

# MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH

ST. MARY  
45 Crosswicks Street  
Bordentown, N.J. 08505

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HOLY ASSUMPTION  
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Parish Emergency # 609-203-5617 (Please Use for Emergencies Outside of Normal Business Hours)

July 14, 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## TAKE NOTHING FOR THE JOURNEY.

MARK 6:8



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,  
13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/  
Mk 6:7-13

#### Monday

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,  
21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1

#### Tuesday

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6,  
7-8/Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8,  
9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-  
14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/  
Mt 11:28-30

#### Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10,  
11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/  
Mt 12:14-21

#### Next Sunday

Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/  
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



## PARISH INFORMATION

### MASS TIMES (NEW MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 6-7, 2024)

Saturday Vigil: Holy Assumption—**4:00 PM**  
St. Mary—**5:30 PM**  
Sunday: Holy Assumption—**8:00 AM**  
St. Mary—**10:00 AM and 11:30 AM**



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Assumption—Saturday from **3:00-3:45 PM**  
St. Mary—Saturday from **4:30-5:15 PM**  
(Also by Appointment)

### WEEKDAY MASS: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

Holy Assumption—Roebling **9:30 AM (Tues., Wed., & Fri.)**  
St. Mary—Bordentown **12:30 PM (Mon.-Fri.)**  
Holy Days: See Mass Schedule in Bulletin for Mass Times

**BAPTISMS:** Contact Patricia Solimine at the Parish Office, Ext. 112  
Baptisms are celebrated on the **1st & 3rd Sundays** of the month at **1:00 PM at St. Mary Church** and the **4th Saturday** of the month at **2:00 PM at Holy Assumption**. Please call the Parish Office to register, provide the required documents, and schedule a Baptism Prep Class.

**MARRIAGES:** Contact Patricia Solimine at the Parish Office, Ext. 112  
Arrangements are to be made at least 1 year in advance.

### SICK CALLS/COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements for Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion for those confined to the home are to be made by contacting the Parish Office. Urgent calls any time during the day, contact the Parish Office, after hours, use the emergency line (see front page of this bulletin).

### HOURS FOR PRAYER

- St. Mary Church, Bordentown, is open daily from 7:00 AM to 6:30 PM. (Use Chapel entrance through the side door.)
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Saints, Wednesdays from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. (Use Chapel entrance through the side door.)
- Holy Hour every Wednesday at 7:00 PM, St. Mary (Main Church), Bordentown.
- Holy Assumption Church is open Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners to the parish, and we ask them to register as soon as possible. If you are not registered, we are not able to issue letters for sponsorship for the Sacraments or character references to schools or for employment. If you move from the parish please notify the rectory.

**Wish to join us? Please complete the New Parishioner Contact Form found on the parish website: [mmotcp.org](http://mmotcp.org), under the ABOUT US Tab, "How to Join Us".**

## PARISH MINISTRIES & SUPPORT AGENCIES

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Mick Delre—609-864-6787

**Altar Linen Ministry**  
Rose Troyanovich (HA) - [charo.troyanovich@att.net](mailto:charo.troyanovich@att.net)  
Helene Shea (SM) - [hdshea@icloud.com](mailto:hdshea@icloud.com)

**Altar Servers**  
Paula Bisson - [altarservers@mmotcp.org](mailto:altarservers@mmotcp.org)

**Bereavement Ministry**  
Joseph Whitty - [bereavement@mmotcp.org](mailto:bereavement@mmotcp.org)

**Catholic Charities (Diocese of Trenton)**  
1-800-360-7711

**Church Ushers**  
Dominick Cipriano—609-634-2482(HA)  
Frank Scharibone—609-298-1898 (SM)

**Dignity of Life**  
Heni Scharibone - [dignityoflife@mmotcp.org](mailto:dignityoflife@mmotcp.org)

**Food Pantry**  
Sue Oros—609-499-0022 (HA)  
Mike Novalis—609-298-4664 (SM)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**  
Patricia Solimine - [psolimine@mmotcp.org](mailto:psolimine@mmotcp.org)

**Music Ministry**  
Jesús Alfonso Gonzalez, Coordinator  
609-222-2335

**RCIA**  
Nick Chillelli - [OCIA@mmotcp.org](mailto:OCIA@mmotcp.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
Jeff Burns—609-298-1414

**Welcome Ministry**  
Anne Egan - [welcometoourparish@mmotcp.org](mailto:welcometoourparish@mmotcp.org)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**July 17**  
7:00 pm SVDP—Parish Office, Upstairs





