

The altar flowers today were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of *Dolores Lopez* by her niece Elsa Fuentes and Carol Ryan.

A gift of communion wine has been given today in loving memory of *Loved Ones* by Ann Hoyer.

~ TODAY'S SERVERS ~

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| Organist and Choir Director | Esther Graham |
| Oblation Bearers/Coffee Hosts | Rob Cole and Doris Schmidt |
| Worship Leaders | |
| First Reading: | Pam Cooper |
| Second Reading: | Chautzie Wood |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Carol Ryan |
| Acolytes Team 4 | Leaders: Jenna Schambach Jacob Guevarra, Nell Henry, Thomas Cramer, Jacob Kirinovic |
| Ushers | Rich Hulsart and Jonathan Guevarra |

~ TODAY ~

CHRIST THE KING

- 8:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:30AM Sunday school
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

- St. Gregory's Pantry distribution
- 7:15AM Holy Eucharist
- 6:00PM Holy Eucharist
- 10:00AM Thanksgiving service
- Parish office closed
- 9:00AM Acolyte Training
- 7:15AM Holy Eucharist
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist
- 6:00PM Holy Eucharist
- 6:30-8:30 Healing Ministry by Sister Maureen Conroy
from the Upper Room Spiritual Center

Mon. Nov. 24

Tues. Nov. 25

Wed. Nov. 26

Thurs. Nov. 27

Fri. Nov. 28

Sat. Nov. 29

Tues. Dec. 2

Wed. Dec. 3

St. Mary's By-The-Sea



THE LAST SUNDAY IN THE CREATION SEASON
NOVEMBER 23, 2008
HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I 8:00AM, RITE II 10:00AM
THE COSMIC CHRIST

8:00AM

SOLEMN HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Welcome and Announcements

Brief Silence

Order for the Holy Eucharist

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Gloria in Excelsis (*all standing*)

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Collect for the Knowledge of God's Creation

First Reading

Please see insert

Brief Silence

Psalm

Second Reading

Brief Silence

The Holy Gospel (*all standing*)

The Homily

Rev. Franklin E. Vilas, D.Min.

Moment of Silence

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

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Congregation is invited to read the prayers aloud and to offer petitions

The people will respond after each prayer with the words:

Lord, hear our prayer

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace (*all standing*)

Special Blessings

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Post Communion Prayer: A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

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Blessing

Dismissal

~ TODAY'S SERVERS ~

Worship Leaders

Lori Hogan

Acolyte

Lori Hogan and Kathy Freeman

Valentine House Partakes in an "Evening of Giving" On November 23rd. The Ocean County Mall will close to the public from 6:30-9:30PM. Those with tickets (\$10.00 each) will be the only ones allowed in the door. Different stores will be offering special discounts. \$7.00 will benefit Valentine House and \$3.00 will go towards the Simon Youth Foundation. For more information please see the poster hanging on the information board in Farnsworth Hall

Valentine House Christmas Wish Lists are now available. If you would like to purchase a Christmas present for a resident of Valentine House please see Sande Iovino for your list today. Gifts must be wrapped, tagged with the residents name and returned to the parish office no later than Sunday, December 14th.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

Please help make the holiday merry for a special family

As part of our outreach ministries, St. Mary's will be participating again this year in the Interfaith Hospitality Network's holiday giving program. WISH LISTS from mom, Sandra, and her three children: Elijah, Monica and Destiny are available in the parish office. There is also a list of food items that would make a delicious holiday meal. If you would be willing to purchase an item (or two) please phone Cherrisse in the parish office at 732-892-9254. The presents need to be wrapped, tagged and delivered to the parish office no later than Sunday, December 7th. Gift receipts are appreciated.

Blue Christmas Many of life's circumstances can contribute to a feeling of being alone, of 'feeling blue' in the midst of the society around us which seems bent on 'being happy' and 'celebrating'. There are years when we hurt at Christmas time and can't get into the festivities others seem to be able to do. For this reason St. Mary's invites you at 6:00PM, on **Tuesday, December 16th**, (this replaces the mid-week Wednesday service) to come and join in sharing and hearing prayers, Scripture and music that acknowledge that God's presence is with those who mourn, and those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

A special **Thank You to Sande Iovino** for giving an extra special touch to the altar flowers each week during the Creation Series. Each week Sande expressed the specific theme of the Creation in the beautiful altar arrangements.

PLEDGE CARDS If you have not yet turned in your pledge cards please do so as soon as possible. You can place them in the collection plate during the offering.

ADVENT OFFERING This year's Advent offering has been designated by the vestry to help support the 2009 summer mission trip. Envelopes will be in the pews soon.

