



Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway



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301-292-2522 (School office)

Church E-Mail Address: parish@stmaryspiscataway.org

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Pastor: Rev. Samuel I. Plummer (#101)
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Permanent Deacon: Dcn. George B. Ames, Jr. (Ret.)

Permanent Deacon: Dcn. Stephen McKimmie (Ret.)

School Principal: Miss Lysie K. Reavis (#131)

Director of Music/Liturgy: Dr. Eran Lupu (#106)

Parish Administrative Assistant: Ms. Michèle Fulk (#100)

Parish Bookkeeper: Ms. Claudette Kim (#107)

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday; ~ 8:15 a.m.

First Saturday: ~9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday ~ 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Main Church Sunday~ before 9:30 & 12:00 Masses or by appointment



Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640
+
Canonically Established in 1830

Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!

Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass. Registration forms are available in the gathering area of the Church, at the Parish Office, and on our website.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

—Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class.

—Children younger than 7: are baptized “as infants.” See above.

—Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #101.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Plummer at least 6 months in advance to arrange preparation classes. As Catholics, we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel at St. Mary's.

To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As Catholics, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.

For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This is required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic, non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to discuss your situation.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:40 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to register.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

To arrange for a home “Communion call” contact the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a “Holy Hour” before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to “sign-up” for an hour within the following times:

Wednesday ~ 8:45 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday ~ 8:45 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Fridays~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed on most Federal Holidays)

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition

Friday, September 30th to

First Saturday, October 1st

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

Friday 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by Devotions

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass (*Followed by the "Full of Grace" Study Program for Women at Parish Hall*)

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE MAIN CHURCH NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND

We need two adorers per slot. Thank you.



St. Mary's Choir—Do you enjoy singing? St. Mary's Liturgical Choir is looking for new choristers to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. No previous musical experience is necessary, only a love of singing (in tune). Singing is praying to God twice!

Next Practice: On Hiatus until the Main Church AC fixed.

Contact Dr. Eran Lupu at: eranlupu@icloud.com

Liturgical Latin, Anyone? We host a group of parishioners interested in learning liturgical Latin. Meetings will be determined as to the day and time. There are no charges involved. If you would like more information please contact Anne Marie Ramsey at annemarietramsey@gmail.com.

Altar Servers Wanted!—Calling all youth who are interested in helping make our Weekend Masses special. The only prerequisite is having received First Holy Communion. The Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of Our Lady's Chapel. Thank you for your interest in Serving the Lord, and the Body of Christ. For any questions, please contact Father Plummer at plummers@aquadw.org or 301 292-0527 x 101.



FLOCKNOTE REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

We will be using Flock note to send day to day information instead of emails. So far, we have 37 families signed up. Our goal is to have everyone sign-up. Just copy and paste the link, below, into your browser, go to the page, fill in some information, (I will be notified of your registration and approve it), then you are good to go. Remember your passwords. Thank you!

<https://stmaryspiscataway.flocknote.com/dashboard>

St. Mary's Piscataway Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Parish School of Religion 2022-2023 Registration is continuing!—Help your children grow closer to Jesus, learn more about the Catholic Church, and stay on track for receiving the Sacraments. Children from Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a Catholic School should be registered.

Registration will occur this weekend after all Masses, and every weekend until the first day of class, September 18. Classes will be in the School classrooms and will run from 10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. This accommodates PSR families who come to either the 9:30 a.m. Mass before class or the 12 noon Mass after class. At time of registration please bring Birth certificates, & Baptism Certificates and/or First Holy Communion Certificates if the Sacrament(s) were not here at St. Mary's Church of Piscataway. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Eucharistic Exposition Wed. & Thurs.:

† Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).

† We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. At least two people at a time would be ideal.

† Save Eucharistic Exposition through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.

† We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.

† Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. Please, continue wearing your masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. Thank you.

COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

We Need Adorers to cover empty spots!

Every Wednesday: 11-12 noon, 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m.

Every Thursday: 10-11 a.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m.

