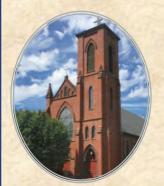
## Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

ST. MARY 45 Crosswicks Street Bordentown, N.J. 08505 REV. MARTIN O'REILLY, Pastor REV. CESAR R. ANSON, Parochial Vicar REV. JOHN GARRETT, Weekend Assistant HOLY ASSUMPTION 1290 Hornberger Avenue Roebling, N.J. 08554



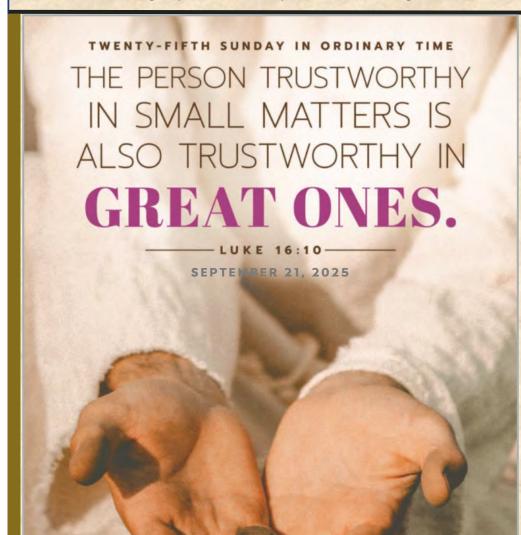
Deacon Gary T. Richardson

Parish Office: 609-298-0261 Fax: 609-298-7178 Email: info@mmotcp.org

Retired Deacons

Lawrence W. Finn Thomas F. Shea

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



Readings for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13

Monday Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/ Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31



#### 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–Roebling
St. Mary–Bordentown
Holy Days: See Mass Schedule in Bulletin for Mass Times

9:30 AM (Tues., Wed., & Fri.)
12:30 PM (Mon.-Fri.)

**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. 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 HOURS**

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm Friday, 9:00am-12:00 noon

#### **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

#### **Annulment Ministry**

Deacon Tom Shea - annulment@mmotcp.org

#### **Bereavement Ministry**

Joseph Whitty - 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

#### **Food Pantry**

Sue Oros (HA) Mike Novalis (SM) foodpantry@mmotcp.org

#### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

Sean Alphonse - salphonse@mmotcp.org

#### **Music Ministry**

Jesús Alfonso Gonzalez & Tina Fernandes, Coordinators musicdept@mmotcp.org

#### OCIA

Nick Chilelli - OCIA@mmotcp.org

#### **TEEN OCIA**

Pat Baylog - pbaylog@mmotcp.org

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Margaret Rizzo-609-298-1414

#### **Welcome Ministry**

Anne Egan - welcometoourparish@mmotcp.org

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.



St. Mary — Ramp Access (Off Crosswicks Street)

> Holy Assumption Elevator Access (Main Parking Lot)

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#### ST. MARY

#### Monday, Sep 22—12:30pm

Lilia Gaano rb/Alex Ramos & Susan Cadiz Rodney Bempus rb/Edie

#### Tuesday, Sep 23—12:30pm

Arthur Dyer rb/Kathy & John Ross Steve & Connie McDonough (Mass for the Living—70th Anniversary) rb/The Klimek & DeLaurentis Families

#### Wednesday, Sep 24—12:30pm

Alberto Galli rb/Ferd Loretangeli Veronica Hustak rb/Brother George

#### Thursday, Sep 25—12:30pm

Juliana Tempestra (Mass for the Living) rb/Anita Hoeh Ronald Dupp rb/Huang Family

#### Friday, Sep 26—12:30pm

Sharon Carson (Mass for the Living) rb/Anita Hoeh Robert Cermak rb/John & Susan Pushman

#### Saturday, Sep 27

#### 5:30 pm Celebrant: Fr. Martin

Timothy R. Filor rb/Anthony Tunney & Family Lina Pajarillo rb/Edmund Pajarillo Barbara Giurdanella rb/Husband & Son

