



SAINT MARY'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH | A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

November 2, 2025

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FRIAR'S DESK

HALLOWEEN

The word comes from “hallowed” and “een”. “Hallowed” means “holy” and “een” is the contraction of the word “evening”. It is called “holy” because it precedes All Saints Day.

This celebration dates back to the early days of the Church. And it was placed at the same time as the pagan celebration of Death. The pagans were terrified of death, and the Christians wanted to respond to them with their hope and joy at the prospect of a life without end, as promised by Jesus.

People wore ghoulish and scary costumes. Many dressed as skeletons to laugh at death and the fears of the pagans. And many were dressed as famous martyrs. St. Lawrence had a barbecue pit attached to his side. And the women carrying a pretend head in their arms reminded everyone of St. Agnes.

They also began the custom of “trick or treat”. If someone had died and you had not been very kind to them, you wanted to be sure they would not come back and haunt you. So, you left treats at your front door for them, and for all the children in the neighborhood.

We live in a pagan culture. We spend billions on cosmetics and plastic surgery to remain “forever young”. Wanting to look good is wonderful, but many think they can turn back the clock.

On Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day, we should pause to remember we are all part of God’s family here and in heaven. And we are a lot closer to our loved ones who have gone before us than we realize.

Halloween is a victory celebration. A time to celebrate life. A time to remember the final words of Jesus, “I am going on ahead of you so that I might prepare a place for you, so that where I am you also shall be.”

So, what are we afraid of anyway?

—Father John Alderson, OFM

HALLOWEEN

La palabra proviene de “hallowed” y “een”. “Hallowed” significa “santo” y “een” es la contracción de la palabra “evening” (tarde). Se le llama “santo” porque precede al Día de Todos los Santos.

Esta celebración se remonta a los primeros tiempos de la Iglesia. Y se situó en la misma fecha que la celebración pagana de la Muerte. Los paganos temían a la muerte, y los cristianos querían responderles con su esperanza y alegría ante la perspectiva de una vida sin fin, tal y como prometió Jesús.

La gente llevaba disfraces macabros y aterradores. Muchos se vestían de esqueletos para reírse de la muerte y de los temores de los paganos. Y muchos se vestían como mártires famosos. San Lorenzo llevaba una parrilla para barbacoa pegada al costado. Y las mujeres que llevaban una cabeza falsa en brazos recordaban a todos a Santa Inés.

También comenzaron la costumbre de “truco o trato”. Si alguien había fallecido y no habías sido muy amable con él, querías asegurarte de que no volviera para atormentarte. Por lo tanto, dejabas golosinas en la puerta de tu casa para ellos y para todos los niños del vecindario.

Vivimos en una cultura pagana. Gastamos miles de millones en cosméticos y cirugía plástica para permanecer «siempre jóvenes». Querer verse bien es maravilloso, pero muchos piensan que pueden retroceder el reloj.

En Halloween, el Día de Todos los Santos y el Día de los Difuntos, debemos hacer una pausa para recordar que todos somos parte de la familia de Dios aquí y en el cielo. Y estamos mucho más cerca de nuestros seres queridos que nos han precedido de lo que creemos.

Halloween es una celebración de victoria: un tiempo para celebrar la vida y recordar las palabras de Jesús: “Me voy a prepararles un lugar, para que donde yo esté, también estén ustedes”.

Entonces, ¿a qué le tenemos miedo?

—Father 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 six months to a year before your desired date.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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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



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 be held monthly on the following dates:

2025 - November 23rd, December 21st

2026 - January 25th, February 22nd, March 22nd,
April 19th, May 17th, June 14th

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15



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 Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of **Thomas McKenzie**.



This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in loving memory of **Jim Siniscalchi**.



HOLY BONES

Healthy treats for your dog!

Holy Bones provides a work experience program to individuals with developmental disabilities in making and packaging all natural dog bones and bits.

There are 3 flavors in 8 oz. bags: peanut butter, sweet potato and chicken. Price is \$8 per bag (two for \$15) for bones.

