

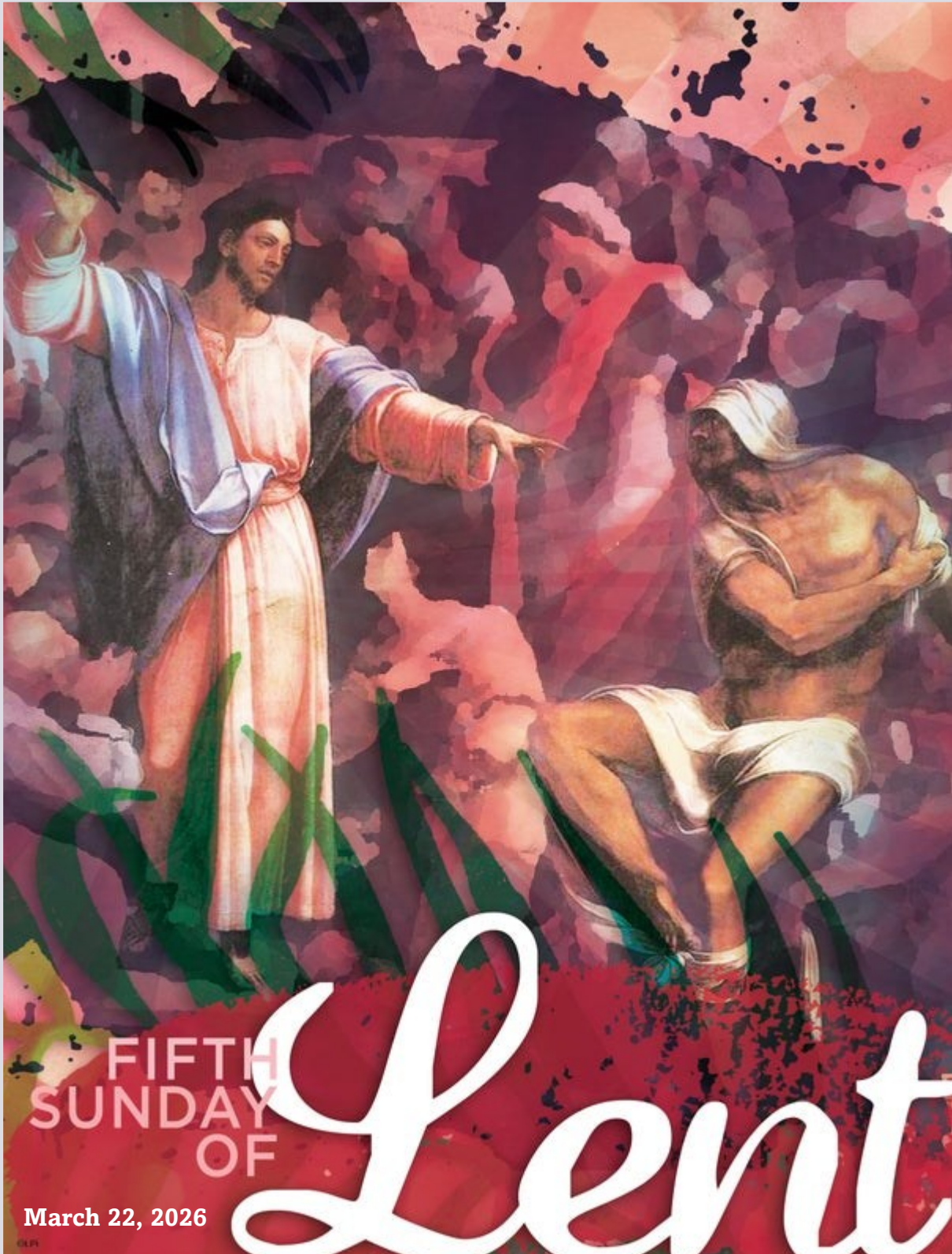


SAINT MARY'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH | A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

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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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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

9:00 AM—Liturgy of the Word w/Communion (Prayer Rm)
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)
12:00 PM—Monday-Friday in English (during Lent)
7:00 PM—Wednesday en Español (livestreamed)

MASSES ONLINE AT:

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SENSORY MASS

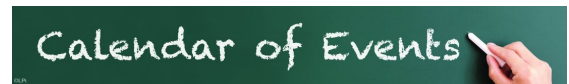
A sensory-friendly Mass offers the opportunity for those individuals with auditory and visual processing sensitivities to celebrate Mass along with their families. Masses will be monthly at 3:00 p.m. in the Carnevale Center on: March 22nd, April 19th, May 17th, June 14th



CONFESSION AND ADORATION

CONFESSION: Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Prayer Room during Lent. Good Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room

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.



