



St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church

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NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH STAFF:

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Pastor

Thomas F. Dominiecki

Deacon

Mark Hennicke

Deacon

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM (Children's Liturgy),
12:00 N (Polish)

Saturday: Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8:00 AM / Thurs: 6:30 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM

ROSARY:

Prayed before daily Mass & before 4 PM Vigil & 8:30 AM
Sunday Mass.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Every Monday following the 8:00 AM Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Prayed following all weekday Masses.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon or by appointment.

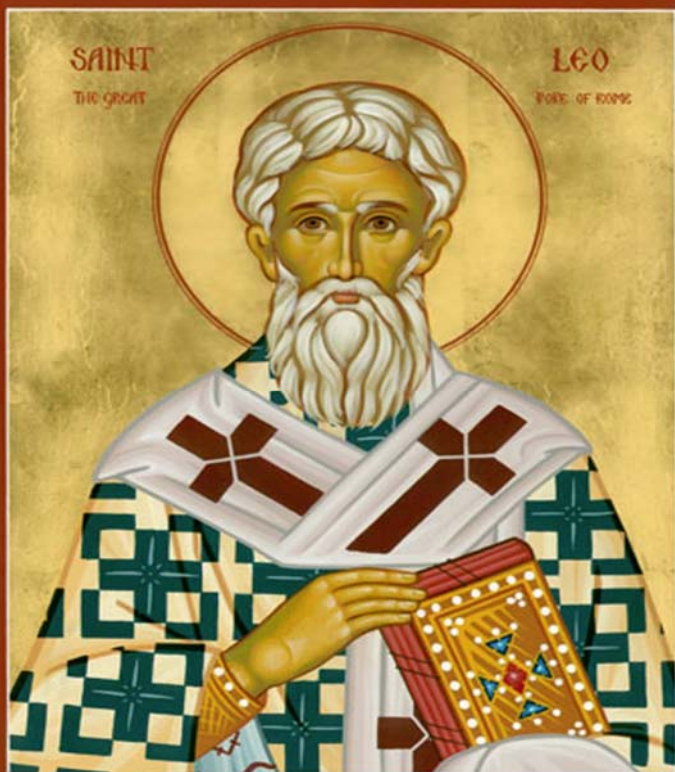
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

OFFICES CLOSED ON ALL HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of Ostrabrama Parish, a Roman Catholic Community, embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ by fostering our rich traditions and serving the needs of others. Through worship, sacrament and prayer, all are invited to join with us as we continue to inspire and strengthen our parish family.

Anyone wishing to present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass, kindly speak to an usher prior to the beginning of Mass. Family members of those for whom the Mass is offered are always welcomed and encouraged to present the gifts and given priority.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All parishioners should be registered. Parishioners over the age of 18 should register independently of their parents. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months in order for us to provide testimonial letters. Kindly notify the Parish Office of any changes.

BAPTISMS: Fourth Sunday of the month at 1 PM. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements prior to making social plans. **Parents & godparents must attend instructions** on the third Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM in the Seniors' Room.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance, prior to making social plans.

SICK CALLS: Arrangements for communion calls to the sick can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital. Emergency calls are made at any time.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

(PREP): Instruction in the Catholic Faith for children in grades 1-8. Classes are held from September to April on Monday afternoons from 4:30 - 5:45 PM. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA): A process of prayer, study, & spiritual formation which prepares unbaptized adults & adults baptized outside the Catholic Church to be in full communion.. Any adult 18 years of age or older who desires becoming a Catholic should call the Parish Office.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”

- Mark 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point--we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is “left over”?

MASS INTENTIONS . . .

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY (SOBOTA), NOVEMBER 7

4 PM **+Anna & John Adamusik**
Req. by: Son, Joe

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), NOVEMBER 8

8:30 **Intentions of Holy Name**
10:30 **+Hennicke & Sosa Families**
Req. by: Deacon Mark & Sandra Hennicke
12 N **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**

MONDAY (PONIEDZIALEK), NOVEMBER 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8 AM **+Swiecicki Family**
Req. by: Teresa Mach
11 AM **Healing Mass**

TUESDAY (WTOREK), NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8 AM **+Janina Samsel**
Req. by: Theresa Rojek

WEDNESDAY (SRODA), NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8 AM **+Stanley P., Mary & Stanley R. Brylinski**
Req. by: Jean Alexander

THURSDAY (CZWARTEK), NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

6:30PM **+Janina Samsel**
Req. by: Children

FRIDAY (PIATEK), NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8 AM **+Charles Dzielinski**
Req. by: Wife, Frances Dzielinski

