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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.



The Parish Office will be closed on
Friday, August 14th.
Daily Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.



This week, the Bread & Wine have been donated in
loving memory of **Frank Luzzi**.



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!



MASS INTENTIONS † = Deceased, L = Living

Saturday	August 8
5:00 p.m.	† Sheila Spinosa † Honorable Joseph A. Portelli
7:00 p.m.	† Leeland McQuade † Graciella Torre Torres (6 month anniversary)
Sunday	August 9
7:30 a.m.	† Henry Stampur † John Dnistrian † Susan Hanak
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	† Kathy Marshall † Luisa Munoz † Mary Kelly † Jessie & Sonny De Angelis † Gerard Washack L Kathleen Violand (95th Birthday)
12:00 p.m.	† Patrick Falco † Patricia Pakonis † Vito Pakonis
Monday	August 10
8:00 a.m.	† George & Catherine Conroy
Tuesday	August 11
8:00 a.m.	† Marjorie Dwyer † Mat & May Garofalo
Wednesday	August 12
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
Thursday	August 13
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Friday	August 14
8:00 a.m.	† Rita Weir (anniversary of passing)
Saturday	August 15
5:00 p.m.	† Joaquin Rivera Sr. (heavenly birthday) † Barbara Runz (3rd Anniversary) † Heidi Dobsa † Eve Marinaro
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	August 16
7:30 a.m.	† Jacob "Jake" VanLoon † John Dnistrian † Susan Hanak
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. (CC)	† Phylis D'Onofrio † Marge Chorba
10:30 a.m.	† Daniel Chaves † Sheelagh Vidulich † Robert Reilly † John S. Zablocski
12:00 p.m.	† Mary Anne Moore † Shirley Foray † Inocencio Recamara



...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, Bob Barkovitz, John Fecko, Bob Cupoli, Connor Drummond, Daniel, Teresa Gentile, Mason Tarta, Patti Scala, Billy Gamble, Mark Rocco, Kellie Diemer

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. Ciccarella, Sgt. Justyn Shovlowsky, Captain Austin Canning, SSG Tiffany Thumann, TSSgt. Scott Miller, Capt. Krystal Thumann, Cpl F. S. Raza, Sean Flanagan, Capt. Matthew W. D'Amico, USMC Lt. 1st Thomas Seneski; Sgt. Anthony W. Gabriel; Brian Hansen, Sgt. Ashlee Quigle; Capt. Daniel M. Kearney, USMC; 2nd LT Emily Simone; 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-pompton.org/assumption-picnic-volunteer-form>
PLEASE CONTACT KATHLEEN LEARY AT KLEARY@STMARYS-POMPTON.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

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb,
Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.
Then the LORD said to him,
“Go outside and stand on the mountain before
the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by.”
A strong and heavy wind was rending the
mountains
and crushing rocks before the LORD—
but the LORD was not in the wind.
After the wind there was an earthquake—
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake there was fire—
but the LORD was not in the fire.
After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.
When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his
cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the
cave.

Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation.

Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:
I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in
bearing me witness
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in
my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and
cut off from Christ
for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.
They are Israelites;
theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the
promises;
theirs the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, is the Christ,
who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the
disciples get into a boat
and precede him to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.
After doing so, he went up on the mountain by
himself to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone.
Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles
offshore, was being tossed about by the waves,
for the wind was against it.
During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them walking on the sea.
When the disciples saw him walking on the sea
they were terrified.
“It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in
fear.
At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is
I; do not be afraid.”
Peter said to him in reply,
“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you
on the water.”
He said, “Come.”
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on
the water toward Jesus.
But when he saw how strong the wind was he
became frightened;
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save
me!”
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and
caught Peter,
and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did
you doubt?”
After they got into the boat, the wind died down.
Those who were in the boat did him homage,
saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

1 Reyes 19, 9a. 11-13a

Al llegar al monte de Dios, el Horeb, el profeta
Elías entró en una cueva y permaneció allí. El
Señor le dijo: “Sal de la cueva y quédate en el
monte para ver al Señor, porque el Señor va a
pasar”.