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ST. MARY



HOLY ASSUMPTION

**Monday, July 15—12:30 pm**

Robert Montalbano rb/Gere Zucchini  
Alyssa Owens rb/Retired Teachers of JHES

**Tuesday, July 16—12:30 pm**

Gayelle Labissiere (Mass for the Living) rb/Mom, Dad & Family  
Lisa Rappa rb/Carol Leitrim

**Wednesday, July 17—12:30 pm**

Diane Bartram rb/ Penny Brothers  
Zhang Aihu (Mass for the Living) rb/Agnes Peng  
Alfredo Caniello (A) rb/Ferdinand Loretangeli

**Thursday, July 18—12:30 pm**

Angelina Pauciello rb/Frank & Michele  
Pearl Tusim rb/Janet Aaronson

**Friday, July 19—12:30 pm**

Kiera Adams rb/Karen Bromirski  
Renee Consolazio rb/Karen Bromirski

**Saturday, July 20**

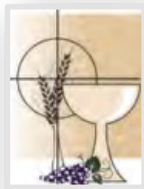
**5:30 pm Celebrant: Fr. Garrett**  
Patricia Rockhill rb/Karen Bromirski  
Corrado Scala rb/Diana & Michael Kazanecki

**Sunday, July 21**

**10:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Martin**  
Dorothy Smith rb/Fran Cammarata & Mary Rosner  
Rob Peterla rb/The Family

**11:30 am Celebrant: Fr. Martin**

The Titzell Family rb/Mrs. Titzell  
Charlie Radvany rb/John Young



**Tuesday, July 16—9:30 am**

Mary Capozzi rb/Irene & Walter Godfrey

**Wednesday, July 17—9:30 am**

Jimmie Folmer rb/Vera Weincyzk

**Friday, July 19—9:30 am**

Deacon Bob Machion rb/The Machion Family  
Clark T. Carey rb/Carole Carey & Family

**Saturday, July 20**


**4:00 pm Celebrant: Fr. Anson**  
Kevin Stanton rb/Barry & Sue Oros & Family  
Gussie Viola rb/Maria Roan

**Sunday, July 21**

**8:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Anson**  
Alma Brown rb/The Schultes Family  
Nancy Czaplicki rb/Her Family

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Chapel of Saints  
Wednesday—1:00pm to 7:00pm**

**HOLY HOUR**  
ST. MARY CHURCH—WEDNESDAYS—7:00PM  
ROSARY, NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE  
MIRACULOUS MEDAL, BENEDICTION



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July 2024  
For The Pastoral Care of the Sick**

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for joining me on June 26th to celebrate and mark my 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. It was a very special celebration and I want to send a big thank you to all who prepared the refreshments afterward in St. Mary School Hall. The whole day was very beautiful.



I know many of you were unable to attend due to something called 'work' but thank you for the beautiful cards and thoughtful gifts, they are very much appreciated.

I, and a number of individuals from our parish and the Diocese will be attending the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this coming week. Please be assured that the intentions of the parish will be at the foremost of my thoughts and prayers.

Wishing you a continued happy, healthy, holy summer.

Fr. Martin



*Inspiration for the Week*

*Jesus sends his disciples into the world with no money or provisions — just as he sends us. But make no mistake — he has given us everything we need: the strength that comes from faith in Christ, and the will to do what God has asked.*

*Let's get to work.*

The Diocese of Trenton  
Dept. of Youth and Young Adults  
w/ St. AL's YA Group invite you to...

8-20-24  
7PM

REGISTER NOW:  
WWW.DIOCESEOFTRENTON.ORG/  
THEOLOGY-ON-TAP

SEEK FELLOWSHIP

LIVE SIMPLY

ACT BOLDY



**THE SICK who have been recommended to our prayers...**



Nichole Lynn Cochran, Edward Gernhardt, Michael Nuzzi, John & Amy Oldham and Baby J.T. Oldham, Sr. Mary Craig, Robert Sobon, Kelly Sobon, Neil Jantos, John Oros, Genevieve Stanski, Sean Wenke, Louise, Ken Cunningham, Mark Gulbinsky, Sean C., Monica T., Florence & Joe Merz, Lawrence Welsh, Arlene Chaty, John TenBerge, Mary Lueckel, Heidi Guzman-Alejo, and all the sick of the parish.

*Please pray for our deceased. . .*

*Joseph G. Merz, III*



Thank you for your generous support for the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See.

If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit: [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).



PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS AND REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CELL PHONE OFF OR SWITCH TO SILENT MODE BEFORE MASS BEGINS. THANK YOU!



