<u>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</u> <u>St. Mary's Church, Barnegat</u> <u>September 9 & 10, 2017</u>

Saturday, September 9

5:30pm James McGowan: Patrick & Tina Mahon

Albert Bodner: Betty Capozzi Joseph Hathaway: Cox Family Mary Hathaway: Diane, Tara & Laura

Hathaway

Gene Bisignano: wife, Joanne

Sunday, September 10

8:00am Joseph Hataway, Jr.: McGlynn Family

Barbara Yuro: Mel & Doris

Anthony Juliano: McSorley Family Carol lasparro: Pat & Frank Pyckowski Millie Simonetti: Louis & Carol Marino

John Hynes: Cavalier Family
John Skiptunas, Jr.: Marion Clark
Joann Restiano: Paul & Mary Neafie
Thomas Hughes: Nicole & Sean Flanagan
Shan Mallard: Robin & Terry Craig

10:00am People of the Parish

12:00n John Szejman: Dorothy Van Blarcom

Henrietta Eagle: Angie Krejsa

5:00pm Felicia Vitiello: Monaca Porcelli Brodsky

Anna Santamaria: Buonincontri Family

Weekdays

Monday, September 11

8:00am Victims, Family and Friends of the 9/11

Tragedy

Charles Arnold: Brack Family Joseph Gillan: Irene Haberstick

Tuesday, September 12

8:00am Margaret Sharpe: Roy & Peg Bateman

Kenny Gil: Mary Gifford

Wednesday, September 13

8:00am Eileen Larkin: Bill Larkin & Familiy Claire & John Behr: Janice Larkin

Thursday, September 14

8:00am Mary & Anthony Marino: Marino Family Patrick Graziano: Tony & Elaine Graziano

Friday, September 15

8:00am Special Intentions for Theresa Reynolds:

Mary & Tom

Souls in Purgatory: Joseph Eorio

Our Grandparents: Jim & Linda Saladino Ponce Borromeo: Ed & Emily Vidal Jean DeLuca: Pat & Louise DeLuca Patricia Vill: Joe & Rosemary Fernicola Laraine Soriano: Linda Giovatto Marge Turrisi-Scarpa: Priscilla & Mike

Guliano

George Walsh: Pauline & Hugh Dupuis

Sarah Dawson: Ovations

Saturday, September 16

8:00am Robert F. Grady: Sylvia Rubito

Stephen Butera: Pat & Frank Pyckowski

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin September 9 & 10, 2017

Saturday, September 9

4:00pm Steve Casani: wife, Sharon & Family Patrick Barrett: Al & Michele Barbito

Sunday, September 10

7:30am Belen Lucena: Aura Perez

Billy Doyle: Uncle George Cebulski

9:00am Deceased Members of the Sylvester &

Skwiat Families: Nancy Skwiat

Jeffrey J. Gannon: Mom, Dad & Family George Kelley: Anne Marie Essinger &

Family

Barbara Martino: Stella & Jim Russo Vincent Galgano: Stella & Jim Russo Ellen Serpico: Lucille & John Foley Gail Amerine: Claire & Jack Webb Angelo Fiore: St. Mary's Youth Group

Bill DiStasi: Carmela Cresti Donald Muller: Fitzpatrick Family

11:30am Ann Martin: Joseph Spada Savario LaCava: Ann Dicker

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Tuesday, September 12

9:00am Peter Mantemurno: Paul Giglio

Donald Fisher: Fred & Kay Voelbel

Wednesday, September 13

9:00am Special Intentions for Gerry & Bob Mickiewicz:

Jeanne

Ike Johnson: Steve & Beth Klemens

Thursday, September 14

9:00am Special Intentions for JoAnne DeSarno:

McGoldrick Family

Carmelo Dominguez: Gary & Elaine

Friday, September 15

9:00am Carolyn Dougherty: Friends from 9:00am

Mass

Louise Matera: Frank & Linda DiPaolo



Memorials - St. Mary's, Barnegat

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Mary Hickey requested by Coordinators of Perpetual Adoration.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Herbert Freeman requested by Eileen & Edward Keyasko.