The bones and bits are on sale in the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—closed 12 to 12:30 for lunch) and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

Holy Bones now has an online store! We would appreciate your help in spreading this news to your friends and family. Orders can be placed on our website: www.holy-bones.org.

MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living



...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

Francis Stanek, Christine W. Hriczko

...THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Lynn Hutman, Thomas Earley, Susan Esposito, Owen Patrick Brophy, Kathy Green, Paula Tedesco Carreras, Michael Burck, Peggy Turpen, Linda Gomez, Ana Panzardi, Ed Dittman, John Donnelly, Linda Bedell Kwiatkowski, Jama Rothschild, Joy Wechter, Maria Gambatese, Jim Shea, Al Hottlemann, Bill Bold, Vinny Pirruccio, Michael Tabat, Veronica Piccone, Frank Tibbitts, David Grish.

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. Ciccarelli, Sgt. Justyn Shovlowsky, Captain Austin Canning, SSG Tiffany Thumann, TSSgt. Scott Miller, Capt. Krystal Thumann, Cpl F. S. Raza, Sean Flanagan, Capt. Matthew W. D'Amico, USMC Lt. 1st Thomas Seneski; Sgt. Anthony W. Gabriel; Brian Hansen, Sgt. Ashlee Quigle; Capt. Daniel M. Kearney, USMC; 2nd LT Emily Simone and Navy Lt. Ryan Hackett, Tracie Kasko, LT Vincent Bellomo, Staff Sergeant Andrew Murphy, Emmanuel Folleco, Sergeant Denise Gonzalez, Staff Sergeant Victoria Zimbaro.

IF THE STATUS OF SOMEONE ON THIS LIST HAS CHANGED, PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP. THANK YOU!

Saturday		November 1
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	
Sunday		November 2
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish	
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish	
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday		November 3
8:00 a.m.	† Matthew Rosado † Lenora Giardina † Pat Kaelin † Adele Carr	
Tuesday		November 4
8:00 a.m.	† Dolores Visto † Chris Walker † Rose Brancato † Ian Brunner	
Wednesday		November 5
8:00 a.m.	† Joseph Norton (10th Ann.)	
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish	
Thursday		November 6
8:00 a.m.	† Geraldine Sinisi † Dolores Visto	
Friday		November 7
8:00 a.m.	† George & Catherine Conroy † Vanessa Kernoski † Nicholas A. Solimine Jr. † Candelario Grueiro	
Saturday		November 8
5:00 p.m.	† Walter Winrow † Gene Casaleggio † Kathleen Rowan † Candelario Grueiro † Neil Pilaar (heavenly birthday)	
7:00 p.m.	† Andrew Pyryt (heavenly birthday) † Marilee Dwyer (1st Ann.)	
Sunday		November 9
7:30 a.m.	† Sarah O'Driscoll † Gerald Decker † Joseph Corradino † Tony DelMaestro	
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish	
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Robert Feldner † Maureen DeBonta † Roger Eckhart	
10:30 a.m.	† Kathy Marshall † Joseph Marsala (1st Ann.) † Mary Bedder (5th Ann.) † Rick Steele (5th Ann.) † Linda Novak	
12:00 p.m.	† Lucila Ignacio † James Geraghty	

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-prompton.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

ST. FRANCIS CELEBRATION AND OCTOBER MONTH OF SERVICE

It was while living with and serving the lepers and poor that St. Francis of Assisi saw the face of God most clearly. Since then, service is at the heart of what it means to be a Franciscan Community. To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi this year, we are encouraging everyone to participate in at least one act of service during the month of October. Below is a list of opportunities to serve along side fellow parishioners!

Find something that speaks to your heart, and in the humble Spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare, serve your neighbor or community. The Peace Prayer reminds us that "It is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." May we serve willingly, give generously, and receive with glad hearts the blessing of our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi!



Box of Joy: We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. Boxes can be picked up beginning October 1st in the Parish Office, after registration.

