

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

ST. MARY
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Parish Emergency # 609-203-5617 (Please Use for Emergencies Outside of Normal Business Hours)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GO AND TAKE THE LOWEST PLACE.

LUKE 14:10

AUGUST 31, 2025

Readings for the Week of
August 31, 2025

Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:
2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:
18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and
3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1,
4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab,
3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2,
3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6
and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10,
12-17/Lk 14:25-33



PARISH INFORMATION

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASS: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

Holy Assumption—Roebbling **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 Debbie Ullmer-Phillips at the Parish Office, Ext. 110. 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 Debbie Ullmer-Phillips at the Parish Office, Ext. 110. 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 609-203-5617.

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.

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,
 under the ABOUT US Tab, "How to Join Us"**

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm



PARISH MINISTRIES & SUPPORT AGENCIES

Alcoholics Anonymous

Mick Delre—609-864-6787

Altar Linen Ministry

Rose Troyanovich (HA) - charo.troyanovich@att.net
 Helene Shea (SM) - hdshea@icloud.com

Altar Servers

Paula Bisson - altarservers@mmotcp.org

Bereavement Ministry

Joseph Whitty - bereavement@mmotcp.org

Catholic Charities (Diocese of Trenton)

1-800-360-7711

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 Frank Scharibone—609-298-1898 (SM)

Dignity of Life

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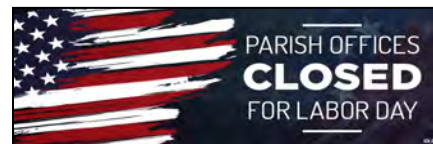
Margaret Rizzo—609-298-1414

Welcome Ministry

Anne Egan - welcometoourparish@mmotcp.org

MEETINGS & EVENTS OF THE WEEK

September 1, 2025



Sep 3

1:30pm Adoration for Vocations Mtg—Parish Office, Upstairs
 7:00pm SVDP—Parish Office, Upstairs

Sep 4

6:00pm OCIA Ice Cream Social—SM School Hall
 7:00pm Baptism Prep Class—Parish Office, Upstairs

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ST. MARY



HOLY ASSUMPTION

Monday, Sep 1—12:30pm

Fr. Felix Venza rb/Knights of Columbus
 Karl Macon rb/His Wife, Joan

Tuesday, Sep 2—12:30pm

Jack Koenig rb/Pat & Dusty Shinn
 Michael Tunney rb/The Lynch Family

Wednesday, Sep 3—12:30pm

Thomas Moore rb/Dolores Moore
 70th Wedding Anniversary of Connie & Steve McDonough
 (Mass for the Living)

Thursday, Sep 4—12:30pm

Veronica Hustak rb/Brother George
 Beth Bell rb/Altar Rosary Society

Friday, Sep 5—12:30pm

William Rosso rb/Edie Serafine & Anthony (Buddy)
 Beth Bell rb/Bob & Marjie Parker

Saturday, Sep 6 (No Confessions)

5:30 pm Celebrant: Fr. Martin
 Rich DeLuca rb/Bob Innocenzi
 Sister Joyce Marie Riley (Memorial Mass)

Sunday, Sep 7

10:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Anson
 Lawrence Hastings rb/Mike, Jerry & Ray Hlubik
 Eugene Donohoe rb/MaryAnn & James Donohoe

11:30 am Celebrant: Fr. Anson

Eugene Laureti rb/The Family
 Ivone Fernandes Maia rb/Husband & Family

Tuesday, Sep 2—9:30am

John Hofflinger rb/The Hofflinger Family

Wednesday, Sep 3—9:30am

Henry Tutek rb/Friends of the Family
 Harold Brooks rb/Patrick & Donna Cifaldi

Friday, Sep 5 - 9:30am

Richard Alphonse rb/The Family
 Elizabeth Bajzath rb/Richard & Helen Popso

Saturday, Sep 6

4:00 pm Celebrant: Fr. Martin
 Tom D. Babula rb/His Wife, Juliana
 Edwin Garcia (Mass for the Living)

Sunday, Sep 7

8:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Garrett
 Jean & Henry Phillips rb/The Family
 Marie Ryan rb/Harry & MaryAnn Warner & Family

Offertory Gifts

If you have booked a Mass for a loved one and would like to bring up the offertory gifts, please inform an usher before mass begins.