Bread & Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Eileen Larkin requested by Bill Larkin & Family.

Altar Candles burn this week in loving memory of Richard V. Caruso requested by wife, June.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Teresa Blaire, Richard Johnston, Josefina Rojas Lynn Zarillo



BANNS OF MARRIAGE 3rd Banns

Matthew Medvene & Catherine Cognette
David Price & Michelle Adams

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-

NEXT WEEK: TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom Thursday: EXALTATION OF THE CROSS Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows Saturday: Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

<u>WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED</u> Zoey Baez

WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AND LOUISIANA SUFFERING FROM HURRICANE HARVEY. MAY GOD HELP YOU SPEEDILY RECOVER YOUR LIVES AND YOUR HOMES.

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES St. Mary's Church, Barnegat September 16 & 17, 2017

Saturday, September 16

5:30pm Joseph Reardon: Jennie & Joe Mahon

Edward Yurkunas: Marcia Claisse

Sunday, September 17

8:00am Helen Hornyak: Niece

Michael Dunzello: Daniel Day

10:00am Carolyn Krutsick; Family

Christine Kein: Peter & Maryann Galvano

Frank Amodeo: wife, Marie Nan Truncali: Joseph & Sons

Rose Barry: John & Bernadette Reagan Joseph Milora: Robert & Susan Tolomeo Elyse Slavkowsky: Dom & Marie Preliotti Richard Dyer: Joyce & Joe LoCascio Marie Venturini: Madelyn Northrup Martin Vertullo: Dom & Marie Preziotti

12:00n People of the Parish

5:00pm Subhi Frankoul: Suad Toutounchi

Marie O'Connell: Ken & Josephine Iovino

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, September 16

4:00pm Cassie Michaels: Michael Grabowski &

Family

Joseph Reardon: Sophie Murray

Vincent Lucrezi: wife, Valerie & son, Michael

Sunday, September 17

7:30am Dennis Golden: Marie & James Dorry

Joan Dreher: Dan & Bernadette Dreher

9:00am Patricia Dixon: Coppolino Family

Virginia Burak: Gregg & Donna Glogoza

11:30am Ruthann McEntee: Bob & Rita Goodwin

Bruno Martinelle: daughter, MJ Thomas Antonelli: Carole Segro Linda M. Stypulkowski: Kathy Gaume Alice Buzby: Albanese Family Maria Zillani: Rosemary Romano April Rose Eberlin: Phyllis Genz Joseph Vicene: Phyllis Genz

Eleanor Juchno: Fred & Kay Voelbel Chia M. Coltre: Richard & Sharon Addonizio

Madeleine Teetsell: nephew, Robert Nolan Marilyn O'Connell: Frank & Catherine

Pannone

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Our monthly Day of Prayer is *Monday, September 11.* Both Churches will be open all day to stop by and pray. We will conclude with evening prayer at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church, Barnegat. All are welcome.

TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$ in the collection for last weekend, \$ in the second collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey and \$ in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts." When we hear of disasters such as Hurricane Harvey, we are reminded of how much we are blessed. Through stewardship we share those blessings with others. TODAY THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA.

IF YOU MISSED THE COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY, YOU MAY SEND A CHECK TO ST. MARY'S WITH A NOTATION THAT IT IS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF, OR DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: What did Jesus mean when He said to Peter in today's Gospel. "Get behind Me. satan!"?

Peter's refusal to accept Jesus' predicted suffering and death is seen as a satanic attempt to deflect Jesus from His Godappointed course. The disciple is addressed in terms that recall Jesus' dismissal of the devil in the temptation account—"Get away, satan!" (Matthew 4:10a).

