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insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence  
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution

*Article I*

*Section 1* All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

*Section 2* The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

*Section 3* No Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, be seven Years of Age, and seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who, when elected, shall be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

*Section 4* The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

*Section 5* The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and in every subsequent Year as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand Persons, but each State shall have at least one Representative, and until such Enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be taken as the standard by which the Representatives of the other States shall be adjusted, unless otherwise provided in the Act for the Enumeration of the first Congress.

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## ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 –

1 Kgs. 19: 16b, 19-21; Gal. 5: 1, 13-18; Lk. 9: 51-62

5:00 PM Catherine Scarpa  
req. by the Extraordinary Ministers of 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 –

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs. 19: 16b, 19-21; Gal. 5: 1, 13-18; Lk. 9: 51-62

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased  
9:30 AM Elmer Greey / req. by the Church of St. Mary  
12:00 PM Catherine Scarpa / req. by St. Mary's Choir

MONDAY, JULY 1 – ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST

Gn. 18: 16-33; Mt. 8: 18-22

8:00 AM Patrick Corrigan  
req. by K of C Queen of Peace Council 3679

TUESDAY, JULY 2 – WEEKDAY

Gn. 19: 15-29; Mt. 8: 23-27

8:00 AM Anthony DeDio / req. by Joe & Esther DeRosa

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 – ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

Eph. 2: 19-22; Jn. 20: 24-29

8:00 AM Intentions of Florence Mertz

THURSDAY, JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

Gn. 22: 1b-19; Mt. 9: 1-8

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, JULY 5 – ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST;  
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Gn. 23: 1-4, 19, 24: 1-8, 62-67; Mt. 9: 9-13

8:00 AM Nella Bogacyzk

SATURDAY, JULY 6 – ST. MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN

Gn. 27: 1-5, 15-29; Mt. 9: 14-17;

8:00 AM Helen King / req. by John & Midas Hernandez  
5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, JULY 7 –

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 66: 10-14c; Gal. 6: 14-18; Lk. 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10: 1-9

8:30 AM Catherine Scarpa  
req. by John and Midas Hernandez  
11:00 AM Jean Gardeski / req. by Josephine Petcoff



### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Bread** – In memory of Marie Bass Cassesa,  
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cappelluti.

**Altar Wine** – In memory of Marie Bass Cassesa,  
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cappelluti.

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** – Special intentions.  
**Sanctuary Candle** – Special Intention.

### ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Weekly offerings of:** Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2019.

### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Hard to believe that this week we will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. As we celebrate the 243<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of our great country, please remember to do so with a spirit of joy and thanksgiving for our land. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is always celebrated with fireworks, barbeques, and relaxation, let us also remember to give thanks to God for our great land. In spite of the many problems our nation faces, we are still very blessed to live in a land such as ours. May God continue to bless the USA.

Please note that our summer Sunday Mass schedule will begin next weekend and continue up to and including Labor Day weekend. Sunday morning masses will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. The Saturday evening mass remains at 5:00 PM.

As we enter into these summer months, please make time to rest, relax, and pray. Enjoy these warm days of summer and please remember to participate at mass, even when traveling. Mass times at any local churches can be easily available. May God bless you all.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

### Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad,  
Christian Brueck, Fran Caldwell, Derly Cuervo,  
Lee Ann Davito, Lisa Deegan, Desiderio Fernandes,  
Frank Forte, Ed Koch, Juan Heron,  
Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Joseph Miele,  
Carol Munkins, David O'Hanlon,  
John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joan Pinto,  
Richard Pinto, Samantha

### Free Ministry To Traveling Catholics

To find nationwide Mass times and locations while traveling or on vacation there is a free ministry. Visit [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or call 1-858-207-6277 enter the zip code desired location and receive a computer-generated response that gives Church locations and Mass times.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **July 6<sup>th</sup>** and **7<sup>th</sup>** the second collection is for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

### Why the ASSESSMENT COLLECTION?

Each parish of the Archdiocese of Newark (RCAN), to which St. Mary's belongs, is assessed a percentage of regular donations and rental income. Donations to St. Mary, such as the Sunday collection, are assessed at 14%. RCAN uses these assessed funds to operate the chancery and help subsidize charitable works. The ASSESSMENT COLLECTION helps St. Mary's cover some of the monies due to RCAN. Thank you again for supporting St. Mary's and helping RCAN provide assistance beyond our doors.

### Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

### IMPORTANT – Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning next Sunday, **July 7<sup>th</sup>** through Sunday, **September 1<sup>st</sup>** our Sunday Mass schedule will be 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday with the 5:00 PM Saturday (anticipated Sunday Mass).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are in the process of taking registration for the 2019-2020 school year. As a reminder, children wishing to receive First Holy Communion in the second grade in the Spring of 2021 would need to register for first grade this year. There is a two-year requirement to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. If you are new to the program or did not receive a registration form via email, please either email Maria Matos at [reled@stmarycloster.org](mailto:reled@stmarycloster.org) or call the office at 201-767-8247. We offer a Kindergarten class for children entering school in September.

#### Kindergarten And First Grade Registration Now Being Accepted

Register now to be sure of a spot in our classes. Grade one is required to receive First Holy Communion in second grade, the most typical age for children to receive the sacrament. However, we will prepare children at any age to receive their sacraments. If your child has not received age appropriate sacraments, including Baptism and Confirmation contact the Religious Education Office and ask for Gail.

#### Confirmation Preparation:

Students entering seventh and eighth grades are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are in St. Mary's Religious Education Program already, please, return your registration as soon as possible.

**Catholic school students** are required by the diocese to return to their home parish to be prepared for the sacrament. If you are eligible to receive the sacrament, please, contact us immediately at 201-767-8247 or by emailing us at [reled@stmarycloster.org](mailto:reled@stmarycloster.org) so we can reserve a place for you in our classes.

### Confirmation and First Holy Communion

If you have a child entering grade 2 or grade 8 in September, he/she will be entering a sacramental preparation year in the fall as well. In order to help families prepare for and complete the demands of their child's preparation, we are continuing to meet with families in the next few weeks.

**Confirmation:** Teenage candidate and at least one parent are meeting in a short interview to discuss the requirements and any questions they may have about the process. It is important to start now, so as to be prepared for the coming year. Call the Religious Education office to schedule your appointment 201-767-8247.

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:** We already had one parent meeting to distribute information and discuss next year's schedule. If you missed that meeting, watch your email for a scheduled makeup meeting. You may call or email the Religious Education Office to ensure your compliance with this requirement.

### Summer Break

Choir, LWC, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Deepening the Journey and Evening Scripture Study are on summer break. They will resume in the fall. Watch the bulletin for further information.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

#### July 1 – Monday:

Scrip Orders being placed

#### July 3 – Wednesday:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Church  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room

#### July 4 – Thursday:

All Parish Offices Closed

#### July 5 – Friday:

All Parish Offices Closed

#### July 6 – Saturday:

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

### Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. Scrip cards which are prepaid cards that are used like cash. The Church of St. Mary receives a certain percentage of each card purchased (2% to 15% or more depending on the card) and doesn't cost you anything extra. Please have your orders to us no later than 10:00 AM Monday. Info can be found on our website and in the vestibules.

### Ministries Contact information:

**Liturgical Ministries** – (Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, Choir)  
– Louis Scarpa –  
[ministry@stmarycloster.org](mailto:ministry@stmarycloster.org) or 201-768-7565

**LWC** – call the rectory

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Cathy Thornhill – 201-768-0722

