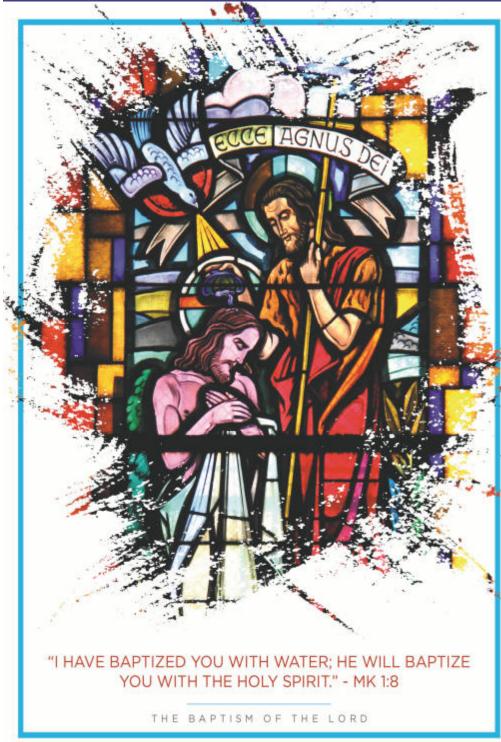
The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Mary



January 10

MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY:

4:00 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY:

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

WEEKDAYS:

8:00 A.M.

SATURDAY MORNING:

9:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAY:

9:30 AM ,3:15-3:45 PM By Appointment.

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Organizations Meeting Schedules:

Knights of Columbus: John McNutt, Grand Knight 856-287-2547 Catholic Daughters of America: Kim Kavanaugh 856-816-5977 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians: Maread Gallahger, President Legion of Mary: Wednesdays 9:15 AM

Adoration: Thursdays 12 PM

Religious Education: Wednesdays 3:40 PM & Thursdays 3:40 PM

Volunteers have asked everyone to please leave their kneelers <u>down</u> before leaving church. This will help with sanitizing.

Saturday January 9, 2021

9:00 AM Regina Pyrah (D) R/b The Underwood Family

4:00 PM Fred O'Malley (D) (Birth Rem) R/b Family

<u>Sunday January 10, 2021</u> Baptism of the Lord *Bells: In Appreciation for Living and Deceased Members of Saints and Singers*

7:30 AM William Casey (D) R/b Anthony & Lisa Orlando, Mary Rippariella R/b Michael & Mary Kain

9:30 AM Charles H Grieco Sr (D) (Ann Rem) R/b Daughter & Family

11:30 AM Harry Brown (D) (Birth Rem) & Gabriela Remetei (D) R/b Phil, Gabriella & Philip Brown Monday January 11, 2021

8:00 AM William Casey R/b Americo & Chris DaCorte

Tuesday January 12, 2021

8:00 AM Deacon Frank Crosson (D) R/b Bill & Rita Ritchie

Wednesday January 13, 2021 Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Catherine Barron (D) (Birth Rem) R/b Murph

Thursday January 14, 2021

8:00 AM Doris Adamski (D) Bequest

Friday January 15, 2021

9:00 AM Deacon Frank Crosson (D) R/b Ginger Dougherty

Saturday January 16, 2021

9:00 AM Deacon Frank Crosson (D) R/b Betty & Joe Carlino & Family, Doris Pulaski (D) R/b The Underwood Family

4:00 PM Marie Fitzpatrick (D) R/b Marie (Nardi) & Tom Francesconi, Doris Pulaski (D) R/b Jim, Lucy & Kathryn Suttle

<u>Sunday January 17, 2021</u> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Bells: In Appreciation for Living and Deceased Members of Saints and Singers

7:30 AM Claire Marie Lamont R/b Kain Family Members

9:30 AM Regina Pyrah (D) R/b The Ulbin Family, Virginia Gamboa R/b Rafael Lim & Family

11:30 AM Marie Fitzpatrick (D) R/b Charlie & Denise Kain, Margaret Considine R/b Selma & Pat, Lynne Jergensen (L) (Healing Int) R/b Charlotte Brown & Family



PARISH LIFE

Trustees: Elaine & John McNutt

Religious Education (CCD) Coordinator: Mary Kelly, 609-605-2765 Email:

mkelly4reled@gmail.com

Visitation of the Sick: Don't wait until you can't receive. Please call the Rectory if a parishioner is seriously ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession, and Holy Communion.

