



# SAINT MARY'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH | A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**STRIVE**  
TO ENTER  
THROUGH THE  
NARROW GATE.

— LUKE 13:24 —

August 24, 2025

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# FRIAR'S DESK

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED IN  
VARIOUS CHURCH BULLETINS:

Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of the church and this community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery.

The rosebud on the altar is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Belzer.

This afternoon, there will be ceremonies in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Thursday at 5:00pm, there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All little mothers are welcome.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Tonight's service will end with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies in the choir will start, and the rest of the congregation will join in.

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the church basement this Friday.

A bean supper will be held Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon will be, "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to the choir practice.

A nun once complained to the superior, Saint Emily, "Some of these young sisters don't seem to fit in very well in convent life. I think we should ask them to leave". Saint Emily replied, "Maybe they don't do much good, but at least we are keeping them off the street and out of mischief."

—Father John Alderson, OFM

LA REALIDAD SUPERA A LA FICCIÓN.

LO SIGUIENTE SE IMPRIMIÓ EN  
VARIOS BOLETINES DE LA IGLESIA:

No dejes que la preocupación te mate. Deja que la iglesia te ayude.

Recuerda en tus oraciones a los muchos que están enfermos de la iglesia y de esta comunidad.

Para aquellos de ustedes que tienen hijos y no lo saben, tenemos una guardería.

El capullo de rosa en el altar anuncia el nacimiento de David Alan Belzer, el pecado del Sr. y la Sra. John Belzer.

Esta tarde habrá ceremonias en los extremos sur y norte de la iglesia. Se bautizará a los niños en ambos extremos.

El jueves a las 5:00 p. m. habrá una reunión del Club de Madres Jóvenes. Todas las madres jóvenes son bienvenidas.

Al ser Domingo de Pascua, pediremos a la Sra. Lewis que se acerque y coloque un huevo en el altar.

El servicio de esta noche terminará con "Little Drops of Water". Una de las mujeres del coro comenzará y el resto de la congregación se unirá.

El próximo domingo se hará una colecta especial para sufragar el coste de la nueva alfombra. Todos aquellos que deseen hacer algo en la nueva alfombra, que se acerquen y lo hagan.

Las señoras de la iglesia han donado ropa de todo tipo. Se puede ver en el sótano de la iglesia este viernes.

El martes por la noche se celebrará una cena de frijoles en el salón de la iglesia. A continuación, habrá música.

En el servicio de esta noche, el sermón será "¿Qué es el infierno?". Vengan temprano y escuchen el ensayo del coro.

Una monja se quejó una vez a la superiora, Santa Emily: "Algunas de estas jóvenes hermanas no parecen encajar muy bien en la vida del convento. Creo que deberíamos pedirles que se marcharan". Santa Emily respondió: "Quizás no hacen mucho bien, pero al menos las mantenemos alejadas de la calle y de las travesuras".

—Padre John Alderson, OFM

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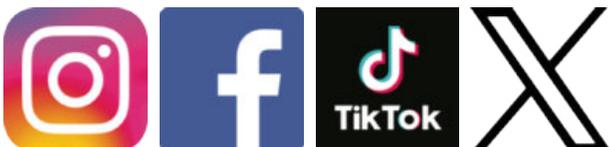
**WEDDINGS**

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.

**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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## 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)

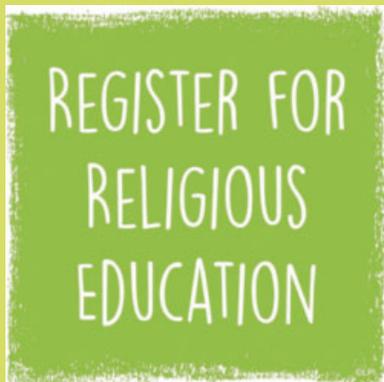
### MASSES ONLINE AT:

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

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



## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30



## CONFESSION AND ADORATION

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

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

During Adoration, please maintain a reverent silence.



This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in loving memory of **Thomas "Tommy" Vigorito** from Phyllis Primavera.



This week, the Altar Flowers have been donated in memory of **Grace Sciarra** from her loving family.

