

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

91 HOME AVENUE ✦ RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY 07070



*Christ
is
Risen
Alleluia!*

We are called to form the Christian Community of **Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church**; we are protected by our Blessed Mother in whose patronage our parish has been placed under her title "**Our Lady of the Rosary.**"

Very Rev. Michael J. Kreder, V.F., KCHS ----- Pastor

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Lisa Considine----- *First Eucharist Coordinator*

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

< OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE >

EUCCHARIST (*Obligation Masses*)

Saturday----- 5:00 pm (*Sunday obligation*)

Sunday----- 8:00, 10:00, & 12:00 noon

Weekday Schedule

Monday----- 5:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday ----- 8:30 am

Friday----- 12 noon Prayer Service with Eucharist

Holy Days ----- As listed in the bulletin

RECONCILIATION (*Confession*)

Confessions will be heard at 4:15 pm Saturday evenings.

Baptism: Parents are required to attend the parish Baptism Class and provide the godparent's sponsorship letters **BEFORE** the baptism date can be set. Call the Parish Office at 201-438-2200 for class dates and godparent handbook.

Marriage: According to the N.J. Common Policy couples must register at least **ONE YEAR** in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders: Contact the Vocation Office at 973-497-4365.



*From the Pastor
The Ascension
of the Lord - A
May 17, 2026*

May Crowning

I conclude my 4-part series on *May Crownings* with the *biblical*

basis for our devotions to *Our Lady* as our *Queen* and *Mother*. Here are some of the *Scriptures* on which the *Church* 'builds' what we call 'Mariology' or the systematic theological study of the *Mother of Jesus*.

Luke 1: 26-38. In the *Annunciation*, she is told the *Lord God* will give her *Son* "the throne of *David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.*" - which made her the *Queen Mother*.

Luke 1:39-43. In the *Visitation*, *Elizabeth* calls her, "the mother of my Lord" which confirmed her regal status and royal motherhood.

Revelation 5:10. *Christ* made all *Christians* "a kingdom and priests for our God ..." ... who else would deserve to be 'Queen' of His royal family?

2 Timothy 4:8. In His *Letter* to his protégé, *Saint Paul* assured *Saint Timothy* that "From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance." As we pray in an *Advent Preface*: "The Virgin Mother longed for Him with love beyond all telling." For all that she endured for Him: His stressful *Birth* in *Bethlehem*, the *Flight to Egypt*, *Simeon's haunting prophecy*, losing Him for *three days*, witnessing the *fierce opposition* He faced, seeing Him *tortured, nailed to a Cross* and *entombed* ... if she does not deserve "a crown of righteousness" - who does?

James 1:12. She *freely consented* to all *God* asked of her - and never lost hope. So, these words of the *Apostle* certainly apply to her: "Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life that he promised to

those who love him." With her example and intercession, we can also earn a crown.

Psalm 45:10. This royal *Psalm*, in which the daughter of the *King* is enthroned, describes "a princess arrayed in Ophir's gold [who] comes to stand at your right hand." In *Catholic Churches*, the *Marian Shrine* is customarily to the *right* of the *Sanctuary* [that is, 'stage right'] so she 'stands' on the right side of the *Altar*, the main *Crucifix*, and in many churches, the *Tabernacle*.

2 Timothy 2:11b-12a. A biblical poem that *Lucien Deiss* used in his hymn, 'Keep In Mind,' says: "If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him." Again, if *Christ's Mother* does not deserve to live and to reign with Him, who does?

1 Peter 5:4. Our first *Pope* said these encouraging words to the first faithful *Christians*: "And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory." This, in turn, inspired many artists to depict the *Coronation* of our *Blessed Mother* by her Son.

As *Blessed Isaac of Stella* [1100-1169] wrote, "In the inspired Scriptures, what is said in a *universal* sense of the virgin mother, the Church, is understood in an *individual* sense of the Virgin Mary, and what is said in a *particular* sense of the virgin mother Mary is rightly understood in a *general* sense of the virgin mother, the Church. When either is spoken of, the meaning can be understood of both ..." What does this mean?

As we 'crown' or 'adorn with flowers' our images of our *Blessed Mother* in thanks for all she did for *Christ*, we who follow her example have every reason to hope that we will be crowned with glory - and adorned, not with blossoms which fade away - but with eternal graces and gifts!

