



St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH STAFF:

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Pastor

Thomas F. Domieniecki,

Deacon Emeritus

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Deacon

Mr. Lawrence Lasko, Director of Sacred Music

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM (Children's Liturgy),
12:00 N (Polish)

Saturday: Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8:00 AM / Thurs: 6:30 PM
{Weekday Masses are in the Chapel except for Holy Days}

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM

ROSARY:

Prayed before daily Mass & before 4 PM Vigil & 8:30 AM
Sunday Mass.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Every Monday following the 8:00 AM Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Prayed following all weekday Masses.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

OFFICES CLOSED ON ALL HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of Ostrabrama Parish, a Roman Catholic Community, embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ by fostering our rich traditions and serving the needs of others. Through worship, sacrament and prayer, all are invited to join with us as we continue to inspire and strengthen our parish family.



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anyone wishing to present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass, kindly speak to an usher prior to the beginning of Mass. Family members of those for whom the Mass is offered are always welcomed and encouraged to present the gifts and given priority.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All parishioners should be registered.

Parishioners over the age of 18 should register independently of their parents. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months in order for us to provide testimonial letters. Kindly notify the Parish Office of any changes.

BAPTISMS: Fourth Sunday of the month at 1 PM. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements prior to making social plans. **Parents & godparents must attend instructions** on the third Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM in the Seniors' Room.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least **one year in advance, prior to making social plans.**

SICK CALLS: Arrangements for communion calls to the sick can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital. Emergency calls are made at any time.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

(PREP): Instruction in the Catholic Faith for children in grades 1-8. Classes are held from September to April on Monday afternoons from 4:30 - 5:45 PM. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA): A process of prayer, study, & spiritual formation which prepares unbaptized adults & adults baptized outside the Catholic Church to be in full communion.. Any adult 18 years of age or older who desires becoming a Catholic should call the Parish Office.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

- Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

MASS INTENTIONS . . .

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY (SOBOTA), SEPTEMBER 2

4 PM **+Helen & Walter Kulik**
Req. by: Rosemarie

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 **Intentions of Rosarians**

10:30 **+Ted & Claire Cislo**
Req. by: Cindy Myers

12 N **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**

MONDAY (PONIEDZIALEK), SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday

8 AM **+Stanislaw Urbanski**
Req. by: Sosulski Family

TUESDAY (WTOREK), SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday / Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

8 AM **+Sophie Witkowski**
Req. by: St. Mary's Parishioners

WEDNESDAY (SRODA), SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

8 AM **+Blaszka & Zajac Families**
Req. by: Leonard J. Blaska

THURSDAY (CZWARTEK), SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

6:30PM **+Matthew, Mary & Christine Widuta**
Req. by: Bob & Jeff Widuta

FRIDAY (PIATEK), SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 AM **+Margaret & Charles Schaffer**
Req. by: Kovacs Family

SATURDAY, (SOBOTA), SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

4 PM **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), SEPTEMBER 10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **Intentions of Holy Name**

10:30 **+Lorayne Stevenson**
Req. by: Brother, Joe Adamusik

12 N **+Walerian & Genowefa Gargala**
Req. by: Janina & Marcelli Nawrot



THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Parishes. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE . . .

Sunday, September 3

Altar Rosary recites Rosary, 8 am
Meeting follows Mass in Parish Center
Parish Raffle 10 am, Parish Office

Monday, September 4 ~ Labor Day

No Seniors' Meeting
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

Cenacle Prayer Group 8:30 am, Chapel
Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 9

Confessions 11:00 am
Food Bank Collection

Sunday, September 10

Food Bank Collection
Parish Picnic 12 n to 6 pm, Parking Lot / Parish Center

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS . . .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY
DECEASED:

+Lorraine Bielke

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*



REMEMBER THE SICK & HOMEBOUND, especially:

