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August 17, 2025



The Assumption *of the* Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIAR'S DESK BY FATHER JOHN COUGHLIN, OFM

What is the Difference Between Diocesan Priests and Religious Priests?

Many people who come into St. Mary's Church in Pompton Lakes notice that the priests who preside at sacramental liturgies wear a brown religious habit rather than the black suit with the white Roman collar that many other Catholic priests wear. The priests wearing the brown habit are members of a religious order called the Order of Friars Minor (popularly known as Franciscans). They are religious priests. There are religious clergy of many other orders in the Catholic Church whose habits look different. The ones in black suits and Roman collars are mostly diocesan priests, though some religious priests wear them too.

Are there other differences between diocesan and religious priests besides the garb they wear? One important difference between them is in the vows or promises they make. A diocesan priest makes the following three promises to his bishop: (1) to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily, (2) to be obedient to his bishop, and (3) to live a celibate life. A religious order priest takes three vows: poverty, chastity, and obedience. The obedience is not to a bishop but to a superior in their order. Priests in religious orders take the same vows as non-ordained brothers and sisters. Diocesan priests do not take a vow of poverty.

Diocesan priests receive their assignments (mostly to parishes) from their local bishop. They generally serve and are transferred within the geographical boundary of a diocese. Religious priests are assigned and transferred by the superior of their order. They typically live and serve in areas much larger than a diocese, including different regions of a country, and in some cases other countries. Religious priests may serve in a parish within a diocese at the bishop's allowance – and that bishop can demand they leave if he wants them to – but he does not transfer them to their next assignment.

Another difference that stands out between the two kinds of Catholic clergy is that religious priests are formed to live in community with members of their order. Diocesan priests may live with other clerics, but they are not formed to live an intentional community life. Also, in many cases, religious priests live with non-ordained religious brothers. Their communal life is lived out of a spiritual charism particular to their order. Trappist monks, for example, are more contemplative while Franciscan friars are more active and missionary.

Despite noticeable differences, diocesan and religious clergy have many things in common. They both receive the sacrament of Holy Orders and are ordained by a bishop. Both administer sacraments in the Church. Both would have spent several years studying in a seminary or theology school before their ordination. Lastly, there is a common brotherhood among all members of what the Church calls the ministerial priesthood.

¿Cuál es la diferencia entre los sacerdotes diocesanos y los sacerdotes religiosos?

Muchas personas que acuden a la iglesia de Santa María en Pompton Lakes se dan cuenta de que los sacerdotes que presiden las liturgias sacramentales visten un hábito religioso marrón en lugar del traje negro con cuello romano blanco que llevan muchos otros sacerdotes católicos. Los sacerdotes que visten el hábito marrón son miembros de una orden religiosa llamada Orden de los Frailes Menores (conocida popularmente como franciscanos). Son sacerdotes religiosos. Hay clérigos religiosos de muchas otras órdenes en la Iglesia católica cuyos hábitos tienen un aspecto diferente. Los que visten traje negro y cuello romano son en su mayoría sacerdotes diocesanos, aunque algunos sacerdotes religiosos también los llevan.

¿Hay otras diferencias entre los sacerdotes diocesanos y los religiosos, además de la vestimenta que llevan? Una diferencia importante entre ellos está en los votos o promesas que hacen. Un sacerdote diocesano hace las tres promesas siguientes a su obispo: (1) rezar la Liturgia de las Horas diariamente, (2) ser obediente a su obispo y (3) vivir una vida célibe. Un sacerdote de una orden religiosa hace tres votos: pobreza, castidad y obediencia. La obediencia no es al obispo, sino a un superior de su orden. Los sacerdotes de las órdenes religiosas hacen los mismos votos que los hermanos y hermanas no ordenados. Los sacerdotes diocesanos no hacen voto de pobreza.

Los sacerdotes diocesanos reciben sus asignaciones (en su mayoría a parroquias) de su obispo local. Por lo general, prestan servicio y son trasladados dentro de los límites geográficos de una diócesis. Los sacerdotes religiosos son asignados y trasladados por el superior de su orden. Normalmente viven y prestan servicio en áreas mucho más extensas que una diócesis, incluyendo diferentes regiones de un país y, en algunos casos, otros países. Los sacerdotes religiosos pueden servir en una parroquia dentro de una diócesis con el permiso del obispo, y este puede exigirles que se vayan si así lo desea, pero no los traslada a su siguiente destino.