~ Parish Notes ~

Prayer For Our Stephen Ministry

O Lord Jesus, you have commanded us to love one another, and you have commissioned us to go make disciples. Help us as we begin Stephen Ministry here as a way to respond faithfully to your Great Commandment and Great Commission. Give us wisdom and discernment as we seek the most effective ways to do ministry in your name and to bring your healing love to those in need. We pray, trusting in your promise to hear us. *Amen.*

Please keep the following in your prayers this week

Birthdays: Callum Foley, Edith Crowning, Robert Cole, Jeri Thompson-Quartey, Eric Doane, Rob Cole

Anniversaries: Jack and Joan Sinn, Denise and Peter Vergason

Pray for the sick of our Parish Family: Lauren Schrama, Cameron, Kim McCorry, Phyllis Fecci, Derek Sturm, Anita Cole, Margorie Jones, John Kane, Jane Stone, Jon-Mark, Lisa Schmidt, Beth Hoglund, Fred Bryant, Jean Slawson, Linney Hatch, Thomas Cramer, Patricia McKinstry, Mildred Comly, Susan Vernieri, Chic Dravis, Norma

Pray for the friends of our parish family who are sick: Jim, Pat Ahern, Gil Beck, Pattie Zeltakalns, Marge Lenoble, Becky Miller, Roxanne Conti, Jacalyn, Jennifer Jennings, Florine (Honey) Morrello, Jane McKinley, Bryan, Jeff Krausse, Sister Anne, Susan, Glenn, Ronnie Abbot, Andrea Hayden, Cara Hund, Maria Cassano-Trucios, Jarrett L. Feldman, Al Meserlin, Johanna Graham, Wendy Naden, John Taylor, Mike Seidita

The Homebound: Holly Longstreet, Gilda Herrmann, Viola Ferris, Lugene Hahm, Nellie Kaiser, Ann Hoyer, Mary Ker, Estelle Lambrugo

Departed: Dolores Lopez, Jean Oppel, Robert Crowning

For those in the armed services: Thomas Patrick, Richie Fulham, William Quigley, Chris, James Birch, Ian Hatch, Tom McCarthy, Stephen Howell, Brooke and all those who are in danger in this time of war

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Clement's Church in Belford, The Rev'ds: Dorothy K. Auer, William C. Riker

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Rehearsals for the pageant will be held on November 23rd, December 7th and the 14th. The pageant will take place during the 10:00 service on Sunday the 21st. (There is NO Sunday school on November 30th)

10:00AM

CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

All hail the power

Hymnal 450

THE PREPARATION

Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Bless the Lord all you, God's creatures.

People: *And forget not all God's benefits*

Celebrant: The God of creation is with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day, Proper 29

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought to apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect #40: For Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word of God

First Lesson

Job 38:1-7

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings* shouted for joy?

Canticle of the Creatures - St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,

Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,

Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,
 Who is the day and through Whom you give us light,
 And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
 and bears likeness of you, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
 in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
 and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
 through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
 who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Brother Fire,
 through whom You light the night,
 and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
 who sustains and governs us,
 and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
 From whom no one living can escape.
 Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
 for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,
 and serve Him with great humility.

Contemporary Lesson

Archbishop Desmond Tutu , Nobel Peace Laureate

At the center of the Christian faith and the Bible is the Cross. Jesus is described as our peace, the One who has broken down the wall of partition. He says of his ascent to the cross, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32). As if in this cosmic embrace, Jesus would wish to enfold all that God as created, the entire universe, into unity. His supreme work is to reconcile us to God and to one another and, indeed, to reconcile us to all of God's creation. It is possible to have a new kind of world, a world where there will be more compassion, more gentleness, more caring, more laughter, more joy for all of God's creation, because that is God's dream. And God says, "Help me, help me, help me realize my dream."

Sequence Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398 verses 1 & 2 prior to the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed by thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And Forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All are invited to receive the bread and wine

Fraction Anthem

HYMNAL S-154

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Agnus Dei

HYMNAL S-164

Communion Hymns

He is King of kings

LEVAS 96

I can hear my Savior calling

LEVAS 144

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494

Postlude

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Sequence Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398 verse 3 following the Gospel

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Franklin E. Vilas, D.Min.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

Prayers of the People - Form III Confession of Sin

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

The Peace

Special Blessings

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Congregation stands as the elements are brought forward

The Offertory Anthem

As the gifts are being brought forward by the ushers the congregation sings the following refrain

Chorus: Rejoice, and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

(all standing) The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People *By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal S-130