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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin



A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to thank all of our parishioners who traveled to Washington, DC, for the Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage on Saturday. I know that the day was spiritually fulfilling. Special thanks to Teresa Nwaneri and Anastasia Amoakoh for coordinating this event.

Let us pray for safe travels to Sr. Linda and parishioners who are traveling to Rome on pilgrimage this week. I am sure they offer some reflections on their trip.

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

Pax,
Fr. Patrick, O.S.B.

WRITTEN BY : CARDINAL TOBIN MARY: MOTHER OF MERCY

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Mary, the Merciful Lady, helps us to seek and find love and forgiveness through her Son. Mary is the Mother of Mercy because she leads us to Jesus. Images of Mary such as the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, for which we Redemptorists are privileged to serve as guardians, and the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, both show that Mary is not a goddess, the one to be worshipped, because she casts down her eyes and points to her Son, to goodness and salvation in Him.

There is a tendency today to discredit Mary, claiming that devotion to her “keeps women in their place,” in a submissive or secondary role. In fact, the Magnificat boldly proclaims the opposite. Mary is strong. She is called blessed by all generations because of the mighty works done through her by God's Providence.

One of my favorite examples of Mary's strength can be found in the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As we know, the Franciscan bishop of Mexico City, Juan de Zumárraga, refused to believe her messenger, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin, a Chichimeca Indian to whom Mary appeared speaking his language and wearing native dress. The bishop—a skeptic like Zechariah—demanded a sign, so Mary miraculously filled Juan Diego's tilma (cloak) with roses, which were not in season at that time of year (December). When Juan returned to the bishop and opened his cloak, the miraculous image of Mary appeared embedded in his tilma.

By the grace of God, through Mary's intercession, Bishop de Zumárraga was converted—an experience every bishop should have! Convinced by the signs that the Blessed Mother offered to him, he approved her request that a chapel be built on Tepeyac Hill. The miraculous image embedded in Juan Diego's cloak can be seen today in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is located just outside Mexico City. This is the most popular Marian shrine in the world with more than 6 million pilgrims annually.

Mary changes hearts. She leads us to her Son and helps us to recognize him as our Redeemer. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, is the patron saint of the Americas. Millions of Catholics and members of other Christian denominations look to her for protection from all the evils that threaten them, including illness and disease, poverty, violence, and economic or social unrest. Her words to Juan Diego, "Do not be afraid. Am I not here, your mother?" show her mercy and compassion. These are words that all of us can take to heart no matter what our circumstances are or what is causing us to be anxious or afraid.

Mary, the beautiful Lady of Tepeyac, intercede for us, your children, and protect us from all evil through the redemptive work of your Son, Jesus. May we all remember to turn to you and implore your assistance in times of trouble, loneliness, or fear.

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

October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

If anyone is interested in becoming an Altar Server please see Thomas Ampadu or Fr. Patrick. You must have already made your First Communion in order to serve.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 12th- \$2,024,00

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.

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.

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

October 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All liturgical ministers please check the schedule with your ministry coordinator.

October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

AWAY FROM THE MONASTERY/ CHURCH

Fr. Patrick will be away this week and will return on October 28th. Sr. Linda will be away on Pilgrimage in Rome and will return the following week. Fr. Linus will be on call if there are any emergencies that come up. He can be reached at 973-978-1500. Ambrose Amoakoh, pastoral minister, is also available and he can be reached at 201-240-7014.

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

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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
October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday
October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday
October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Friday
October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
October 25
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday
October 26
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14



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>