **ny**

**Jets and Giants season ticket raffle is on!**  
**\$10 per ticket.**

**Tickets were sent home and will be sold**  
**after Mass on July 12/13, July 26/27, August 2/3.**  
**Winning tickets will be pulled on August 7th!**

This is one of our parish's biggest fundraisers, and the money collected supports the many ministries of this great parish. Take a chance and support your parish!



**PEER** **MINISTRY**

**FaITH • FELLOWSHIP • FUN**

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!

**College is Coming. Let's Talk About It!**



**New Chapter  
Same You—  
Stronger  
Than Ever!**

Starting college is a big deal—and we're here to help you feel ready! Join our supportive therapy group created for young people preparing to take the next step in their academic journey. Whether you are excited, anxious, overwhelmed, or just curious about what's ahead, you are not alone!

**Who:** High School Students & Recent Graduates  
**Where:** Wednesdays 6:30-8pm 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13  
**Where:** Carnevale Center, the Assisi Room

**Goals of the Group:**

- Managing college stress & anxiety
- Coping with homesickness & change
- Building confidence & independence
- Making new friends & setting boundaries
- Time management & self-care skills
- Navigating academic pressure & expectations

Registration is NOT required but please call Pathways Counseling Center at 973-835-6337 with questions.




**LOOKING for**

If you want to join an organization that is committed to the Church, the Community, the Veterans and members of the Special Needs Community, please contact us.

**Membership Director:**  
**Dave Coppola @ dcoppola42@hotmail.com**  
 or Tel # 973-831-7564



**and Have a Great time!**

**Women of Prayer and Spirit** is 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 second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30. Meeting on zoom has facilitated members who babysit out of state, members who travel, and members who cannot easily get out of the house, to participate.

Women of Prayer and Spirit are on a hiatus for the summer. On September 9, 2025, we will begin to discuss a new book, which has not yet been selected. This would be a perfect time to join, or rejoin, this group. Members participate to the extent they feel comfortable. Occasionally, life intervenes, and a member cannot read the chapter; that should not deter anyone from attending. Also, despite the hope that everyone can attend every month, sometimes that is just not possible, which is understood. All are welcome, every month.

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 at [jbarkovitz1009@gmail.com](mailto:jbarkovitz1009@gmail.com).

**Calling All Campers!**

The Children's and Adult Special Needs Ministries is once again hosting our **Summer Bible Camp** on Monday, August 18-Thursday, August 21 in the Carnevale Center.

Campers who have received their First Eucharist up through adulthood are welcome to join us at "Wonder Junction" for an exciting week of stories, music, crafts and games.

To register or for more information, please contact Andrea Piccirillo at [apiccirillo@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:apiccirillo@stmarys-pompton.org) or 973-632-4546.



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

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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!



**Support Group for Caregivers of loved ones with Dementia**

A monthly meeting is held in the Carnevale Center for caregivers assisting loved ones with dementia.

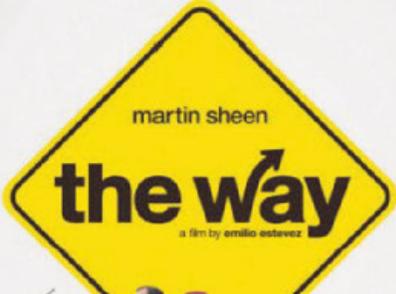
Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Our upcoming meeting dates are August 14th and September 11th.

For further information, please contact Margaret Klach at [mklach60@gmail.com](mailto:mklach60@gmail.com).



The "Journey Through Grief" group of Spring 2025 will have a reunion meeting on Monday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Banta Room of the Carnevale Center.

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## **SEEK SUPPORT FROM US**

**Baptismal Aftercare:** We prepare joyful gift packages of prayer cards, care booklets, special items, and handmade items made with love from St. Mary's Hearts and Hands ministry. The gift packages are presented to the families at the Baptism of their children.

**Bereavement Support Group:** We offer comfort and community to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Join us for a time of sharing, prayer, and healing in a safe, supportive space through Pathways Counseling Center.

**Consolation Ministry:** We send cards of condolences to the families who have lost a loved one and have made arrangements with St. Mary's for church, funeral home or graveside services. The card includes information for additional help, if needed, through the Stephen Ministry and/or Pathways Services.

**English Language Learning:** We provide classes to adult immigrants from various backgrounds (non-denominational) and countries. Classes provide immigrants an opportunity to learn to speak, comprehend, read and write English, as well as learn about our history and customs.

**Hearts & Hands Ministry:** We get together to crochet and knit at all levels. We encourage anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet to attend one of our gatherings.