Market Street Mission: Join us on November 1st from 9-11:30 am. on the Morristown Green as we partner with Market Street Mission to distribute coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to those who are in need. Please register for this event; spots are limited. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

St. Francis Inn: Join us on November 8th as we travel to Philadelphia to work with the St. Francis Inn, feeding the unhoused and those who have food insecurities. This trip is open to those in high school and older. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register for this all-day event. The St. Francis Inn is a Franciscan, Eucharistic community called to minister with the poor and homeless of Philadelphia. Formed in the spirit of the Gospel and inspired by the life and compassion of Francis and Clare of Assisi, we try to meet the immediate daily needs of the people we serve with food, clothing, and hospitality. Our restaurant-style soup kitchen, open 365 days a year! Our mission is to not only feed the hungry, but also provide essential toiletry products and a safe place to receive mail. Volunteers typically help seat, serve, and bus a meal service. We may help with Meal preparation, or assist in Marie's closet, the clothing distribution center. We will be there to serve however we can for the day.

Please scan the QR code for more information and to register for applicable events!

FOOD PANTRY

Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, November 15	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, November 19	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, November 22	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, December 10	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, December 13	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, December 17	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, December 20	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)

Current needed items:

Broth (chicken and beef), spaghetti (not other pastas), pancake mix and syrup, decaf tea, Manwich, spices (not salt, pepper or garlic), toilet paper. **For Thanksgiving:** 10-13lb turkeys, turkey stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes. Turkeys can be brought to the Parish Office or to the Food Pantry during hours of distribution.

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.

During the month of November, the names of all the deceased who were written on our All Souls Day envelopes will be in this urn and remembered at all the Masses. The pictures of our departed loved ones will be featured in the windowsills around the church throughout November, the month when we remember the dead.



Christmas Cards

A beautiful way to celebrate the season by sharing the Joy of Christmas at St. Mary's!

Each set of 15 4x6 cards with envelopes is \$20.00.

The available keepsake cards shown below are photographs from Christmas 2023 taken by artist and parishioner Artie Bird...and look for our new 2025 card design available to purchase after November 15th!

Cards are available for purchase at the Parish Office.





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>



1. We're looking for volunteers to help us with our weekly "children's liturgy of the word" during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. During this Mass, we call the children out for 15 minutes to read an age-appropriate version of the Gospel and engage in a simple activity or lesson before bringing them back to their parents. Help get our young children excited about God by helping out as often as you are able. Volunteers will need to complete Protecting God's Children Program. Please call the office or email smc@stmarys-pompton.org.

2. **Grant writer.** If you are detailed-oriented, don't mind doing paperwork, and are willing to help St. Mary's secure some government funds to enhance the security of St. Mary's Parish, please reach out to Father John Aherne. There are many state and government grants available, but we need someone with the time and patience to do the leg work for us! Contact us at smc@stmarys-pompton.org.

3. **Holy Bones** is looking for volunteers to work with their bakers on Mondays and Thursdays. The hours are 9am to 1pm. If interested, please contact Marie Cioletti at mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org.

The Lost Angels Ministry of St. Mary's Church invites you, your family, and friends to a

Memorial Service

For all persons who have died from the disease of addiction

Please bring a framed picture of your loved ones to the service

Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church
17 Pompton Avenue
Pompton Lakes, NJ




Crew Neck

St. Mary's Sweatshirts are now available to order, just in time for chilly weather!

Adult and children's sizes available. Price is \$35. Scan the QR Code to order.



Full Zip

No children's sizes available in zip up



Hoodie

Hear Mass Better



Hearing Assistance Available



1. Join the WIFI Network
Church- St. Francis
Carnevale Center - St. Clare



2. Download the free ListenWiFi App to your phone and Launch the App



3. Listen on your smartphone Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, earbuds, or headphones



4. Audio Receivers and Headphones are available to borrow. Please see an Usher

New system made available by a grant from the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe

May God bless all the couples who were recently married at St. Mary's!



