HONORING ALL who served

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:57

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church ~ Alpha, New Jersey 908-454-0444

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month following the 11:00 AM Mass.

Baptismal classes are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. **Registered parishioners** wishing to have their child baptized should call the Parish Office, and, at that time, basic information will be asked and the dates will be given for the Baptism class. First-time parents **MUST** attend this preparation class *before* the Baptism of the child. It is recommended that this class be taken *after* the birth of the child.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors must be at least 14 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, their marriage <u>must</u> be recognized by the Catholic Church. These requirements are the universal law of the Church, and are not determined by the individual parish. If the person you choose as godparent or sponsor fulfills these requirements, they are asked to furnish a statement from their Parish that they are indeed eligible to be a sponsor. A father or mother may not act as sponsor for their own child.

All requests for Sponsor Eligibility Letters are to be made well in advance of the reception of the Sacrament and will be issued in Church after any weekend Mass by Monsignor Lawler, Fr. Jim Tucker, or one of our Deacons.



Welcome

Our New

Every family moving into the parish should register by obtaining a census form from either the priest or deacon <u>after any weekend Mass</u> (<u>in Church</u>). Registration is required for all parish services and sponsor eligibility forms. Sunday worship on a regular basis is the sign of a practicing Catholic. Any young adult 21 years of age or older living at home should register in the parish separately.

Parishioners in the paris

PARISH OFFICE

Phone: (908) 454-0444 Fax: (908) 454-7745 Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM

E-mail: office@stmaryrc.org Website: <u>www.stmaryrc.org</u>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Mrs. Gina Talijan (908) 454-5264 E-mail: alphareled@verizon.net

ST. MARY PASTORAL COUNCIL

E-mail: <u>StMaryPastoralCouncilAlphaNJ@gmail.com</u>

MAUSOLEUM HOURS: 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM DAILY (except in inclement weather)

ST. MARY PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

(September through May, except as noted)

Adult Choir: Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Church. *New Members welcome!* Contact: Gene Giancamilli at 454-1616.

Adult Education: Select Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. See the bulletin for meeting dates.

Adult Formation Group: Meets Tuesdays in the Parish Center. 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Contact: Grace Varga 908-777-3817

<u>Altar Rosary Society</u>: 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM Mass. Meeting follows in Church Hall. Contact: Kathy Farina 908-475-5566.

Columbiettes: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Meetings at St. Mary Church Hall and SPSJ - Mercy Hall. Contact: Beverly Redondo 732-239-1759 or Carol Kucheruck 908-454-6882.

Disabilities Ministry: Contact: Chris Sumner at 479-1055.

Footprints Ministry (Cancer Support): Assists parishioners and anyone else who has been diagnosed with cancer as well as caregivers who need support, guidance or information. Contact Sandy Moore at 908-454-7993

Holy Name Society: 2nd Sunday of each month at the 8 AM Mass. Meeting follows in Church Hall. Contact: Ryan Fucilli at 908-454-4233.

Knights of Columbus: Visit www.kofccouncil474.com or contact Al Redondo 732-239-1986 .

<u>Knitting & Crocheting</u>: For information call Anne Carey at 908-454-4045

Martha's Table: Assists parishioners with dinners after surgery, accident, death, or when dealing with a long-term illness. Contact: Debbie lorio at 908-479-1506 or Gia Van Haute at 908-835-1136.

<u>Mary's Helpers</u>: A group of parishioners available to help families with refreshments after a Funeral Mass. Call the office at 454-0444 for more information.

Meals on Wheels: Contact: Lucy at 908-859-6829.

<u>Saints Philip & James Catholic School</u>: Serving Pre-K through 8th grade. For information, call 859-1244.

Sanctuary Guild: Rotating groups clean the Church on Thursdays following the 8:00 AM Mass (once a month). Contact the office at 454-0444 for information.

Social Concerns: Check the bulletin for meeting dates. Contact: Klara Tarsi at 484-373-4267.