Prayer for the Spread of Perpetual Adoration

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins.

We need your peace in our hearts and among nations

We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness.

May we obtain this through prayer and our union with the Eucharistic Lord.

Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Eucharistic Adoration.

We beseech You to spread Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Help us to spread the glory of Your Son through Perpetual Adoration.



Solemn Eucharistic Adoration:
Exposition of the Most Blessed
Sacrament
Miraculous Medal Novena
Rosary
Quiet Time

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Every **Thursday** at 12 noon.

The intentions are for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our families and a return to full health for the sick of our parish.

Attention:

To all prospective Godparents:

The Rectory requires a minimum of <u>6 weeks</u> notice to verify and provide certificates of eligibility. Please be mindful of the Baptismal date when asking for the certificate of eligibility.

Church Policy

Baptism: Held the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 11:30 Mass. Class is held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Rectory. You **CANNOT** attend class until eligibility slips are received. Parents and Godparents must attend class.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made 1 year prior to marriage date. Please call the Rectory.

Policy for Certificates of Eligibility: In order to receive a certificate, You (Not your mother or father) must be a practicing Catholic, registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church. You must attend Mass regularly. Use of weekly offering envelopes will tell us you are attending regularly.

The deadline for receiving Bulletin information is Friday at 12PM. This is for the weekend of the following week. Holidays may alter the deadline. If you have a bulletin announcement, please email it to: carla.stmaryrectory@comcast.net

Thank you. This will help facilitate prompt placement in the bulletin and on our social media pages.

In case of a cardiac emergency in church, please keep in mind that there is an AED located behind the pillar near the St Joseph's Altar. In case of a relevant emergency, someone should call 911 while someone else who is trained should use the AED.



Those who are sick:

Anetta & Hugo Adorno Rachel (Dilks) Fulton DANE HESS Sophia McKeown Martin Roach **Daniel Holmes**

Edward Cowgill Sr

Harry "Chris" Brown **Dominic Abate**

Donna Musick **Eva Christ** Joanie Keegan

Joan Villanova **Carol Samsanavicius Billy Gormley** Frank Angeloni Sr. **Bob Glassman George Springer Bob Ludwick** Grace Piscopio Robert Kotter Jack Heiser Cathy Pearson James E Millier **Brooke Conklin** Jillian DePoder Charles Bruccoliere Cindy Dolson

Maryann Liebrand Joe Flinn John Battersby

Diane Sutcliffe Marge Saunders Denise Glassman Annette Pecina

Parishioners will be kept on the sick list for 6 weeks. If you have a chronic illness and would like to be left on the list, please alert staff when you call to be placed on the list. New additions will be in bold.

Samantha Boulden JOHNNY MCDEVITT JORDAN NEFF Joseph Carlino Sr Ronnie Convey KELLI CLINE-PERRONE Marion Hakanson Linda & Tom Ryan Jack Stucliffe Linda White Locker Lynne Jergensen Baby Colton McClain Marion Scalzo

Marie "Franny" Spencer

Mary Lou & Bill Adams

Mike Murphy Nicholas Mecchione

Elsie Cowgill **Bobby Leap**

Mike Battersby

Rich Notis

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Tracy Panno Trov Lail

Vickie Virden Wayne Bradlock

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Tom Pierman **Patrick Spencer**

hose Serving in the Military:

Colin Ward, Marine Johnathan T Brown, Navy John (Jack) Sullivan, US Air Force JacquelineMyers-Barton, US Army

Please contact the Rectory to have your loved one who is currently serving added to our list.