Jennifer Tamayo and Christian Bulacan



Brianna Davidson and Nick Duistran



Debra Leaver and Robert Hay



Dora Csogor and Trevor George



Stephanie O'Hare and Jan Chwiedosiuk



Nicole Palanca and Steven Santiago



Kayla Vitulano and Stephen Schram



Congratulations to **Kelli and Ryan Inglett** for having their marriage convalidated! If you've been legally married, and would like to celebrate the full sacrament of marriage and have your marriage formally recognized by the Church, please give one of the friars a call. We'd be happy to help!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The 3rd & 4th graders continue to work on their service projects in addition to their lessons. They are a very joyful and cooperative group of children this year! **Please see the photos below of their work.** They truly are engaged in following in the footsteps of Jesus. Reminder: no class the week Monday, November 3rd to Friday November 7th.

The Spring Semester runs from January 11th through March 25th for grades 1, 7 and Phase 1 of Confirmation preparation. Grade 2 classes end on April 16th.

Grade 1 is held on Mondays or Wednesdays from 4 to 5:15p.m. Grade 2 is held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4 to 5:15p.m. Grade 5 is a one-week program during the summer.

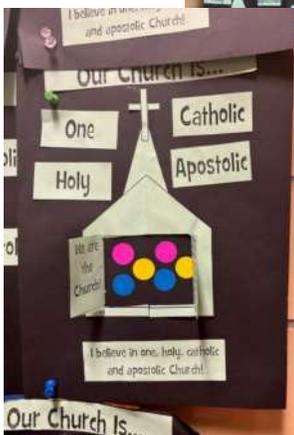
We will need teachers for 2nd grade and 9th grade. Lesson plans, supplies and guidance are provided to all volunteer teachers. Your child's tuition will be waived as well. Please contact Toni Wong ext. 102 for 2nd grade and Cathy Feld for 9th grade ext. 103 if interested.

Why teach?

- Sharing your faith is an honor.
- You become part of the most active division of our parish.
- A catechist is a role model.
- You will show your family you value Religious Education.
- It's what you are called to do.
- It's fun!

The celebration of El Señor de los Milagros, Lord of Miracles, is one of the most revered Catholic traditions in Peru. This devotion centers around a painting of the crucified Christ, dating back to the 17th century, which survived many fires and natural disasters.

Every October, thousands of faithful participants take part in the procession in honor of the Lord of Miracles, one of the largest in the world. The image, believed to be miraculous, has been a symbol of faith, hope, and unity for the Peruvian people over the centuries, despite the challenges and adversities the nation has faced. We were proud to celebrate this great tradition with our Peruvian community here!



Star-Royale (Rhino) Theatre and St. Mary's Church present

The one and only, now even better!

GOLDEN OLDIES LIVE!

LIVE BAND & POWERHOUSE cast

November 15 2025

Featuring Peter Lieberman and the Golden Oldies Band!

Dinner and show with Monica's Restaurant

Doors open at 6pm For dinner Show to Follow!

\$75 includes buffet dinner and LIVE SHOW!

From MOTOWN to CLASSIC ROCK 'n' ROLL to JUKEBOX BROADWAY HITS, LIKE MAMMA MIA, MOVING OUT, JERSEY BOYS AND MORE!

SCAN FOR TICKETS



SANT MARY'S
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Show presented at the Carnevale Center at St. Mary's
70 Lenox Ave, Pompton Lakes NJ

