

St. Mary's Church of Nutley

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:25

“20th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

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August 16, 2026

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Mass Intentions

Vigil Lamp Remembrances

August 15th, 2026 through August 23rd, 2026
Daily Mass (M-F in the Chapel unless noted)

- **Saturday** **August 15th, 2026**
9:00 am - Mass in Honor of the Assumption of Mary
(Church) John J. Corcoran (Deceased)
5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory (Deceased)
- **Sunday** **August 16th, 2026**
7:30 am Michael Montalbano (Deceased)
10:00 am Anthony and Robert Graffeo (Deceased)
12:00 pm Raphael Billy Lu (Deceased)
- **Monday** **August 17th, 2026**
8:00 am People of the Parish
- **Tuesday** **August 18th, 2026**
8:00 am Hoyt Peavy (Deceased)
- **Wednesday** **August 19th, 2026**
8:00 am Pat Vincent (Deceased)
- **Thursday** **August 20th, 2026**
8:00 am Rose and Reese Wesner (Deceased)
- **Friday** **August 21st, 2026**
8:00 am Mark Peavy (Deceased)
- **Saturday** **August 22nd, 2026**
5:00 pm Maria Sierchio (Deceased)
- **Sunday** **August 16th, 2026**
7:30 am Kathleen Ritacco (Deceased)
10:00 am Michael McHugh (Deceased)
12:00 pm Nicholas Cordasco (Deceased)

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Church Sanctuary
Intention Still Available

Chapel Sanctuary
Intention Still Available

Blessed Mother
Barbara Fugazzi (Deceased)

Divine Mercy
Intention Still Available

St. Anthony
"Big and Small Miracles"

St. Gerard
Intention Still Available

St. Joseph
Intention Still Available

St. Jude
Intention Still Available

St. Patrick
Joseph Fugazzi (Deceased)

Blessed Michael McGivney
Intention Still Available

Please Pray for Those Who are Deceased:

Ross Capawana
August 4, 2026

Cordelia Colatrella
August 8th, 2026

Uriel Florez
September 6, 2016

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Mary M.

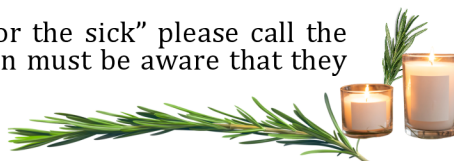
Ronald Albert Bergamino

Patrick M.

Jane Ellen Peccatiello

*In the midst of illness and pain, may the sick be united with Christ,
who heals both body and soul. Amen.*

If you would like a loved one included in our "prayers for the sick" please call the parish office to provide more information. The sick person must be aware that they are being prayed for to comply with HIPAA privacy laws.



Upcoming Events

AUG

19 & 26 Novena of Our Mother
Wednesday Evenings

SEPT 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7:00 pm - See pg. 4



AUG 26

Sight and Sound: Joshua
Tickets Available
Call the Parish Office



Rosary Calendar 2026-2027



September 14	Social Meeting
October 4	Installation Mass 10:00
October 5	Social Meeting
November 2	Evening of Reflection
December 12	Christmas Social
January	No Meeting
February 1	Social Meeting
February 19	Soup and Bread
March 1	Social Meeting
March 5	Soup and Bread
April 5	Social Meeting
May 2	May Crowning 10:00 Mass (Breakfast to follow)
June 7	Baby Shower

All meetings to be held in Phoenix Cafeteria with the exception of Soup/Bread and Communion Breakfast which will be in Walsh Hall

Financial News

Offertory Collections

August 9th Donations	\$5964.00
Archdiocese	\$155.00
Church in Africa	\$290.00
A/C	\$90.00

Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget **\$6,961.00**

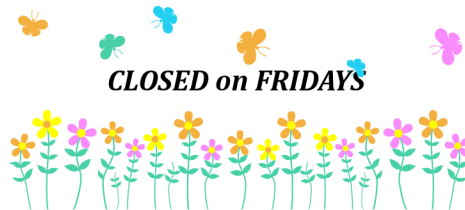
Your Electronic Donation to the Parish

Of the \$355,000 collected each year in the weekly offertory at St. Mary's, \$115,000 is donated electronically, through a secure process called Parish Giving. This helps the parish cash flow tremendously!



