



# SAINT MARY'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH | A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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February 1, 2026

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God."

- Mt 5:7-8

# FRIAR'S DESK

## Celebrating 800 Years of St. Francis

Pope Leo XIV has officially declared a “**Jubilee Year of St. Francis**” to mark the 800th anniversary of the saint’s embrace of Sister Death in 1226. This Jubilee runs through January 2027, and it’s a wonderful invitation for the whole Church to hit the “reset” button and find some much-needed peace in the Spirit of our patron Saint.

Of course, since we are already a **Franciscan Church**, we’re a bit ahead of the game. Living out the values of St. Francis is what we do best, so this year feels like a victory lap for our community.

### Plenary Indulgence

The main thrust of this Jubilee Year is for people to gain a **plenary indulgence** for themselves or for someone they love. It’s a gift of grace that removes the temporal punishment (time in purgatory) for sins that have already been forgiven, giving you a completely fresh start.

### How to get the Plenary Indulgence

You can obtain this grace by visiting any Franciscan church (like ours!) or a shrine dedicated to St. Francis. To receive the indulgence, you just need to:

- Go to **Confession**
- Receive **Holy Communion**
- **Pray** for the Pope’s intentions; all within a reasonable time of each other (2 weeks or so).

If you’re homebound or sick, you can still participate by joining in spirit and offering your prayers from home.

### Looking Ahead

We want to share our Franciscan charisma with everyone. We’re currently planning a series of **celebrations throughout the year** to introduce our neighbors to our Franciscan charism—that special blend of simplicity, joy, and respect for all of creation that makes our tradition so beautiful.

In a world that feels a bit chaotic and “virtual” lately, St. Francis reminds us that real peace comes from reconnecting with God, each other, and the Earth. We can’t wait to celebrate this journey with you.

—Father John Aherne, OFM

## ¡Celebrando los 800 años de San Francisco!

El Papa León XIV ha declarado oficialmente un “**Año Jubilar de San Francisco**” para conmemorar el 800 aniversario de cuando nuestro santo abrazó a la “Hermana Muerte” en 1226. Este Jubileo durará hasta enero de 2027, y es una invitación maravillosa para que toda la Iglesia aproveche para “empezar de cero” y encontrar esa paz que tanto necesitamos, siguiendo el espíritu de nuestro santo patrón.

Desde luego, como ya somos una **parroquia franciscana**, ¡nosotros ya vamos un paso adelante! Vivir los valores de San Francisco es lo que mejor sabemos hacer, así que este año se siente como una vuelta de la victoria para nuestra comunidad.

### La Indulgencia Plenaria

El objetivo principal de este Año Jubilar es que las personas puedan ganar una **indulgencia plenaria** para sí mismos o para un ser querido que ya falleció. Es un regalo de gracia que elimina la pena temporal (el tiempo en el purgatorio) por los pecados que ya han sido confesados, dándote la oportunidad de un borrón y cuenta nueva en tu vida espiritual.

### Cómo ganar la Indulgencia Plenaria

Puedes obtener esta gracia visitando cualquier iglesia franciscana (¡como la nuestra!) o un santuario dedicado a San Francisco. Para recibir la indulgencia, solo necesitas:

- **Confesarte**
- **Comulgar**
- **Rez**ar por las intenciones del Papa estos pasos deben realizarse en un tiempo cercano entre sí (más o menos unas dos semanas).

Si estás enfermo o no puedes salir de casa, no te preocupes: puedes participar uniéndote de corazón y ofreciendo tus oraciones desde tu hogar.

### Mirando hacia Adelante

Queremos compartir nuestro **carisma franciscano** con todo el mundo. Por eso, estamos planeando una serie de celebraciones durante todo el año para que nuestros vecinos conozcan nuestra identidad: esa mezcla especial de sencillez, alegría y respeto por toda la creación que hace que nuestra tradición sea tan hermosa.

En un mundo que a veces se siente caótico y demasiado “virtual”, San Francisco nos recuerda que la paz verdadera viene de reconectarnos con Dios, con los demás y con la Madre Tierra. ¡Estamos ansiosos por celebrar este camino con ustedes!

