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September 7, 2025

PATRIOT DAY

We will never forget



SEPTEMBER 11

FRIAR'S DESK

The Value of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Before the latter part of the twentieth century, most Catholics did not read the Bible. Few Catholic homes had a copy of the Sacred Scriptures. A religious text that was much more common for Catholics to have and read was a catechism. In the United States, the Baltimore Catechism was the standard textbook for Catholic school children from 1885 until the late 1960s. Vatican Council II in the 1960s inspired many changes in the Catholic Church. One change that started slowly after that Council but gained momentum was that Catholics began to read, study, and pray with the Bible. By the beginning of the twenty-first century, it became a common occurrence for Catholic homes to have one or more Bibles. However, one thing that became scarce in Catholic homes was a catechism.

What is a catechism? A catechism is a manual of the teachings of the Church. The first book in the western world considered a catechism was created by Martin Luther at the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Soon afterwards Catholic catechisms began to appear in Europe. Although there have been many catechisms over the last five centuries, only two have been promulgated by the pope for the sake of instructing the entire Church: The Roman Catechism, published in 1566 (also known as The Catechism of the Council of Trent) and The Catechism of the Catholic Church, published in 1992. Many other Catholic catechisms, including the Baltimore version, were produced by bishops and priests for more regional audiences.

What is the value of having and reading The Catechism of the Catholic Church? It contains a vast treasure chest of the Church's teachings presented in an orderly and understandable way. It is an excellent resource for both catechists who teach Catholic religious education and those who simply want to better educate themselves on Church teaching. It's based on Sacred Scripture, the Church's living Tradition, the Magisterium, the Church's Fathers, Doctors, and saints (C.C. Apostolic Constitution). It is structured in four parts: (1) Profession of Faith – the basic beliefs Catholics hold, (2) celebration of the Christian mystery, especially in the sacraments, (3) Life in Christ, including the Ten Commandments, and (4) Christian Prayer.

Speaking for myself, I can say that engaging this work over the years has deepened my understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith, been a source of spiritual inspiration, and helped me in my relationship with God. Along with a good Catholic edition of the Bible and a copy of The Lives of the Saints, I believe the Catechism of the Catholic Church should be a part of every Catholic individual's spiritual tool kit.

—Father John Coughlin, OFM

El valor del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica

Antes de la última parte del siglo XX, la mayoría de los católicos no leían la Biblia. Pocos hogares católicos tenían un ejemplar de las Sagradas Escrituras. Un texto religioso mucho más común entre los católicos era el catecismo. En Estados Unidos, el Catecismo de Baltimore fue el libro de texto estándar para los niños de las escuelas católicas desde 1885 hasta finales de la década de 1960. El Concilio Vaticano II, celebrado en la década de 1960, inspiró muchos cambios en la Iglesia católica. Uno de los cambios que comenzó lentamente después de ese concilio, pero que cobró impulso, fue que los católicos empezaron a leer, estudiar y rezar con la Biblia. A principios del siglo XXI, era habitual que los hogares católicos tuvieran una o más Biblias. Sin embargo, algo que escaseaba en los hogares católicos era el catecismo.

¿Qué es un catecismo? Un catecismo es un manual de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. El primer libro del mundo occidental considerado un catecismo fue creado por Martín Lutero al comienzo de la Reforma protestante. Poco después comenzaron a aparecer catechismos católicos en Europa. Aunque ha habido muchos catechismos a lo largo de los últimos cinco siglos, solo dos han sido promulgados por el Papa con el fin de instruir a toda la Iglesia: el Catecismo Romano, publicado en 1566 (también conocido como el Catecismo del Concilio de Trento) y el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, publicado en 1992. Muchos otros catechismos católicos, incluida la versión de Baltimore, fueron elaborados por obispos y sacerdotes para un público más regional.

¿Cuál es el valor de tener y leer el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica? Contiene un vasto tesoro de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia presentadas de forma ordenada y comprensible. Es un recurso excelente tanto para los catequistas que imparten educación religiosa católica como para aquellos que simplemente desean formarse mejor en las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Se basa en la Sagrada Escritura, la Tradición viva de la Iglesia, el Magisterio, los Padres, Doctores y santos de la Iglesia (C.C. Constitución Apostólica). Está estructurado en cuatro partes: (1) Profesión de fe: las creencias básicas de los católicos, (2) celebración del misterio cristiano, especialmente en los sacramentos, (3) Vida en Cristo, incluidos los Diez Mandamientos, y (4) Oración cristiana.

Por mi parte, puedo afirmar que dedicarme a esta obra a lo largo de los años profundizó mi comprensión y aprecio por la fe católica, fue una fuente de inspiración espiritual y fortaleció mi relación con Dios. Junto con una buena edición católica de la Biblia y un ejemplar de Las vidas de los santos, creo que el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica debe integrar las herramientas espirituales de todo católico.

