

# Saint Mary Parish - Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church

April 3, 2022  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

## THE BAPTISTRY: A SACRED SPACE

A church's narthex, or gathering space, has many purposes: a place for conversation, dropping off items for those in need, the sharing of information, and sometimes even fundraising. At St. Mary's, however, there is a sacred space within our narthex: the Baptistry.

It is sacred because "Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to other sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1213).

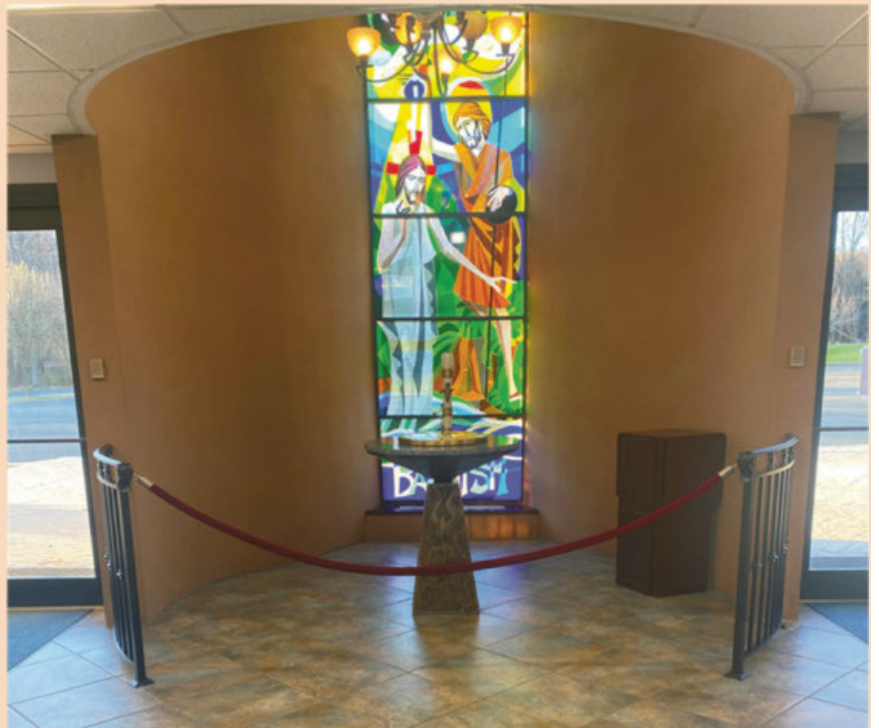
Unfortunately, too often the line between the narthex and Baptistry is blurred and the latter becomes the repository for all kinds of items. I've even seen the baptismal font itself used as a shelf! I have attempted to set off the Baptistry from the narthex so that this area is given the reverence it deserves.

The new railings helping to frame the Baptistry are the generous gift to the Parish of Joseph and Nancy Ebler. Some years ago, Joe also refurbished the baptismal font and the Paschal Candle stand.

The decorative rope is the kind gift of Joanne and Jack Kolvalchek.

A heartfelt thank you to our benefactors and thank you all for respecting this sacred space.

- Msgr. Benwell



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## Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to St. Mary-Stony Hill to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners and welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally. We want you to know that you are always welcome!

All parishioners should be registered with the parish office. Please notify the parish office if you change your address or move out of the parish. Certificates of eligibility to sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to registered parishioners who are active and practicing Catholics.

### Parish Leadership

**Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, OFS, Pastor**

**Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus, Weekend Assistant**

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### Religious Education

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners who attend public school grades 1 thru 8. Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is also provided for students who attend Catholic schools. The Confirmation Program is a two-year preparation program. Students may not enroll into 8th grade, unless they complete our 7th grade program or attend a Catholic school. Please check our website or contact the Office of Religious Education at 908-756-6524 ext.16 for more information.

### Sacrament of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm\*

Sunday Mass at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 am

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 8:00 am\*

\* Mass livestreamed and saved to our parish website.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm

(also by appointment)

### Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound

We are grateful to know if there is someone who should be on our prayer list, or who would benefit from a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or anointing by a priest. Please ask the individual, or immediate family member, to contact the parish office. In an emergency, phone the parish office and follow the prompt. Please use this option only for a genuine emergency requiring a priest.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held after our Sunday Mass.