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Around the Archdiocese



Retrouvaille—Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 2nd-4th, please visit our website www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org



2022 Diocesan 2nd Collection
(Archdiocese of Washington)



September 11

Catholic University of America

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA—The Catholic University of America is a national research university with 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs on a residential campus in the heart of Washington, D.C. Founded by a papal charter in 1887, CUA is the national university of the Catholic Church in our country and strives to educate future generations of leaders through an excellent education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The collection is a critical pillar of support for students and the entire University community. Please visit CUA's website <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection> for more information. Thank you for your generosity!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Parish Week Events:		Current Week's Mass Schedule—Ordinary Time	
Sunday, Sept. 11 <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Holy Name Sunday</i> <i>Parish Day</i>	8:00 a.m., (OLC)	Mon., Sept. 12	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
	9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (OLC) Sodality Executive Meeting—10:30 a.m. (PCR) PSR Registration Weekend (Sat/Sun) Catechist & Sub Workshop—1:30 p.m. (P. Hall)	8:15 a.m.	Ishmael Calata (+)
Monday, Sept. 12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC)	Tues., Sept. 13	<i>St. John Chrysostom</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) (Confessions after) S. & E. Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m., P. Hall)	8:15 a.m.	Anastasia DeRivera—BD
Wednesday, Sept. 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC)	Wed., Sept. 14	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
Thursday, Sept. 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) Liturgical Latin—7:00 p.m. (Parish Hall) Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., When MC AC Fixed	8:15 a.m.	Rebecca Varela Galang (+)
Friday, Sept. 16 <i>St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (OLC) (Confessions After) School: 60th Anniversary Mass with Cardinal Wilton Gregory	Thur., Sept. 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Saturday, Sept. 17 <i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i>	Confessions—2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., (MC) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (OLC)	8:15 a.m.	Veronica Shourds (+)
Sunday, Sept. 18 <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 a.m., (OLC) 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (OLC) Sodality Executive Meeting—10:30 a.m. (PCR) PSR Registration Weekend (Sat/Sun) PSR Classes—10:45-11:50 a.m. (Classrooms)	Fri., Sept. 16	<i>St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian</i>
		8:15 a.m.	Dr. Chris Agboli—BD
		Next Weekend's Mass Schedule	
		Sat., Sept. 17	<i>Sunday Vigil</i>
		4:00 p.m.	The Rodriguez Family
		Sun., Sept. 18	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		8:00 a.m.	Celso Antonio (+)
		9:30 a.m.	Matilda Antonio
		12:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parishioners

The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or parish@stmaryspiscataway.org.

Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.

Customary Donation: Mass Intention—\$10 per Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the week of *Sunday, September 11, 2022 to Saturday, September 17, 2022*

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the Intentions of the Ukrainian People and the Conversion of Russia.
The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the Repose of the Souls of the Ukrainian People.

EXPOSITION CANDELABRA: For the week of *Sunday, September 11, 2022 to Saturday, September 17, 2022 Wed., Thurs.*

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of all families of unborn babies.
The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of all unborn babies.

Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra—\$10 per Week

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR LADY'S CHAPEL. *(Due to the closing of Sharper Florist, we now ask that you order and pay for your arrangements directly with your chosen florist. We ask that you contact the parish office to discuss the dates.)*

