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July 20, 2025



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is need of only one thing." - Lk 10:42

16° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Muchas cosas te preocupan y te inquietan,
siendo así que una sola es necesaria". - Lc 10, 41

FRIAR'S DESK

Papal Trivia

1. Who was the longest reigning pope?
2. Whose was the shortest papacy?
3. What or who was the Sistine Chapel named after?
4. How long did the lengthiest papal election in history last?
Three weeks, three months, three years or thirty-three years?
5. St. Peter's Basilica is the episcopal (bishop's) seat of the pope, true or false?
6. In 2013 Pope Benedict XVI retired. Who was the last pope before him to retire?
7. The "Fisherman's Ring" is given to the newly elected pope by whom?
8. When John Paul II became pope in 1978, he was the first non-Italian pope in more than four and a half centuries. What was the nationality of the last non-Italian pope before him?
9. Where does the English word pope come from and what does it mean?
10. What is the vacation home for popes?

Answers

1. Pius IX served for over 31 years (1846-1878).
2. Urban VII served for only 12 days in 1590.
3. The Sistine Chapel is named after Pope Sixtus IV who had it built between 1477 and 1480.
4. Three years. The papal election of 1268-1271 in Viterbo, Italy was plagued by bickering cardinals who could not come to a decision. Three cardinal electors died before it ended. The local citizens, frustrated by the lack of a result, finally locked the cardinals in a meeting room, limited the electors to rations of bread and water, and removed the roof of the building with the idea that the Holy Spirit could get to the cardinals more easily. These procedures became the basis for the modern conclave.
5. False. The Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is the episcopal (bishop's) seat of the pope.
6. Gregory XII in 1415.
7. The Cardinal Camerlengo. The ring is usually worn on the right hand and a new ring is cast for each new pope. The Camerlengo determines the cause of death of the reigning pope and must remove the "Fisherman's Ring" during this procedure.
8. Dutch. Adrian VI was from the Dutch city of Utrecht. He was elected pope in 1522.
9. From the Latin word papa for "father".
10. The Papal (or Apostolic) Palace of Castel Gandolfo, located 16 miles southeast of Rome in the region of Lazio. It overlooks Lake Albano. It dates from the 13th century and was acquired by the Vatican in 1596.

The material for this article was gathered from "Wikipedia", The Catholic Encyclopedia, and two websites: <https://uscatholic.org/pope-trivia-answers/> and <https://www.funtrivia.com/en/religion/popes-17490.html>

Curiosidades sobre el papado

1. ¿Quién fue el Papa que más tiempo estuvo en el cargo?
2. ¿Quién fue el Papa que menos tiempo estuvo en el cargo?
3. ¿A qué o a quién debe su nombre la Capilla Sixtina?
4. ¿Cuánto duró la elección papal más larga de la historia?
Tres semanas, tres meses, tres años, treinta y tres años
5. La Basílica de San Pedro es la sede episcopal (del obispo) del papa, ¿verdadero o falso?
6. En 2013, el Papa Benedicto XVI se retiró. ¿Quién fue el último Papa antes que él en retirarse?
7. ¿Quién entrega el "anillo del pescador" al Papa recién elegido?
8. Cuando Juan Pablo II se convirtió en Papa en 1978, fue el primer Papa no italiano en más de cuatro siglos y medio. ¿Cuál era la nacionalidad del último Papa no italiano antes que él?
9. ¿De dónde viene la palabra inglesa "pope" y qué significa?
10. ¿Cuál es la residencia de vacaciones de los Papas?

