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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin



A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

Today during Mass we will remember all of our deceased loved ones, especially those who died this past year. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine upon them. May they rest in peace!

November is also Black Catholic History month where we celebrate the contributions of Black Catholics in the Church. I will highlight each week a significant person or persons in the Black Catholic community who have made huge contributions.

Let us continue to pray for our Pastor/Rector Emeritus Fr. Philip and all in our community who are sick and homebound.

WRITTEN BY : CARDINAL TOBIN WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE SAINTS

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

During the first two days of November, the Church calls our attention to what the Second Vatican Council termed "the universal call to holiness." We Catholics believe that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God, and all of us—no matter who we are or what our personal history may be—are called to be holy.

What does it mean to be holy? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "the desire for God is written in the human heart" (#27). We human beings are meant to search for God, to find him and to become united with him—both here on Earth and in our heavenly home.

Holiness is the quality of our union with God, the indication of our closeness to him. Holy women and men are close to God. That's why we call them "saints," which comes from the Latin word sanctus or holy.

In his homily for the canonization of two young saints, "Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saint Carlo Acutis: a young man from the early 20th century and a teenager from our own day, both in love with Jesus and ready to give everything for him" (see selection below), Pope Leo XIV recalls the conversion of another young man, Saint Francis of Assisi:

Jesus appeared to [Francis] along the way and asked him to reflect on what he was doing. Coming to his senses, he asked God a simple question: “Lord, what do you want me to do?”

We know that the Lord answered Francis saying, “Rebuild my Church,” and that the young man gave up everything to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and help revitalize the Church in his day.

In his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, *On Christian Hope*, (see selection below) Pope Benedict XVI writes: “Life is a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives.” They are the lights of hope, the Holy Father writes, because they point us to Jesus Christ, “the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history” (#49).

Saints shine with the light of Christ. Many of the saints have been officially recognized by the Church through a process that results in the solemn proclamation that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God’s grace. We witnessed this recently with the canonization of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saint Carlo Acutis on September 7, 2025.

But during the last 2,000 years, many other holy women and men have given themselves wholeheartedly to Jesus Christ without being declared saints by the Church. These are the saints we celebrate on Nov. 1, the Solemnity of All Saints.

These saints—both known and unknown—are people who have lived good and holy lives. They are lights of hope because they point us to Jesus Christ, the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history.

All of us are called to holiness, to closeness to God, but unfortunately most of us find ourselves further away from God than we would like to be. That’s why Christ gives us the sacraments—especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance—to help us in our daily struggles on the way to holiness. We are all called to be close to God, but for many of us the journey is a long and difficult one.

Thanks be to God, his grace and mercy are endless. Our loving and merciful God never gives up on us. Even after we die, we Christians believe that it is still possible to atone for our sins, to grow in holiness and come closer to God. That’s why we pray for those who have died.

It’s also why the Church celebrates the feast of All Souls on Nov. 2. We are all called to become holy—both the living and the dead—and the grace of our Lord Jesus is not confined to this world, but can reach even into the state of being we call purgatory, to touch the hearts of those “poor souls” who must undergo a process of purification before being fully united with God.

In our desire to be united with God, we look to the saints to show us the way. How do saints model for us the way to be close to God? Obviously, through the witness of their daily lives, the choices they make, their willingness to sacrifice for the sake of others, and their devotion to Christ. Their words and examples are helpful guides to daily Christian living.

But what is the secret of their success in navigating the dark and stormy seas of life? Why are the saints successful at living good and holy lives when so many of us struggle and fail?

The answer, I believe, is prayer—“an exercise of desire” as Saint Augustine describes it. Saints are men and women who know how to pray, how to be close to God and communicate with him from the heart. They are people who, in times of difficulty, as well as in good times, raise their minds and hearts to the Lord. The saints seek God’s will in their lives. They share with him their hopes and frustrations and sometimes even their loneliness, anger, and fear. Through their prayer, their attentive listening even more than the words they speak, the holy men and women we call saints are in constant contact with God.