**Homebound Connections:** We provide a social connection to individuals who could benefit from a personal visit. Visits are made to residences, nursing facilities and other home situations of parish members.

**Lost Angels:** We are a bereavement/support group for families and loved ones who have lost someone to addiction/overdose.

**More Than Ever:** We are a ministry of healing for parents and grandparents that are estranged from their children or grandchildren.

**Pathways Counseling Center:** We are a state-sanctioned mental health center offering professional counseling to children, adults and families. We accept most major commercial health insurances in addition to Medicare and Medicaid.

**Prayer Shawl:** We are a group who knit and crochet prayer shawls which we gift to members of the St. Mary's extended community who are in need of comfort and prayer.

**RISE!:** We provide a safe harbor for women who are in the process of a separation, seeking a divorce or post-divorce. We create a sacred container where women can gather and begin to reclaim a part of themselves, imagine a new life and start evolving while allowing faith to be greater than fear.

**Stephen Ministry:** We are highly trained Stephen Ministers meet with and provide emotional and spiritual support to those facing life challenges like grief, divorce, dealing with illness, or any other serious issue.

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St. Kateri Tekakwitha was a Native American woman whose holiness led to her canonization. Her father was a Mohawk Chief, belonging to the Turtle Clan, so she is sometimes depicted with a turtle in art.

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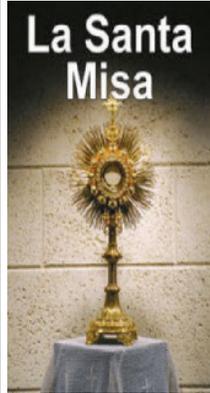
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### Visita de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" a tu hogar.

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.

# 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.- **Celebración Guadalupana:** Se acerca la esperada celebración en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que será el 12 de diciembre, y queremos invitar a todos a sumarse con entusiasmo a la organización de la procesión y la fiesta. Los invitamos a realizar sus donaciones, ya sea en efectivo, o brindando su tiempo y talento. Cada aporte, por pequeño que sea, ayudará a que vivamos juntos una celebración llena de alegría, devoción y unidad. Contáctese con el Comité Guadalupano.

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.

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**Primera Lectura:** Deuteronomio 30, 10-14  
**Salmo Responsorial:** 68, 14 y 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36ab y 37  
**Segunda Lectura:** Colosenses 1, 15-20  
**+Evangelio:** Lucas 10, 25-37

### Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 14 de julio de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.



## NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL CARMEN

La Virgen del Carmen ocupa un lugar especial en el corazón de la Iglesia y de muchos pueblos alrededor del mundo. Su historia se remonta al Monte Carmelo, en Tierra Santa, donde los primeros ermitaños cristianos buscaron vivir en oración y contemplación, inspirados por la figura de María como modelo de entrega total a Dios. Desde entonces, la devoción a la Virgen del Carmen ha crecido y se ha extendido, convirtiéndose en un refugio espiritual para quienes buscan consuelo, guía y protección en su caminar diario. A lo largo de los siglos, la Virgen del Carmen ha sido reconocida como patrona de los marineros y de todos aquellos que enfrentan los peligros del mar. No es casualidad que, cada 16 de julio, día central de su fiesta, en numerosos puertos y comunidades costeras se realicen procesiones y actos de fe en su honor. Así, la Virgen del Carmen se convierte en símbolo de esperanza y resguardo, recordándonos que, en medio de las tormentas de la vida, siempre podemos acudir a su amparo maternal. Una de las expresiones más conocidas de esta devoción es el uso del escapulario del Carmen, signo visible de confianza en la protección de María. Portar el escapulario no es solo una tradición, sino un compromiso de vivir como auténticos discípulos de Cristo, bajo el manto de la Virgen. Por ello, en este mes dedicado a la Virgen del Carmen, sugerimos a toda la comunidad renovar el rezo del escapulario y, si es posible, recibirlo con fe y devoción, recordando las promesas de la Madre para quienes lo llevan con amor y perseverancia.

Finalmente, invitamos a todos a elevar oraciones especialmente por los marineros y por quienes, de diversas maneras, buscan refugio espiritual en la Virgen del Carmen. Que su ejemplo de entrega y confianza en Dios nos inspire a ser portadores de esperanza y consuelo para los demás. Así, bajo su protección, podremos navegar con fe y serenidad las aguas de nuestra vida, seguros de que nunca estamos solos en el viaje.

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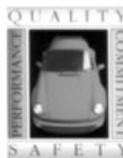
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