THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT MARY
GLOUCESTER CITY, NEW JERSEY

1848 - 2017 - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
JUNE 11, 2017

REV. MSGR. WILLIAM A. HODGE, PASTOR
REV. KEVIN J. MOHAN In Residence
DEACON FRANK CROSSON
DEACON DAVE MURNANE
DEACON JOSEPH RAFFERTY
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VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please call the Rectory if a parishioner is seriously ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession, and Holy Communion.

YOUTH GROUP meets the 1st Sunday of every month after the 11:30 am Mass in the Rectory.

Knights of Columbus Council #674
Grand Knight: Phil Curran
Meet 2nd & 4th Monday 8:00 PM

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Giese #439
Regent: Elaine McNutt
Meet 1st Tuesday 7:00 PM

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
President: Mary Alice Conway
Meet 2nd Thursday of the Month 7:00 pm.

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 A.M., 3:30 - 4:00 P.M. & By Appointment.

BAPTISM
Baptisms are held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month immediately following 11:30 A.M. Mass.
Class for Baptism is held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7 PM in the Rectory. Parents, and Godparents (for first baby only) if available, must attend. Any questions please call the Rectory at 456-0052.
Please refer to our policy.

POLICY FOR CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY
In order to receive a Certificate of Eligibility to be a Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a practicing Catholic registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church. You must attend Mass regularly. The use of your envelope each week will tell us that you are attending regularly. This will avoid problems or embarrassments in the future.

MARRIAGES
Arrangements must be made one year prior to the marriage date. Please call the Rectory.

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is held every Thursday at 12 noon & Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. The Holy Eucharist is exposed followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary, and Benediction. Intention is for an increase in Church Vocations.

PARISH COUNCIL
Meets every other Month at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Conference Room. All Parishioners are welcome.

FINANCE COUNCIL
Meets quarterly at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Conference Room.

PARISH REGISTRATION
We urge all worshipers to register at the Rectory. If you are moving or changing address, kindly notify the Rectory.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Call the Rectory. Monday – Friday, 9 A.M.– 3 P.M.
SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2017
4:00 P. M.  DAVID SAUNDERS (ANN. REM.) req. by Mom, Dad, & Family
           ROSE GORMAN (ANN. REM.) req. by Mom & Family
           JAMES O’DONNELL req. by Jim Suttle

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2017-THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
7:30 A. M.  KATHLEEN FEASTER req. by Paul Conlin & Kathy DiCamillo
9:30 A. M.  LEWIS ATKINSON req. by Family
           BERNADETTE BIERBACH req. by Maggie & Paul Kain & Family
11:30 A. M. KATHLEEN FEASTER req. by Joe & Peg Loungo
           ROSE WILLIAMS req. by Joe & Liz Devine

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2017
8:00 A.M.   PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2017-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
8:00 A.M.   DANIEL T. SPENCER, SR. (30TH. ANN. REM) req. by wife Marie & Sons

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2017-FLAG DAY
8:00 A.M.   DOROTHY RYDER req. by Bill & Jeanne Kenney

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2017
8:00 A.M.   CHARLES WARREN BASTIEN, SR. req. by Walt & Fran McKenna

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2017
8:00 A.M.   ANTHONY SAM CILURSO req. by Bill & Jo Mazza

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2017
9:00 A.M.   HELEN M. HAYES-Bequest
           EDWARD J. HAYES-Bequest
           WILLIAM J. HARVEY (F/D/R) req. by Family
4:00 P. M.   SAUNDERS & PINE FAMILIES req. by Family
           JOHN MURPHY (F/D/R) req. by Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2017-THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST & FATHER’S DAY
7:30 A. M.   EMANUEL SHODDER (F/D/R) req. by Family
           DAMIAN GALLAGHER (BIR. REM.) req. by Mom, Dad, Brothers & Sisters
           JOSEPH TOMSHAW & MARTY COYLE req. by Tomshaw & Coyle Families
9:30 A. M.   JOSEPH STORMS, JR. (F/D/R) req. by Nancy & Children
           JOE HARRINGTON, ELMER RITCHIE, & ED ANYZEK req. by Bill & Rita
           FRED O’MALLEY & TOM DELENGOWSKI (F/D/R) req. by Wife & Children
11:30 A. M.   IRV BROWN req. by Charlotte Brown
           ROBERT EPPER BODDINGHAM (F/D/R) req. by Bob & Jerry
           ROSEMARIE WILLIAMS req. by Lynne & Mark Jergensen
           IRVING BROWN, SR. & RALPH LONGANO (F/D/R) req. by Charlotte & Family

