



SAINT MARY'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH | A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

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VETERANS DAY

REMEMBER.

HONOR.

RESPECT.



November 9, 2025

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DEACON'S DESK

My name is Tom Kimak. I have been married for 46 years, have four children, nine grandchildren and have been attending and serving St. Mary's Church in Pompton Lakes since January 1999.

The Rev. Bishop Frank Rodimer ordained me through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, as a Permanent Deacon in May 1995. I would like to share with you when my call to the diaconate started and also discuss what a permanent deacon's role is in the Catholic Church.

I, like many of you, was raised in a very strict Catholic home, which probably helped to inspire my deep feeling for religious life that connected in my heart. I even strongly considered entering the priesthood. Somehow something greater was seemingly pulling me away, playing sports. I enjoyed playing baseball and was drafted out of high school by the St. Louis Cardinals. As a result of this, my religious call took a back seat. With that came the girls, glamour and excitement of the next chapter of my life and put my religious calling on hold thinking, "not for me right now God." I kind of made a deal with God and said I would be back, but let me do this now and see how far I can go with this once in a lifetime opportunity and a boy's dream.

When my career ended with injuries, as well as serving in the military several years later, my earlier feeling about pursuing religious life returned, however, I was married. Immediately following our wedding, my wife, Edie, and I joined our local Catholic Church, St. John Vienney in Stockholm, where I got involved in different church ministries. After ten years, I moved to Pequannock with my family and, once again, I became involved in the local Catholic Church, Holy Spirit. It was then that I answered God's call to join the diaconate. Since I was married, the acceptance in this program required my wife's blessing with a written approval. After all, the church feels that my first commitment was to my wife, my family, my job and then church. It also meant that if my wife predeceases me, I can never remarry. I started my four-year formation journey in September 1990 at the Deaconate center in Morristown. That meant attending weekly night classes, biweekly spiritual formation classes and completing the required summer curriculum hours in various ministries.

After my ordination, I continued to serve at Holy Spirit for about four years. Since Holy Spirit did not have a youth group at the time, my children joined and were welcome at the St. Mary's youth group, which is how I became introduced to the parish of St. Mary's. In 1999, I submitted a request to Bishop Rodimer, along with Fr. Michael Carnevale, to be reassigned to the parish of St. Mary's.

I used the word, "formation" earlier because that is really what is has been for me. Just as we are trained for a job, I was "formed" to become a permanent deacon. This allowed me to

learn more about my faith not only on an intellectual level, but also on a deeper spiritual level, where I have felt challenged and have grown.

Since I have been at St. Mary's, the friars have all been my mentors and encouraged me from day one and guided me to walk in the steps of St. Francis. To be that person, like St. Francis, to show practical love, remain simple and to accept all, without judgements. You, the people in this wonderful community, have also encouraged me in my ministry, with your kind words, support and prayers.

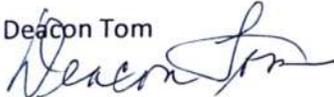
It is also important to say that a deacon's ministry is different, but complementary, to that of the priest and bishop. The permanent deacon should not and does not detract from the ministry of the laity, where we all share, through our baptism, the common priesthood of Christ, and in the ministry of service to one another. The role of the deacon is seen as one of a humble servant to facilitate, enable, encourage and empower the service of the whole Church.

In practical terms then, you might ask, what can a permanent deacon do? Specifically, when permanent deacons assist at liturgies, they are the Deacon of the Word and Eucharist. A deacon also does baptisms, officiates marriages, performs prayer services at funeral homes, as well as graveside burials, gives blessings, and is involved in other church ministries. A permanent deacon is not permitted to consecrate the host, hear confessions or give a blessing of the sick which can be inclusive of a confession.

The calling I received continues to grow and be fostered from within this parish community. Pray for me, as I will continue to pray for all of you. I am humbled to be called to permanent diaconate ministry and serve the people of St. Mary's.

May God continue to bless St. Mary's and all of you.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Tom




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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



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day. Daily Mass will be at 9:00 a.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 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: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8



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 memory of **Mary Bedder** on the 5th anniversary of her passing, from her loving family.

Gone but never forgotten.



This week, the Bread and Wine have been donated in loving memory of **Jack Bergen** from his wife, children and grandchildren.