Now Until September 4th

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm



CLOSED on FRIDAYS



Night

Join us for BINGO in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evenings. Our next Bingo nights will be **August 18 and 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.**

Our Hall opens its doors at 5:30pm.

Early Bird game at 7:15pm.

Novena of Our Mother



Novena of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Join us every Wednesday Evening at 7:00 pm

AUGUST

- 19
- 26

SEPTEMBER

- 2
- 9
- 16
- 23
- 30



Healing and Hope | 2026

The Ministry of Loss and Healing of the Archdiocese of Newark invites those experiencing personal challenges of grief, loss, or mental health to A Summer of Saints for Healing and Hope from July 23 to August 27.

In this virtual program, participants will deepen their faith, find solace, and cultivate hope through engagement with saints who faced profound personal challenges and offer models of resilience and faith.



REGISTER NOW



Volunteers Needed

Seeking Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

The Lector and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ministries are seeking new ministers. If you have a desire to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and help make the word of God present and nourishing to our parish faithful, please consider serving in one or both of these important roles.

The criteria for serving as a lector are completion of the seventh grade, and you must be a member of the parish.

The criteria for serving as a Eucharistic Minister are that you must be 18 years of age, have received Confirmation, and be a current member of the parish.

Training will be provided for both roles.

Please contact the Parish Office if interested in any of the roles.

Seeking Catechists

Is God calling you to share your love of God and the Catholic faith?

We are seeking individuals who would like to teach church topics to the children of our parish beginning this fall. In your role as a catechist, you will grow in your own faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus. You will be a role model of our faith and demonstrate holy stewardship.



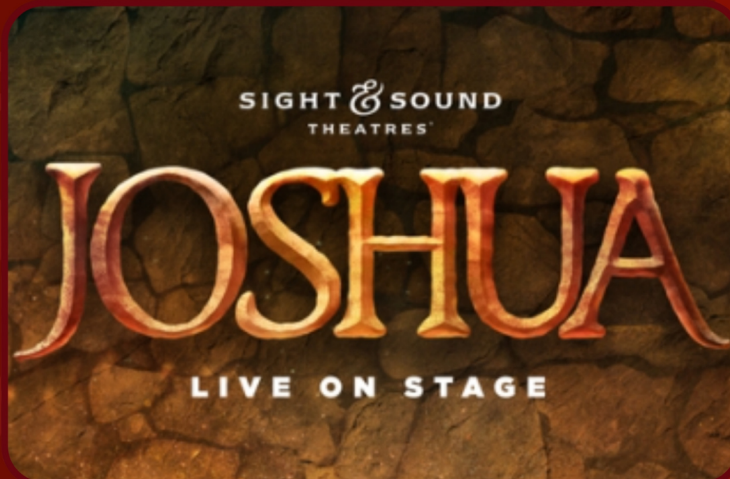
2026



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August



Tickets \$225
per person

Inclusions

- Round trip bus transportation
- Center Mezzanine theater ticket
- Famous Miller's Smorgasboard Lunch
- Allotted shopping time

Itinerary

- Bus departs from St Mary's at 8am
- Lunch at Miller's Smorgasboard 12 noon
- 3pm Performance of Joshua
- 6pm departure to NJ

Tickets on First Come, First Served Basis

To purchase tickets call the Parish Center Office

973 - 235 - 1100

**NB Bus is fully equipped with air conditioning and restrooms*

FRIDAY NIGHT • OCT. 2

ST. MARY'S FAMILY FUN FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

**15+
TRUCKS**

**LIVE
MUSIC**

**BEER
GARDEN**

**KIDS
ZONE**

**20
VENDOR
BOOTHS**



4PM-9PM • \$5 ADMISSION

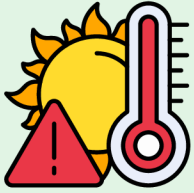
**ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT
17 MSGR. OWEN'S PLACE • NUTLEY**



PRODUCED BY JC PROMOTIONS FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH



Baby it's Hot Outside



This Summer we are collecting to defray the cost of our Air Conditioning

As many of you are aware, our original Church A/C unit failed several times last summer leading us to seek a new unit. After consultation with the Finance Council and Property Management in the Archdiocese we applied for an Energy Efficiency Grant from PSE&G.

