



# SAINT MARY'S

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

- Lk 14:13-14

## 22<sup>o</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Al contrario, cuando des un banquete, invita a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los cojos y a los ciegos; y así serás dichoso, porque ellos no tiene con qué pagarte; pero ya se te pagará, cuando resuciten los justos".

- Lc 14, 13-14

**August 31, 2025**

# FRIAR'S DESK

One of our long-term parishioners was recently diagnosed with dementia. This was a frightening and scary moment not only for her, but for her whole family.

Inspired by a homily they heard on the virtue of "Acceptance," the son and daughter wrote these prayers to help their mother through this difficult disease. I think they are prayers we can all pray together when things in our lives become difficult.

## Prayer for Acceptance

My dearest God, please lead me in faith through my life as it is today. My days are fearful and frightening. Help me to accept the day that comes, not knowing what the day may bring.

Please help me let go of living in the certainty of my earlier life. I loved my routines and the feelings of control I had. Lord, grant me grace to love the mystery of faith.

Living in the mystery of faith is hard. I understand you are asking me to take off on an adventure not knowing where it will lead. Help me walk with You. I prayerfully ask to accept what You are asking me to do. You have surrounded me with people who love and care for me. Please continue to bless them and guide them to do your work. Please help me to follow their advice and decisions.

I trust You, Lord. Please allow me to more graciously receive Your gift of old age. I pray to hear You, to walk with You, and to transcend the pain and disappointments of aging so I may celebrate all the joys still here on earth. Then, with a grateful heart, I will be ready to receive the boundless joys of heaven with You when my time here is done.

I will "Let go" and accept the risk of not knowing. I will let God direct me to where to go.

Amen.

## Pray for Acceptance

O Gracious Virgin Mary, I ask for your help.

My body does not work as it once did. Sometimes thoughts fail me. While I've spent my life preparing for you, I am scared.

I'm scared to leave the certainty of my days, my family, and my prayerful devotion to God the Almighty Father.

Yes, you see and hear me daily. You know I live the power of prayer completely in my heart.

In sadness I prayed for happiness. In injury, a speedy recovery. I always prayed to fix whatever was wrong. And so, set in my ways, I beg for a new way to pray.

Not for healing. Not for restored memory. Not to "be fixed." BUT FOR ACCEPTANCE.

- To ACCEPT today's gift of life.
- To ACCEPT the uncertainty ahead.
- To ACCEPT MYSELF, with all the faults in my head and body.
- To ACCEPT my children's help as they accepted my help.

Lord, I pray that one day, I will sit in heaven with You and the friends and family I miss so much. But not on my timetable, Lord. On Yours.

Today, I pray for acceptance and grace. I'm scared to leave everything I've ever known. Quiet my mind and, when I falter, remind me I am Your Servant, soon to rejoin You where I belong. And that's not so scary, is it.

Thank you for my bountiful blessings, Lord. Keep me in Your love.

—Father John Aherne, OFM

A una de nuestras feligresas más antiguas le han diagnosticado recientemente demencia. Ha sido un momento aterrador y angustiante, no solo para ella, sino para toda su familia.

Inspirados por una homilía que escucharon sobre la virtud de la "aceptación", el hijo y la hija escribieron estas oraciones para ayudar a su madre a superar esta difícil enfermedad. Creo que son oraciones que todos rezamos juntos cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles en nuestras vidas.

## Oración por la aceptación

Dios mío, por favor, guíame en la fe a lo largo de mi vida tal y como es hoy. Mis días son temibles y aterradores. Ayúdame a aceptar el día que viene, sin saber lo que me deparará.

Por favor, ayúdame a dejar de vivir con la certeza de mi vida anterior. Me encantaban mis rutinas y la sensación de control que tenía. Señor, concédeme la gracia de amar el misterio de la fe.

Vivir en el misterio de la fe es difícil. Entiendo que me estás pidiendo que me embarque en una aventura sin saber adónde me llevará. Ayúdame a caminar contigo. Te pido con devoción que me ayudes a aceptar lo que me pides. Me has rodeado de personas que me aman y se preocupan por mí. Por favor, sigue bendiciéndolas y guiándolas para que hagan tu obra. Ayúdame a seguir sus consejos y decisiones.