**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**June 30, 2024**

Weekly	\$ 16,432
Peter's Pence	\$ 883
Misc. Other Contributions	<u>\$ 1,605</u>
	\$ 18,920

**July 7, 2024**

Weekly	\$ 19,402
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,168
Misc. Other Contributions	<u>\$ 1,066</u>
	\$ 22,636

**Thank you for your kind support.**

**Upcoming Donation Designations**

**July 21 Weekly**

**St. Vincent DePaul:** Helps the poor and needy in our local communities.

**July 28 Weekly**

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** This collection helps religious communities care for senior members-today and tomorrow. Proceeds help underwrite the retirement and health-care needs of aging members of these communities throughout the United States.

**Aug 4 Weekly**

**Building Maintenance**

**Aug 11 Weekly**

**Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption**

**PLEASE CONSIDER ON-LINE GIVING**

To Sign Up go to [www.mmotcp.org](http://www.mmotcp.org), scroll down to the On-Line Giving Block, and follow the instructions.



**IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES NEEDS ASSISTANCE, CALL OUR CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE AT 609-298-1414.**





## MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH FOOD PANTRY



St. Mary Site

### Summer Food Drive—July Needs

Open: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 2-3 PM

Tuesdays 6-7 PM

Thursdays 9-10 AM & 6-7 PM; Saturdays 9-10 AM

### Holy Assumption Site

**URGENT NEEDS:** TOILET PAPER, PASTA SAUCE, CEREAL, WATER, COFFEE/TEA, CANNED SOUP, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, SNACK ITEMS FOR KIDS, TUNA, CHICKEN BREAST, KETCHUP, MAYO, SALAD DRESSING, PAPER TOWELS, DISH DETERGENT, SOAP, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, AND DEODORANT

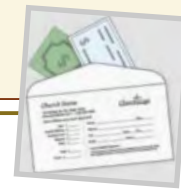
Open: Tuesdays 2-3 PM

Food Drop Off - Monday mornings 10-11 AM

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN ARE HOME FOR THE SUMMER AND FAMILIES ARE MORE IN NEED OF OUR HELP. WE ARE ALWAYS SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Since each Food Pantry operates separately in different locations, please bring any donations to the church requesting the items needed.

A Little Help on Your Part  
Makes a BIG Difference!



### PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES

PARISH DONATIONS ARE COUNTED AND RECONCILED WEEKLY CONSISTING OF ON-LINE GIVING, MAILED-IN ENVELOPES, AND MASS ATTENDEES' ENVELOPES. **IF YOU ARE NOT PART OF THE ON-LINE GIVING PROCESS WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THIS METHOD, IF ABLE. IF NOT, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR DONATIONS.**

1. PLEASE **DO NOT** USE **SCOTCH TAPE** OR **STAPLES**.
2. **DO** WRITE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE DONATION ON THE ENVELOPE. THIS SAVES TIME AS VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO WRITE THE AMOUNT ON EACH ENVELOPE. THIS ALSO ENSURES THAT YOUR DONATIONS ARE RECORDED PROPERLY.
3. USE ONLY **BLUE OR BLACK** INK WHEN SIGNING CHECKS. OUR BANK'S SCANNER DOES NOT RECOGNIZE RED INK OR PENCIL.
4. IF DONATING BY CHECK, AN ENVELOPE IS PREFERRED. TEMPORARY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH. IF YOU PREFER ENVELOPES MAILED TO YOUR HOME, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.
5. IF YOU MAIL IN YOUR DONATIONS, ALL OF THE ABOVE APPLIES.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE:

- IF SENDING ONE CHECK OR CASH FOR MULTIPLE ENVELOPES, PLEASE WRITE THE AMOUNT OF EACH DONATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPE AND CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOUR PERSONAL CHECK OR CASH EQUALS THE AMOUNTS TOTALED ON THE VARIOUS ENVELOPES.
- WHEN SENDING ONE CHECK OR CASH WITH JUST A PAPER NOTE AND NO ENVELOPE, PLEASE LIST THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH SPECIFIC DONATION. ALSO, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ENVELOPE # ON THE NOTE.

*Mary, Mother of the Church Parish  
Food Pantry—St. Mary Site  
Summer Food Drive*

*July Needs  
Gift Cards - Laundry Detergent -  
Toilet Paper*

*Monetary Donations (if not done online) and gift cards (Aldi, Costco, ShopRite and Walmart) can be pt in the collection basket marked Food Pantry. Laundry Detergent and Toilet Paper can be left in the bin in the back of Church or delivered to the Pantry during Pantry hours.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support!*

**SUMMER**  
Office Hours

Monday 9am-7pm

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-3pm

**Friday 9am-noon**



**MEN'S RETREAT—JULY 19-21, 2024**

The Knights of Columbus Bordentown Council #570 is sponsoring its annual retreat for all men of the parish at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.