—Father John Aherne, OFM

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**WEDDINGS**

Getting married at St. Mary's? We'd love to celebrate the sacrament of marriage with you! Please contact Lynda Rogalski at [lrogalski@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:lrogalski@stmarys-pompton.org) six months to a year before your desired date.

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**FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**



**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO**

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

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

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

**Calendar of Events**

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

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



**Worship Adorar**

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**Pray**



**Orar**

**Serve**



**Atender**

**Give**



**Donar**



## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **SATURDAY**

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

Vigil Masses:

5:00 PM—English

7:00 PM—English

### **SUNDAY**

7:30 AM—English

8:45 AM—Español (livestreamed)

9:00 AM—English (Carnevale Center)

10:30 AM—English (livestreamed)

12:00 PM—English

### **WEEKDAYS**

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

7:00 PM—Wednesday en Español (livestreamed)

### **MASSES ONLINE AT:**

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

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

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



## 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 **Donald E. Koonjy**.



### 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. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass for an activity and some refreshments.

Masses will be monthly at 3:00 p.m. in the Carnevale Center on the following dates:

February 22nd, March 22nd,  
April 19th, May 17th, June 14th

We wish to thank all those who made donations toward the altar flowers and decorations this Christmas Season.

*This list is continued from a previous bulletin.*

Abbott, Regina & Charles  
Bozza, Sophia & Joseph  
Damiano, Yolanda & Wilma  
Esposito, Antonette  
Esposito, Josephine  
Esposito, Harry  
Kellner Family,  
Linzy, Nora & Peter

O'Driscoll, Sarah  
Shanahan, James  
Shanahan, Martin  
Shanahan, Margaret  
Soder, Alfred & Charlotte  
Soder, Alfred & Elizabeth  
VanDale, Albert & Marie  
VanDale, Jacob

**MASS INTENTIONS** † = Deceased, L = Living



<b>Saturday</b>		<b>January 31</b>
5:00 p.m.	† Maria Madera DeCastillo † Anthony Vaccarino † Charlie Garske L Patrick Lynagh	
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>February 1</b>
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish	
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Helen Sieradzki	
10:30 a.m.	† Edwin Banta Jr. (7th Ann.) † Brenda Post † Carl Psota † Renee Good † Regina Dokus (1st Ann.)	
12:00 p.m.	† Brian & Marilee Dwyer † Matthew Rosado † Elizabeth Bernardino	
<b>Monday</b>		<b>February 2</b>
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>February 3</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Charlie Garske (1st Ann.) † Elizabeth Nolan † Barbara Frucci	
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>February 4</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Lee & Lou Marotta † Ronald P. Chesney	
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>February 5</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Pam Hartley	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>February 6</b>
8:00 a.m.	† Thomas Coyle † Debra Piekarsky † Isabella Barbato † Edwin Gonzalez (2nd Ann.)	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>February 7</b>
5:00 p.m.	† Neal Boyce † Loriann Brown Calogero † Eugene Pami (1st Ann.) † Gene Gallo (48th Ann.) L Steve Houghton (birthday)	
7:00 p.m.	† Pamela Zawiski † Francisco Cabral (11th Ann.) † Aldo Alzapiedi	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>February 8</b>
7:30 a.m.	† Russ Pagana † Albert Ferrara (heavenly birthday)	
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish	
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish	
10:30 a.m.	† Michael Feigenbaum (heavenly birthday) † Francis & Lucille Marshall † Linda Trapanese	
12:00 p.m.	† Erlinda Ocampo L Magnus Slyfield	

**...THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, John Molaro, Marc Rocco, Kellie Diemer, Lynn Hutman, Susan Esposito, Kathy Green, Paula Tedesco Carreras, Ana Panzardi, Ed Dittman, Eric Huss, Magnus Slyfield, Rozalia Maziarz, David Grish, Eileen Phillips, Edward Tieghe, Jama Rothschild, Linda Bedell Kwaitkowski, Eileen Donnelly, John Donnelly, James McMahon, Theresa Medino, Pat Tompkins, Lucy Matyisin, Bob Kruk, Jess Harman, Edmund Loniewski, Morgan Mahon, Ella Rose Mahon, Maria Gambatese, Terry Medino, Joy Wechter, Robert Rinaldi

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!**

**From the Parish Council**

Please feel free to come up to one of the Parish Council members if you see us around or email [parishcouncil@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stmarys-pompton.org)! For the most up-to-date report of the Parish Pastoral Council, please scan the QR code.



