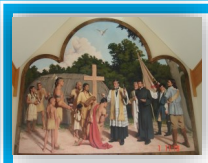

Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway

13405 Piscataway Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735-4564
301-292-0527 (Parish office)
301-292-2522 (School office)
Church E-Mail Address: parish@stmaryspiscataway.org
Church Internet Address: http://www.saintmaryspiscataway.net
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Pastor:	Rev. Samuel I. Plummer (#101) plummers@adw.org
Permanent Deacon:	Dcn. George B. Ames, Jr. (Ret.)
School Principal:	Miss Lynsie K. Reavis (#131)
Director of Music/Liturgy:	Dr. Eran Lupu (#106)
Parish Administrative Assistant:	Ms. Michèle Fulk (#100)
Parish Bookkeeper:	Ms. Claudette Kim (#107)
Facilities Manager:	(#102)

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) give it to Fr. Plummer after Mass, 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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

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 10:45 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 6:00 p.m.
Thursday ~ 8:45 a.m. Mass to 6:00 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

First Friday, February 3rd to

First Saturday, February 4th,
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

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

First Sat. 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by Devotions

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE MAIN CHURCH NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND. We need two adorers per slot. Thank you.

Adorers—Just a reminder that during the winter months, Eucharistic Adoration and other evening events will not be held when St. Mary's School is closed due to inclement weather, such as snow, freezing rain, or ice, as announced on the radio or television. If there is a delay in opening the school, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed to correspond with the opening of school or at the discretion of the pastor. Mass is always held if the priest can get to the church.

O.C.I.A. (formerly called R.C.I.A.) continues Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. It resumes on Tuesday, January 24th. Come and be fed mentally and spiritually!

From the Spirituality and Evangelization Committee:
Our Pastor, Father Plummer, has been concerned about our parish's spiritual health ever since he arrived at our parish in 2020. After evaluating us for six months, he said from the pulpit that our parish was "dying." Recall the scripture from Ezekiel 37, when the prophet said that Israel's spirit was like "dry bones." What did the prophet Ezekiel do? He prophesied over the dry bones and said, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! See, I will bring the spirit into you, that you may come to life." The dry bones came to life!
Over the last years, Father Plummer has encouraged us all to regularly go to Confession to improve our spiritual health. He continues to keep the confessional open and is available many hours so that we can readily participate in this sacrament of spiritual healing.
To further improve our parish's spiritual health, Father Plummer plans to have a **"Life in the Spirit Seminar,"** which will start at the end of February and last throughout the Season of Lent. The seminar's goals are to inform, form, and transform us by the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit. More information about the seminar will be provided in the next weeks' Sunday bulletins, We encourage all to attend!

Important Donation Information—We would like to thank everyone who has supported St. Mary's Church and School during this 2022 calendar year with their time, talent and financial contributions. We look forward to the support from all of our members in the new 2023 year ahead. Realizing that some people wait until the end of the year to make sizable donations, we want to remind everyone that contributions are recorded on the date that they are received regardless of the date on the envelope or other source document. **Therefore, for contributions to be recorded for the year 2022, they must be received in the office by December 31, 2022. Contributions received after December 31 will be credited toward 2023. Contribution Request forms can be found in the Narthex of both Churches. We will not start sending tax letters until the end of January, 2023.**

Eucharistic Exposition Wed. & Thurs.:

- † Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until ***6:00*** 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: 5-6p.m. Every Thurs.: 5-6p.m.

Adult Faith Formation: Thursday 2/2 (due to Men's Retreat) – Series TBD; Friday 2/10 – Series TBD; Friday 2/17 – Series TBD All evenings begin with food and fellowship at 6:45 p.m. and the event starts at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. All are invited! Come and become wonderfully informed.

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

Parish School of Religion 2022-2023—Help your children grow closer to Jesus, learn more about the Catholic Church, and stay on track for receiving the Sacraments. Children Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a Catholic School should be attending. Classes, in the School classrooms are from 10:45 a.m. to 11:50a.m. Our next class, **Sunday, January 29th**. **Reminders:** Be on time. Please come into the building to sign in and sign out your children! Also, let the Catechist(s) and me know when your children can not make it or will be late to class. Preferably not an hour before class begins. Do all homework and make-up homework. Thank you.