Please remember in your prayers our deceased: THOMAS THECKSTON, ROBERT DIETRICH CA-PONE, & JOHN FREDERICK HOFBAUER, JR. May they rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning in memory of DANIEL T. SPENCER, SR. (30th. ANN. REM)
req. by wife Marie, Sons, & Grandchildren
ST. JOSEPH LAMP is burning in memory of GEORGE MURPHY, Jr. req. by Jim & Erin O’Connor
& Family
BLESS MOTHERS LAMP is burning in memory of HERB GREENE (ANN. REM.) req. by Fam-
**STEWARDSHIP**

**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**GRATEFUL HEART STEWARDSHIP**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son…….”

**JOHN 3:16A**

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money, and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? **STEWARDS** pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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**OUR COLLECTION FOR JUNE 4TH WAS**

Debt Collection was

Father’s Day envelopes was 

Egiving for May 28th was 

**TOTAL GIVING FOR JUNE 4TH WAS** 

LAST YEAR Giving for May 29th was N/A

**DIFFERENCE 2016 TO 2017:**

**WEEKLY EXPENSES TO RUN PARISH:**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Please remember St. Mary’s in your Will. Your legacy will be felt for generations to come. Thank you & God Bless You! Msgr. Hodge

**HOUSE OF CHARITY-BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

2017 House of Charity Campaign—“**ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD.**” Our own Gloucester Catholic High School graduate and Seminarian Ryan Meehan experiences firsthand how the appeal enables us to share the living God with so many throughout our service area. Our Parish Goal this year is

To date we have raised or 81.3% of our goal! 326 of our parishioners have contributed. We ask you to pray to Almighty God for the heart and mind to be as generous as possible to those we serve who are most in need. God Bless You. Msgr. Hodge

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**SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO LOSE CRITICAL FUNDING IN 2017-18**

**ARE YOU A TAXPAYER?**

Students in Catholic schools save NJ taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Each child who leaves a Catholic school and moves to a public school costs taxpayers an average $19,000 a year. So it’s in all our best interest to help keep students in our Catholic schools.

Governor Christie has proposed flat or reduced funding for non-public school students in the 2017-18 school year. In his plan, the per-student allotment for bus transportation will remain $884—an amount that has not changed in 10 years. Every year, students are forced to leave our schools because of bus transportation challenges. Also, funding for school nurses and technology will be reduced, and funding for non-public school security will be eliminated altogether.

**AN EASY WAY TO TAKE ACTION**

We are asking for equitable distribution of funds for expenses that affect all students, no matter where they go to school.

Please go to [https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action](https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action) and ask your representative to reach out to their counterparts who serve on the Budget & Appropriations committees. The text is already prepared for you to sign & send online. As a taxpayer, your voice matters, regardless of whether you have children in Catholic Schools!

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**THIS IS A SIX PART SERIES**

**ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH’S TEACHING ON CREMATION**

**PART IV**

Can I Have A Funeral Mass If I Choose To Be Cremated?

While it is still preferred for the body to be present for the Funeral Mass, in 1997 special permission was granted for the United States allowing each diocesan bishop to permit the celebration of Funeral Masses in the presence of cremated remains. The body is preferred because it was the body which felt the waters of Baptism, was marked with the oil of salvation and nourished by the Bread of Life.

Ideally, your loved one’s cremated remains should be buried immediately following cremation and the funeral liturgies.

“The body forcefully brings to mind our belief that our human bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. When the rites of the Order of Christian Funerals are fully celebrated they ritualize the journey from life through death to the fullness of God.” (OCF 412)

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**WEDDING BANNS I**

Courtney Collins & Josh Cassidy

**WEDDING BANNS II**

Stephanie Smith & Jacob Bicking
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
The Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue honestly and intensively about your prospective life together. Engaged Encounter Weekends are held at Pope John Paul II Retreat Center in Vineland, NJ. All weekends begin promptly at 8:00 pm, Friday evening and close by 3:00 pm Sunday afternoon. UPCOMING DATES ARE: June 9-11, 2017, August 11-13, 2017, and November 10-12, 2017. Registration fee is $395.00 per couple and includes lodging, meals, and program resources. To register, go to www.camdendiocese.org and search Engaged Encounter or call the Office of Faith and Family Life at 856-583-2904 or email MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org.