On the Road Again! Fr. John Aherne will be in Albuquerque, NM for a week representing the friars of St. Mary's at the solemn profession and presbyteral ordination of some of the brothers of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. Many of you may remember Br. Rick who was with us for a summer two years ago. He'll be among the brothers making their solemn profession (life-long commitment) to the friars this weekend. Please keep him and all the friars in your prayers.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 29th (Daily Mass 8am) and Monday, September 1st (Daily Mass 9am).



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



<b>Saturday August 23</b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Mary Louise Renga † Thomas "Tommy" Vigorito † Nancy Ann Kamm † Charles Garske † Joseph Gaita
7:00 p.m.	† Thomas Vigorito † Ralph Vigorito (2nd Ann.)
<b>Sunday August 24</b>	
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
<b>Monday August 25</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Christian martyrs in the Congo Wedding anniversary of Joseph & Barbara Catania
<b>Tuesday August 26</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Georgine, Irene and Joe Calderone
<b>Wednesday August 27</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Margaret Kellner-Collins † Clinton Moffatt (4th Ann.)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday August 28</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† James Nolan † Daniel Fean † Britnay Amanda Sosa (heavenly birthday)
<b>Friday August 29</b>	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday August 30</b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Charles Mayer † Leo Cullen, Sr. † Josephine & Charlie Miello † Thomas Vigorito † Angela & Angela R. Huertas
7:00 p.m.	† Loretta Viola Silversey † Rose & Bill Craig † Thomas "Tommy" Vigorito † Rolando Sunga
<b>Sunday August 31</b>	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	† Maria Madera DeCastillo
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Grace Sciarra
10:30 a.m.	† Matthew Stamler Sr. † Thomas "Tim" Lacey † Zoila DeOrbe † Elaine Carol LaSala L Joy Wechter L John Donnelly L Linda Bedell Kwaitkowski
12:00 p.m.	† Catherine Flood † Claire Monteleone † Thomas Kelly, Sr.

**...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED**  
Margaret Szwed, Carol Gough DaSilva, Marge Thielke,  
Maureen Debonta, Patricia Anderson

**...THOSE WHO ARE SICK**  
Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, Bernice Weinheimer, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Valentina Ionta, Lynn Hutman, Keith Robertson, Paras Banta, Doug Miller Jr., Cherina Fuentes, Priscilla Moffatt, Pat Brady, David Grish, Kathy Green, Connor Murphy, Thomas Earley, Susan Esposito, Owen Patrick Brophy

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.



**Diane**



**Toma**



**Zach**



**Kristine**



**Greg**



**Mark**



**Joanne**



**Dino**



**Katie**

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



**Carmela Antonia Waldron**



**Madison Leia Brooks**



**Olivia Porco**



**Maxine Ann Spano**



**Carter Daniel Sinclair**



**Kenneth Chad Gwynn**



Some of our Youth Ministry students and two volunteers spent a week at Nazareth Farms in West Virginia. The focus of the trip was time in prayer, community and friendship, and service to the poor. God bless them for their great work!



We certainly celebrated our Parish BBQ with **JOY** last weekend! There was laughter, dancing, music, games, and delicious food. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a great success, especially Keith Orotosky, Milagros Anto, Kathleen Leary, and our Knights of Columbus!



**Income:**

Income from all sources including offertory and other donations for July:	\$174,667
Building and Maintenance fund collected for July:	\$8,492
Total:	\$183,159



**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 145,450.

Building and maintenance expenses on average per month are: \$44,692

July 2025 Building and Maintenance general expenses

- Utilities for all buildings: \$8,546
- Repairs to Parish Office building: \$3,300
- Repairs to AC units: \$8,469
- Gutter repairs in school and Parish Office buildings: \$10,100

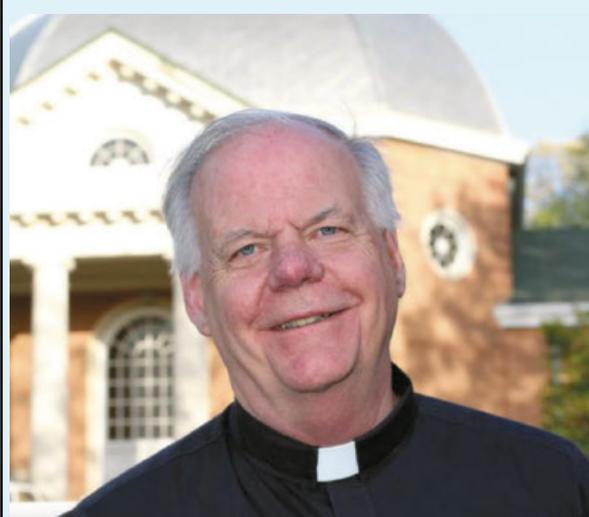
July 2025 Building and Maintenance specific expenses

- Surge protector for church AC: \$550
- Parish Office lighting upgrade to LED: \$1,900
- Parking lot lighting upgrade to LED: \$2,700
- Lift rental (for church roof, gutter and lighting access): \$3,500

**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.

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.