—Padre John Coughlin, OFM

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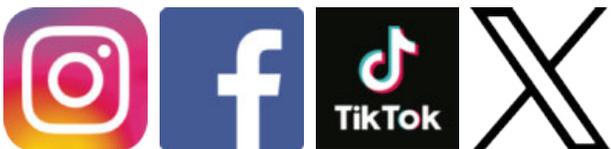
WEDDINGS

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 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: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49



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 **Margaret and Irwin Reinhart** with love from Patricia.



CCD Registration for next year is open!

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

REGISTER FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION



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 or 973-289-9613.



MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living



...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

Fr. Rafael Ciro, Providence Torres

...THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, Bernice Weinheimer, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Valentina Ionta, Lynn Hutman, Doug Miller Jr., 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, Maria Gambatese

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!

Saturday	September 6
5:00 p.m.	† Lois A. Gazi † Luz Restrepo (3rd Ann.) † Kathleen Boyce
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	September 7
7:30 a.m.	† Kenny Carluccio (1st 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 † Linda K. Monti
12:00 p.m.	† Rita & Frank Destito † Maureen DeBonta † Katherine Davino † Antonio Rivarola
Monday	September 8
8:00 a.m.	† George & Catherine Conroy † Lee & Lou Marotta
Tuesday	September 9
8:00 a.m.	† Joseph Pascale † Albert Ferrara, Jr. (1st Ann.)
Wednesday	September 10
8:00 a.m.	† John Defalco † Mildred Ritz (1st Ann.) † Katie & Rocky DeRose † Anthony & Rose Sciarra
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday	September 11
8:00 a.m.	† Kevin Naudts (2nd Ann.) † Damiana Veloso (Ann.)
Friday	September 12
8:00 a.m.	† Anne Marie Michaels
Saturday	September 13
5:00 p.m.	† George Graf † Jim Fagan (32nd Ann.) † Kathleen Rowan † Diane Lovoti
7:00 p.m.	† Joan & Vincent Phalon † Walter Winrow † Joseph Leon † Ron Kelemen
Sunday	September 14
7:30 a.m.	† Elisa Sudol † Millie Bruno † Michael Reformat (heavenly birthday)
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	† People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	† Minerva Spada Fora & James Russell † Maureen Ann Kimak † Paul Oesterle † James William Kurpick † Janice Calia
12:00 p.m.	† Paul Oesterle



There are two opportunities coming up to remember and honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Franciscan friars and parishioners of several New Jersey churches will gather for a memorial prayer service at Br. Mychal's Judge's grave on September 11th at 1 p.m. on the Union Boulevard side of Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, 52 Totowa Road in Totowa. All are welcome to take part in the memorial for Br. Mychal and all who died in the attacks, and to pray for their families and friends.



The Borough of Pompton Lakes is also hosting their annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Municipal Building, 25 Lenox Avenue.

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



Lucia Graziella Russo



Emersyn Grace Saksa

Fr. John Aherne was happy to be present at a wonderful celebration in Albuquerque, NM recently as five brothers of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province made solemn profession (vowed to be Franciscan Friars for life), and three others were ordained to the ministerial priesthood. May God bless these brothers, and may more men answer the Lord's call to become a Franciscan Friar. If you, or someone you love, might make a good Franciscan Friar, please reach out to Fr. John!



FRANCISCAN FRIARS
Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe



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.



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.

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>



Join a conversation ...

Explore faith together.

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

scan to register



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



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

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 11th 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.



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.



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.



4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FOR ST. MARY'S MINISTRIES

WHEN: Wednesday, October 1, 2025
WHERE: Black Bear Golf Club
138 Route 23 North
Franklin, NJ 07416

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: CHRIS ARTS
201-364-4224
CTARTS58@GMAIL.COM

7:30 - 8:45 AM:
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN
& BREAKFAST ON THE GO
9:00 AM:
SHOTGUN START
(SCRAMBLE FORMAT)
1:30 TO 3:30 PM:
CLUB DELI LUNCH BUFFET

SEPTEMBER 19TH
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
\$150 PER GOLFER
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SCAN TO REGISTER



Rain or Shine



Special Needs Sensory Mass

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

Help Wanted: Part Time Religious Education Assistant Monday-Friday, 3:00pm-5:30pm, September 2025-May 2026

St. Mary's Religious Education Department is seeking a reliable and organized high school student to join our team part-time.