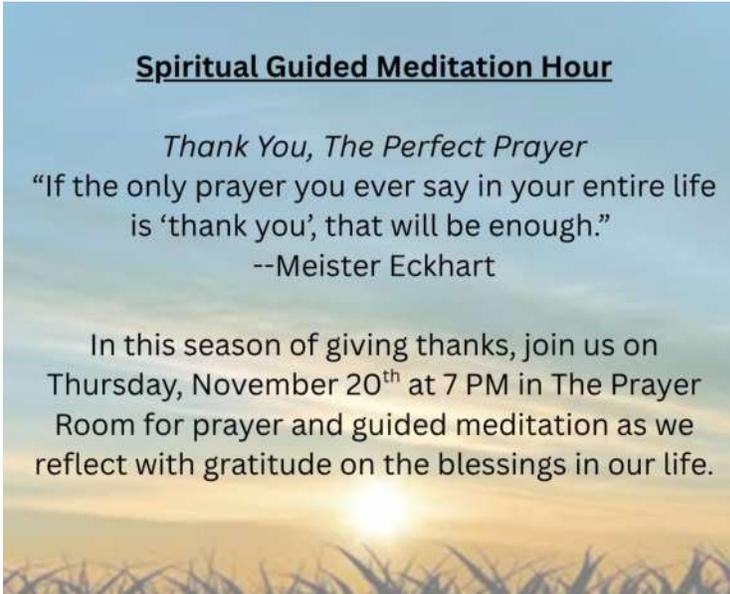
Spiritual Guided Meditation Hour

Thank You, The Perfect Prayer

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you', that will be enough."

--Meister Eckhart

In this season of giving thanks, join us on Thursday, November 20th at 7 PM in The Prayer Room for prayer and guided meditation as we reflect with gratitude on the blessings in our life.



A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Now through-11/20 from 7-8:30pm
In the Banta Room (Carnevale Ctr.)



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

Pre-registration is required. Participation is free through the sponsorship of Pathways and St. Mary's Parish.

Those interested may contact Pathways at 973-835-6337 or email info@pathwayscounseling.org.



Support Group for Caregivers of loved ones with Dementia

A monthly meeting is held in the Carnevale Center (room 203/204) for caregivers assisting loved ones with dementia.

Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7:15pm. Our next meeting dates are November 13th and December 11th.

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



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church?

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 mgcoyle@verizon.net.




Proceeds to Benefit K of C Charitable Causes & St. Mary's Parish Ministries

Calendar Raffle

\$3,000 in Prizes

36 Chances to WIN!

\$10.00 Donation

Tickets on sale after the following weekend Masses
November 8th/9th...15th/16th

Last chance to purchase tickets!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
MUSICAL PAGEANT
 Open to All Children in grades PreK-5



Rehearsals start on November 14th
 4pm in the church

The children will perform the pageant on
 Christmas Eve at 2pm in the church followed by
 Christmas Eve Mass

For more information and to Sign up




STARTING
 DECEMBER 3RD

MUSIC TOGETHER
2 week Holiday Jam session

AGES BIRTH-5
 AND A
 CAREGIVER



Wednesday 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 4:30
 Saturday 9:30, 10:30

