

Mass Intentions

Week of September 9, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Monday 7 PM	September 10, 2018 Mass Association
Tuesday 8 AM	September 11, 2018 Intentions of Derek Alexander Szczesny
Wednesday 8 AM	September 12, 2018 Mary Ann Gruba
Thursday 8 AM	September 13, 2018 Vinnie Marone
Friday 8 AM	September 14, 2018 Communion Service
Saturday 4 PM	September 15, 2018 Rev. Kevin P. Duggan
Sunday 8 AM 10 AM 12 PM	September 16, 2018 <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Margaret Youkoski Our Parishioners Frank Wojtaszek

Weekly Collection / Food Certificates

Last Weekend's Regular Collection: \$10,851

Food certificates purchased last week: **\$450**
St. Mary's profit for 2018 / 2019 to date: **\$292**

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.

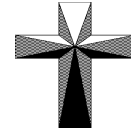
Helping Hands



All are cordially invited to join us in St. Pat's Hall on Saturdays, September 8 and 22, from 5:30 – 8 p.m., to help those in need by cutting coupons 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

September 10, 2018



New Enrollment

Louis Sanchez
Elijah Hargrave
Alvaro Castro
Dorothy Kopystecky
For the Intentions of
Carmen T. Holmstrom

Special Mention

Diane Abadie
Michael Bonaguro

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.



Wedding Banns

(1) James Ziola and Casey Jukus

Sunday Cash Raffle Winner

Congratulations to the lucky ticket holder who won our last drawing!

September 2 – winning ticket #239.



Parish Communion Breakfast - Update *Sunday, October 7, at 11 a.m.*

Be nourished - body and spirit! Msgr. Raymond Cole will be speaking at our Parish Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 7, at 11 a.m., in St. Pat's Hall. Tickets are \$15 each and are on sale now. For more information, please call Pat at 732-727-2768.

Saint Mary Food Pantry
Donations Needed



Our Food Pantry is asking for your help with donations of some needed items: peanut butter, jelly, paper towels, and tuna or any other canned meat. 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 and assistance.

As the weather gets humid and hot, please visit or call your elderly neighbors, especially those who are homebound or living alone. Perhaps you can do a bit of shopping for them or get the newspaper or just visit for a few minutes. God will certainly bless you for your goodness!



101st Anniversary of Fatima Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 13, from 12 – 2 p.m., Rain or Shine



We are having a Rosary Rally for the 101st Anniversary of Fatima, on Saturday, October 13, from 12 – 2 p.m., at the gazebo on Bordentown Avenue (between South Pine and Stevens Avenues) in South Amboy. The rally will take place rain or shine. Please feel free to bring a chair. For further information, please call our new captain, Honora DeMaio, at 732-816-8514, or Rita at 732-588-5272. Our Blessed Mother, Mary, wants public prayer for the conversion of our country and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

Walk for Life ... Take a Walk, Save a Life!

Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen is hosting a walk-a-thon (no distance or time restrictions) on Saturday,



October 13, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., at Merrill Park in Iselin (rain or shine). This walk is to benefit the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. For students who need them, Life Choices will give Confirmation hours for attending. There will be a DJ, refreshments, games – family fun! *Be a hero and make the difference in the life of an unborn child.* Register or donate today at www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. Two hundred dollars raised provides one free ultrasound! Call 732-516-0811 or text 848-229-7634 with questions.

Wanted: Artists, Crafters and Vendors
Saturday, November 10, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 10, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. First table is only \$35; additional tables are discounted. The Bazaar will be held in Msgr. Dalton Hall (42 Main Street). For more information and to reserve a table, please contact Kris at 732-479-1829 or email hsa.olvnj@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Coupon Cutters for Helping Hands – Update!
Coupon Categories: Food, Baby, Pet, Health / Beauty



New coupon category: health and beauty aid items. We can only use coupons for food items, baby products, pet products and we can now also accept coupons for health and beauty aid items. Please save yourself cutting time (and sorting time for us) and only cut coupons from those four categories. Thank you for your support!

Holy Hour for Priests - This Sunday



A Holy Hour for Priests will be held this Sunday, Sept. 9, at 3 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. All are welcome. For more information, go to www.diometuchen.org/evangelization and click on 'Intercessors for the Shepherds' or call 732-765-6438.

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Lane) in Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Daily Mass is held at 11:45 a.m. For information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, (732) 529-7932. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email adoration@diometuchen.org.



Viking Danube River Cruise - Updated Information
Important Informational Meeting on September 19



All Aboard! In less than a year from now, we will be sailing on our Viking Danube River cruise! We set sail on July 14, 2019, for an 8-day cruise (no hotel hopping) to Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. If you are thinking about joining us, know that there are only a few cabins available. Join us on September 19, at 6:30 p.m., in St. Pat's Hall, for an informational meeting about our cruise. Please try to attend; important topics will be discussed, such as flight status, insurance, tips, plus details on a pre-tour in Prague and a post-tour in Budapest. If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact Virginia Ricablanca at 848-466-0234 or Betty Fitzgerald at 352-729-4615.

Trip to Italy
November 5 – 13, 2018

Saint Lawrence Church in Laurence Harbor is running a trip to Italy this coming November. Travel to Italy November 5 – 13, 2018. Enjoy an Italian holiday to Rome, Assisi and Castel Gondolfo. The trip is nine days with nine meals included. We are staying in one hotel – no packing and unpacking. There will be a professional tour manager, daily Mass with Fr. Jay Toborowsky, Papal General audience and a day trip to Assisi. The cost is \$3,599 per person (double occupancy), which includes airfare and bus transportation. For more information, contact St. Lawrence Parish at 732-566-1093.