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, please visit our website **www.HelpOurMarriage.org**, call (443) 400-7017, or email: **3015@HelpOurMarriage.org**

2023 Diocesan 2nd Collection (Archdiocese of Washington)

February 22	**Church in the Developing World**

Church in the Developing World (Church in Latin America, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa)—provides aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. Did you know that more than 20 countries still struggle to recover from Communist rule? Funds from this collection focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral care and catechesis, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Thank you for your generosity! More information **www/usccb.org/ccee**.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 29, 2023

Parish Week Events:

Sunday, Jan. 29 ***The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***National Catholic Schools Week begins***	8:00 a.m., (OLC) 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (MC) Sodality Executive Meeting—10:30 a.m. (PCR) PSR —10:45 to 11:50 a.m. School Open House—1:00-3:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 30 **Weekday**	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (MC)
Tuesday, Jan. 31 ***St. John Bosco***	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) (Confessions after) O.C.I.A. (Formerly R.C.I.A.—7:00 p.m. (PH)
Wednesday, Feb. 1 **Weekday**	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., (OLC)
Thursday, Feb. 2 ***The Presentation of the Lord***	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., (OLC) Choir Practice—7:15 a.m., (MC) Friday Night Gathering—6:45 p.m., (PH)
First Friday, Feb. 3 ***St. Blaise & St. Ansgar***	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (OLC) (Confessions After) 24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition Begins (OLC) 9:00a.m School Early Dismissal at 12 noon
First Saturday, Feb.4 ***BVM***	24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition Ends (9:00 a.m.) Morning Mass—9:00 a.m. (OLC) Full of Grace Women's Study—10:00 a.m. (PH) Confessions—2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., (MC) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (MC)
Sunday, Feb. 5 ***The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***Sodality Sunday***	8:00 a.m. Mass (OLC) 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon Masses (MC) Sodality General Body Meeting—10:30 a.m., (PH) PSR—10:45 to 11:50 a.m. (School Classrooms)

Current Week's Mass Schedule—Ordinary Time	
Mon., Jan. 30	**Weekday**
8:15 a.m.	Mike Russell
Tues., Jan. 31	***St. John Bosco***
8:15 a.m.	Lettie Calata
Wed., Feb. 1	**Weekday**
8:15 a.m.	Patrick Adigwe
Thur., Feb. 2	***The Presentation of the Lord***
8:15 a.m.	Joseph Anthony DiRocco (+)
First Fri., Feb. 3	***St. Blaise & St. Ansgar***
8:15 a.m.	Ammie Laguilles
Next Weekend's Mass Schedule	
First Sat,. Feb. 3	***Immaculate Heart of Mary***
9:00 a.m.	**Alain Champaloux (+)—BD**
Sat., Feb. 4	***Sunday Vigil***
4:00 p.m.	Steve Westmoreland (+)
Sun., Feb. 5	***The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time***
8:00 a.m.	James Alston McCarthy (+)
9:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parishioners
12:00 p.m.	Dave Clink

KEY: MC= Main Church, OLC=Our Lady's Chapel, PH=Parish Hall, PCR=Parish Conference Room

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, January 29, 2023 to Saturday, February 4, 2023*

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, January 29, 2023 to Saturday, February 4, 2023 Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat.*