The retreat begins at 5:00 PM on Friday evening and concludes at 12 Noon on Sunday. The cost is \$300 and includes your room and all meals.

For more information contact :

Ferdinand Loretangeli  
609-298-2131  
OR  
Larry Denney  
609-298-1892



*Journey of Faith TOURS*

JOIN THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

**11-Day**  
*Eucharistic Miracle Pilgrimage to Italy*

*September 29 - October 9, 2024*

SPRITUAL DIRECTOR:

REV. MARTIN O'REILLY, PASTOR,  
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, BORDENTOWN

MORE INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION  
WWW.JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM/TRENTON24  
CAROLYN NORBUT | 732-216-8073  
CAROLYN@JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM

**REDISCOVER THE LOVE  
IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. This program provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

August 9 - 11, 2024 and October 4 - 6  
Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit:  
[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**There's Still Room!**

**PADRE PIO SHRINE BUS TRIP  
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

Cost \$50— For Reservations Contact:  
Carol Smith—609-472-0458

**MISSION: Jersey Service Days 2024**  
ALL 8TH-12TH GRADE TEENS INVITED

**CHURCH OF VISITATION, BRICK 07.10.24**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, TRENTON 07.22.24**

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH, ASBURY PARK 07.16.24**

**REGISTER NOW**  
times will vary for each location  
Please see website for more details

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH, ASBURY PARK 08.06.24**

[www.dotyouth.org/missionjersey](http://www.dotyouth.org/missionjersey) 609-403-7182







## .....Religious Education News.....

**July 15**.....2024-2025 RE-Registration Packets Due  
**August 5-9**.....Vacation Bible School 9:00am-noon  
**September 7**.....Welcome Back RE Mass 5:30pm & Ice Cream Social following  
**September 15**.....First Sunday RE Classes  
**September 17**.....First Tuesday RE Classes  
**September 26**.....Parent Meeting, St. Mary Church -**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**  
**October 7**.....First Monday Monthly RE Classes

### RE-REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR 2024-2025 Due 7/15/2024

#### Volunteers are always needed!

We are recruiting to fill positions in our ministry. Training and mentoring are provided. We would love to have you join our ministry as we share the light of Christ to the children of our parish. **We still need a Catechists for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.** If we do not have a Catechist, we will not be able to hold that particular class session. Training is provided. If we have learned anything these past four years, it is that blessings come in all shapes and sizes, through thoughtful planning, and always with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This program could not exist without our incredible volunteers!

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 5-9

VBS will run the week of August 5-9 from 9:00am-noon with the final show for families on Friday at 11:30am. Our walls are a welcoming space for all who enter. Invitation is open to anyone (parishioner or non-parishioner, family, friends, and neighbors). The week includes Sing & Play Blast Off, Imagination Station, songs, All-Star Games, Stellar Bible Adventures, Galactic Snacks, and Cosmic Closing! Registration forms are available in the Church or on the website. We will need both teen and adult volunteers; all adults will need to be fingerprinted and Virtus trained. Email [mzola@mnotcp.org](mailto:mzola@mnotcp.org) for more information.



#### "What did Jesus mean when He said, 'I am the Bread of Life' (John 6:35)?"

"I am the Bread of Life" ([John 6:35](#)) is one of the seven "I Am" statements of Jesus. Jesus used the same phrase "I AM" in seven declarations about Himself. In all seven, He combines I AM with tremendous metaphors which express His saving relationship toward the world.

[John 6:35](#) says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Bread is considered a staple food—i.e., a basic dietary item. A person can survive a long time on only bread and water. Bread is such a basic food item that it becomes synonymous for food in general. We even use the phrase "breaking bread together" to indicate the sharing of a meal with someone. Bread also plays an integral part of the Jewish Passover meal. The Jews were to eat unleavened bread during the Passover feast and then for seven days following as a celebration of the exodus from Egypt.