SATURDAY (SOBOTA), NOVEMBER 14

Weekday / BVM

4 PM **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), NOVEMBER 15

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **+Krzyzkowski Family**
Req. by: Peter Krzyzkowski
10:30 **+Carole & Richard Butewicz**
Req. by: Family
12 N **+Michael Wywrot**
Req. by: Rodzice & Rodzenstwo



THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Universal: Dialogue - That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: Pastors - That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

Sunday, November 8

Holy Name Breakfast follows 8:30 AM Mass, Parish Ctr.
Children's Liturgy 10:30 AM Mass
Food Bank Collection

Monday, November 9

Seniors' Meeting 10 AM, Seniors' Room
Healing Mass 11 AM
NO PREP

Tuesday, November 10

Pro-Life Prayer Group 7:30 AM Rosary, Mass, Prayers
RCIA 7 PM, Parish Office

Wednesday, November 11

Holy Name Meeting 7 PM, Parish Center

Thursday, November 12

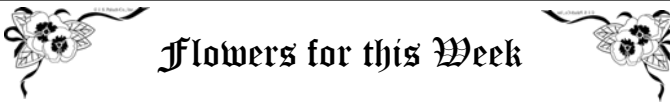
Choir Practice 7 PM, Children's Room, Lower Church

Saturday, November 14

Confessions 11 AM

Sunday, November 15

Raffle Drawing 10 AM, Parish Office
Children's Liturgy 10:30 AM Mass
Pre-Baptism Class 11:30 AM, Seniors' Room
Coffee & Cake 1 PM, Parish Center



Flowers for this Week

*Altar Flowers are donated in honor of
Cash James Eckert
In celebration of his Baptism
From Grandparents*

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS ...

REMEMBER THE SICK & HOMEBOUND, especially:

Cindy Abreu-Maia, Nina Argresta, Sue Bialoblocki, John Bladzinski, Cathy Christan, Joan DeBoer, Thomas DelGuercio, John Dominiecki, Mary Dzienkowski, Tom Fackovec, Evelyn Fafara, Sophie Galinski, John Ganser, Matthew Giardelli, Maryann Goccia, Charles Griscavage, Amelia Halm, Jean Hill, Aaron Hode, Eleanor Holz, Helen Hydrusko, Rose Johnson, Catheryn Kelly, Jason Klee, Marion Kovacs, Joan Krenzel, Dolores Ksiazak, Mary P. Lementowicz, Michael Lucas, Tommy Lukowski, Pearl Markowski, Anthony

Martino, Wanda Massaro, Doris Matecki, Dorothy McMahon, Hannah Grace Michlik, Rozalia Milkowski, Frances Moken, Irene Palmowski, Joe Pawelek, Nicholas Piacenti, Stanley Plewa, Cecelia Polanski, Kevin Rasimowicz, C. Rasmussen, Sr. Rosangela, Rosalie Rudy, Sean Ryan, Gregory Sciscoe, Eleanor Scupp, Stephen Soehngen, Joe Szumski, Pauline Terelmes, Sylvia Thrasher, Christine Tobin, Maria Uzzo, Arlene Watson, Claire Watson, Sophie Witkowski, Karolina Wojciechowski, Mary Wojciechowski, Edward Wolanin, Jr., Kathryn Wolanin, Barbara Zambricky, Maria Zamoyski, Henry Ziolkowski.



WINE & HOSTS

Baptism Blessings for Cash James Eckert -
Godparents



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sanctuary Candle ~ Church

Blessings & Health for Lili Butewicz -
Grace & Bob Tagliente

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

+Ralph Rossi - Lili Butewicz

Sacred Heart Altar Candles

Blessings & Health for Lili Butewicz - Helen Rojek

Candle for St. Joseph

+Vinnie Martinez - Family

Candle For St. Anthony

+Carole & Richard Butewicz - Family

Our Lady of Ostrabrama Candles

+John & Jennie Zych - Michael, Kim & Tina

Sanctuary Candle ~ Chapel

{Available ~ \$25 for one large candle for one week}

Divine Mercy Candles ~ Chapel

+Marci Achrymienia - Michael, Kim & Tina

St. Anne's Altar Candles ~ Chapel

+Joan Uler - Tina Meyers

La Pieta Grotto Candles

+Alexander Wyluda -
Mom, Sister & Brother



*Please contact the Parish Office to make
arrangements to donate candles or wine & hosts in
honor of a loved one.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMORIALS



In addition to Mass intentions, St. Mary's offers a variety of options to remember your loved ones or special occasions. All of the following are available throughout the year. The names and/or intentions will be printed in the bulletin for that week. Please contact the Parish Office for details and availability.