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 DECORATED OUR LADY'S CHAPEL AND THE MAIN CHURCH. *(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, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Myrtis Cline, Scot Cuozzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Nancy Cyr, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anita and Joe Foley, Bill Gates, June Gates, Cathy Gwiazda, Shirley Hawkins, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Normita Ijadunola, Soddye Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Enid King, Steliana Kruer, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Wendy Onsted, Eric Randall, Shanda Reecks, Michael Russell, Azucena Santiago, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Michael Sellers, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Lorraine Thompson, Thelma Tilman, Eileen Upperman, Gil Vigneault, Rena Walzel, Donna Webb, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Joyce Windsor, and Beverly Woods. ***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 January, from 2017-2022. Diane Marie Adkins (1-23-2019), Josette Pico Anzola (01-25-2022), Judy Ann Bednar (01-29-2021), William Patrick Burns (1-11-2017), Mary "Nina" Carolyn Edelen (01-27-2020), Raymond Ted Fugate (1-19-2019), Sean Michael Hayward (01-09-2022), George Jerome Lewis (1-25-2017), Thomas Henry Lewis (01-27-2021), Florante Telavera Magali (1-19-2018), Blair William Mildenberg (01-23-2021), Rita Valeria Quattrone (01-10-2021), Ceasar Angpeo Solomon (01-02-2020), Paul David Stevanus (01-26-2022), Marion Irene Walzel (01-12-2022), and Margaret Teresa White (01-01-2020). 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 Sargant 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4

SUNDAY, 1/29: CELEBRATING OUR PARISH & FAMILIES

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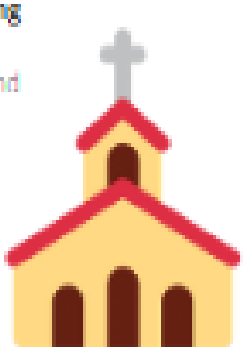

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CSW Spirit Day Theme: School Color Day (Navy Blue/White/Gold)

Candy Jar Guess (Fundraiser for Forestville Pregnancy Center)

"Fun Facts about Father Plummer Contest"

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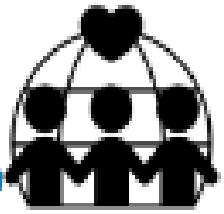

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Shrines & Saints of Italy

JULY 9-JULY 19, 2023

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS: FR. SAMUEL PLUMMER & FR. MARK CUSICK

Tour Highlights

ROME- MANOPELLO-
SAN GIOVANI ROTONDO (PADRE PIO)-
ST. MICHAEL CAVE - LANCIANO-LORETO-
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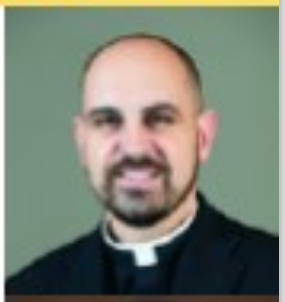

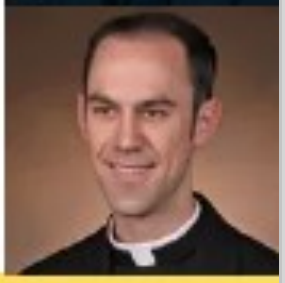

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Roundtrip International Flight
Airline and Local City taxes included
9 nights in 4 Star Hotel Accommodations
All Breakfast and Dinners (8 at hotels and 1 at local resturant)
Entrance fees and Tours with English Speaking Tour Guides and Accompanying Tour Guide
Private Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
Earphones for all tours
Portage for 1 luggage per person

COST $3,999 *

*Includes Land & Round trip Air from Washington IAD per person double occupancy

*ADD $885 FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY

INITIAL DEPOSIT DATE OF $1000.00 + TRAVEL INSURANCE (IOPTIONAL, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

*** PRICE FOR MIN 34- SEND YOUR DEPOSIT TODAY***

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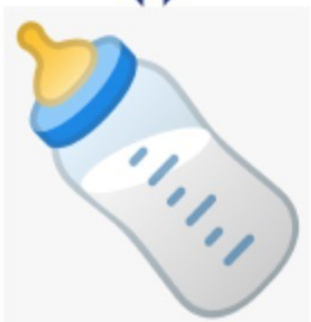

https://forestvillepregnancycenter.org/donors%2Fvolunteering

Be sure to tour the site to see how
Forestville Pregnancy Center serves our community!

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A CaFE DVD

the GIFT

a life in the Spirit course

Coming this Lent! THE GIFT: Life in the Spirit Seminar

Do you want to experience the fullness of love our Lord intends for each one of us? Come join many of your brothers and sisters in Christ for the Life in the Spirit Seminar "The Gift" There are 2 separate 6-part sessions to the Seminar.

