

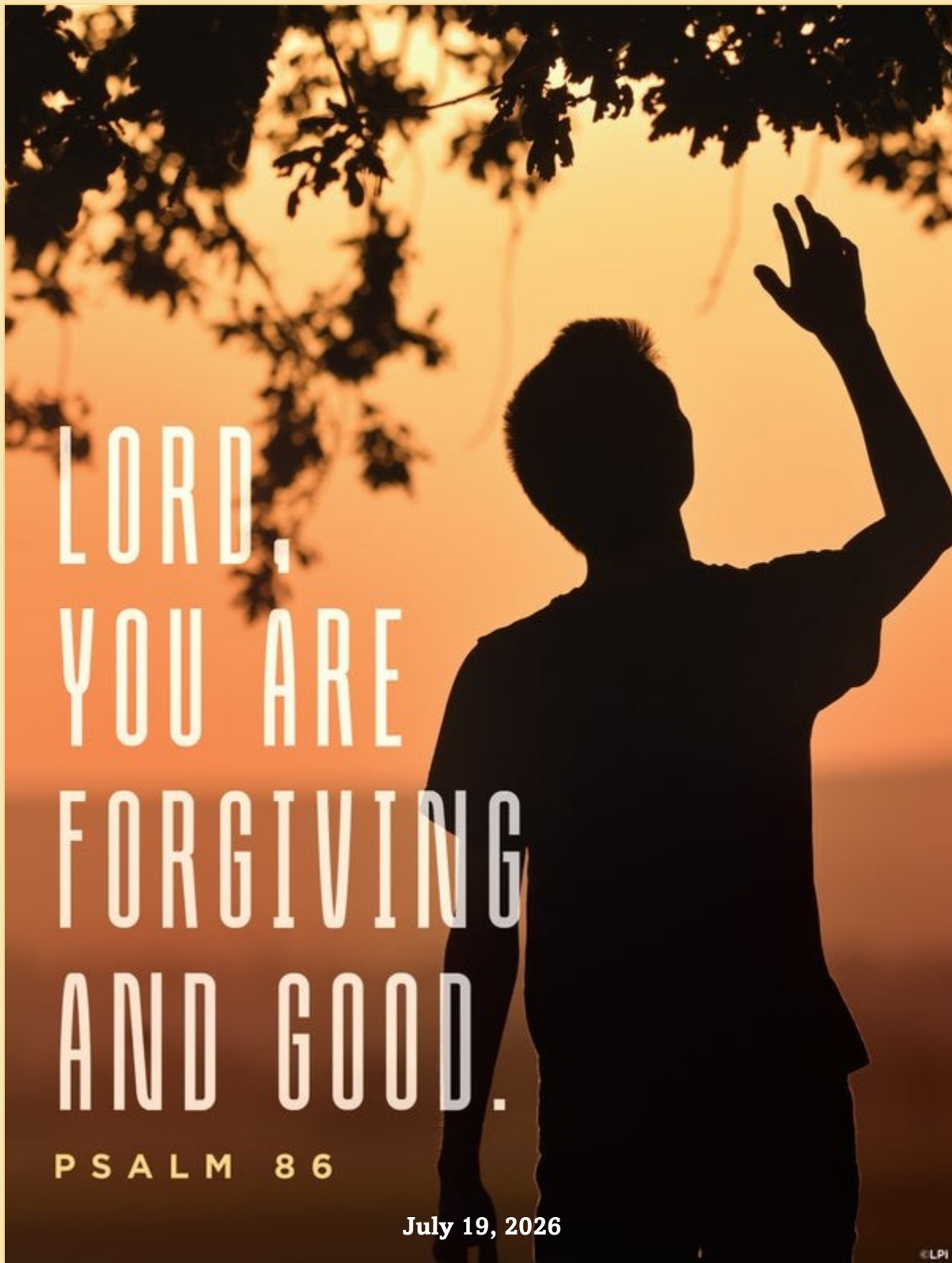


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Getting married at St. Mary's? We'd love to celebrate the sacrament of marriage with you! Please contact Lynda Rogalski at lrogalski@stmarys-pompton.org six months to a year before your desired date.

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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)
7:00 PM—Wednesday en Español (livestreamed)

MASSES ONLINE

www.stmarys-pompton.org
www.facebook.com/smcpompton
www.youtube.com/c/stmaryspomptonlakes

INCLUSIVE 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. Our upcoming dates are: 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/13 at 11:00am in the Carnevale Center.



This week, the Bread & Wine *and* Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of **Cesare and Lucille Pucillo**.



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.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



† = Deceased, L = Living

Saturday	July 18
5:00 p.m.	† Charlie Garske † Fr. Kenneth Rosswog, OFM † Peter Revis
7:00 p.m.	† Fr. Stephen Barnufsky, OFM
Sunday	July 19
7:30 a.m.	† James Wells (6th Ann.) † Timothy Wells (21st Ann.) † Walter & Helen Carson (heavenly birthday)
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	† Jack Sweeney (5th Ann.) † Angelina Destito † Hon. Joseph A. Portelli † Vivian Raspantini (anniversary of passing) † Patrick Falco † Wanda & Kazimierz Wieck
12:00 p.m.	† Mary Anne Moore † Cesare & Lucille Pucillo (anniversary of passing)
Monday	July 20
8:00 a.m.	† Colleen Hurley † Florence Eakins (heavenly birthday) † Louis Parascandola (heavenly birthday)
Tuesday	July 21
8:00 a.m.	† Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM † Richard Budis (2nd Ann.) † Keith H. Sisco, Sr. (10th Ann.)
Wednesday	July 22
8:00 a.m.	L Jack Famularo (happy birthday)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday	July 23
8:00 a.m.	† Patrick Pignatello
Friday	July 24
8:00 a.m.	† Gerry Gallagher † Francisco Cabral (heavenly birthday)
Saturday	July 25
5:00 p.m.	† Doris Rivera (3rd Ann.) † Peter & Mary Barrett † Claire Robinson † Stanley Hodor
7:00 p.m.	† James Nolan
Sunday	July 26
7:30 a.m.	† Carol Fitzsimmons (heavenly birthday)
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Jane Miklas
10:30 a.m.	† Kathy Marshall † Douglas Hall † May Garofalo † Ann Leahy † Janek Szymanski
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish

If you are having a Sunday Mass said for a friend or family member and would like to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory, please make yourself known to a friar or volunteer before Mass begins.



...THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Angelo, John, Frank Furnari, John Molaro, Lynn Hutman, Kathy Green, Paula Tedesco Carreras, Magnus Slyfield, David Grish, Morgan Mahon, Ella Rose Mahon, Terry Medino, Eleanor Esposito, Mike M., Andrew O'Neill, Eileen O'Neill, Linda Rumbaugh, Doug Miller, Jr., Lucy Matyisin, Bill Galayda, Paul Gourhan, Jose O. Soto, John "Fish" Salmon, Bob Manegold, Bob Barkovitz, John Fecko

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; Tracie Kasko; LT Vincent Bellomo; Staff Sergeant Andrew Murphy; Emmanuel Folleco; 1st Class Petty Officer Russell Bonadonna

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

Parish Picnic!

TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

**5PM MASS, 6-9 PM FREE FOOD AND FUN!
ICE CREAM TRUCK!
BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, MUSIC, DANCING!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



From set up to clean up , we are looking for your help to make this event a wonderful evening for our St. Mary's community!

Please scan the QR CODE or visit our website to register!

<https://stmarys-prompton.org/assumption-picnic-volunteer-form>
PLEASE CONTACT KATHLEEN LEARY AT [KLEARY@STMARYS-POMPTON.ORG](mailto:kleary@stmarys-prompton.org) WITH ANY QUESTIONS



PRAYERS OF THE MASS

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to
do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

El Confiteor (Yo confieso)

Yo confieso ante Dios todopoderoso
y ante ustedes, hermanos,
que he pecado mucho
de pensamiento, palabra, obra y omisión:
por mi culpa, por mi culpa, por mi gran culpa.
Por eso ruego a santa María, siempre Virgen,
a los ángeles, a los santos
y a ustedes, hermanos,
que intercedan por mí ante Dios, nuestro Señor.
Amén

El Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,
y en la tierra paz a los hombres que ama el
Señor.
Por tu inmensa gloria te alabamos,
te bendecimos, te adoramos,
te glorificamos, te damos gracias,
Señor Dios, Rey celestial,
Dios Padre todopoderoso.
Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo,
Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios, Hijo del Padre;
tú que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros;
tú que quitas el pecado del mundo,
atiende nuestras súplicas;
tú que estás sentado a la derecha del Padre,
ten piedad de nosotros;
porque sólo tú eres Santo,
sólo tú Señor,
sólo tú Altísimo, Jesucristo,

con el Espíritu Santo
en la gloria de Dios Padre. Amén.

Credo Niceno-Constantinopolitano

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra,
de todo lo visible y lo invisible.
Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,
Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de
todos los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de
Dios verdadero,
engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza
del Padre,
por quien todo fue hecho;
que por nosotros los hombres,
y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo,
y por obra del Espíritu Santo
se encarnó de María, la Virgen,
y se hizo hombre;
y por nuestra causa fue crucificado
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato;
padeció y fue sepultado,
y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras,
y subió al cielo,
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre;
y de nuevo vendrá con gloria
para juzgar a vivos y muertos,
y su reino no tendrá fin.
Creo en el Espíritu Santo,
Señor y dador de vida,
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,
que con el Padre y el Hijo
recibe una misma adoración y gloria,
y que habló por los profetas.
Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y
apostólica.
Confieso que hay un solo bautismo
para el perdón de los pecados.
Espero la resurrección de los muertos
y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.

Credo de los Apóstoles

Creo en Dios Padre,
Todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra.
Y en Jesucristo, su único Hijo,
Nuestro Señor,
que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu
Santo,
nació de Santa María Virgen,
padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado,
descendió a los infiernos,
al tercer día resucitó entre los muertos,
subió a los cielos y está sentado
a la derecha de Dios Padre, Todopoderoso.
Desde allí vendrá a juzgar a vivos y a muertos.
Creo en el Espíritu Santo,
la Santa Iglesia Católica,
la comunión de los santos,
el perdón de los pecados,
la resurrección de la carne
y la vida perdurable. Amén.

READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all,
that you need show you have not unjustly condemned.
For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved;
and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.
But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency,
and with much lenience you govern us;
for power, whenever you will, attends you.
And you taught your people, by these deeds,
that those who are just must be kind;
and you gave your children good ground for hope
that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters:
The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man
who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

The slaves of the householder came to him and said,

'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?

Where have the weeds come from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.

Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,

"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;

but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Sabiduría 12, 13. 16-19

No hay más Dios que tú, Señor, que cuidas de todas las cosas.

No hay nadie a quien tengas que rendirle cuentas de la justicia de tus sentencias.

Tu poder es el fundamento de tu justicia, y por ser el Señor de todos, eres misericordioso con todos.

Tú muestras tu fuerza

a los que dudan de tu poder soberano y castigas a quienes, conociéndolo, te desafían.

