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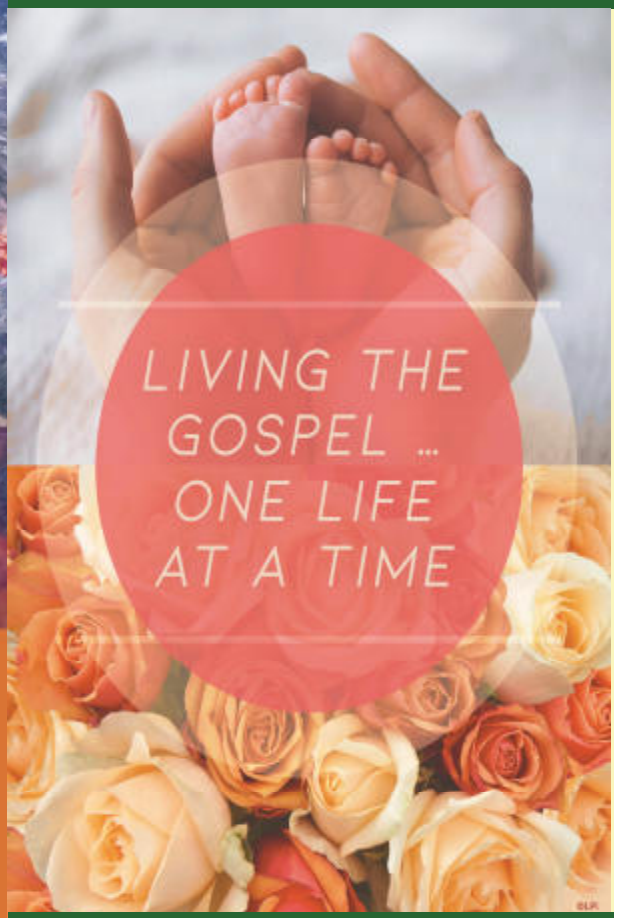
October 3, 2021

Respect Life Sunday



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."- Mk 10:3-6

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Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to St. Mary-Stony Hill to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners and welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally. We want you to know that you are always welcome!

All parishioners should be registered with the parish office. Please notify the parish office if you change your address or move out of the parish. Certificates of eligibility to sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to registered parishioners who are active and practicing Catholics.

Parish Leadership:

Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, OFS, Pastor

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Religious Education

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners who attend public school grades 1 thru 8. Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is also provided for students who attend Catholic schools. The Confirmation Program is a two-year preparation program. Students may not enroll into 8th grade, unless they complete our 7th grade program or attend a Catholic school. Please check our website or contact the Office of Religious Education at 908-756-6524 ext.16 for more information.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm*
Sunday Mass at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 am
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 8:00 am*

* Mass livestreamed and saved to our parish website.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm
(also by appointment)

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound

We are grateful to know if there is someone who should be on our prayer list, or who would benefit from a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or anointing by a priest. Please ask the individual, or immediate family member, to contact the parish office. In an emergency, phone the parish office and follow the prompt. Please use this option only for a genuine emergency requiring a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held after our Sunday Mass. Contact the parish office for scheduling.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the parish office for an appointment at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

Ministry Leaders:

Bereavement Group	*Cheryl Gatti*	*908*-285-0330
Cemetery Sales	*Dick Dorsi*	*908*-380-3321
Cemetery Concerns	*Pat Manfredonia*	*908*-756-6524
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Covenant Committee	*Florence Larkin*	*908*-757-4029
Finance Committee	*Nancy Finn*	*908*-756-6524
Food Pantry	*Anthony Pangi*	732-764-0264
Food for the Needy (SHIP)	*Larry Latore*	*908*-370-3538
Knights of Columbus	*Wayne Oborne*	*908-581-0975* *knightswayneoborne@yahoo.com*
Liturgical Ministries	*Peter D'Angelo*	*908*-963-0436
Moms & Tots	*Paige Jasaitis*	*908*-753-0443
Morning Prayer Group	*Mary Cooper*	*908*-561-0854
RCIA/Adult Ed	*Anthony Pangi*	*732*-764-0264 *a.pangi@aol.com*
Seniors Group	*Pat Dorsi*	*908*-**917-5709**
St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	*Melissa Hillier*	*908*-**448-8874**
Youth Ministry	*Tina Kelly*	*908*-**756-6524**

Holy Hour
Wednesday, October 13
7—8 pm

Join us for a few moments, or the entire hour, as long as you are able. Benediction begins at about 7:40 pm.

Thank You — Update!