Respuestas

1. Pío IX estuvo en el cargo durante más de 31 años (1846-1878).
2. Urbano VII estuvo en el cargo solo 12 días en 1590.
3. La Capilla Sixtina recibe su nombre del papa Sixto IV, quien la mandó construir entre 1477 y 1480.
4. Tres años. La elección papal de 1268-1271 en Viterbo, Italia, se vio plagada de disputas entre cardenales que no lograban ponerse de acuerdo. Tres cardenales electores murieron antes de que terminara. Los ciudadanos locales, frustrados por la falta de resultados, finalmente encerraron a los cardenales en una sala de reuniones, limitaron las raciones de pan y agua de los electores y quitaron el techo del edificio con la idea de que el Espíritu Santo pudiera llegar más fácilmente a los cardenales. Estos procedimientos se convirtieron en la base del cónclave moderno.
5. Falso. La Basílica de San Juan de Letrán, en Roma, es la sede episcopal (del obispo) del Papa.
6. Gregorio XII en 1415.
7. El cardenal camarlengo. El anillo se lleva normalmente en la mano derecha y se funde uno nuevo para cada nuevo papa. El camarlengo determina la causa de la muerte del papa reinante y debe quitarle el "anillo del pescador" durante este procedimiento.
8. Holandés. Adriano VI era de la ciudad holandesa de Utrecht. Fue elegido Papa en 1522.
9. De la palabra latina "Papa", que significa "padre".
10. El Palacio Papal (o Apostólico) de Castel Gandolfo, situado a 26 km al sureste de Roma, en la región del Lacio. Domina el lago Albano. Data del siglo XIII y fue adquirido por el Vaticano en 1596.

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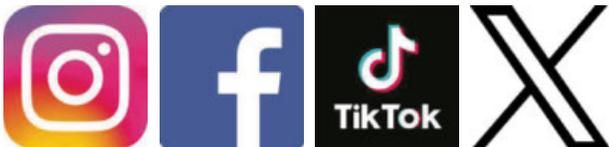
WEDDINGS

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

Trevor George, 862-274-5171 tgeorge@stmarys-pompton.org

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>



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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

www.facebook.com/smcpompton

www.youtube.com/c/stmaryspomptonlakes

Once again, we have proven that the generous hearts of the parishioners of St. Mary's know no bounds.

Our goal for the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal was \$52,250. To date, the diocese has collected over \$107,450 from our parishioners. Since 50% of the money we receive over our goal is returned to us to use in our own ministries, we have received \$27,600 back from the diocese for this purpose.

I am indebted to all of you, and to **Chris Brillante** our Diocesan Ministries Appeal guru, for making this happen. Your generosity helps not only the needy in our diocese, but also right here in our local neighborhood.

God bless St. Mary's parish!

—Father John Aherne, OFM

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30



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.

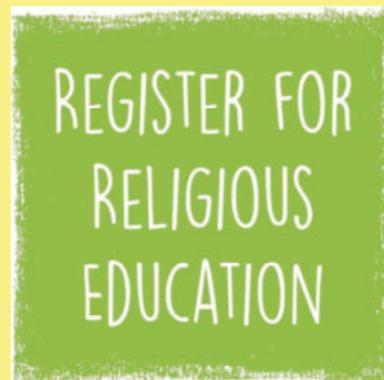


This week, the Altar Flowers have been donated in memory of **William Struck** from his loving daughter.



This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in loving memory of **Frank Luzzi** from his 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



...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

William Kozubal, Paul Oesterle

...THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, Bernice Weinheimer, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Valentina Ionta, Lynn Hutman, Elaine Kuszony, Marie Cody, Owen Patrick Brophy, Mila Dudas, Michael Burck, Angela DiPasquale, Bella DiPasquale, Lisa Zilani, Chuck Gasser, Denise Thielke, Providence Torres, Carey Villa.

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!