**Deepening the Journey** – Connie McTigue – [mcelvis224@aol.com](mailto:mcelvis224@aol.com)

**Men's Cornerstone** – Dave Reeves – [reeves\\_costas@msn.com](mailto:reeves_costas@msn.com) or 551-206-5284

**Women's Cornerstone** – call the rectory

**Morning Scripture Study** – Dave Reeves – [reeves\\_costas@msn.com](mailto:reeves_costas@msn.com) or 551-206-5284

**Evening Scripture Study** – call the rectory

**Knights of Columbus** – John Hernandez – 201-768-8871 or [jah21344@aol.com](mailto:jah21344@aol.com)

**Important Letter from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**

There is an important letter from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., with an important message regarding last week's Spring General Assembly of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and three new measures to address bishop accountability of sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable persons, sexual misconduct, or the intentional mishandling of such cases. The measures expand upon Pope Francis' Motu Proprio and the U. S. Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Cardinal Tobin's letter and accompanying video message is available on our website stmarycloster.org along with links to the three new USCCB documents, a link to the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, Vos Estis lux Mundi (You are the Light of the World), and other USCCB resources.

**Music Lives at St. Mary's: Thank you, Choir!**

In thinking about the role of the choir in the Mass, I am reminded of the importance that the Church places upon the role of the choir in liturgy.

A well-trained choir adds beauty and solemnity to the liturgy, assists and encourages singing of the congregation. At times the choir, within the congregation and as part of it, will assume the role of leadership. At other times, the choir alone will sing sacred music. At these times, the congregation prays by listening, being fed by the music offered. An important musical role of the choir is to sing various Mass parts in dialogue or alternation with the congregation.

Even if I had never read these words, I know that the Choir of Saint Mary adds a transformative, prayerful and spiritual presence to the Mass.

The choir sang at close to 30 Masses this past season along with many rehearsals. They sang the liturgies of Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and First Eucharist and Confirmation. The choir also sang at the funeral masses of our departed member Jim Walsh and parishioner Dolores Collier.

Choir members give of their time and talent in service to God and the parish. They see singing in choir as a spiritual exercise and a way to experiencing community and friendship. They are good stewards!

Just like any team, they also like to take a break from practice. The group likes to party and they are good at it – many laughs, good company and they are great bakers and cooks!! We had our annual Lasagna Luau and year-end lunch at La Mesa in Bergenfield. Many members hang out together at the St. Mary's Oktoberfest, Closter Fall Wine Tasting, St. Patrick's party and the ministry Mardi Gras.

They recently wrapped-up the season by singing Benediction and Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi. They are off for the summer for a well-deserved break. Please join me in thanking them for their generosity and dedication to you and to Saint Mary's. And please consider joining with the group at some point next season. They are a welcoming bunch.

Gratefully, Mr. Louis Scarpa

**Why Register at St. Mary's?**

*First, because we need each other on this journey of life and faith!*

Every Catholic should be registered in a parish. Beside the active support and involvement that the registration enables, parish registration is also a mandatory condition for many sacraments including Baptism and Matrimony and being a sponsor or godparent. It is therefore important to register at St. Mary's as soon as you start worshipping with us regularly.

- You may receive verification letters to sponsor individuals for sacraments, receive sacraments yourself or your child (i.e. marriage, baptism).
- You will receive end of the year tax contribution statements.
- You will be personally invited to gatherings to meet the staff and other parishioners.
- The parish will know the demographics and respond to needs. Further, the Archdiocese will know that our parish has a healthy base of registered, supportive parishioners.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM!](#)

**Remember St. Mary's While You are Away**

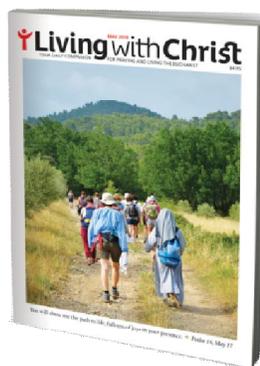
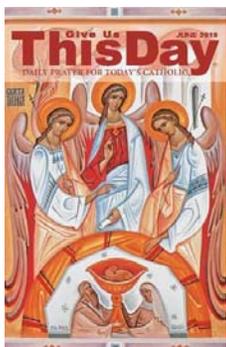
The bills still come in despite the "Gone Fishing" sign on the mailbox! St. Mary's summer collections take a significant dip and often those collections are not "made up", leaving your parish in the red. Please consider direct deposit from your bank or use our e giving platform, Parishgiving. Visit the parish website to sign-up for Parishgiving or reach out to your bank today! Will you please take 5 minutes and do this today? God bless you for your care of St. Mary's.