Confío en ti, Señor. Por favor, permíteme recibir con más gratitud tu regalo de la vejez. Rezo para escucharte, para caminar contigo y para trascender el dolor y las decepciones del envejecimiento, para poder celebrar todas las alegrías que aún quedan aquí en la tierra. Entonces, con un corazón agradecido, estaré listo para recibir las alegrías infinitas del cielo contigo cuando mi tiempo aquí haya terminado.

"Dejaré ir" y aceptaré el riesgo de no saber. Dejaré que Dios me guíe hacia donde debo ir.

Amén.

## Reza por la aceptación

Oh, Virgen María, te pido tu ayuda.

Mi cuerpo ya no funciona como antes. A veces me fallan los pensamientos. Aunque he pasado mi vida preparándome para ti, tengo miedo.

Tengo miedo de dejar la certeza de mis días, mi familia y mi devoción en la oración a Dios, el Padre Todopoderoso.

Sí, tú me ves y me oyes todos los días. Tú sabes que vivo el poder de la oración completamente en mi corazón.

En la tristeza, recé por la felicidad. En la enfermedad, por una rápida recuperación. Siempre recé para que se arreglara lo que estuviera mal. Y así, acostumbrado a mis costumbres, suplico una nueva forma de rezar.

No por la curación. No por recuperar la memoria. No para "ser arreglado". SINO POR LA ACEPTACIÓN.

- Para ACEPTAR el regalo de la vida de hoy.
- Para ACEPTAR la incertidumbre que me espera.
- Para ACEPTARME A MÍ MISMA, con todos los defectos de mi mente y mi cuerpo.
- Para ACEPTAR la ayuda de mis hijos, tal y como ellos aceptaron la mía.

Señor, rezo para que algún día pueda sentarme en el cielo contigo y con los amigos y familiares que tanto echo de menos. Pero no según mi calendario, Señor. Según el tuyo.

Hoy rezo por la aceptación y la gracia. Tengo miedo de dejar todo lo que he conocido. Calma mi mente y, cuando vacile, recuérdame que soy tu siervo y que pronto volveré a reunirme contigo, donde pertenezco. Y eso no da tanto miedo, ¿verdad?

Gracias por tus abundantes bendiciones, Señor. Manténme en tu amor.

—Padres John Aherne, OFM

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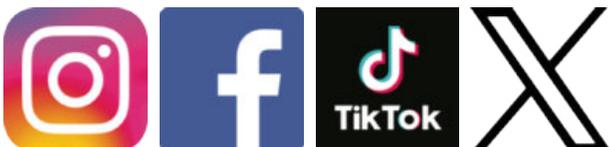
**WEDDINGS**

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**

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**FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**



**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO**

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

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

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

Thank you!

**Calendar of Events**

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

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



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## MASS SCHEDULE

### **SATURDAY**

9:00 AM—Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Prayer Room)

Vigil Masses:

5:00 PM—English

7:00 PM—English

### **SUNDAY**

7:30 AM—English

8:45 AM—Español (livestreamed)

9:00 AM—English (Carnevale Center)

10:30 AM—English (livestreamed)

12:00 PM—English

### **WEEKDAYS**

8:00 AM—Monday-Friday in English (livestreamed)

7:00 PM—Wednesday en Español (livestreamed)

### **MASSES ONLINE AT:**

[www.stmarys-pompton.org](http://www.stmarys-pompton.org)

[www.facebook.com/smcpompton](https://www.facebook.com/smcpompton)

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

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5



## 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 **Paul Oesterle** from Mr. and Mrs. Gianino.

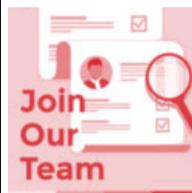
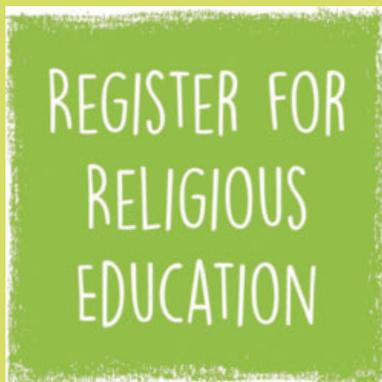


This week, the Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of **Catherine Flood**.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day. Daily Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

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



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

**Director:** includes record keeping, organizing and overseeing bakers and volunteers, completing orders.

Hours are Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Marie Cioletti at [mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org) or 973-289-9613.



# MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living



## ...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

Anna B. Lucyk, Arthur Cetrulo

## ...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, John Donnelly, Linda Bedell Kwaitkowski, Jama Rothschild, Joy Wechter, John Comiso, Jim Shea Al Hottleman, Maria Gambese, Paul Occhiuzzo, Grace Lobbregt Bill Reul, Marcy Ryan

To add a loved one to this 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!**

<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 DelOrbe † Elaine Carol LaSala L Joy Wechter L John Donnelly L Linda Bedell Kwaitkowski
12:00 p.m.	† Catherine Flood † Claire Monteleone † Thomas Kelly, Sr.
<b>Monday September 1 DAILY MASS 9:00AM</b>	
9:00 a.m.	† Matthew Rosado
<b>Tuesday September 2</b>	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday September 3</b>	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday September 4</b>	
8:00 a.m.	† Maryann Morgan † Peter & Mary Barrett L Tony Gusmano (85th Birthday) L Annabell Nuguid (happy birthday)
<b>Friday September 5</b>	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday September 6</b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Lois A. Gazi † Luz Restrepo (3rd Ann.) † Kathleen Boyce
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday September 7</b>	
7:30 a.m.	† Kenny Carluccio (1 yr Ann.)
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	† People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	† Kathy Marshall † Fatima Fries (10th Ann.) † Innocenza Dattilo † Joseph Csencsits
12:00 p.m.	† Rita & Frank Destito † Maureen DeBonta † Katherine Davino

From the Parish Council



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...



**Patrick Benedict Iturralde**



**Ivy May Payne**



**Mila Grace Tress**



**Max Jeter Jordan**

**Matteo Isaac Ramirez-Leon  
Elena Itzel Ramirez-Leon  
Gracelyn Olivia Mejia Lozano  
Giulia Valentina Anarcaya  
Nahomi Victoria Anarcaya Castaneda**



**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
<u>July 2025 Building and Maintenance general expenses</u>	
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

<u>July 2025 Building and Maintenance specific expenses</u>	
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.



**OCIA**  
**(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Interested in becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church? Please join us for an Inquiry Session!

Who is it for? Any of the following:

- Persons who have never been baptized.
- Persons who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in becoming Catholic.
- Persons who were baptized as Catholics but who were not raised Catholic.
- Persons who have not yet been confirmed in the Catholic Faith.

OCIA is a process by which one receives an overview of what the Catholic Church believes and what our faith is all about. It gives each person the opportunity to choose to become a full member of the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please call the Parish Office or email Monica Coyle at [mccoyle@verizon.net](mailto:mccoyle@verizon.net).

Sunday, September 28th, after the 10:30 Mass in the Carnevale Center or Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Carnevale Center. The sessions are open to anyone who might be thinking about the Catholic Faith. Attending one is an opportunity to ask questions and learn, not a commitment.



**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>



# there's a seat for you at the table

everyone welcome

what do you think?

## Looking to make a connection?

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

## Curious about faith?

At Alpha, you can ask anything! It's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning.

## 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 video 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.



register here



Questions?

Contact Dorothy Limey  
973-835-0374 ex 158

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We are running another targeted Food Drive at all Masses on September 13th and 14th because our last one was so successful!

THANK YOU!

Your donations are appreciated by our Food Pantry patrons. If you can help, please see the item breakdown below.