Please see our Parish Calendar for all the current events and activities going on at St. Mary's!
<https://stmarys-pompton.org/parish-calendar>



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased, L = Living

Saturday	March 21
5:00 p.m.	† Charlie Garske † Elisa Sudol (1st Ann.) † Chad David Sente (2nd Ann.) † Nancy O'Flaherty (10th Ann.) † Maureen Kimak (1st Ann.) † Tom Lowe (heavenly birthday)
7:00 p.m.	† Rita Pospisil (9th Ann.) † Leo Cappello (heavenly birthday) † Phil Cappello (1st Ann.) † Michael Cappello (18th Ann.)
Sunday	March 22
7:30 a.m.	† Elisa Sudol (1st Ann.) † Ada Bohmann (2nd Ann.) † Rose Minglione † Yvonne Perone † Carol Fitzsimmons
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Phylis D'Onofrio † Elisa Sudol (1st Ann.) † Joseph Barlow, Jr.
10:30 a.m.	† Elisa Sudol (1st Ann.) † Tadeusz & Genowefa Stec † Marian & Krystyna Nieroda † Luisa Munoz † John Vidulich
12:00 p.m.	† Elisa Sudol (1st Ann.) † Angelo Mario Toscano † Tom Lowe (heavenly birthday) † Angelo Casale L James Cody VanHoven (happy birthday)
Monday	March 23
8:00 a.m.	† Jack Hand † Alberto & Conrado Baldovino (heavenly birthday)
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Tuesday	March 24
8:00 a.m.	† Rosemary Croker (5th Ann.)
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Wednesday	March 25
8:00 a.m.	† Helen Nolan † Joan Brophy (heavenly 98th birthday) † Pamela Hartley † Donald & Maureen Ann Serafin † Thomas Doran (heavenly birthday)
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday	March 26
8:00 a.m.	† Marjorie Dwyer † Donald & Maureen Ann Serafin
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Friday	March 27
8:00 a.m.	† Jose Luz Perez Flores
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Saturday	March 28
5:00 p.m.	† John Lobosco † Antonia & Bronislaw Lewinska † Robert Rivas † Carla Bellofatto † Bernadette Shea
7:00 p.m.	† James Nolan † Tricia Revis † Paul Konarski (heavenly birthday) † Teresa Lobmeyer
Sunday	March 29
7:30 a.m.	† Patricia Harkin (1st Ann.) † Ernesto Antolin (anniversary of his death) † Valerie Terkanick † Sally Repko † Maria Teresa DiMarco (8th Ann.)
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† John Sandoz † Michael Scian (9th Ann.)
10:30 a.m.	† Kathy Marshall † Angelo Mario Toscano † Margaret Gargon † Bernice Staudinger † Roseanne Rozzotto
12:00 p.m.	† Georgette Deraney † Carol Fitzsimmons † Br. William Lanning, OFM † Eleanor Napoli



...THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

Sharon Della Penna, John J. Gieson III

...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, Eric Huss, Magnus Slyfield, Rozalia Maziarz, David Grish, Bob Kruk, Morgan Mahon, Ella Rose Mahon, Terry Medino, Elenor Esposito, Toni Muller, Jackie Deweler, Sr. Susan Evelyn, Taylor Whittaker, Francis Koza, Lucy Matyisin, Jama Rothschild, Linda Bedell Kwaitkowski, Eileen Donnelly, John Donnelly, James McMahan, Joy Wechter, Anthony Montagna, Suzanne Zimmerman, Maria Gambatese

To add a loved one to this list, please call the Parish Office at 973-835-0374. Names are kept on the list for 30 days.

...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; Navy Lt. Ryan Hackett, Tracie Kasko; LT Vincent Bellomo; Staff Sergeant Andrew Murphy; Emmanuel Folleco; Sergeant Denise Gonzalez; Staff Sergeant Victoria Zimbaro; 1st Class Petty Officer Russell Bonadonna

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

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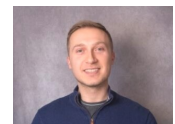
Please feel free to come up to one of the Parish Council members if you see us around or email parishcouncil@stmarys-prompton.org! For the most up-to-date report of the Parish Pastoral Council, please scan the QR code.



