

# Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 25**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 5:30 p.m. Loretta & Syl Kehoe  
Rosa Lopez
- 7:30 a.m. Lucy Mancuso  
Vincenza & Angelo Butera  
Anthony Maiuro
- 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Michele Barresi  
Joseph T. Kelly  
Pedrito Vasquev

**MONDAY: FEBRUARY 26**

- 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**TUESDAY: FEBRUARY 27**

- 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 28**

- 7:00 a.m. Theresa Damelio

**THURSDAY: MARCH 1**

- 7:00 a.m. Ernie Theroux  
Leonce Fancher

**FRIDAY: MARCH 2**

- 7:00 a.m. Jane McManus

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Denise Bencel, Brittany Bragg, Joseph Braun, David Butler, Peter Cerenasio, Louis Cloitre, Carmella Cullen, Eileen Curylo, Irene Herbert, John Holmes, Robert Kelly, Tina LePre, Edna Lomotan, Mary Mancin, Joseph Manogue, Linda Martin, Anne Matanin, Vincent Merendino, Mary Meyer, Arlene Mount, Christopher McDermott, Margaret McKearney, Mary Narcise, Francis Norton, Rocco Pandone, Miguel Rivera, Charlie Russo, Joan Shotmuller, Carol Sicsko, John Skidmore, Mike Suckey, Scott Sullivan, Sister Thomasine, Wayne Tompkins

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Last weekend's collection: \$4,425.

Thank you for your financial investment in St. Mary's.

**GIVE ONLINE**

We encourage those parishioners who feel comfortable making secure online donations to consider automatic online giving through our parish website at [www.stmarysdover.org](http://www.stmarysdover.org) This is an easy and convenient way to support our parish.



Monday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## Parish News

Dear Friends,

The sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are joyful moments for the Church and for families and individuals alike. We are honored to welcome, prepare, and accompany all toward the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.

As we meet with parents, as well as teens and adults who wish to receive these sacraments, they often tell us they have difficulty when it comes to selecting a sponsor – or “godparent”. Frequently people do not have any family or friends nearby who meet the requirements to become a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. We need to help.

As a parish staff, we have decided to reach out to you. We would like to develop a list of parishioners who meet the requirements to become a sponsor, and would be willing to serve as sponsors for either baptism or confirmation. This would enable us to offer a practical answer to the spiritual needs of those who are ready to receive the sacraments.

As a refresher, a sponsor “is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it”.

The requirements to be accepted into the role of a sponsor within the Catholic Church for confirmation are the same for those of baptism. To be a sponsor a person must:

1. be chosen by the person to be baptized, or by the parents or guardians of a child, or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister of the sacrament;
2. be at least 16 years old;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
4. not be impeded by some canonical penalty;
5. not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized

For greater clarification with #3 above, “a life in harmony with the faith” includes one’s state in life. If married, the person must be married in the Catholic Church; if single, the person must be living a chaste life (not cohabitating, for example). Since the role of a sponsor provides a crucial witness and support for the person being received into the Church, it is essential for the sponsor to meet the above requirements.

If you are willing to serve in the capacity of a sponsor, or would like more information, please contact me, or anyone on staff. We are most grateful for your consideration as we seek to meet the spiritual needs of those who come to our front door.

God bless you,  
Fr. Derek Anderson, SOLT



### PROGRAMS DURING LENT

#### “Welcome Home to Healing”

Catholics in the Diocese of Paterson, especially those who have been away from the Church, are invited to experience God’s healing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Catholic churches in Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties will be open for Confession every Monday, starting February 19 to March 19, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



Each Friday during Lent, we will journey spiritually with Jesus by recalling and meditating on the traditional Stations of the Cross. It is a powerful way to learn the extent of the Lord’s personal love for us by pondering the last hours of Jesus’ life on earth. Join us in the church at 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Lenten Reflection Series

Eucharistic Adoration, evening prayer and reflection on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church.



#### 2018 GOLF OUTING

If you are interested in joining our Golf Outing Committee, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the back of the church.