The Saturday morning track begins February 25th. These sessions will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and will include a continental breakfast.

The Evening track begins on Tuesday, February 28th and meets from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include dinner. You can sign up for the Seminar by Sunday, February.

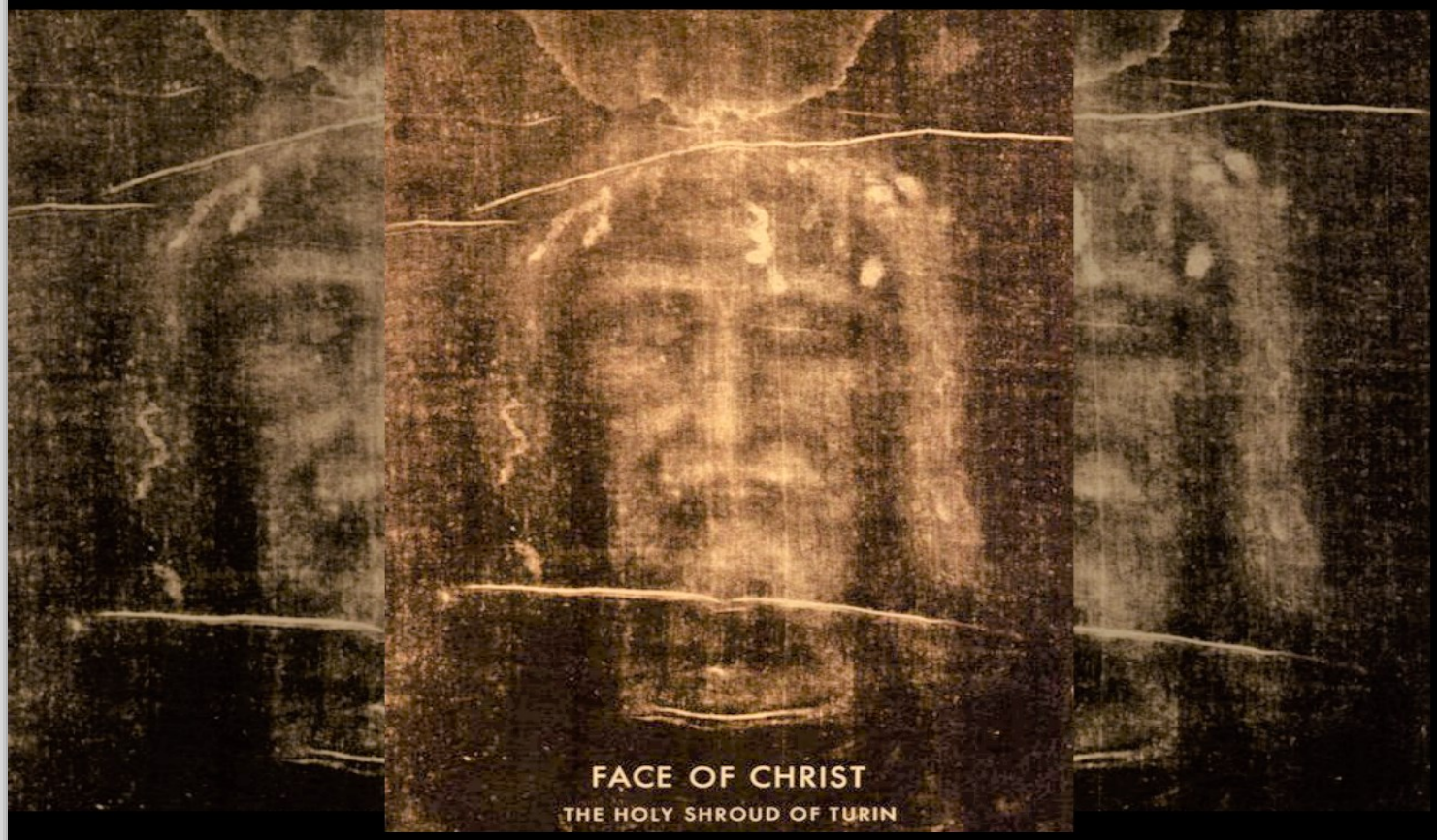
For more information contact parish@stmaryspiscataway.org

Prayerfully consider making this six week course a part of your Lenten commitment!

