

St. Mary's Church of Nutley

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

"21st Sunday in Ordinary Time"

August 23, 2026

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Mass Intentions

August 22nd, 2026 through August 30th, 2026
Daily Mass (M-F in the Chapel unless noted)

- **Saturday August 22nd, 2026**
5:00 pm Maria Sierchio (Deceased)
- **Sunday August 23rd, 2026**
7:30 am Kathleen Ritacco (Deceased)
10:00 am Michael McHugh (Deceased)
12:00 pm Nicholas Cordasco (Deceased)
- **Monday August 24th, 2026**
8:00 am Rev. Timothy Horgan (Deceased)
- **Tuesday August 25th, 2026**
8:00 am People of the Parish
- **Wednesday August 26th, 2026**
8:00 am Gilberto Perez (Deceased)
- **Thursday August 27th, 2026**
8:00 am David Fred Roller (Deceased)
- **Friday August 28th, 2026**
8:00 am Rose Amorin (Deceased)
- **Saturday August 29th, 2026**
5:00 pm Robert Gizzo (Deceased)
- **Sunday August 30th, 2026**
7:30 am Faye Elizabeth Greene (Deceased)
10:00 am Joseph Robert Connor (Deceased)
12:00 pm Kathleen Ritacco (Deceased)

Vigil Lamp Remembrances

August 22nd, 2026 through August 28th, 2026

Church Sanctuary
Intention Still Available

Chapel Sanctuary
Intention Still Available

Blessed Mother
Maria Sierchio (Deceased)

Divine Mercy
Intention Still Available

St. Anthony
"Big and Small Miracles"

St. Gerard
Intention Still Available

St. Joseph
Rosario Raffa (Deceased)

St. Jude
Intention Still Available

St. Patrick
Intention Still Available

Blessed Michael McGivney
Intention Still Available

Please Pray for Those Who are Deceased:

Anthony Malanga
August 5, 2026

Olga Tripucka
August 14, 2026

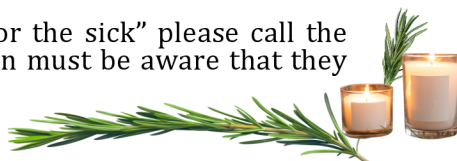
***Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.***

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 26

SEPT 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Novena of Our Mother
Wednesday Evenings
at 7:00 pm - See pg. 4

OCT 7, 14, 21, 28



AUG 26

Sight and Sound:
Joshua Tickets Available
Call the Parish Office



AUG 29, 30

Special Collection to support
Catholic Relief Services
response to the earthquakes
in Colombia, Venezuela, and
Indonesia



Catholic Cemeteries Meet and Greet after
all masses

SEPT 14

Welcome Back! Meeting
at 7pm in Phoenix Center Cafeteria

SEPT 20

FBRE 2027 Classes
Begin! See Pg. 8



OCT 6

Food Truck Festival



Catholic Cemeteries



Join us for an enlightening Meet & Greet with a memorial planning advisor from Catholic Cemeteries after the Mass on Saturday, August 29, and Sunday, August 30, 2026.

The Meet and Greet is a chance to gain insights, ask questions, and understand the spiritual journey of a Catholic funeral.

While there's no obligation whatsoever, the recommendations will be invaluable.

For those who may miss it, and for more information, don't hesitate to visit our website: www.rcancem.org.



THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4TH

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

CLOSED on FRIDAYS

Financial News

Offertory Collections

August 16th Donations	\$6356.00
Assumption	\$652.00
Church in Africa	\$55.00
Archdiocese	\$10.00

**Weekly Amount Needed
to Stay on Budget**

\$6,961.00

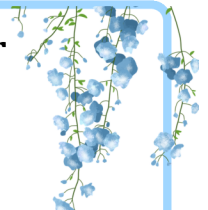
Your Electronic Donation to the Parish

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!



Novena of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Join us every
Wednesday Evening
at 7:00 pm



AUGUST

- 26
(up next)

SEPTEMBER

- 2
- 9
- 16
- 23
- 30



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

Our Hall opens its doors at 5:30pm.

Early Bird game at 7:15pm.

The Rosary Society

Welcome Back Meeting September 14th at 7 pm. Phoenix Center Cafeteria

A wonderful opportunity to meet again with your fellow Rosarians after the Summer months. Come and share your adventures, travels, and ideas with some new and old friends. ALL women of the Parish are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



Rosary Calendar 2026-2027



September 14	Social Meeting
October 4	Installation Mass 10:00
October 5	Social Meeting
November 2	Evening of Reflection
December 14	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

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**



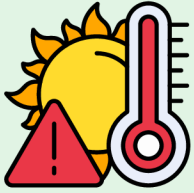
4PM-9PM • \$5 ADMISSION
ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT
17 MSGR. OWEN'S PLACE • NUTLEY



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*





St. Augustine of Hippo

Feastday: August 28th

Death: 430 A.D.

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround has been an inspiration to many who struggle with habits or vices they long to break. This famous son of St. Monica was born in 354 AD in Thagaste, a Roman-Berber city in the province of Numidia (present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria). At that time, Numidia's capital was Cirta (now Constantine in Algeria), distinct from the neighboring Roman province of Africa, whose capital was Carthage in modern Tunisia. Augustine grew up in a Christian household, but as a young man he drifted into sin and false beliefs. His sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind so much that he could not see the Divine Truth, despite his brilliance.

