

Mass Intentions

Week of September 8, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Monday 7 PM	September 9, 2019 Mass Association
Tuesday 8 AM	September 10, 2019 Mary Connor
Wednesday 8 AM	September 11, 2019 Mary Ann Gruba
Thursday 8 AM	September 12, 2019 The Intentions of Derek Alexander Szczesny
Friday 8 AM	September 13, 2019 Communion Service
Saturday 4 PM	September 14, 2019 Anthony Marino, Jr.
Sunday 8 AM 10 AM 12 PM	September 15, 2019 <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lewis Mauro Our Parishioners Kenneth Walczak

Weekly Collection / Food Certificates

Last Weekend's Regular Collection: \$8,469

Food certificates purchased last week: **\$600**

St. Mary's profit for 2019 / 2020 to date: **\$349**

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



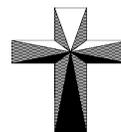
All are cordially invited to join us in St. Pat's Hall on Saturdays, September 14 and 28, from 5:30 – 8 p.m., to help those in need by cutting coupons (for food, baby, pet, health/beauty items only, please) for the men and women overseas,

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.

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Mass Association

September 9, 2019



New Enrollment

Gerald J. McKitish
Joan O'Donnell

For the Intentions of
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Anastasia
Carmen Holmstrom
Steve Brody

Special Mention

Renny Travisano
James and Irene Malik
Frank L. Smith, Jr.
John H. Connolly
Miles Hubbard
Tina Marie Cabahug
Jerry McKitish

Wedding Banns

(3) Thomas E. Kemble, Jr. and Jessica Toritto

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.



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Sunday Cash Raffle Winner

Congratulations to the lucky ticket holder who won \$100 in our last drawing!

September 1st drawing – winning ticket#: 9

Saint Mary's Women's Group

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 19, at 10:30 a.m.

The August meeting of the Women's Group was a reminder to seek God's presence in our downtime. Yes, we laughed because as adults, who has that? Enjoy sun, sand and vacation time as one of God's many gifts. We also walked through the stories told in the Gospel of Mark: how we are all called to be followers of Jesus, and that He is with us at difficult times. Jesus shows us mercy and compassion. Finally, He feeds us in the Eucharist.



Feel free to join us as we nourish our spirits and friendships. The next Saint Mary's Women's Group will meet on Thursday, September 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m., in the Community Room, at the Robert Noble Manor (241 Gordon Street). Please join us for refreshments and conversation, a short program on our faith in summer and prayer. For questions or more information, please contact Karen at 732-546-8361.

Saint Mary Food Pantry

Donations of CEREAL Especially Needed, Please



Our Food Pantry is asking for your help with donations of some needed items: jelly (all flavors), pasta (all shapes), paper goods (all kinds) and we **especially need cereal (hot and cold - all kinds)**. Thank you!

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.

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.

Fundraiser for Pat Leonard

Thursday, September 26, from 7 - 10 p.m.

The Friends of South Amboy are sponsoring a fundraiser for Pat Leonard on Thursday, September 26, at Murphy's Shamrock Inn (147 South Pine Avenue) from 7 - 10 p.m. Donation is \$20. Beer, wine, soda and food will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



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.

Wanted: Crafters and Vendors

Saturday, November 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Our Lady of Victories Church (42 Main Street) in Sayreville is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., in Monsignor Dalton Hall. First table is \$35;

additional tables are discounted. For more information and to reserve a table, please contact Nicole at 732-857-5082 or nmartinol90@aol.com.

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



Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic? Have a child over the age of fourteen who has not been baptized? Baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? We are always taking registration for R.C.I.A. Sessions are held on Tuesday nights, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. If interested, please call Honora DeMaio at 732-816-8514.

Open Mic Night
Friday, September 27, at 8 p.m.

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 is holding an Open Mic Night on Friday, September 27, at 8 p.m., at the K of C home (308 Fourth Street) in South Amboy. Any solo act or group is invited. Amps and drums will be provided. All you have to do is plug in. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please call 732-721-2025.



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, please visit our diocesan website: <https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>. Anyone who has been a victim of abuse by a priest of the Diocese is urged to contact www.njdiocesescivcp.com by December 31, 2019.

Religious Education

St. Mary Religious Education Program classes for the 1st through 5th grades will begin on Tuesday, September 17th, from 4:30-6pm and classes will begin on Wednesday, September 18th, from 6:30-8pm for the 6th through 8th grades.