LOW-GLUTEN HOST: Low-gluten hosts are available for those who have difficulties with Celiac Disease and other similar disorders. Please approach the priest or an usher 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass to be directed as to how you can receive safely.

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



**St. Mary – Ramp Access
 (Off Crosswicks Street)**

**Holy Assumption
 Elevator Access
 (Main Parking Lot)**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's readings invite us to reflect deeply on the virtue of humility—the very foundation of the Christian life. In the book of Ecclesiastes, we hear this wisdom: *"The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so, you will find favor with the Lord."* These words remind us that in God's eyes, greatness is never about titles, wealth, or influence. Instead, it is about the posture of the heart. True greatness is found in lowering ourselves, in recognizing our dependence on God, and in treating others with reverence and love. Jesus takes this teaching further in the Gospel. At a banquet, He notices how people scramble for the best seats, each one eager to be seen as important. He turns this ordinary moment into a lesson about the Kingdom of God: *"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*



We know how tempting it can be to seek recognition—at work, in our families, even in our service to the Church. But Jesus warns us that when our lives revolve around self-promotion, we lose sight of what truly matters. The invitation of the Gospel is to take the lower place, not to be overlooked, but to make room for God to lift us up in His time. And Jesus doesn't stop there. He challenges us in a radical way: *"When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind."* In other words, love those who cannot repay you. Show kindness not because it will come back to you, but because that is how God loves—freely, generously, without conditions. This is the heart of true humility: giving without seeking anything in return.

So, brothers and sisters, the Word of God today asks us some important questions: In our daily lives, do we seek the first place, or are we willing to take the last? Do we serve only when it benefits us, or do we serve even when no one notices? Do we extend our love to those who cannot give back? Let us remember that Christ Himself showed us the way. Though He was God, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant. And because of His humility, the Father exalted Him above every name. May we walk in that same humility, trusting that when we lower ourselves before God and before one another, He will raise us up to share in His glory.

Praying for all who Labor in the Vinyard

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth the resources we steward. We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day. We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes. We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night. We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day. We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work. We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Have a safe, blessed, and fun Labor Day weekend.

Fr. Martin



Inspiration for the Week

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs.

"Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite?



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



Nichole Lynn Cochran, Edward Gernhardt, Michael Nuzzi, John & Amy Oldham and Baby J.T. Oldham, Robert Sobon, Kelly Sobon, Neil Jantos, John Oros, Sean Wenke, Louise, Ken Cunningham, Sean C., Arlene Chaty, Joyce Ingling, Virginia Counard, Lillian Garcia, Jeff Suplicki, Stephanie Tistan, Teddi Millerline, Daryl Bell, Norman T., Margaret P., Sandy DeLorenzo, Claudia Fratinardo, Gil Lugossy, Cathy McKelvey, Barbara Weinczyk, Stephanie Salewski, Michael Kremper, Jason Root, Gayelle Labissiere, Melissa S., Walter Schleher, Shirley A. Hamilton, Karalyn Dunphy, Patrick Musto, Susanne Hallas, Kelly Ann, Rebekah Henderson, Margie Wagerik, David Bemiss, and all the sick of the parish.

Please Pray for Our Deceased



Those who have died in natural disasters around the world.



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 1st Saturday of the Month)

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
1st Saturday of each month—Holy Assumption—2:30 pm

**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

OFFERING
AN ACT OF WORSHIP

The collection totals for August 24, 2025 were not available when this bulletin was submitted for printing. They will be published in a subsequent bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.

Upcoming Donation Designations

- Aug 31 Weekly
- Sep 7 Weekly
Building Maintenance: Keeping our places of worship warm, dry and comfortable.
- Sep 14 Weekly
Catholic University: The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.
- Sep 21 Weekly
St. Vincent DePaul: Helps the poor and needy in our local communities.
- Sep 28 Weekly
All Souls: For the intentions of our beloved dead.
- Oct 7 Weekly
Building Maintenance: Keeping our places of worship warm, dry and comfortable.