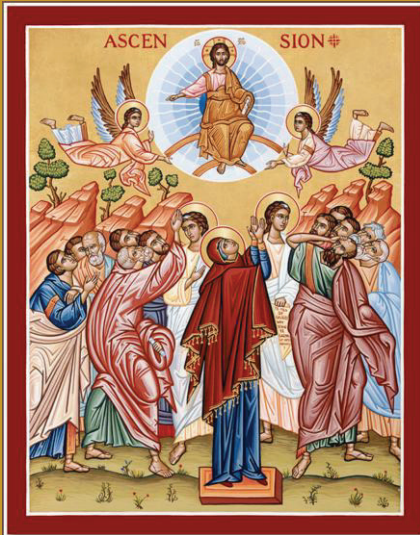
I hope this miniseries on *Marian Devotions* will help us all to one day join her in heaven.

With God's love and my prayers,

Father Mike

Very Rev. Michael J. Kreder, VF, KCHS

The Ascension of the Lord



May 17, 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

5:00 pm Cathy Conway

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

8:00 am William and Frances McCorry

10:00 am Lorraine DeMan

12 noon Jean Ascione

Doris Mahoney

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

5:00 pm Rose Simone

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

8:30 am Lawrence J. Skvarla

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

8:30 am Daniel M. Moran

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

8:30 am Helen Fuentes

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

12:00 noon Prayer Service with Eucharist

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

5:00 pm Daniel M. Moran – 10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

8:00 am George D. Berbary

10:00 am Brian Andrew FitzSimons

Margaret Davitt

12 noon Philip Lembo

Joe Sheils

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Pentecost Sunday



Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63A)

Psalm 104:1,24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Grant our brothers and sisters, **comfort** in their suffering. When they are afraid, give them **courage**. When afflicted, give them **patience**. When dejected, afford them **hope**. And when alone, assure them of the **support** of your holy people.

Salvatore Anselmi, Frank Cornacchiulo,
Jean Marie VanDyk, Weston Greenwood,
Leslie Maculso, James Murray, Santo Perez,
Manuel Reiriz, Allison Russell, Gina Sbrocco,
Frank Seibert, Heather Shaw, and Jeannie Steinel.

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The SANCTUARY LAMP which burns near the Tabernacle in Church, the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn in memory of **THOMAS BLOOMER**.

Requested BY Terry Klahre.

Please keep Thomas and his family in your prayers.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Through the **ANNUAL APPEAL**, we uphold our commitment to living out the Gospel values of love, compassion, and solidarity. By uniting in prayer and action, we demonstrate our dedication to building a stronger, more compassionate community where all are valued and supported. Your support of the **ANNUAL APPEAL** is a testament to your faith and your commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others. Together, we can continue to spread God's love and mercy to those who need it most. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. Your generosity is truly a blessing and a testament to the power of our faith in action. Thank you for your support.

MAY CROWNING FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17

We INVITE all our parishioners to stay after the 10am Mass this weekend as our First Communicants will crown our Blessed Mother. First Communicants should stay around for a group photo with their classmates and Father Mike after the crowning.

2027 MASS BOOK

The **2027 Mass book** is now open. Anyone interested in reserving Masses for 2027, are invited to stop by the Parish Office (beneath the church) to reserve your dates.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

We have Eucharistic Adoration – every 1st Tuesday of the month for ONE hour following our 8:30am Mass. Mark your calendars and put some time aside to pray before the Eucharist.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

This is a Special Invitation to all children who will receive First Eucharist this year. To celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, the insert in the Weekly Bulletin on **June 7, 2026**, will be devoted to Reflections from our First Communicants. Each child is invited to WRITE a ONE SENTENCE reflection on their First Holy Communion experience and return it to the Parish Office - no later than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**. Please choose ONE of the following starters:

- What I learned about the Mass was...
- When I receive Holy Communion, I thank Jesus for...
- The best part of my Gold Book was...
- First Communion Day was special because...
- Receiving Holy Communion makes me feel...
- I like going to Mass because...

Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop on Saturday, June 6TH - Presenter: Ellen Roller

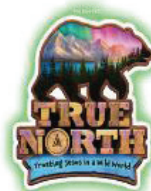
Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer. The workshop will start with registration/"coffee and" at 9:00 am. It will end by 1:00 pm. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATE

AUGUST 17 TO AUGUST 21ST

9:00 am TO 1:00 pm

\$75.00 per child



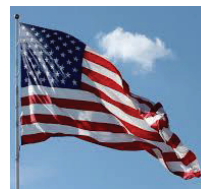
We have a LEADER! For years we have offered a one-week VBS program to the joy of so many young children ... and their parents who get a break from them for a few hours! We are hoping a few High School students can assist with the daily Bible skits. Activities will include an adventure station, scripture lessons, imagination station and game time. You can volunteer for the entire program or specific days. Please contact us ASAP if you want to join us: Phone: (201) 438-2200 – ext. 1140 or email

Religiousformation@stmaryrutherford.org

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION

Our parishioners once again showed a beautiful witness to the Gospel through your heartfelt support of last weekend's Mother's Day Respect Life Collection, raising **\$1,274.00**. Your kindness will assist mothers, babies, and families who rely on the compassion of our community. May the Lord, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, bless you for your charity and continue to strengthen our parish in defending the dignity of every human life.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Continue to pray for all the brave men and women defending our country. Keep them safe from all attacks and warn them of danger. Give them wisdom and strength in battle, and help them to stay focused, sharp, and alert. Strengthen our troops spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally and bring them safely home to their Families.

Brendan Scott Ahearn, Corporal, USMC

Nicole Conti, SPC Nazar Fedorko,

Paul Fedorisin, SSGT, Kyle McAuley,

Kevin Mustac, Drew Napoli,

Brendan J. Nestor, US Navy

CPT Patrick O'Grady, US Army, Michael Rogers,

2LT Jake Shoemaker, Sgt. Angelo Mangione USMC,

Ch (Cpt) Fr. Peter Koziolkiewicz

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Mother's Day Remembrance – 2026

Requested by:	In Memory/Honor of:	Requested by:	In Memory/Honor of:
Mrs. Rosemary Annese	Frances Cinotti & Mary Martinelli +	M/M George Clisura	Theresa Clisura & Virginia Totaro +
Ms. Judy Argenta	Helen Argenta & Maria Argenta +	M/M Michael Clisura	Theresa Clisura & Yolanda Novembre +
Ms. Monette Augustin		M/M John Considine	Anne Sorbera & Loretta Considine +
Mr. Louis Baccaro	Mary Ellen Ball & Agnes McMannus +	M/M Scott & Marianne Correr	Joan Sansone & Gloria Flatly +
M/M Walter Ball	Helen Zicchino & Ursula Bartlett +	M/M Donald Cronrath Jr.	Marguentz Cronrath & Maureen Hoey +
Mrs. JoAnn Bartlett	Helen Black +	Dr./Mrs. James Cuzzo	Rose Cerbo & Camille Cuzzo +
Mrs. Joan Marie Bellotti	Irene M. Blauvelt & All Mothers +	M/M Paul & Jennifer Dansbach	Camille Jimenez & Lois Dansbach +
Mrs. Beverly Blauvelt	Engracia M. Piniili & Barbara P. Bloor +	Mrs. Julia D'Avanzo	Josephine Bamonte & Mary D'Avanzo +
M/M Robert Bloor	Kathleen Fitzgerald +	M/M Michael Davis	Gloria Slater & Agnes Davis +
Mrs. Emily Blumberg	Margaret McCabe & Pauline Boisits +	Ms. Geraldine & Robin Dechert	Rose Pollina & Bertha Bauer +
Mrs. Kathy Boisits	Josephine Mack & Andrea Tremtore	Dr./Mrs. J. DeFazio	Josephine DeFazio & Audrey Davidson +
Ms. Joyce Bongiorno	Helen Boylan & Ruth Bonner +	Gina & Michele Degennaro	Elvira Degennaro & Angela DeNigris +
M/M Patrick & Monica Bonner	Rose Aguirre & Ann Bowen +	Mrs. Hilda Delaney	Rosemary D. & Laura Rojas Bueno +
M/M Frank Bowen	Margaret DePinto & Bella Bayle +	M/M Robert Delorenzo	Mary Delorenzo & Loretta Johnson +
Mrs. Marie Boyle	Rosa Giannotte & Maxine Briscione +	Mrs. Rocco DelVecchio	Maria DelVecchio & Felicia Travaglini +
M/M Edward Briscione	Helen Brown +	Ms. Anne DeMarco	Mildred DeCarlo & Mary DeMarco +
Ms. Noreen Brown	Mae Geraghty & Margaret Byrne +	M/M Shane DePutron	Joanie Haberek & Patrick Burk +
Mrs. Bernadette Byrne		M/M John Dinan	Helen Mullaney Dinan & Marie Rozano
Ms. Eileen Bersick &	Lillian Cadmus & Marjorie Bersick +	Mrs. Rose Dobosz	Salerno +
Ms. Edna Cadmus	Helen De Martino & Anna Calabrese +		Deceased mothers of the Dobosz and Maka
M/M Vincent Calabrese	Ann L. Calabria & Elaine McNeill +	Mrs. Miriam Dovalo	Families +
Ms. Maria Calabria	Julia Calocino & Mary Russ +		P. Gonzalez & A. Gonzalez, F. Martinez & M.
M/M Robert Calocino	Maria & Restituta +	M/M Tom Doyle	Dovalo +
M/M Rosario Campagna	Ann Giordano & Katherine Cardella +		Marjory Ala & Mary Doyle + Lee Mennitt
M/M Daniel Cardella	Elizabeth Doran & Jane Cardillo +	Dr. & Mr. Patrick Driscoll	(Living)
M/M John & Dolores Cardillo	Theresa Martinelli +		Albina Zocnowski, Regina Ratkowski, Gilberte
Mrs. Beatrice Cassidy	Helen Brown & Genevieve Caughey +	M/M Joseph Egan	Driscoll +
Mrs. Robert Caughey	Helen Trainor +	M/M Anthony Escolin	Madeline Egan & Margaret Schak +
Ms. Mary Cerbone	Rachelle Pollio +	Ms. Janice Fagan	Yolanda Escolin & Jasmín Ramos +
Ms. Josephine Clark			Edna Fagan +