Siendo tú el dueño de la fuerza, juzgas con misericordia y nos gobiernas con delicadeza, porque tienes el poder y lo usas cuando quieres.

Con todo esto has enseñado a tu pueblo que el justo debe ser humano, y has llenado a tus hijos de una dulce esperanza,

ya que al pecador le das tiempo para que se arrepienta.

Salmo 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16a

Tú, Señor, eres bueno y clemente.

Romanos 8, 26-27

Hermanos: El Espíritu nos ayuda en nuestra debilidad, porque nosotros no sabemos pedir lo que nos conviene; pero el Espíritu mismo intercede por nosotros con gemidos que no pueden expresarse con palabras. Y Dios, que conoce profundamente los corazones, sabe lo que el Espíritu quiere decir, porque el Espíritu ruega, conforme a la voluntad de Dios, por los que le pertenecen.

Mateo 13, 24-30

En aquel tiempo, Jesús propuso esta otra parábola a la muchedumbre: "El Reino de los cielos se parece a un hombre que sembró buena semilla en su campo; pero mientras los trabajadores dormían, llegó un enemigo del dueño, sembró cizaña entre el trigo y se marchó. Cuando crecieron las plantas y se empezaba a formar la espiga, apareció también la cizaña.

Entonces los trabajadores fueron a decirle al amo: 'Señor, ¿qué no sembraste buena semilla en tu campo? ¿De dónde, pues, salió esta cizaña?' El amo les respondió: 'De seguro lo hizo un enemigo mío'. Ellos le dijeron: '¿Quieres que vayamos a arrancarla?' Pero él les contestó: 'No. No sea que al arrancar la cizaña, arranquen también el trigo. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta el tiempo de la cosecha y, cuando llegue la cosecha, diré a los segadores: Arranquen primero la cizaña y átenla en gavillas para quemarla; y luego almacenen el trigo en mi granero' ".

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Domingo: Sab 12, 13. 16-19/Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16/Rom 8, 26-27/Mt 13, 24-43 o 13, 24-30

Lunes: Mi 6, 1-4. 6-8/Sal 49, 5-6. 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mt 12, 38-42

Martes: Mi 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 84, 2-4. 5-6. 7-8/Mt 12, 46-50

Miércoles: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Co 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18

Jueves: Jr 2, 1-3. 7-8. 12-13/Sal 35, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mt 13, 10-17

Viernes: Jr 3, 14-17/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 13, 18-23

Sábado: 2 Co 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Mt 20, 20-28

Please join us in singing!

When in our music God is Glorified

When, in our music, God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have
found A new dimension in the world of
sound, As worship moved us to a more
profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of
wrong, Borne witness to the truth in
every tongue: Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Find us Ready

Chorus
Find us ready Lord
Not standing still
Find us working and loving
And doing Your will
Find us ready Lord
Faithful in love
Building the kingdom
That's here and above
Building the kingdom
Of mercy and love

We must wait for the Lord
For we know not the time
So here and today
We gather and pray
Discovering love in our midst

Verse 2 must make straight the path
God's love revealed
With sin cast aside
God's mercy alive
Fear not for here is your God

Lifting up those bowed down
We prepare for our God
Rejoice in the Lord
For hope has been born
In hearts where our God
Finds a home

Do Good Works Each Day

Blessed are You, Lord God of all
creation,
In Your goodness You have created us
In Your mercy, You have redeemed us
And in Your ever loving Wisdom You
sustain us with Your Spirit.

Chorus
May we discover what is ours to do
and may we do good works each day,
do good works each day

May we discover what is ours to do and
may we do good works each day, for the
sake of Your Kingdom.
You've given us the gift of faith, the gift
of community and the gift of Your call to
be Your disciples.

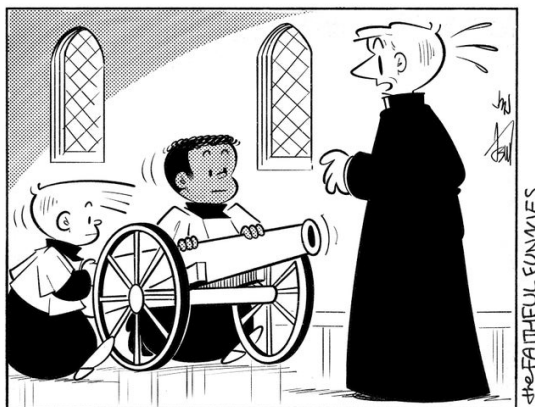
We beg you now for the gifts of:
Enlightenment that through our
PRAYER we may know your holy and
true command; Discipleship that we may
SERVE the needs of the community and
not simply our own, and Gratitude that
we may GIVE of ourselves for the good
of all.

Trading My Sorrows

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the
Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the
Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord, Amen



"Oh no, fellas! I didn't mean THAT kind of canon!"



The "Canon of Sacred Scripture" is the list of books in the Bible that the Catholic Church recognizes as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

CLP

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FRIAR'S DESK



This Wednesday, July 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene — and I do mean feast. In 2016, Pope Francis raised her day from a memorial to a full feast, the same rank as the apostles. It was about time.

Consider her résumé. She stood at the cross when nearly all the men had run. She kept vigil at the tomb. And on Easter morning, she became the first human being to see the Risen Lord. Jesus gave her a job: “Go to my brothers and tell them.” She ran and announced, “I have seen the Lord!”

That is why the Church — going back to St. Thomas Aquinas — calls her the Apostle to the Apostles. Before Peter preached at Pentecost, before Paul wrote a single letter, Mary Magdalene preached the first Easter homily.