Youth Group: Grades 8 - 12. Contact: Nicole Chiulli 908-454-6251

Youth Choir: All grades are invited to participate.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE NOVEMBER 14 & 15

ALTAR SERVERS - GROUP 1

No Altar Servers

READERS – GROUP 5

5:00 P.M.	Sat:	Ryan Fucilli
8:00 A.M.	Sun:	Roberta Bedo
9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Sun:	Kathy Farina

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – GROUP 5 CANCELLED Sate

5.00 F.IM.	Jal.	Any & John Carrig
		Sandy Moore, Volunteer needed
8:00 A.M.	Sun:	Jennifer & Robert Anselmo
		Vina Serrano, Volunteer Needed
9:30 A.M.	Sun:	Maria King, Anna Knoble,
		Gloria Peles, Volunteer needed
11:00 A.M.	Sun:	Marilyn & Dave Burchett
		Michael Sweeney, Volunteer Needed

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS - GROUP 3 CANCELLED

9:30 A.M. Michelle Bisci Deb Miers

SANCTUARY GUILD - GROUP 1: NOVEMBER 19 CANCELLED

Roberta Armagno	Elizabeth Boice	Elena Daniels
June Frinzi	Steve & Betty Lesko	Eric Mazun

COUNTERS - GROUP C: NOVEMBER, 15 CANCELLED

Bill Miller

Brian Ramthun Dan Soto



FOR YOUR GENEROSITY NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS - \$ 5,635.00



Let us continue to pray for the safety of the men and women in the Armed Forces who are showing us what it means to serve others.

E4 Jonathan B. Bisci LT. Lauren Brown LT Michael Brown 2LT Evan Corman MAJ Matthew Ferretti C4C James Foran PVT Joseph F. Greco **CPT** Justin Hazlett SSG Airman Katharina Helmick CPT Spencer Reed FLT Christopher Housel FLT Meghan Housel

CPL Jared Hummer PVP Joel Hummer 2LT Michael McDermott LT Matthew Morgan CPT George A. Pieros HM3 Amanda Jo Pludowski LT Nick Porcelli EM3 Brendan Redington PO2 Bryan C. Snyder **CPL** Vincent Settineri P01 Jeffrey Smigelsky

"We live in the land of the free because of the brave!"

If your loved one is currently serving overseas in any branch of the military, you can have a FREE care package mailed by contacting the Easton-based organization Support the Troops. Call 610 438 8885 or send an email to sttroops@gmail.com.

Religious Education

THROUGH REMOTE LEARNING.

ALL GRADES PICK-UP/DROP-OFF PACKETS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2020 Between the hours of 4:00 ¢ 6:00 pm

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MRS. TALIJAN AT THE PARISH CENTER PHONE: 908-454-5264 OR EMAIL: alphareled@verizon.net

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED.

Parents of children entering <u>first grade</u> in September, 2020 in either public or Catholic School, who did not receive a registration form by mail, *and <u>new parishioners</u> with chil-dren entering <u>any elementary grade</u> in September are re-minded to register their children for School of Religion.*

SUMMER RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION FORMS

Can be found on line at www.stmaryrc.org and at all Church entrances.

Fees for the 2020/2021 School Year

1st Child - \$70.00 + \$15.00 Book Fee = \$85.00 2nd Child - \$45.00 + \$15.00 Book Fee = \$60.00 3rd Child - \$25.00 + \$15.00 Book Fee = \$40.00 4th Child - No Charge

Registration forms can be found online at: www.stmaryrc.org

or see Monsignor Lawler, Father Jim, Deacon George or Deacon John after any of the weekend Masses. For more information call 908-454-5264







November 8 – Porkroll, Egg & Cheese Sandwiches Take-out & curbside delivery after masses



November 22 – 4 PM, NORWESCAP Holiday Giving Tree Create tags & decorate trees

December 13 - After 11 AM mass, load Giving Tree gifts

Any questions, please contact Nicole Chiulli at 845-797-5380

Join our Remind App using the following codes for latest info: Youth Group Members @h3agk4 Youth Group Parents @9hhh26a



~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

You may make weekend Mass reservations at <u>www.stmaryrc.org</u> Scroll to Mass Registrations. No internet? No problem. Call the Parish Office -- 908-454-0444, Mon. - Fri. 9:00am - 12:00pm. to make a reservation

<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	November 8 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Evo Lombardi Joseph Petty Joanna Leschinsky & grandmother	<u>Time</u> Ruth Trincheria Lorraine & Gordon Eitel Francie & Bill	
Monday 8:00 AM	November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Leonard H. Fucilli	Stephen & JoAnne Lombardi	
Tuesday 8:00 AM	November 10 - Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Do Elfrieda Pergosky	octor of the Church Theresa & Al Richey	
Wednesday 8:00 AM	November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop James LaGullo	Joe & Sue LaGullo	
Thursday 8:00 AM	November 12 - Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Marty Mafalda Giancamilli	<u>r</u> Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Luzzetti	
Friday 8:00 AM	November 13 - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virg Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Montanga	gin The family	
Saturday 8:00 AM	November 14 James Olexa, Sr.	Olexa family	
Saturday 5:00 PM	November 14 - Vigil Mass for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary TimeHenry FucilliH & C Gercie		
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	November 15 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary People of the Parish Montesi/Tombesi families Arthur Touwsma	<u>Time</u> Muffie & Vera Gregory Clowes	