CONSIDER ON-LINE GIVING

To Sign Up go to www.mmotcp.org, scroll down to the On-Line Giving Block, and follow the instructions.

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress

While we have reached our monetary goal, **14 additional new donors** are still needed to receive the maximum benefit back to the parish from the Diocese. We greatly appreciate your continued generosity.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2025
For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH FOOD PANTRY

FOOD PANTRY

Our Holy Assumption site is closed for repairs. All HA patrons are encouraged to utilize St. Mary's during this time.

Donations are to be dropped off during pantry hours only. Please do not donate expired items. Thank you!

St. Mary's Pantry Hours

M-W-F (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

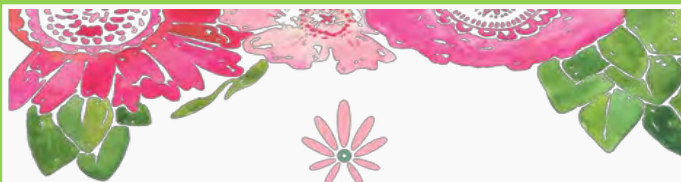
Thursday (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)



Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use. Currently, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul does **not** have the capabilities to accept these items, but perhaps others you know could be the beneficiaries of your kindness and generosity. We always appreciate your monetary donations to SVDP so that we can continue to do the work of helping others. As always, we sincerely thank you for your support and your prayers.

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



walking with purpose

Are you ready to come back? God is ready and waiting for you to show up just as you are. He wants to see you discovering your purpose while connecting with a life-giving community.

Do you feel pulled in many directions?

Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our lives.

Come along on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits. Our souls thirst for connection. We were made for community, and it's time to come back.

Please look for additional information about Walking with Purpose, a unique Bible Study Program for women of all ages, and how to register for the program in future Bulletins.

Welcome back to community!



OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults – is the program for non-Catholic adults and any Catholic adults - 18-years or older - who have not completed all their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) to become full members of the Catholic Church. The program is planned to meet weekly on Thursday evenings in St. Mary's School from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm. The program will begin, Thursday, September 11, 2025 and runs to the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026, when the parish welcomes new adult Catholic members. The parish provides all books and materials, and all the candidate needs to supply is the desire to become a full member of our church.

**Informal Meeting & Ice Cream Social
September 4, 2025—6:00 pm
St. Mary's School**

Come and meet the team and learn more about the program. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the parish office at 609-298-0261 or email ocia@mmotcp.org to provide the candidate's contact information to the OCIA team.





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

September 13.....Welcome Back RE Mass 5:30pm & Ice Cream Social following

September 21.....First Sunday RE Classes 8:45-10:15am

September 23.....First Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm

October 6.....First Monday Monthly RE Classes 6:00-7:30pm

2025-2026 RE REGISTRATION

Registration Packets:

- 1) At the entrance doors of Holy Assumption
- 2) In the book rack near the main doors of St. Mary
- 3) On our Parish Website

2025-2026 RE CALENDAR

Our Program year calendar is now available on our Parish Website, under RE. For those with children receiving sacraments in 2nd and 8th Grades, there is an additional calendar provided for their dates.

PRAYING HANDS CRAFT

Supplies: Construction Paper
Pencil
Scissors
Crayons

Instructions:

Fold the construction paper in half, long wise.

Place hand flat on paper, fingers together, with little finger on folded edge.

Trace around hand.

Cut out hand shape, EXCEPT along the folded edge.

Unfold praying hands. Write a prayer inside.

Decorate as you would like.

WELCOME BACK RE MASS & CELEBRATION

We invite all of our Religious Education families to join us for our Welcome Back RE Mass on Saturday, September 13th at 5:30 PM in St. Mary Church. After Mass, stay and enjoy a wonderful Ice Cream Social—because who doesn't love ice cream with all the fixings?