#### Sunday, Sep 28

#### 10:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Anson

Betty Patrick (A) rb/The Ryan Family Stephen Shoesmith rb/His Wife Nguy Thi Ho rb/The Quynh Pham Family

#### 11:30 am Celebrant: Fr. Garrett

Alexander Heyesey rb/Mark, Angela, Natalie & Charlotte Janiszewski

Special Intention of George Hustak (Mass for the Living)

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#### **HOLY ASSUMPTION**

#### Tuesday, Sep 23—9:30am

Mary Paglione rb/Lorraine & Albert Jacoby, Sr. Betty Wargo rb/Jim & Joanne Boldizar

#### Wednesday, Sep 24—9:30am

Koren Whitenhouse rb/Dave & Deborah Lukach Betty Wargo rb/Joe & Donna Frappolli

#### Friday, Sep 26—9:30am

Constance Carey rb/David & JoAnn Foulks Betty Wargo rb/Barb & Dave Boldizar

#### Saturday, Sep 27

#### 4:00 pm Celebrant: Fr. Anson

JoAnn Berry rb/Husband Francis Berry Msgr. Dubell (Mass for the Living) rb/Betty Wargo

#### Sunday, Sep 28

#### 8:00 am Celebrant: Fr. Martin

Javier Colon (Mass for the Living) rb/The Garcia Family Ashley & Zunny Castillo (Mass for the Living) rb/Mom & Dad

#### 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.

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



#### HOLY HOUR

ST. MARY CHURCH—WEDNESDAYS—7:00PM
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MIRACULOUS MEDAL, BENEDICTION



Pope's Prayer Intentions for September 2025 - For Our Relationship with All of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Dear Friends in Christ.

This weekend we welcome back all our Religious Education students, teachers, classroom assistants, and hall monitors. A special welcome to our 1<sup>st</sup> Graders and those joining us for the first time, may they be students or staff. We hope you had a wonderful summer and ready for an exciting year ahead. May your heart be open to the great and wonderful gift that is the Holy Spirit.



#### **Mass for Life**

This coming Thursday, September 25, the Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey will gather at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, to celebrate Mass calling us to respect life from conception to natural death. I know for many people when we hear of a Mass for Life, we think it just refers to the pre-born, but the Mass for Life is that and more. It is about recognizing the dignity of all human life, from the child in the womb to those suffering from uncurable illnesses and everyone in between. Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen how some view life as disposable, from the school shootings at Annunciation Catholic Church, Minneapolis, and Evergreen High School, Colorado, to the cruel and intentional shooting of Charlie Kirk. This Mass for Life is an opportunity for all of us to stop and reflect on the value of all human life and a recognition of how vulnerable human life is. So, if you have the opportunity on Thursday, September 25 @ 9:30am please join us as we celebrate the importance and dignity of all human life.

#### The Prayer for Reverence for Life

Almighty God, giver of all that is good,
we thank you for the precious gift of human life:
For life in the womb, coming from your creative power,
For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise,
For the life of young people, hoping for a better world,
For the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that every life has value,
For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.
Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "Yes" to your gift.
May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end.
And bring us at last, O Father,
to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen
(Archdiocese of Vancouver)

Thoughts and prayers for the week ahead.

## Fr. Martin

#### Meetings & Events of the Week Sep 22 7:30pm K of C—Parish Office, Upstairs Sep 24 1:30pm Bereavement Support Group—SM School, Green Rm. 6:00pm Bereavement Support Group—SM School, Green Rm. Sep 25 6:00pm Choir Practice—SM Church 7:00pm New Parishioner Meet & Greet—Parish Office, Upstairs Sep 27 9:30am Music Ministry—Parish Office, Upstairs





## Inspiration for the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

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#### For the Sick...

Nichole Lynn Cochran, Michael Edward Gernhardt, 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, Rebekah Henderson, Margie Wagerik, David Bemiss, Carlos Jayme, Walt S., Jillian Ruffini, Anne Darrow, and all the sick of the parish.



#### **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 Church - 2:30 pm



September 14, 2025

Weekly \$ 17,654 Catholic University Misc. Other Contributions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.

