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FRIAR'S DESK

A Sweet Bread for Late Fall

We have passed through Halloween, entered November, and are moving toward Thanksgiving. The fall foliage is still there to some extent, but it is past peak. We can still feel the autumn air outside in its crispness as temperatures continue to drop. If you are like me at all, your senses have been attuned for some weeks to the sights, smells, and tastes that are common during this time of the year in the northeast. Sights of orange pumpkins, yellow squashes and multi-colored gourds are hard to miss. From lattes, muffins, and even pasta sauces, there is pumpkin flavored everything now, although probably for not much longer. And then there is one of my favorite smells: fallen, decaying leaves. If this has not been made into an air-freshener scent yet, I strongly believe it should be.

As we approach the end of the eleventh month and the celebration of Thanksgiving, there is one fond memory I have from my family home that further tantalizes my senses and stirs a deeper appreciation for the current season in me: my mother's cranberry-walnut bread. From early autumn into the winter, you will see bags of whole cranberries in the produce department of supermarkets. I usually buy a few bags and put them in the freezer to last through the winter as I make my feeble attempts to imitate my mother's tasty bread. Here is the recipe from my mother that I still use.

Cranberry Walnut Bread

2 ½ cups white flour
1 ¼ cups sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
Sprinkling of cinnamon (optional)
2 eggs beaten
½ stick butter melted
½ cup orange juice
2 tbsp. water
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 ¼ cups cranberries (not the dried craisin kind)

Instructions: Mix ingredients well in a large mixing bowl and add nuts and cranberries last. Transfer batter into a rectangular greased baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes or until done.

—Father John Coughlin, OFM

Un pan dulce para finales de otoño

Ya hemos pasado Halloween, hemos entrado en noviembre y nos acercamos al Día de Acción de Gracias. El follaje otoñal aún se mantiene en cierta medida, pero ya ha pasado su momento álgido. Todavía podemos sentir el aire otoñal en el exterior, con su frescura, a medida que las temperaturas siguen bajando. Si eres como yo, tus sentidos llevan varias semanas sintonizados con las imágenes, los olores y los sabores que son habituales en esta época del año en el noreste. Es difícil pasar por alto las calabazas anaranjadas, las calabazas amarillas y las calabazas multicolores. Desde cafés con leche, magdalenas e incluso salsas para pasta, ahora todo tiene sabor a calabaza, aunque probablemente no por mucho tiempo. Y luego está uno de mis olores favoritos: las hojas caídas y en descomposición. Si aún no se ha convertido en un aroma para ambientadores, creo firmemente que debería serlo.

A medida que nos acercamos al final del undécimo mes y a la celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias, hay un recuerdo entrañable que tengo de mi hogar familiar que estimula aún más mis sentidos y despierta en mí un profundo aprecio por la estación actual: el pan de arándanos y nueces de mi madre. Desde principios de otoño hasta el invierno, se pueden ver bolsas de arándanos enteros en la sección de productos frescos de los supermercados. Normalmente compro unas cuantas bolsas y las guardo en el congelador para que me duren todo el invierno, mientras intento imitar sin mucho éxito el delicioso pan de mi madre. Esta es la receta de mi madre que sigo utilizando.

Pan de arándanos y nueces

2 ½ tazas de harina blanca
1 ¼ tazas de azúcar
2 cucharaditas de levadura en polvo
½ cucharadita de bicarbonato sódico
½ cucharadita de sal
Una pizca de canela (opcional)
2 huevos batidos
½ barra de mantequilla derretida
½ taza de zumo de naranja
2 cucharadas de agua
1 taza de nueces picadas
1 ¼ tazas de arándanos (no del tipo seco)

Instrucciones: Mezclar bien los ingredientes en un bol grande y añadir las nueces y los arándanos al final. Verter la masa en un molde rectangular engrasado. Hornear a 175 °C durante aproximadamente 1 hora y 15 minutos o hasta que esté hecho.

—Father 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.

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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



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: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61,
134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk
19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a,
12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-
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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 & Wine *and* Altar
Flowers have been donated in loving
memory of **Victor Dimino**.