- 5:00pm, 9/13: Large box of bagged snacks & pudding cups
- 7:00pm, 9/13: Instant coffee (regular & decaf) and 1 lb. sugar
- 7:30am, 9/14: Ketchup and mustard
- 8:45am, 9/14: Dish detergent and shampoo
- 9:00am, 9/14: Decaf coffee and 1 lb. bag of sugar
- 10:30am, 9/14: Vegetable oil and spices
- 12:00pm, 9/14: Progresso soups and ramen noodles

Volunteers will be available to collect your donations.

## FOOD PANTRY

### Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, September 20	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, September 24	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, September 27	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, October 1	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, October 18	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)

### 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.**



### St. Phoebe Day of Prayer and Reflection

When: September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Prayer Room in the School Building

St. Phoebe is recognized as the first woman deacon, although we know little about her life. We do know that she came from a very busy port area called Cenchreae, a popular stop for people traveling from Syria or Asia Minor. Although there has been a great amount of debate concerning what her actual duties as a deacon might have been, it is clear that St. Paul gave recognition to St. Phoebe, thanking her in public for her hospitality and for meeting the needs of the people in Cenchreae, and urging others to help her with her ministry as “a deaconess of the Church at Cenchreae.”

Join us for an hour-long celebration of readings, meditations, and faith-sharing as we come together to pray for women named and unnamed who, throughout time, have used the power and gifts God gave them to change the world.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The summer is winding down and the children are gearing up for the new school year. Families will be returning to their routines after the summer. Then there are schedules to be made including after school activities, sports, cheer and dance. Please remember when setting up the schedules to register your children for their religious education class.

Attending religious education will help your children to develop their faith, a set of values, moral judgement, and most of all, a connection with Christ in the context of our loving St. Mary's community.

Please register today using the QR code. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Toni Wong (grades 1-5) or Cathy Feld (grades 6-10).



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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!



Please join us for our first **Special Needs Sensory Mass** on September 28th at 3:00 p.m.

What is a Sensory Mass?

A sensory friendly mass offers the opportunity for those individuals with auditory and visual processing sensitivities to celebrate mass along with their families. The mass is shorter in length, church lighting is dimmer and music is softer providing a warm, inclusive environment for all.

Masses will continue monthly on the following dates:  
2025 - Oct. 26th, Nov. 23rd, Dec. 21st  
2026 - Jan. 25th, Feb. 22nd, Mar. 22nd, Apr. 19th, May 17th, Jun. 14th

## 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.



BUDDIES OF N.J. INC.

Calling all Cooks!

The **Meals With Love** ministry provides meals for people  
with compromised health including HIV/Aids living in a group  
home run by NJ Buddies. St Mary's has been participating on  
the 1st and 4th Tuesday of each month for several years. This  
is a simple ministry of making home cooked meals for seven  
men and delivering them to the home in Paramus.

A suggested menu is sent at the beginning of the month. You  
have the option of making that meal or cooking your own  
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[donnagioffre1@gmail.com](mailto:donnagioffre1@gmail.com) or 201-248-4909 if you would like  
to participate.

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Support is available to those living with HIV. A group meets  
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201-248-4909.

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

Questions? Contact Dorothy at 973-835-0374 ext. 158  
[dlimmey@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:dlimmey@stmarys-pompton.org)



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| Mezze rigatoni w/basil pesto             | Garlic knots w/marinara |
| Sausage, peppers & onions w/potatoes     |                         |
| Assorted breads, garden salad & desserts |                         |



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**BYOB if you prefer!**

Reserve your seat(s) now by emailing us at [kofc3801@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3801@gmail.com) or call/text Keith Ahearn at (201) 388-7346 or Bob Sudol at (973) 513-1954



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**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 1, 2025  
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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.



The St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity invites you to a showing of the movie "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" on Sunday, September 7th at 1:30 p.m. at St. Catherine of Bologna church's Gathering Area. The film portrays St. Francis's life, from his wealthy upbringing to his spiritual conversion, emphasizing his connection with nature and the poor.