### **Upcoming Donation Designations**

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 5 Weekly

Building Maintenance: Keeping our places of worship warm, dry and comfortable.

Oct 12 Weekly

Oct 19 Weekly

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

Oct 26 Weekly

Mission Sunday: This collection provides assistance to over 1,000 mission parishes throughout the world.

#### 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, 11 additional new donors are still needed to receive the maximum benefit back to the parish from the Diocese. We greatly appreciate your continued generosity.

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



#### REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties

or crises. The next program begins the weekend of October 3 - 5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or send an email to retrodely allev@amail.com. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



#### MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH FOOD PANTRY



Our Holy Assumption site is closed for repairs. All HA patrons are encourgaged 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.)





In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you donate your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering. A recent example of sharing God's love was the help our society was able to offer to a family of 5 who had been homeless and living in motels the past three years. After waiting for affordable housing this entire time they finally acquired a permanent residence due to the cooperation between our own SVDP Society and that of the SVDP Society in the town where they were moving. It was not only the monetary help they received towards the rent but also the support, advice and prayers that has enabled them to begin a new life in a new home. Their sincere gratitude is passed along to all who offer support in any fashion to our mission.

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

#### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar and Rosary Society is a community of faith-filled women dedicated to deepening the devotion to the Blessed Mother and serving our Parish with love. Through the prayer of the Rosary, we honor Mary and ask her intercession for our families, our parish, and the world.

Our members work together to support the spiritual and social life of the parish, caring for the altar and engaging in acts of service that reflect our Catholic faith in action. The Altar and Rosary Society is also a place of fellowship and friendship, where women grow together in prayer, service and devotion.

If you feel called to strengthen your faith, serve our parish family, and walk more closely with the Blessed Mother, we warmly welcome you to join us.

We gather together on the first Tuesday of the month reciting the rosary before each meeting. We have guest speakers on occasion but we always have information to share, wonderful fellowship and of course, refreshments.

We also work closely with the Knights of Columbus and the Dignity of Life Committee.

The Altar and Rosary Society is kicking off September with their membership drive. Please take an envelope (located in the entryway of each church site), fill out the information form, place your \$10.00 dues in the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection basket. We have increased our dues this year from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 7th, which also happens to be the Feast of the Holy Rosary. It will be held in the Divine Mercy room at Holy Assumption Church. Rosary is at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting and refreshments.

We always welcome new members and encourage you to join this very special ministry. For more information please contact me at dmfrappolli@yahoo.com or call (609) 221-1957





St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser

Questions: Contact Micki Klinge 629-230-2167











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

September 21.......First Sunday RE Classes 8:45-10:15am
September 23......First Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm
September 28......Sunday RE Classes 8:45-10:15am
September 30......Tuesday RE Classes 6:00pm, Mass for families 6:30pm
October 5.....Sunday RE Classes 8:45-10:15am
October 6.....First Monday Monthly RE Classes 6:00-7:30pm
October 7.....Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm
October 14.....Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm
October 19.....Sunday RE Classes 8:45-10:15am
October 21.....Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm
October 26.....Sunday RE Classes 8:45-10:15am
October 28.....Tuesday RE Classes 6:00-7:15pm

### A PRAYER TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we welcome back all involved in our Religious Education Program, let us offer God's praise and thanksgiving.

Loving Father, today we lift up our Catechists, Aides, and Hall Monitors in prayer. We thank You for the gift of their "yes" to serve in Your Church and to walk with our children and teens on their journey of faith. Bless them with wisdom, that they may continue to grow in understanding and in sharing Your Word with joy. Fill their hearts with love, so that their teaching may inspire others to love You more deeply. Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon them: to guide them in knowing what matters most; to deepen their knowledge of our faith; to enlighten their understanding of its meaning; to strengthen their judgment in living out the Gospel; to give them courage when ministry is difficult; to keep within them a spirit of reverence for all that is sacred; and to set them on fire with a zeal that leads others to encounter Jesus in a life-changing way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION

On this Sunday, the readings challenge us to examine how we use our resources—not just for ourselves, but for God's kingdom. Amos condemns those who exploit the poor, reminding us that greed blinds us to human dignity. In the Gospel, Jesus shares the Parable of the Dishonest Steward—not to glorify deceit, but to highlight the steward's shrewdness in using worldly means wisely. As disciples, we're invited to imitate that spiritual savvy—investing our gifts generously in the service of others, recognizing that our true treasure lies in loving action, not earthly gain.