TODAY'S QUESTION: In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of one who "refuses to listen even to the Church." How many times do you think the word "church" occurs in the Gospels? (You will be surprised by the answer.)

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

This year marks another special anniversary in our parish history, the Twentieth Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration. It began on September 15, 1997 in the room (as you face the altar) to the right of the Sanctuary in St. Mary's Church, where it continued until the dedication of our Adoration Chapel on June 30 of the following year. We will have a special Mass on Sunday, September 17, 12noon in St. Mary's Church, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the Adoration Chapel.

It would be a special blessing if we could fill all the hours of Adoration before celebrating this anniversary! Please consider becoming an Adorer. Remember, you also can adopt an hour as a group. In that way you won't have to be there every week, but could share the hour with others, especially during the early morning times.

HOLINESS REVOLUTION

Mark your calendars for a special Parish Mission as we continue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary, October 1, 2, and 3, 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines. The mission will be given by a dynamic evangelist, Dan DeMatte. Dan defended the Church on "Larry King Live" and "The View," and shared his testimony on the "Today" show. This event will be especially geared for youth and those who have been inactive or away from the practice of the Faith. Please join us and spread the word!

Day 1: Drop Everything: The conference starts with a message of Who Jesus is. It is truly the gospel unleashed like never before, framed around the call of the first disciples. Dan will urge all to be amazed by Jesus Christ, to drop everything, and to follow Him more radically with their lives. Dan preaches the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery like never heard

before. This is a challenge to turn away from sin and toward the unconditional love of Jesus.

Day 2: The Holiness Revolution Day 3: Transformation

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 10

1:30pm Baptisms (St. Mary's) 7:00pm Bingo (Parish Center)

7:00pm N.A. (MRH) Monday, September 11

All Day Monthly Day of Prayer (both Churches)

4:30pm Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
7:00pm Evening Prayer (St. Mary's)

7:00pm Uganda Ministry (MRH)7:00pm Light of the World (Rectory)

7:45pm Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

Tuesday, September 12

10:00am Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Wednesday, September 13

10:00am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)

5:30pm Spanish Choir Practice (Pines)6:30pm Betania (Pines) all welcome

6:30pm Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

7:00pm Parish Council (MRH)

7:00pm Divorced & Separated Ministry (Rectory)

7:00pm Light of the World (Parish Center)

7:00pm Employee Resource Meeting (Pines)

8:00pm A.A. (Parish Center)

Thursday, September 14

9:00am Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)

1:00pm Bridge Club (MRH)

6:00pm CNCOG (Parish Center)

7:00pm Living Waters Prayer Group (Pines)

Friday, September 15

10:00am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)

3:00pm Divine Mercy Service (Pines)

5:45pm Comedy Night (Parish Center)

7:00pm Emmaus (Rectory)

7:00pm Spanish Ministry (Pines)

8:00pm A.A. (Parish Center)

Saturday, September 16

6:30am That Man is You (Parish Center)

7:30pm A.A. (MRH)

"Who Am I to Judge?"

The Continuing Catholic Education & Evangelization ministry (CCEE) is happy to present a program on moral relativism starting **September 28**. In an age in which preference has replaced morality, many people find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of the reactions they will receive if they say something is right or wrong. Using stories and personal experience, Dr. Edward Sri helps equip us to respond to moral relativism with logic and heart. Join us to learn more about Catholic morality which is all about love, and why, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people." Dr. Edward Sri on DVD, **Thursdays 10 – 11:30 am in the Parish Center. September 28 to November 16. Call Margaret Wohl for more information (609-978-5465).** Bring a friend!

HEALING MASS

There will not be a healing Mass in September. The next Healing Mass will be *Monday, October 23, 7:30pm in St. Mary's Church.* The theme for the Healing Mass will be, "Praying for Those in Health Care."

LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

Last week I began my letter by talking about the dangers of assuming. The screen image and video presentation at Mass last weekend unfortunately confirmed that caution. The ones who selected the screen image made an assumption in the presentation regarding how it would be interpreted by others, and for many this turned out to be incorrect. There was an assumption by many that it was a political statement, which was NOT the purpose. I apologize for any who were disturbed, but the intent was absolutely NOT political but religious. Let me explain.

I agree, as some have reminded me, that the Church is not a place for politics. So, what is the point? The point should be obvious to all, regardless of your political beliefs; we are a nation dangerously divided. I remember the protests during the Vietnam War, and the race riots. What we are seeing today is nothing like those. The prior had specific goals in mind, but what is happening today is little more than blatant hatred and division. We have always had opposition to those in office but never like the present where some simply declare, "Resist," before knowing the details of that which is being resisted. Too many cannot see beyond the immediacy of their anger. They fail to consider the long-term consequences of the seeds of division that are being sown.

There are so many polls taken, but the sad reality is that our nation is virtually split down the middle, with neither side gaining an upper hand. There are those on both sides who seek to take advantage of this division for their own purposes. We have seen the destruction of property, extremely violent protests, the shutting down of free speech, and a government that is paralyzed. In the midst of all this division, we are presented with the images of the suffering of our fellow Americans in Texas and Louisiana. Although we see the beginning of many working together, the division is unabated. What is the answer? The answer is found elsewhere.

I pray every day for our political leaders and I pray that the country will come together. Common sense tells us that we must get back to being the <u>United</u> States, but it is not happening. That same prevailing wisdom assumes that the solution will come when one side convinces most on the other to cross over the aisle to their side. In the meantime, is the only strategy offered to be that of Barabbas—rebellion? Tempting to many, it would seem to offer the only practical way, but Jesus reminds us that it has never worked: "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52). He offers another way, a radical way, the way of forgiveness. "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

How can that work? How can that bring us out of this mess? Before I answer let me remind you that this was the intent in the images presented. In retrospect they were probably not the best choices, but the purpose was to stress that the teachings of Jesus are not just to remain in the Bible. They are meant for real life and real situations.

To discover how the path of forgiveness can help, we must first remember what it is. We were reminded in a powerful way of the meaning of forgiveness in the witness of Immaculee when she spoke in St. Mary of the Pines. In case you forgot, her family was butchered along with one million others during the Rwandan genocide. She forgave those murderers. Forgiveness does not excuse the action but releases us from the poison. Forgiveness means that we no longer give emotional power over to the one offending us. When we react with anger at a bad driver, we have given them power over our feelings. The same is true in the political sphere. The mere mention of certain names or issues causes a visceral reaction in some, so much so that rational thought ceases.

The reality is that the Church is offering an alternative to the division and stagnation that is destroying our nation. This alternative is not political, but Biblical. That path is the healing road of forgiveness. When we stop reacting to one another, when we lay down our hateful speech, we might begin to actually talk with one another. The Church is not, and certainly St. Mary's is not, attempting to get involved in politics. The Church is, instead, suggesting an invitation to prayerfully encounter Jesus and His teaching and seek a better way. The real life challenge in our nation was captured years ago at another time in our history by Abraham Lincoln: "Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:43-48).

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Nicholas of Tolentine (1245-1305), September 10. Born at Sant' Angelo, Ancona, Italy, he joined the Augustinians there and was professed in 1263, studied at San Ginesio, and was ordained at Cingoli about 1270. He served as master of novices at Sant' Elpidio for a time, and in 1274 was sent to Tolentino, where he became famous for the eloquence of his preaching and as a confessor, converting hardened sinners and ministering to the poor, the sick, criminals, and the needy. He died at Tolentino, where he had labored for thirty years, on September 10, venerated for the many miracles he is reported to have performed. He was canonized in 1446.

DEACON JOSEPH FIORILLO

About one year ago, Deacon Joe Fiorillo was assigned to help at St. Theresa's Parish in Little Egg Harbor after the death of their only deacon. Now Deacon Joe is able to return to St. Mary's and we are excited to welcome him back! In the meantime, St. Mary's priests and deacons stand ready to aid St. Theresa's, our neighbors to the south, whenever they need assistance.