Contact the parish office for scheduling.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the parish office for an appointment at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

### Ministry Leaders

<b>Bereavement Group</b>	<i>Cheryl Gatti</i>	908-285-0330
<b>Cemetery Sales</b>	<i>Dick Dorsi</i>	908-380-3321
<b>Cemetery Concerns</b>	<i>Pat Manfredonia</i>	908-756-6524
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<i>Melissa Camiolo</i>	oloimac21005@gmail.com
<b>Covenant Committee</b>	<i>Florence Larkin</i>	908-757-4029
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<i>Nancy Finn</i>	908-756-6524
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<i>Anthony Pangj</i>	732-764-0264
<b>Food for the Needy (SHIP)</b>	<i>Larry Latore</i>	908-370-3538
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	<i>Wayne Osborne</i>	908-581-0975 knightswayneosborne@yahoo.com
<b>Liturgical Ministries</b>	<i>Peter D'Angelo</i>	908-963-0436
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<b>RCIA/Adult Ed</b>	<i>Anthony Pangj</i>	732-764-0264 a.pangj@aol.com
<b>Seniors Group</b>	<i>Pat Dorsi</i>	908-917-5709
<b>St. Ann's Soup Kitchen</b>	<i>Melissa Hillier</i>	908-448-8874
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	<i>Tina Kelly</i>	908-756-6524



Isabella Mia

### Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome **Isabella Mia**, daughter of Daniel & Melissa Gregoire and **Mila Marie**, daughter of Daniel & Julia Coury who were recently baptized. May the flame of faith grow ever stronger in their hearts. God Bless **Isabella and Mila!**



The Coury Family



### Monday, April 4

Religious Education Classes (5 pm & 7 pm)

### Tuesday, April 5

Bereavement Ministry (7 pm)

### Wednesday, April 6

Religious Education Classes (4 pm)  
Second Grade: Banner Making (4 pm)

### Thursday, April 7

Seniors Group Meeting (10:15 am)

### Friday, April 8

Stations of the Cross (7 pm)

### Saturday, April 9

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious (all Masses this weekend)

### Sunday, April 10

No Religious Education Classes this morning.  
Knights of Columbus (12:30 pm)

### Baby Bottle Boomerang

The Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign for the benefit of Great Expectations is underway and will conclude on April 10th. Please bring your baby bottles back to the church each Saturday or Sunday and give them to either an usher or a member of the Knights of Columbus as you enter the church. We invite you to take an empty bottle after each Mass and bring it back on the next weekend with your loose change, dollars or checks made out to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your years of support and for ensuring again the success of this program.



### 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

## Your Sacrificial Offering

(Including WeShare)

Weekend Collection	3/27/22	\$13,151
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**Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support of our parish!**



## Chrism Mass

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen at 4 pm. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom—which we now call the Chrism Mass—in his Cathedral in Milan. The Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries!

The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

All are strongly encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Tuesday, April 12th at 4 pm.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit:

<https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>

## Masses and Services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday



### Palm Sunday Mass:

Saturday, April 9th at 4 pm  
Sunday, April 10th at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 am

### Holy Thursday Mass:

Thursday, April 14th at 7 pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm

### Good Friday Service:

Friday, April 15th at 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

### Easter Vigil Mass:

Saturday, April 16th at 8 pm

### Easter Sunday Masses:

April 17th at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 am



## Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World which was created by 15 year old Carlo Acutis (now Blessed Carlo Acutis) will be displayed at Our Lady of the Mount Church in Warren. It is a display of over 160 miracles from 750 AD to 2013 AD recognized by the Catholic Church. Come see this extraordinary exhibit on display:

Our Lady of the Mount Church  
Mt. Bethel Road, Warren

**April 2nd and April 3rd from 10 am—6 pm**

For more information, see the link below:  
<https://ourladyofthemount.org/>





**Let us pray for the sick:**

Joseph M. Angeleri  
Eloy Bello  
Andrea Callejas  
Genna Camiolo  
Lorena D'Amato  
Lori Engler  
Vivian Flower  
Robert Hardy  
Shannon Hardy  
Agnes Harris  
Laura Hinkley  
John Hunton  
Chet Janusz

Cornell Marino  
Rose Molnar  
Carolyn Monday  
Anthony Pelle  
Jaxson Rivera  
Joanne Quense  
Cathleen Schmidt  
Frank Skopowski  
Pat Turner  
Sharon Venuto

...and all those who are  
sick or suffering.

If there are any names that should be added to, or removed from the list, please phone the parish office. We pray daily for all those who are sick.

**Let us pray for those in the military:  
May God bless you for your service.**



L. Cpl. Joseph Butrico, USMC  
Corp. Michael F. Hogan, USM  
Edward Paul Louis, USA  
Eric Marsjanik, USN  
Eric Merkle, USAF  
Chaplain Robert Monagle, USAF  
Sgt. Patrick Noll USMC  
Pvt. Jonathan Sims, National Guard  
Morgan Slaninko, USN  
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC  
Major John Voorhees, USA  
Lt. Taylor Wing, US Army

**From today's readings...**

**“ Go, and from now on  
do not sin any more. ”**  
- Jn. 8:11

**TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING**

April 2—8:

For all parishioners.