SCAN TO REGISTER





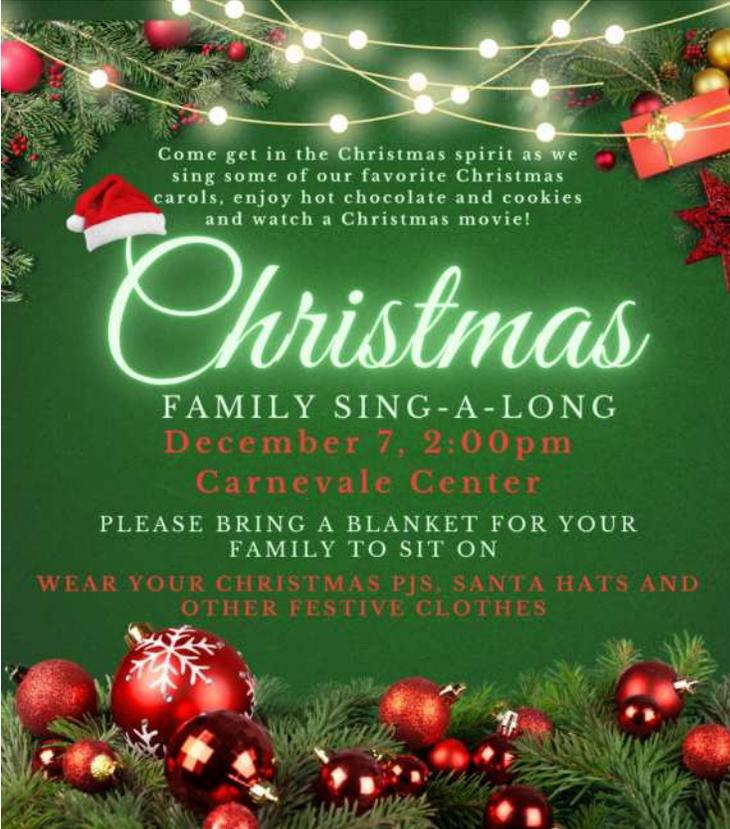

**St. Mary's
 Knights of Columbus**

Breakfast with Santa



**Sunday, Nov. 30th
 7:30 am until Noon
 Spina Hall**

All-you-can-eat breakfast, including:
 Eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs,
 omelettes made to order, sausage,
 potatoes, pancakes, French Toast & more!
 \$20 adults (13+), \$8 children (7 & under free!)
 Pay at the Door (cash or check only)



Come get in the Christmas spirit as we
 sing some of our favorite Christmas
 carols, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies
 and watch a Christmas movie!

Christmas
 FAMILY SING-A-LONG
 December 7, 2:00pm
 Carnevale Center

PLEASE BRING A BLANKET FOR YOUR
 FAMILY TO SIT ON

WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS PJS, SANTA HATS AND
 OTHER FESTIVE CLOTHES

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

SERVE WITH US

Food Pantry Ministry: We are a ministry of the parish that provides food and household supplies to people in need from Pompton Lakes and the surrounding communities.

Good Works Gang Ministry: We help other parishioners and members of the community who are in need of help with various projects, i.e. light yard clean ups, moving personal items and projects that, for various reasons, they are unable to do themselves.

Helping Hands/Social Worker Ministry: We provide concrete services and material assistance to needy, sick or disabled persons or families in our local community.

Holy Bones: We provide a work experience program to individuals with developmental disabilities in making and packaging all natural dog bones and bits.

Hospitality Ministry: We provide and serve food and drink at Parish events both large and small. Opportunities to volunteer include: baking, decorating, setup, food service, and cleanup, and each role is essential to the success of the event.

Lasagna Love: Our mission is simply this: to feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. Volunteers from this wonderful organization make meals for our Food Pantry families.

Meals with Love: We help the NJ Buddies serve people living with HIV/AIDS while they rebuild their lives. It is simply a ministry of making home-cooked meals for 8 people and delivering them twice a month to Paramus.

Military Assistance Pantry: We support the Military Assistance Pantry located in Paterson. We serve Northern NJ Veterans and their families who are facing food insecurity. Every other month, our parishioners make baked ziti and brownies. We distribute the home-cooked meals and desserts directly to the Veterans.

Thanksgiving Dinner Ministry: We prepare and cook Thanksgiving Dinner for residents of local Care Centers on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

WORSHIP WITH US

Altar Servers: We are a group of young men and women ages 7-18 who assist the priests, deacons and Mass captains during the celebration of the Eucharist. Altar Servers learn more about the Mass and grow in their faith. Scheduling is flexible and based around their normally attended Mass.

Church Ambiance: We gather to clean and tidy up our church building on a regular basis.

Church Decorators: We add a welcoming, beautiful, spiritual and reverent atmosphere as we worship together.

Eucharistic Ministry: We distribute the body and blood of Jesus Christ at Masses, and also bring Eucharist to people in hospitals, rehab facilities and to people who cannot make it to Church.

Funeral Servers: We assist the friars in setting up for and serving funeral Masses at St. Mary's Church.

Lectors: We proclaim Scripture at Sunday Masses and other liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

Music Ministry: We provide music for all parish Masses and celebrations. We are open to every parishioner, no matter their age or level of experience.

Purificator Ministry: We take home, wash, and press the sacred linens that are used during the Mass. These linens are considered sacred because they touch the body and blood of Christ during the Mass.