Which leaves me wondering, honestly, from this desk: why can't a woman preach at Sunday Mass? The Church's reasoning rests on this: Jesus freely chose twelve men as his apostles, and the Church has always understood that choice as deliberate — not a concession to his culture, but the pattern he intended for the priesthood, with the priest acting in the person of Christ. Since the homily belongs to the ordained, it belongs to men. I understand the logic. But I also notice that the Risen Christ's very first instinct was to put the Good News in a woman's mouth. And I see it still — women catechizing our children, bringing Communion to the sick, speaking about Jesus with a clarity that would humble any preacher, myself included.

The Church's first witness was a woman. Her voice isn't an accessory to the Gospel. It's woven into its very first sentence.

So this week, thank a woman who taught you the faith. And ask St. Mary Magdalene to pray for a Church that keeps listening.

Peace and all good,
Fr. John

Este miércoles 22 de julio, la Iglesia celebra la Fiesta de Santa María Magdalena — y digo bien, fiesta. En el 2016, el Papa Francisco elevó su día de memoria a fiesta plena, el mismo rango que los apóstoles. Ya era hora.

Consideren su currículum. Estuvo de pie junto a la cruz cuando casi todos los hombres habían huido. Veló junto al sepulcro. Y en la mañana de Pascua, fue el primer ser humano en ver al Señor Resucitado. Jesús le encomendó una misión: “Ve a mis hermanos y díselos”. Ella corrió y anunció: “¡He visto al Señor!”

Por eso la Iglesia — desde Santo Tomás de Aquino — la llama la Apóstol de los Apóstoles. Antes de que Pedro predicara en Pentecostés, antes de que Pablo escribiera una sola carta, María Magdalena predicó la primera homilía de Pascua.

Lo cual me deja preguntándome, honestamente, desde este escritorio: ¿por qué una mujer no puede predicar en la Misa dominical? El razonamiento de la Iglesia se basa en esto: Jesús eligió libremente a doce hombres como sus apóstoles, y la Iglesia siempre ha entendido esa elección como deliberada — no una concesión a su cultura, sino el modelo que él quiso para el sacerdocio, con el sacerdote actuando en la persona de Cristo. Como la homilía corresponde a los ordenados, corresponde a los hombres. Entiendo la lógica. Pero también noto que el primer instinto de Cristo Resucitado fue poner la Buena Nueva en boca de una mujer. Y lo sigo viendo hoy — mujeres catequizando a nuestros niños, llevando la Comunión a los enfermos, hablando de Jesús con una claridad que humillaría a cualquier predicador, incluyéndome a mí.

El primer testigo de la Iglesia fue una mujer. Su voz no es un accesorio del Evangelio. Está tejida en su primera oración.

Así que esta semana, denle gracias a una mujer que les enseñó la fe. Y pidanle a Santa María Magdalena que ore por una Iglesia que siga escuchando.

Paz y bien,
P. John

News about Pathways Counseling Center

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's,

It is with a heavy heart, but also with deep gratitude, that I write to share the news that after much prayer, discussion, and discernment, the Board of Directors of Pathways Counseling Center has made the difficult decision to close its doors. I want to share with you both the story behind this decision and the spirit in which we make it.

A Legacy Worth Honoring

Pathways Counseling Center began in 1980, not as a corporation, but as an act of pastoral love. Two volunteer counselors and a pastor with a vision opened their doors under the name St. Mary's Counseling Services, wanting simply to offer healing and hope to our community. From that humble beginning grew a remarkable ministry: a New Jersey state-certified mental health agency with a doctoral-level Clinical Director and fifteen licensed counselors, serving families, children, and individuals across Northern New Jersey — regardless of age, race, ethnicity, or ability to pay.

For more than forty-five years, Pathways walked alongside our neighbors through some of life's most difficult moments — divorce, grief, family struggles, the challenges of raising children, and the search for peace of mind.

A Changing Landscape

The world of mental health care has changed enormously in recent years, and small community-based centers like Pathways have felt that change acutely. Referrals that once sustained the Center have declined as more people turn to large health systems and telehealth platforms. Finding and keeping qualified, licensed counselors has grown increasingly difficult. And the demands of insurance billing — prior authorizations, paperwork, and shrinking reimbursements — have placed a burden on the Center that has simply become unsustainable.

Please know that this decision was not made lightly, and that our first concern in the weeks ahead will be for the clients currently receiving care. We are committed to helping them transition to other qualified providers, and to treating our dedicated staff with the respect and gratitude they have earned.

A Time for Every Purpose

Scripture reminds us that “there is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens... a time to give birth, and a time to die... a time to weep, and a time to laugh” (Ecclesiastes 3:1–4). All good and faithful things, even ministries born of love, have their season. Pathways has had its season, and it was a good one — one that brought healing to thousands of lives over forty-five years.

As Christians, we do not believe that endings are the final word. We believe in a God who brings new life out of what has died, who turns endings into beginnings we cannot yet see. We trust that the same Spirit who inspired two volunteers and a pastor in 1980 will continue to inspire new ways for this parish to serve those in need of healing. We close this chapter not in defeat, but in faith — grateful for all that Pathways was, and hopeful for all that God still has in store for our parish family.

I ask for your prayers — for the clients and staff of Pathways during this transition, and for our parish as we discern what comes next. Thank you, as always, for your faith, your generosity, and your love for this community.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. John Aherne, OFM

Pastor, St. Mary's Parish

Chairman, Board of Directors, Pathways Counseling Center, Inc.



MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Truth, Work, and Freedom: What Is Actually at Stake

If Chapter Three of Magnifica Humanitas is the philosophical heart of the encyclical, Chapter Four is where it comes down to earth. This is the longest chapter in the document, and in many ways the most urgent — because it speaks directly to things every family is already living with: the reliability of what we read online, anxiety about jobs, children glued to screens, and the quiet erosion of our freedom by the devices in our pockets.

Leo XIV organizes Chapter Four around three things he believes AI is putting at risk: truth, work, and freedom. Each deserves our careful attention.

Truth Under Pressure

The Pope opens this section with a sobering observation: we are living in a moment when the ability to manufacture and spread falsehoods at scale has never been greater. AI can now generate convincing text, images, audio, and video that never happened. Algorithms push content that provokes outrage, because outrage keeps people clicking. The result is an information environment that is, in Leo XIV's words, deeply hostile to democracy, which depends on citizens being able to reason together from a shared foundation of truth.

He invokes the philosopher Hannah Arendt, who observed that the ideal subject of an authoritarian regime is not someone who believes lies, but someone who *no longer recognizes the distinction between true and false*. That, the Pope suggests, is precisely where we are headed if we do not cultivate what he calls an “ecology of communication” — an information environment built on transparency, honest journalism, genuine education, and the courageous refusal to pass on what we have not verified.

He is especially concerned about schools, which he calls irreplaceable in forming the critical thinking that the digital age demands. No algorithm can teach a child to love truth. That requires teachers, parents, and communities willing to model it.

The Dignity of Work

This is where Leo XIV sounds most like his namesake. Just as Leo XIII stood with workers facing the upheaval of industrialization, Leo XIV stands with workers facing automation. He is unflinching: there is a legitimate and serious fear that AI will eliminate many jobs, and that fear deserves to be taken seriously rather than dismissed with promises of future abundance.

Work, the Pope insists, is not merely a paycheck. It is “*a fundamental dimension of the human experience*” — a way we express ourselves, contribute to our communities, and participate in the ongoing work of creation. Mass unemployment would be, in his words, “a true social calamity.” Governments, businesses, and civil society all share responsibility for ensuring that the benefits of AI are broadly shared, not concentrated in the hands of the few.

He also shines a light on the hidden human cost of the AI economy — the data labelers, content moderators, and miners of rare earth materials working in dangerous conditions for minimal wages, largely invisible to those who benefit from the technologies they make possible. In a striking passage, he formally asks forgiveness, in the name of the Church, for the historical slowness with which she condemned slavery — and connects that history directly to the new forms of exploitation embedded in today's digital supply chains.

Freedom and Its Enemies

The final movement of Chapter Four addresses something many of us feel but rarely name: the slow, quiet loss of freedom that comes with digital dependency. Leo XIV speaks plainly about addiction to screens and platforms designed to capture and hold our attention for profit. He worries especially about children and young people, whose developing minds are being shaped by systems optimized not for their flourishing but for engagement metrics.

His remedy is not to abandon technology, but to reclaim agency over it — through regulation, education, community, and the simple, countercultural practice of putting the phone down. Freedom, he reminds us, is not just the absence of chains. It is the capacity to choose what is genuinely good.

Next week: Chapter Five — War, power, and the call to build a civilization of love in the digital age.

Verdad, trabajo y libertad: lo que realmente está en juego

Si el Capítulo Tres de Magnifica Humanitas es el corazón filosófico de la encíclica, el Capítulo Cuatro es donde todo aterriza en la realidad. Es el capítulo más largo del documento y, en muchos sentidos, el más urgente — porque habla directamente de cosas que cada familia ya está viviendo: la fiabilidad de lo que leemos en línea, la ansiedad por los empleos, los niños pegados a las pantallas y la silenciosa erosión de nuestra libertad por los aparatos que llevamos en el bolsillo.

León XIV organiza el Capítulo Cuatro en torno a tres cosas que cree que la IA está poniendo en riesgo: la verdad, el trabajo y la libertad. Cada una merece nuestra atención cuidadosa.

La verdad bajo presión

El Papa abre esta sección con una observación inquietante: vivimos en un momento en que la capacidad de fabricar y difundir falsedades a gran escala nunca ha sido mayor. La IA ahora puede generar texto, imágenes, audio y vídeo convincentes de cosas que nunca ocurrieron. Los algoritmos impulsan contenido que provoca indignación, porque la indignación mantiene a la gente haciendo clic. El resultado es un entorno informativo que, en palabras de León XIV, es profundamente hostil a la democracia, que depende de que los ciudadanos puedan razonar juntos desde una base compartida de verdad.

Invoca a la filósofa Hannah Arendt, quien observó que el súbdito ideal de un régimen autoritario no es alguien que cree las mentiras, sino alguien que *ya no reconoce la distinción entre lo verdadero y lo falso*. Eso, sugiere el Papa, es precisamente hacia donde nos dirigimos si no cultivamos lo que él llama una “ecología de la comunicación” — un entorno informativo construido sobre la transparencia, el periodismo honesto, la educación genuina y el rechazo valeroso de difundir lo que no hemos verificado.

Le preocupan especialmente las escuelas, a las que considera insustituibles para formar el pensamiento crítico que exige la era digital. Ningún algoritmo puede enseñarle a un niño a amar la verdad. Eso requiere maestros, padres y comunidades dispuestos a modelarla.

La dignidad del trabajo

Aquí es donde León XIV suena más parecido a su homónimo. Así como León XIII estuvo del lado de los trabajadores que enfrentaban la convulsión de la industrialización, León XIV está del lado de los trabajadores que enfrentan la automatización. Es contundente: existe un temor legítimo y serio de que la IA eliminará muchos empleos, y ese temor merece ser tomado en serio en lugar de descartarse con promesas de abundancia futura.

