

Mass Intentions

Week of April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses for the Week

Monday	April 15, 2019
8 AM	Mass Association
3 PM	Adoration
Tuesday	April 16, 2019
8 AM	George Schein
Wednesday	April 17, 2019
8 AM	Edward Conroy
Thursday	April 18, 2019
9 AM	Morning Prayer
7 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
10 PM	Choral Night Prayer
Friday	April 19, 2019
9 AM	Morning Prayer
3 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday	April 20, 2019
1 PM	Blessing of Food
7:30 PM	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	April 21, 2019
	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
8 AM	Easter Sunday Mass
10 AM	Easter Sunday Mass
12 PM	Easter Sunday Mass

Weekly Collection / Food Certificates

Last Weekend's Regular Collection: \$11,184

Food certificates purchased last week: **\$200**

St. Mary's profit for 2018 / 2019 to date: **\$1,877**

We wish to thank everyone who supports our Parish! Special thanks to those who remember us even when they are away. We could not possibly meet our financial obligations and make necessary repairs without your regular and generous participation in the temporal side of our community life. If you do not receive weekly offering envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Helping Hands

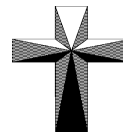


All are cordially invited to join us in St. Pat's Hall on Saturdays, April 13 and 27, from 5:30 – 8 p.m., to help those in need by cutting coupons (for food, baby, pet, health/beauty items only, please) for the men and women overseas, decorating occasion cards and crocheting/knitting/looming scarves, baby blankets and lap blankets. Some of whom we serve are the patients/residents of JFK Hospital and the Veterans' Home in Edison, the Venetian Care Center, the homeless and Pro-Life

organizations. For more information, please call Natalie at 732-425-8727.

Mass Association

April 15, 2019



New Enrollment

James P. Lovely ~ 12th Anniversary
John Kukulski
Mary McCoy
Bill Turnbull

Special Mention

Bernard "Bud" Harney
Mary Connor
James J. Mulvey
Sebastian LaVecchia
For the Intentions of
Rose Secno
Louie Gonzales

Marian Lamp

The Marian Lamp is Lit This Week in Loving Memory of
Agnes Lotkowitz Soos
From: Her Husband, Joe Soos

Sacrament of the Sick

Please Do Not Wait Until the Last Moment to Call

If you are in the hospital, and time is pressing, please know that each hospital has a Roman Catholic priest assigned as their chaplain. The hospital chaplain will be able to anoint you immediately.



Easter Flower Envelopes

There are flower offering envelopes in the pews for your use in remembering your loved ones this Easter season. **Please clearly print all information.** Envelopes must be returned to the Parish Office no later than Easter weekend (April 20/21).



Baptisms

It is with great happiness that we announce our newest parishioner who has joined our parish family through the sacrament of Baptism:

Robert Garrison Barber

Those of you who attend the Easter Vigil will remember that last year we returned the beginning of the Mass, the Service of Light (normally begun in the vestibule), to the newly redone prayer garden.

Due to the overwhelming positive feedback and beauty of the ritual, we will once again direct all in attendance to the prayer garden for this brief portion of the service, where candles will be distributed and the Easter Fire will be kindled. The Paschal Candle will be lit from the fire and we will process solemnly up the ramp into the darkened church, which will be illuminated as the Light of Christ enters.

We ask all in attendance to please be in the prayer garden promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please note: those with a disability that would make walking up the ramp genuinely difficult will be escorted into the church by an usher. In the case of inclement weather, the Service of Light will begin in the vestibule, as in previous years, with all in their seats.

Clothing Drive



Here we go! Our spring clothing drive will run from Saturday, April 27, until Wednesday, May 8. Please remember, our drop-off location is the garage (right side) in the rectory parking lot. The door will be open Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. On Saturday, it will be open from 3 – 5 p.m., and on Sunday, from 7 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All items must be securely tied in plastic bags. We can accept clothes, linens, stuffed animals, handbags, belts, shoes, household items, toys, books, DVDs and small appliances (NO microwaves or TVs). For questions, please call Angel at 732-501-5133 (Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.) All proceeds benefit Saint Mary Church. Thank you!

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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 law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit

www.saintmarysa.org

our diocesan website: <https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>.

Treasure Chest XXXIV 50/50 Raffle

Sister Esther is selling tickets for the Treasure Chest XXXIV 50/50 Raffle benefiting the Infirm and Retired Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey. Tickets are available at the parish office. Each ticket is \$25 (please make checks payable to Sisters of Mercy of NJ). Sister Esther thanks everyone in advance and wishes you the best of luck!!



Chrism Mass

This Monday, April 15, at 4 p.m.



This Monday, April 15, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy

Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Also at the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in this ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.

