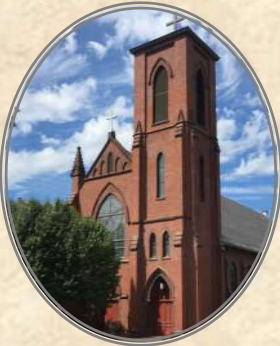


# Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

## ST. MARY

45 Crosswicks Street  
Bordentown, NJ 08505



REV. MARTIN O'REILLY, Pastor  
REV. CESAR R. ANSON, Parochial Vicar  
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Lawrence W. Finn Thomas F. Shea

## HOLY ASSUMPTION

1290 Hornberger Avenue  
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Parish Emergency # 609-203-5617 (Please Use for Emergencies Outside of Normal Business Hours)

# 2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,  
12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom  
15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

### Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1,  
2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6,  
11-12/Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3  
and 10ac, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2,  
3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

### Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and  
9, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Mt 11:11-15

### Friday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:  
18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

### Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac  
and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7,  
8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/  
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

## 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. 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 Debbie Ullmer-Phillips 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 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](http://mmotcp.org), under the ABOUT US Tab, "How to Join Us"**

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



## PARISH MINISTRIES & SUPPORT AGENCIES

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Bob H. – 609-784-3233

### Altar Linen Ministry

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### Catholic Charities (Diocese of Trenton)

1-800-360-7711

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### Youth Ministry

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

**Holy Assumption  
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## ST. MARY



## HOLY ASSUMPTION

**Monday, Dec 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**12:30 pm Celebrant: Fr. Anson**  
 Lourdes Aquino rb/Mary Ann Villegas  
 Henry Tutek rb/Dave & Stephanie Salewski

**7:00pm Celebrant: Fr. Martin**  
 People of the Parish

**Tuesday, Dec 9—12:30pm**

Suzanne Wheelock rb/the Woolston Family  
 Deceased Members of the King Family rb/Marie Thompson

**Wednesday, Dec 10—12:30pm**

Mary E. (Betty) Haas (A) rb/The Ryan Family  
 Veronica Hustak rb/Brother George

**Thursday, Dec 11—12:30pm**

Oswaldo Mayorga rb/Lucy Mayorga  
 Paul Knapp rb/Dave & Stephanie Salewski

**Friday, Dec 12—12:30pm**

Carl Byard rb/Family of Billy Hill  
 Michel Coonley-Hartnett rb/Dave & Stephanie Salewski

**Saturday, Dec 13**

**5:30 pm Celebrant: Anson**  
 Adelaida Quartelli rb/Ferd Loretangeli  
 Richard Langan rb/Robert & Marie Peterla  
 Ann Ervin (Mass for the Living) rb/A Friend

**Sunday, Dec 14**

**10:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Anson**  
 Charlie Piazza rb/The Family  
 Randy Belknap rb/Maria Roan

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

Randy Belknap rb/Patty Baylog  
 David Carl Storey rb/Michael Tkacs

**Monday, Dec 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**9:30 am Celebrant: Fr. Anson**  
 Caitlyn Stankiewicz (Mass for the Living) rb/Her Family

**Tuesday, Dec 9—9:30am**

Clinton Rockhill rb/Vicki & Jack Jobes

**Wednesday, Dec 10—9:30am**

Jack Jobes rb/The Machion Family

**Friday, Dec 12—9:30am**

Susanne Hallas (Mass for the Living) rb/Her Sister

**Saturday, Dec 13**

**4:00 pm Celebrant: Fr. Martin**  
 Teresa Rago rb/Carol & Joe Talone  
 James Pennacchi rb/Andrea Weinberg

**Sunday, Dec 14**

**8:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Martin**  
 Claude Cardi rb/David & JoAnn Foulks  
 James Pennacchi rb/The Schultes 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 Hosts & Other Special Needs**

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. If you or a family member have a special need when attending Mass, please let us know by calling our Parish Office at 609-298-0261.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for December 2025 - For Christians Living Amidst War or Conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Dear Friends in Christ,

We have our first week of Advent behind us and are now heading into week two. What do you find is eating up all your time, and all your energy? What do the Christmas preparations look like? Is the tree up, the lights on, gifts bought; and do you know who all are coming for Christmas dinner? Oh, I forgot to send Jane from my running group, a card for Christmas - I've still time.