Registrations are still being accepted for the 2019 - 2020 school year. However, **the deadline to register (August 1) has passed. There is now a \$25 late fee applied to registrations.**

The St. Mary Religious Education Program is in need of adult aides to assist in the 1st and 3rd grades on Tuesday afternoons, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., beginning on September 17.

For more information on Religious Education, or to volunteer, please contact John Kobiernicki at 732-721-1514 or by email at jkobiernicki4@gmail.com.

Get ready for another clean-out! We will be running another clothing drive in October (dates to be announced). 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!



Walk for Life ... Take a Walk, Save a Life!
Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Life Choices Resource Center is hosting a walk-a-thon on Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., at Merrill Park in Iselin (rain or shine). CCD Hours are available for student volunteers. There will be a DJ, refreshments, games – fun for the whole family! There is no distance or time restrictions for the walk. Don't walk alone ... create your own team! Register at www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. Each \$200 raised provides one free ultrasound! Call or text (732) 516-0911 with questions.

Classic Rock / Oldies Benefit
Saturday, October 19



The Our Lady of Victories Seniors group is sponsoring a Classic Rock / Oldies Night to benefit OLV School on Saturday, October 19, from 6 - 10:30 p.m., at OLV's Msgr. Dalton Hall. There will be Classic Rock / Oldies music, from the 50s through the 70s, provided by Sayreville's own Clem and Friends, from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, buffet dinner with water and soda will be provided. You may BYOB. For tickets and info, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639 and 732-742-1320, or Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425. All proceeds will benefit OLV School!

Donate Your Vehicle to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen! Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties. Donated vehicles are tax deductible. Free pick-up is available and vehicles do not need to be running. Visit www.ccdom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322 to get started.

Classic Car Cruise Night
Friday, September 13, from 6 - 9 p.m.

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 is holding their annual fall Car Show on Friday, September 13, from 6 - 9 p.m., at the K of C parking lot (308 Fourth Street) in South Amboy. Refreshments will be available. Please bring a non-perishable food item for local food pantries. Trophies will be awarded to the best entries. For more information, please call 732-721-2025.



Blast from the Past Classic Car Show
Sunday, September 15, from 1 - 4 p.m.

The Sayreville Recreation Department is hosting a Blast from the Past classic car show on Sunday, September 15, from 1 - 4 p.m., at Kennedy Park (rain date is September 22). There will be music from the '50s, '60s and '70s, with live music featuring Clem and Friends. Just Us Cruisers Car Club with DJ Richie Flash will also be there. The entrance fee is two non-perishable food items to benefit the Sayreville Food Bank. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please call: 732-390-7092.



Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, October 27, at 4 p.m.



You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 27, at 4 p.m. Registration is required. Please register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11.

Blood Drive at Saint Mary Church

Sunday, October 27, from 8:45 a.m. Until 1:15 p.m.



There will be a blood drive on Sunday, October 27, in the school cafeteria, from 8:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Please bring ID and remember to eat before you donate. Donors should be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Homemade goodies will be served, walk-ins are welcome! Please call Sue at 732-220-7077 for details.

We Invite You to Become a Parishioner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Our Lady of Victories Bereavement Group

If you have lost a loved one, please join our peer support group for a 10-week series. Sessions to begin Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. Our mission is to provide a Christ-centered support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one, provide knowledge of the grieving process and tools for the healing journey and provide an environment that promotes caring, compassionate, and confidential space to heal from grief. You must be 18 and over to participate. There will be no cost to attend. We have limited space and pre-registration is required. Please contact Marilyn Granieri for registration at 732-432-0226.

Calling all Seniors!

Saint Mary's Senior Citizen's Group is looking for new members. The group meets on the first Monday (unless otherwise announced) of the month,



You're Invited!

at 12 p.m., at the Senior Center on Stevens Avenue. Come and join us for a quick meeting, lunch, bingo and conversation with your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners. For more information please contact Debbie Connors at 732-721-9145 or dconnors57@yahoo.com.

The Sisters of Mercy 25th Annual Golf Classic
Tuesday, September 24

The Sisters of Mercy 25th Annual Golf Classic will take place on Tuesday, September 24th, at the beautiful Spring Lake Golf Club. "Fore" all the details on this event, which benefits our retired Sisters, please call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994 ext. 4006 or email lcavallo@mercymidatlantic.org.