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: FEBRUARY 24TH, 2023

TIME: 7:30 PM

WHERE: SAINT MARY'S OF PISCATAWAY

13405 PISCATAWAY RD.

CLINTON, MD 20735-4564

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

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

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

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

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.

Amen.

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FIRST READING

But I will leave as a remnant in
your midst
a people humble and lowly.
(Zep 3:12)

PSALM

Blessed the poor in spirit; the
kingdom of heaven is theirs!
(Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

Rather, God chose the foolish of
the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the
world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)

GOSPEL

"Blessed are the poor in sprit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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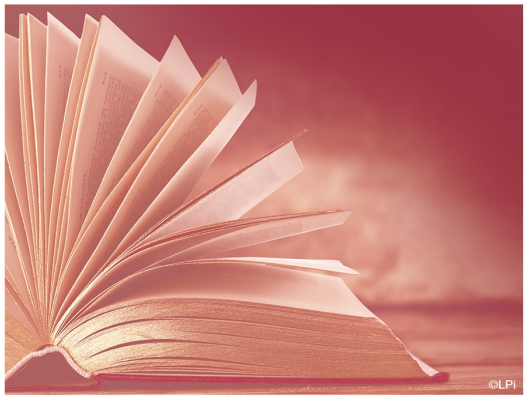

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— *Father John Muir*

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LITURGICAL LIFE

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:
What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:
The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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

- Mt 5:7-8

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

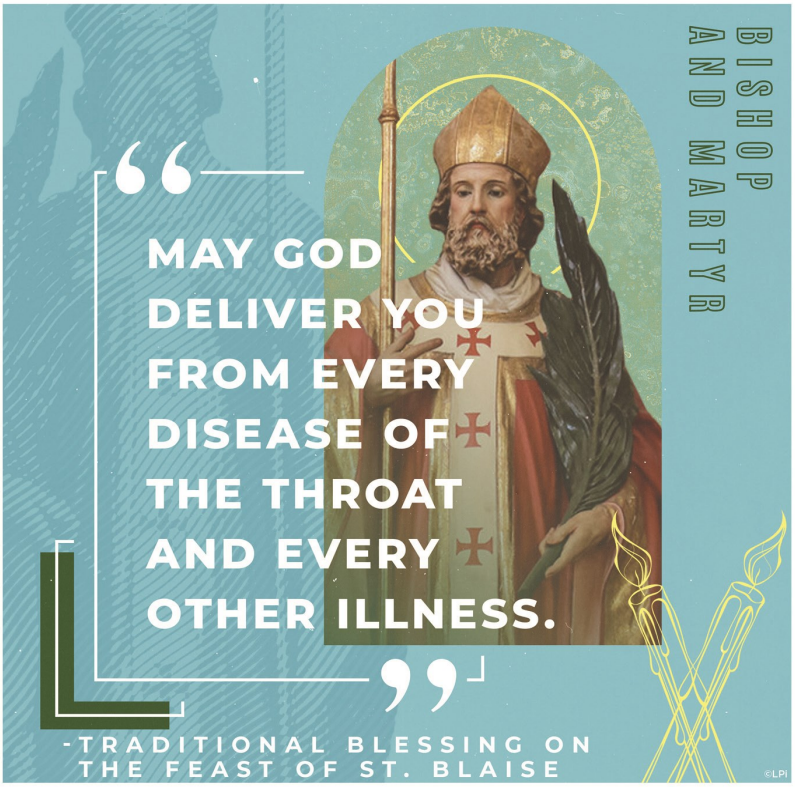
The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant of Israel" who will survive God's judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?

Second Reading

Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. How would you describe your community of faith?

Gospel Reading

Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight "beatitudes" (blessings). Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself?



READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

~~blessed~~	mercy	kingdom
meek	pure	reward
filled	peace	heaven

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"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

- Mt 5:10-12a

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