Diane



Toma



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Kristine



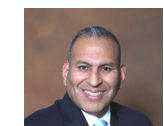
Greg



Mark



Joanne



Dino



Katie

FRIAR'S DESK

A Palm Sunday Reflection:

A little story to help you prepare for Palm Sunday, next week

Bob and Marge invited the new neighbors over for dinner. They wanted everything to be perfect. Marge had prepared her favorite chicken dinner. Bob bought a couple of very good wines.

They were all set to welcome their new guests and then had a sudden moment of panic. Ryan, their 7-year-old. How could they be sure that he would be on his best behavior?

So Bob delivered to Ryan one of his sternest lectures. He told his son how important the evening was and that he would not put up with any of Ryan's antics.

Everything was going smoothly. Then they finally sat down at the dining room table. Ryan reached for the basket of rolls and knocked over his glass of water.

He froze in fear. Then he looked at his father. To his relief Bob was smiling. Then he said, "Don't worry, Ryan. I'll clean that up with my napkin."

But when Bob reached over to dry the table with his napkin, he knocked over his own glass of water. He laughed and said, "Look who the real clumsy one is." Then father and son ran into the kitchen and got towels, and together they cleaned up the mess.

On Palm Sunday we get a good look at the humanity of Jesus. We see clearly his brokenness. His heart aches as he looks at all the people welcoming him with shouts of "Hosanna!"

His heart aches because he knows that in only a few days, these same people will be shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Bob took away all of his son's fears and all of his embarrassment. He took away all of his guilt and shame. And he did it by showing Ryan his own humanity.

Isn't this what Jesus has done for us? So that when we are in pain, or when we are broken—when we feel that our last step is just that—we look at Jesus and hear him saying to us, "Look at me! Take a good look at me!"

"How can you think that I don't understand? How can you not know that I fully feel your pain? So come to me, and let me heal you and make you whole again."

—Father John Alderson, OFM

Reflexión para el Domingo de Ramos:

Una pequeña historia para ayudarte a prepararte para el Domingo de Ramos, la semana que viene.

Bob y Marge invitaron a sus nuevos vecinos a cenar. Querían que todo fuera perfecto. Marge había preparado su cena favorita de pollo. Bob compró un par de muy buenos vinos.

Todo estaba listo para recibir a sus invitados, cuando de repente tuvieron un momento de pánico. Ryan, su hijo de 7 años... ¿cómo podían asegurarse de que se portara bien?

Así que Bob le dio a Ryan uno de sus discursos más serios. Le explicó lo importante que era la noche y que no iba a tolerar ninguna de sus travesuras.

Todo iba muy bien. Finalmente se sentaron a la mesa del comedor. Ryan se estiró para alcanzar la canasta de panecillos y volcó su vaso de agua.

Se quedó paralizado de miedo. Luego miró a su padre. Para su alivio, Bob estaba sonriendo. Entonces dijo: "No te preocupes, Ryan. Yo lo limpio con mi servilleta."

Pero cuando Bob se inclinó para secar la mesa con su servilleta, volcó su propio vaso de agua. Se rió y dijo: "Mira quién es el verdadero torpe."

Entonces padre e hijo corrieron a la cocina a buscar toallas y juntos limpiaron el desastre.

En el Domingo de Ramos vemos claramente la humanidad de Jesús. Podemos ver su dolor. Su corazón sufre al ver a toda la gente que lo recibe con gritos de "¡Hosanna!"

Su corazón sufre porque sabe que en pocos días esas mismas personas estarán gritando: "¡Crucificalo! ¡Crucificalo!"

Bob quitó todos los miedos y la vergüenza de su hijo. Le quitó su culpa y su pena. Y lo hizo mostrándole su propia humanidad.

¿No es esto lo que Jesús ha hecho por nosotros? Para que cuando estemos sufriendo, o cuando estemos quebrantados—cuando sintamos que ya no podemos dar ni un paso más—miremos a Jesús y lo escuchemos decirnos:

"¡Mírame! ¡Mírame bien!"

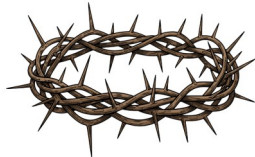
"¿Cómo puedes pensar que no te entiendo? ¿Cómo puedes no saber que siento plenamente tu dolor? Ven a mí y deja que te sane y te haga completo nuevamente."