CAP PROGRAM (CHILD ASSAULT)-JUNE 2017 SESSIONS
The Office of Child and Youth Protection of the Diocese of Camden is announcing CAP sessions for the Month of March. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required to comply with the USCCB’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.
The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.
**CAP 1-to RECOGNIZE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT** – TUESDAY, JUNE 13th at 7:00pm, St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish, 200 W. Tuckahoe Road, Marmora, NJ.
Each presentation is 90 minutes.
To attend one of these sessions, please call the CAP REGISTRATION LINE at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: 856-583-6165, or contact Maryellen Schell at Maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org. Please leave your name and the session date you wish to attend. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A CALL BACK. We ask you to register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the Diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cvp.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process though which people become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. They come together on a weekly basis in order to learn about Jesus Christ and His Church, to experience community and to grow closer to God. Are you someone who has never been baptized and who feels an attraction to the church? Are you a baptized Christian who would like to explore our Catholic tradition? Are you a baptized Catholic and want to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation? If so, perhaps God is calling you. If you would like more information for yourself or someone you know about the RCIA program, please contact Deacon Dave Murnane at 856.853.5980. This years program is now forming and will begin in July.

700 CLUB IS UNDERWAY
Our 700 Club is starting now. The sales chart is up in the Blessed Mother’s side vestibule just waiting for your signature and phone # to be a sales person. The tickets will be made available real soon! Please sign up now and THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support of our St. Mary’s Parish.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday, 9:00AM to 3:30 PM, closed from 12-1PM for lunch.
LEGION OF MARY
Our Legion of Mary will again resume door-to-door visitation starting Saturday, June 17th leaving the rectory at 10:30am. Saturdays throughout the entire summer will see Legionaries on the streets of Gloucester City. Please feel free to join in as we evangelize for our Parish Family.

SOLEMN 40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ST. MARY’S PARISH
Solemn 40 Hours Devotion for our parish, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after each Mass the weekend of: SATURDAY & SUNDAY, June 17th & 18th. Adoration ALL DAY on: MONDAY, June 19th after the 8:00am Mass until Benediction at 7:00pm and TUESDAY, June 20th after 8:00am Mass until the Closing Mass and Eucharistic Procession at 7:00pm. Sign-up charts are available on the bulletin boards as you leave church. Please sign up for a 1 hour adoration to spend with our Blessed Lord on MONDAY, June 19th & TUESDAY, June 20th. We must fill up every hour as the Blessed Sacrament must be adored every hour while exposed. As Jesus said to his disciples in the garden; “Could you not spend one hour with me praying?”

SHOP RITE AND ACME GIFT CARDS
Are sold after the weekend Masses, at the Rectory, Sunshine Flowers & Gifts, and in the Queen of Ireland Religious Article Shop during regular business hours. Due to the service charges, debit and credit cards cannot be accepted for the purchases. Cash and checks can be used to purchase the gift cards. Thank you for your understanding and support.

GLOUCESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

BECOME A RAM FOR A DAY
Schedule a Student Shadow Day –email:tflynn@gchsrams.org or visit www.gchsrams.org

FR. JOHN SULLIVAN GOLF TOURNAMENT
Fr. John E. Sullivan who spent over 20 years of his life serving the Gloucester Catholic Community and St. Mary’s Parish as a resident. “Sully” was a friend to everyone. Proceeds help fund Alumni Scholarships and the Athletic Department. Please contact Pat Moughan at 609.970.1822 or via email at patrickmoughan@gmail.com

RAMS BASKETBALL SCHOOL FOR BOYS
grades 3-9 will be held from July 24-27. Please contact Pat Murphy to register at pmurphy@gchsrams.org

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP
Lisa Gedaka, Girls Basketball Coach at GCHS, will conduct three basketball camps for girls 7-14. Core Skills Camp June 26-30 at Gloucester Catholic, Offensive Skills Camp June 21-23 and Guard/Post July 10-12 both at Riverwinds Community Center. For information and registration log onto www.sjhoopscamps.com or call Lisa at 856.889.1202.

PRETZEL SALE
To benefit the GCHS Cheerleaders will take place on SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH after the 9:30 AM & 11:30AM Masses. Please be generous and support the Cheerleaders.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Beginning to Live in Love brings together engaged couples with a married couple trained to mentor them on the marriage preparation journey. Couples will be provided with resources, experiential exercises, practical skills, and inspirational witness in four-3 hour sessions. Saturday afternoons: June 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2017 beginning at 1:00pm.
St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 285 Rte. 206, Hammonton, NJ
Any engaged couple may register online at http://livinginlove.org/beginning-to-live-in-love-registration/ org
Please take a snack for the “sharing table” (e.g. fruit, pretzels, chips)