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

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 † Charlotte Feiney	
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 † Robert Feldner † Fernando Galvan Rivera † Thomas Mckenzie † Petrolina Paulino (1st Ann.)	
Monday		November 10
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Tuesday		November 11 DAILY MASS 9AM
9:00 a.m.	† Mat & Russ † Joey Barbaccia	
Wednesday		November 12
8:00 a.m.	† Anne Marie Michaels L Cindy & Steve Touw	
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish	
Thursday		November 13
8:00 a.m.	† Evelyn Francis Walla (1st Ann.) † Lenora Giardina	
Friday		November 14
8:00 a.m.	† John (Jack) Bergen (17th Ann.) † Mildred Bergen	
Saturday		November 15
5:00 p.m.	† Vincent Reilly (1st Ann.) † Joseph & Angela Fernicola † Charles Garske † Michael Persico † Chrissy Fernandez	
7:00 p.m.	† Jesus Lobaton † Sonia Alvarez † Toni Jenssen (3rd Ann.)	
Sunday		November 16
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish	
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Phylis D'Onofrio † Ivan J. Vazquez	
10:30 a.m.	† Charlie Gusmano (2nd Ann.) † Giuseppina Mauro † Joseph Corradino † Paul Lenoir Jr. † Vincent Reilly † Peter Meich	
12:00 p.m.	† Basil Ricci † Margaret Molinari † Jaime S. Ignacio † Salvador Ignacio † Peter Meich	



...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, Ana Panzardi, Ed Dittman, John Donnelly, Maria Gambatese, Jim Shea, Al Hottlemann, Bill Bold, Vinny Pirruccio, Michael Tabat, Veronica Piccone, Frank Tibbitts, David Grish, Douglas Miller, Connor Murphy

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!

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! 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

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.



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 mccoyle@verizon.net.

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.



Hear Mass Better



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



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

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>



Tuesday, November 25th: Christ Church's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and Reception at 7:30 p.m. (400 Ramapo Avenue, Pompton Lakes.)

Thursday, November 27th: St. Mary's Bilingual Thanksgiving service at 9:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: THANKSGIVING MINISTRY

Every year St Mary's hosts a Thanksgiving Meal at Complete Care Rehab in Wayne. The Thanksgiving Ministry cooks the meal and the teens of our Parish help serve. We are in need of volunteers to help with meal prep and clean up. Thank you for helping us to bring cheer to the residents of Complete Care! Scan the code or visit our website if you can help.

Friday, November 21st: Meal prep chopping, 6-8 PM, 5 People

Saturday, November 22nd:

Carving and finish prep, 9:30-11:00 AM, 5 People

Driving food, 11:00 AM, 5 People

Clean Up, 12:00 PM, 5 People



VALUE OUR VETERANS MINISTRY

Serving Those Who Served Us

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful parishioners for preparing baked ziti and brownies in October. Your generosity and support are deeply appreciated. We are also grateful for the ongoing donations from the ShopRites of Wayne and Oakland.

Lastly, a special thank you to our dedicated volunteers who helped with the preparation and the distribution at the Military Assistance Pantry. Thank you all for making a difference in our community!



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 mciocletti@stmarys-pompton.org.



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

What a night! St. Mary's Parish celebrated the **lifblood of our community**—our incredible volunteers! **135 amazing individuals** gathered for a special dinner, hosted by the friars and staff, to recognize their tireless dedication. Every hour, every effort, every good deed you perform throughout the year makes an enormous difference. Thank you for being the **backbone** of St. Mary's! Your service is a true blessing.



WE OUR VOLUNTEERS ©LPI

Thanks to all our middle schoolers who participated in the Pumpkin Carving Night!



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



Elena Gloria Koscuiszka



**Margot Marie Guerrier and
Riley Grace Guerrier**



John Deacon Timony



Estalin David and Hector



McKenna Jean McMichael



Dean David Giordano



Congratulations and God bless
Jacqueline Fairweather and Andrew Ramos!



St. Mary's had another wonderful pre-Cana session where 14 couples took some time out of their wedding planning to focus on what God's plan for their married life is. We give thanks to God and pray for the couples and team who made the weekend such a success!



NEW MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

A new light in our diocese: The society of St. Dymphna and Our Lady of Hope

To address the mental health struggles that so many people face, the Diocese of Paterson, in conjunction with St. Mary's Church, is blessed to announce a new beacon of hope. With the formal approval and paternal blessing of our shepherd, Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, a new private association of the faithful has been established: ***The Society of Saint Dymphna and Our Lady of Hope***.

The mission of ***The Society of Saint Dymphna and Our Lady of Hope*** is clear and urgent: "To uphold the dignity of every human life by providing peer-led Catholic accompaniment, education, and advocacy aimed at preventing suicide and supporting mental-health recovery."

The society is not a replacement for professional clinical care, nor is it a substitute for the sacramental life of the Church. Rather, it is a vital bridge between creating a safe, confidential, and faith-filled space where individuals can find support and the courage to seek the help they need. Its model represents a mature vision of the lay apostolate, integrated with both Diocesan Safe Environment policies and professional best practices.