Phone #: 609-291-8281

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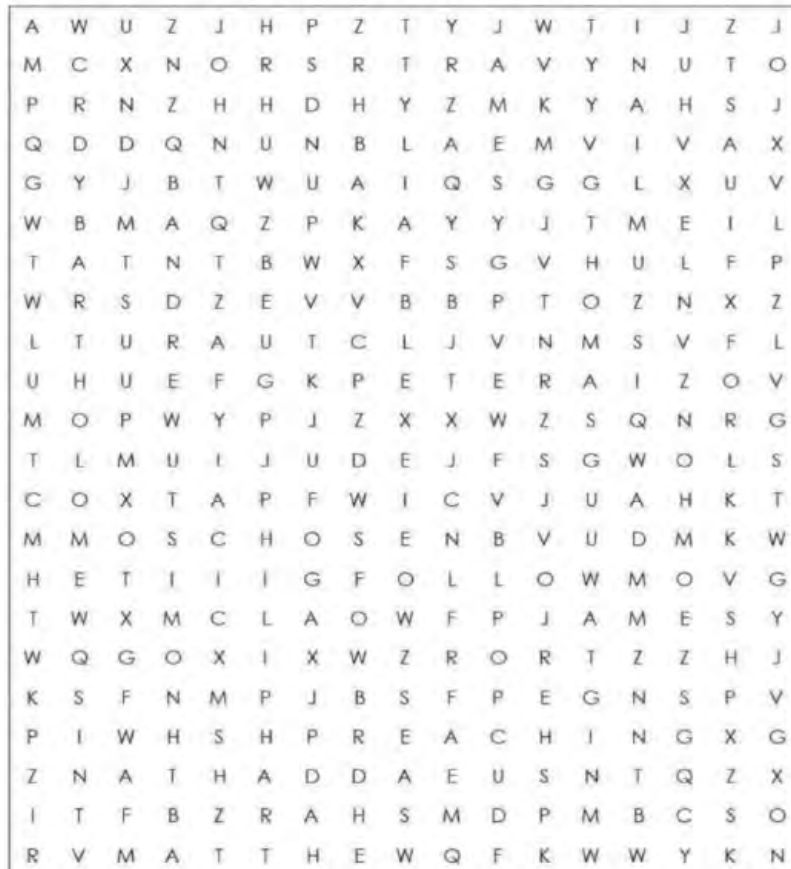
C. Schulz x117, Email: [cschulz@mnotcp.org](mailto:cschulz@mnotcp.org)

**Promise to Protect:** To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children, call your local law enforcement agency or Child Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)



JUST FOR KIDS! (Young & Old)

# Twelve Disciples Word Search



PETER	BARTHOLOMEW	THADDAEUS
ANDREW	MATTHEW	SIMON
JAMES	THOMAS	CHOSEN
JOHN	JAMES	PREACHING
PHILIP	JUDE	FOLLOW



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — *we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor*, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. *You shall not pass.*

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: *Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.*

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. *They wouldn't listen. They'll see*, we think. *Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was.* Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

*"So they went off and preached repentance."*  
— Mark 6:12

### PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

#### Prayer for the Way

Dear Jesus,  
As I set out in your name, be with me on every step.  
I don't know where you will lead, but I trust that you will be with me and that, for me, that will be enough.  
Amen.



KAISER PERMANENTE presents

# stay safe

ER visits peak in the summer months.

Avoid these five common summer-related accidents and illnesses.

- 1 sunburn**  
Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 30+ and reapply every two hours
- 2 dehydration**  
Drink plenty of water and avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks
- 3 burns**  
Use caution when dealing with flammable liquids, open flames, campfires and even barbecues
- 4 outdoor injuries**  
Wear appropriate attire and safety gear during activities like bike riding and hiking; water recreation should be monitored by an adult who knows CPR
- 5 food poisoning**  
Don't eat food left out of refrigeration for more than one hour when the temperature is above 90° F



## ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

**Altar Rosary Society**  
Donna Frappolli-609-221-1957

**Holy Name Society**  
Paul Ordog - pordog29@gmail.com

**Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County**  
609-393-9922

**Knights of Columbus**  
Frank Scharibone - grandknight@koc570.org  
609-298-1898

**Legion of Mary**  
Kathleen Fetch - lom.mmotcp@yahoo.com

**Secular Franciscan Order**  
Maria Schultes - FranciscanorderHA@mmotcp.org


**Word of Life Prayer Group**  
Ginny Olsen-609-947-3336

### Recitation of the Rosary

**St. Mary Church:** Monday thru Friday, 12:00 pm

**Holy Assumption Church:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 am  
Saturday - 3:00 pm (Except the First Saturday of the Month)  
Sunday - 10:00 am

**First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
First Saturday of each month—Holy Assumption—2:30 pm




## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

Goal: \$65,000.00  
 Pledged: \$62,382.50 (96% of goal)  
 Paid: \$57,500.75 (88% to goal)  
 Total Donors: 255  
 Total Gifts: 309  
 Average Gift: \$201.89

### LOW-GLUTEN HOST

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