



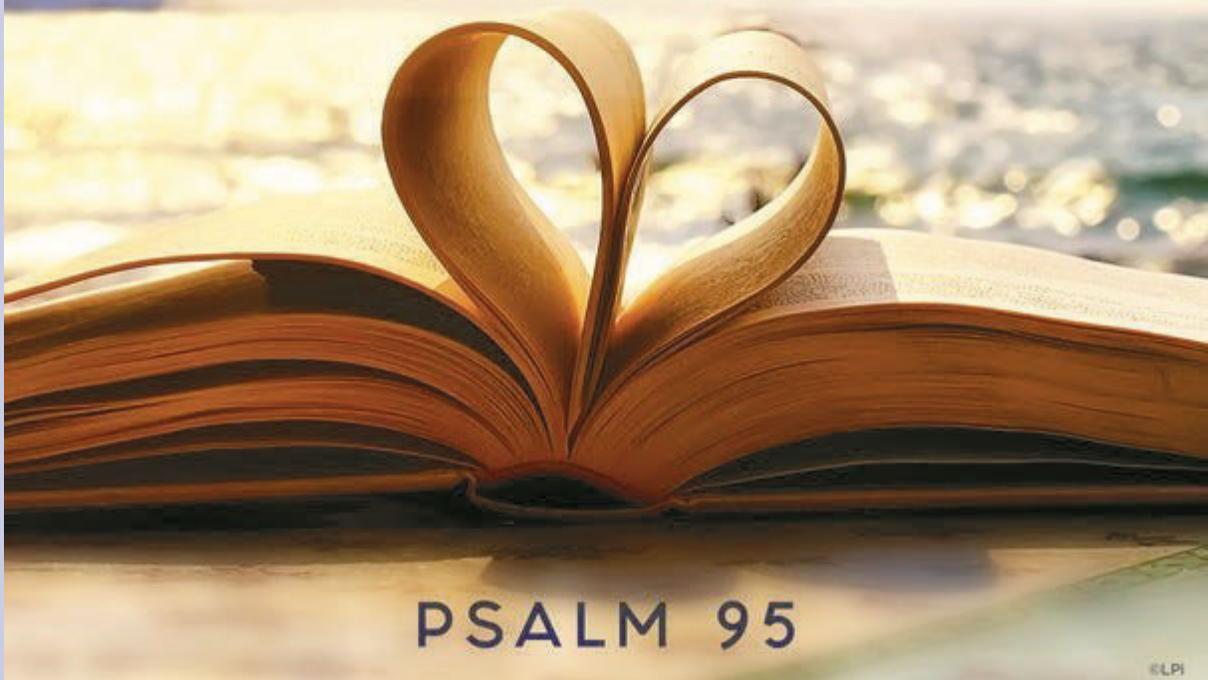
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August 3, 2025

**IF TODAY YOU  
HEAR HIS VOICE,  
HARDEN NOT  
YOUR HEARTS.**



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# FRIAR'S DESK

## LUNCH WITH GOD

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it would be a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and cans of root beer and started his journey.

When he had walked about three blocks, he saw an old lady sitting in the park. She was staring at the pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase.

He was about to take a drink of his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry. So, he offered her a Twinkie.

She gratefully accepted and smiled at him. She had such a pretty smile. The boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a can of root beer. Once again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted.

They sat there all afternoon, eating and smiling and watching the pigeons. But they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and got up to leave. Before he had taken only a few steps he looked back at the woman. He ran back and gave her a hug. And she gave him the biggest smile he had ever seen.

When the boy got home and opened the door a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "what did you do today to make you so happy?"

The boy answered, "I had lunch with God." And before his mother could respond, he added, "And you know what? She has the most beautiful smile I ever saw."

At about the same time, the old woman arrived home. Her son could not help but notice the big smile on her face. He asked, "Mother, what did you do today to make you so happy?"

And she replied, "I had lunch in the park with God."

And before her son could reply, she added, "And you know, son, God is a lot younger than I expected."