"Jesus tells us to use what we have wisely. How can our family use our time, talents, and money in ways that show love for God and care for others, instead of just thinking about ourselves?"



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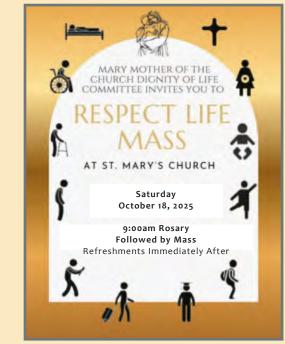
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**Promise to Protect:** To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children, call your local law enforcement agency or Child Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: <a href="mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org">abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org</a>

#### Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Teen Youth Group Meeting

Our parish youth group invites all teens to join us on October 5th at 6:30pm in St. Mary's School. Come be part of an evening filled with fellowship, faith, and fun activities as we grow together in Christ. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, strengthen your relationship with God, and get involved in our parish community. The Youth Group is open to all those in Grades 8 though 12. All are welcome, and don't forget to bring a friend!





## Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Bereavement Ministry Program

#### **FALL 2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**



9/24 Session 2: Bumps Along the Way: The Emotional Journey
10/1 Session 3: Is This the Right Road: Adjusting the Journey
10/8 Session 4: The Search for Meaning: The Spiritual Journey

10/15 Session 5: The Search for Connectedness: The Continuing Journey

10/22 Session 6: The Search for Reconciliation: Does the Journey End?

10/29 Session 7: Fellowship

Sessions are Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-3:30pm and and evenings from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Mary School, 45 Crosswicks St., Bordentown, NJ 08505. All course materials are provided. 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



Another glass of wine, just one more episode on Netflix, a little more scrolling on Instagram women are numbing out at everincreasing rates. What is it about

our lives that makes us feel so overwhelmed? What might change if we figured out how to build lives that we like?

Walking with Purpose (WWP) may be the answer you are looking for but didn't realize it. It is a unique Bible Study Program for women of all ages. At the heart of the program, we seek to elevate our knowledge of God and to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

WWP is more than a women's Bible study. It is a faith community that supports, encourages, and challenges one another. It is a safe place where you will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions as your heart is transformed by the Word of God. It is everything you need to get back to living a life that you love.

This season, we will be studying the book entitled "Grounded in Hope". This study is based on the book of Hebrews, and will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline.

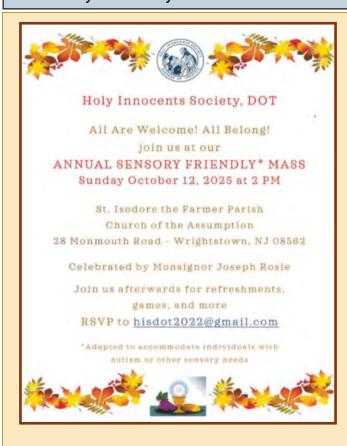
The following are the dates, times, and locations for the Bible Study Program: (The cost for the book is \$20.)

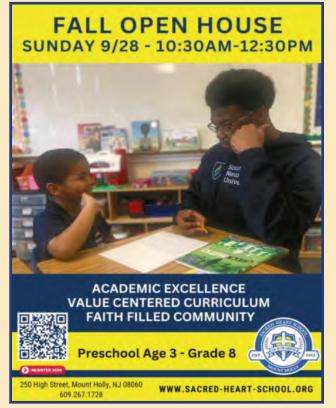
Sundays (starting September 28<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30am St. Mary's Parish Center, Upper Meeting Room 45 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ

Tuesdays (starting September 30<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30pm Holy Assumption Church, Lower Level 1290 Hornberger Avenue, Roebling, NJ

Registration forms can be found at the church entrances at both St. Mary's Church and Holy Assumption Church. You may also register at the time of the first session.