Adult Baptism – First Communion – Confirmation

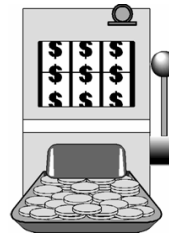


Registration is now being accepted for any adult who is interested in celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation. Please join us as we journey through the scriptures and learn more about our Catholic faith and tradition. You must be at least 14 years of age to attend the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), 16 if you seek Confirmation only. Anyone younger, please contact the parish religious education office. RCIA sessions, which include Mass attendance, will be held on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please contact Honora DeMaio at (732) 816-8514 to register, for further information or if any active parishioner would like to join our RCIA team.

~ www.prayerfulcreations.com ~

Bus Trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA
Saturday, September 22

Saint Mary's Church is running a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, September 22. The cost is \$35 per person, with a give-back of a \$20 slot voucher and a \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave the school parking lot (Second Street) at 9 a.m. sharp and will return around 6 p.m. There will be snacks, 50/50, raffles, Bingo and lots of fun and laughter. To join in the fun, please call Angel at 732-501-5133.



This bus trip is in memory of Ann Henry (who was a faithful traveler with her companion, Lois, on our bus trips). Proceeds will benefit the Mercy Center (outreach for the poor) in Asbury, NJ. If unable to join us, please consider a free-will donation. Please make checks payable to "Mercy Center" and you may drop them off in the collection basket or at the parish office. Thank you.

Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic
Tuesday, September 25



The Sisters of Mercy 24th Annual Golf Classic will take place on Tuesday, September 25, 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.

Vendor Night

Friday, November 9, from 7 – 10 p.m.

The South Amboy Columbiettes are holding a Fall Vendor Night on Friday, November 9, from 7 – 10 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club (308 Fourth Street) in South Amboy. Vendors are wanted. Please contact Cheryl at 732-407-3295 or sa426ladies@yahoo.com.



Attention Girl Scouts in Grades 4 and Above



Girl Scouts®

Please join us on September 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Route 22 East in Bridgewater. We will be providing workshops to complete several activities for the following Catholic Girl Scout awards: I Live my Faith, Mary the First Disciple and Spirit Alive. Come and learn more about your faith while having fun and enjoying the companionship of other scouts. The cost is \$15; breakfast and lunch will be provided. For information or registration forms, contact DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, October 21, at 4 p.m.

If you would like to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by renewing your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, please register online by logging on to the diocesan website. Specifics will be sent closer to the event, once registered. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582, amatos@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on Wednesday, October 3.



There is a box of registration forms, both new and renewal, in the back of the church.

1.) **Re-Registration** for students: A letter and forms have been mailed to families who have children already enrolled in the program. Please carefully read and return all forms to the Religious Education Program by mail or in person with tuition payment as soon as possible. Please note – after the registration deadline (September 9) has passed – a late fee of \$25 per child will be charged.

2.) **New Registration:** Families who have children entering Grade 1 or who have never attended the program, must register in person. Requirements – family must be registered and active (attending Mass on a regular basis and using church envelopes) in St. Mary’s parish. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate is required at registration. Please make every effort to register for this program as soon as possible. Please contact the Religious Education Director, John Kobiernicki, at 732-721-1514 or via email at jkobiernicki4@gmail.com with any questions or to make an appointment.

Teachers and Aides Needed

We are in need of teachers for our Religious Education Program to teach our children God's Word and anyone interested in being a Teacher's Aide (adult or any child in 8th grade or above) please contact John Kobiernicki at 732-721-1514.

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	9:00 a.m.	Channel 10
Daily and Sunday	8 a.m. / 12 p.m.	Channel 68
Daily (from St. Agnes Cathedral)	8:30 a.m.	Channel 137
EWTN	Various	Channel 135
<u>Rosary and Litany</u>		
Daily	7:30 a.m.	Channel 68

A Journey Through Grief



The 8-week session will take place on Wednesdays, beginning on September 26, and ending on November 14, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Center at St. Francis of Assisi (45 Library Place) in Metuchen. This non-denominational program is designed to help men and women work through the grief that one experiences in reaction to the loss of a loved one. Anyone who has suffered a loss and is in the healing process is welcome. For more information, please contact: Jessie Flynn 732-895-2563 or Mary Beth Connolly 732-512-8901. There is no fee. Pre-registration is required.

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don’t matter and that it’s more important to share with those who have less.

Saint Anthony of Padua Relics

On Friday, October 5, the Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua to St. Anthony of Padua Church (436 Port Reading Avenue) in Port Reading. Saint Anthony will be visiting us in the form of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Mario Conte from the Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua. Veneration is from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Mass is at 12:15 p.m.

Prayer petitions with holy cards will be distributed by Friar Mario and volunteers to allow parishioners to write their prayer petition to the saint. The writing of a prayer petition is a worldwide tradition when venerating a relic of a saint. Fr. Conte will bring the petitions back to the Basilica in Padua and place them at the tomb of St. Anthony where the Friars will gather to pray for the saint’s intercession upon our intentions and petitions. For more information, please call 732-634-1403 or visit www.saintanthonypadua.org. All are welcome!