Think about it. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we have lunch in the park with God.

—Father John Alderson, OFM

## ALMUERZO CON DIOS

Había una vez un niño que quería conocer a Dios. Sabía que sería un largo viaje hasta donde vivía Dios, así que preparó su maleta con Twinkies y latas de cerveza de raíz y emprendió el viaje.

Cuando había caminado unas tres manzanas, vio a una anciana sentada en el parque. Estaba mirando a las palomas. El niño se sentó a su lado y abrió la maleta.

Estaba a punto de beber un sorbo de su cerveza de raíz cuando se dio cuenta de que la anciana parecía hambrienta. Así que le ofreció un Twinkie.

Ella lo aceptó con gratitud y le sonrió. Tenía una sonrisa muy bonita. El niño quería volver a verla, así que le ofreció una lata de cerveza de raíz. Una vez más, ella le sonrió. El niño estaba encantado.

Se quedaron allí sentados toda la tarde, comiendo, sonriendo y observando a las palomas. Pero no dijeron ni una palabra.

Al anochecer, el niño se dio cuenta de lo cansado que estaba y se levantó para marcharse. Antes de dar unos pasos, se volvió para mirar a la mujer. Corrió hacia ella y le dio un abrazo. Y ella le dedicó la sonrisa más grande que él había visto en su vida.

Cuando el niño llegó a casa y abrió la puerta poco después, su madre se sorprendió al ver la expresión de alegría en su rostro. Le preguntó: "¿Qué has hecho hoy para estar tan feliz?"

El niño respondió: "He almorzado con Dios". Y antes de que su madre pudiera responder, añadió: "¿Y sabes qué? Tiene la sonrisa más bonita que he visto nunca".

Casi al mismo tiempo, la anciana llegó a casa. Su hijo no pudo evitar fijarse en la gran sonrisa que tenía en el rostro. Le preguntó: "Mamá, ¿qué has hecho hoy para estar tan contenta?"

Y ella respondió: "He almorzado en el parque con Dios".

Y antes de que su hijo pudiera responder, añadió: "Y sabes, hijo, Dios es mucho más joven de lo que esperaba".

Piénsalo. Cada vez que recibimos la Eucaristía, almorzamos en el parque con Dios.

—Padre John Alderson, OFM

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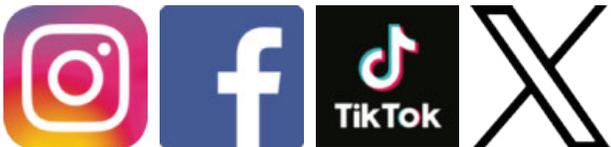
**WEDDINGS**

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:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20



## 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 **Maria and Manuel Farfan** from their loving family.



This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of **Judy Achrem** from her loving husband.

### 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 is now open!

Please visit our website or scan the QR code to enroll today.

REGISTER FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



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



<b>Saturday August 2</b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Paul Oesterle † Patricia Catherine Norden
7:00 p.m.	† Carol Anne Jenssen
<b>Sunday August 3</b>	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Lillian Putz † Eileen Mae Dunn
10:30 a.m.	† Kathy Marshall † Nancy & Louis Luzzi † Edwin Reder † Paul Oesterle Jr. † Ernest Acosti † Christopher Mark Conway
12:00 p.m.	† Matthew Rosado † Carolann Hicks & Jacque Pietrodangelo † Maria Farfan (4th Ann.)
<b>Monday August 4</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Holy souls in purgatory
<b>Tuesday August 5</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Elaine Brown (14th Ann.) † Arthur Rottmond
<b>Wednesday August 6</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Judy Achrem (4th Ann.) † Jon Wisniewski
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday August 7</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Holy souls in purgatory
<b>Friday August 8</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† George & Catherine Conroy L Thanksgiving for Blessings
<b>Saturday August 9</b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Trish Norden † Monsignor Chet Moczydlowski
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday August 10</b>	
7:30 a.m.	† Patrick Fereday, OFM
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	† Charles & Lena Barranco † Dolores Costango † Eileen Mae Lubben Dunn † Paul Oesterle Jr. † Albert Demarest
12:00 p.m.	† Rolando S. Sunga (40th day of his passing)