# Please join us in singing!

## **1. ALL ARE WELCOME**

Verse 1

Let us build a house, where love can dwell, and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let us build a house, where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

Verse 3

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.

## **2. MOUNTAIN OF GOD**

Refrain

(Oh) I see the mountain of God  
The God who listens to me  
Come to the mountain of God  
God will set us all free

Verse 1

Where can I turn O God  
When I am lost and troubled  
Give me the faith to see  
That You'll be there for me

Verse 2

Sometimes I let You down  
But You will never fail me  
Though I may run and hide  
You're always at my side

Verse 3

You give me hope O God  
When I am down and weary  
I can depend on You  
To always see me through

## **3. THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Verse 1

Blessed, Blessed are the poor in Spirit,  
Blessed be the Lord's own Children;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed, blessed are they who walk in sorrow,  
Blessed be the Lord's own Children, they are embraced by God.

Refrain

Come to Me, all who are burdened;  
Come and rest in my love.  
Rejoice and be glad, Your hope lies in heaven,  
your home with the people of God.

Verse 2

Blessed, Blessed the ones who are lowly,  
Blessed be the Lord's own children;  
They shall inherit the land.  
Blessed, blessed the ones who thirst for righteousness,  
blessed be the Lord's own children:  
All of their dreams will come true.

Verse 3

Blessed, blessed are they who show mercy,  
Blessed be the Lord's own children:  
Mercy from God shall be theirs.  
Blessed, blessed the ones with a pure heart,  
Blessed be the Lord's own children: for they shall see God.

Verse 4

Blessed, blessed the ones who make peace.  
Blessed are they who know pain:  
For the sake of righteousness.  
Blessed, blessed are you who know suffering,  
Blessed are you who know insult because of your God.

## **4. GO OUT AND TELL**

Refrain

Go out and tell  
Make disciples of nations  
Go out and tell the good news  
Sing from your heart  
Sing to all of creation  
Go out and tell the good news

Verse 1

Go out and tell  
God's love is everlasting  
Go out and tell  
He is a loving friend  
Go out and tell  
He'll never leave you orphaned  
Shout it from the mountains  
Let the Word  
Be alive in you

Verse 2

Go out and tell  
Give food to the hungry  
Go out and tell  
Be compassion to the poor  
Go out and tell  
Be a friend to the lonely  
Come down from the mountain  
Let the word  
Be alive in you

## FOOD PANTRY

### Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, February 21	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, February 25	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, February 28	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, March 4	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, March 21	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, March 25	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, March 28	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, April 1	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)



## Current Needs

### Current needed items:

Decaf coffee, regular and decaf instant coffee, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, paper towels, tissues

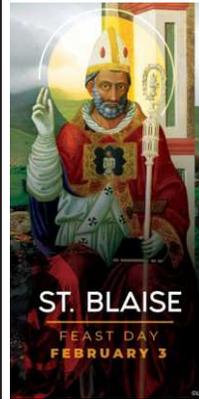
The Food Pantry is located at 22R (Lower level, rear) Lakeside Avenue, Pompton Lakes (accessible from the municipal parking lot) and the phone number is 973-831-4442.

All donations are requested to be dropped off in the shed directly behind the church. It is open 24/7.

**Donations can be purchased online and shipped directly to the church at**

**31 Pompton Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442**

**NO CLOTHING DONATIONS PLEASE.**



**We will be blessing throats in honor of St. Blaise at the Daily Mass on February 3rd and after all the Masses on February 7th and 8th.**

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself.