REALITY CHECK- BASIC TRUTH

Today we begin looking at "Interpretation of the Bible." (Catholic Bible Dictionary by Scott Hahn, p.391)

"At one level, biblical interpretation makes use of historical and literary tools, for attention must be given to the historical context in which the biblical books were written as well as the literary conventions employed at the time of their composition. At another, biblical interpretation is a theological endeavor, which means the interpreter must be aware that God is speaking through the medium of human words and that often He intends a spiritual level of meaning that stretches beyond the horizon of the human writer's intention. On both levels, authentic interpretation can take place only within the framework of the Church's faith.

"Catholic exegesis recognizes both a literal and a spiritual sense of Scripture. The literal sense is the meaning conveved by the words of the Bible in accordance with the literary genre in which they were written. The spiritual sense is the meaning that God has invested, not in the words of the Bible per se but in the historical realities that the words of the Bible describe. This spiritual meaning is subdivided into the allegorical sense, the moral or tropological sense, and the anagogical sense. A medieval couplet originating with Augustine of Dacia offers a summary description of the four senses of Scripture and their respective spheres of reference:

"The letter teaches events, allegory what you should believe, the moral meaning what you should do, anagogy what you should aim for."

LIVING WATERS PRAYER GROUP

Do you desire a closer relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit? We experience this when we meet every Thursday evenings, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, in the All-Purpose Room in St. Mary of the Pines. For more information, please call Dot Cronan at 609-713-2243.

INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interfaith Health and Support Services of Southern Ocean County which supports seniors and caregivers in their homes, are in need of office volunteers as well as volunteers to provide a few hours of respite care for the caregivers of Dementia and Alzheimer's care receivers. Training is provided. For more information or questions, please call 609-978-3839.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are still in need of a teacher for 2nd grade on Sundays and classroom aides. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry of handing on the Faith to our children. If interested, please call the Religious Formation office: 597-7600.

BIRTHRIGHT CARNATION SALE

Birthright will be hosting a flower drive this weekend at St. Mary's Church in Barnegat. All proceeds from this sale will benefit mothers and their babies with diapers, clothing. This fundraiser will also help with our overhead so we can still operate. Please help us keep our doors open to serve women in need.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration takes place 24/7 in the chapel on church grounds in Barnegat. It is maintained through the hard work of the people who volunteer as coordinators. They are:

SUNDAY	Genine Di Benedetto	607-9071
MONDAY	Carole Gordon	698-3664
TUESDAY	Jim Joyce	488-5011
WEDNESDAY	Johanna Kingston	587-7671
THURSDAY	Lillian Kennedy	698-7730
FRIDAY	Jenny Shives	978-9790
SATURDAY	Laura Radwanski	607-8849

If an adorer cannot keep their hour or has no one to fill in for them, they are urged to call their daily coordinator so that he/she can find a substitute. To become an Adorer for one of the open hours listed below, or to be added to our substitute list, call the main coordinator, Joann Kaczala @ 609-698-6168. Hours presently in need of an Adorer are:

> WEDNESDAY, 2:00am to 3:00am WEDNESDAY, 3:00am to 4:00am WEDNESDAY, 4:00am to 5:00am FRIDAY, 1:00am to 2:00am SATURDAY, 5:00am to 6:00am

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Our next meeting will be October 7, 10:00am in the rectory. We also continue our efforts to pray for the unborn, and all humanity threatened no matter at what stage of life.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Your used plastic shopping bags from local supermarkets are really needed! Not only do they save the society a good deal of money, but, because they've been used, they are so easy to open. (Plus--recycling is good for the earth!) Pantry needs hygiene products: shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste, and bath soap. Edibles needed include canned ravioli and cereal.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Our beautiful 75th Anniversary plates are available in the rectory office and in the Peaceful Dove Gift Shop for \$20.00. Be sure to get one while supplies last. It truly is an exceptional keepsake.

