



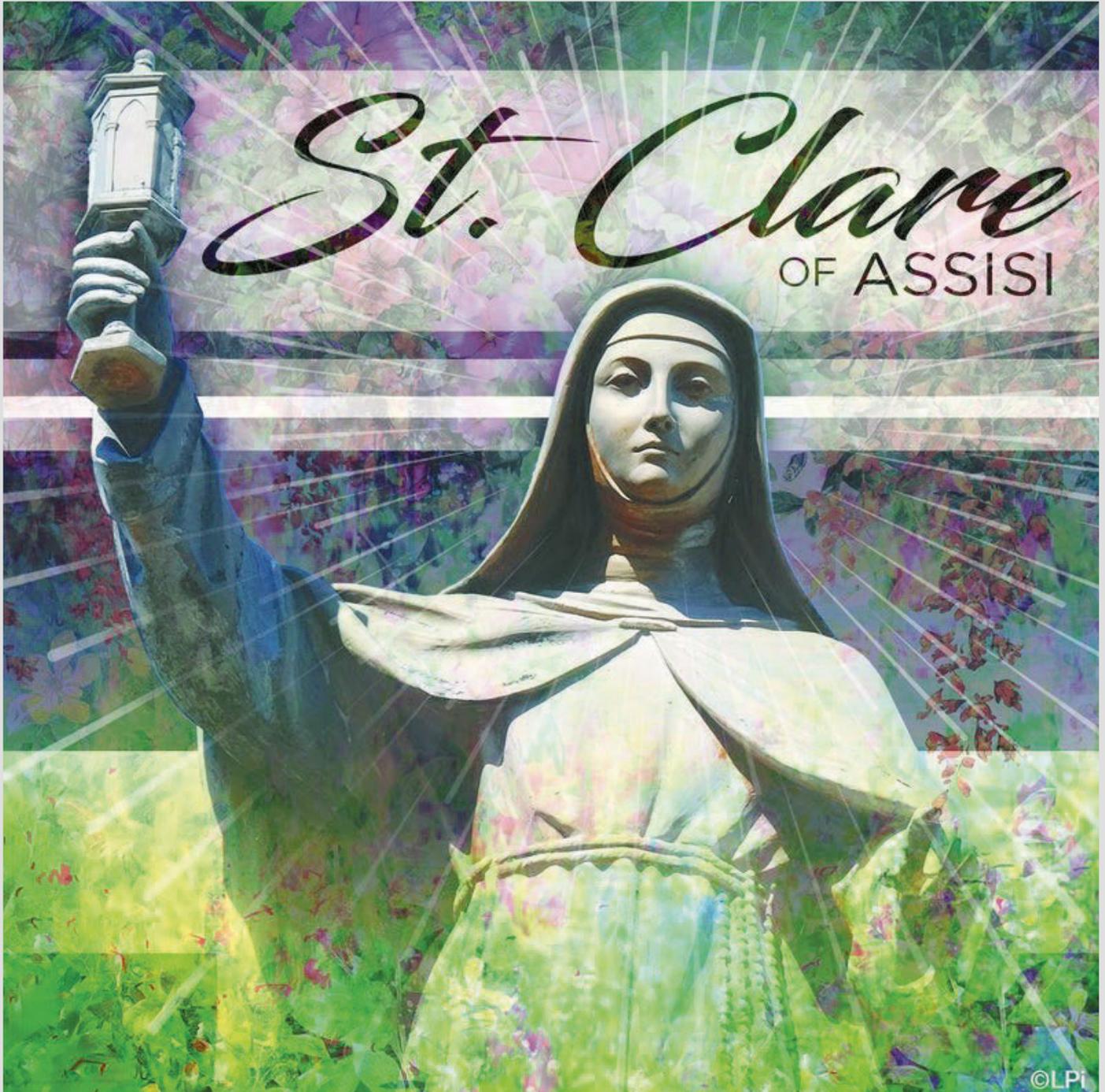
# SAINT MARY'S

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August 10, 2025



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## FRIAR'S DESK

Sadly, sometimes our Church simply doesn't know what to do with strong, powerful, women. For years, Mary Magdalene was believed (without any evidence) to have been a prostitute instead of the first one to proclaim Christ risen from the dead. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. The reforms and writing of St. Theresa of Avila, who went on to be recognized a doctor of the church, were initially resisted by the Carmelite Order.