Ushers: We who assist at our Sunday Liturgies by welcoming parishioners, showing people to their seats, and taking up the collection.

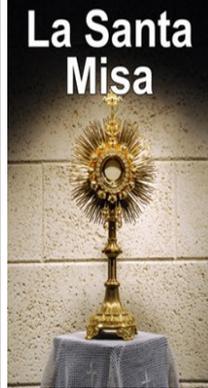
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Si deseas que Nuestra Morenita visite tu hogar ponte en contacto con **Angelina Nuci** después de nuestra misa dominical o escríbele al siguiente correo electrónico: angehannuci@yahoo.com. Cada domingo en misa con la bendición de nuestra comunidad; "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 19 de noviembre 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: Los nuevos grupos ya empezaron en el centro Carnevale. Los horarios son como siguen. Si necesita más información por favor comuníquese con:

*Angelina Nuci -Primera Comunión – Jueves 6:00pm

*Milagros Anto – Confirmación -Martes -7:00pm

*Ana Cadena – RICA – Lunes 7:00pm

Todos los catecismos son el Centro Carnevale.

3.- Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos-Día de los Muertos. Domingo 2 de noviembre. Después de misa de 8:45am tendremos un desayuno comunitario. Todos están invitados a vivir esta tradición.

4.- El domingo 16 de noviembre, después de la misa de 8:45am, los invitamos a participar en una reflexión sobre el Adviento en el Spina Hall (sótano de la iglesia). Será una oportunidad para preparar juntos el corazón y la vida ante el comienzo del nuevo año litúrgico y la espera de la Navidad. No pierdan este momento de oración, meditación y encuentro comunitario. ¡Les esperamos con alegría para crecer en esperanza y fe en este Adviento!

Lecturas Bíblicas –Ciclo C -XXXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - (2 de noviembre de 2025)

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 3, 1-9
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5, 5-11
+Evangelio: Juan 6, 37-40

Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 3 de noviembre de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.

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La conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos, marcada cada 2 de noviembre en el calendario litúrgico, es un momento profundamente significativo para la Iglesia Católica, y resuena de manera especial entre las familias hispanas, gracias a su paralelo con el Día de los Muertos. Ambas celebraciones, aunque diferentes en sus expresiones culturales y tradiciones, comparten el mismo espíritu: honrar, recordar y orar por aquellos que nos han precedido en el camino de la vida. El Día de los Muertos, celebrado principalmente el primero y 2 de noviembre, es una tradición que une la esperanza cristiana de la resurrección con el amor y la memoria hacia los seres queridos. Las ofrendas llenas de flores, alimentos y fotos, el pan de muerto, las

calaveras de azúcar y los altares en los hogares y parroquias, son testimonio visible de una fe que no olvida a sus raíces y valora la historia familiar. A través del color, la música y la oración, la comunidad expresa que la vida continúa, que el amor trasciende la muerte y que los vínculos no se rompen aunque ya no veamos a nuestros seres amados. En el centro de estas celebraciones se enmarcan valores clave: el respeto a la memoria, la solidaridad con quienes han perdido seres queridos y la esperanza cristiana en la vida eterna. Para la comunidad hispana de Santa María, este es un tiempo para reunirse en comunidad, recordar juntos, rezar y compartir, generando un espacio donde el duelo se transforma en consuelo y la tristeza en gratitud. La oración por los difuntos es fuente de paz que nos une como pueblo de Dios y nos ayuda a vivir la fe con mayor profundidad.

Por eso, este año se invita a todas las familias a participar en la ofrenda comunitaria que se instalará en nuestra parroquia de Santa María. Esta ofrenda será un altar común, donde todos podremos colocar las fotos y nombres de nuestros seres queridos fallecidos, junto a flores, velas y oraciones. Es una oportunidad para fortalecer la identidad y el sentido de pertenencia como iglesia hispana, mostrando que, al recordar a nuestros muertos y honrar su memoria, celebramos también la vida, la esperanza y la comunión entre el cielo y la tierra.

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