—Father John Alderson, OFM





LENT AND HOLY WEEK




Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Weekdays During Lent

Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

After the 12:00 p.m. Mass on Fridays in the church

Soup and Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

- 6:00 p.m. Soup in Spina Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church
- March 13 (bilingual)

Confessions

- Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Prayer Room
- Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church
- Good Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room

Lenten Penance Service

- Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the church

No Greater Love

- Friday March 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the church
- Presented by Xavier Company
- Experience the Passion of Christ in drama, song and dance

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29th
Regular Mass Schedule

Women of Jerusalem

Monday, March 30th 7:00 p.m. in the church

Seder Dinner

Tuesday, March 31st
Mack's Restaurant

Register on our website



La Santa Misa en español

Wednesday, April 1st
7:00 p.m. in the church

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 2nd

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the church
- 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper in the church

Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the church
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Confessions in the Prayer Room
- 3:00 p.m. Service of the Passion of the Lord in the church
- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae/Service of the Passion of the Lord in the church
- 7:00 p.m. Via Crucis y Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Carnevale Ctr.)

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4th

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Blessing of the Baskets
- 7:30 p.m. Bilingual Easter Vigil
- All in the church

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5th

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Mass (Pompton Lakes Elks Parking Lot)
- Regular Sunday schedule in the

church (additional Masses at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Carnevale Ctr.)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 12th

- 2:00 p.m.– 2:45 p.m. Confessions
- 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
- All in the Prayer Room

Hispanic Ministry

- Viernes, 13 de marzo, 7:00 p.m. Vía Crucis bilingüe en la iglesia; antes tendremos una comida sencilla de sopa en el sótano.
- Miércoles, 18 de marzo, 7:30 p.m. Servicio de Reconciliación con confesiones individuales.

OPERATION STARFISH

Operation Starfish is a simple program designed to let families more fully engage in both the opportunity for spiritual refectation and the chance to make daily sacrifices that benefit those who are suffering.

Please scan the code or click [here](#) to learn why this program is called Operation Starfish!



The program encourages families to save their loose change weekly and place it in the Operation Starfish Baskets located in the church to help fund many of our outreach ministries. Please help the neediest in our communities, and teach your children about the Lenten pillar of almsgiving!

READINGS

Reading I Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD:
O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.
Then you shall know that I am the
LORD,
when I open your graves and have you
rise from them,
O my people!
I will put my spirit in you that you may
live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.
I have promised, and I will do it, says the
LORD.

Reading II Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters:
Those who are in the flesh cannot please
God.
But you are not in the flesh;
on the contrary, you are in the spirit,
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Whoever does not have the Spirit of
Christ does not belong to him.
But if Christ is in you,
although the body is dead because of sin,
the spirit is alive because of
righteousness.
If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus
from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus,
saying,
“Master, the one you love is ill.”
When Jesus heard this he said,
“This illness is not to end in death,

but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may be glorified
through it.”
Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister
and Lazarus.
So when he heard that he was ill,
he remained for two days in the place
where he was.
Then after this he said to his disciples,
“Let us go back to Judea.”
When Jesus arrived, he found that
Lazarus
had already been in the tomb for four
days.
When Martha heard that Jesus was
coming,
she went to meet him;
but Mary sat at home.
Martha said to Jesus,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that whatever you
ask of God,
God will give you.”
Jesus said to her,
“Your brother will rise.”
Martha said,
“I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day.”
Jesus told her,
“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies,
will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in
me will never die.
Do you believe this?”
She said to him, “Yes, Lord.
I have come to believe that you are the
Christ, the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world.”
He became perturbed and deeply
troubled, and said,

“Where have you laid him?”
They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”
And Jesus wept.
So the Jews said, “See how he loved
him.”
But some of them said,
“Could not the one who opened the eyes
of the blind man
have done something so that this man
would not have died?”
So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the
tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.
Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”
Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to
him,
“Lord, by now there will be a stench;
he has been dead for four days.”
Jesus said to her,
“Did I not tell you that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?”
So they took away the stone.
And Jesus raised his eyes and said,
“Father, I thank you for hearing me.
I know that you always hear me;
but because of the crowd here I have said
this,
that they may believe that you sent me.”
And when he had said this,
He cried out in a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”
The dead man came out,
tied hand and foot with burial bands,
and his face was wrapped in a cloth.
So Jesus said to them,
“Untie him and let him go.”
Now many of the Jews who had come to
Mary
and seen what he had done began to
believe in him.