**...THOSE WHO ARE SICK**  
 Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, Bernice Weinheimer, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Valentina Ionta, Lynn Hutman, Owen Patrick Brophy, Mila Dudas, Michael Burck, Angela DiPasquale, Bella DiPasquale, Lisa Zilani, Chuck Gasser, Denise Thielke, Providence Torres, Carey Villa, Joy Wechter, Jama Rothschild, Linda Bedell Kwaitkowski, John Donnelly, Judi Bradaric, John Comiso, Sue Cambre Lynn Kuhnel, Keith Robertson, Paras Banta, Doug Miller Jr., Cherina Fuentes, Priscilla Moffatt, Pat Brady, David Grish, Kathy Green

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!**



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)! For the most up-to-date report of the Parish Pastoral Council, please scan the QR code.



*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.*

**Income:** The following reflects our June income as of June 17, 2025.  
(Some donations made electronically may not be reconciled and posted yet)



Income from all sources including offertory and other donations for June:	\$183,647
Building and Maintenance fund collected for June:	\$10,012
Total:	\$193,659

**Expenses:** Our monthly expenses vary throughout the year. As a reference point, an average of our expenses per month based on what we spent in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$143,629.

Building and maintenance expenses on average per month are	\$44,674
In June, an example of a major expenses was utilities	\$6,593
Another example was repairs to the elevator and a/c units	\$6,888

**The Big Picture:** Overall, we are ending Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in line with our balanced budget.

We will continue to refine our presentation of our finances so we can be as transparent as possible. For a more complete breakdown of expenses and income, please see our **October 20, 2024** bulletin which can be accessed from our website.

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



**Luke Joseph Hansinger**



**Rosina Giulietta Balzotti**



**Aurora Grace DeLa Cruz**



**John William Avento**



## FOOD PANTRY

### **Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:**

Saturday, August 16	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, August 20	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, August 23	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, August 27	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, September 20	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, September 24	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

### **Current needed items:**

Jar spaghetti sauce, cake mix and icing, regular and decaf instant coffee, cleaning supplies, tuna.

**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.

**Donations can be mailed directly to the church at 31 Pompton Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442.**

**NO CLOTHING DONATIONS PLEASE.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **When can I register for the 2025-26 year?**

Registration is NOW OPEN, and classes are filling up! Go to the St. Mary's website, under Ministries click on Children & Youth, then click Religious Education, then click Register Here at the bottom.

### **What are the costs for Religious Education?**

1st child: \$200, 2nd child: \$200, Each additional child: \$20. If you teach your child's grade, the tuition fee is waived for that child.

**My child's classes for 1st grade, 2nd grade, 7th grade and/or Phase 1 Confirmation don't start until January 2026. Do I still need to register now?** Yes

Questions? Call 973-835-7750: Grades 1 through 5 ext.102 (Toni), Grades 6 through 10 ext.103 (Cathy)

Grades 1-4: Fall and Spring class sessions will be held in the St. Mary's School building.

*"God, give me the faith of a little child who trusts without questioning, who simply and gladly believes your Word without doubt."*



# FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Date

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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

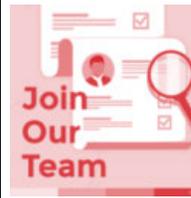
When life has you down, you don't have to go it alone.  
Our St. Mary's Stephen Ministers are "there to care."

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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### **Spiritual Guided Meditation Hour**



Our Spiritual Guided Meditation Hour will begin again on Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in The Prayer Room.

What is Guided Meditation?

Meditation, or contemplation, is a form of prayer that invites us to encounter God through our imagination, while being led with a story.

It engages both the mind and heart, using our thoughts and emotions to deepen our awareness of God's presence in our lives. We begin with quiet music, deep breathing, and relaxation, stilling our minds so we can be open to the grace to be led by our loving God.