Saturday July 19	
5:00 p.m.	† Victor Dimino † Susan Lubas † Tommy Vigorito † Patrica Norden † Charles Garske † Bob Brady † Mary Fraser
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday July 20	
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.)
Monday July 21	
8:00 a.m.	† Richard Budis (1st Ann.)
Tuesday July 22	
8:00 a.m.	† Anne Marie Michaels
Wednesday July 23	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday July 24	
8:00 a.m.	L Lucille
Friday July 25	
8:00 a.m.	† Frances Abbracciamento † James Nolan † Paul Gruber
Saturday July 26	
5:00 p.m.	† Vivian Raspantini (2nd Ann.) † Patricia Catherine Norden † Thomas "Tommy" Vigorito † Doris Rivera (2nd Ann.) † Lorraine Caamento (3rd Ann.) † Robert Brady Sr.
7:00 p.m.	† Jack Famularo (heavenly birthday) † Rolando Sunga † Thomas Vigorito † Carmela Buglione (4th Ann.)
Sunday July 27	
7:30 a.m.	† Lee & Lou Marotta † Helen Virginia Kronyak
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	† Placido Sanchez, his wife and children
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	† Francis & Lucille Marshall † Tadeusz Wiecek † Charles Sciara
12:00 p.m.	L Jessica Su



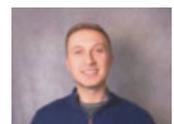
Please feel free to come up to one of the Parish Council members if you see us around or email [parishcouncil@stmarys-prompton.org!](mailto:parishcouncil@stmarys-prompton.org)



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...



Logan Lawshe



Kent Roger Rollin III



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.

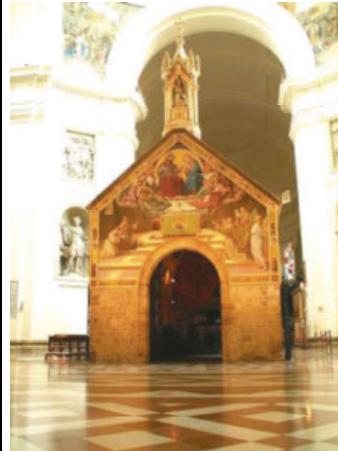
In light of the fact that she announced the good news of the resurrection to the Twelve on Easter Morning, she is fittingly called "Apostle to the Apostles."

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.

Parish Picnic!

TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

5:00PM MASS, 6:00-9:00PM FREE FOOD AND FUN!

ICE CREAM TRUCK, BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, MUSIC, DANCING!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! You can choose to:

Set up starting at 4:00 PM, **clean up** starting at 9:00 PM, **serve food** throughout the event (in shifts) or **bake** a dessert.

To volunteer, please sign-up on our website or scan the QR code. **THANK YOU!**

Questions? Please call Kathleen Leary at 973-835-0374, ext. 119



**GET YOUR
PICNIC
SHIRTS
TODAY!**

Please visit our website or scan the QR code below to purchase picnic t-shirts (through July 30th). Pick up is August 15th 5-8pm and August 16th 10am-12pm in the Carnevale Center.



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 second 5th Grade Peace Week, and it was a great success. The volunteers were wonderful, and the students enjoyed their experience! If you have a 5th grader and have not registered them for Peace Week, please reach out to Toni Wong asap.

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

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Date	Sponsored by
AUG 10TH	7:30am and 9:00am OCIA 10:30am and 12:00pm Lectors
SEPT 13TH	5:00pm and 7:00pm Good Works Gang
SEPT 14TH	10:30am and 12:00pm Saturday Liturgy Group

Join us on the pavers for a treat after Mass and learn about some of the wonderful ministries at St. Mary's!



IRISH DANCING WITH FATHER JOHN

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





HELP, HOPE, HEALING

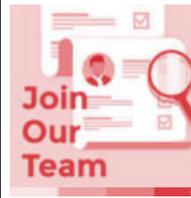
When life has you down, you don't have to go it alone.
Our St. Mary's Stephen Ministers are "there to care."

We all go through challenging times in our lives when we could use a little extra TLC. Whether you're experiencing grief, loneliness, separation, divorce, family issues, sickness, a difficult medical diagnosis, aging/retirement, job/financial setbacks or any one of life's many difficulties, we are there for you.

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care offering spiritual and emotional support. We listen, encourage and share God's love and hope. And there's never a fee.

Call Clare at our Parish Office to learn more.
973-835-0374, ext. 113

Christ Caring for People through People



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

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.