**Give Us This Day and Living with Christ booklets are available to order**

These booklets strengthen daily prayer

Each month, *Living with Christ* gives you everything you need to prepare for Mass, to participate in Mass, and to reflect on the experience.

*Give Us This Day* supports your desire to pray. Whether you have only a few minutes or a half hour.



Anyone needing information please call the rectory.

### **Catching Fire – Becoming Flame**

Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with God? In this 6 six-session video presentation, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM gives you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life – and then shows you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze. His teaching glows with time-tested wisdom as an experienced spiritual director sharing the secrets of the saints. Feel cold? Or maybe just smoldering? With supplemental reading suggestions and reflection questions, this eminently practical video functions like a personal, spiritual retreat.

**Dates & Times:** Monday Evenings: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. **Location:** Immaculate Conception Church, Church Hall 211 Summit Street, Norwood, 201-768-1600. Web: [www.iccnorwood.org](http://www.iccnorwood.org). Email: [immaculateconception@iccnorwood.org](mailto:immaculateconception@iccnorwood.org). Call or email to register. No cost – just an open spirit

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Spiritual Journey as a Process of Transformation

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Your Image of God

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – The Examen

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – The 7 principles of prayer

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** – The Challenge of Forgiveness

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** – God's will

Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, is a former missionary to mainland China and the award-winning author of six books including the one upon which this video presentation is based: *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame*. Preacher of parish missions, presenter of spirituality workshops, spiritual director, and co-host of "Spirit and Life" on the Relevant Radio Network, he resides in Texas.

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### **A Summer Faith-Sharing Seminar**

The six Catholic Parishes in our Pascack Valley Deanery are sponsoring a **Summer Faith Experience**. Their goal is to invite all who are interested in exploring their faith to gather and journey together.

The seminar will be on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 668 Ridgewood Road, Township of Washington. The recitation of the Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** – When I find myself in trouble Mother Mary comes to me.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Why is it so hard to love my neighbor as myself? Do I behave as if I am the center of the universe and not God?

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** – Is God disappearing more and more from our society? What can I personally do to prevent this from happening?

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** – How can I learn to have the ultimate personal relationship with God? Do I know how to talk to God? Will He talk back?

Our guest speakers are Fr. Sylvester, a visiting priest at Our Lady of Good Counsel from Nigeria, and Fr. Paul Cannariato, Pastor of The Church of the Assumption in Emerson. Fr. Sylvester and Fr. Paul's love of God and their anointed gifts of preaching and teaching are sure to inspire all who desire a deeper relationship with God.

There will be a time for small group discussions and refreshments will be served.

For information and registration, please call Brigid at 201-741-4646 or 201-722-1248 or email: [midt@me.com](mailto:midt@me.com).

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### **Hospital Privacy**

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want Father to visit you or a loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.

### **Healing Mass**

Church of the Assumption, 29 Jefferson Avenue, Emerson, Saturday, **July 6<sup>th</sup>**. Celebrated by Fr. Paul Cannariato. Seating at 11:30 AM – Mass begins at 12:05 PM, which includes sacred musical concert. Bring family, friends, and neighbors in need of healing. Come and receive the healing touch of Jesus. Sunny hearts rosary cenacle – Joyce Anton. For further information, call the Assumption rectory at 201-262-1122.

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### **Support Groups**

Many who hunger for God's consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated & divorced, single parents & same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, please go to: [www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0](http://www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0) and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org)

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### **Sacrament Certificate Requests**

For various reasons there are times when one needs to obtain a new current Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage Certificate. When doing so please allow the office **at least two weeks time**. Thank you.

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