We hope you can join us for this meaningful time of private reflection and prayer!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** August 3, 2025, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 12:13-21

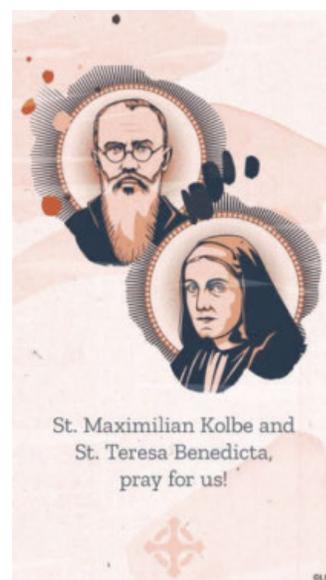
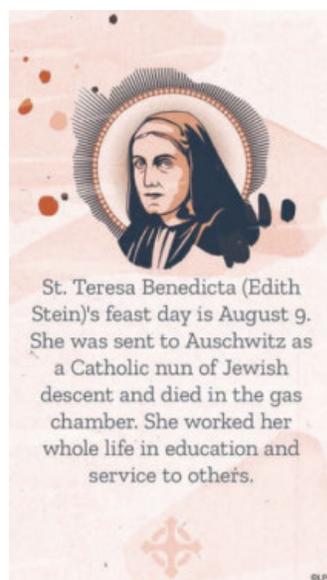
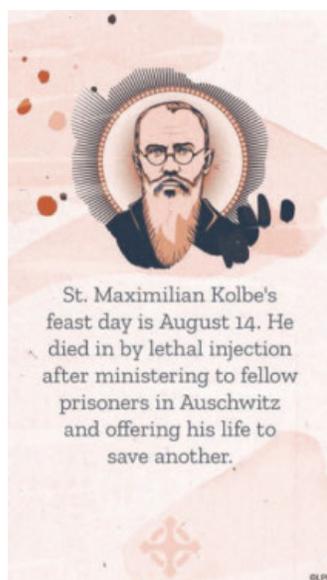
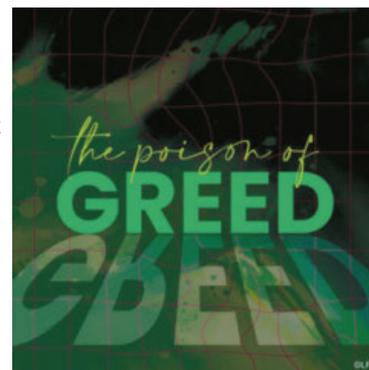
Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir



During the summer months, our **Hearts and Hands Ministry** has invited children ages 8 and up to come and join them to learn the art of crocheting or knitting as they make hats, blankets, and booties with patterns and yarn that is donated. The items are given to families that have their children baptized at St Mary's and also to Straight and Narrow and Franciscan Missions. It is so heartwarming to see these talented parishioners pass their skills on to the next generation!

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.



**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, September 11th and October 9th.

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

## MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.
- **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.

Please call the Parish Office or email us at [smc@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:smc@stmarys-pompton.org) for more information about these memorial opportunities.