This is a great opportunity to meet the amazing volunteers who will be serving our students throughout the RE year. We are filled with joy as we welcome back our returning students and families—and we extend a special welcome to the new families joining us this year.

If you have a special talent you'd like to share or perform during the evening, please contact Mrs. Zola at mzola@mmotcp.org.

We can't wait to celebrate the start of this blessed new year with you!

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M. Zola x118, Email: mzola@mmotcp.org

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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



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Who needs a Bereavement Support Group?

According to the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, being with others who are grieving and sharing their grief helps the grieving individual learn something about the grief process and something about themselves.

Why do Bereavement Support Groups work? Because they:

- Provide a safe place for people to mourn – emotionally, physically, and spiritually.
- Encourage members to support and understand fellow bereaved.
- Help those who are grieving to realize that **they are not alone in their grief.**
- Educate the bereaved about normal grief reactions.
- Encourage the sharing of thoughts and a healthy release of emotions.
- Assure griever that caring people are listening and recognizing their grief.
- Provide a forum to form new supportive relationships in a spirit of community.
- Provide avenues to start reinvesting emotional energy into their own lives.
- Present ideas for memorializing the deceased.
- Provide an avenue for participants to begin the healing process.

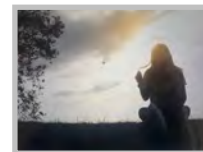
If you are interested in attending or would like more information about Mary, Mother of the Church's Bereavement Ministry please contact the Parish Office (609-298-0261) or email bereavement@mmotcp.org and a Bereavement Facilitator will reach out to you.

The Bereavement Ministry offers several sessions throughout the year! The next scheduled sessions will begin September 17, 2025 and will meet Wednesdays for seven weeks. Facilitators use "Grieving the Death of a Loved One" to help guide the group. The Fall sessions will be held at St. Mary's School; day and evening sessions are planned. Prior Registration is Required!

There is no need to do this alone! We all benefit from mutual support!



Mary, Mother of the Church Parish
Bereavement Ministry Program



FALL 2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Our program, presented by trained and Certified Bereavement Facilitator is a six-session program with fellowship on the seventh week. Our sessions will be held every Wednesday beginning September 17th through October 29th. Afternoon and Evening sessions are planned. Afternoon sessions will be held from 2:00—3:30 pm and evening sessions will be held from 6:30—8:00 pm. Meetings will be held at St. Mary's School, 45 Crosswicks St., Bordentown, NJ 08505.

Sep 17 Session 1: The Search for Acceptance: Beginning the Journey

Sep 24 Session 2: Bumps Along the Way: The Emotional Journey

Oct 1 Session 3: Is This the Right Road: Adjusting the Journey

Oct 8 Session 4: The Search for Meaning: The Spiritual Journey

Oct 15 Session 5: The Search for Connectedness: The Continuing Journey

Oct 22 Session 6: The Search for Reconciliation: Does the Journey End?

Oct 29 Session 7: Fellowship

All course materials are provided; you only need to bring yourself. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we hope you will consider joining us. If you would like to attend any of our sessions, please contact the Parish Office by calling (609) 298-0261 or e-mail bereavement@mmotcp.org and a Bereavement Facilitator will be in touch with you. There is no need to do this alone! Please register no later than September 10th.

TREX CHALLENGE: Recycling Success

During the Jubilee Year of Hope (2025), the Franciscan Family also celebrated the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis writing his Canticle of the Creatures, a beautiful song of praise and wonder to our Creator. Inspired by this celebration, the Secular Franciscans of Holy Assumption Fraternity organized the Trex Challenge within the parish to collect soft plastics. It took many months to collect the 1000 pounds of required plastic. The fraternity would like to thank everyone in the parish who participated in this recycling project. Made from recycled materials, the bench is now a prayerful resting place before the statue of the Blessed Mother in Roebing.

Peace and all good!



Catholic Teaching on Labor

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching. ©LPI



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COLUMBUS
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at Fratelli's Restaurant
1414 Route 130, Burlington, NJ 08016
September 10, 2025

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The money raised goes to help us support our mission of Charity in the community.