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M/M Dennis FitzSimons	Catherine Tierney & Hazel FitzSimons +	Mr. Domenico LaForgia	Francesca LaForgia & Leo Balacco +
Mrs. Martha Forker	Mary Mitrik & Ann Forker +	Mrs. Helene Lamparello	Helene McKeefrey & Fannie Lamparello +
M/M Liz & Larry Forte	Corinne Forte & Pauline Berardinelli +	M/M Christine & John LaNeve	Patricia Bennett & Angie LaNeve +
Dr./Mrs. John Frattarola	Ramona Frattarola +	M/M Susan & Ralph Laurenzo	Elizabeth Loizzi & Filomena Laurenzo +
M/M Rick & Eileen Fuentes	Rita Campbell & Helen Fuentes +	Ms. Carol Lauretta-Sullivan	Robert Sullivan & Viktor Surkova +
M/M Michael Gaffney	Joan Gaffney & Helen Pieluc +	M/M Dennis Letsche	Margaret Merli & Margaret Letsche +
M/M Peter Garabedian	Janet Kijewski & Doris Garabedian +	M/M Carmen Lopez	Arcadia N. Lopez & Angela Lopez +
Ms. Joyce Gardella-Hayes	Grace Gardella + & Louise Caleca (Living)	Mrs. Renato Maghenzani	Angela Marino +
Ms. Dolores Gennaro	Helen Gennaro +	M/M Florencio Mangasi	Maricris Meyer & Geraldine Mangasi (Living)
M/M Carol & Joe Gilhawley	Patricia Powers +	Mrs. Alberta Manning	Cecilia Kowalch & Cecelia Manning +
M/M Lenus Gomes		M/M Michael &	
Ms. Kathryn Harton	Sophia Matule & Catrina Matule +	Francesca Martinelli	Charleen Martinelli & Annette Kieferle +
M/M Wayne Hazekamp	Theresa Redman & Josephine Colasurdo +	M/M Vincent Mazzola	Mrs. M Ostrowski, Mrs. M Mazzola, Mrs. A Mazzola +
Ms. Suzanne Heraut	Eleanor Heraut, Terea Martin, & Helen Heraut +	M/M Don & Una McManus	Lucy O'Connor & Hannah McManus +
Mrs. Thomas Hyland	Carolyn Ponti & Vera Ponti +	Ms. Donna Melton	Doris Muller +
M/M Nicholas Iocca	Catherine Iocca & Elena Ultimo +	M/M Thomas Monaghan	Anne Lepis + Cabrini Lepis (Living)
M/M Stephen Jasko	Ann Anderko & Lottie Jasko +	Mr. Michael Moore	
M/M Carlos Jimenez	Sue Sinclair & Idaly Jimenez +	Mrs. Deborah Moran	Mary, Peg +, Erin, Meghan, Meghan, Caitlin - living
Ms. Michele Kane	Claire Furka +		Mary Buttino +
M/M Kristen Knapp	Margaret Lenahan +	Mrs. Patricia Morigi	Anna Hutchins & Camille Morton +
M/M Lothar Knigge	Hazel & Antoinette +	Mrs. Regina Morton	Peggy Cleary & Helen Mulligan +
M/M Robert Kordas	Marie Spiezio & Patricia Grappone +	Mrs. Gerald Mulligan	MaryAnn Murnane, Bertha Daniello, & Rose Berry +
Ms. Elizabeth &		M/M William Murnane	
Lorraine Kozlowski	Regina Kozlowski & Felecia Kozlowski +		
M/M Diane & Vincent Kratz	Gina Maschio, Rivia Monteverde, Betty Kratz, Mary Lee +	Mrs. Lorraine Nienstedt	Bridget Roth & Anne Nienstedt +
Very Rev. Michael J. Kreder	Mildred Kreder, Patricia Seraphin +	M/M Carlos Nodarse	Georgina Pujadas & Flora Nodarse +
M/M Thomas Kuruc	Irene Kuruc & RoseMary McAndrew +	Ms. Eileen Nolan	Rosaleen Nolan +
Ms. Barbara Laborim	Irene Laborim & Frances Alessi Lipari +	M/M Thomas Novak	Catherine Novak & Lillian Catanzaro +