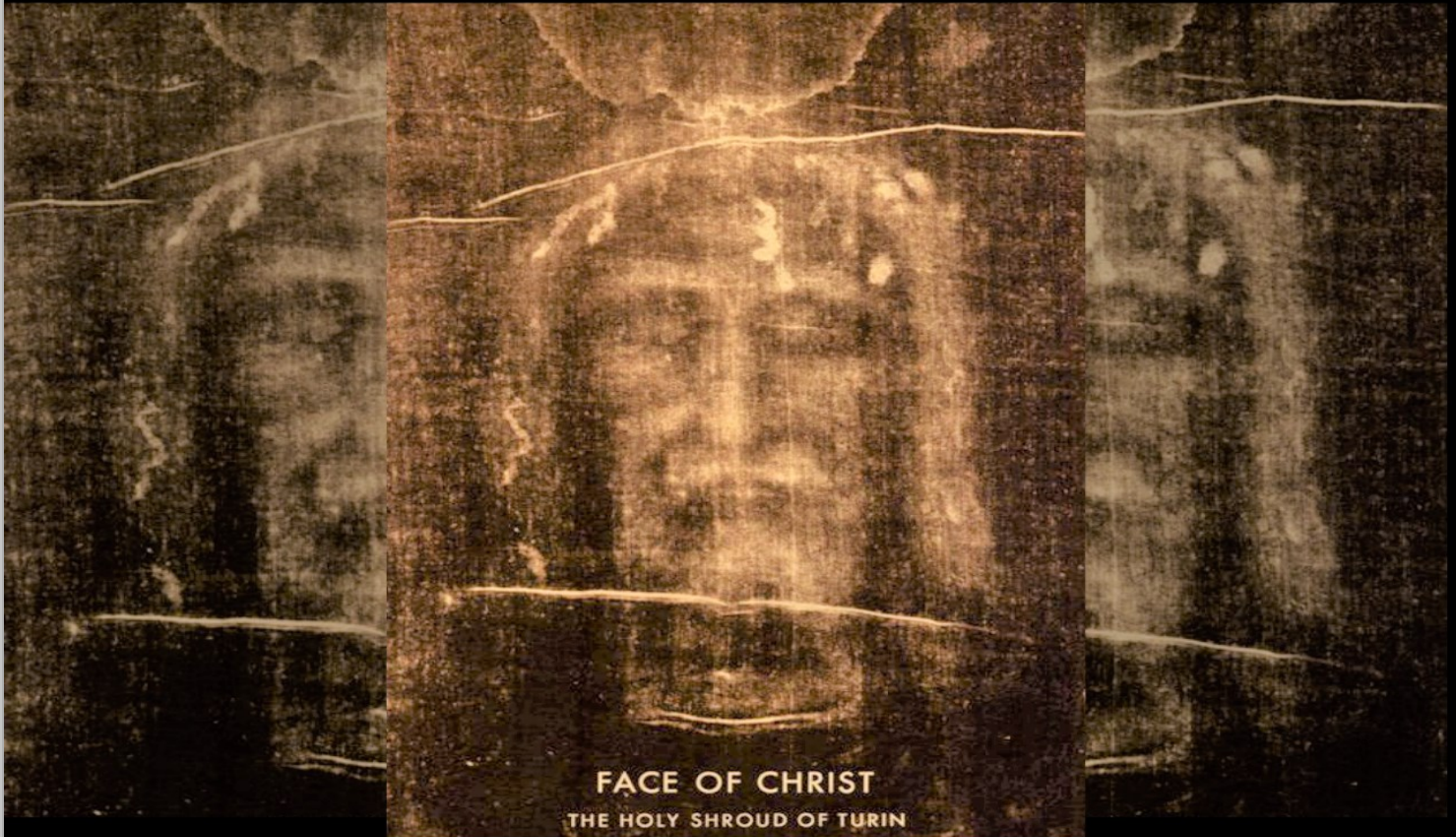
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, Ed Bednar, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Myrtis Cline, Scot Cuzzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Nancy Cyr, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Mary Ann Estes, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Theresa Fox, Bill Gates, June Gates, Harry Gorman, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Merrill Horner, Normita Ijadunola, Soddye Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, Steliana Kruer, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Wendy Onsted, Melanie Pedri, Carmelita Penafior, Walter Raley II, Eddie Randall, Shanda Reicks, Jim Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Azucena Santiago, Greg Scheirer, Leanne Marie Schilero, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Michael Sellers, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Lorraine Thompson, Thelma Tilman, James Conrad Townes, Gil Vigneault, Kim Walls, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, John Weaver, Donna Webb, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Joyce Windsor, Beverly Woods. and those with the Coronavirus. *Names will remain on the prayer list for at least 60 days.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: We are honoring the anniversary of all of our beloved dead who died in the month of September, from 1999-2021. Felician D. Ariola, (86); Josefina Alfiler Borbon, (77); Anna Marie Brown, (93); Elmer T. Bugayong, (37); Pauline L. Carlstead, (89); Joseph Edward Conner, (85); Lucille Agnes Crockett, (81); Alfred Paul Fidrocki, (62); Karen Stephanie Fitch, (71); Gladys Elizabeth Fregly, (80); Marjorie C. Gates, (70); Pamela Lucille Ghattas, (73); Joseph Americo Giovannoni, (63); Anita Mary Holland, (74); Margaret M. Schuster Hornsby, (98); William P. Hornsby, (71); Helen "Ma" Thorne Grimes Houser, (92); Jennifer Jones, (52); Constance Jeannette Kerr, (82); Margaret Estelle King, (81); Anna Lincoln, (87); Thelma Mae Marshall, (60); Leo John Morawski, (71); Marie Fannie Munson, (77); Henry Stanley Pieknik, (77); Del. James Edward Proctor, Jr., (79); Cristeta Perez Ricasa, (67); Anna Oertly Ryan, (84); Mildred Serado, (86); Emily Estelle Skotta, (82); Genera Munson Smith, (86); Betty Ann Stevanus, (71); Susan Francisco Tabion, (61); David Michael Tilch, (57); Michael William Tierney, (48); Teresita Valerio-Nifalar, (75); Shirley May Washington, (81); Edith Whelan, (96); Henry E. Willett, (77); NOTE: All of the names that were here originally, are now on the Prayer List Page on our website <https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HERE & AWAY: PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargent Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carts Hills, USCG; CPO Mary Patton, USNR; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Major Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.