Otra diferencia notable entre los dos tipos de clero católico es que los sacerdotes religiosos están formados para vivir en comunidad con los miembros de su orden. Los sacerdotes diocesanos pueden vivir con otros clérigos, pero no están formados para llevar una vida comunitaria intencional. Además, en muchos casos, los sacerdotes religiosos viven con hermanos religiosos no ordenados. Su vida comunitaria se basa en un carisma espiritual propio de su orden. Los monjes trapenses, por ejemplo, son más contemplativos, mientras que los frailes franciscanos son más activos y misioneros.

A pesar de las diferencias notables, el clero diocesano y el religioso tienen muchas cosas en común. Ambos reciben el sacramento del Orden y son ordenados por un obispo. Ambos administran los sacramentos en la Iglesia. Ambos habrán pasado varios años estudiando en un seminario o escuela de teología antes de su ordenación. Por último, existe una hermandad común entre todos los miembros de lo que la Iglesia llama el sacerdocio ministerial.

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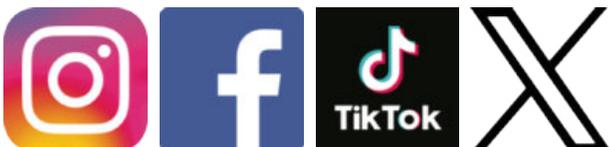
WEDDINGS

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Please call **973-835-0374** or send an email to smc@stmarys-pompton.org if:

- your address, email address or telephone number has changed, and/or
- a parishioner has been married and/or
- a parishioner has moved.

Parish records need to be current so please be sure to inform us of any changes as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Please see our Parish Calendar for all the current events and activities going on at St. Mary's!

<https://stmarys-pompton.org/parish-calendar>



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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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12



CONFESSION AND ADORATION

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

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

During Adoration, please maintain a reverent silence.



This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of **Cecelia Tarsitano**, in heaven above.

Happy birthday, Mom.

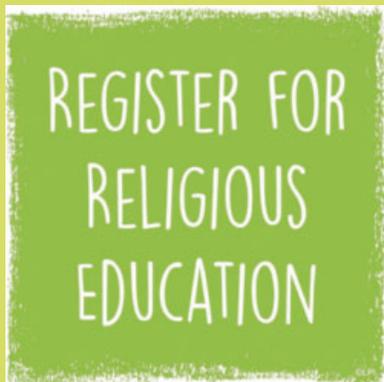
Always will be loved, your family.



This week, the Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of **Martha Falcon** from

Layla Waters and family.

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



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>

MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living



Saturday August 16	
5:00 p.m.	† Joaquin Rivera Sr. (heavenly birthday) † Helen & Bobby Durston † Lise Bluteau † Brian Dwyer † Robert Reilly
7:00 p.m.	NO MASS
Sunday August 17	
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
Monday August 18	
8:00 a.m.	† Joan & Vincent Phalon † Michael DelGiudice (24th Ann.) † Josefina Bulacan
Tuesday August 19	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wednesday August 20	
8:00 a.m.	† Casimir Joseph Lubas
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday August 21	
8:00 a.m.	L Matthew Mugno
Friday August 22	
8:00 a.m.	† Francis & Lucille Marshall † Fred Rauschart (2nd Ann.)
Saturday August 23	
5:00 p.m.	† Mary Louise Renga † Thomas "Tommy" Vigorito † Nancy Ann Kamm † Charles Garske † Joseph Gaita
7:00 p.m.	† Thomas Vigorito
Sunday August 24	
7:30 a.m.	† Sally Repko † Jeff Prekopa † Jean Brensinger † Mildred Ritz (1st birthday in heaven)
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Michael Madden, OFM † Lutgardo Ignacio
10:30 a.m.	† Daniel Coll † Paul Oesterle † George Kick (5th Ann.) † Dominick R. Tuzzio † Carmen Saginario
12:00 p.m.	† Angelina & Sarah Destito † Gerald Goodwin

...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, Connor Murphy, Thomas Earley

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



Diane



Toma



Zach



Kristine



Greg



Mark



Joanne



Dino



Katie

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



Amilio Antonio Ramos



Matteo De Maria



Niko Joseph Russo



Cameron James Romano

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.

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



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, small juice packs

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

Growing in faith and living as a Christian is a lifelong journey. St. Mary's Religious Education Program exists to assist, support and encourage, along with parents, this awesome journey. It is our goal that through our program, along with parental guidance and participation in Sunday Liturgy, children will grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, celebrate their faith in the Sacraments, become a follower/disciple of Jesus in their daily living, and become a full participating member of the Catholic church.

- Grades 3,4,6,8 & Phase 2 Confirmation run from September 2025 to December 2025.
- Grade 5 is a one-week program in the summer.
- Grades 1, 2, 7 & Phase 1 Confirmation runs January 2026 to April 2026.