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Requested by:

M/M Marc Nowinski
 M/M Thomas O'Reilly
 Mr. James Pacala

In Memory/Honor of:

Peggy Houghton (Living) & Kathy Nowinski +
 Mae Ferry O'Reilly & Helen Kelly +
 Mary & Anna Pacala , Mary Doroshenko,
 Katherine Mencak +

Requested by:

Mrs. Peter Sheridan
 Ms. Susan Sierra
 M/M Ann Signore &
 John Barrese

In Memory/Honor of:

Patricia Bennett & Theresa Sheridan +
 Asunda Sierra & Elizabeth Sierra +
 Lucy Signore (Living) & Anna Chirchella +
 Sonia Silvasie & Sophie Novack +

M/M Donna Palsi
 M/M Christine Palumbo

Evelyn Bartolomeo & Tootsie Palsi +
 Mary Wall Bellotti +
 Josephine Papa & Judith A. Papa +

Ms. Christine Silvasie
 M/M Robert & Carol Simone

Afreda Kocot & Rose Siemone +
 Helen Kidney & Phyllis Skvarla +

Mr. Frank Papa
 Mr. Leo Parry

Anna Parry +
 Philomena Pereira & Agnes Patrao +

Mrs. Larry Skvarla
 M/M Thomas Smith Jr.

Mary Montencaro &
 Teresa Condo-Fernandez +

M/M Glen Pereira
 M/M Frank Pezzolla, Jr.

Eva Frangapano & Mildred Pezzolla +
 Concetta Pisciotta, Antonia Pisciotta,
 Caterina Piobino +

M/M Anthony Spaldo
 M/M Frank Stella
 M/M Marc Surie

Mary Lanese & Rachel Spaldo +
 Frances Carnevale & Alice Stella +
 Clarita V. Bautista & Gertraud Surie +

Ms. Caterina Pisciotta

Caterina Piobino +

M/M Joseph & Carolyn Tantullo

Laura Prima & Virginia Simpson +, Jetty
 Jaeger & Christine Tantullo +

Ms. Geraldine Ponti
 M/M Anthony Pulsinelle

Carolyn Ponti & Speranza Quaglia +
 Marie Pulsinelle & Helen Mayer +

M/M Eric Thomas

Martha Thomas (Living)

Ms. Susan Radoslovich
 Ms. Tania Ramos

Erminia Radoslovich +
 Francisca Jimenez & Cristina Ramos +

M/M Frank & Joan Tidona
 M/M Joseph Urbanovich

Maria Tidona & Frances Lipari +
 Elizabeth Urbanovich, Barbara Urbanovich &
 Louise Coccaro +