This week, we celebrate the feast day of another great, and often misunderstood, Catholic saint: St. Clare of Assisi. So often we think of Clare simply as the prayerful, contemplative counterpart of St. Francis's active life—and there is truth to that. Given the restrictions of what women religious were allowed to do in her time, she and her sisters did spend much of their lives in prayer and contemplation safe behind her convent walls. And she should be celebrated for the remarkable contributions she made to the prayerful, contemplative life.

But she was also a young woman who, at the age of 18, had the courage to leave her family, friends, and social standing behind to listen to her heart, and follow God's call. She had the strength to resist her uncle and her relatives as they literally tried to drag her back home. She had the intelligence to write the first Rule of life ever written by a woman for a religious women's community. She had the tenacity to fight priests, bishops, cardinals, and popes to have her rule approved exactly as she wrote it. She had the wisdom and the insight to advise and guide St. Francis through his darkest hours. And after St. Francis died, and infighting among his brothers began, she kept the true spirit of St. Francis alive to pass down to future generations.

So this week, as we honor St. Clare on August 11<sup>th</sup>, let us also honor the tremendous women who have built and shaped our Church, and continue to pray and work that their contributions then and now receive the recognition and value they so rightly deserve.

—Father John Aherne, OFM

Lamentablemente, a veces nuestra Iglesia simplemente no sabe qué hacer con las mujeres fuertes y poderosas. Durante años, se creyó (sin ninguna prueba) que María Magdalena había sido una prostituta, en lugar de la primera en proclamar que Cristo había resucitado de entre los muertos. Juana de Arco fue quemada en la hoguera. Las reformas y los escritos de Santa Teresa de Ávila, que llegó a ser reconocida como doctora de la Iglesia, fueron inicialmente rechazados por la Orden Carmelita.

Esta semana celebramos la festividad de otra gran santa católica, a menudo incomprendida: Santa Clara de Asís. A menudo pensamos en Clara simplemente como la contraparte piadosa y contemplativa de la vida activa de San Francisco, y hay algo de verdad en ello. Dadas las restricciones que se imponían a las religiosas en su época, ella y sus hermanas pasaron gran parte de sus vidas en oración y contemplación, a salvo tras los muros de su convento. Y debe ser celebrada por sus notables contribuciones a la vida de oración y contemplación.

Pero también era una joven que, a los 18 años, tuvo el valor de dejar atrás a su familia, sus amigos y su posición social para escuchar a su corazón y seguir la llamada de Dios. Tuvo la fuerza para resistirse a su tío y a sus parientes, que literalmente intentaron arrastrarla de vuelta a casa. Tuvo la inteligencia para escribir la primera Regla de vida jamás escrita por una mujer para una comunidad religiosa femenina. Tuvo la tenacidad de luchar contra sacerdotes, obispos, cardenales y papas para que su regla fuera aprobada tal y como ella la había escrito. Tuvo la sabiduría y la perspicacia para aconsejar y guiar a San Francisco en sus momentos más oscuros. Y después de la muerte de San Francisco, cuando comenzaron las luchas internas entre sus hermanos, mantuvo vivo el verdadero espíritu de San Francisco para transmitirlo a las generaciones futuras.

Así que esta semana, al honrar a Santa Clara el 11 de agosto, honremos también a las mujeres extraordinarias que han construido y dado forma a nuestra Iglesia, y sigamos rezando y trabajando para que sus contribuciones, tanto entonces como ahora, reciban el reconocimiento y el valor que tan merecidamente se merecen.

—Padre John Aherne, OFM

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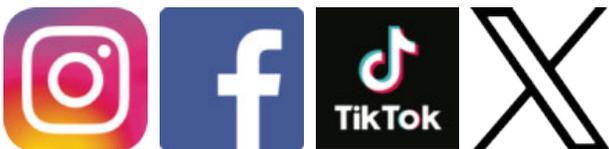
**WEDDINGS**

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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Trevor George, 862-274-5171      [tgeorge@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto: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](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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**Pray**



**Orar**

**Serve**



**Atender**

**Give**



**Donar**



## 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:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Day: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 18:21-19:1 Vigil: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Friday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Saturday:** Day: Joshua 24:14-29; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 19:13-15 Vigil: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



## 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.

*We are pleased to announce that you can now request Mass Intentions online! Whether you wish to honor a loved one, or celebrate a special occasion, submitting your intention is now just a few clicks away. Visit our parish website to fill out the simple online form: <https://stmarys-pompton.org/mass-intentions>*

CCD Registration for next year is now open!  
Please visit our website or scan the QR code to enroll today.