According to the Acts of St. Blaise (written 400 years after his death), we know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. During his

life, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee to the back country of Armenia. There, he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, while making friends with wild animals. One day a group of hunters stumbled upon Blaise's cave and were surprised and then frightened to find the bishop kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as these hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness!

## World Day of the Sick

FEBRUARY 11



### **Our Lady of Lourdes / Anointing of the Sick**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception

in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in the small town of Lourdes, France. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions, and The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

In 1992, Pope St. John Paul II, proclaimed February 11, the World Day of the Sick, a day when we pray for those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit.

**In honor of this day, we will offer the anointing of the sick at all of our Masses on February 14th/15th.**

**Anyone who wishes to receive this sacrament of healing is invited to attend Mass on this day.**



We are looking for volunteers to join the team of Eucharistic Ministers who bring communion to our brothers and sisters in **Chilton Hospital, Care One and other institutions.**

Sunday and Wednesday shifts available. Volunteer monthly, weekly or whenever you can! Please call the Parish Office or email [smc@stmarys-pompton.org](mailto:smc@stmarys-pompton.org) for more information.

## EUCHARISTIC Minister Training



Training for new Eucharistic Ministers (either in church or to hospitals/rehab centers) will be held on February 2nd from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church. Registration is helpful but not required! Please see our website or scan the code.





**ALL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS  
WELCOME!**

**EMMAUS RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 27TH-MARCH 1ST  
CAMP SHILOH**



Saint Mary's Youth Ministry is offering its annual Emmaus Retreat, from February 27th-March 1st.

This retreat experience gives our high schoolers a great opportunity to continue growing in their faith while also developing their own faith community. It will be taking place at Camp Shiloh in Hewitt, NJ, and all high school-aged students are welcome to attend!

**Thank You!**

The Special Needs Confirmation Class would like to thank our wonderful parishioners for their very generous contributions to our Mitten Tree service project. Thanks to you, so many families will stay warm during this harsh, cold winter.



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

**Calendar Raffle** **WINNERS**

Sun 12/21	Susan Magennis	Riverdale	\$100
Mon 12/22	Brad Romaine	No. Haledon	\$50
Tues 12/23	Tim Higgins	Pompton Lakes	\$50
Weds 12/24	Raquel Musni	Riverdale	\$100
Thurs 12/25	Daniel Ambro	Pompton Lakes	\$200
Fri 12/26	Jessie Heap	Kinnelon	\$50
Sat 12/27	Ed Walker	Wayne	\$70
Sun 12/28	Kenneth Wolosz	Pompton Lakes	\$100
Mon 12/29	Tracy Bailey	Bloomington	\$50
Tues 12/30	Kathy Behrke	No. Haledon	\$50
Weds 12/31	Ken Yurista	Ringwood	\$200
Thurs 1/1/2026	Fr. John St Mary's	Pompton Lakes	\$500



**\$15**

**GIFT CARD**

**FOR ALL DONATIONS**

Donate in February using code **GIVELOVE-2026-V** when scheduling an appointment at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL

**St. Mary's Knights of Columbus  
& BPO ELKS # 1895 BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, February 20th, 2026**

**Carnevale Center 10 Lenox Ave.**

**Pompton Lakes, N.J. 07442**

**2:30pm to 6:00pm**

**Contact Ray @ 973-835-4487 for more information**

**A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF**

Wednesdays, March 18th through April 22nd from 7-8:30 p.m.  
Carnevale Center, Banta Room (handicapped accessible)

Susan Fecko, LCSW, will facilitate this bereavement group which is open to all who have recently experienced the death of a significant loved one. We aim to create a supportive group in which one's unique journey through the grief process is examined and respected.

Participation is free of charge through the sponsorship of Pathways Counseling Center and St. Mary's Church.

Registration is required. Please call Pathways at 973-835-6337 or visit [www.stmarys-pompton.org](http://www.stmarys-pompton.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1st Grade Reminders: please be sure to bring in your personal hygiene product donations to be distributed to the homeless by Bridges Outreach. The collection bin will be in the gym where the children gather before class.