- ✘ **Altar Flowers:** Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel except Lent & Advent
- ✘ **Wine & Hosts:** Available for Masses for one week
- ✘ **Candle Intentions:** Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel
- ✘ **Memorial Room Candles:** Available monthly
- ✘ **Memorial Room Plaques:** Various sizes available
- ✘ **Tree of Life:** Leaves still available

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING . . .

St. Mary's Parish is totally dependent upon the generosity of its parishioners for parish support. Our church support program is called "Sacrificial Giving". Each individual parishioner or family is asked to consistently give "their fair share", in support of their parish in a spirit of thanksgiving to God, to enable our parish church to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The envelopes provided for you are to be used as gift wrappers for each sacrificial gift you give to the Lord. Please be generous, since God is generous to us.

Sunday Collection - November 1, 2015

Weekly Collection

Building Fund

Thank You & God Bless You! Bóg Zapłać!



Rebuild my
CHURCH

*St. Mary of Ostrabrama
Building Restoration
Project Update . . .*

Balance:

A special Thank You and God's Blessing to all who have generously contributed to this project so far!

GOODSEARCH.COM

To date, contributions to St. Mary's Church for using *goodsearch.com*:

*Thank you & Bóg Zapłać to all who use *goodsearch.com* to browse and make purchases on the Internet.*



Shop-Rite Certificates

Everyone needs to shop for **groceries & prescriptions**. The certificates program is a means for St. Mary's to earn five cents on every dollar spent at Shop-Rite without any additional cost to shoppers. Certificates are available before and after all Masses at the entrances of the church, or may be purchased at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



There is nothing small in the service of God.

-Francis de Sales

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

Our parents have taught us the importance and the great value of being generous throughout our lives. Knowing that God's generosity depends on us, "*...the measure with which you measure, will be measured out to you!*"



St. Mary's Parish exists only because of your kindness, your generosity and the many sacrifices you share with Her. Please remember St. Mary's Parish in your Will!

~ Fr. Michael G.



Our next Parish Raffle is scheduled for **Sunday, November 15, 2015 ~ just one week away!** Please send in your raffle tickets as soon as possible. Please

support this important fundraiser for our parish.

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

GRACE, MERCY & PEACE

The Diocese of Metuchen presently has 145 active **permanent deacons** with another 32 in formation. While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our permanent deacons do so much more. To name just a few ways they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and hospitalized. We are blessed to have Deacon Tom and Deacon Mark serving here at St. Mary of Ostrabrama.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons. Please consider making your gift today.

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IN OUR PARISH . . .

Seniors' News

Healing Mass

Monday, November 9, 2015



This Mass is reserved for those age 55+ and those whose health is impaired by sickness or old age. Services begin with the Rosary at 10:15 AM, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and private meditation before the 11:00 AM Mass and Anointing.

IMPORTANT CEMETERY INFORMATION

A special "Thank You" to Stephanie Nolan for serving St. Mary's Parish as Cemetery Coordinator for the past eight years. Stephanie was offered a full time position as a funeral director. She has been a wonderful asset to our parish staff and will be greatly missed.



Our congratulations to you, Stephanie, and may Our Lord bless you on your new career!

Stephanie's replacement will be Mrs. Elizabeth Kurtz. We welcome Liz as she begins a new venture as part of our parish staff.

May Our Lady of Ostrabrama bless you and guide you as you serve the people of St. Mary's.



MAURO SYLVESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On December 13, 2015, St. Mary's Holy Name Society will be awarding its Annual Mauro Sylvester Memorial Scholarships.

The scholarships are open to the children and grandchildren of parishioners. Eighth grade and older students attending Catholic, Public or Private Middle or High Schools are invited to apply for a scholarship to attend a Catholic High School or Catholic College. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, service to school, parish, principal and teacher recommendations. A typed essay of at least 150 words discussing how a Catholic Education would enhance your goals for the future is required.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Parish Office by **November 30, 2015**.

Applications may be obtained in the Parish Office during office hours and in the back of the church.

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring their 2016 Fundraising Trip to **ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES 'BRITISH LANDSCAPES'**. The September 12-21, 2016 (10 day) trip includes 12 meals, flights, hotels, tours, and r/t transportation to/from airport from St. Mary's parking lot. Prices per person: Double \$3,949; Single \$4,649; Triple \$3,919 (register by March 14, 2016). A presentation of this trip will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 1:30 pm in St. Mary's Parish Center ... All are welcome to attend. For questions, contact Barbara Sykulski, President at 732-257-4078.



ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Mary of Ostrabrama Altar Rosary Society's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 2 pm in the Parish Center. All members and guests are invited. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at the November meeting, at the Parish Office or after all Masses on the weekends of November 21/22 and November 28/29. No tickets will be sold after this date and no tickets will be sold at the door. Any questions, please contact Pat Brzozowski at 609-655-9041 or Loretta Gostkowski at 732-254-1613.



St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society ANNUAL GRAVE BLANKET SALE

36" Blankets decorated with pine cones, poinsettias & bow

Cost of the grave blankets is \$25 each.
Orders will be taken thru November 29 after Masses.

Order forms are available at the entrances of the church.

Pick up will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 10am to 12 noon.

Please make checks payable to:
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

Blankets will be done by Zielinski Farms
For more information, please call:
Grace 732.257.3294 or Loretta 732.254.1613



Music Ministry ...

The Parish Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Children's Room in the lower level of the church. Men's and women's voices are needed and welcome.

Thank You

The Holy Name would like to thank all the parishioners who contributed \$955 for their C.O.P.E. Project on October 24/25. The November distribution was \$950. *A sincere "Thank You"!*

Święto Odzyskania Niepodległości Polski 11-go listopada, 2015r

Z okazji tej 97-ej rocznicy, Związek Polonii przy parafii Matki Boskiej Ostrobramskiej serdecznie zaprasza wszystkich na polską mszę świętą w niedzielę 15-go listopada 2015 r. o godz. 12-ej w południe, podczas której będzie poświęcony i zawieszony na chórze nowy polski transparent (banner) "**Bóg, Honor, Ojczyzna**". Po mszy św. wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy na kawę i ciasto do centrum parafialnego.



97th Anniversary of Regaining of the Polish Independence is November 11, 2015

On this occasion, the Polish Heritage Society at St. Mary of Ostrabrama Parish invites everyone to the 12 noon Polish Holy Mass on Sunday, November 15, 2015 during which the new, Polish banner will be blessed and hung in the choir loft. Afterwards, everyone is cordially invited for coffee and cake.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED:

+Frank Pish, Sr.
+George Cygan, Jr.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

AROUND THE DIOCESE ...



Our Lady of Victories, Sayreville
Mass & Healing Service
November 16, 2015 ~ 7 PM
Celebrant: Father John Campoli,
I.V., Director His Love Ministries

Individual prayers for healing will be given following Mass.

For more information, call Marilyn 732-991-7379 or visit www.frjohncampoli.com

FALL OPEN HOUSE
SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL
81 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Tour the school, meet the principal and faculty. Learn about our new "Toddler Time" program for ages 18 - 36 months, and our academic PreK-3 & PreK-4 curriculum.

For information, call 732.679.4700.

Using Goodsearch.com to help Rebuild My Church!

Goodsearch.com & its companion **GoodShop** are simple ways to help St. Mary's raise money for our "Rebuild My Church" campaign. **Goodsearch.com** is an internet search engine that donates money to numerous causes whenever a registered user makes a search on the web. Every time a registered user searches on the internet using the website's search engine, **Goodsearch.com** will donate one penny to St. Mary's of Ostrabrama.



GoodShop (the link is found on the **Goodsearch.com** Home Page toolbar) can be used to raise even more money for "Rebuild My Church!" Thousands of on-line stores are linked to **GoodShop**. Every time a purchase is made at a participating on-line store through a link from **GoodShop** by a registered, logged-in user, a percentage of that purchase is donated to St. Mary of Ostrabrama.

Signing up is fast & very easy, just a few simple steps:

- First, go to www.goodsearch.com on the internet.
- In the upper right hand corner of the homepage, click on "Sign up."
- Next, provide your first & last name, e-mail address, then create a password.
- After registration, you will be sent to a page to select the charitable organization you wish to support. In the search box, type "St. Mary of Ostrabrama RC Church." The name "St. Mary of Ostrabrama RC Church" will appear in a blue shaded bar below the search box.
- Click on the shaded bar to select St. Mary's to benefit every time you use **Goodsearch.com**.
- You will be sent an e-mail confirming your **Goodsearch.com** account. Answer & your account will be activated.

There is no cost of any kind to St. Mary's or any registered user for searching on **Goodsearch.com** other than the time spent using the site. There is no limit to the amount of money that can be raised. All it takes is a bit of time and effort to raise funds to restore our beautiful church, the Jewel of South River!

MINUTE MEDITATION



Atmosphere of Love

Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Hence the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs.

*- from
[The Enduring Faith and Timeless Truths of Fulton Sheen](#)*