M/M Gregory Recine
 M/M Brian Redington

Judy Tully & Erma Recine +
 Cathleen McGovern & Veronica Redington +
 Bobby Rose & Tony Rose +

M/M Nick Urbanovich

Joseph & Nicholas Urbanovich +

M/M Carolyn Rose
 M/M John Roskowski

Stella Roskowski, Veronica Connell, & Helen
 Eckert +

Mrs. Joan Vacca
 Ms. Loretta Vaelo
 M/M Daniel Van Dyk

Angela Veracastro & Mary Vacca +
 Loretta Greco & Marie Valeo +
 All the mothers of the Davis/
 Van Dyk families +

Ms. Patricia Ruhnke
 M/M Joseph Russo

Marjorie Bersick & Mae Mabie +
 Jenny LaCarte & Angela Russo +

M/M Dennis Van Dyk

Marie Van Dyk & Theresa Marie +

Ms. Marie Sarisky

Gisela Wenisch +

M/M Victor & Linda Verdino

Marjorie Klepp & Rose Verdino +

M/M Roger Shrocco
 Mrs. Melanie Scarpa

Mildred Marra + & Leigh Shrocco (Living)
 Melanie Flora +

Ms. Deborah Villareale
 Ms. Martha Violante

Anna Parry & Fran Villareale +
 Marta Arias +

M/M Joseph & Megan Scauri
 Deacon Ray &

Ann Malta & Dottie Pat Robinson

Ms. Nancy Volpi
 M/M J.T. & Carol Whitlock

Marge Cavell & Louise Volpi +
 Anna G Buccino & Catherine Carpenter +

Volanda Schembri

Eleanor Geist & Hilda Gonzalez +

Mrs. Joseph Wilczynski

Anna Geer & Anna Wilczynski +

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Requested by:

Dr./Mrs. Kenneth &

Zofia Zaorski

M/M Robert Zimmerman

In Memory/Honor of:

Maryanne Zaorski & Anna Stwarz +

Mary Zimmerman +

*Loving God, as a mother
gives life and nourishment to
her children,*

So you watch over your Church,

Bless these women,

*that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.*

*Let the example of their faith and love
shine forth,*

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always*

*with a spirit of profound respect.
Through Christ our Lord,*

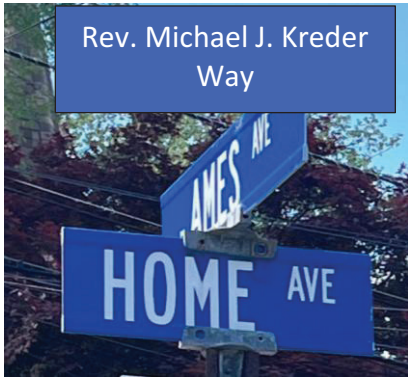
Amen.



NAMING OF AMES/HOME AVENUES

“Rev. Michael J. Kreder Way”

At Father Mike’s 40th Anniversary Mass, Councilwoman



Stephanie McGowan announced that the corner of Ames and Home Avenue will be named in honor of Father Mike upon his retirement.

Please join us on **Sunday, May 31**

following our 12noon Mass for the dedication ceremony. Come celebrate this wonderful tribute to Father Mike who has done so much for Saint Mary over the years.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 24

Mark your calendars!

Can you set aside some time to help us out?

On Sunday, May 24, following the 12:00 noon Mass, we’ll be transitioning our church back to Ordinary Time. There’s quite a bit to do — removing flowers, bringing items back downstairs for storage, and general undecorating—and we can’t do it without your help. With enough volunteers, we can make quick work of it! Please consider lending a hand and marking your calendar. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Faith Family? Have you experienced Jesus calling you into a closer relationship with Him?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is intended for:

- Unbaptized adults
 - Adults who have been baptized into a non-Catholic denomination
 - Adults who have been baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation
- NOW IS THE TIME TO FIND OUT MORE!**
- Come to an Inquiry Session – on Sundays from 11 to 12:15 pm in Madonna Hall. Contact
 - Adrian Salazar at religiousformation@stmaryrutherford.org.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Registration for **RF 2026-27** has begun. Families **SHOULD** register for Summer **OR** Fall-Spring RF in the parish office. Please note that the **early registration fee for the Fall** goes on **UNTIL June 1st**. Summer dates are:

June 24, 25, 26, 29, 30; July 1, 2, 3.