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! Orders can be
placed on our website: www.holy-bones.org.**

MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living

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
Monday November 17	
8:00 a.m.	† Sam Molinari
Tuesday November 18	
8:00 a.m.	† Robert "Bob" Giannella
Wednesday November 19	
8:00 a.m.	† Ethel M. Sweeney (6th Ann.) † Louis Miceli
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday November 20	
8:00 a.m.	L Ralph Parthie, OFM † holy souls in purgatory † Bertha Urresty (2nd Ann.)
Friday November 21	
8:00 a.m.	† Victor Dimino
Saturday November 22	
5:00 p.m.	† Marie Mayer † John Scudellari, Jr.
7:00 p.m.	† Joan & Vincent Phalon † Janet Krzysik (15th Ann.)
Sunday November 23	
7:30 a.m.	† Sue De Piero
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Henry Scherer (3rd Ann.) † Jack McCue (1st Ann.)
10:30 a.m.	† Francis & Lucille Marshall † BJ Nolan (heavenly birthday) † Francis Van Bodegen † Brenda Post † Edward C. Lovely (4th Ann.)
12:00 p.m.	† Cornelio Barreto † Jouita Ignacio † John Liston (20th Ann.) † Angelo Casale (6th Ann.) † Magnus Slyfield † Brenda Post



...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

Ronald P. Chesney, Eileen Amoruso

...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, Shirley Foray, Lucy Matyisin

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 Zimbardo.

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



Please feel free to come up to one of the Parish Council members if you see us around or email parishcouncil@stmarys-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

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



Alexander Gabriel Sanchez



Louis Anthony Trama



Alexander John Nilan



Melina Sofia Sibilia



Aaron Marcus Benitez



Arielle Rose Michel



On November 1st, parishioners of St. Mary's met at the Morristown Green to assist the Market Street Mission in distributing coats and winter gear to the unhoused and those in need. Over 1,350 coats were distributed! We are so grateful to our volunteers for helping make a difference in the community!



We were delighted to have so many people join our November Family Mass! Remember, the first 10:30am Mass of every month is dedicated to our many St. Mary's families. Hope to see you in December!



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:** turkey stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes. *Due to an overwhelming amount of donations, we are not accepting any more turkeys at this time. We will update if that changes!*

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



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

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 taken by artist and parishioner Artie Bird.

Cards are available for purchase at the Parish Office.



SPECIAL NEEDS ADULT & YOUTH SOCIAL MINISTRY
CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

All Special Needs Adult and Youth (14 years old and older) are invited to our Christmas Dinner Dance. Come join us on Saturday, November 29th from 6:00-8:30pm in the Carnevale Center. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please register and pay online at <https://stmarys-pompton.org/special-needs-adult-dance-registration> or contact Karen Niemann at kniemann@stmarys-pompton.org.
Deadline to register is November 21, 2025.



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Joy Boxes, sponsored by the Cross Catholic Outreach, were completed by our 4th graders as their service project. It was heartwarming to see that our St. Mary's community participated as well. Relying on their mission partners, Cross Catholic Outreach distributes "Box of Joy" gifts to children in needy families identified by the local priests and nuns serving impoverished communities.

Our 3rd graders are completing their service projects and they had an opportunity to go to the Food Pantry. Joyce Daniw the head of the Food Pantry ministry provided a tour and information about the pantry and the needs of the community.

Remaining rehearsal dates for those children participating in our Christmas Pageant are:

- November 21st at 4:00pm
- December 5th at 4:00 p.m.
- December 12th at 4:00pm
- December 19th at 4:00 p.m.

All rehearsals are held in the church.



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.

Saint Mary's Church invites you to be part of

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE 2026

Many Paths, ONE Destination

March 13-14, 2026

We are grateful to be able to offer this event to all women of our community. Cornerstone is a time to escape the daily grind and find some much needed quiet, reflective time to grow in our faith, reflect on our lives, make new friends, and give thanks for our blessings.

Online registration is open at <https://stmarys-pompton.org/womens-cornerstone>. For more details, please reach out to Amy Testino, 862-228-4096 (call or text).

WHO IS CARLO ACUTIS?



Canonized by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025, Carlo Acutis is the first millennial saint and has attracted the attention of teenagers and adults alike from all corners of the world. The film: Carlo Acutis Roadmap to Reality, is about a pilgrimage of young people and their journey to Rome and Assisi to view the young saint's body.

Join us on Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m. in the Carnevale Center as we watch the film, learn about Carlo Acutis, and learn how his faith and devotion to the Eucharist can inspire our own journey of faith.

"Eucharist is my highway to heaven" - Carlo Acutis

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!



The Special Needs Confirmation Class will be sponsoring a **Mitten Tree**. Please consider donating NEW mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. Both children's and adult items of all sizes are needed. The tree and bin will be housed in the Carnevale Center beginning Nov. 23rd. A second donation bin will be placed in the Parish Office.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!



2025 POMPTON LAKES HOLIDAY STROLL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIT AT THE ST. MARY'S TABLE WITH
ONE OF THE FRIARS, DISTRIBUTE
HANDOUTS, CHAT WITH VISITORS

December 6th from 4:30pm-8:00pm

PLEASE REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE FOR A 1-HOUR SHIFT



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.



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Columbus



SANT MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

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!