REGISTER FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



This week, the Bread and Wine and Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of **Daniel Aherne**.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 15th for the Feast of the Assumption. Daily Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

The Feast of the Assumption is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Our Mass Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, August 14th: Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. (English)

Friday, August 15th: Mass at 9:00 a.m. (English) and 12:00 p.m. (English)

# MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living



<b>Saturday August 9</b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Trish Norden † Monsignor Chet Moczydlowski
7:00 p.m.	† Thomas Vigorito
<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)	† Mary Harden
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)
<b>Monday August 11</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Marjorie Dawyer
<b>Tuesday August 12</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Ginny Dutton (1 yr Ann.) † Anne Marie Michaels
<b>Wednesday August 13</b>	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday August 14</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Edwin Banta, Sr. (6th Ann.) † Rita Weir (4th Ann.)
7:00 p.m.	† People of the Parish
<b>Friday August 15 Feast of the Assumption</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† Barbara Runz (2nd Ann.)
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday August 16</b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Joaquin Rivera Sr (heavenly birthday) † Helen & Bobby Durston † Lise Bluteau † Brian Dwyer † Robert Reilly
7:00 p.m.	NO MASS
<b>Sunday August 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	† Frederick Curtis Chambers (1st Ann.) † Jacob VanLoon (3rd Ann.)
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Phyllis D'Onofrio † Marybeth Rhinesmith † Helen Smith Griffin
10:30 a.m.	† Francis & Lucille Marshall † Paul D. Oesterle † Araceli Reyes † Joan Teresa Roward
12:00 p.m.	† Ceclia Tarsitano (heavenly birthday) † James Reilly † Brian Dwyer † Linda Petro

**...THOSE WHO ARE SICK**  
 Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, Bernice Weinheimer, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Valentina Ionta, Lynn Hutman, 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. Ciccarelli, Sgt. Justyn Shovlowsky, Captain Austin Canning, SSG Tiffany Thumann, TSSgt. Scott Miller, Capt. Krystal Thumann, Cpl F. S. Raza, Sean Flanagan, Capt. Matthew W. D'Amico, USMC Lt. 1st Thomas Seneski; Sgt. Anthony W. Gabriel; Brian Hansen, Sgt. Ashlee Quigle; Capt. Daniel M. Kearney, USMC; 2nd LT Emily Simone and Navy Lt. Ryan Hackett, Tracie Kasko, LT Vincent Bellomo, Staff Sergeant Andrew Murphy, Emmanuel Folleco, 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.

### **FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND!**

While we welcome any and all food donations, St. Mary's Food Pantry is having a targeted Food Drive this weekend:



Saturday, August 9th      5:00 Mass: Pasta (preferably spaghetti) and jar spaghetti sauce  
7:00 Mass: Peanut butter and jelly

Sunday, August 10th      7:30 Mass: Cereal and shelf stable milk (whole milk preferably)  
8:45 Mass: Spam and Pasta or Rice Sides  
9:00 Mass: Canned tuna and mayonnaise  
10:30 Mass: Canned chicken and salad dressing  
12:00 Mass: Instant oatmeal and pancake syrup

The box truck and volunteers will be in the parking lot and in the front of the church to collect your donations.

Remember, donations to the Food Pantry can be left in the small shed behind the church anytime or shipped to 31 Pompton Avenue, Pompton Lakes. Monetary donations can be sent through the GIVE link on our website.