Join us for :

**THE NOVENA MASS AND HOUR OF REPARATION
TO HONOR
THE MOST HOLY FACE OF JESUS**



"Contemplate My Face and you will enter into My Heart's abyss of sorrow. Console Me and search for souls who sacrifice themselves with Me for the salvation of the world. Now, if there will still be those who will not recognize that this is truly My work, it is because they close their eyes." He also said "you will know my disciples by their works", so we ask you to please persevere in helping others to know of this devotion of love and mercy.

CELEBRANT: FR. SAM PLUMMER
WHEN: EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT NOVENA MASS: SEPTEMBER 30TH

TIME: 7:30 PM

WHERE: SAINT MARY'S OF PISCATAWAY **OUR LADY'S**
13405 PISCATAWAY RD. **CHAPEL**
CLINTON, MD 20735-4564

FIND YOUR PURPOSE, FEED YOUR SOUL



Participant Materials:

*Full of Grace Book, Study Guide,
Tote Bag (optional)*

<https://shop.womenofgrace.com/category/107>

Study Location:

**St. Mary's Church of Piscataway
13401 Piscataway Rd., Clinton, MD
Parish Hall**

Dates/Times:

From October 2022 to May 2023

First Saturdays:

**9:00 a.m. 1st Sat. Mass, followed by
"Full of Grace" Study, until 12:00 p.m.**

**Third Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
For More Information:**

Contact Regional Coordinator:

Chris Bowman, (301) 908-2336

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Waldorf, MD

St. Mary's Church of Piscataway Contact:

Michèle Fulk (301) 292-0527 x 100

parish@stmaryspiscataway.org

Clinton, MD

The Women of Grace® Foundational Study, *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life* is an integral program in the formation of Catholic women in understanding and affirming them in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity. A true theology of women begins here.

Highlighting the Blessed Virgin Mary as their model and guide, study participants are encouraged to accept and develop the gift of their authentic femininity as the means and source through which they can experience happiness and hope, initiate and sustain cultural change, instill true and lasting peace in interpersonal relationships, and promote justice and freedom, truth and love in the world and the culture of the day.

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As you learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in our world today:

Hearts are healed!

Lives are changed!

Souls are saved!

Become the woman of grace God created you to be!

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*Authentic Femininity
"...for such a time as this."*

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WELCOME BACK TO
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY :
STUDENTS
TEACHERS
STAFF





St. Mary's School of Piscataway

Discover the difference!



Where did the summer go? The first day of school for teachers was August 22nd. The teachers attended Mass at the Shrine where Cardinal Gregory recognized St Mary's on the 60th Anniversary of the school. Students will begin classes August 29th. Enrollment is nearing 200.