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PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE FOR CREATION

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION
& THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI'

SATURDAY SEPT 6, 2025



3:00PM

HOPE FOR CREATION PRAYER WALK

ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN CREATION IN A JOURNEY ON CHURCH GROUNDS, RENEWING RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD, THE EARTH, AND ONE ANOTHER.

4:30PM

MASS FOR CREATION

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

BISHOP DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M.



CHURCH OF SAINT ANSELM
1028 WAYSIDE ROAD
TINTON FALLS, NJ 07712

PLEASE PLAN TO CARPOOL - PARKING IS LIMITED
DRESS COMFORTABLY - WEAR WALKING SHOES - BRING WATER BOTTLE

REGISTER



SAVE THE DATE

NJ BISHOPS'

Mass for Life

Thursday,
September 25, 2025
9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton

August

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609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

ST. EDITH STEIN – A SPIRITUAL PORTRAIT**6 Wednesdays: 7:00 – 8:15 PM 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17, 1/14, 2/18**

As you travel on our own spiritual journey, you are invited at this time to journey for a short time with St. Edith Stein, also known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In our reading and discussions of the book, *St. Edith Stein – A Spiritual Portrait* by Dianne M. Traflet, there is a lot we can learn from Edith's spiritual journey from devout Jew, to atheist, to philosopher, to feminist, to convert to the Catholic faith, and finally a victim of an Auschwitz gas chamber. These sessions will be beneficial for both beginners as well as those advanced in their spiritual faith. Donation: \$100

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS SPRINKLED WITH THE SONG OF SONGS—9 Tuesdays: 1:00 – 2:30 PM**9/16, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12**

Open yourself to receive the grace and deep love of God by praying *The Spiritual Exercises* through the lens of the Song of Songs. *Awakening Love* by Gregory Cleveland, OMV will be our resource for daily prayer, readings & reflections. Donation: \$175

A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE, FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS**9 Wednesdays: 1:00 – 2:30 PM****9/3 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6**

James Martin, SJ made a pilgrimage through the Holy Land some years ago. On his return, he shared with the world, in his book, *Jesus, The Pilgrimage*, his deeply moving experiences as he traveled in the footsteps of Jesus. Most of us are unable now for various reasons to make a pilgrimage to the place where Jesus lived. Reading James Martin's book is a good second best to going there yourself during this Holy Year of Hope. You will have some fellow pilgrims on your journey! Donation: \$200, includes the book.

PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES: WHERE IS GOD IN MY LIFE? (Zoom Only)**9 Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM****9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/15, 5/13**

Do you need a felt sense of God's presence in your life? Joseph Schmidt, FSC offers us in his book *Praying Our Experiences*, a way to receive such a gift. We will learn the art of reflecting on and entering honestly into the day-to-day events of our life. We become aware of God's presence in them and offer ourselves to God through these events. Everything is a gift! Donation: \$175

FRUITS AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT—4 Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30 PM**September 3 October 1 November 5 December 3**

Father Keating teaches how our Centering Prayer awakens our consciousness of the Divine Indwelling in each one of us. The fruits of Centering Prayer are experienced, not in the prayer itself, but in the effects the prayer has in our lives, in the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit, the putting on the mind of Christ. Let us reflect and pray on the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit in Father Keating's book: *Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit* and how they flow from commitment to Centering Prayer. Donation: \$75

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NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE BUS TRIP

The Bordentown Knights of Columbus #570 are sponsoring a bus trip to the Notre Dame vs. Purdue football game this September. The bus leaves on Friday, September 19 at 8:30 am and returns on Sunday, September 21 at 6:00 pm.

The cost is \$650 per person (double occupancy) and includes transportation, hotel for two nights, breakfast and ticket to the game. Bottled water and snacks will be provided. Interested individuals should contact one of the following:

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Principal: Mr. Ron Trampe - Secretary: Jen Stankiewicz
Sunday Bingo - Saint Paul School, 250 James St., Burlington NJ 08016. Doors open at 4:00 PM. 'Early Bird' starts at 5:50, Regular games start at 6:00. For more information please contact: spsbingo250@gmail.com