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 or 973-632-4546.



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

Tickets were sent home and will be sold after Mass on July 26/27 and 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!

life is too big to walk it alone.



MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025
HOSTED BY THE EMMAUS CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
CARNIVALE CENTER 6PM - 10PM
Popcorn, candy, and water served

College is Coming. Let's Talk About It!



New Chapter
Same You—
Stronger
Than Ever!

Free Counseling Group to Start College

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: College Students, HS 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

Run by Interns Morgan and Dan
Pathways Counseling Center, Inc.

To register, contact Pathways at 973-835-6337 or info@pathwayscounseling.org. Parents or guardians of teens under the age of 18 please send an email (to the address above) consenting to participation for this group.

Do you want to be an
ALTAR SERVER?

IF YOUR CHILD (AGE 7-18) WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER, PLEASE CONTACT NOELLE HOUGHTON AT NHOUGHTON@STMARYS-POMPTON.ORG

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CROCHET

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!

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.

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.

Be Ready for God to “Stop By” — Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called “stopping by.” They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. “I was just in the neighborhood,” they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

“Crazy,” you might exclaim. “People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?” Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are in need of a few adults with a love for children to oversee childcare during Alpha meetings in the Fall. Meetings will be once a week for 11 weeks on Thursday evenings beginning mid-September.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEERING OR ABOUT ALPHA
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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.

LEARN WITH US

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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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 20 de agosto 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: Génesis 18, 1-10°
Salmo Responsorial: 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5
Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 1, 24-28
+Evangelio: Lucas 10, 38-42

Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 21 de julio de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.



Fiesta de Santiago Apóstol

El 25 de julio celebramos la fiesta de Santiago Apóstol, uno de los discípulos más cercanos a Jesús y el primero de los apóstoles en morir mártir. Esta festividad, de gran antigüedad, no conmemora su nacimiento, sino su entrega total a Cristo hasta la muerte, lo que le confirió su carácter de santo y patrón de España. La fecha fue instaurada en la liturgia romana entre los siglos X y XI, y con el paso del tiempo, el 25 de julio se convirtió en un día especial para los fieles y peregrinos, quienes podían obtener indulgencias plenas al participar en las celebraciones litúrgicas en honor al apóstol. En Santiago de Compostela, la ciudad que custodia su tumba, la solemnidad del Apóstol se vive con gran intensidad. Durante la noche del 24 de julio, miles de personas se congregan en la plaza del Obradoiro para presenciar un espectáculo de fuegos

artificiales y proyecciones sobre la catedral. El día 25, la misa solemne en la catedral es presidida por el arzobispo y cuenta con la tradicional ofrenda al Apóstol realizada por el Rey o un delegado de la Casa Real. Uno de los momentos más esperados es el balanceo del botafumeiro, el gran incensario que perfuma el templo y envuelve la celebración en un ambiente místico.

El Camino de Santiago está íntimamente ligado a esta fiesta. Se trata de una red de rutas de peregrinación, de origen medieval, que conducen a la tumba del Apóstol en Santiago de Compostela. Desde el descubrimiento de sus restos en el siglo IX, el Camino se convirtió en una de las principales vías de peregrinación de la cristiandad, junto con Roma y Jerusalén. A lo largo de los siglos, el Camino ha sido fuente de espiritualidad, arte, cultura y hospitalidad, transformando a quienes lo recorren y contribuyendo a la construcción de la identidad europea.

Hoy, el Camino de Santiago es mucho más que una ruta religiosa: es una experiencia de encuentro personal y comunitario, de reflexión y transformación interior. Muchos peregrinos lo recorren buscando respuestas, renovación espiritual o simplemente como un reto personal. Al llegar a la catedral y participar en la fiesta del Apóstol, culminan un viaje que, según la tradición, deja huella en el corazón y en el alma, recordando que, como dice el lema jacobeo, “el que va a Santiago, no vuelve igual”

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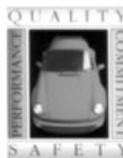
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