After choosing an approved contractor, Hughes Environmental, we began the replacement process. Here are the facts:

Total Cost of the Project	\$391,164.60
Minus Grant Amount	\$215,832.47
Total Cost for St. Mary's	\$175,332.13

PSE&G then offers non-profit organizations a 5 year (60 months) interest free payment plan of \$2,922.20 per month.



Our plan is to do a monthly second collection restricted to cover the monthly payments.
Your generosity is appreciated.

As always, we are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and commitment to St. Mary's Parish. The photos accompanying this announcement show what a blessing it is to see our church filled with parishioners gathered in prayer and worship. Maintaining a welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment for everyone who enters our doors is an important part of our mission. This investment is not simply in a mechanical system, but in the experience of our parish family for years to come. Thank you for helping us ensure that St. Mary's remains a place where all can worship, pray, and encounter Christ in comfort throughout every season.

St. Mary's Faith Formation Program

The Ancient Christians used to talk about the faith being “echoed” through the ages. Our faith has always been supported by four “pillars.” It is around these four, age-old pillars, that every Catholic faith formation process exists.

The first pillar is the Liturgy. The Sunday Mass is the first and most important aspect of Catholic life and faith. Everything we do comes from the Eucharist and returns to the Eucharist. Without Sunday Mass, our Catholic faith is not fully passed along. Fully celebrating the Lord's Day as a family brings the Eucharist back to its proper place at the center and heart of any religious education process. The liturgical calendar has all the elements of the faith one needs to learn.

The second pillar is the Family. It is in the family that we learn our most important values, life lessons, and virtues. The support of Catholic families has always been integral to passing on faith to the next generation.

The third pillar is the Christian Community. The Christian Community helps and challenges us to live the Gospel message in our daily lives. We are blessed when we can be part of a community that is committed to making the world a better place through the example of Jesus Christ.

The last pillar is formal Religious Education. Unfortunately, many people believe that this pillar is the most important pillar in passing on the faith, but in fact it is not. Religious Education has taken many forms throughout our 2000 year history, but in every age, it has always served the other three pillars. The faith cannot be passed along with just a religious education (CCD) program. The Family Based process strengthens all four of these pillars with the hope that this will better ensure that our faith will be “echoed” once again to the next generation.

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 20TH

Monthly on Sunday Mornings
8:00 am-10:00 am or 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Bagels, Munchkins, Coffee, Tea, Water
Families attend a discussion of the day's Gospel.
Age-appropriate break-out sessions with catechists.

- **First Penance and First Eucharist** - Workbook is completed at home by parent and child, and then attendance at bimonthly children's Mass at 10:00am (Children leave the Mass for their session and return at 11:00am.)
- **Confirmation** - One extra evening session per month by the Candidate

Registration and Payment

Visit the website
<https://stmarysnutley.org/religious-education/>
or scan the QR Code | \$300 per family*

*The fee is waived for families
donating \$50.00 per month to the Parish*





The Assumption of Mary ***Feastday: August 15th***

How the Virgin Mary points the way along the path Christians are destined to follow. Why is the Assumption important? First, let's look at what this dogma is all about. On 1 November, 1950, Pope Pius XII issued the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* in which he proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption: "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." - Highlights By Deacon Frederick Bartels

Today we celebrate the sacred Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although our separated protestant brethren are unfortunately often hesitant to venerate the sweet Virgin Mother of Christ as a result of the persistent attitudes of 16th century revolutionaries who held to a strict and unbiblical "Bible alone" construct, one which jettisoned the Tradition of the Church and the beliefs of early Christians, setting aside the beautiful and singularly unique role of Mary, Catholics around the world celebrate with joy this wondrous day, since we owe it to Mary's virtues of faith, hope and love, along with her unwavering fidelity to God the Father, that redemption was won and salvation was made available to humankind.