We have come a long way in those 60 years, from the first academic year when there were only grades one through three, to the expansion to include grades 4-8. The addition of a kindergarten in the 1980s and finally the addition of Pre-K in recent times. Enrollment continues to climb reflecting the dedication of Father, the teachers, the staff and administration of the school. We also want to acknowledge the support of the parish over the years.



*Oh how
we have
grown!*



St. Mary's has always believed in caring for the whole child both academically and spiritually.

St. Mary's School is accepting applications for Grades Pre-K3-8. Enrollment is brisk and some classes are almost full. Be sure to contact us to schedule your tour.

For more information, contact the school office at (301) 292-2522 or visit us on our website at StMarysPiscataway.org.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/
Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

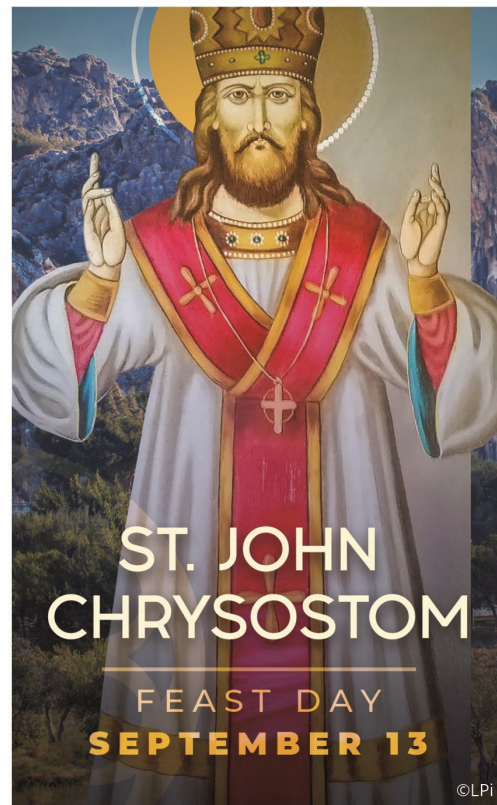
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Friday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

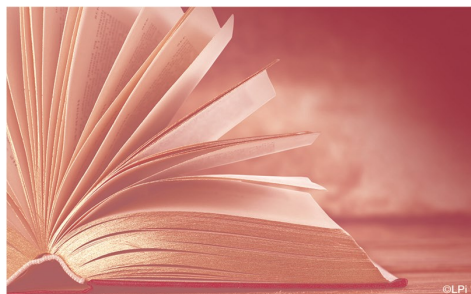
Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)



PSALM

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)



SECOND READING

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15)



GOSPEL

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Lk 15:7)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Rise, and Go to Your Father

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up."

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. *I haven't been given half of that, he thinks, and I've worked so hard.*

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son. Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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**"I tell you, there will
be rejoicing among
the angels of God
over one sinner who
repents."**

- Lk 15:10

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

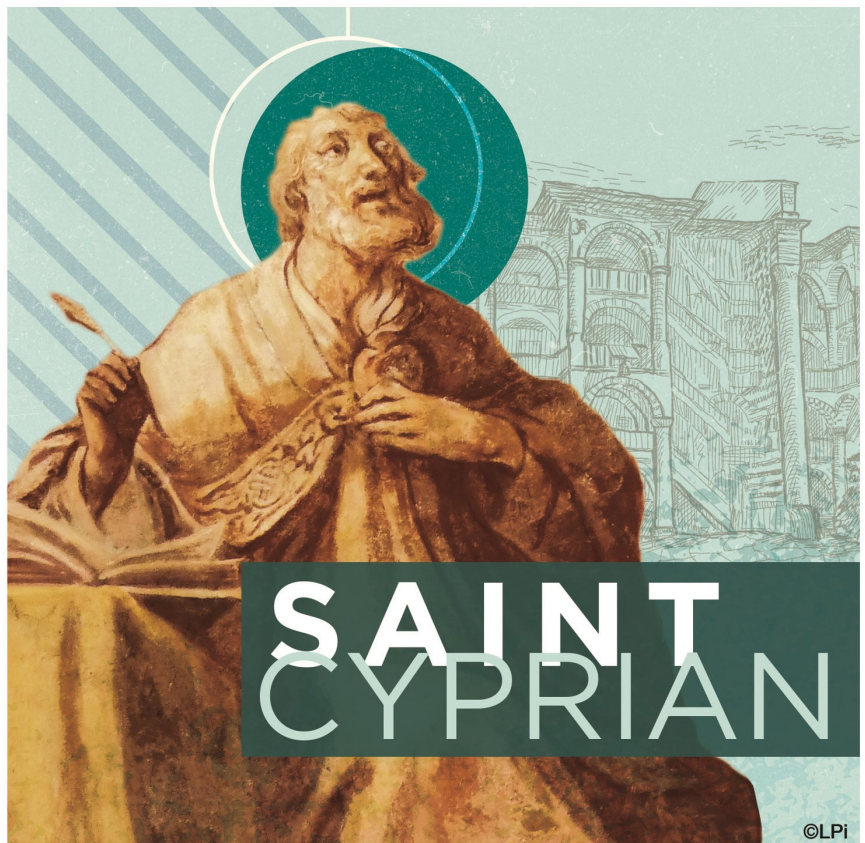
The Lord is persuaded by Moses' prayer of petition not to punish the Israelites for their apostasy. When has the Lord answered one of your prayers of petition?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of God's abundant mercy in the context of his former life as an arrogant, sinful, and ignorant man. In what ways do you think the Lord has been patient with you?