Así lo hizo Elías y, al acercarse el Señor, vino
primero un viento huracanado, que partía las
montañas y resquebrajaba las rocas; pero el
Señor no estaba en el viento. Se produjo después
un terremoto; pero el Señor no estaba en el
terremoto. Luego vino un fuego; pero el Señor
no estaba en el fuego. Después del fuego se
escuchó el murmullo de una brisa suave. Al oírlo,
Elías se cubrió el rostro con el manto y salió a la
entrada de la cueva.

Salmo 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14

Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.

Romanos 9, 1-5

Hermanos: Les hablo con toda verdad en Cristo;
no miento. Mi conciencia me atestigua, con la luz
del Espíritu Santo, que tengo una infinita tristeza,
y un dolor incesante tortura mi corazón.

Hasta aceptaría verme separado de Cristo, si
esto fuera para bien de mis hermanos, los de mi
raza y de mi sangre, los israelitas, a quienes
pertenecen la adopción filial, la gloria, la alianza,
la ley, el culto y las promesas. Ellos son
descendientes de los patriarcas; y de su raza,
según la carne, nació Cristo, el cual está por
encima de todo y es Dios bendito por los siglos
de los siglos. Amén.

Mateo 14, 22-33

En aquel tiempo, inmediatamente después de la
multiplicación de los panes, Jesús hizo que sus
discípulos subieran a la barca y se dirigieran a la
otra orilla, mientras él despedía a la gente.
Después de despedirla, subió al monte a solas
para orar. Llegada la noche, estaba él solo allí.

Entretanto, la barca iba ya muy lejos de la costa
y las olas la sacudían, porque el viento era
contrario. A la madrugada, Jesús fue hacia ellos,
caminando sobre el agua. Los discípulos, al verlo
andar sobre el agua, se espantaron, y decían:
“¡Es un fantasma!” Y daban gritos de terror. Pero
Jesús les dijo enseguida: “Tranquilícense y no
teman. Soy yo”.

Entonces le dijo Pedro: “Señor, si eres tú,
mándame ir a ti caminando sobre el agua”. Jesús
le contestó: “Ven”. Pedro bajó de la barca y
comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús;
pero al sentir la fuerza del viento, le entró miedo,
comenzó a hundirse y gritó: “¡Sálvame, Señor!”
Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano, lo
sostuvo y le dijo: “Hombre de poca fe, ¿por qué
dudaste?”

En cuanto subieron a la barca, el viento se
calmó. Los que estaban en la barca se postraron
ante Jesús diciendo: “Verdaderamente tú eres el
Hijo de Dios”.

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Domingo: 1 Re 19, 9a. 11-13/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Rom 9, 1-5/Mt 14, 22-33

Lunes: 2 Co 9, 6-10/Sal 111, 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9/Jn 12, 24-26

Martes: Ez 2, 8-3, 4/Sal 118, 14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131/Mt 18, 1-5. 10. 12-14

Miércoles: Ez 9, 1-7; 10, 18-22/Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 18, 15-20

Jueves: Ez 12, 1-12/Sal 77, 56-57. 58-59. 61-62/Mt 18, 21-19, 1

Viernes: Ez 16, 1-15. 60. 63 o 16, 59-63/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6/Mt 19, 3-12

Sábado: 1 Cr 15, 3-4. 15-16; 16, 1-2/Sal 131, 6-7. 9-10. 13-14/1 Co 15, 54-57/Lc 11, 27-28

Please join us in singing!

A New Song

Chorus

I will sing the Lord a new song, a new song.

I will sing His praises while I live

I will Sing His praises for ever more

Sing God a new song, make it loud and clear.

Sing God a new song, for all the world to hear

Sing God a new song, for all he's done.