El trabajo, insiste el Papa, no es simplemente un salario. Es “*una dimensión fundamental de la experiencia humana*” — una forma en que nos expresamos, contribuimos a nuestras comunidades y participamos en la obra continua de la creación. El desempleo masivo sería, en sus palabras, “una verdadera calamidad social.” Los gobiernos, las empresas y la sociedad civil comparten la responsabilidad de garantizar que los beneficios de la IA se distribuyan ampliamente, no concentrados en manos de pocos.

También ilumina el costo humano oculto de la economía de la IA — los etiquetadores de datos, los moderadores de contenido y los mineros de materiales de tierras raras que trabajan en condiciones peligrosas por salarios mínimos, en gran parte invisibles para quienes se benefician de las tecnologías que hacen posibles. En un pasaje notable, pide formalmente perdón, en nombre de la Iglesia, por la lentitud histórica con la que esta condenó la esclavitud — y conecta esa historia directamente con las nuevas formas de explotación presentes en las cadenas de suministro digitales actuales.

La libertad y sus enemigos

El último movimiento del Capítulo Cuatro aborda algo que muchos sentimos pero rara vez nombramos: la pérdida lenta y silenciosa de libertad que viene con la dependencia digital. León XIV habla con claridad sobre la adicción a las pantallas y a las plataformas diseñadas para capturar y mantener nuestra atención con fines de lucro. Le preocupan especialmente los niños y los jóvenes, cuyas mentes en desarrollo están siendo moldeadas por sistemas optimizados no para su florecimiento sino para las métricas de participación.

Su remedio no es abandonar la tecnología, sino recuperar el control sobre ella — mediante la regulación, la educación, la comunidad y la simple práctica contracultural de dejar el teléfono a un lado. La libertad, nos recuerda, no es simplemente la ausencia de cadenas. Es la capacidad de elegir lo que es genuinamente bueno.

La próxima semana: Capítulo Cinco — La guerra, el poder y el llamado a construir una civilización del amor en la era digital.



Join us on August 11th in the Carnevale Center at 7pm for an evening with John Kruse!

The Transformative Essence of Liminal (“In-Between”) Experiences:
Insights from Francis and Clare of Assisi

Liminal experiences are those experiences when one is “in between” states of being, i.e., one is no longer in a former state and not yet in a new state. Such liminal experiences can be chosen (e.g., choosing to move from one home to another) or forced upon us (e.g., the loss of employment). While liminal experiences can be frightening because they involve uncertainty and a lack of control, they are also opportunities for great creativity and transformation. Francis and Clare of Assisi’s own dramatic experiences of liminality can provide insight into and inspiration for navigating the in-between experiences of our own lives.

John V. Kruse, Ph.D., is Director of the Neumann Institute for Franciscan Studies and a Professor of Theology at Neumann University in suburban Philadelphia. He is a historical theologian with expertise in Franciscan spirituality and the office of the papacy. John also serves on the staff of Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs.

Join a conversation...

Explore faith together.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment.

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Questions?
Contact Dorothy Limey
973-835-0374 ex 158
dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org

What will Alpha be like ?

- Share a meal
- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts & hear from others



Who is invited?

- You Are! Young adults, adults, married, single, divorced anyone 18 or older
- Skeptics, lifelong Catholics or people just trying to find their way

Alpha will meet on Mondays beginning September 14 and continue for 11 weeks. We will begin at 6:30 pm with a meal and conclude the conversation at 8 pm.

Child care will be offered, as well as a group for those whose primary language is Spanish.



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The Pardon of Assisi



The Portiuncula is a small church in Assisi that was beloved by St. Francis and is considered the spiritual heart of the Franciscan Order.

In 1216, Pope Honorius III declared that anyone who visited the Portiuncula on August 1st or 2nd would receive a plenary indulgence, which is the full remission of all temporal punishment (time spent in purgatory) up to that point in a person’s life. Individuals can gain Plenary Indulgences for themselves and for the deceased.

Now, the Portiuncula indulgence (also known as the Pardon of Assisi), is available to anyone who visits a Franciscan Church (St. Mary’s included!) on August 1st or 2nd. If you wish to receive the indulgence you should receive communion and pray for the Holy Father’s intentions on either of those days, and go to confession within a reasonable period of time before or after.

This is a perfect time to remember God’s great desire to forgive sinners. Receive your Pardon of Assisi on August 1st or 2nd.





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and Moderator of the Curia
tmc@patersondiocese.org

DIOCESE OF PATERSON REPORTING INFORMATION

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator, **Dr. Ken McNiel**, at **973-879-1489**.

You may also contact either of the Diocesan Response Officers:

- **Monsignor T. Mark Condon**, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia – **973-777-8818 ext. 205**
- **Sister Theresa Lee, FMA**, Chancellor/Delegate for Religious – **973-777-8818 ext. 247**

The complete *Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse* is available at [**www.patersondiocese.org**](http://www.patersondiocese.org).

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca ha sido abusado por un sacerdote, debe comunicarse de inmediato con la oficina del Procurador General de su comunidad y con la Coordinadora para Asistencia de Víctimas de la Diócesis, **Dr. Ken McNiel**, al **973-879-1489**.

También puede comunicarse con uno de los siguientes funcionarios diocesanos:

- **Mons. T. Mark Condon**, Vicario General y Moderador de la Curia – **973-777-8818 ext. 205**
- **Hna. Theresa Lee, FMA**, Canciller/Delegada para Religiosos – **973-777-8818 ext. 247**

El texto completo de la Política de la Diócesis de Paterson sobre denuncias de abuso sexual está disponible en [**www.patersondiocese.org**](http://www.patersondiocese.org).