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom
8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn
8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,
11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-
59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn
10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn
11:45-56

Please join us in singing!

1. In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy and
fullness of redemption.
Gospel Refrain
And I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The Heart Of Worship

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped
away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of
worth
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have
required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus 1

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You
Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You
Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could
express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is
Yours
Ev'ry single breath

3. I Am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of Life, I am the hope in
night,

I am the door wide open, I am the
shepherd's might,
I am the truth and light, I am the way
and life,
I Am Who Am and I am for you: come
and follow me.

I am bread for the world, hope for the
hopeless.
come to me, and know that I'll always be
there
with my arms open wide.
I Am Who Am and I am for you: come
and follow me.

I give my heart to those in sorrow,
I come to those who are in need;
hope for today and for tomorrow,
light for all who want to see.

4. Your Grace Is Enough

Great is your faithfulness, O God of
Jacob;
you wrestle with the sinner's restless
heart.
You lead me by still waters into mercy
where nothing can keep us apart
So, remember your people,
remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.

For your grace is enough.
Yeah, your grace is enough.
Yeah, your grace is enough.
Yeah, your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice, God of
Jacob;
you use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven's
victory
and all your people sing along.



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>

Masses must be submitted three weeks prior to the date requested in order to appear in the bulletin.

Easter is a season of hope and new life, but for some, it can also be a time when grief, loneliness, or personal struggles feel especially present. If this season is difficult for you, please know you do not have to face it alone—**Stephen Ministers** are caring, compassionate Christians trained to offer one-on-one emotional and spiritual support. This ministry is free and confidential, and if you or someone you know could benefit from having someone to listen, pray, and walk alongside you, we encourage you to reach out. Call Clare to learn more.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our 2nd graders have started their First Communion books. They have completed their Sacrament of Reconciliation and are diligently working on understanding and preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our 1st graders have worked very hard this year and are so proud that they have learned the Hail Mary and Our Father.

They have been increasing their prayers daily during the season of Lent for their brothers and sisters all over the world who are less fortunate.

Lent is the perfect time to go to confession. It is a powerful sacrament that allows you to experience God's love and receive the healing grace of God's forgiveness. You will essentially be starting fresh with a clean slate as you prepare for Easter. Read what some of our students who are preparing for their first confessions had to say:

- Dear Jesus, after receiving my reconciliation I will feel happy and loved.
- Dear Jesus, I am excited to go to confession because then I will be ready for Holy Communion.
- Dear Jesus, this is how I feel: happy, excited, nervous but relieved.
- Dear Jesus, I will be glad to tell you that I hit my brother and that you will forgive me. I hope that I won't do it again.
- Dear Jesus, how I feel is that confession means being truthful, being calm, most of all that I tell my sins and mean it when I say I'm sorry.

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.

Spring Bible Study

St. Mary's is offering a six-session Bible Study on the Book of Genesis, Chapters 12-23, entitled Abraham and Sarah's Journey. Classes will meet for six Tuesdays from April 14th to May 19th in the Banta Room of the Carnevale Center. There will be a morning section (10:00 – 11:30 AM) and an evening section (7:00 – 8:30 PM). The cost for the course is \$30 and includes a booklet which can be picked up in the parish office during office hours. There is a limit on the number of participants for each section, so register early. You can register for the Bible Study by emailing smc@stmarys-pompton.org, visiting our website, or simply scanning the QR Code.



FOOD PANTRY

Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

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)
Saturday, April 18	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, April 22	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, April 25	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, April 29	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

Current needed items:

Tea (regular, decaf, herbal), juice boxes, dish detergent, shampoo, pineapple. Hams for Easter can be brought to the Food Pantry during distribution hours or to the Parish Office during business hours. *Please do NOT put hams in the shed!*

Thanks to your generosity, we have plenty macaroni and cheese, cereal, pasta and all soups. Temporarily, please hold off on donating these items.

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
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What is Guided Meditation?

Meditation, or contemplation, is a form of prayer that invites us to encounter God through our imagination, while being led with a story. It engages both the mind and heart, using our thoughts and emotions to deepen our awareness of God's Presence in our lives. We begin with quiet music, deep breathing, and relaxation, stilling our minds so we can be open to the grace to be led by our loving God.