Sing God a new song, Help to make us one.

Sing God a new song, Spread his love around.

Sing God a new song, Make a joyful sound.

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

We 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

Lord, When You Came to the

Seashore

Lord, when you came to the seashore

you weren't seeking the wise or the

wealthy,

but only asking that I might follow.

O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing,

Kindly smiling, my name you were

saying;

All I treasured, I have left on the sand

there;

Close to you, I will find other seas.

Lord, you knew what my boat carried:

neither money nor weapons for fighting,

but nets for fishing my daily labor.

O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing,

Kindly smiling, my name you were

saying;

All I treasured, I have left on the sand there;

Close to you, I will find other seas.

Lord, have you need of my labor,

hands for service, a heart made for

loving,

my arms for lifting the poor and broken?

O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing,

Kindly smiling, my name you were

saying;

All I treasured, I have left on the sand there;

Close to you, I will find other seas.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness,

Find Us Ready Lord

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

Trading My Sorrows

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows

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

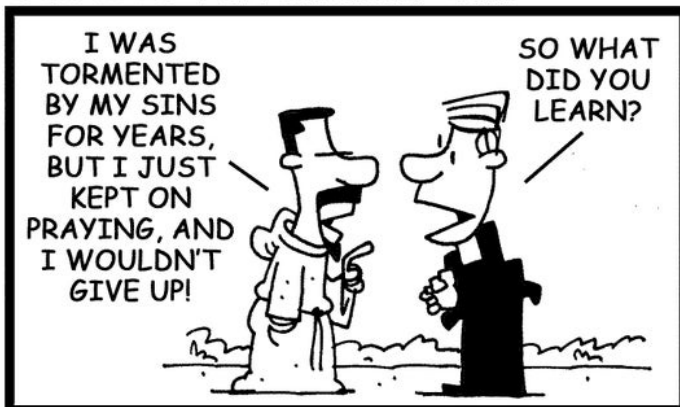
For the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FRIAR'S DESK

The Friar's Desk: A Woman of Unshakable Strength

This week the Church remembers St. Clare of Assisi, and I find myself drawn less to her gentleness than to her strength.

It was a dark Palm Sunday night in 1212 when an eighteen-year-old Clare slipped out of her father's house and made her way through the streets of Assisi to the little chapel of the Porziuncola. She had heard Francis preach, and something in his words had lit a fire she could not extinguish. So she left everything: her home, her family, the comfortable future that had been planned for her, and walked into the unknown. She followed Francis, yes, but more than that, she followed her own heart, and above all she followed Christ. That kind of courage does not come from naivety. It comes from conviction.

Clare's strength did not fade with age. She became the first woman in the history of the Church to write her own Rule of religious life, and she refused every pressure to soften or change it. Rome resisted her for years. She held firm. When the Rule was finally approved, she was already dying. The document reached her on her deathbed, and the next day she died with it clutched in her hand. She had spent her whole life fighting for that Rule, and she did not let go of it, even in death.

For over forty years she served as abbess of San Damiano, and hers was a leadership of quiet strength. She listened to her sisters. She tended personally to the oldest and the sickest among them, often washing their feet herself. She led not by force but by example, strength clothed in grace and gentleness. That, perhaps, is the hardest kind of strength to master.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Clare on August 11, let us pray for the grace to imitate her: to leave behind whatever holds us back, to hold fast to our convictions, and to lead others with the same strength wrapped in gentleness that marked her extraordinary life.

Peace and all good,

Fr. John Aherne, OFM

Pastor

El Escritorio del Fraile: Una Mujer de Fortaleza Inquebrantable

Esta semana la Iglesia recuerda a Santa Clara de Asís, y me encuentro atraído menos por su dulzura que por su fortaleza.