The Knights of Columbus thank our parishioners for their support of the Dining Discount Card campaign. To date, in excess of $7,800 has been raised for the Somerset County Food Bank. You may still purchase a card by calling Dick Wellbrock (908-753-0590). Cards are $20 and include 14 local businesses.

Seniors Group

Did you know that St. Mary-Stony Hill has a dynamic, spiritual, and fun Seniors Group? We meet each Thursday at 10:15 am in the Parish Center. ***We invite any seniors and/or retirees who are curious about this group to come out and meet us!*** If you would like more info, call Pat Dorsi at 908-647-6655.

Please note:

The carpets in the church will be professionally cleaned this week. Daily Mass will be celebrated each day at 8:00 am (as per our usual schedule). Following Mass on Tuesday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 6th, the church will be closed to all parishioners and visitors to allow the carpets to dry properly. Thank you for your understanding.

Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome **Isaac Amir**, son of Stephen and Shubh DeRosa who was recently baptized. May the flame of faith grow ever stronger in his heart. God Bless Isaac Amir and his whole family!

Reflecting on this Week's Scripture

Second Reading: The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death.

In what way do you find comfort in this idea?

Your Sacrificial Offering

(Including WeShare)

Weekend Collection 9/26/21 $8,654

Thank you any may God bless you for your continued support of our parish!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 4
Religious Education Classes (5 pm & 7 pm)

Tuesday, October 5
Discovering Christ (6:15 pm)

Wednesday, October 6
Religious Education Classes (4 pm)
Second Grade Parent Meeting (4 pm)

Thursday, October 7
Seniors Group (10:15 am)

Saturday, October 9
Wedding (2 pm)

Sunday, October 10
No Religious Education Classes today
Baptisms (12 noon)
Knights of Columbus Meeting (12:30 pm)

A CELEBRATION OF ST. FRANCIS

Sunday, October 3, 2021
12:15 – 1:00 pm

Saint Francis (1182-1226) was a gentle saint who cared for all of God's creatures. In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th), animal lovers in many places around the world take their pets to be blessed. We invite you to bring your pet for a blessing here at St. Mary-Stony Hill Church on Sunday, October 3rd between 12:15 – 1:00 pm.

Msgr. Benwell will bless pets and their owners at the St. Francis statue - on the parish lawn (on your right as you get to the top of the driveway).

All pets must be leashed or in a carrier.

Please call Cathy Cooney with any questions: 908-756-6524 ext 16 or ccooney@stmaryswatchung.org.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR

PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION IN HONOR OF THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT ST. JOSEPH SHRINE — AND WAS SO NICE TO SHARE THE DAY TOGETHER!

A Prayer for Life

O Most Holy Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, from your gentle hand flows the gift of life.

To your sons and daughters You have given the role of stewards to care for all of Your creation from womb to tomb.

Hear us as we pray for a greater respect for all of life throughout our world:

- that the unborn may be born.
- that the child may be safe.
- that the teen may be prepared.
- that the young adult may be other-centered.
- that the adult may be selfless.
- that the aged may be revered.
- that the dying may have dignity.
- that the deceased may rest in peace.
- that the resources of creation may be used well.
- that all Your creation may be blessed.

Having served You loyally on earth, may we obtain the rewards of everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Requiescant in Pace

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of **Louise Ammiano**, who was recently called home to the Father. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in God's peace.

Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala

In place of the traditional dinner, our **2021 Champions for Catholic Charities** will again be celebrated through a ***Virtual Gala***—a pre-recorded video scheduled to premiere on Thursday, October 28th at 7 pm. There is no fee to join the celebration and viewers will have the opportunity to hear testimonials from a few of the people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic Charities. We rely upon the generosity of our faithful supporters so that we can together fulfill the mission of Catholic Charities. *For donation, sponsorship opportunities and links to the October 28th Virtual Gala premiere, go to www.diometuchen.org/champions. Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.ord or by phone to 732-562-2432.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Metuchen

Let us pray for the sick:

Agapito Aquino
Joseph M. Angeleri
Eloy Bello
David Bestwick
Anda Braun
Diane Brown
Andrea Callejas
Genna Camiolo
Brian Carpenter
Lorena D'Amato
Calvin David
Vivian Flower
Gregory Frisoli
Denise Gilmartin
Barbara Giordano
Jennifer Gonzalez
Robert Gonzalez
Andrew Greiwe
Anthony Gottlick
Robert Hardy
Shannon Hardy
Agnes Harris
Eric Hartman
Laura Hinkley
John Hunton
Carol Jacob
Chet Janusz
Federico Jarantilla
Anthony Leone
Veronica March
Cornell Marino
Kesla Marie Martinez
Daniel McCaffrey
Grace Mitchell
Brenda Mittenhuber
Rose Molnar
Carolyn Monday
Clare Murphy
John Oborne
Donna Palardy
Samantha Rodriguez
Joanne Quense
Rolando Severino
Karen Shanahan
Rose Simone
Frank Skopowski
Marie Summa
Emma Szanicz
Pat Turner
Sharon Venuto

...and all those who are sick or suffering.