Our next Spiritual Guided Meditation Hour is Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM in The Prayer Room. We hope you can join us for this meaningful time of private reflection and prayer.



NEW MINISTRIES

Support Our Neighbors:

Saint Mary's Community Helpers

Saint Mary's is launching a new initiative to connect neighbors in need with volunteers who want to help by donating essentials like clothing, baby and child supplies and household items. This bilingual system is anonymous, protecting the privacy of our neighbors while allowing parishioners to fulfill specific needs.

All items are dropped off at neutral locations for a safe, contact-free hand-off (not at the Parish Office).

If you need help, please scan the Request QR code.



We need "Helper" volunteers. If you would like to be part of this impactful ministry, please scan the Volunteer QR code to review the Volunteer Dashboard and join our team of helpers.



Are you feeling called to do more? Not sure how your faith fits into serving the poor, or those who are in need? Are you looking for a better understanding of Catholic Social Teaching?

Join Us for a New "Just Faith" Small Group Series

Rediscover the heart of our Catholic faith and how we are called to love our neighbors, especially those experiencing poverty. Through prayer, reflection, song, and meaningful dialogue, this small group series explores the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching in a spirit of trust and community. Connect with other parishioners, share thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a safe and caring environment.

Be inspired, grow in awareness, and be equipped to help our parish respond to poverty and bring healing to our community.

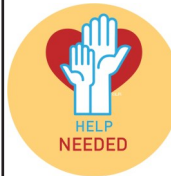
Please scan to register and contact Dorothy with any questions at dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org. Join us on Thursdays, April 16th - June 4th, from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Clare Hall in the Carnevale Center.



Full of Grace Rosary Makers

Do you enjoy working with your hands? Do you have a devotion to the Rosary or want to grow in one? Are you looking for a way to connect more deeply with fellow parishioners? Our new "Full of Grace" Rosary-Making Ministry might be just right for you! Together we'll learn to craft beautiful rosaries to share with others and grow in love for Our Blessed Mother. No experience necessary — just a willing heart and open hands.

We meet twice monthly beginning on April 7th on Tuesdays 10:30 - 12:30 in the Carnevale Center (10 Lenox Avenue). For more information, contact the Parish Office or email smc@stmarys-pompton.org.



The Rios Family are proud and devoted members of St. Mary's. Jorge Rios is a musician at our Spanish Masses, Josefina has been a teacher of ELL, and they bring their two beautiful children, Lucas and Emma to Mass every week.

Sadly, Josefina is in desperate need of a kidney, and their family needs our support. Please read this [article](#) for more information about Josefina's situation and pray for this family.

If you would like to donate to a GoFundMe page set up by the family for their needs, please scan the QR code.

For more information, or to find out about becoming a kidney donor, please contact Father Chris Keenan, OFM at fdnychaplainchris@yahoo.com



DIAPER AND WIPES DONATION DRIVE

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn, and St. Mary's is helping a local troop get theirs! Please consider donating diapers and wipes, which are the most-needed and least-donated item for families with young children. The blue bins will be at the back of the church starting March 14th.



Thank you for your generosity!



CALLING ALL COOKS!

This ministry provides meals for people with compromised health, including HIV/Aids, living in a group home run by NJ Buddies. This is simply a ministry of making home-cooked meals for six men and delivering to their home in Paramus. A suggested menu is sent at the beginning of each month. You have the option of making that meal, or cooking your specialty. Please contact Donna Gioffre at donnagioffre1@gmail.com or 201-248-4909 if you would like to participate once or on an ongoing basis.

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

Si deseas que Nuestra Morenita visite tu hogar ponte en contacto con **Angelina Nuci** después de nuestra misa dominical o escríbele al siguiente correo electrónico: angehannuci@yahoo.com. 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 15 de abril de 2026. Si alguien no puede comulgar por enfermedad u otra razón, avisa al Padre John Coughlin para una visita.

2.- Invitamos a todos a aunarse a los Ministerios de Proclamadores de la Palabra, ministros de la Eucaristía y Hospitalidad por favor hablar con Lourdes Huerta o Ana Cadena o Cristina Castro.

3.- **Cuaresma 2026:**

***Confesiones:** Si desea confesarse, por favor hable con el padre John Coughlin después de la misa en español de los miércoles a las 7:00pm, o puede contactarlo en la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita en otro horario.