Fue en una oscura noche de Domingo de Ramos, en 1212, cuando Clara, de dieciocho años, salió a escondidas de la casa de su padre y se abrió paso por las calles de Asís hasta la pequeña capilla de la Porciúncula. Había escuchado predicar a Francisco, y algo en sus palabras había encendido en ella un fuego que no podía apagar. Así que dejó todo: su hogar, su familia, el futuro cómodo que le habían planeado, y caminó hacia lo desconocido. Siguió a Francisco, sí, pero más que eso, siguió a su propio corazón, y sobre todo siguió a Cristo. Ese tipo de valentía no nace de la ingenuidad. Nace de la convicción.

La fortaleza de Clara no disminuyó con los años. Se convirtió en la primera mujer en la historia de la Iglesia en escribir su propia Regla de vida religiosa, y se negó a suavizarla o modificarla ante cualquier presión. Roma se resistió durante años. Ella se mantuvo firme. Cuando finalmente aprobaron la Regla, ella ya se estaba muriendo. El documento llegó a sus manos en su lecho de muerte, y al día siguiente ella murió con la Regla apretada en su mano. Había dedicado toda su vida a luchar por esa Regla, y no la soltó, ni siquiera en la muerte.

Durante más de cuarenta años sirvió como abadesa de San Damián, y su liderazgo fue uno de fortaleza serena. Escuchaba a sus hermanas. Cuidaba personalmente a las más ancianas y a las más enfermas, lavándoles los pies ella misma con frecuencia. Guiaba no por la fuerza, sino con el ejemplo, una fortaleza revestida de gracia y ternura. Ese, quizás, es el tipo de fortaleza más difícil de alcanzar.

Al celebrar la fiesta de Santa Clara el 11 de agosto, pidamos la gracia de imitarla: de dejar atrás todo lo que nos detiene, de mantenernos firmes en nuestras convicciones, y de guiar a los demás con esa misma fortaleza envuelta en ternura que marcó su extraordinaria vida.

Paz y bien,

P. John Aherne, OFM

Párroco

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



Marco Joseph Juliana



Cooper Scott Wallin



Christian Soperanes Cruz

Fun was had by all as we watched *Lilo and Stitch* at our first family film night. Special thanks to **Tom Andrea** for his equipment and technical help to run the movie. Stay tuned for more family events to come!



Thank you to **Janet Barnes**,
and the Girl Scouts of
Northern NJ for donating 49
cases of cookies to our
Food Pantry!

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Being Human is to Doubt
by Tracy Earl Welliver

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.



Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

soul	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

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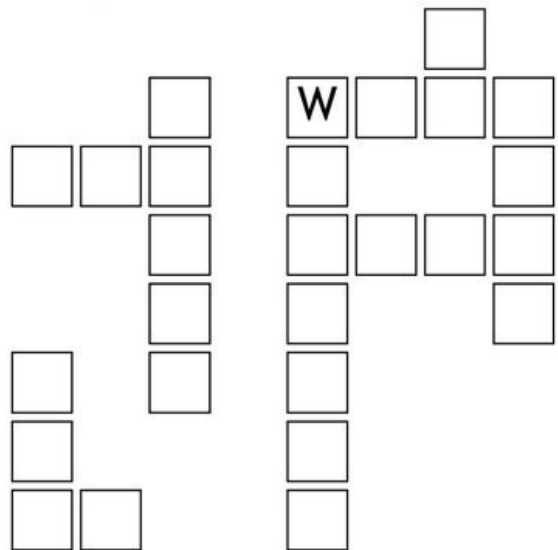
MISSION

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

**Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake.**



MISSION

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help.
Remember how powerful he is.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Growing in faith and living as a Christian is a lifelong journey. St. Mary's Religious Education Program exists to assist, support, and encourage, along with parents, this awesome journey.

It is our goal that through the RE Program, along with parental guidance and participation in Sunday Liturgy, children will:

- Grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.
- Celebrate their faith in the Sacraments.
- Become a follower/disciple of Jesus in their daily living.
- Become a full participating member of the Catholic church.