2nd Grade Reminders: required Mass is Sunday, February 8th. There will be no 2nd grade class held on Thursday, February 12th. The second Mandatory Reconciliation workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 14th. One parent must attend.



**SPECIAL NEEDS**  
Religious Education Program

Registration is open for our Special Needs Religious Education classes.

Anyone wishing to register their child and/or would like further information, please contact Andrea Piccirillo at 973-835-0374.

## VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>Online

St. Mary's is hosting a PGC (Protecting God's Children) Virtus training class at the Carnevale Center on Saturday, February 7th at 12:00 p.m. This course is for anyone working or volunteering at St. Mary's that will interact with children, and needs to be compliant with the diocese requirements.



Please visit <https://virtusonline.org/> for more information and to register!

## 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 date is February 12th. For further information, please contact Margaret Klach at [mklach60@gmail.com](mailto:mklach60@gmail.com).



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## IRISH DANCING WITH FATHER JOHN

Learn to dance in time for the Ringwood St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Wednesday, February 25th to Wednesday, March 25th  
7-8 p.m. in St. Clare Hall (Carnevale Center)

Suggested donation \$25 (\$5 per class)

Dancers should be prepared to sweat a little, so comfortable workout clothes and water bottles are recommended. Light, flexible, and smooth-soled shoes or dancing sneakers are best but regular sneakers are fine, too!

For this semester, we will put together a little routine to dance in the Ringwood St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Please register at <https://www.stmarys-pompton.org/irish-dancing-with-father-john> or call the Parish Office.



## SPIRITUAL GUIDED MEDITATION HOUR

*Dry Bones*



Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in The Prayer Room

Join us for prayer, reflection and guided meditation as we journey with hope to the Valley of Dry Bones. In the words of the Prophet Ezekiel, "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Listen! I will make breath enter you so you may come to life."

*"Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, we are done for."  
Ezekiel 37:11*



There will be a meeting of the Bereavement Support Group on March 9th at 7:00 pm in the Banta Room of the Carnevale Center. This group is open to anyone whose significant loved one has died more than one year ago. If you are struggling in the aftermath of your loss, or if you just want to connect with others who are rebuilding their life after loss, then THIS GROUP IS FOR YOU! You will find a welcoming, supportive, comforting space to discuss your journey.



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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).

Bilingual members welcome! Talks will be in English but there will be a small group facilitated in Spanish.

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Sunday February 15th  
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Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win at Bingo Games! Candy Bar Bingo is a fun, family-friendly game where players exchange candy bars for bingo cards and play multiple rounds of bingo, with candy bars as the prizes

Bring your family and 2 King Size Candy Bars per person.

Each person will receive 2 Bingo Cards

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February 21st  
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Collection bins will be at the doors of the church

Jan 31-Feb 1  
Feb 7-8

### Items needed

“pop-top, ready to eat”  
(tuna or chicken packages with crackers)

fruit cups or unsweetened apple sauce  
Nuts, trail mix, Goldfish, or pretzels

A Nutri-Grain type bar (soft foods are best)

8oz bottles of water  
Napkins

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quart-size zip-lock bags  
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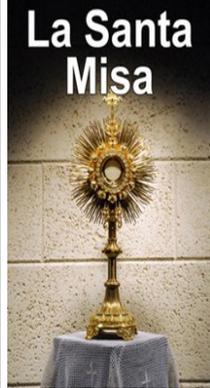
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Requisitos: Certificado de Nacimiento del(a) niño(a), padrinos y asistir a una clase antes de la celebración del Sacramento (padres y padrinos). Información: Milagros Anto. Si desea bautizar su hijo(a) en inglés debe asistir a una clase y llamar a Lynda 973-835-0374 Ext 192.



### 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.

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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 25 de febrero de 2026. Si alguien no puede comulgar por enfermedad u otra razón, avisa al Padre John Coughlin para una visita.

2.- Expresamos nuestro sincero agradecimiento a todos los que han colaborado en la celebración de la Virgen de la Candelaria en nuestra comunidad. Agradecemos de manera especial a los padrinos del Niño Jesús, Oscar Rivera y Marbella Castillo, por su generosidad y servicio.