We pray for our sick and their caregivers:

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally and/or spiritually and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers:

Maxwell Alexander, Toni Altman, Ann Apostalakis, Louis Austin, Charles Bachman, Barbara Becker, Gus Bevilacqua, Nick Carbone, Ann Caroprese, Salvatore Caroprese, Gary Davila, Donald DeGerolamo, Margaret Dias Mary Dorrler, Shirley Emery, Logan Ernst, Maureen Solomon Ericson, James Fauerbach, Tom Fey, Bernadette Firretto, Michelle Gercie, Arthur Gobbi, Carol Gould, Sean Green, Linda Gumulak, Elizabeth Hall, Sandy Hegeman, Ana Henry, Sandra Jackson, Chris Kerber, Jack Kriebel, Kathe Kriebel, Darlene Kopach, John Kopach, Sr., Stacie Kopach, John Lauriano, Jean Leibfarth, Dan Loudenberry, Helen & John Long, Maryann Lotto, Cathryn Luscinski, Joanna Magarowicz, Brianna Maida, Andrew Marczi, Tom & Elaine Mariano, Sandy Marino, Thomas Maxcy, Jr., Diana Mazun, Eric Mazun, Ed McGlynn, Kay Meehan, Michael Meehan, Anne Midtgard, Rose Migliacci, Sandra Miglione, Louis Minotti, Al Moran, Sharon Moran, Melissa & Trevor Nelson, Lauren Nicole, John Ober, Arthur Pierfy, James Pullaro, Alvin Pursel, Jack Quinn, Todd Raison, Bonnie Rossi, JohnRuschak, Alexandra Rutkay, Julie Segreaves, Bob Seidel, Diana Shepherd, Billy Sherwood, Clarissa Shook, Cynthia Smith, Mary Ann Smith, Dan Snyder, Anthony Somma, Michael Spitzer, Justin Stasak, Darlene Steffes, Kathryn Stine, John Struzinski, Christian Sumner, Doug Swope, Alex Tarletsky, Klara Tarsi, David Thomas, Ethel Thomas, Olga Tolosko, Andrew Turdo, Christine Vincent, Joseph White, Irene Wilson, Charlie & Peggy Yost, Marc Young

If you have a family member or friend in need of prayer, please call the Parish Office at 908-454-0444. Please be sure to let us know when someone is better and can be taken off the sick list. November 8, 2020



FROM PASTOK'S DESK.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THANKSGIVING...

EACH YEAR AT THE MASS ON THANKSGIVING MORNING BREAD HAS BEEN BLESSED AND OFFERED TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ATTENDED MASS THAT DAY.

THIS YEAR IN LIGHT OF RESTRICTIONS OF COVID19 WE WILL NOT BE BUYING BREAD, BLESSING IT AT MASS AND DISTRIBUTING IT.

This year each family who attends Mass is asked to bring "bread" (rolls, baked goods, etc.) from home. A blessing will be held so that you may share your blessed bread with your family on Thanksgiving day.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Regarded as personifying God's power, Wisdom is readily and easily found by those who seek her.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Thessalonians, who fear that those who have died will miss Christ's return, are comforted by Paul's assurance that those "who have died in Christ will rise first."

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In the parable of the five sensible bridesmaids and the five foolish bridesmaids, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we must always be ready for the coming of Christ because in his words, "You know not the day or the hour."



SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

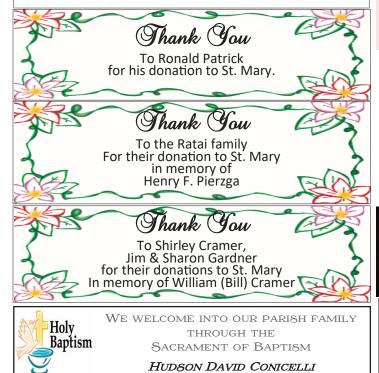
Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19 Thursday

Wednesday

Monday Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10 Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25 **Friday** 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8





Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health issues.

On the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876 in the Talbot Room.

Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will be facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer many beneficial tips on how to cope with mental health issues that continue to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call 732-765-6432 or email: <u>catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com</u>

St. Cecilia 2020 Honoring Pastoral Musicians

Each year, musicians from around the Diocese of Metuchen come together near the feast of St. Cecilia – patron saint of musicians – in praise, thanksgiving, and in celebration of the gift of making liturgical music with one another at the annual St. Cecilia Sing. While unable to gather in person this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Worship in collaboration with the Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians wishes to recognize and thank all musicians in the diocese who through their music continue to give glory to God and inspire charity, justice, and evangelization. Please keep all pastoral musicians in your prayers: that in these times they may grow in prayer, patience and hope. For more information about the pastoral musicians in our diocese, please visit: diometuchen.org/NPM.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to local law enforcement, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873) or 1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), and also the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website:

diometuchen.org/healing.



& son Elijah

DAILY ROSARY: Recitation of the Rosary every morning at 7:40 am, prior to the 8:00 am Mass.

ADULT CHOIR: Thursdays at 7 PM, in the choir loft. New members are encouraged and there are no auditions! Call Gene Giancamilli at 908-454-1616

ADULT FORMATION GROUP: Meets Tuesdays, September through June, 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Parish Center. Contact Grace Varga at 908-7773817

FRIENDLY VISITORS - SOCIAL CONCERNS: bring the Eucharist to parishioner in local nursing home and our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. If you have a family member who would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify the Parish Office at 908-454-0444.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Meets every 2nd Sunday after the 8:00am Mass.

American Heart Association

Learn and Live

CERTIFICATION COURSES OFFERED

INSTRUCTOR: Kathleen McHenry Dates upon request text 908-347-7441 or



PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

Anyone interested in receiving this statue in their home may sign up on the sheet which is located on the table at the entrance to the church.

For information please contact Anna Knoble at 908-454-0423.



PLEASE NOTE...

THIS YEAR, UNFORTUNATELY, GRAVE **BLANKETS, WREATHS AND OTHER** CHRISTMAS ITEMS WILL NOT BE **AVAILABLE FROM ST. MARY.** HOWEVER, ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES SCHOOL WILL

BE OFFERING THESE ITEMS. FOR MORE **INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE SPSJ SCHOOL OFFICE:**

908-859-1244

CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Thank you to our Champions!

The need is great, especially this year. For many, employment has been lost; food security has been lost; financial stability has been lost; and access to safe shelter has been lost. One thing that has not been lost is our passion for our mission. We are working more than ever to provide quality services with dignity and respect to the poor, vulnerable, and all people in need.

Did you miss our premiere? We invite you to visit diometuchen.org/champions, to walk with us in our mission and to hear the inspiring stories of courage, creativity, and compassion shown by our Catholic Charities 'heroes' in continuing to provide uninterrupted service to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through your prayerful and financial support, you are a Champion for the poor, the hungry, and the marginalized. Our mission could not be carried out and our people could not be served without your support.



TODAY!



Sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus #474**

St. Philip & St. James Church parking lot 430 S. Main St., Phillipsburg THIS WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH 12 P.M. - 5 P.M. \$6.00 Take-Out Only **BEST SAUSAGE SANDWICH IN TOWN! BRING YOU APPETITE!**

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be selling MAGNETS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS the weekend of NOVEMBER 14TH AND 15TH after all masses. Please help support our fundraiser. Al Redondo- Grand Knight

November 8, 2020 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time THE HERE AND NOW

Today's readings talk to us about the here and now. We can live in the present, and seek and find God there. If we can do that, then all the rest will take care of itself. Do you know someone who seems to be seeking the living God? Invite that person to call about an RCIA Inquiry Session.

Participation in a session does not require a commitment to belong to the Catholic Faith Family. Anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into a non-Catholic Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist and Confirmation, is invited to come and inquire about Jesus, who tells us that a person's basic worth is not derived from anything less than God's unconditional love for all of His children and the Community of faith that can help us to understand the dignity inherent to that status. During the pandemic, the RCIA Inquiry sessions might be virtual.

For more information, please reach out to our parish office.



Will be offering Porkroll, egg and cheese sandwiches for sale. They will be available for Take-out and curbside delivery after each of the Masses.



BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AT 7:30 PM

STUDENT LIFE **TUITION ASSISTANCE** VIRTUAL TOUR

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 610-866-0791 EXT. 313 EMAIL: ceick@becahi.org TEXT: 484-896-9255





Veterans Day Breakfast

On November 11th, 2020 9AM – 11AM

The NJHS from Stewartsville Middle School is providing a Grab-and-Go Veterans Day Breakfast as a thank you for their service.

Veterans can come and grab a bagel, coffee, and danish at the American Legion Mecsey Bishop Post No 456, Stewartsville. *No appointment necessary!





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