OUR PROGRAM

- The Fall Semester runs September through December and includes grades 3, 4, 6, 8 and Phase 2 of Confirmation preparation.
- The Spring Semester runs January to April and includes grades 1, 2, 7 and Phase 1 of Confirmation preparation.
- Grade 5 is a one-week program during the summer.

Please take a moment out of your busy schedule and register your child/children today.

Also, we are holding our Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 15th from 6-9 pm. Come to the 5:00 p.m. Mass and stay for free food, ice cream truck, games for everyone as well as music and a bounce house. A great way to spend time with your family and be with your community friends. Hope to see you all there!

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" — Mt 14:30-31

Value Our Veterans Ministry
Serving Those Who Served Us



The Military Assistance Pantry in Paterson supports our Veterans in need. We are looking for volunteers from each Mass to help bake ziti and brownies.

We are also looking for volunteers to join us at the Military Assistance Pantry on August 15th from 8:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

If you would like to help, please email ValueOurVeterans@stmarys-pompton.org or call Joan De Angelis at 201-214-7020. Please provide your name and phone number. We will call you to confirm.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Veterans!

FOOD PANTRY

Upcoming Food Pantry distribution dates/times:

Saturday, August 15	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, August 19	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, August 22	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, August 26	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, September 19	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, September 23	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

Current needed items:

Toilet paper, pasta, decaf and instant coffee, decaf and herbal tea, salt and pepper

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.

Food Pantry Donation Reminder

To help us serve those in need, the Food Pantry receptacle is for non-perishable food donations only.

Please do not leave dishes, cookware, kitchen items, household goods, or unsold yard sale items in or around the donation bin.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept these items, and they create additional work for our volunteers.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping keep our Food Pantry available for families in need.

Special Needs Religious Education

Confirmation classes for students of high school age or above will begin in the Fall and continue until February. Students must have previously received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Reconciliation and First Eucharist classes will begin in January and continue through May. Entering students need to have previously been Baptized in the Catholic Church and be in Grade 2 or above.

Anyone wishing to register their child and/or would like further information, please contact Andrea Piccirillo, Director, Special Needs Ministry - Religious Education, 973-835-0374.

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.



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.

Coffee with the choir

Interested in joining the Choir? Not sure if it is for you? Join Music Ministry for coffee and see what it is all about. No experience necessary, all are welcome!



September 9th, 6pm
St Clare Hall, Carnevale Center

Questions, contact Dorothy 973-835-0374 ex 158
dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org

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

Hear Mass Better



Hearing Assistance Available

1.



Join the WIFI Network
Church- St. Francis
Carnevale Center - St. Clare

2.



Download the free
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phone and Launch the App

3.



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aids, earbuds, or
headphones

4.



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to borrow. Please see an
Usher

New system made available by a grant from the
Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe



MUSIC TOGETHER

Fall Session

Who: children ages 0-5 years
and a caregiver.

When: 9 weeks starting
Wednesday, Sept. 16th
9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am
or 4:30 pm

Scan to register

Contact Dorothy with any questions
dlimey@stmarys-pompton.org



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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

there's a
seat for
you
at the table

everyone welcome

what do you think?



Looking to make a connection?

At Alpha, we share a meal and connect
with our St Mary's Family.

Curious about faith?

At Alpha, you can ask anything!
It's a safe space to question life,
faith, and meaning.

Who is invited?

At Alpha, everyone is welcome: young
adults, adults, married, single, divorced,
anyone 18 or older. Skeptics, lifelong
Catholics, or people just trying to find their
way!

What will Alpha be like?

We will begin at 6:30 PM with a meal,
followed by a short film on faith. You
can share your thoughts and hear from
others. The conversation will conclude
at 8:00 PM

When does Alpha Start ?

Alpha will meet on Mondays, beginning
September 14, and continue for 11 weeks.