All the above can make Christmas so stressful and frustrating, and wishing it was December 26th already. But truth be told, the above is not Christmas, it's secular life on steroids. Christmas is about slowing down, taking a breath, and reflecting on your life relationship with the Child Jesus, the man Jesus, the God Jesus, the one who truly loves us and cares for us. So, the question we need to ask ourselves this Christmas and every Christmas: **So, Jesus, how we doing?**

How well do you know me, Jesus? Do you know what's happening at work? Do you know what's happening at home, between me and my parents, kids, siblings, my husband/wife? Did you know I changed jobs this year? Did you know my mom died? Did you know ...? I realize I didn't tell you any of this, I took it for granted that since you know everything you knew all that was happening in my life. The problem with me not telling you isn't that you may not know, but you don't get the chance to help me, you don't get the chance to sympathize with me, or support me, because I'm too busy with trees, lights, and gifts.

Jesus, help me to truly prepare for Christmas. Call me to a quiet place, as you did your disciples, and help me sit with you. To feel your presence, your closeness. Help me to hear your word, your gentle kind words. Let them fill my heart, nourishing me, renewing me, and filling me with your love for all your people. Jesus, demand of me that I give you time every day. Insist that I find a quiet place and sit with you. Each day let me read your words from scripture, let me hear your beautiful and kind voice.

**Thank you, dear Jesus, oh thank you, for giving yourself to me.**

**Thank you, dear Jesus, oh thank you, for loving me.**

**Thank you, dear Jesus, oh thank you, for all your help and care.**

**Thank you, dear Jesus, oh thank you, for being with me here.**

#### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Dear Friends, may I mark your calendars for our Christmas Confessions?

**Tuesday, December 16, 7pm – 8pm St. Mary Church, Bordentown**

**Thursday, December 18, 7pm – 8pm Holy Assumption Church, Roebling**

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our annual **Christmas Carol Service** is **Sunday, December 21 at 6pm**. It has grown from strength to strength each year and I believe it will be even better this year. So looking forward to it and I hope you all are too. Please spread the word and bring as many people as you can.

*Fr. Martin*

#### Meetings & Events of the Week



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
DECEMBER 8, 2025 IN OBSERVANCE OF  
THE HOLY DAY**

**Dec 8**

7:30pm K of C—Parish Office, Upstairs

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

**December 8, 2025**

**Holy Assumption - 9:30 AM**

**St. Mary - 12:30 PM**

**St. Mary - 7:00 PM**







### For the Sick...

Nichole Lynn Cochran, John & Amy Oldham and Baby J.T. Oldham, Robert Sobon, Kelly Sobon, Neil Jantos, John Oros, Rebekah Henderson, David Bemiss, Carlos Jayme, Walt Szazvay, Jillian Ruffini, Anne Darrow, Zhi Han Chen, Zhi Ying Jin, Stephen Lueckel, Andrew Lisanti, Susanne Hallas, Walter Schleher, Caitlyn S., Arlene Chaty, Teddi Millerline, Mary Merritt, Ken Cunningham, Michael Fitzgerald, and all the sick of the parish.

*Please Pray for Our Deceased*



*Jack E. Jobes  
Rosemary F. Walsh*



**They gave their lives in service—now they need your help.** For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement

without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



#### 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

First Saturday of each month—Holy Assumption—2:30 pm

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

### OFFERING

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2025/Weekly	\$ 15,553
Campaign for Human Development	850
Misc. Other Contributions	<u>2,440</u>
	\$ 18,843

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.

PLEASE NOTE: THE NOVEMBER 30, 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS WERE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THIS BULLETIN WAS SUBMITTED FOR PRODUCTION. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SUBSEQUENT BULLETIN.

### Upcoming Donation Designations

- Dec 7 Weekly**  
**Building Maintenance:** Keeping our places of worship warm, dry and comfortable.  
**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.
- Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Holy Day honoring the pure and sinless conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary without Original Sin.
- Dec 14 Weekly**  
**Dec 21 Weekly**  
**St. Vincent DePaul:** Helps the poor and needy in our local communities.
- Dec 25 Christmas**

#### CONSIDER ON-LINE GIVING

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

### Chapel of Saints

Open Daily 7:00am-7:00pm for Personal Prayer  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Wednesday—1:00pm to 7:00pm**



#### HOLY HOUR

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

### 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress

Thank you to all who donated to our Catholic Appeal 2025. Because of your generosity, we have met our goals allowing us to receive the maximum benefit back to the parish.