As we recall the holy people—living and deceased—who serve as stars guiding us to Christ, let us pray for the grace to let God’s love and mercy touch our hearts and bring us closer to Him who is our true heart’s desire.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

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We, the family of St. Mary's Church, Newark, are committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission is:

1. **To promote love and fellowship within the community.**
2. **To be responsible for the spiritual and physical needs of the community.**
3. **To build and rebuild the Faith of our fellow Christians.**
4. **To demonstrate involvement and commitment in God's work**
5. **To use our diversity for the service of God and the good of all people.**

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, especially to the Benedictine Monks, of Newark Abbey, Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, and Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill.

www.newarkabbey.org
www.bensisnj.org
www.ssphila.org
www.newarkpriest.com
www.nrv.net

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Monday to Friday: 12:15 PM, 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:45 AM

November 2, 2025

All Souls' Day

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

James Akli
Godwin Omokaro
Kwame Yeboah
Michael Odih
Michael Adjei
Lisa Lovell
Maureen Okeke
Fr. Philip Waters, OSB

If you know anyone among us who is sick or homebound please let the church staff know.

IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATES

St. Mary's Listening Sessions for the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan "We are his Witnesses"
Monday November 17, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 PM and Saturday November 22, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All sessions will be held in the St. Benedict's Prep 1111 Boardroom. As we get closer to the dates we will set up an RSVP for the event.

ALTAR SERVERS

New and Returning Altar Servers are expected to meet at the church on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10 AM for training. Contact Deacon Bruno and Thomas Ampadu for more information.
973-641-4264

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 26th- T.B.A

PARKING

Please do not park in front of the driveway on William Street across the street from the Church (Radel Library). This is an active driveway where the monks park their cars underneath the library. Also no one is allowed to park inside of the driveway on either side of the gate. If you are looking for parking you are welcome to park in the parking lot behind the Church. I would kindly ask for everyone's cooperation with this.

AIR CONDITIONING FUNDRAISER

Total donated so far: \$79,330.55. - \$800.00 has been unredeemed. Thank you to all who have participated so far. I encourage those who haven't contributed to please send in your pledges to Fr. Patrick and Sr. Linda. Our target is \$100,000.00.

November 9, 2025
**THE DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA**

All liturgical ministers please check the schedule with your ministry coordinator.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact Fr. Patrick by email or text in advance if you are requesting an intention for Mass. Please be specific with the intention and the date you are requesting. Also please don't automatically write your intention in the Mass book. Only Fr. Patrick or another monk may do so. Thank you for your cooperation. Here is Fr. Patrick's email pwinbush@sbp.org or 862-241-8688

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NOVEMBER 2ND MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday November 2nd we will celebrate a Mass for all those who passed away since last October. Please write your name of your loved one in the book of the deceased located in the back of the Church. We want to make sure there are enough candles for the procession. Please see Carolyn Onyema and Rita Eromosele for more information.

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Veronica Azoyome, Francis Mensah, and Lisa Lovell.

FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM

reminder that on November 9th will be family faith Sunday.

MASS FOR BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a special Mass to celebrate Black Catholic History month. The Mass will be on Saturday November 8th at 9:30 A.M., at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Our very own Fr. Patrick will be the main celebrant and homilist. If you are interested in attending please rsvp to Sr. Miriam Perez at mperez@diometuchen.org

AWAY FROM THE MONASTERY/ CHURCH

Fr. Patrick and Abbot Augustine will be away this week at a workshop. Please contact Sr. Linda or Ambrose Amoakoh for any pastoral needs.

ANNUAL CEMETERY VISIT

On Sunday November 9th at 3:00 pm, the monks will hold their annual prayer service at St. Mary's cemetery in East Orange, to remember all the deceased monks. All are welcome to participate!

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Family Faith Formation Registration 2025-2026
One Sunday a month at 10:00 Mass.