This 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.

## FOOD PANTRY

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

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

The Fall Semester begins the week of September 21st .  
Please register ASAP! Classes are filling up!

### OUR PROGRAM

The FALL SEMESTER runs September through December and includes grades 3, 4, 6, 8 and Phase 2 of Confirmation preparation.

The SPRING SEMESTER runs January to April and includes grades 1, 2, 7 and Phase 1 of Confirmation preparation.  
Grade 5 is a one-week program during the summer.

There is a need for catechists for 1st, 2nd and 6th grade teachers. Catechists teach and mentor the spiritual growth of our children and youth, helping them to deepen their relationship with Jesus and the church. These roles are vital in nurturing faith within the parish and the wider community.

If interested or have questions, please feel free to contact Toni Wong (grades 1-5) or Cathy Feld (grades 6-10).



# 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!



## FALL BIBLE STUDY



St. Mary's is offering a six-session Bible study on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans that will meet on Tuesdays, Sept. 16th to Oct. 21st. It is entitled Romans: Amazing Grace.

There will be a morning section (10:00-11:30 AM) and an evening section (7:00-8:30 PM) of the course. All classes will meet in the Banta Room in the Carnevale Center with one exception. The class on September 30th in the evening will meet in the Conference Room inside the school building.

The cost for the course is \$30 and includes a booklet that can be picked up at the Parish Office during regular hours.

The course will be limited to 32 participants, so register early!

You can register by calling or visiting the Parish Office or scanning the QR code.

<https://stmarys-pompton.org/biblestudy>



**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](mailto:kniemann@stmarys-pompton.org) or 973-590-6856.

The Jets and Giants Raffle drawing took place August 7th and the winners were **Bob Zelinsky** for the Giants and **Pina Barry** for the Jets. Thank you for your generosity! We were able to raise over \$18,900 which will benefit St. Mary's various Outreach Ministries.

**Saint Mary's**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY  
**Music Together!**  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>



**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**



**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](mailto:dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org)

**20th Anniversary**  
**POMPTON DAY**

Since St. Mary's is an important part of the Pompton Lakes Community, we thought it only fitting that we would have a presence at Pompton Day and spread the great news about our Parish.

We're looking for a volunteer or two to sign up for a shift to man the booth with Fr. John Aherne. Families welcome!

Pompton Day is Sunday, August 31st from 11am - 5pm.

Please visit our website or scan the code if you can help!





**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*



**ST. HUBERT'S CHAPEL**

We'll have a tour and some time for prayer in this beautiful space! Then some light snacks back on land where you're welcome to stay and linger if it's a nice day.

**Sunday  
September 7  
2-5pm**

PLEASE EMAIL  
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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](mailto:mklach60@gmail.com).

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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.

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English as a Learned Language (ELL) classes are being offered at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Pompton Lakes. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm beginning on September 16. Three levels of instruction are available. Level 1 "Introduction to English" for those with very little knowledge and use of English. Emphasis is on simple sentences and vocabulary recognition and use. Level 2, "Intermediate Class" for those with a speaking knowledge of the language, and Level 3, "Advanced Class" for those who are comfortable reading, writing and speaking English. St. Mary's has offered these classes for speakers of all languages for over 25 years, and many have gained financially and socially from their hard work and regular attendance. If interested, please register in the Carnevale Center on Lenox Ave on Tuesday, September 9, from 7-8 pm. We look forward to seeing and serving you.