Responsibilities include:

- Preparing classrooms and materials for Religious Education classes
- Setting up crafts and organizing supplies
- Assisting with filing
- Monitoring hallways during class sessions

Required qualifications:

- Ability to work independently and follow instructions
- Interest in faith-based service and working with children

To apply or learn more, please contact Toni Wong at 973-835-7750 ext. 102 or twong@stmarys-pompton.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



3rd and 4th Grade Religious Education classes start the week of September 29th and run through December 15th. All classes will be held in St. Mary's School.

3rd Grade: Monday or Wednesday 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Mandatory 3rd grade Parent Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd in the Carnevale Center, 10 Lenox Avenue at 7pm.

4th Grade: Tuesday or Thursday 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Mandatory 4th grade Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th in the Carnevale Center, 10 Lenox Avenue at 7pm.



6th and 8th Grade Religious Education classes start the week of September 21st and run through December 15th. Classes are held in the Youth Ministry Building, 17 Pompton Avenue.

Our Middle School Welcome Mass will be on Sunday, September 14th at 6pm for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and parents. This will be an outdoor Mass following the Family Tailgate event.

Mandatory Middle School New Parent Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30pm in the Carnevale Center, 10 Lenox Ave.



Confirmation Phase 2 classes start the week of September 21st and are held in the Youth Ministry Building at 17 Pompton Avenue.

Mandatory Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting will be on Sunday, September 14th in the Carnevale Center, 10 Lenox Avenue, at 7:00pm.

You can find your child's class schedule / calendar on the St. Mary's website: click on Ministries and then Children and Youth.

Watch your email, social media, and the St. Mary's Website for information about events and service projects for middle and high schoolers!



Launching our Special Needs Youth Ministry!

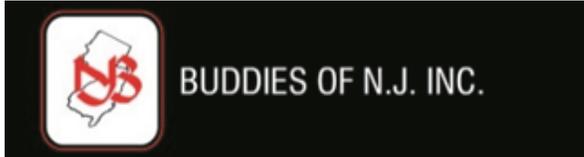
We are excited to announce the beginning of St. Mary's Special Needs Youth Ministry for youth between 14 and 20 years old.

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.



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 specialty. Please contact Donna Gioffre at 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 every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 in Hackensack. Please contact Donna Gioffre at [donnagioffre1@gmail.com](mailto:donnagioffre1@gmail.com) or 201-248-4909.

# Coffee with the choir

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September 10th at 6:00pm  
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Questions? Contact Dorothy at 973-835-0374 ext. 158  
[dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org)



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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!



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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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**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).

**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.

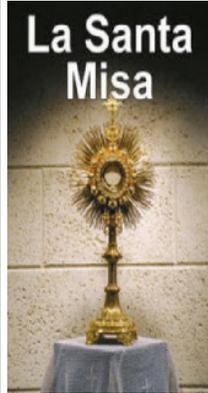
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### Visita de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" a tu hogar.

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:** Las clases para aprender inglés en todos los niveles básico, intermedio y avanzado empezarán el martes 16 de septiembre de 6 pm a 7pm en el centro Carnevale. Las inscripciones serán el 9 de septiembre en el mismo horario.

**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.

### Lecturas Bíblicas – XXIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C - (7 de septiembre de 2025)

**Primera Lectura:** Sabiduría 9, 13-19

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

**Segunda Lectura:** Filemón 9-10. 12-17

**+Evangelio:** Lucas 14, 25-33

### 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.

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8 DE SEPTIEMBRE

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llamado a la esperanza: recordar que, aunque atravesemos dificultades y noches espirituales, Dios nunca abandona a su pueblo. Vivir la Natividad de María es abrir el corazón a la certeza de que la vida nueva y la redención comienzan donde hay fe, humildad y confianza. Una de las grandes enseñanzas de esta fiesta para la vida comunitaria es la importancia de reconocer la misión que Dios confía a cada uno. María, desde su nacimiento, fue consagrada para una tarea única. Así, cada miembro de la comunidad parroquial está llamado a descubrir su vocación particular y poner sus talentos al servicio de todos. Imitar la entrega de María, su disponibilidad y espíritu de servicio, ayuda a crear una parroquia viva, donde todos son necesarios y se sienten parte de una misma familia de fe.

Finalmente, este día nos invita a la alegría y a la comunión fraterna. El nacimiento de María es motivo de felicidad para toda la Iglesia; nos recuerda que Dios prepara soluciones y bendiciones mucho antes de que las veamos manifestarse. Celebrar juntos, compartir la mesa, la oración y las responsabilidades parroquiales, es responder a la llamada de María a reunirnos en torno a Cristo. En cada grupo, ministerio y familia, su Natividad nos enseña que la santidad comienza en la sencillez del hogar y se expande con esperanza y amor desde el corazón de la comunidad parroquial.

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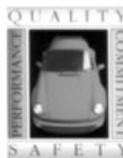
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