Mary's role in the work of salvation is unique, unrepeatable, and essential: in virtue of her "yes" to the angel Gabriel (see Lk 1:26 ff.), as first in the order of grace, Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in her womb. At that very instant is found the first moment of the redemption of humankind, for the Son of God had assumed an individual human nature to himself within her precious, holy womb; God and man were united, and thus men were raised to the heavenly realm. In virtue of Mary's "yes" to the salvific plan of God, Christ was born into the world and a wondrous unity of God and man became a reality. History would never be the same.

We indeed owe a great deal to the Virgin Mary. The Church Fathers often spoke of how the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed, untied by Mary's perfect obedience; consequently, Mary has long been venerated as the New Eve. In contrast to the old Eve's collaboration with the devil, which brought sin and death into the world, God put enmity between Mary and the devil, between the New Eve and her seed, Jesus Christ (cf. Gn 3:15). While the old Eve said "no" to free and loving obedience to God, the New Eve said "yes" to God's plan in its totality, and thus brought redemption, salvation and restoration into the world in bearing her incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. What wonders! What beauty, O God, you have bestowed upon us lowly creatures in giving us so great a mother as sweet Mary!

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Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (LG 59). The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. (CCC 966)

It is important to note that Pius XII was not inventing new belief; on the contrary, he was defining what already existed as an element of the life consciousness of the Church, as a matter of the Christian faith. To follow are two examples that show the Assumption is indeed a longstanding part of the content of the divine faith of the Church:

St. Gregory of Tours wrote of the Assumption in about 590 A.D.: "The course of this life having been completed by the Blessed Mary, . . . [The Lord] commanded that [her holy body] be taken in a cloud into paradise."

St. John Damascene wrote in the eighth century: The Word of God "was pleased even after [Mary's] departure from life to honor her immaculate and undefiled body with incorruption and with translation [Assumption] prior to the common and universal resurrection." Again, why is the Assumption of Mary into heaven important? The obvious reason is that it is important because it is reality--it is true. It is something that really happened. We know this is the case with absolute certainty because God himself, who is perfect Truth, has revealed it to be so, and the Church has definitively affirmed it as a matter of divine revelation, as a component of the divine faith. Consequently, the Assumption of Mary is a dogma of the faith based on the word of God and the content of the Church's Sacred Tradition, and thus is a divinely disclosed teaching that every Christian is bound to believe and accept as a true element of the belief of the Church of Jesus Christ. For the baptized Catholic, willful and intentional rejection of this dogma is a heresy.

There are other reasons why the dogma of the Assumption is important, one such being that the Church, as well as all other Christians who die in the friendship of God, are destined to follow Mary's path of assumption into the heavenly realm. Everyone who dies in God's grace is predestined to assumption into eternal communion with the Tripersonal God. The divine plan for men is unending, glorious union with God in the Beatific Vision! It is sweet and holy Mary who, as she led the way in bringing Christ into the world, so too leads the way as Christians are brought to their final end in God.

Discover more about the Saints of the Catholic Church

The "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians" (CCC 966). "In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death" (Byzantine Liturgy, Feast of the Dormition).

The Assumption of Mary anticipates the general resurrection from the dead at the end of time; that sublime day on which Christ will return in glory and raise the just to the resurrection of life. At that moment in our future, we will follow Mary in a most perfect way.

Year A

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Gospel Today | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 15:21-28

A very persistent foreign woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter. She had great faith in Jesus. Jesus said "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Jesus
Welcome
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Daughter
Great
Faith
Woman
Mercy
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Disciples
Request
Granted
Healed



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Jesus accepted the foreign woman and her faith. Today, Jesus expects us to welcome foreigners and their faith to our communities. Our churches are called **Faith Filled Communities**. On a separate sheet of paper draw a picture of what your church, or "faith filled community" looks like.

Don't forget to add some people!

Parish Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings
5:00PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday to Friday 8:00 AM
in the Parish Center Chapel
145 St. Mary's Place

Sundays
7:30 AM, 10:00AM & 12 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Individual Confessions
Saturdays 4:00pm to 4:45pm



Parish Contact Information

Parish Office Address

145 St. Mary's Place
Nutley, NJ 07110

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 5/29-9/4/2026

Monday to Thursday Fri, Sat, Sun
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM CLOSED

Phone (General Queries)

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