Chiunque sia stato vittima di abuso da parte di un sacerdote deve contattare immediatamente l'Ufficio del Procuratore della propria contea e il Coordinatore Diocesano per l'Assistenza alle Vittime, **Dr. Ken McNiel**, al **973-879-1489**.

È inoltre possibile contattare uno dei seguenti responsabili della Diocesi:

- **Monsignor T. Mark Condon**, Vicario Generale e Moderatore della Curia – **973-777-8818 ext. 205**
- **Suor Theresa Lee, FMA**, Cancelliere/Delegato per i Religiosi – **973-777-8818 ext. 247**

Il testo completo della politica della Diocesi di Paterson in risposta alle accuse di abuso sessuale è disponibile su [**www.patersondiocese.org**](http://www.patersondiocese.org).

Osoby, które padły ofiarą molestowania lub innych nadużyć popełnionych przez duchownych, proszone są o niezwłoczny kontakt z lokalnym biurem prokuratora lub z diecezjalnym koordynatorem pomocy ofiarom, **Dr. Ken McNiel**, pod numerem **973-879-1489**.

Można również skontaktować się z jednym z następujących przedstawicieli Diecezji:

- **Monsignor T. Mark Condon**, Wikariusz Generalny i Moderator Kurii – **973-777-8818 ext. 205**
- **Siostra Theresa Lee, FMA**, Kanclerz/Delegat do spraw religijnych – **973-777-8818 ext. 247**

Pełny tekst polityki Diecezji Paterson dotyczącej zgłaszania przypadków nadużyć seksualnych jest dostępny na stronie [**www.patersondiocese.org**](http://www.patersondiocese.org).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



5th grade Peace Week has concluded for the year and was a great success. Through games, crafts and role playing, the students learned skills which develop self-esteem, help to identify feelings and express them appropriately. They were also introduced to ways of resolving conflicts peacefully. Their faith journey continued through enriching an understanding of the Catholic Faith.

If you have not yet registered your child for Religious Education classes, please do as soon as you can. The earlier your register, the better chance you have of getting the class day most convenient for your family. The tuition per child is \$200 for the first two children you register. Each additional child registered is \$20. If you teach your child's grade, the tuition fee is waived. If you are enrolling your child in 1st grade, you will need to upload a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please reach to Toni Wong (grades 1-5) or Cathy Feld (grades 6-10) if you have any concerns regarding scheduling conflicts and financial issues.

Our Religious Education program is looking for a responsible high school student to serve as an Assistant for Religious Education.

The assistant will help prepare materials for classes, assist catechists and children during class sessions, and support our First Reconciliation and First Eucharist programs.

The position is Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Toni Wong at 973-835-7750, extension 102.



FOOD PANTRY

Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, July 18	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, July 22	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, July 25	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, July 29	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, August 15	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, August 19	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

Current needed items:

Dish detergent, shampoo, ketchup, mustard, AND decaf, regular and instant coffee.

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

Clothing donations can be dropped off in the Catholic Charities clothing bins located on our campus.



RESCHEDULED!

Join us on Friday, July 24th at 8:00 p.m. for an Outdoor Family Film Night! Bring your blankets and chairs and meet us on the courtyard to watch the live action *Lilo and Stich*. Popcorn will be provided. The movie will start approximately 8:30 p.m.

Income For May 2026:

Income from all sources including offertory and other donations:	\$181,255.43
Building and Maintenance fund collection:	\$9,770.22
TOTAL INCOME:	\$191,025.65



Expenses for May 2026:

Our monthly expenses vary throughout the year. As a reference point, an average of our expenses per month, not including building and maintenance expenses, based on what we spent in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$145,450. Building and maintenance expenses on average per month are \$44,692.

Utilities for all buildings in May:	\$9,201.37
Repairs:	\$4,286.40

We will continue to refine our presentation of our finances so we can be as transparent as possible. For a more complete breakdown of expenses and income, please see our **October 19, 2025** bulletin which can be accessed from our website.

FELLOWSHIP WEEKENDS

Join us after Mass for treats, conversation, and fellowship with other parishioners. Gather on the pavers outside the church after all Masses, and at the rear of the building near the parking lot following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Carnevale Center.

UPCOMING DATES:

August 1st/2nd, September 5th/6th, October 3rd/4th



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, and orders can be placed on their website: www.holy-bones.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Anyone interested, please contact Marie Cioletti at mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org or 973-289-9613.



Jets and Giants season ticket raffle is on!
\$10 per ticket.

Tickets were sent home and will be sold after Mass on August 1/2.

Winning tickets will be pulled on August 6th!



This is one of our parish's biggest fundraisers, and the money collected supports the many ministries of this great parish. Take a chance and support your parish!



Holy Bones Sales Associate Needed!

Holy Bones is looking for a part time sales person to help open up new stores in the Passaic County area. Compensation is \$15.92/hour, plus mileage and commission. Must be 18+ years old and have reliable transportation.

For more information on Holy Bones, visit our website at <http://holy-bones.org>. To apply, please email Marie at mcioletti@stmarys-pompton.org.



Support Group for Caregivers of loved ones with Dementia

A monthly meeting is held in the Carnevale Center (room 203/204) for caregivers assisting loved ones with dementia. Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Upcoming dates are September 10th, October 8th, and November 12th. For further information, please contact Margaret Klach at mklach60@gmail.com.





THIS SUMMER AT ST. MARYS

Check out what we have to offer this summer with our St. Mary's Youth Ministry!!