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



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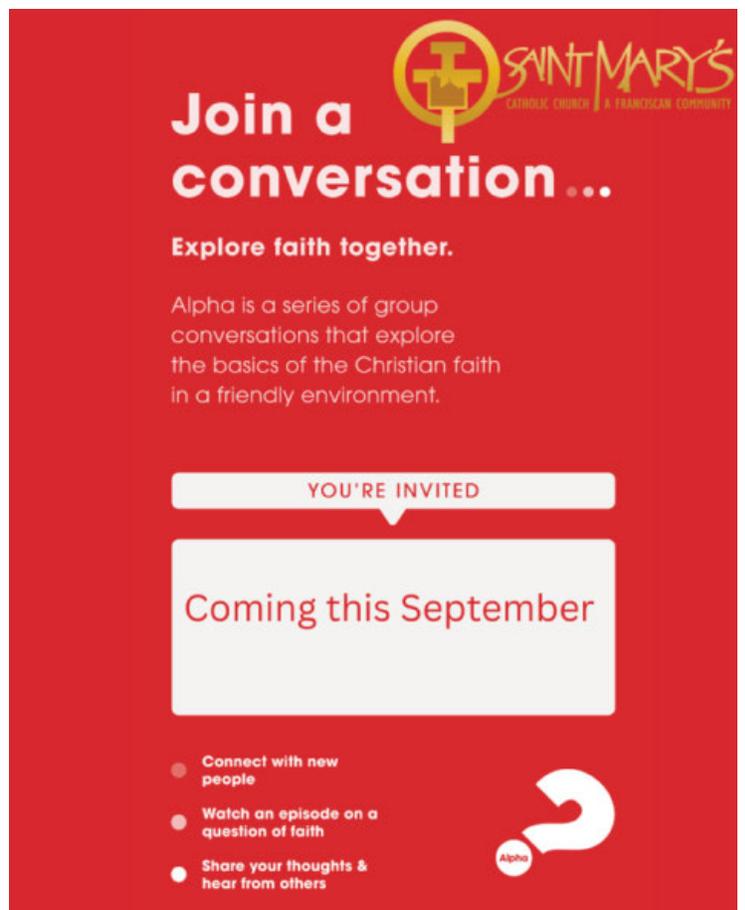
# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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.

There will be high school students to help with the children, do homework etc. This is a great way to connect with our community!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEERING OR ABOUT ALPHA**  
Dorothy Limey  
973-835-0373 ex 158  
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## **SERVE WITH US**

**Food Pantry Ministry:** We are a ministry of the parish that provides food and household supplies to people in need from Pompton Lakes and the surrounding communities.

**Good Works Gang Ministry:** We help other parishioners and members of the community who are in need of help with various projects, i.e. light yard clean ups, moving personal items and projects that, for various reasons, they are unable to do themselves.

**Helping Hands/Social Worker Ministry:** We provide concrete services and material assistance to needy, sick or disabled persons or families in our local community.

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

**Hospitality Ministry:** We provide and serve food and drink at Parish events both large and small. Opportunities to volunteer include: baking, decorating, setup, food service, and cleanup, and each role is essential to the success of the event.

**Lasagna Love:** Our mission is simply this: to feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. Volunteers from this wonderful organization make meals for our Food Pantry families.

**Meals with Love:** We help the NJ Buddies serve people living with HIV/AIDS while they rebuild their lives. It is simply a ministry of making home-cooked meals for 8 people and delivering them twice a month to Paramus.

**Military Assistance Pantry:** We support the Military Assistance Pantry located in Paterson. We serve Northern NJ Veterans and their families who are facing food insecurity. Every other month, our parishioners make baked ziti and brownies. We distribute the home-cooked meals and desserts directly to the Veterans.

**Thanksgiving Dinner Ministry:** We prepare and cook Thanksgiving Dinner for residents of local Care Centers on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

**Altar Servers:** We are a group of young men and women ages 7-18 who assist the priests, deacons and Mass captains during the celebration of the Eucharist. Altar Servers learn more about the Mass and grow in their faith. Scheduling is flexible and based around their normally attended Mass.

**Church Ambiance:** We gather to clean and tidy up our church building on a regular basis.

**Church Decorators:** We add a welcoming, beautiful, spiritual and reverent atmosphere as we worship together.

**Eucharistic Ministry:** We distribute the body and blood of Jesus Christ at Masses, and also bring Eucharist to people in hospitals, rehab facilities and to people who cannot make it to Church.

**Funeral Servers:** We assist the friars in setting up for and serving funeral Masses at St. Mary's Church.

**Lectors:** We proclaim Scripture at Sunday Masses and other liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

**Music Ministry:** We provide music for all parish Masses and celebrations. We are open to every parishioner, no matter their age or level of experience.

**Purificator Ministry:** We take home, wash, and press the sacred linens that are used during the Mass. These linens are considered sacred because they touch the body and blood of Christ during the Mass.