**Please see page 8 of this bulletin for a complete list of current needs!**

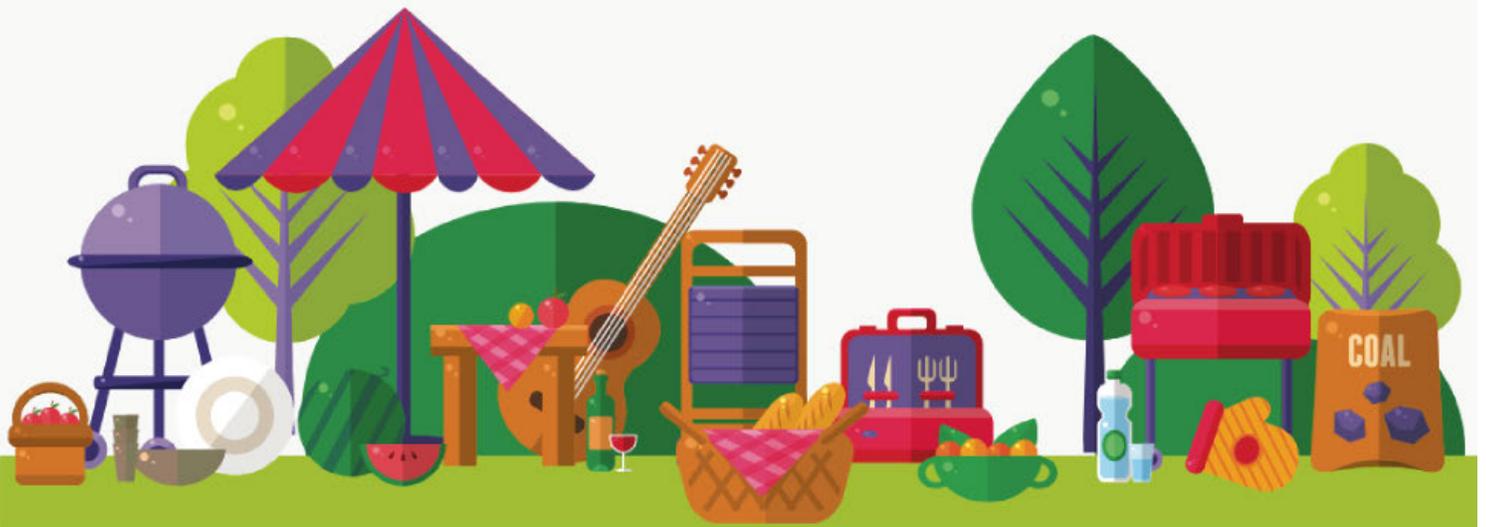
*Thank you to all our parishioners for their support in making sure our brothers and sisters do not go hungry!*

# 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!  
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 7:00PM MASS**



**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



# Let's Party!

## 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:**

Cleaning supplies, tissues, paper napkins and plates, shampoo, toothpaste, cake mix and frosting, coffee: regular, decaf and instant, Spam, canned tuna, mayo, canned chicken, salad dressing, jar spaghetti sauce, shelf stable whole milk

**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 20th  
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.



We bid a fond "see you later" to our high school seniors who celebrated their graduation from our youth ministry program with a barbecue celebration. As a parting gift, they presented Cathi Decker with an icon of Carlos Acutis, the first millennial saint, which will hang in her honor in the Youth Ministry building for all she continues to do for the young people of our parish.

Thanks to everyone, especially our guest grillers Sam and Toma Dedio, Nicole Pizza-George and our Youth Ministry Director Trevor George, for pulling this wonderful night together!



After a tough battle with severe malnutrition that left her 14-month-old weak and underweight, Rashida is finally seeing signs of recovery. "Thanks to God, my child is getting better," said Rashida, who lives in Darfur, Sudan. Today, her baby is gaining weight, growing stronger and smiling again.

With the support of **Catholic Relief Services** and generous contributions from UNICEF to six health facilities and two mobile clinics, over 100,000 children in West Darfur have benefited from vital nutritional support.

Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help. Thank you for your support!

Many of us have been deeply troubled by the situation in Gaza. Despite staggering challenges, **Catholic Relief Services** and their partners have reached 1.7 million people in Gaza since 2023 with food, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, cash assistance and psychosocial support. Please consider supporting Catholic Relief Services as they continue to reach out to our brothers and sisters around the world.

#### HOW TO HELP

- Donate online:  
[support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](http://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict)
- Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS
- Donate by check:  
Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land Response  
P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517



# 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  
 dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org

## Join a conversation ...

scan to register



Explore faith together.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment.

### What will Alpha be like ?

- Share a meal
- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts & hear from others



### Who is invited?

- You Are! Young adults, adults, married, single, divorced anyone 18 or older Skeptics, lifelong Catholics or people just trying to find their way

Alpha will meet on Thursdays beginning September 11 and continue for 11 weeks. We will begin at 6:30 pm with a meal and conclude the conversation at 8pm.

Child care will be offered, as well as a group for those whose primary language is Spanish.

Questions?  
 Contact Dorothy Limey  
 973-835-0374 ex 158  
 dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org



### 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).

St. Clare of Assisi, (1194-1253), was born into a wealthy, politically influential, Catholic family in Assisi, Italy. When she was 12, her family decided she should marry. She begged them to allow her to wait until she was 18 and they eventually agreed.

As a teen, Clare learned of a priest named Francis (St. Francis of Assisi). After hearing him preach, she decided that her calling was to “live for the Gospel.” She admired how Francis lived — in poverty, community, and service to the poor. After receiving permission from the bishop of Assisi, she left her family join Francis and his followers. Once with them, Clare left her fancy life behind, donning a plain robe, simple veil, and cutting her hair short, a symbol of her desire to reject marriage and live a religious life.