Se ofrecen clases de inglés como lengua aprendida (ELL) en la Iglesia Católica Romana de St. Mary en Pompton Lakes. Las clases se llevarán a cabo los martes y miércoles por la noche de 6 a 7 pm a partir del 16 de septiembre. Hay tres niveles de instrucción disponibles. Nivel 1 "Introducción al inglés" para aquellos con muy poco conocimiento y uso del inglés. Se hace hincapié en oraciones simples y en el reconocimiento y uso de vocabulario. Nivel 2, "Clase Intermedia" para aquellos con conocimiento oral del idioma, y Nivel 3, "Clase Avanzada" para aquellos que se sienten cómodos leyendo, escribiendo y hablando inglés. St. Mary's ha ofrecido estas clases para hablantes de todos los idiomas durante más de 25 años, y muchos se han beneficiado financiera y socialmente de su arduo trabajo y asistencia regular. Si está interesado, regístrese en el Carnevale Center en Lenox Ave el martes 9 de septiembre de 7 a 8 p.m. Esperamos verlo y servirle.

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## Looking to make a connection?

At Alpha, we share a meal and connect with our St. Mary's family.

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## Who is invited?

At Alpha, everyone is welcome: young adults, adults, married, single, divorced, anyone 18 or older. Skeptics, lifelong Catholics or people just trying to find their way!

## What will Alpha be like?

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meal, followed by a short episode on faith. You can share your thoughts and hear from others. The conversation will conclude at 8:00 p.m.

## When does Alpha Start ?

Alpha will meet on Thursdays beginning September 11th and continue for 11 weeks.

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

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Questions?

Contact Dorothy Limey  
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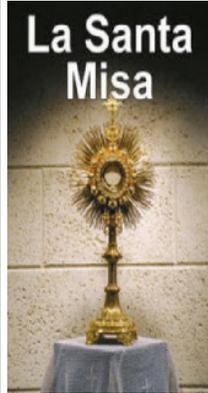
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# ANUNCIOS

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 18 de septiembre 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 inglés 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 unirse a la organización de esta festividad comuníquese con Yolanda Piscoya y Leydi Argandoña.

### Lecturas Bíblicas – XXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C - (24 de agosto de 2025)

<b>Primera Lectura:</b>	Isaías 66, 18-21
<b>Salmo Responsorial:</b>	Salmo 116, 1. 2
<b>Segunda Lectura:</b>	Hebreos 12, 5-7. 11-13
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Nuestra Señora María Reina ocupa un lugar muy especial en el calendario litúrgico, celebrándose cada 22 de agosto. Esta fiesta fue instituida por el Papa Pío XII en 1954, reconociendo que María, por ser Madre de Jesucristo, Rey del universo, ha sido elevada como Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra. La Iglesia la reconoce como Reina no solo por su maternidad divina, sino también por su singular participación en la obra redentora de su Hijo y por la plenitud de virtudes que la adornan. Esta memoria se ubica justo después de la Asunción, para resaltar cómo el gozo de la subida de María a los cielos

culmina con su coronación y reinado glorioso junto a Cristo. Esta festividad nos enseña que el reinado de María no es de poder humano ni de distancias, sino de cercanía, ternura y servicio. María Reina intercede maternalmente por cada uno de nosotros, sosteniéndonos en las pruebas y presentando nuestras necesidades a su Hijo Jesús. Su corona es símbolo de amor y misericordia: María es la Reina que no se aleja de su pueblo, sino que lo abraza en sus sufrimientos y esperanzas, permaneciendo siempre cercana como Madre real y concreta. Para nuestra parroquia de Santa María, esta fiesta es una oportunidad para profundizar en la dimensión comunitaria del cristianismo. María Reina es modelo de humildad y entrega, de comunión y fortaleza en la fe. Ella nos invita, como comunidad, a dejarnos conducir por el Espíritu a la unidad y fraternidad, sirviendo a los demás desde la sencillez y la generosidad. La imagen de María coronada de estrellas, en el centro del Pueblo de Dios, nos muestra que también estamos llamados a ser luz para la sociedad y a colaborar en la misión de llevar a Cristo.

Celebrar a Nuestra Señora María Reina es renovar nuestro compromiso con la parroquia, reconociendo su guía maternal e intercesión constant. Participar en esta festividad ayuda a unir a todos los ministerios, familias y grupos de nuestra comunidad bajo el manto de María. Nos impulsa a confiar en su protección y a construir una Iglesia viva, donde se vive el Evangelio con alegría y entrega, seguros de que, siguiendo a Nuestra Reina, llegaremos juntos al encuentro gozoso con su Hijo en el Reino de los cielos.

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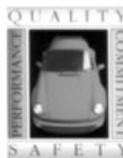
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