Childcare will be offered, as well as a
group for those whose primary language
is spanish

register here

Cost is \$50, please
contact Dorothy if
you have financial
need



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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

GROW WITH US

Full Of Grace Rosary Makers: We gather together and craft beautiful rosaries to share with others. Come join us and increase your devotion to the rosary and to our Blessed Mother. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

JPIC (Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation): We take our inspiration from the life of St. Francis and the Franciscan movement. We are guided by our passion for peace, justice and sustainability for the Earth and all on it. For more information, please visit our website at www.stmarys-pompton.org/jpic or email jpica@stmarys-pompton.org.

Just Faith: Through prayer, reflection, song, and meaningful dialogue, we explore the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching in a spirit of trust and community.

Men's Emmaus Fellowship: We are a men's group that gathers to consider the scripture readings for the current weekend. We discuss scripture and how it applies to the challenges and opportunities we have as Catholic Christian men today.

Rosary/Divine Mercy Ministry: We pray the Holy Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet as well as prayers from other Catholic luminaries.

Special Needs Ministry: We provide children and adults with religious and social services. The children's portion provides special education religious education for students receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. The adult portion provides social events. Workshops and day-long retreats are scheduled throughout the year, along with our week-long bible camp every summer.

Women of Prayer & Spirit: We are a group of women who bring prayer intentions to the group and meet to discuss spiritually-themed books, one chapter at a time. All are welcome!

Women's Cornerstone Ministry: We provide an opportunity for women in the community to revitalize and deepen their spiritual lives through a combination of quiet reflection, prayer and social interaction and sharing the story of one's own personal faith journey.

Women's Faith Reflection: We are a group of women that gather and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's readings. No registration needed, just come by! *We will resume on Wednesday, September 9th. Have a great summer!*



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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.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

OCTOBER 17, 2026

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Tours of the chapels
- Confessions in Crypt Church
- Catechetical Sessions in English and Spanish
- Divine Mercy (multi-lingual)
- 2:30 p.m. Liturgy w/Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney and priests of the Diocese



ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE

- Transportation and Gratuity
- All day activities at the Shrine
- Rest stop going - Meal stop on return
- Depart Washington at 4:15 p.m.

\$70/person Deadline: Oct. 1, 2026

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE OFFICE

Father Michael Rodak, director
973-827-8030
pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org

OVERNIGHT OPTION - DEPART FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- Friday visit the Museum of the Bible with lunch
- Accommodations at Westin Hotel
- Friday banquet w/Bishop Sweeney
- Saturday Breakfast at hotel
- Transportation and Gratuity

\$325/dbl. occ. \$395/sgl. occ.
Call Pilgrimage Office to register.
Deadline: Sept. 11, 2026

*Register
Now*



MINISTERIO HISPANO DE SANTA MARIA

La Santa Misa en español

Miércoles a las 7:00pm
Domingos a las 8:45am
En la iglesia Principal



Bautismos en español

Requisitos:

- *Presentar el certificado de nacimiento del niño o la niña.
 - *Designar padrinos (uno o dos) mayores de 18 años y confirmados.
 - *Asistir a una clase preparatoria antes de la celebración del Sacramento (obligatoria para padres y padrinos).
 - ***Información de contacto:** Milagros Anto (201-841-0269)
 - ***Bautismo en inglés:** Asistir a una charla prebautismal.
- Llamar a Lynda Rogalski 973-835-0374, extensión 192, para confirmar la inscripción y obtener los detalles específicos.



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: anghannuci@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.

Iglesia Católica de Santa María y Comunidad Franciscana

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Al hacer un donativo recurrente, usted puede proporcionar un apoyo continuo a las necesidades esenciales de nuestra parroquia, sus programas, sus ministerios y otras iniciativas de ayuda y asistencia.

Porque es dando que recibimos



ANUNCIOS

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.