Antioch Retreat
July 17th-19th
St. Mary's Campus

Join us for our Annual YM BBQ
July 29th at 7pm

Peer Ministry Training
August 2nd & 9th
9am-12pm

These are just a few of the awesome things we have taking place with our YM program. Please click on the link below to register for these events and to check out our awesome Summer Service Trips too!!!
Visit our website at <https://www.stmarys-pompton.org/youth-ministry>
Please email ngeorge@stmarys-pompton.org with any questions



July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel Meditation: Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

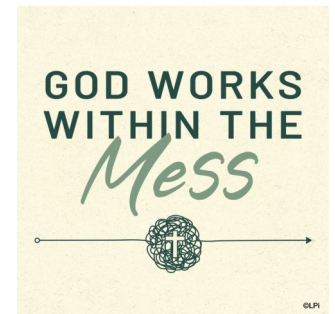
Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always

begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with
Your field, the Church. Help me
see Your hidden life growing
even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir



EQUAL RIGHTS NIGHT

A Pro-Life Educational Evening for Young Adults
to advance the cause of the unborn child



featuring
Dr. Michael Giuliano,
Neonatal-Perinatal Physician

presenting
"Modern Obstetrics:
Healthcare or Eugenics?"

Tues. July 14, 2026
6:30-8:30 PM

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Newark, NJ 07104

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lifeneteducation.org/equal-rights-night
by: 7/12/2026



Business Casual Attire
For more info: 973-497-4520 or
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Meet and socialize with like-minded young adults and...
Make a difference!



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.



Do you have a loved one or family friend who will be receiving a sacrament? Our province has an online store with many beautiful and appropriate gifts for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. The store also has an abundance of religious articles and gifts for any occasion. When you make purchases through The Franciscan Store you are helping our province educate our young friars, care for our elderly friars, and support the various Franciscan Ministries that feed, clothe and serve the poor!

Please visit <https://TheFranciscanStore.org>

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

SERVE WITH US

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

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

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

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

Hospitality Ministry: We provide and serve food and drink at Parish events both large and small. Opportunities to volunteer include: baking, decorating, setup, food service, and cleanup.

Lasagna Love: We feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. Volunteers from this wonderful organization make meals for our Food Pantry families.

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

Support Our Neighbors Ministry: We connect neighbors in need with volunteers who want to help by donating essentials like clothing, baby and child supplies and household items.

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

Value Our Veterans Ministry: We are honored to partner with the Military Assistance Pantry in a mission rooted in service and gratitude. Our ministry contributes in ways such as distributing trays, cooking, packing or distributing meals, assisting veterans directly at the pantry. Together, we share the gift of giving — serving those who have bravely served us.

WORSHIP WITH US

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1.- **Adorar al Santísimo** es un encuentro personal con Dios. Habrá exposición del Santísimo después de la misa en español el miércoles 19 de agosto de 2026. Si alguien no puede comulgar por enfermedad u otra razón, avise al padre John Coughlin para programar una visita.

2.- **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 bien puede contactarlo en la oficina parroquial para agendar una cita en otro horario.

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Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 12, 13. 16-19
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16a
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8, 26-27
+Evangelio: Mateo 13, 24-43





Aunque la fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Carmen se celebra tradicionalmente el 16 de julio, nuestra comunidad la recuerda y honra de manera especial este 19 de julio, prolongando así la alegría de esta querida devoción mariana. La Virgen del Carmen es una de las advocaciones más amadas de María y nos recuerda su constante protección maternal sobre todos sus hijos. La tradición del Carmen tiene sus raíces en el Monte Carmelo, en Tierra Santa, donde hombres de fe se consagraron a Dios bajo la protección de la Santísima Virgen. A lo largo

de los siglos, innumerables cristianos han encontrado en María del Carmen una guía segura para acercarse más a Jesucristo y vivir con fidelidad el Evangelio. Asimismo, la devoción a la Virgen del Carmen nos invita a renovar nuestra confianza en Dios en medio de las dificultades de la vida. Cuando enfrentamos momentos de incertidumbre, enfermedad o preocupación, María nos enseña a mantener el corazón firme en la esperanza, recordándonos que el Señor nunca abandona a quienes ponen su fe en Él. Por otra parte, esta advocación mariana ocupa un lugar especial en la vida de muchas familias cristianas, que encuentran en la Virgen del Carmen un modelo de entrega, humildad y servicio. Su ejemplo nos anima a construir hogares donde reine la oración, el respeto mutuo y el amor al prójimo, fortaleciendo así los lazos que nos unen como comunidad de fe. La principal enseñanza de esta devoción es la confianza en la presencia amorosa de María en nuestra vida diaria. Ella nos invita a escuchar la Palabra de Dios, a perseverar en la oración y a seguir a su Hijo con generosidad. La Virgen del Carmen nos recuerda que no caminamos solos, sino acompañados por una Madre que intercede por nosotros y nos conduce siempre hacia Cristo. Finalmente, al celebrar esta memoria mariana, somos llamados a imitar las virtudes de la Virgen: su disponibilidad para cumplir la voluntad de Dios, su fe inquebrantable y su amor misericordioso. De este modo, nuestra devoción no se limita a una práctica externa, sino que se convierte en un verdadero compromiso de vida cristiana. Encomendemos a la Virgen del Carmen a nuestras familias, a los enfermos, a los ancianos y a todos los que atraviesan dificultades. Podemos hacerlo con esta sencilla oración: **“Virgen María del Carmen, Madre y protectora nuestra, acompáñanos en nuestro camino de fe, fortalece nuestra esperanza y ayúdanos a seguir siempre a tu Hijo Jesús. Amén.”** Que su ejemplo de amor, servicio y confianza en Dios inspire a nuestra comunidad a vivir cada día más cerca del Señor.

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