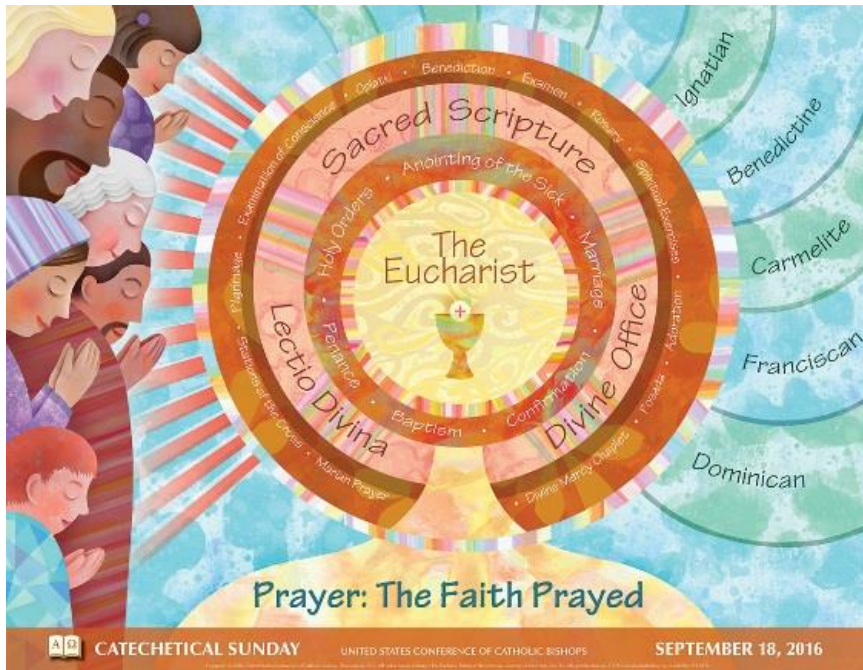


THANK YOU

to our Volunteer Catechists and helpers!



Last Sunday, we began our first week of the 2016-2017 Catechetical year here at St Mary Parish for the children and their parents, with the Commissioning and Blessing of our Catechists, Coordinators, and Peer Witnesses. Parents of the children also received a blessing as they are the first Catechists and Evangelizers of their families in sharing the Word of the Lord in their homes and instilling and sharing their Catholic faith as a family!

The **Year of Mercy** established by Pope Francis from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 has called us to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity. Pope Francis is inviting us to encounter the incredible mercy of

God. Encountering mercy means encountering God. It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated this Catechetical year, ***“Prayer: the Faith Prayed.”*** All the baptized are invited to devote themselves to a deeper study and practice of prayer, for their own spiritual good and for the good of those we serve. Part Four of the Catechism of the Catholic Church provides an excellent overview of prayer. Another very helpful resource can be found in chapters 35 and 36 of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA). The Catechism often refers to what the saints have said about prayer. For example, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, for whom “...prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” Or St. Francis de Sales, who says that “every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day except when we’re busy –then we need an hour.” (USCCB)

We take the opportunity to THANK all our volunteers who give of their time, talent and gifts of the Holy Spirit to gather and share our Catholic faith as disciples of the Lord.

Catechists

Matt Chojnacki	Mary Ann Furfaro	Steve Fugazy	Nicole Sherry
Freddy Quinchia	Colleen Glavin-Beiner	Vickie Williams	Jacqueline Just
Maria Raduazzo	Susan Price	Peter White	Patrick Coakley
Ann Margaret Archer	Witold Ortonowski	Jeanette Campo	Andrius Dapkus
Ruth van den Nieuwenhuizen		Molly Cropsey	Lisa DelGiudice
Bill Bellion	Mary Morrisroe	Sue Fernandez	Ada Vargas
Sarah Sorgie	Bernard Nneji	Brian Kelley	Gabby Alindogan
Kaitlyn Vezos	Anissa DeMatteo	Kim Carone	Susan Surette
Christine Cherico	Ruth Coyman	Dina Rutig	Sylvanna Serravezza
Colleen Fallon	Brenda Chapman	Catherine Desmarais	Kathleen Nevin
Trish Gracia	Deborah Haughney	Debra Lehane	Nicole Genna
Kathleen Harris	Laura Beyrer	Grace Ann McGrath	Vince Boscia
Kelly Burgoon	Lisa DeNoia	Virginia Merold	Kristie Donovan
Kerri Ungaro	Andrea Filgueira	Thomas Pesce	Lisa Sacchi
Kirsten Salley	Dina Chelednik	Danielle Constantine	Sharon D'Orso
Susan Vezos	Christine Anderson	Brian Kelly	Bill Whelan
Pam Jones	Fran Walton	Candace Plechavicius	Sherry Anandappa
Peter Bonfiglio	David Johnston	Laura Donnelly	Ralph Giordano
Bruce Ranck	Kristen Hoban	Scott Ventrella	Betsy Afragola
Donna Flayhan	Joe Scharr	Sean Fallon	Stephen Masi
Chris Molyneaux	Kevin Burke	Richard Hanel	Marie Niki
Michelle Giorno	Michael Donnelly	Meaghan Luhman	Laura White

Coordinators

Josephine Bove	Nancy Cofone	Catherine Desmarais	Colleen Fallon
Ralph Giordano	Jacqueline Just	Brian Martin	Bruce Ranck
Colleen Suozzi	Kerri Ungaro		

Peer Witnesses

Natalie Whitton	Charlie DeMatteo	Nicole Alindogan	Annabel Briody
Lucy Briody	Sara Furfaro	Emily Furfaro	Kristen Savino
Caroline Boyle	Ryan Pratt	Aras Dapkus	Elena Dapkus
Schyler van den Nieuwenhuizen		Michael DelGiudice	Gunner Thuss
Anna Fernandez	Allison Catizone	Carol Livolsi	Lauren Alvern
Ryan Lescinkas	Kylie Walsh	Dylan Desmarais	Caroline Lanzarone
Allie Gonley	Sydney D'Orso	Amanda Castellucio	Lily Carnicelli
Sophia Carnicelli	Julia Sorgie	Sophia Smith	Andrew Dec
Megan Weis	Julia Wilson	Amina Flayhan	Fiona Kerrigan
Emma Hawkes	Elizabeth Spahn	Georgia Mraz	Christopher Sacchi
Elizabeth Sacchi	Kyra McGoey		