We have set up a special website in observance of our 75th Anniversary featuring many pictures, our history, comments from clergy past and present and from those parishioners, who having been in the parish for many years, have witnessed its growth. You are welcome to post comments about our anniversary on the site. The web address is: stmarys75thanniversary.us. Be sure to check it out!

DVD OF OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY MASSComplimentary DVDs of our 75th Anniversary Mass with Bishop O'Connell are available at the rectory. We have a limited supply so please take only one copy per family. Thank you.

OCEAN COUNTY MENTORING PROGRAM

The Ocean County Mentoring program is looking for volunteers to go to school once a week for about an hour to spend time with a child who is in need of extra attention and guidance. The program will take place at the McKinley School in Manahawkin. Ocean County will provide the necessary training and the cost of the background check. For information, you may contact the coordinator, Pastor Barry Steinmetz, 732-288-7723 or bsteinmetz@co.ocean.nj.us.

ATTENTION WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Anyone who is interested in helping us plan activities and an outreach to those whose spouses have died, please call the rectory office.

HONOR THE WOMEN OF WORLD WAR II AND ROSIE THE RIVETER

The Knights of Columbus invites you to a special dinner to honor the women of World War II and Rosie the Riveter on *Friday, September 29, 6:00pm – 11:00pm in the Parish Center.* Cost of \$15.00 per person includes a dinner choice of baked flounder with stuffed shells or baked sausage with stuffed shells. BYOB. This event will be semi-formal. Tickets are available at the rectory. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Proceeds will benefit various charities. *For more information, please contact AI DelTufo at (609) 709-5592*.

SCRIPTURE SISTERS: A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly Bible Study will begin this fall - details to follow. If you are considering joining us or have questions, please call or text Jackie Carlson (732) 300-0950 Peace be with you.

BEEFSTEAK AND COMEDY NIGHT - 2017!!

Our Beefsteak and Comedy Night on Friday, September 15 is sold out. No tickets will be sold at the door. Have your tickets with you for admission and table assignment. Doors will open at 5:45pm. The caterers need time to complete their preparations. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU from SMCYA Youth Group

Our Diocesan Youth Mission Jersey trip was a HUGE success, thanks to all who supported us by purchasing miles through our St. Mary's Catholic Youth Alliance Youth Group Buy-A-Mile fundraiser. Your miles helped to empower our teens to grow into strong Catholics by serving those less fortunate. Thank you for supporting the youth of our parish family while they grow into future role models and leaders of the Catholic faith. May God continue to bless you all!

DIVINE MERCY PARISH LIBRARY

Good Catholic books and videos are available to borrow from our parish library. Located in the All-Purpose Room in St. Mary of the Pines, the hours are:

Monday, 4:30 – 6:00pm Wednesday & Friday, 10:00 – 11:30am

Can't make these hours? Explore the library's contents online at www.DivineMercyLibrary.org or send an email to DivineMercyLibrary@gmail.com

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?

Please come - you are not alone. Support meetings with facilitators who have experienced the pain, are there to listen to yours. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the rectory office in Barnegat. For more information, please call Deacon Ron at 607-9447 or Lois Roberts at 290-8929.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Our Journey Through Scripture will resume meeting **September 13 at 6:30pm in the Rectory**. All are welcome.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

The annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass to honor all couples married 1 year, 25 years, and 50 years, will be held on *Sunday, October 8, 3:00pm in St. Aloysius Church in Jackson*. For those couples interested in attending, please stop by the rectory to fill out a form.

ST.MARY'S WOMENS COMMUNION BREAKFAST

We invite the women of the parish and friends to our annual Communion breakfast *Friday September 29.* Mass will be at 9:00am in St. Mary of the Pines, followed by a delicious breakfast at Villagio's Restaurant.