Through the prayers of his holy mother and the preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine came to see that Christianity was the one true faith. Still, he hesitated, thinking he could never live a pure life. One day he heard the story of two men suddenly converted after reading the life of St. Antony of the Desert. Deeply ashamed, he cried out to his friend Alipius:

"What are we doing? Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, remain bound in the mud of our sins!"

Full of sorrow, Augustine rushed into a garden and begged God for help. Suddenly he heard the voice of a child singing, "Take up and read!" Believing these words were from God, he opened the Letters of St. Paul and read the first passage he saw—a call to abandon impurity and live in imitation of Christ. That moment changed his life forever.

Augustine was baptized, became a priest, and then Bishop of Hippo Regius (modern Annaba, Algeria). He spent the rest of his life serving the Church as a preacher, defender of the faith, and one of the greatest Catholic writers in history. He founded a religious community, supported the poor, practiced great humility, and fought against powerful heresies. On the wall of his room he had written in large letters:

"Here we do not speak evil of anyone."

When the Vandals laid siege to Hippo in 430, Augustine was on his deathbed, praying and entrusting his flock to God. His feast day is celebrated on August 28th.



**St. Augustine is the
Patron Saint of :
Brewers**

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:13-20

In today's gospel, according to **Matthew**, after receiving The Holy Spirit, Peter's **faith** was solid as a rock. When Jesus asked "Who **do** you say that I am"? Peter **responded** "You are the **Messiah**, The **Christ**, The **Son** of the Living **God**".

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Who do you say I AM?

Jesus told **Peter** he was the **rock** upon which He would **build** His **church**. Peter who was firm and dependable would begin the **formation** of the church and the **key**. The symbol of Authority, would be given to him.

- The **bold** words are found in the puzzle -

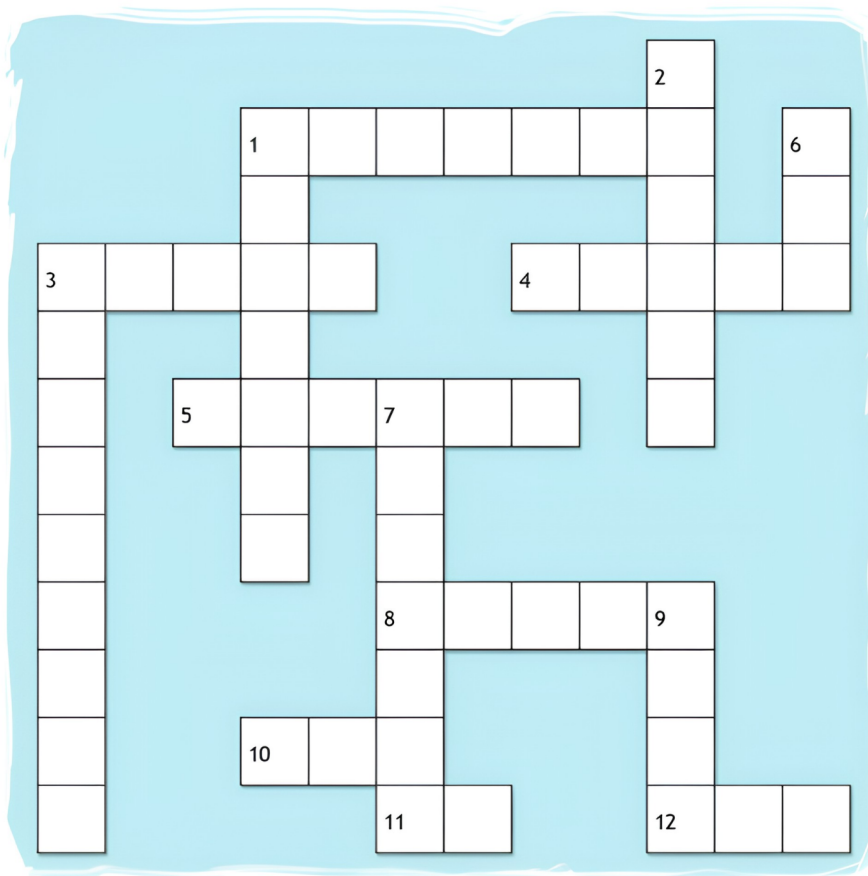


ACROSS

- 1] The Promised One
- 3] Peter's ___ was solid as a rock
- 4] To construct
- 5] A place we go to worship
- 8] The Apostle who responded to Jesus
- 10] Jesus is The ___ of God.
- 11] Jesus said "who ___ you say that I AM".
- 12] What we use to open a locked door

DOWN

- 1] Today we read the gospel of ___.
- 2] Jesus is The Messiah, or ___.
- 3] The act or process of forming
- 6] Our Father, The Almighty
- 7] To give an answer
- 9] Solid, natural mineral object



On this rock I will
build my church.



Parish Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings
5:00PM

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

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

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)

973-235-1100
973-661-0233 (Fax)

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info@stmarysnutley.org

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www.stmarysnutley.org

Parish Facebook Page

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