Registration remains open **until May 31st!**

We are looking for catechists to help teach the Summer RF Program.

Catechists are needed for grades 7, & 8

Please reach out to Adrian or Donna if interested at religiousformation@stmaryrutherford.org All 2nd grade and 7th grade registrants must submit a \$50.00 sacramental fee for First Communion or Confirmation. Incoming 1st graders must submit a copy of their baptismal certificate upon registration. Registration forms can be submitted at the parish office with the attention of the religious formation office. Forms are on our parish website – stmaryrutherford.org under religious formation OR can be picked up in the office.

Women’s Faith Formation Group Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month Parish Center Madonna Room

Join our *Women’s Faith Formation Group [WFFG]* in community with other women, so we can equip ourselves to face our secular world with the richness of our *Catholic Faith*. We are centered on *Scripture Discernment* and *Prayer*. Contact *Camille Stillson* at cameytee@verizon.net for more information or to join *WFFG*, or see *Camille* or *Renuka* after *holy Mass*.

BIBLE STUDY

WHEN: Wednesdays

TIME: 6:00–6:45 PM

Where: Parish Center

Young adults ages 18–25 are invited to join us each Wednesday evening as we dive into the Gospel of Matthew. For more information, please contact:

Gabe Mendez	–	201-249-3337
Adrian Salazar	–	201-814-4316

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next weekend, join us in celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit by wearing something **RED** to church. **Red** symbolizes the flame of God's Spirit—let's make the sanctuary glow with joy and unity.

MONDAY, MAY 25

In observance of Memorial Day, Mass is canceled on **Monday, May 25**, and the parish office will be **closed**. We remember and honor all who gave their lives in service to our country.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

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May 26

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark invite the public to gather in prayer and gratitude at Memorial Day Masses across its cemeteries Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. These annual outdoor liturgies serve as a solemn and unifying tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in service to the U.S., as well as to all veterans and active-duty military. **Cardinal Tobin** will celebrate Memorial Day Mass in North Arlington's Holy Cross Cemetery

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Included in the Church envelopes for **MAY** is an envelope for a **Father's Day Remembrance**. The names of the fathers inscribed on the envelopes will be placed in a special insert the week after **Father's Day**. Envelopes can also be found by the Church entranceways on the walls of the Church.

SAINT MARY HIGH SCHOOL

The Baccalaureate Mass for the graduating Senior Class of Saint Mary High School will take place on **Tuesday, June 2nd at 8:30 am**. We join together in prayer and thanksgiving, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen our seniors as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their lives. May God's grace accompany them, and may they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and service.

Memorializing the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread or Wine or Sanctuary Flowers

To memorialize the candle that burns continually before the *Blessed Sacrament*, the *bread* or *wine* offered at *holy Mass*, or *Sanctuary* flowers, return this completed form to the *Parish Center* via the collection basket or mail. Circle what you wish memorialized, the intention name[s] and purpose, preferred date, your name, phone and email. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** The intention and requestor's name are printed in the bulletin the week of that intention. Circle one:

Blessed Sacrament Lamp/Candle [\$25]

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Intention name: _____

Date for intention: _____

Note: the week begins the previous Saturday's date

Intention [*circle one*] Birth Baptism Health

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Other: _____

Requestor's name: _____

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The Sacred Heart, Marian, or Saints Anthony, Francis, Joseph, Jude, Patrick, Peregrine [Patron Saint of Those with Cancer] or Teresa Shrine Votive Candles

To light a **5-day** candle at any *Shrine*, place **\$2.00** in the *hopper* near the *Shrine* to activate the system; then push a **BLUE**, **GREEN** or **RED** candle, which remains lit for 5 days. The **WHITE** candles, lit for **one year**, **include the name[s] of the intention and requestor**, may be intended for the living or dead, newborns, newlyweds, the sick or dying, those in the military, or any valid reason. A **\$250.00** donation is requested; contact the *Parish Center*. Annual candle intentions are mentioned by name in the *Universal Prayer* at a *Mass* near **February 2**, the *Presentation of the Lord* or *Candlemas*, 40 days after the *Nativity of the Lord* or *Christmas*.

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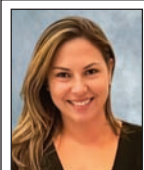
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