3.- Inscripciones para los catecismos 2026-2028

Primera Comunión – Angelina Nuci

Confirmación – Milagros Anto

RICA – Ana Cadena

4.- PICNIC PARROQUIAL

Sábado 15 de agosto | 5:00 p.m.

Acompáñenos a disfrutar de una tarde de alegría, amistad y convivencia fraterna. Compartamos como una sola familia parroquial, fortaleciendo nuestra fe y nuestros lazos de comunidad. ¡Los esperamos con sus familiares y amigos! 🙌🙏☀️

Una Iglesia viva necesita manos como las tuyas

Ministerios de servicio:

Proclamadores de la Palabra (Lourdes Huerta y Virginia Bara)

Ministros de la Eucaristía (Ana Cadena)

Ministerio de Hospitalidad (Cristina Castro)

¡Sirve con fe y disponibilidad; te esperamos!

Lecturas Bíblicas –XIX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario– Ciclo A (9 de agosto de 2026)

Primera Lectura: 1Reyes 19, 9a. 11-13a
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 9, 1-5
+EVANGELIO: Mateo 14, 22-33





En medio del calor de agosto, con las playas llenas y las agendas familiares que corren sin descanso, la Iglesia nos regala la memoria de Santa Clara de Asís el 11 de agosto. Nacida en 1194 en el corazón de una familia noble, Clara lo dejó todo a los dieciocho años para seguir el evangelio con san Francisco, y fundó en San Damián la comunidad de las "Damas Pobres", hoy conocidas como Clarisas (Vatican News). Su vida entera fue una respuesta radical a una sola pregunta: si Dios se ha quedado con nosotros, ¿por qué vivimos como si estuviéramos lejos? Ella respondió con el silencio, la pobreza y una mirada fija en el Señor. Clara entendió

pronto que el alma no crece con más palabras, sino con más escucha. En San Damián eligió una vida de clausura no como huida del mundo, sino como un abrazo profundo a Aquel que la habitaba. Célebre es el momento en que, con el Santísimo Sacramento en sus manos, hizo retroceder a los soldados sarracenos que amenazaban su monasterio: no había en ella fuerza humana, sino la certeza serena de que Jesús Eucaristía era su verdadera fortaleza (ACI Prensa). Su vida nos recuerda que el silencio cristiano no es vacío ni pasividad; es el espacio donde Dios pronuncia nuestro nombre. Hoy en día, Clara nos enseña que la persona más fecunda no es la que más habla, sino la que mejor escucha a Dios. Contemplar, para Clara, no era refugio de místicos aislados, sino la actividad más humana y transformadora: dejarse mirar por Cristo hasta que su rostro se reflejara en el nuestro. Y ese encuentro tenía un lugar privilegiado: la Eucaristía, la presencia real y viva del Señor entre nosotros. Cada vez que entramos al templo y nos arrodillamos ante el Sagrario, participamos de la misma experiencia que sostuvo a Clara durante cuarenta y dos años de enfermedad y entrega. No hace falta huir a un monasterio de Umbría: basta con cruzar la puerta de nuestra parroquia y quedarnos en silencio delante de Él.

Que la fiesta de Santa Clara nos empuje a hacer un gesto pequeño y verdadero: detener el ritmo del verano y visitar a Jesús Sacramentado. Nuestra parroquia mantiene abiertas sus puertas para la adoración eucarística, y ese rato de silencio ante el Señor puede cambiar la semana entera de una familia, de un matrimonio, de un joven que anda buscando sentido. Trae a tus hijos antes del regreso a clases; ven con tu esposo o tu esposa; acércate tú, aunque no sepas qué decir, porque la contemplación empieza cuando dejamos que Él hable primero. Como Clara, descubriremos que el ruido no se vence con más ruido, sino con la presencia. Y que, en medio del calor, del cansancio y de las prisas de agosto, hay un lugar donde el alma siempre encuentra frescura: el corazón eucarístico de Cristo.

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