Let us pray for those in the military: May God bless you for your service.

L. Cpl. Joseph Butrico, USMC
Corp. Michael F. Hogan, USM
Edward Paul Louis, USA
Eric Marsjanik, USN
Eric Merkle, USAF
Chaplain Robert Monagle, USAF
Sgt. Patrick Noll USMC
Pvt. Jonathan Sims, Natlonal Guard
Morgan Slaninko, USN
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC
Major John Voorhees, USA
Lt. Taylor Wing, US Army

From today's readings...

"What God has joined together, no human being must separate."
- Mk. 10:9

TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

October 2—8:

For our Catechists and Religious Education Families.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 4
Saint Francis of Assisi
Jon. 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk. 10:25-37
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Mauceri & Kelly Families

TUESDAY, October 5
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Jon. 3:1-10/Lk. 10:38-42
8:00 a.m. John DiRosa

WEDNESDAY, October 6
Saint Bruno
Jon. 4:1-11/Lk. 11:1-4
8:00 a.m. Normand LaFleur

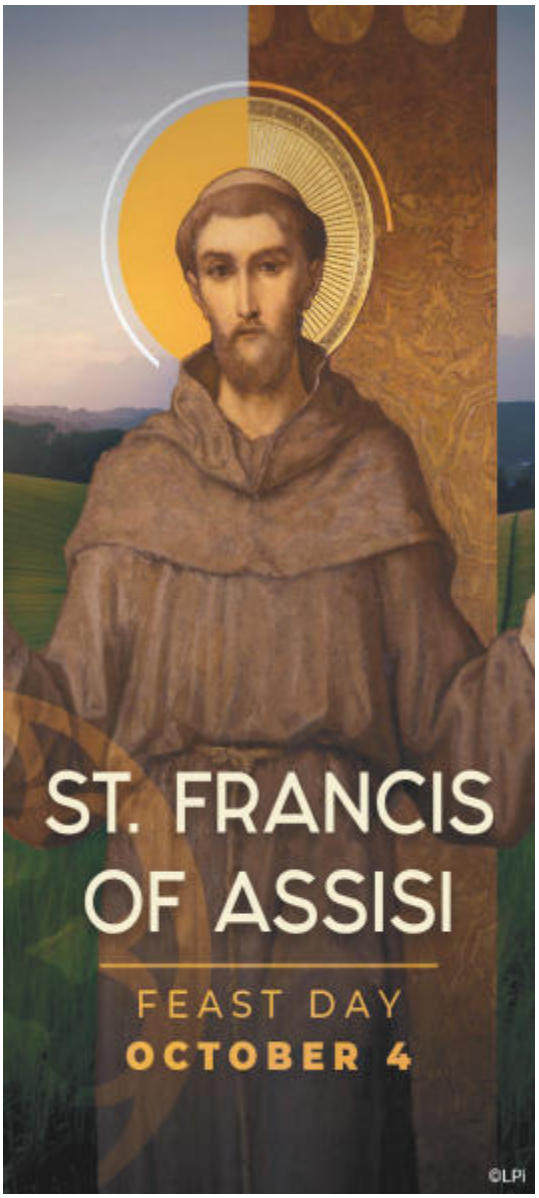
THURSDAY, October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Mal. 3:13-20b/Lk. 11:5-13
8:00 a.m. Frank Procino

FRIDAY, October 8
Weekday
Jl. 1:13-15, 2:1-2/Lk. 11:15-26
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Barb & Therese LeJeune (I)

SATURDAY, October 9
Saint Denis
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. Patrick Moccia
Kenneth Gray

SUNDAY, October 10
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis. 7:7-11/Heb. 4:12-13/Mk. 10:17-30
7:30 a.m. Frank Maculaitis
9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:15 a.m. Florence & Helisius Blundin

Our Daily Masses (M-F 8 am) and Saturday Vigil Mass (4 pm) are live-streamed and saved to our parish website.



Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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Moses wife papers
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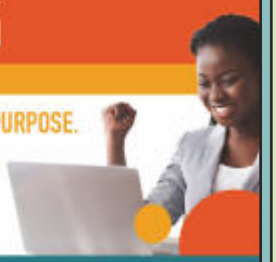

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