Cindy Abreu-Maia, Mrs. Marlene Ahde, Nina Argresta, Charlotte & Ted Batko, Marie Borichewski, Patricia Brink, Virginia Brown, Cathy Christan, Lynette Cucco, Thomas DelGuercio, Mary Dzienkowski, Tom Fackovec, Evelyn Fafara, Penelope Fry, Sophie Galinski, John Ganser, Matthew Giardelli, Maryann Goccia, Amelia Halmo, Irene Hanko, Jean Hill, Eleanor Holz, Helen Hydrusko, Rose Johnson, Edward Jurewicz, Catheryn Kelly, Jason Klee, Marion Kovacs, Joan Krenznel, Mary P. Lementowicz, Michael Lucas, Pearl Markowski, Anthony Martino, Wanda Massaro, Dorothy McMahon, Hannah Grace Michlik, Rozalia Milkowski, Kazia Naglik, Maria Nunez, Adela Ogrodnik, Joe Pawelek, Shona Pietraczenko, Nicholas Piacenti, Anne Piersanti, Stanley Plewa, Cecelia Polanski, Ann Marie Puchala, Kevin Rasimowicz, C. Rasmussen, Rose Razzano, Walter & Edna Rice, Sr. Rosangela, Sr. Rose Maxine, Rosalie Rudy, Sean Ryan, Steven Samuel, Gregory Sciscoe, Stephen Soehngen, Raymond & Dolores Stavish, Mary Swider, Joe Szumski, Pauline Terelmes, Sylvia Thrasher, Christine Tobin, Maria Uzzo, Juan Velazquez, Arlene Watson, Claire Watson, Karolina Wojciechowski, Edward Wolanin, Jr., Kathryn Wolanin, Barbara Zambrzicky, Henry Ziolkowski.



WINE & HOSTS

+Wieslaw Klich - Mother

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sanctuary Candle ~ Church

Blessings & Good Health for
Lawrence & Carol D'Zio - Stan & Marie Gdula

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

Intentions of Living & Deceased Rosarians

Sacred Heart Altar Candles

God's Blessings for 95th Birthday for
Antoinette Krzyzkowski - Anna Klich

Candle for St. Joseph

Carol Podeszinski ~ Thank you for your help -
Deacon Tom

Candle For St. Anthony

+Ashley Barton - Theresa Rojek & Family

Our Lady of Ostrabrama Candles

Blessings & Good Health for Dianna Hnat -
Stan & Marie Gdula

Sanctuary Candle ~ Chapel

+Sophie Witkowski - St. Mary's Parishioners

Divine Mercy Candles ~ Chapel

Claire & Ed Porowski ~ 66th Wedding Anniversary
Blessings - Deacon Tom & Janet

La Pieta Grotto Candles

Blessings & Good Health for Jeanette -
Fr. Michael & Parish Staff

*Please contact the Parish Office to make
arrangements to donate candles or wine
& hosts in honor of a loved one.*



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMORIALS



In addition to Mass intentions, St. Mary's offers a variety of options to remember your loved ones or special occasions. All of the following are available throughout the year. The names and/or intentions will be printed in the bulletin for that week. Please contact the Parish Office for details and availability.

- ✦ **Altar Flowers:** Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel except Lent & Advent
- ✦ **Wine & Hosts:** Available for Masses for one week
- ✦ **Candle Intentions:** Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel
- ✦ **Memorial Room Candles:** Available monthly
- ✦ **Memorial Room Plaques:** Various sizes available
- ✦ **Tree of Life:** Leaves still available

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING . . .

St. Mary's Parish is totally dependent upon the generosity of its parishioners for parish support. Our church support program is called "Sacrificial Giving". Each individual parishioner or family is asked to consistently give "their fair share", in support of their parish in a spirit of thanksgiving to God, to enable our parish church to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The envelopes provided for you are to be used as gift wrappers for each sacrificial gift you give to the Lord. Please be generous, since God is generous to us.

Sunday Collection - August 27, 2017

Weekly
Building Fund

Thank You & God Bless You! Bóg Zapłać!



Rebuild my
CHURCH

St. Mary of Ostrabrama Building Restoration Project Update . . .

Balance:

*Thank
You*

It is with a deep sense of appreciation that I write to acknowledge and thank you for your check in the amount of \$1,738 from your parish representing the proceeds of our 2017 Mission Appeal.

The Missionary Society of St. Paul is truly grateful to you, and all the parishioners of St. Mary of Ostrabrama for the opportunity to bring our mission experience to the people and we are very delighted at the generosity of the people. These funds will definitely make a huge impact in the lives of many throughout the communities we minister to in the mission field.

Sincerely, Rev. Aloysius Nzekwe, MSP

Director, MSP Office of Mission Development.



Shop-Rite Certificates

Everyone needs to shop for **groceries & prescriptions**. The certificates program is a means for St. Mary's to earn five cents on every dollar spent at Shop-Rite without any additional cost to shoppers. Certificates are available before and after all Masses at the entrances of the church, or may be purchased at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

God will never be outdone in generosity. Please remember St. Mary's Parish in your Will & Testament!



The repairs you are witnessing in our Beautiful Church are the results of donations and remembrances in our Parishioners' Last Will & Testaments. Thank you & Bóg Zapłać for your generosity!!!



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Please make a note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day Holiday weekend.

Thank you & Have a Great Holiday Weekend!

IN OUR PARISH . . .