Contact Toni Wong ext. 102 (grades 1-5) or Cathy Feld ext. 103 (grades 6-10) if you have any questions or if the tuition fee presents a hardship.

To register: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/bc772d5b-2f4f-4ef4-b57f-3eab95624456>



FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Date	Sponsored by
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.



**SPECIAL NEEDS
YOUTH
MINISTRY**

Launching our Special Needs Youth Ministry!

We are excited to announce the beginning of St. Mary's Special Needs Youth Ministry for youth between 14 and 20 years old.

We will be gathering monthly starting on Thursday, September 11, 2025 (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) in the Banta Room (Carnevale Center).

The gatherings will be in a safe, fun environment filled with games, creative activities, and the opportunity to meet new friends. This ministry is built on a sense of belonging, the ability for all youth to be themselves, and the belief that every child is created in the image of God.

All are welcome!

For more information or to sign up, please contact Karen Niemann at kniemann@stmarys-pompton.org or 973-590-6856.

**Coffee
with the choir**

Interested in joining the choir? Not sure if it is for you? Join Music Ministry for coffee and see what it's all about. No experience necessary! All are welcome!



September 10th at 6:00pm
St. Clare Hall, Carnevale Center

Questions? Contact Dorothy at 973-835-0374 ext. 158
dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org



Music Together!
STARTING SEPTEMBER 17TH



WEDNESDAY

Babies at 11:30AM



WEDNESDAY

Mixed Age 0-5 with at 9:30AM, 10:30AM and 4:15PM



SATURDAY

Mixed Age 0-5 with at 9:30AM, 10:30AM



[HTTPS://STMARYS-POMPTON.ORG/MUSIC-TOGETHER-FALL](https://stmarys-pompton.org/music-together-fall)

SIGN UP NOW! CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED

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

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!



WOMEN OF CORNERSTONE

You are invited to join us for a guided tour of St. Hubert's Chapel on Chapel Island in Kinnelon. There will be time for prayer and fellowship following the tour!

Sunday, September 7th from 2-5pm

There is a cost to this event which Cornerstone will be covering and we are limited to the first 30 people who sign up. If interested, please send an email in order to secure your spot to stmaryswomenscornerstone@gmail.com.

Don't miss this fantastic event!

Please visit <https://rcdop.org/news/a-catholic-legacy> or scan the code for information about the chapel.



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 September 11th and October 9th.

For further information, please contact Margaret Klach at mklach60@gmail.com.

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
OCTOBER 16TH – NOVEMBER 20TH
7:00 TO 8:30PM

THE BANTA ROOM AT THE CARNEVALE CENTER
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

The group is open to all who have RECENTLY experienced the death of a loved one. We aim to create a supportive group in which one's unique journey through the grief process is examined and respected.

Pre-registration is required. Participation is free through the sponsorship of Pathways and St. Mary's Parish. Those interested may contact Pathways at 973-835-6337 or email info@pathwayscounseling.org.



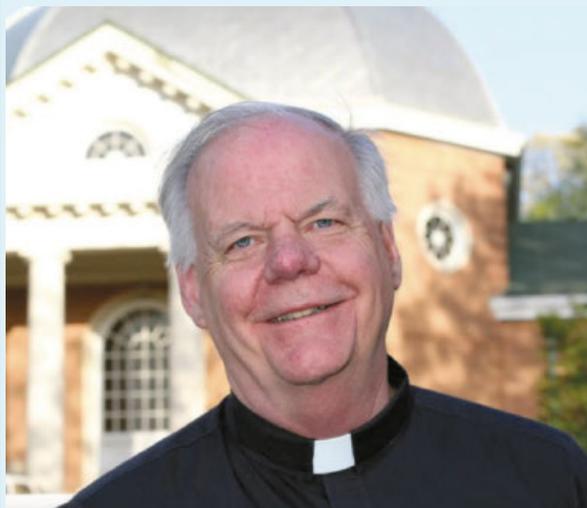
Holy Bones is looking to employ the following starting September 2025:

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 mccioletti@stmarys-pompton.org or 973-289-9613.



The **Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette** will preach the annual parish mission appeal at the English Language Masses on August 23rd and 24th. Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. “They went forth and preached everywhere” (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, “Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,” echo Jesus’ Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God’s reconciling message to the poor.