Those Newly Baptized:



Classes have been moved to 420 Monmouth St, the new Parish Office Building.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord

Doris Pulaski Jeanette White Margaret Finkelstein Deacon Frank Crosson Helen Falconiero

A Prayer for our Priests as they exercise their ministry during this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19

Eternal God. Be with our priests this day as they seek to minister to your people. May you be a guiding and protective presence with them as they bring the consolation and hope of Your word and the grace and nourishment of Eucharist to those entrusted into their care.

Grant them the strength of mind and body, keep them safe to do your will, And give them the courage and peace to face each day with trust and confidence in You. Into your hands O God, we commend them; fill them with your grace and healing.

Amen.

St Mary's is pleased to offer both Masses and Bell Ringing. We offer a beautiful card for the living and deceased memorializing the ringing of our magnificent Bells of St Mary. The donation for the Ringing is the same as announced Mass: \$15. St Mary's is pleased to now offer the ability to sponsor Altar Flowers. The cost is \$50 per spray with upgrades available upon request.

The Bells for the week of January 10, 2021 for the following Intentions: **SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE is burning for Anthony "Pat" Ashton R/b Tom & Helen Duffy

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE is burning for Charles H Grieco Sr & Jr R/b Family

Saint Francis of Assisi Candle is burning for Callie & Chase R/b Vicki & Shannon

Please keep up your pledge to the Catholic Strong Campaign. Thank you so much. ~Msgr Hodge

> Collection Total for December

Special Collection

Parish Offerings

Total

Egiving: Aug 3382.13 Sept 3334.02

Oct 3974.92



Participate in Electronic Giving

We are no longer using our online giving portal. If you currently participate, you have or will receive an email with instructions to change to the new provider. If you have questions, please contact WESHARE 1-800-950-9952.

If you would like to make an online donation, you can do so by visiting our website: www.stmarysgloucestercity.org and follow the direction under the Giving Tab.

By contributing electronically, the parish will have the benefit of stable monthly contributions and achieve a significant reduction in administrative costs

Keep in mind that you can always use your credit card to receive rewards. If you need assistance contact the Rectory.

Please remember Saint Mary in your Will. Your legacy will insure our continuance for generations to come. May our Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother Bring you much Happiness.

Msgr Hodge

Anyone who may be contributing to House of Charity via Employee Giving/Payroll Deduction thru United Way, it looks like United Way funds come in thru a bulk batch donation and if the acknowledgement is not sent to the diocese office it's not credited to any parish/individual. Please contact the Coordinator Carole Lackore at 856-583-6156 or carole.lackore@camdendiocese.org

The 2021 Mass Intentions Book, The Bells of St Mary's Intention Book, and Memorial Candle Book are now open. Please contact the Parish Office at Mary's House.

Prayer to Obtain Favors

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! To hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

List of Local Food Banks
Helping Hand— 10-11 AM Every Friday
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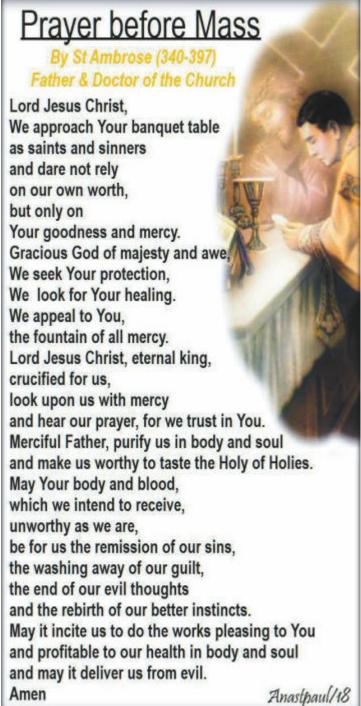


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When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Location of Blessed Sacrament

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document Built of Living Stones (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.