Studying early on with the Benedictines, she was joined by her sister. Fearing for their safety from Clare’s family who were determined that the daughters return, Francis and his followers built a home for them next to a church they restored, San Damiano, for their protection. While there, Clare and Francis established the Order of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano.

Daily Mass, adoration, and the Eucharist were integral to the lives of Clare’s Poor Ladies. The growing community’s radical devotion to strict poverty set them apart from other congregations. Following her order’s eventual approval by the Pope, she wrote the order’s Rule of Life based on the teachings of St. Francis — the first monastic rule known to be written by a woman.

After St. Clare died, the Poor Ladies were renamed the Order of St. Clare or, the Poor Clares, in her honor. She passed away at the age of 59, one day after her Rule was approved. St. Clare, pray for us!





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**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.

**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.

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

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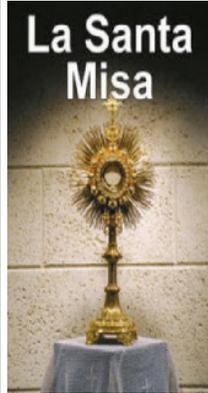
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### Visita de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" a tu hogar.

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:

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3.- **Catecismo de Primera Comunión, y**

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Angelina Nuci -Primera Comunión

Milagros Anto – Confirmación

Ana Cadena – RICA

Las clases empezaran la tercera semana de septiembre en el Centro Carnevale.

4.- **Clases de Inglés** – No se olviden que las clases para aprender ingles en todos los niveles básico, intermedio y avanzado empezarán el segundo martes de septiembre de 6 pm a 7pm en el centro Carnevale.

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### Lecturas Bíblicas – XIX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C - (10 de agosto de 2025)

**Primera Lectura:** Sabiduría 18, 6-9  
**Salmo Responsorial:** Salmo 32, 1 y 12. 18-19. 20 y 22  
**Segunda Lectura:** Hebreos 11, 1-2. 8-19  
**+Evangelio:** Lucas 12, 32-48

### Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 11 de agosto de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.



**La Asunción de María:  
Un Llamado a la Unidad y Esperanza Parroquial**

En el corazón de Pompton Lakes, nuestra querida comunidad es ampliamente conocida como la Iglesia de Santa María. Esa familiaridad y cariño resaltan la profunda devoción que sentimos hacia nuestra patrona, la Virgen María, y su Asunción. El nombre mismo de nuestra parroquia es señal de que, aún antes de cruzar las puertas del templo, muchos ya perciben la presencia materna y espiritual de María, quien sigue siendo modelo de fe y fidelidad para todos.

La fiesta de la Asunción de la Virgen María, celebrada cada 15 de agosto, nos enseña que la vida cristiana no termina en la tierra, sino que es una peregrinación hacia la plenitud en Dios, como lo fue para María. Su Asunción es signo de esperanza: nos recuerda que el amor y la fidelidad a Dios tienen recompensa y que estamos invitados a vivir una vida elevada, marcada por la generosidad, el servicio y la entrega. Meditar en la Asunción nos impulsa como comunidad a poner nuestras vidas al servicio de los demás, buscando en todo momento un mayor crecimiento espiritual.

La celebración de la Asunción refuerza el valor de la unidad comunitaria. María, como madre y modelo, reúne a los discípulos alrededor de Cristo. Inspirados por su ejemplo, los miembros de nuestra parroquia están llamados a dejar a un lado diferencias y barreras para vivir la auténtica comunión. Esta fiesta nos anima a trabajar juntos, aceptar nuestras diversidades y construir una comunidad donde reine el amor y la solidaridad, especialmente entre los distintos ministerios que enriquecen nuestra vida parroquial.

En este espíritu de unión, invitamos a todos ustedes a participar activamente en la celebración anual de la Asunción y a unirse al gran picnic parroquial el sábado 16 de agosto. Es mucho más que un momento de convivencia: es una oportunidad invaluable para fortalecer lazos, reconocer la riqueza de nuestros ministerios y renovar juntos nuestro compromiso con la misión de la Iglesia. Participar en estas celebraciones nos enraíza más profundamente en la fe y, como María, nos lanza a ser testigos alegres del Evangelio en nuestra comunidad. **FUENTE: DESDELAFE.COM**

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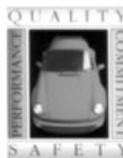
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