****Semana Santa 2026**

*Domingo de Ramos: 29 de marzo; misa a las 8:45am en la iglesia principal

*Miércoles Santo: primero de abril; misa en español a las 7:00pm en el Centro Carnevale

*Jueves Santo: 2 de abril; misa bilingüe a las 7:00pm en la iglesia principal

*Viernes Santo: 3 de abril; VIA CRUCIS seguido de la Liturgia de la Palabra a las 7:00pm en el centro Carnevale.

*Vigilia Pascual: 4 de abril; misa bilingüe a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia Principal

*Domingo de RESURRECCION: EASTER: 5 de abril; misa en español a las 8:45am en la iglesia principal.

Lecturas Bíblicas –V Domingo de Cuaresma - Ciclo A (22 de marzo de 2026)

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 37, 12-14
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6. 7-8
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8, 8-11
+Evangelio: Juan 11, 1-45

Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra

Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973-270-3453). Este Ministerio se reunirá el lunes 23 de marzo de 2026 de 7:30pm a 8:30pm en el salón Alma Banta del Centro Carnevale.



Jesús, Señor de la vida: preparando el corazón para la Pascua

En el V Domingo de Cuaresma del ciclo A, el Evangelio de la resurrección de Lázaro nos presenta a Jesús como Señor de la vida, capaz de entrar en nuestras historias de dolor y abrir caminos donde nosotros solo vemos muerte y fracaso. En la realidad actual de los Estados Unidos, donde tantas familias viven agobiadas por la economía, la violencia, la

soledad y el desgaste interior, esta Palabra nos cuestiona: ¿creo de verdad que Jesús puede hacer algo nuevo en mi vida y en mi hogar?, ¿o pienso que ciertas situaciones ya no tienen remedio? Así, este Evangelio nos invita a mirar con sinceridad nuestros “sepulcros” interiores y a dejarnos alcanzar por la voz de Cristo que sigue llamando: “Ven afuera”. Además, contemplamos a un Jesús profundamente humano, que ama, que se conmueve y que llora ante la tumba de su amigo. Esto tiene un enorme significado para nosotros hoy: no seguimos a un Dios distante, sino a alguien que se deja afectar por nuestro sufrimiento personal y social. En un país donde muchas veces se esconde el dolor detrás de la prisa, el trabajo o las apariencias, este Evangelio nos mueve a preguntarnos: ¿le presento a Jesús mis lágrimas, mis duelos, mis cansancios?, ¿me permito sentir con los que sufren a mi alrededor o vivo indiferente? De este modo, la comunidad de Santa María está llamada a ser un lugar donde las personas puedan llorar, sanar y experimentar la cercanía de un Dios que no es indiferente a sus heridas. Asimismo, cuando Jesús ordena quitar la piedra y llama a Lázaro por su nombre, nos enseña que la fe no es pasividad, sino colaboración con la gracia. Hoy, en los Estados Unidos, donde existen tantas “piedras” individualismo, polarización, adicciones, resentimientos, injusticias este Evangelio nos impulsa a preguntarnos: **¿qué piedra concreta necesito mover para que la vida de Dios pueda manifestarse más en mí: el orgullo, la pereza espiritual, la falta de perdón, la dureza de corazón?** Y todavía más: **¿a quién estoy ayudando a salir de su tumba de soledad, miedo o pecado?** Así, este domingo nos recuerda que la conversión también es comunitaria: juntos, como parroquia, estamos llamados a ayudar a otros a desatar sus vendas y a caminar en la libertad de los hijos de Dios. Finalmente, la resurrección de Lázaro nos prepara directamente para la Pascua, porque anticipa la victoria definitiva de Cristo sobre la muerte. Este V Domingo de Cuaresma es una invitación a decidir de qué queremos resucitar en esta Pascua: **¿quiero salir del egoísmo, de la indiferencia, de la tibieza en la fe?, ¿qué paso concreto voy a dar para vivir más unido a Jesús y más comprometido con mis hermanos?** Si como comunidad de Santa María acogemos este Evangelio con valentía, la Pascua no será solo una celebración externa, sino el comienzo de una etapa nueva: familias reconciliadas, jóvenes más esperanzados, personas sanadas interiormente y una parroquia que, en medio de los desafíos de los Estados Unidos, se convierte en signo vivo de vida nueva y resurrección para todos.

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