January 2021

Dear Parishioner:

Monsignor William Hodge will be completing his six year term as pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Gloucester. It is the practice in the Diocese of Camden to conduct an evaluation of the pastor before the Priest Personnel Board makes a recommendation to Bishop Sullivan for possibly renewing the pastor's term for an additional six years.

The results of the evaluation will be shared with your pastor by the local Dean and a member of the Priest Personnel Board, so that he can hear about the fruits of his labors and/or to see areas where growth is needed.

We invite all of the members of the parish community to participate in this evaluation in a spirit of prayer, asking you to be honest and charitable. All surveys must be <u>completed within three weeks</u> of first appearing in your parish bulletin. To complete the evaluation, please go to the following link. If you are not able to complete the survey online, a printed copy is available at the parish office.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MsgrWilliamHodge

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important ministry.

Estimado/a Feligrés:

El Padre William Hodge completará su período de seis años como párroco de la Parroquia Saint Mary, Gloucester. Es la práctica en la Diócesis de Camden realizar una evaluación del párroco antes de que la Junta de Personal Sacerdotal haga una recomendación al Obispo Sullivan para posiblemente renovar el período del pastor por seis años adicionales.

Los resultados de la evaluación serán compartidos con su párroco por el Decano local y un miembro de la Junta de Personal Sacerdotal, para que pueda conocer los frutos de su trabajo y/o para ver las áreas donde necesita crecimiento.

Invitamos a todos los miembros de la comunidad parroquial a participar en esta evaluación en un espíritu de oración, pidiéndoles que sean honestos y caritativos. Todas las encuestas deben completarse dentro de tres semanas después de aparecer por primera vez en el boletín de su parroquia. Para completar la evaluación, por favor vaya al siguiente enlace. Si no puede completar la encuesta en línea, puede obtener una copia impresa en la oficina parroquial.

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Gracias por su disponibilidad para participar en este importante ministerio.

Sincerely/Sinceramente,

Reverend Nicholas Dudo

Vicar for Clergy/Vicario del Clero

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January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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The New Jersey Catholic Conference has just released an update on the Reproductive Freedom Act (S3030/A4848). Please visit www.njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act for this updated information from the NJ Catholic Bishops. It includes the above information as well as other key points in this legislation. There is a webinar (information session) for you to view.

The NJ Bishops are asking all Catholics to reject this legislation and to contact our state legislators to vigorously express opposition to its passage. Please sign up for Action Alerts at this website under **Key Points on Reproductive Freedom Act**

New Jersey Reproductive Freedom Act

Your help is needed to stop the Reproductive Freedom Act, the most radical abortion bill ever proposed in New Jersey. If this bill is passed it will codify into law the extreme anti-life policies practiced in only a handful of nations

This includes:

- Babies can be aborted up to the point of birth.
- Pregnant teenage moms can abort their children without the abortionist or school official ever notifying parents.
- Late term abortions will be fully paid for by your taxes and your health insurance.
- Conscience protections for medical workers will be removed, forcing pro-life medical workers to
 assist in the abortion procedure.
- Non-physicians can perform risky and unsafe abortions on women.
- Annual funding for Planned Parenthood will be mandated despite the budgetary process and priorities of future administrations.

What can you do?

Contact our la	gislators who will b	a veting on this s	MODELLEO	

District 5 Representatives:

Senator Nilsa Cruz Perez - (609)-847-3700

Assemblyman William Moen – (856)-547-4800

Assemblyman William Spearman – (856)- 547-4800

Here is a script to guide you through the call:

Hello my name is ______. I am calling about the Reproductive Freedom Act. This is the most dangerous and radical abortion bill ever proposed in our state. It violates conscience protections, puts women at risk in late term abortions and abortions performed by non-physicians, and prohibits any protections for babies in the womb – even up to birth. I urge Senator/Assembly_____ to vote NO. Can we count on him/her to help protect women and children from this unsafe law?

The bill is most likely scheduled to be heard in committee within weeks. We can never consent to such horrific acts of violence against defenseless babies.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us

Thank you, Pro-Life Committee

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