Welcome back to community!





- Please pray with the Dignity of Life Ministry during the 40 days for life.
- The Fall Campaign is September 24th thru November 2,2025.

Heavenly Father,

You are the author of life, the Giver of all that is good. We come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your protection for the unborn, Your defense for the vulnerable, and Your guidance as we renew our commitment to the sanctity of life.

Lord, watch over the little ones who have yet to take their first breath. Shelter them in the safety of their mother's womb, and let no harm come to them. Soften the hearts of those who see life as a choice rather than a sacred gift. Open their eyes to the beauty and dignity of every human being, created in Your image.

Defend the vulnerable, O God - children, the elderly, the sick and the forgotten. Be their refuge and their strength. Inspire leaders, doctors, parents, and all who hold power over life and death to choose mercy, to act with justice, and to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Renew in us, Lord, a deep and unwavering commitment to life. Let us be voices for the voiceless, hands that serve the helpless, and hearts that love without condition. Fill us with courage to stand for truth, even when it is difficult, and to be bearers of Your light in a world that so desperately needs Your love.

We place our trust in You, knowing that You are the God of life, and in You, all things are made new

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



Quoting Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican on May 30th ...

"Our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of men and women who embody a different and nonviolent way of living".

## Open House, Villa Victoria Academy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025 5-7 PM



Visit during our Fall Open House and meet some of our Villa girls, parents, alumnae and teachers. Register on our website and a time for your family to visit will be assigned to you. Walk-in families are also welcome. Contact Mrs. White at <a href="mailto:cwhite@villavictoria.org">cwhite@villavictoria.org</a> for more information or to register. Registration is available at

https://villavictoria.org/admissions/open-house/.

Villa Victoria Academy, 376 W. Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628 - An all-girls, private, Catholic school serving girls in grades 6-12.





#### SAVE the DATE

Join us for an evening of Eucharist Adoration

#### ADORATION for VOCATIONS

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:00 -8:00 PM St Mary Church, Bordentown

#### Guest Speaker

Father Christopher J. Colavito Director of Vocations—Diocese of Trenton Live Stream Link: www.mmotcp.org

> National Vocation Awareness Week November 2-8

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish St. Mary - Holy Assumption 45 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ





SCAM ALERT: Scammers are targeting parishioners once again, asking them to buy gift cards, scratch off the numbers, and send them. Please do not respond to these requests—they are fraudulent. If you're unsure about any message, contact the Parish Office directly. You would never be asked to send gift cards or money through an email or text at any time!

#### **ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES**

#### **Altar Rosary Society**

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#### **Holy Name Society**

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

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Ron Scully - grandknight@koc570.org 609-760-6637

#### **Legion of Mary**

Kathleen Fetch - lom@mmotcp.org

#### **Secular Franciscan Order**

Maria Schultes - FranciscanorderHA@mmotcp.org

#### **Word of Life Prayer Group**

Ginny Olsen-609-947-3336





Providing Each Family With Personal, Compassionate Care

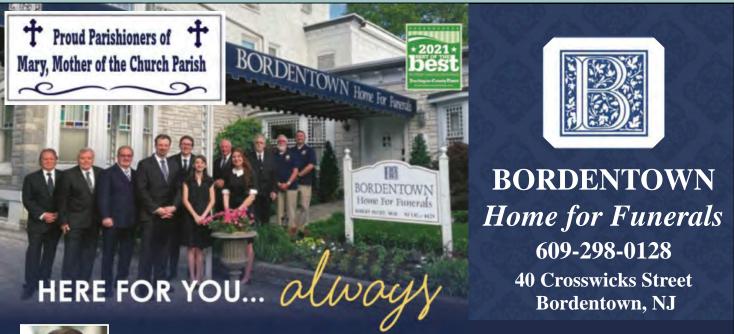
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