Children K – 8 th Grades have age appropriate classes
High School Youth have Youth Group.
Reminder: At least ONE parent must attend with students of K- 8th Grade. It is not considered FAMILY if only children attend and are not able to accomplish family table activity.
Adult Members offer input and discussion on timely relevant faith issues.
All parish adults welcome- Adults need not register

Sacramental Guidelines for Children
First Communion/First Reconciliation
Must be in 3rd grade or beyond
Must have completed Grade 1&2 years of instruction
Must attend Mass every Sunday, actively participating and know proper Church behavior
Must be attending Family Faith Program or Catholic School
Must present Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Mary's Church
Sacrament of Confirmation
Must be in High School
Must have completed Grade 6,7,8 years of instruction
Must attend Mass every Sunday, actively participating and know proper Church behavior
Must be attending Youth Group monthly
Must display BASIC KNOWLEDGE of the Catholic Faith teachings and lived practices
Must present Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Mary's Church

Tentative Calendar for 2025-2026
September 14, 2025
October 19, 2025
November 9, 2025
December 7, 2025
January 11, 2026
February 8, 2026
March 8, 2026
April 12, 2026
May 17, 2026

Sacramental Dates will be shared at Parent Meeting

We invite you to join us for Family Faith Formation! Strengthen your faith together and grow in community. Simply click the link or scan the QR code below to get started.

We look forward to growing in faith with you!



Family Faith Formation 25-26

WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HyM639AMjV79uQGZH0gqci>

Congratulations to Father Philip on Retirement!

We thank Father Philip for his years of faithful service to our parish and the Church. His guidance, compassion, and dedication have been a true blessing to our community. As he begins this new chapter, we offer our prayers and heartfelt gratitude. May God bless him in retirement! We also ask for your prayers for Fr. Philip who is currently sick but he is on the mend. May God grant him strength, healing, and comfort during this difficult time.



Monday
November 3
Weekday
Rom 11:29-36
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday
November 4
Saint Charles
Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 12:5-16b
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday
November 5
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
November 6
Weekday
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday
November 7
Weekday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
November 8
Weekday
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday
November 9
THE DEDICATION
OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

"Dear friends, in a world seeking justice and peace, let us revive Christian spirituality and popular devotion to the events and places blessed by God that have changed the face of the earth forever. Let us use them as a driving force for renewal and transformation. Indeed, the Jubilee we are celebrating calls for a time of conversion and restitution, of reflection and liberation. May Mary Most Holy, our hope, intercede for us and continue to lead us to Jesus, the crucified Lord. In him, there is salvation for all."

HOMILY BY HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
OCTOBER 12, 2025



THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN IS CELEBRATING

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH



CELEBRANT:

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER
146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY,
NEW JERSEY 08854**

THERE IS NO FEE, BUT PLEASE **REGISTER**. (BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED)

PLEASE REGISTER BY: **OCTOBER 24TH**

9:00 AM WELCOME

9:30 AM MASS

FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW!



REVEREND PATRICK WINBUSH, O.S.B.

- MEMBER OF THE BENEDICTINE MONKS OF NEWARK ABBEY, NEWARK, NJ.
- ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD BY CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY, ON MAY 20, 2023.
- SERVED IN ST. BENEDICT'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL AS A THEOLOGY TEACHER, CAMPUS MINISTER
- ASSISTANT DEAN AND FACULTY GROUP MODERATOR.
- SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN NEWARK FOR 2 YEARS.
- SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS (2007-2023) IN THE MONASTERY.
- CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE ABBEY SUB-PRIOR SINCE 2012 AND RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH
- SERVED 4 YEARS AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK VOCATION BOARD OF
RELIGIOUS LIFE.
- A GRADUATE OF ST. PETER'S UNIVERSITY AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY SCHOOL
THEOLOGY AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY.
- MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CLERGY CAUCUS.



Cardinal Tobin invites all of the faithful to participate in a parish listening session. At your parish session you will:

- Learn more about the initiative and our planning area
- Review multiple draft model options
- Participate in small group discussion
- Offer feedback during the facilitated large-group session

St. Mary's Listening Session Dates:

(Please choose **ONE** session only—
both sessions present the same information.)

Monday, November 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday, November 22, 2025 | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Before You Attend

We encourage you to review the planning area information and draft models ahead of time. Resources can be found at:

www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org

Please register for the session you plan to attend here:

[Parish Session Registration.](#)

. QR Code to Registration Site



<https://www.catholicleaders.org/archdiocese-newark-parishsessionregistration>