MINUTE MEDITATION



Purity of Heart

Compassion is pure action issuing from purity of heart. It is carried along toward others by a force of generosity that is too complete, and too fulfilling for it to worry about what it is going to get in return.

-from Sensing God

REMINDER: The Food Bank collection in our parish is the second weekend of the month. The next collection will be September 9/10. Non-perishable groceries may be dropped off in the bin outside the upstairs elevator. Supermarket gift cards are also graciously accepted.



Baptisms

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Mary of Ostrabrama through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Violet Wai Ling Dong
Clara Marie Aurilia**

May the Lord bless them and keep them in His care!

St. Mary's Holy Name Society
PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, September 10, 2017
12 noon to 6 pm

Come enjoy friends, music, games & the fabulous food.

Tickets are on sale:

Sundays after all Masses and in the Parish Office during business hours.



Ticket Price: \$15 for Adults / \$5 for Children under 12.
Tickets purchased at the gate will be \$20 for Adults.

PLEASE HELP ...

St. Mary's Holy Name Society is seeking donations of new items for the 2017 Parish Picnic Tricky Tray. These items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours.

For information, contact Peter Eckert at 732-254-0283.



WHAT'S IN YOUR CLOSET?

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

**USED CLOTHING
COLLECTION**



We are collecting:

Wearable & Usable Clothing
(Men's Women's & Children's) * Shoes, Belts,
Handbags * Linens * Stuffed Animals * Hard Toys

We will receive money for every pound we collect. Please put all items that you are donating into tightly tied plastic bags.

Drop off dates in Parish Center:

Monday, Sept. 11 - 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Tuesday, Sept. 12 - 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 9:30 to 11:30 AM
6:30 to 8:00 PM

For questions or information,
please call Grace 732-257-3294.

What the stewardship way of life does is to provide a spiritual perspective, laying a foundation for living as a follower of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost to ourselves.

ST. MARY'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir rehearsals are held on Thursdays, 7:30 pm in the Sister Columbine Room in the lower church.



New members, especially men, are always welcome and needed. See our organist.

FAITH FORMATION ...

****P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION REMINDER****

If you have not yet done so, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for St. Mary's PREP Program for 2017-2018 school year so books can be ordered.

Our PREP Program is for Grades 1-8 and classes are held on Mondays, 4:30 to 5:45 pm. For additional information, please call the Parish Office.

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PREP Program will begin on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 4:30 pm with Mass. All are invited to join us for Mass as we begin a new PREP school year. No registration will be taken the first day of class.

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RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What do Catholics really believe, anyway?
And why?*



The Christian Initiation process is a privileged and challenging form of adult formation. Its complexity flows from the need for the process to be authentically truthful, personal, and unitive. Each person's conversion journey is unique.

Each year on Holy Saturday, during the Easter Vigil, the church welcomes new members in the third step in the Christian Initiation of Adults with the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Through the final step, the elect receive pardon for their sins and are admitted into the people of God.

If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

AROUND THE DIOCESE ...



**World Apostolate of Fatima
Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine**
674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ
Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Join us as we celebrate the **100th** Anniversary of the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Come pray the Rosary in the beautiful Outdoor Rosary Garden. Visit the Holy House USA, containing crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto; the actual baldacchino and altar over which the last great apparition of Fatima took place; and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima. Confessions start 10:30 am; Noon Rosary Procession; 12:30 pm **Speaker David Carollo**; Holy Mass 1 pm, Main Celebrant: **Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio**, Diocese of Brooklyn. Celebration ends with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

For information: www.bluearmy.com or call 908-679-1700. A Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence has been granted to this Shrine.



Body of Christ Prayer Group Life in the Spirit Seminar



St. Francis Cathedral
Main Street & 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ
September 14 through October 26, 2017
Seven Thursday Evenings, 7:30 pm

For information: contact Tom Mockoviak
mockofam@optonline.net or call 732-549-4740



Saturday, October 7, 2017
9am to 12 noon

Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine)

Benefitting the lifesaving work of Life Choices
Resource Center

****Confirmation Service Hours Provided****

DJ, Refreshments, Games - Family Fun
No Distance or Time Restrictions!

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of an unborn child.*

Register or DONATE today @
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download a pledge form.

\$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound!
Call 732-516-0911 for information.



"CLASSIC/CUSTOM CRUISE NIGHT"



Our Lady of Peace Church
Amboy Avenue, Fords

**Saturday, September 16, Parish Center
5:00.p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Great food, Disc Jockey, vendors



THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
cordially invites you to the

DEDICATION MASS OF MAUSOLEUM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen Presiding

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 · 10:00 AM

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery
899 Lincoln Avenue · Piscataway, New Jersey 08854