The primary works of the society will include:

- ***Hope Circles:*** Confidential, parish-based peer support groups facilitated by trained and certified members. These circles will provide a space for individuals living with mental health challenges and their families to share their burdens and find strength in a community of faith.
- ***Gatekeeper Training:*** Offering workshops in evidence-based programs for clergy, catechists, and parish leaders. This training will equip members to recognize signs of mental distress and connect people to care, making our parishes safer communities for everyone.
- ***Referral Network:*** Establishing and maintaining a trusted list of Catholic-friendly mental health clinicians, therapists, and crisis services, ensuring that when professional help is needed, individuals can be connected with resources that respect their faith and values.

The society's pilot program is set to begin here at St. Mary's Pompton Lakes under the direction of our Chaplain, Father John Aherne, O.F.M., with the hope of expanding to more parishes as the ministry grows.

An invitation to hope: The Gospel call to serve and be served

The St. Dymphna and Our Lady of Hope Society extends a two-fold invitation to our diocesan family:

First, if you are someone who is walking in the darkness of mental anguish, depression, or anxiety—or if you are a family member struggling to support a loved one—please hear this message: You are not alone.

Second, if you are someone whose heart is moved with compassion for those who are suffering, and you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to this vital work, we invite you to answer that call. The society needs faithful men and women willing to be trained as facilitators and companions, to become instruments of God's peace and channels of His hope.

Please email [hopelives@PatersonDiocese.org](mailto:hopolives@PatersonDiocese.org), and we will be in touch with you about next steps.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

Once again, we are privileged to welcome Chad from Boaz Field Cooperative, a store run by a Christian Family in the city of Bethlehem to St. Mary's, November 22nd - 23rd. They will be selling Olive Wood crosses, nativity sets, statues, and more...all handmade in the Holy Land.



The store supports Christian families who have decided to continue to live and work in Israel in the middle of these troubling times. Buy some Christmas gifts and support a good cause the weekend of November 23 and 24th in Spina Hall!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

3rd and 4th graders are completing their Service Projects. **3rd graders:** please remember to bring in your final items for the Birthday/Thanksgiving cake project. **4th graders:** thank you for providing the Joy Boxes for so many children in need. In addition, the children are working on their Veteran's gifts which the Value Our Veterans Ministry will take to the Vets on November 15th. The expressions of joy on the children's faces while working on the projects was an inspiration to myself and the teachers.

1st and 2nd grade: if you have not registered your child yet, please do as soon as possible. <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/bc772d5b-2f4f-4ef4-b57f-3eab95624456>

We need 1st, 2nd, and 9th grade teachers!
If interested, please call the Parish Office.

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
CATHOLIC CHURCH | A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

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 7:00pm. Our next meeting dates are November 13th and December 11th.

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




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!



MUSIC TOGETHER

2 week Holiday Jam session

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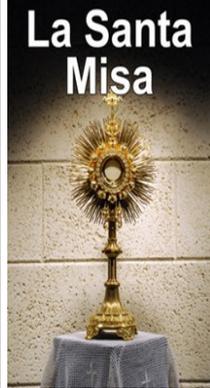
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ANUNCIOS

1.- Adorar al Santísimo es un encuentro personal con Dios. Habrá exposición al Santísimo después de la misa en español el miércoles 19 de noviembre. Si alguien no puede comulgar por enfermedad u otra razón, avisa al Padre John Coughlin para una visita.

2.- El domingo 16 de noviembre, después de la misa de 8:45am, los invitamos a participar en una reflexión sobre el Adviento, guiada por el padre Huberto Obando 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!

3.- El jueves 27 de noviembre, Día de Acción de Gracias, habrá misa bilingüe a las 9:00am en la iglesia principal. Invitamos a todas las familias a comenzar este día especial dando gracias a Dios en comunidad por las bendiciones recibidas durante el año.

4.- La procesión en honor a **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe** será el domingo 7 de diciembre, saliendo a las 5:30 a.m. desde Sloan Park (Bloomingdale) hasta Santa María en Pompton Lakes, seguida de misa a las 8:45 a.m. y desayuno comunitario.

Las mañanitas a nuestra MORENITA serán el jueves 11 de diciembre a las 10:30 p.m. en la iglesia principal.

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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 10 de noviembre de 2025 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.

GRACIAS VETERANOS



Cada 11 de noviembre, Estados Unidos celebra el Día de los Veteranos para rendir homenaje y expresar sincera gratitud a quienes sirvieron en las Fuerzas Armadas, defendiendo la libertad y la paz que sustentan nuestra nación.

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