**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](mailto:mklach60@gmail.com).

**GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 2000, 1975 or 1965? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3:00pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. The deadline to register is Friday, October 17, 2025. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

**MISA DE ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS DE ORO Y PLATA**

¿Parejas, Ustedes se casaron en 1965, 1975 o 2000? Están cordialmente invitados a celebrar su 60+, 50 o 25 Aniversario de Bodas con la Diócesis de Paterson. El Obispo Sweeney será el celebrante principal de la misa en la Catedral San Juan Bautista en Paterson el Domingo, 16 de Noviembre de 2025, a las 3:00pm. Para más información, por favor llame a su oficina parroquial. Los formularios para registrarse estarán disponibles hasta el 17 de Octubre de 2025. La Oficina de Vida Familiar de la diócesis le enviara información una vez que su registración haya sido procesada. Muchas felicidades en este maravilloso acontecimiento.

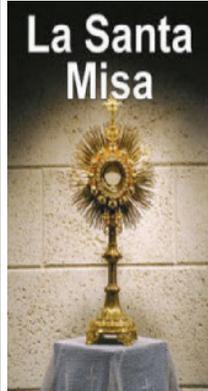
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### Visita de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" a tu hogar.

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 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 – XXII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C - (31 de agosto de 2025)

**Primera Lectura:** Eclesiástico (Sirácide) 3, 17-18. 20. 28-29

**Salmo Responsorial:** Salmo 67, 4-5ac. 6-7ab. 10-11

**Segunda Lectura:** Hebreos 12, 18-19. 22-24a

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### Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

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

# LABOR DAY DÍA DEL TRABAJO

El Día del Trabajo es una fecha fundamental para reconocer y honrar el esfuerzo de todas las personas que, con su labor diaria, contribuyen al desarrollo de nuestra sociedad. En la Iglesia de Santa María en Pompton Lakes, la comunidad inmigrante hispana y todos los fieles que aquí se congregan forman el corazón trabajador de nuestra parroquia. Desde los primeros rayos de la mañana hasta el cierre de los días, muchos de nuestros miembros dedican su energía y creatividad en diversos oficios y profesiones, aportando no

solo al bienestar de sus familias, sino también al crecimiento y vitalidad de nuestra comunidad parroquial. El trabajo, según las enseñanzas de Jesús, dignifica a la persona humana. Nuestro Señor, conocido como “el carpintero”, nos muestra que el trabajo no es únicamente un medio de sustento, sino una manera de colaborar con Dios en la obra de la creación. La Iglesia enseña que toda labor, sin importar su naturaleza, posee una dignidad intrínseca porque refleja la imagen y semejanza de Dios en el ser humano. Trabajar es participar en el plan de Dios, desarrollar nuestros talentos y contribuir activamente al bien común. Así lo recuerda el Papa Francisco: “El trabajo es fundamental para la dignidad de la persona... nos unge de dignidad y nos hace semejantes a Dios que trabaja y actúa siempre”. La resiliencia y el espíritu emprendedor caracterizan especialmente a la comunidad inmigrante hispana y a todos los que han superado desafíos para establecerse en este país. Esta capacidad de adaptarse, reinventarse y no rendirse ante la adversidad es fuente de inspiración para todos. Muchos inician negocios, asumen varios empleos y enfrentan retos con valentía, construyendo oportunidades para sus familias y generando nuevos caminos para quienes les rodean. Este espíritu no solo fortalece la economía local, sino que también enriquece la vida parroquial, aportando diversidad, energía y nuevas iniciativas a los ministerios y eventos de la iglesia. En la Parroquia de Santa María, celebramos no solo el trabajo en sí, sino el valor y la dignidad de cada persona trabajadora. Gracias al esfuerzo conjunto de familias inmigrantes, feligreses de distintas generaciones y todo aquel que se involucra, nuestra iglesia se convierte en un espacio de encuentro, solidaridad y esperanza. Labor Day nos invita, entonces, a dar gracias a Dios por el don del trabajo, a valorar a cada trabajador y a comprometernos en la construcción de una comunidad auténticamente fraterna, donde todos, al estilo de Jesús y siguiendo su ejemplo, podamos contribuir al Reino de Dios aquí en Pompton Lakes.

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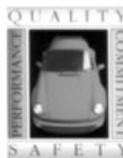
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