Gospel Reading

The parable of the prodigal (lost) son is one the best-known parables of Jesus. Which of the characters do you most resonate with: the father, the older son, or the lost son?



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus was kind to people who were lonely. Jesus forgave people who were sorry for their mistakes. Jesus ate dinner with people who needed God's love. They sinned. Everybody knew it. But Jesus knew that God's love could turn their frowns into smiles. If there are kids in your class who don't have many friends, be kind to them like Jesus. When other kids make mistakes, forgive them like Jesus. You'll make Jesus smile.

PRAYER

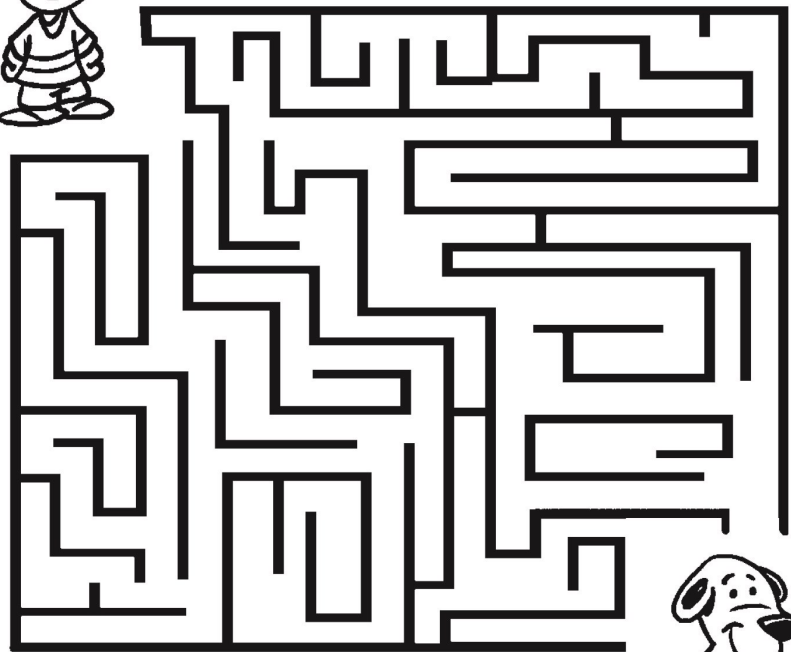
Dear God, help me to show kindness like Jesus did.

**MISSION
FOR THE WEEK**

When you go outside to play at school, look for someone who is alone. Offer to be a friend and play together.

KIDS CORNER

help the boy get to his dog.



Create in me
a clean heart,
O God.



PSALM 51

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*“Rejoice with
me because
I have found
my lost sheep.’
I tell you, in
just the same
way there will
be more joy in
heaven over
one sinner who
repents than
over ninety-
nine righteous
people who
have no need of
repentance.”*

- Lk 15:6c-7

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