Calling ALL the LADIES for Holiday Craft Night

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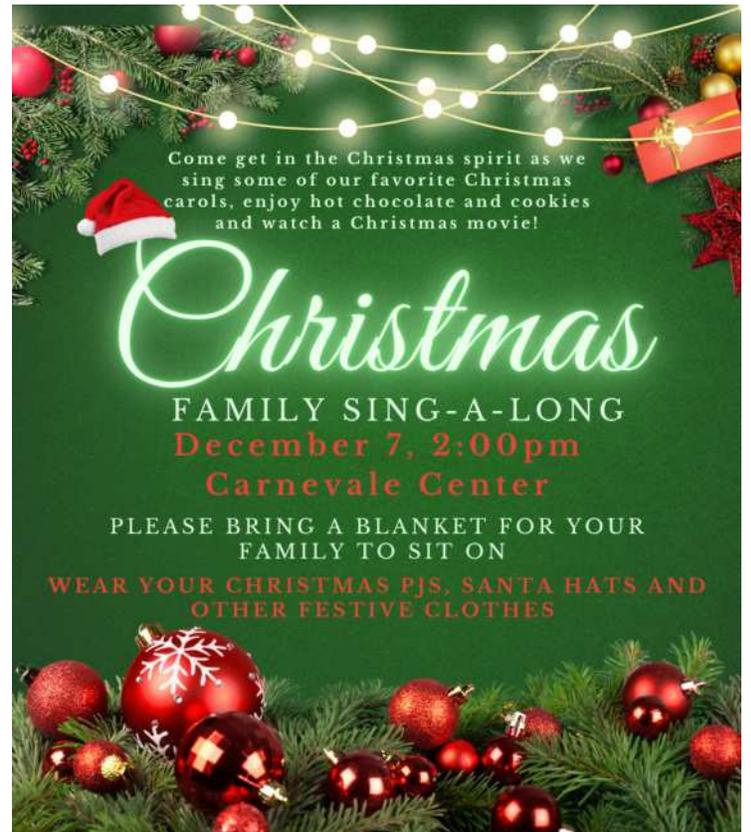
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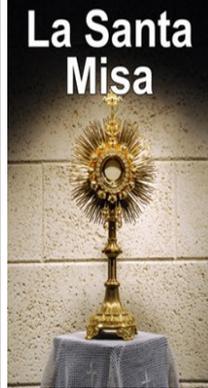
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ANUNCIOS

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 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.

3.- CELEBRACION GUADALUPANA 2025

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.

4.- **POSADAS 2025:** Las posadas celebran el peregrinaje de María y José hacia Belén, invitándonos a preparar nuestro corazón con oración, alegría y comunidad. El 16 de noviembre, únete a la posada comunitaria de Santa María a las 7:00 pm en el centro Carnevale (10 Lenox Ave, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442), donde compartiremos fe, piñata, ponche y alimentos tradicionales, fortaleciendo nuestros lazos fraternos.

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

SANTA CECILIA

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22 de Noviembre



Este 22 de noviembre celebramos la fiesta de Santa Cecilia, patrona de la música y símbolo de inspiración para todos los que sirven a Dios a través del canto y los instrumentos. Santa Cecilia, mártir romana, recordaba en su vida que la música es mucho más que arte: es una expresión de fe, esperanza y alabanza que une a la comunidad y eleva nuestro espíritu hacia el Señor.

En nuestra parroquia de Santa María, el ministerio de música ha sido un pilar fundamental en la vivencia de la liturgia. Agradecemos especialmente al coro hispano, que con entrega, dedicación y arte ha acompañado fielmente nuestras celebraciones desde la fundación de este ministerio. Su presencia y su canto han aportado belleza,

solemnidad y alegría a cada misa, ayudándonos a rezar y a encontrarnos con Cristo. Reconocemos el esfuerzo y la pasión de cada músico, de quienes ensayan, preparan canciones y dedican tiempo a animar nuestras eucaristías y fiestas patronales.

Los frutos que siembran con su servicio no se ven solo en el momento del canto: permanecen en el corazón de los fieles, transformando ambientes, consolidando la fe y renovando el compromiso comunitario.

Como Santa Cecilia, son testigos silenciosos de la fuerza que tiene la música en la misión evangelizadora. Invitamos a la parroquia a expresar su gratitud, a orar por sus músicos y a animarse a formar parte de este valioso ministerio. Que Santa Cecilia interceda por nosotros para que la alabanza, la alegría y la unidad musical sigan creciendo en nuestra comunidad hispana y en toda la Iglesia. ¡Gracias al coro y a cada músico que hace posible que la Palabra y el amor de Dios lleguen aún más profundo, nota a nota, al corazón de Santa María!

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