Please note: Mass Association this Monday, April 15, will be held at 8 a.m.

Brunch with the Easter Bunny

This Sunday, April 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 will have their Brunch with the Easter Bunny this Sunday, April 14, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Council Home (308 Fourth Street) in South Amboy. Bring your camera to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Breakfast and lunch food will be available. Children can enjoy an Easter egg hunt. For more information, please call 732-721-2025.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ends This Monday, April 15



St. Mary's has Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 3 – 7 p.m. each Monday during Lent, ending this Monday, April 15. Please come and

spend a little time in “thanksgiving” for all that the Lord has given us.

Confession

Our regularly scheduled 3 p.m. confessions will resume on Saturday, April 27.



Tenth Annual Golf Outing
Thursday, May 23, at 9 a.m.



The South Amboy Knights of Columbus is holding their 10th annual golf outing on Thursday, May 23, at Cruz Farm Golf Course in Farmingdale. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.,

with tee-off at 9 a.m. The cost of \$100 per person includes entry, golf with riding cart, lunch, dinner, shirt and chances for prizes. There will be an awards presentation, dinner and prize drawings afterwards, at the K of C Home in South Amboy. Please register by contacting Ray at 732-721-2025.

St. Mary’s Women’s Group

The March meeting of our Women’s Group enjoyed reflections on our Lenten observance and discussion of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The next meeting will be held in May and will focus on Mary, our Mother, and the Bible story of Mary and Martha. Meetings are held from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m., in the Community Room at the Robert Noble Manor (241 Gordon Street) in South Amboy. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 732-546-8361. More information to follow...



Mets Trip

Saturday, June 15, 7:10 p.m., vs. St. Louis Cardinals



The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 is running their annual trip to beautiful Citi Field to see the Mets host the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, June 15, for a 7:10 p.m. game. The cost of \$135 per person includes round trip motor coach transportation, game ticket, snacks, refreshments, \$24 of Mets Money that can be spent anywhere in the ballpark and a Players Gnome promotional giveaway. For more information, please call Steve at 732-727-1707 or the K of C at 732-721-2025.

Televised Masses

Are you homebound or not able to come to Mass?
Below is a schedule of some televised Masses.

<u>Masses</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Channel</u>
Sunday	5:30 a.m.	Channel 5
Sunday	7 a.m. / 9 a.m.	Channel 10
Sunday	8 a.m.	Channel 19
Daily and Sunday	8 a.m. / 12 p.m.	Channel 68
Daily	8:30 a.m.	Channel 137
EWTN	Various	Channel 135
<u>Rosary and Litany</u>		
Daily	7:30 a.m.	Channel 68

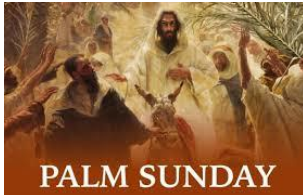
A Note from St. Mary’s Food Pantry



The Food Pantry appreciates all that you do for those in need. Just a reminder, **please do not leave food on the rectory steps or porches.** ALL food should be left in the back of the church or in St. Theresa’s chapel. Also, please check expiration dates. We cannot distribute expired food and must throw it out. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

St. Mary Church’s Lenten Schedule

Mondays 3 – 7 p.m.	(March 11 - April 15) Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, April 18 9 a.m. 7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Holy Thursday Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord’s Supper Choral Night Prayer
Friday, April 19 9 a.m. 3 p.m.	Good Friday Morning Prayer Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 20 1 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Holy Saturday Blessing of Food Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 21 8 a.m. 10 a.m. 12 p.m.	Easter Sunday Easter Mass Easter Mass Easter Mass



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

Awakening Nights
 Awakening Nights are happening now all around the Diocese of Metuchen. It's an Evening of Prayer, Preaching and Testimony centered on the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Blessed Mother points to Christ and desires to lead each one of us into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him. Come and learn more!
 For a complete list of Parish Awakening Nights all throughout the Diocese of Metuchen, please visit <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/parish-awakening-nights>. All are welcome. Don't miss out on the grace!

**Awakening Year
 Personal Consecration Opportunity**

Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy? Set aside just 15 minutes a day for nine days during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read, reflect and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit in your schedule! Just pick the nine days to do this individually or get a small group together! Personal Consecration Booklets are available for \$3 each plus shipping. To order a book, please call 732-529-7932. To find out more about this personal consecration and to access the resource, visit www.lightingheartsonfire.org, click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!



Prayer and Support for Mental Health Issues

A Catholic prayer and support group for families affected by mental health issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, on May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.



Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or by email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

We Invite You to Become a Parishioner

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you upon receipt of this form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

24 Hour Prayer Line

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special

needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6431 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.