Next weekend, we are honored to have Fr. Ted Brown with us to raise money for his missionary work. **Father Edward “Ted” Brown, M.S.** has been a devoted La Salette priest for forty-four years, bringing compassion, wisdom, and a generous spirit to every community he serves. A native of the small town of Boylston, Massachusetts—about 35 miles west of Boston—Fr. Ted currently directs the La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro, where he welcomes seekers from all walks of life. Over the years, his ministry has taken many forms: he’s served as a formator for seminarians, director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, and Catholic chaplain at Long Island University in Brookville, NY. While at LIU, he led students on life-changing mission trips to Mexico, where they partnered with Esperanza International to build homes for families in need. His dedication to that mission earned him a place on Esperanza’s Board of Directors, where he served for five years. Fr. Ted is known not only for his pastoral heart but also for his love of jazz, his appetite for good books, and his ongoing quest for the perfect cup of coffee.



HELP, HOPE, HEALING

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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today’s Gospel:

soul	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

sulo	<u>s o u l</u>
Mythig	_____
srevatn	_____
hylo	_____
stirip	_____
belssde	_____
Soivar	_____
hmuleb	_____
gerta	_____

MISSION

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus’ mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

CONNECT WITH US

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

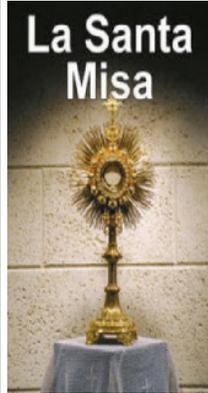
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ANUNCIOS

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.- **Catecismo de Primera Comunión, y Confirmación:** Estaremos inscribiendo para estos catecismos. Si necesita más información por favor comuníquese con:

*Angelina Nuci -Primera Comunión

*Milagros Anto – Confirmación

*Ana Cadena – RICA

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

3.- **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.

4.- **La Fiesta del Señor De Los Milagros** se llevará a cabo el domingo 19 de octubre de 2025. Como es tradición empezaremos con una procesión que inicia frente al jardín de San Francisco (frente al estacionamiento de la parroquia). La misa será a las 8:45am y después invitamos a todos a compartir un desayuno en comunidad. Si desea aunarse a la organización de esta festividad comuníquese con Yolanda Piscoya y Leydi Argandoña.

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Porque es dando que recibimos



Lecturas Bíblicas – XX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C - (17 de agosto de 2025)

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 38, 4-6. 8-10
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 39, 2. 3. 4. 18
Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12, 1-4
+Evangelio: Lucas 12, 49-53

Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 18 de agosto de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.



Nuestra Parroquia de Santa María de Pompton Lakes, NJ: Carisma Franciscano y Comunidad Viva

Nuestra Parroquia de Santa María en Pompton Lakes, NJ, tiene una rica historia que se remonta a su fundación hace ya 80 años. Nuestra comunidad fue fundada gracias al fervor y esfuerzo de los primeros católicos de la zona, quienes deseaban un lugar de encuentro espiritual bajo el amparo de la Virgen María. Desde el inicio, el carisma de nuestra parroquia estuvo marcado por la apertura y el espíritu comunitario, consolidando una identidad que ha perdurado hasta nuestros días. Los Franciscanos llegaron a la parroquia alrededor del año 1949, aportando un sello distintivo de cercanía, sencillez y alegría inspirado en San

Francisco de Asís. Su presencia transformó notablemente la vida parroquial y social de Pompton Lakes, convirtiendo la parroquia en un espacio de acogida, fraternidad y preferencia por los más necesitados. La comunidad no solo creció en número, sino que también se enriqueció espiritualmente bajo el guía de los Frailes Menores Franciscanos, quienes han estado al frente desde entonces.

El primer párroco de la Iglesia de Santa María fue el Padre George A. Werner, quien lideró la naciente comunidad con espíritu visionario y dedicación pastoral. Bajo su liderazgo se cimentaron las bases de lo que hoy es una de las comunidades católicas más vibrantes del área. Con el paso de los años, la parroquia ha contado con la guía de varios frailes, siempre manteniendo la esencia franciscana.

Actualmente, el párroco es el Padre John Aherne, O.F.M., quien continúa el legado de servicio, fe y hospitalidad que caracteriza a la parroquia. Su dirección pastoral y el testimonio de los Frailes Franciscanos siguen motivando a los fieles a vivir un cristianismo comprometido, alegre y fraterno, haciendo de Santa María mucho más que un templo: un verdadero hogar espiritual y una referencia de identidad para Pompton Lakes. Con gratitud por el pasado y esperanza en el futuro, celebramos juntos nuestra historia compartida. Que la protección de la Virgen María y el espíritu franciscano sigan guiando cada paso de nuestra parroquia hacia nuevos horizontes de fe y fraternidad. **FUENTE: WIKIPEDIA.COM**



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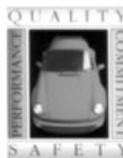
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