**Ushers:** We who assist at our Sunday Liturgies by welcoming parishioners, showing people to their seats, and taking up the collection.

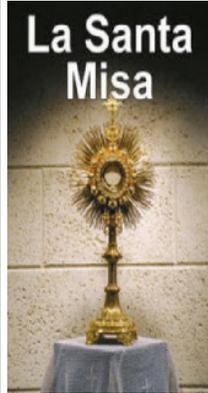
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### Visita de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" a tu hogar.

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 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.- Los invitamos a:

**Noche de película familiar** en el centro Carnevale el martes 5 de agosto a las 7:00pm.

**Sábado en familia** – El Comité Guadalupano los invita a que pasen una tarde en familia con nosotros este **sábado 9 de agosto de 5pm a 10pm** en el centro Carnevale. Tendrán la oportunidad de degustar la rica comida que se venderá para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que se realizará en diciembre. Habrá también reparto a domicilio. Los tickets los puedes comprar al final de la misa o llamar al 973-861-7411. Te esperamos.

**Picnic Parroquial**- sábado 16 de agosto a partir de las 5:00pm. Habrá hamburguesas, hot-dogs, elotes, empanadas, postres, agua fresca y helados para todos Convivamos y disfrutemos como comunidad cristiana. Todo será gratuito.

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### Lecturas Bíblicas – XVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C - (3 de agosto de 2025)

**Primera Lectura:** Eclesiastés (Cohélet) 1, 2; 2, 21-23

**Salmo Responsorial:** Salmo 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17

**Segunda Lectura:** Colosenses 3, 1-5. 9-11

**+Evangelio:** Lucas 12, 13-21

### Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 4 de agosto de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.



**SANTA CLARA DE ASÍS**  
LUZ DE LA EUCHARISTIA

El 11 de agosto la Iglesia celebra la fiesta de Santa Clara de Asís, una de las figuras más queridas y luminosas de la espiritualidad cristiana. Fundadora de las Hermanas Pobres (las Clarisas), Santa Clara fue compañera y discípula espiritual de San Francisco, y su vida expresa una profunda confianza en la Providencia, amor a la pobreza evangélica y entrega total a Cristo. En esta fecha recordamos no solo su testimonio, sino el movimiento espiritual que inspiró y que sigue vivo en la comunidad franciscana de muchas parroquias, como la de Santa María. Santa Clara nos deja enseñanzas fundamentales para todas las comunidades cristianas, y en especial para

quienes siguen el carisma franciscano. Su vida fue signada por la humildad, una sencillez radical y la alegría que brota del desapego de los bienes materiales y la búsqueda de la voluntad de Dios. Clara animaba a sus hermanas, y hoy a todos nosotros, a vivir la pobreza no solo como carencia, sino como libertad interior, confianza en Dios y apertura al prójimo, recordándonos que la verdadera riqueza está en compartir y acoger. Para la comunidad franciscana de la parroquia de Santa María, las enseñanzas de Santa Clara son faro y ejemplo. Su capacidad de contemplar a Cristo crucificado, de encontrar a Dios en lo sencillo, invita a todos los cristianos particularmente a los miembros de la fraternidad franciscana a cultivar una vida de oración profunda, simplicidad, fraternidad, alegría y servicio humilde. Clara mostró que el seguimiento de Cristo implica renunciar a privilegios para abrazar el amor, la comunidad y el servicio, valores que enriquecen la vida de la parroquia. Celebrar a Santa Clara es renovar el compromiso con el espíritu franciscano: vivir el Evangelio con radicalidad, alegría y solidaridad. Es una oportunidad para que la comunidad reflexione sobre el valor de la confianza en Dios en tiempos de dificultad, la centralidad de la Eucaristía (que fue el corazón de su vida espiritual) y la importancia de fomentar un ambiente de hermandad y misericordia. Que el ejemplo de Santa Clara inspire a todos en Santa María a vivir la fe con humildad, entrega y esperanza renovada.

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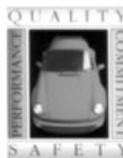
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