It's always good to come together with sisters in the Lord to share the Eucharist, brunch, fellowship and inspiring talks.

This year's guest speaker will be Eileen Lombardo, wife of Deacon Earl Lombardo, who were parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Pius is their new parish. Eileen's talk will be on "A Catholic Treasure."

Donation is \$22.00 per person and seating will be limited to 55 people. You cannot pay at the door. *To register, please call Peggy Kinahan at (908) 418-5496. Last day to register is September 25.*

Travel To Holy Trinity

We are investigating parishioner interest in traveling to Holy Trinity next summer, August 2018. This trip will enable us to see firsthand the wonderful contributions and buildings that your donations have helped to create there. This is our chance to see first-hand what Father Vincent has accomplished in such a short period of time since we began our joint effort three years ago.

If you might consider joining Monsignor Ken and a group of St. Mary parishioners on this once in a lifetime mission, call Mary Goss @ 732-929-9013.

BETANIA III

Betania III is a community formed by Maria Esperanza of Venezuela who **died on LBI** on August 7, 2004. Her cause for canonization was opened January 31, 2010.

We meet for Mass on the last Sunday of each month at 3:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines. This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. The next Mass is Sunday, September 24. In addition, we pray the rosary the 1st, 2nd, & 4th Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Pines and on the 3rd Wednesday at 3:00pm in St. Mary's Church.

For more information on Maria Esperanza's cause for canonization, please call Bob Dodds at 609-464-6773 or Carole Liming at 703-2137.

HELP FOR JOB-SEEKERS

St. Mary's Employment Resource Committee meets on *the* 2^{nd} & 4^{th} *Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines All-Purpose room.* The Committee will assist a job applicant in resume presentation and other skills needed to find employment. Our mission is to support and guide job seekers through the challenges of finding new employment. Please contact Rob DiBenedetto at 609-548-0716 or rcdibenedetto@gmail.com to register or for more information. *Please register before attending.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING

We need your support for our annual Golf Outing *September 25, 12:30pm, at Atlantis Golf Course.* By supporting the outing as a sponsor or player you will be helping several of our local charities and ministries. \$100 sponsors will have a sign with their business or family name posted at the Tees along the course. Players cost of \$100 includes Golf, goodie bag, hotdog lunch and sitdown dinner. If you would just like to join us for dinner the cost is \$40. Time is running out please visit www.KOFC3826.org to download the forms or pick one up at the rectory. For more info contact Mike Rua at 609-978-6508.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. GERARD

Monday October 16, 2017 to St. Lucy's Church, Newark, N.J. for the St. Gerard Festival (patron saint of motherhood) cost is \$25.00 (no refunds) Bus departs at 8:30 am from St. Theresa's parking lot and will pick up parishioners at St. Mary's of the Pines parking lot in Manahawkin approximately at 8:45am. we will be leaving the festival at 5pm. Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 11am.(Refreshments at your own cost are available) For tickets please call Deacon Joe Fiorillo at 609-661-1550 or Conrad at 609-812-1310.

CRAFTY LADIES

The Crafty ladies are resuming their meetings on *Mondays from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall*. We knit, Crochet and socialize. The results of our labors are donated to local charities. We would love to have some new members. Please think about joining us. *Any questions, please call Rita at 609-607-9568.*

CURIOUS ABOUT THE BIBLE?

If you are the least bit interested in something about the Bible, if you have questions or wonder what some things mean, or if you want to get more familiar with the ancient texts of Christianity, and you are 18-39 years old, this brand-new Bible study is for you. Come to Emmaus – weekly study on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Charlie Kiger Conference Room (upstairs in the rectory office). No long-term commitment is necessary.

Call Mary or Felicia for more information, (609) 698-8619.