**MMOTCP FOOD PANTRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**FOOD DRIVE**

**DECEMBER 1ST - 19TH**

**ITEMS NEEDED**  
**HAMS**  
**WALMART GIFT CARDS**

**HELP US SPREAD JOY**  
**THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
 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.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
**Christmas**  
**PARTY**

**DECEMBER**

**TUESDAY | 9 | AT 6 PM**

**CASA GANGONE (ROCCO'S)**  
 RSVP TO JOANNE BOLDIZAR 609.206.1410  
 OR JBOLDI9@GMAIL.COM

**\$40 PER PERSON (PAYABLE THAT EVENING)**

All Mary Mother of the Church Altar & Rosary Society members are invited to join us for a family style dinner & dessert to celebrate the season~



### Christmas Flower Donation Deadline

Please note that the deadline for submitting names for the Christmas Flower Memorial Board is **December 7th**.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession

#### Special Christmas Schedule

**Tuesday, December 16, from 7-8pm**  
**St. Mary Church, Bordentown**

**Thursday, December 18, from 7-8pm**  
**Holy Assumption Church, Roebling**



**YOUTH GROUP MEETING**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:30 PM**  
**ST. MARY SCHOOL**  
**ALL TEENS (AGES 13-18) WELCOME**  
**BRING A FRIEND!**



Fellowship



Faith

COMMUNITY



Fun



Food

Email: [youthgroup@mmotcp.org](mailto:youthgroup@mmotcp.org)







## PARISH 2025 ADVENT "GIVING TREE"

Our Parish Advent "Giving Tree" will once again be put up to help organizations in need. In addition to the trees with the different tags according to organization, we will again be using **SignUp Genius** for half of the requested items in need. (You will need to add your name under the item to note that item has been chosen.) The link for **SignUp Genius** will be found on our Parish website home page and Facebook as of **November 22, 2025** and will stay up until all items have been selected.

In the event you are unable to access the link to **SignUp Genius** or pick a tag from the trees, but still find it deep in your heart to donate, we ask that you donate what you can to any of the organizations we sponsor.

Return your generous gifts under either "Giving Tree" in Holy Assumption or St. Mary by **December 14<sup>th</sup>** in time for their holiday deliveries. Your generosity will have a real and lasting impact on so many of God's less fortunate children and families. As always, we would be happy to help you with questions by contacting [mzola@mmotcp.org](mailto:mzola@mmotcp.org).

### Corona Self-Help Centre Inc. **BLUE ANGELS**

Supports recovery options for drug addicts.

### 1st Way of Burlington County and Good Counsel Homes **PINK ANGELS**

Supports disadvantaged mothers for the needs of their new-born babies.

### MMOTCP Food Pantry **BLUE MITTENS**

Provides food for those less fortunate.  
These items are staples of what they need.

### Martin House **GREEN TREES**

Provides gifts for 8 families that we sponsor.

### Mount Carmel Guild **YELLOW CROSSES**

Provides "a helping hand" to impoverished individuals by helping stock their shelves.

### St. Vincent de Paul **PURPLE MITTENS**

Provides "a helping hand" to those families financially in need within our Parish.

### Tabor House **WHITE TREES**

A residential recovery house for men where the dignity to addiction is restored.

[2025 Advent Giving Tree SignUp](#)

Mary Mother of the Church Parish  
Music Ministry  
presents

## The Wonder & Music of Christmas

A FESTIVE CONCERT DEDICATED TO THE  
GREATEST EVENT - THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

**DECEMBER 21, 2025 AT 6 PM**

St. Mary Church  
45 Crosswicks St.  
Bordentown, NJ



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

ALL ARE WELCOME

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2025

### CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Mary Church  
4:00 pm (Children's Mass) & 8:00 pm

Holy Assumption Church  
6:00 pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Mary Church  
8:00 am & 11:30 am

Holy Assumption Church  
9:30 am

The Intentions for all Masses on  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are  
the names listed on the Christmas  
Flower Remembrance Boards.



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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 7.....**Sunday RE Classes and Mass 8:45-10:45am

**December 9.....**Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm

**December 14.....**Sunday RE Classes and Mass 8:45-10:45am

**December 16.....**Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm

**December 21.....**Sunday RE Classes and Mass 8:45-10:45am

**December 24.....**Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm – RE students act out the Gospel reading

#### ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting in the darkness. Try to be patient with the waiting times in your life, as Mary and Joseph waited for the birth of Jesus. As your family prepares for Christmas, keep Jesus in your mind and heart, as they did.

#### POINSETTIA

The flower of this month is the poinsettia, with its Christmas colors red and green. Red and green have special meaning. Green is a symbol of eternal life (as evergreens do not shed their leaves but stay green all winter) and red is the sign of Jesus' humanity, for, while truly God, he shares our flesh and blood forever.

#### BABY JESUS MASS – DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00PM St. Mary Church

Our Parish will once again be performing during the Christmas Eve Gospel with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade RE children. Flyers have been sent home asking for participants. There are no speaking parts and costumes will be provided.

#### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Advent is a time to prepare for the Birth of Jesus. Advent opens the Church's liturgical calendar. The First Sunday of Advent sets the cycle in motion, beginning a new year. Pope Benedict XVI writes, "The first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new Liturgical Year, a new journey of faith that on the one hand commemorates the event of Jesus Christ and, on the other, opens to its ultimate fulfillment." Every confession is a fresh beginning, a new start. As the prophet Isaiah puts it, "Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow." In confession Christ wipes away our sins, opening the door to new life with him. Students and families are to find time to attend.

#### EMERGENCY CLOSING

In the event of inclement weather, a message will be sent through Flock Notes and posted on our Parish Facebook page. Emails will be sent but are not guaranteed.

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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](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)



## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Card

Ever stumped at times, trying to find a gift for someone you love or care deeply for at Christmas? Consider giving them a gift of charity... Our Christmas Giving card would not only acknowledge your love for the recipient but also your recognition of their spirit of generosity and love of neighbor.

**Cards will be available at all entrances to our churches as well as at the parish office.**



(Inside)

*May the Prince of Peace and His Holy Mother keep you in their care this Christmas and throughout the New Year.*

*A Christmas donation has been sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Bordentown, NJ, in recognition of your spirit of generosity, kindness and love of neighbor. The gift will provide food, shelter and support to families in need.*



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. Your monetary gift and/or your gift to the parish Giving Tree for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

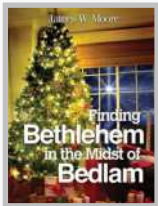
**If you or anyone you know in our local communities needs assistance, call our Confidential Helpline at 609-298-1414.**

## Christmas Elves

Each year mid-December, our St. Vincent de Paul members voluntarily purchase a variety of small gift bag items to deliver to the 15 senior residents living in Roebling Village Apts. Please don't tell anyone but - two of our "elves" will once again be heading out next week! Below are a few photos of last years bounty delivered by Angie and Marie.



## Second Week of Advent Christ Came to Set Us Free



For the Christian, selfishness doesn't work. It doesn't fill the emptiness within. For the Christian, hatred doesn't work. Hate turns on us and comes back to haunt us. When you are a Christian, concern and love for others is your responsibility. Christ came into the world to show us how concerned God is, how much God cares, how deeply God loves; and he sends us out into the world so that we may love and care for people in the same self-giving way. Christ came to break the locks on the prisons of selfishness, hate, and unconcern. He came to set us free, but we have to decide to walk out the door.

### Focus for the Second Week of Advent

We find Bethlehem when we discover and claim the freedom given to us through Jesus Christ. This week, consider how you can "step out the door" in service to God and others. Think about ways this step might enrich your life and help you grow in faith.

### Advent Prayer

*God of life and hope, we thank you for the gift of freedom in Jesus Christ. Help us to claim it every day so that others may find Bethlehem and realize they are also free from the prisons of their lives.  
In Christ we pray. Amen*

*Excerpt from "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" by James W. Moore*

## Pancake Breakfast with Santa

**Sunday, December 7, 2025  
9 am to 12 pm**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**



**Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage  
includes Coffee, Tea, and Juice**

**Location:**

**St. Mary School Hall  
45 Crosswicks Street  
Bordentown, NJ 08505**

### Tickets at the Door

**\$15 - Adults and Teens  
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**Wednesday, December 10 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

**IN-PERSON ONLY—THE CHRISTMAS STORY– THE CHOSEN**

**Wednesday, December 17 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

It is so familiar, ever ancient, ever new! We will view the Christmas episode, share its message, spend some time in prayer and enjoy a fabulous lunch. What a great Advent morning as we grow in appreciation of the gift of Christ's coming into our lives. Donation: \$25, lunch included

**THE END OF THE YEAR RETREAT**

**Wednesday, December 31 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

Since God gives us life and time and is Lord over all, it seems appropriate to end the year in prayer. Francis House offers time, space and quiet for naming the graces of 2025 and expressing gratitude to God. The day will focus on our goals, hopes and desires for 2026. We reverently say farewell to 2025 and cordially welcome 2026 as a gift from God. Please bring your lunch. Donation: Love Offering

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Our parish's very own Cantor and Music Coordinator, Tina Fernandes, has released a sacred music album with voice and piano titled: "Faith with God's Grace". The \$20 CD will be available for purchase in the Parish Office during business hours.



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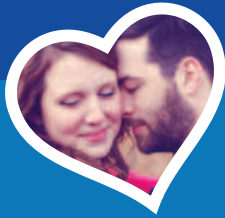
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