THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT MARY
GLOUCESTER CITY, NEW JERSEY

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

TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 25, 2017

REV. MSGR. WILLIAM A. HODGE, PASTOR
REV. KEVIN J. MOHAN In Residence
DEACON FRANK CROSSON
DEACON DAVE MURNANE
DEACON JOSEPH RAFFERTY
SACRISTAN: CHARLES REED

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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 6:30pm. 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 24TH, 2017 - THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
4:00 P. M. HENRIETTA RICHARDS (BIR. REM.) r/b Family
CLAIRE MURPHY r/b Family
DEACON FRANK & MARYANN CROSSON (50TH WED. ANN.) r/b
Jim & Alice Mendell & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2017 - TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 A. M. ELIZABETH SULLIVAN (BIR. REM.) r/b Rae Whelan
9:30 A. M. NATALE ZANGHI r/b Mary Ellen Plews & Family
ROSE WILLIAMS r/b Lois & Steve Heister
11:30 A. M. CHARLES WARREN BASTIEN, SR. r/b Mildred Barresi
ROSEMARIE WILLIAMS r/b Bill & Diana Raroha
BONNIE STORMS r/b Charlotte & Family

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2017
8:00 A.M. CHARLES WARREN BASTIEN, SR. r/b Florence Quinn

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2017 - ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA
8:00 A.M. CHARLES WARREN BASTIEN, SR. r/b Eleanore Kamarauskas

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2017 - ST. IRENAEUS
8:00 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2017 - SS. PETER AND PAUL
8:00 A.M. HELEN M HAYES –bequest
EDWARD J HAYES-bequest

FRIDAY, JUNE 30th, 2017 - THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH
8:00 A.M. CHARLES WARREN BASTIEN, SR. r/b Amy & Jim Bastien

FIRST SATURDAY, JULY 1ST, 2017 - ST. JUNIPERO SERRA
9:00 A.M. DECEASED PRIESTS OF ST. MARY’S r/b Tom O’Donnell & Family
4:00 P. M. CHARLES WARREN BASTIEN, SR. r/b Rosemary Kenney
INTENTIONS OF LORETTA & TOM HUSLIN r/b Nancy Arey

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND, 2017 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 A. M. DECEASED SISTERS OF ST. MARY’S r/b Tom O’Donnell & Family
WILLIAM F. & MARY C. O’NEILL r/b son, Bill
9:30 A. M. ROSE WILLIAMS r/b Dave Devine
11:30 A. M. CLAIRE MURPHY r/b Family
ROSEMARIE WILLIAMS r/b Josh & Lisa Brown

Please remember in your prayers our deceased: EDWARD SERVERANCE. May he rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning IN MEMORY OF JANICE LEGGE (W/A/R) & JAMES FLORISH (B/R) r/b Rick Legge.
ST. JOSEPH LAMP is burning in memory of JERRY COLGAN r/b Bill & JoAnn Allison
BLESSED MOTHERS LAMP is burning in memory of JOANNE R. GORMAN (ANN. REM.) r/b Mariah & Tom
**What Acceptable Options Are Available?**

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<td>Ground Burial</td>
<td>Cremated remains can be buried in a small grave designated for such burials, or in some cases, added to an existing family grave or lot.</td>
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<td>Granite Niches</td>
<td>Niches are offered at many of our cemeteries which are small granite compartments, similar to crypts, but sized to contain an urn.</td>
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<td>Glass Niches</td>
<td>Niches are also available in glass so that you may continue to appreciate the beauty of the urn you selected.</td>
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<td>Mausoleum</td>
<td>Similar to the addition of cremated remains to a family grave, they can be added to a family crypt in one of our mausoleums.</td>
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Each cemetery has different offerings which should be explored prior to making final arrangements.
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: 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)-JULY 2017 SESSIONS (TBA)

The Office of Child and Youth Protection of the Diocese of Camden is announcing CAP sessions for the Month of July. 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 PHASE I Thursday, July 13th at 7:00PM. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. 146 S. Pitney Road, Galloway, NJ 08205.

NO PHASE II & III during the month of July.

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.

RIT DECHRISTIAN 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? (You MUST BE CONFIRMED in order to be Married in the Catholic Church) 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 year’s 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.

CARNIVAL

Our Lady of Peace Parish/St. Mary’s Church in Williamstown will be holding its’ Annual Carnival June 26th through July 1st from 6:00-10:00PM on the Church grounds. Featured will be games, rides, amusements, refreshments of all kinds, and of course, fun for all ages! On Tuesday & Wednesday from 6 til closing will be Family Night; unlimited rides for just $20.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.
LEGION OF MARY
Our Legion of Mary have resumed door-to-door visitation. We leave 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.

WEDDING OF THE SEA FESTIVAL “TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH. Sponsored by St. Monica Parish in Atlantic City. Mass of the Assumption at Boardwalk Hall at 12:00 noon. Procession to surf at 1:15PM. Join The Most Reverend Bishop Dennis Sullivan in celebration of this beautiful Mass. Festival will be held at St. Michael’s Church parking lot, Georgia Avenue from 1:00pm-8:00pm. Free & open to the public. Enjoy 10 Atlantic City restaurant vendors, a beer garden, live music, children’s games, and more! Free parking at multiple locations. For more information please call 609.345.1878.

We appreciate the very generous donation made by the Gloucester City Ministerium Association to help feed the poor from our Rectory Kitchen door every Monday thru Friday. In the summer our numbers increase and we see a lot of children with their parents. Please keep them in your prayers.

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
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 THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH after the 9:30 AM & 11:30AM Masses. Please be generous and support the Cheerleaders.

JUNE 25, 2017
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid." Can it really be true? Is our heavenly Father actually so aware of us? Does the Creator of the universe pay that much attention to me? Jesus says yes. God knows us far more intimately than we even know ourselves. And so, we have nothing to fear.

Being Christian isn't guaranteed to be easy. More and more even in our own culture, following the faith is being criticized and discouraged in the public square. Privately, we may struggle with the demands of the commandments or the ability to believe when we face the inevitable trials that come our way. But passages like this one in today's Gospel are a source of tremendous hope and consolation. We are loved beyond measure. We enjoy the care and concern of God in every situation, big and small. Truly we have no need to worry or be anxious because God is in control.

For our part, of course, Jesus asks us to trust him and stay faithful. He asks us not to apologize for our faith, especially publicly. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." When we live our faith with confidence, it's a way of accepting the power and providence of God. But when we try to hide our faith away because we're afraid of causing problems, we only damage our relationship with the One who can actually solve them.

At the end of the day, the only really serious problem we need to worry about is losing our soul-and that, to be sure, is up to us. As the great French novelist Léon Bloy wrote, "There is only one tragedy in the end: not to have been a saint."
Congratulations to the
Gloucester Catholic Junior High
Class of 2017 Graduates

Carlie Anyzek
Michelle Bruccoliere
Brandon Butcher
Cassidy Cianfrani
Nicholas Corsaro
Greg Croce
Celia DiIanni
Jude Ferrigno
Hannah Fultano

Matthew Hilton
Megan Kupiec
Jonathan McLaughlin
Mary Pearson
Nikole Platenecky
Isabella Postorivo
Grace Riley
Olivia Versace
Ian Williams

May God’s Abundant Blessings Be Upon Them and
His Face Made To Shine Upon Them!