#### RAFFLE WINNERS FEBRUARY 16 – 22

- Feb 16. Michael MacDermant
- 17. Johanna Bizub
- 18. Rose Ann Hastings
- 19. Rose Ferrara
- 20. Elayne Faduska
- 21. John Sutherland
- 22. Terry Friend

# Parish / Diocesan News

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Feb. 25, March 11 & 18: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### K - 4<sup>TH</sup> RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Feb 26, March 5, 12 & 19: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Dates:** *Tuesday, March 13 & 20*

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholics into a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship marked by the love of God, which breathes life into our daily existence. The Holy Spirit is not merely something relegated to Confirmation. The Spirit desires a relationship with us that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable; a journey to the very Heart of God. The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death. This is a great series no matter where you are at in your faith.

## LIVING STATIONS PRESENTED BY THE FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS



On Friday, March 9, at 8:00 p.m., the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of “The Way of the Cross” in the church. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a “play” in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 15 teens and 8 adult advisers from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 10 minutes early.

## COLLEGE STUDENT GROUP

The local college students are getting together to study/learn more about the bible and our faith. We would like to invite local college students to join us. We meet every two weeks for an hour and a half, and we always have food! If you have any questions, please call/text Stephanie at 860-333-0817 or email [college@stmarysdover.org](mailto:college@stmarysdover.org)

## PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP

February 27 at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta from 7 to 9 p.m. If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711.



## SYMBOLON

Sundays: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the school  
February 25 & March 11

A great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and enter into a meaningful discussion with other members of the parish. New arrivals are always welcome.

## TRICKY TRAY

Anyone who would like to help with our 2018 Tricky Tray, please join us on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the school for our planning meeting. The 2018 Tricky Tray is scheduled for Saturday, November 3.



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

It is time to prepare for the 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. Children in grades 3 & up are invited to join the children's choir. Practices are every Sunday in the church after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. New singers are welcome! Contact Paul Fersch or Jeannie Hubley with any questions.

# Parish Contact Information

## **Pastoral Associate / Director of Faith Formation**

Steven Serafin 973-366-0184

## **Middle School Youth Ministry**

Sarah Robinson [MSyouth@stmarysdoover.org](mailto:MSyouth@stmarysdoover.org)

## **High School Youth Ministry**

Alexandra Cernick [HSyouth@stmarysdoover.org](mailto:HSyouth@stmarysdoover.org)

## **Young Adult Ministry**

Katie Woltornist [Young-Adults@stmarysdoover.org](mailto:Young-Adults@stmarysdoover.org)  
908-310-9965

## **College Ministry**

Stephanie Twedt [College@stmarysdoover.org](mailto:College@stmarysdoover.org)  
860-333-0817

## **Counseling Service**

Mary M. Kane, PHD., ED.S 973-625-8711

## **Ministry Scheduling**

Parish Office 973-366-0184  
Email: [info@stmarysdoover.org](mailto:info@stmarysdoover.org)

## **Music Ministry**

Paul F. Fersch 973-691-9208

## **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Joan Costello 973-366-8968

## **Pre-Cana**

Please call Parish Office.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation Program**

Call Parish Office 973-366-0184

## **Knights of Columbus**

Michael Keiser 973-229-6165

## **Right to Life**

Mark Churchman 973-366-4035

## **Senior's Club**

John Sutherland 973-366-7656

## **Food Pantry**

Donations accepted on weekends before / after Mass  
Lisa Masone 973-932-4741

## **Altar Servers**

Fr. Derek Anderson 973-366-0184

## **Hand In Hand Caregivers Ministry**

(Meets 3rd Saturday of the month- 9:30 AM Bermingham Hall)  
Kris Beirne 973-366-5679

## **Homebound Ministry**

Fr. Patrick Prajzner 973-366-0184

## **Rosary Devotion**

Deenie Saltarelli 551-655-4109

## **Parish Trustees:**

Mr. Mark J. Alpaugh  
Mr. Gerard P. Daingerfield

## **Administrative Assistants**

Andrea Henry  
MaryTheresa Conca  
Diana Kwasnik

## **Parish Membership**

New Parishioners are asked to register at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Please notify the Parish Office for changes of address, also.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Monday evening - 7:00-8:00 PM

Saturday - 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Also by appointment at the Parish Office

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Arrangements can be made by calling the Office.

Note: baptisms are not celebrated during the Lenten Season.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

## **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

For anyone who is sick or homebound, please call the Parish Office.