3.- Invitamos a nuestra comunidad hispana a participar en la **Celebración del Sacramento de la Confirmación** el domingo 8 de febrero a las 2:30 p.m. en la iglesia principal. La Misa será presidida por Monseñor Kevin Sweeney, Obispo de la Diócesis de Paterson. Acompañemos con alegría y oración a nuestros candidatos en este momento tan importante de su fe.

### 4.- Cuaresma 2026:

\*La Misa de Miércoles de Ceniza será el **18 de febrero a las 8:30 p.m.** en la iglesia principal. Empecemos unidos este tiempo de reflexión, oración y encuentro con Dios, permitiendo que Su llamado transforme y fortalezca nuestra fe.

\* Se invita cordialmente a toda la comunidad hispana a participar en una charla de reflexión para prepararnos para la Cuaresma 2026 el **domingo 15 de febrero a las 10:00 a.m.** en el Spina Hall (sótano de la iglesia). Esta enseñanza estará a cargo del padre Huberto Obando. ¡Te esperamos para caminar juntos como comunidad de fe rumbo a la Cuaresma!

### Lecturas Bíblicas –IV Domingo Ordinario - Ciclo A – (Primero de febrero de 2026)

**Primera Lectura:** Sofonías 2, 3; 3, 12-13  
**Salmo Responsorial:** Salmo 145, 7. 8-9a. 9-bc-10  
**Segunda Lectura:** 1 Corintios 1, 26-31  
**+Evangelio:** Mateo 5, 1-12a

### Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 2 de febrero de 2026 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.



**La Virgen de la Candelaria** es una advocación de María muy amada por nuestro pueblo, y como comunidad hispana en Santa María la celebramos destacando la presentación del Niño Jesús como luz que guía nuestra vida de fe. En esta fiesta del 2 de febrero, nuestras familias traen con devoción la imagen del Niño Dios para ofrecerla al Señor y dar gracias por los cuidados y bendiciones recibidos en el hogar durante todo el año. Así, lo que vivimos en la liturgia se conecta con la vida diaria, recordándonos que Jesús quiere permanecer en medio de nuestras casas y de nuestra historia como inmigrantes. Cada año la celebración se llena de signos que hablan al corazón: las velas encendidas que representan la luz de Cristo, el

Niño Dios preparado con esmero y el compartir de los alimentos que hacen visible la fraternidad entre nosotros. Más que un simple evento social, este gesto comunitario expresa que Dios sigue caminando con su pueblo en medio del trabajo, las preocupaciones y los sueños que traemos a este país.

De esta manera, la devoción a la Candelaria nos ayuda a fortalecer el amor a la Eucaristía, a la escucha de la Palabra y a la vida de la Iglesia en nuestra parroquia. En nuestra comunidad hispana de la Iglesia de Santa María en Pompton Lakes, la fiesta de la Candelaria tiene un rasgo muy especial: cada año se eligen padrinos para el Niño Jesús de entre los mismos feligreses, como signo de cercanía y responsabilidad compartida. Esta elección expresa que no caminamos solos, sino que nos acompañamos unos a otros en la fe, sosteniendo a las familias y animando a quienes más lo necesitan. Al reunirnos para celebrar, rezar y compartir la mesa, mostramos que somos una sola familia, donde distintas historias y acentos se encuentran bajo el amparo de María.

Es fundamental conservar y transmitir esta hermosa tradición a las nuevas generaciones, porque en ella llevamos nuestra memoria, nuestra cultura y, sobre todo, nuestra fe en Jesús y en su Madre. Al explicar a los niños y jóvenes por qué presentamos al Niño Dios, por qué encendemos las velas y por qué nos reunimos a compartir, les abrimos la puerta a una relación viva con el Señor. Mantener viva la Candelaria en Santa María es asegurar que hijos y nietos sigan encontrando en la parroquia un hogar donde se sienten acogidos, valorados y enviados a ser luz de Cristo en Pompton Lakes.

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