*Mass Intentions*

MONDAY, April 4

**Saint Isidore**

Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn. 8:12-20  
**8:00 a.m. Maryann Sasso**

TUESDAY, April 5

**Saint Vincent Ferrer**

Nm. 21:4-9/Jn. 8:21-30  
**8:00 a.m. Members of Maculaitis & Bannon  
Families (living and deceased)**

WEDNESDAY, April 6

**Lenten Weekday**

Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn. 8:31-42  
**8:00 a.m. Maria Biko**

THURSDAY, April 7

**Saint John Baptist de la Salle**

Gn. 17:3-9/Jn. 8:51-59  
**8:00 a.m. Anthony Addario**

FRIDAY, April 8

**Lenten Weekday**

Jer. 20:10-13/Jn. 10:31-42  
**8:00 a.m. Maryann Sasso**

SATURDAY, April 9

**Lenten Weekday**

Saturday Vigil Mass  
**4:00 p.m. Karyn Monahan  
Barbara Rispoli**

SUNDAY, April 10

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Lk. 19:28-41/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Lk. 22:14-23:56  
**7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish**  
**9:00 a.m. Nora Tozzi**  
**11:15 a.m. Elizabeth “Betty” DeGuilo  
Li Ballard**



# ST. VINCENT FERRER

APRIL 5

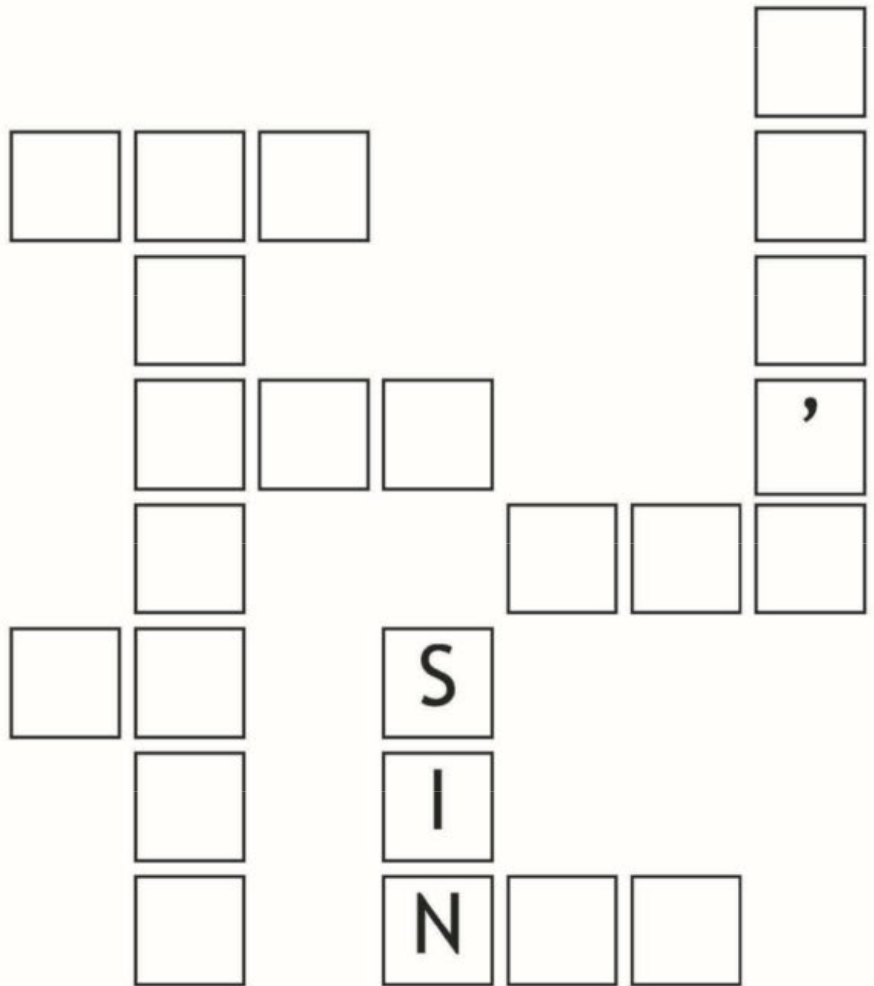
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*“Whatever you do, think not of yourself, but of God.”*



- Saint Vincent Ferrer

Fit the Gospel message into the empty squares:  
You may go now, but don't sin anymore.





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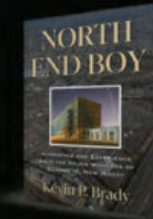


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