KEN'S KITCHEN

Ken's Kitchen is a free social lunch program sponsored by St. Mary's Church, which welcomes people of all faiths from ours and the surrounding communities. Join us each Thursday in the Parish Center, 9:00am – 11:30am for coffee, followed by informative speakers and entertainment. Soup and lunch will be served from 10:30am-11:30am. Meals are available for take-out after 11:30am. Free bread and baked goods are distributed as well. Parish Nurses are available each week for blood pressure screenings and more. For more information, please call John Donato at 660-9386.

September 14 – Lady Di sings the classics September 21 – Joe B September 28 – Jack Mac

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION

You are cordially invited to a mini day retreat for women on *Saturday, September 16, 9:00am - 12:00noon, at the Church of St. Pius X.* Our day consists of prayer, speaker, sharing, and lunch. This month's speaker is Deacon Earl Lombardo. Please come, bring a friend, and listen as Deacon Earl shares:

"Signs of the anti-Christ."
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Registration is necessary by the Tuesday before the luncheon. Please call 609-693-5107, and leave your phone number and spell your last name or you may register on line by visiting www.cwoz.org. Since the luncheon is catered, if you need to cancel your reservation, please call as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

PEACEFUL DOVE GIFT SHOP Wednesday – Friday

9:00am – 1:00pm Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

(609) 660-2400

Gifts for all occasions!

100% of proceeds go to the poor.

Gifts for all Occasions are available

SPANISH MINISTRY

"Vengan a mi; los cansados y a gobiados y sus almas encontraran Descanso" (Mt. 11:28)

"Sepan que el seňor es Dios, el nos hizo y nosotros somos su pueblo y su rebaňo" salmo 100:3

La Comunidad Hijos de Maria Santisima te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa cada 1st y 3rd Domingo de cada mes alas 2:00pm in le Iglesia.

Santa Maria de los pinos: y Todos los Viernes a las 7:00pm a la Asamblea de Oracion. Como pueblo de Dios te invitamos a encontrarte con él. A travez del

> Santo Rosario Espiritu Santo

Lectura y meditacion de la palabra Alabanzas y veras la Coloria de Dios Platicas de bautismo cada 3rd lunes del mes.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

This fall will mark the twentieth anniversary of All Saints Regional Catholic School. As part of the anniversary year the school is sponsoring a "Statue Memorial Project" to emphasize its Catholic identity, add to its beauty and raise funds.

Parishioners from the five supporting parishes are invited to purchase a statue of a saint of their choosing to be placed in a room in the school for a donation of \$1,000.00. Along with the statue of the saint, a plaque will be placed engraved with the wording the donor chooses, e.g. in memory of someone or in honor of someone.

We are also seeking a donation of \$2,000.00 for a large crucifix that will be placed in the All Purpose Room, which serves as a cafeteria, gym, and place for large school events.

Finally, there will be an outdoor garden at the entrance of the school with a statue representing the saints of each of the supporting parishes, the Blessed Mother for St. Mary's, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Francis, St. Pius X, and St. Theresa with the expectation that each of those parishes will have a donor for their patron saint. The requested donation to memorialize one of these large outdoor original sculptures is \$10,000.00. Msgr. Ken is overseeing the statue project. For more information or to participate by making a donation, please contact him. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Welcome back teens! Can't wait to hear about your summer! Each month we will try to schedule 2 High School gatherings, 1 Junior Youth gathering (6-8th grade) and a CnCOG night for HS & Jr. Youth together. These are scheduled on Thursdays at the Parish Center from 6:30-8:30pm. Please connect to Flocknote for notifications on events or changes in schedule due to holidays or other circumstances.

September 14: Chill'nConnectOpenGym (CnCOG)

September 21: High School youth Chill'nConnect (CnC)

September 28: Junior Youth CnC

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday September 23 is our Annual BonFire 6:30pm at the Parish Center. More information to come!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall. New members are welcome always. *For more information, please call Grand Knight Ed Massari at 609-994-6001.*

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

We have a Squires Circle for boys ages 10-18. For more information, please call Chief Counselor Tom Davies at 347-728-2654.

SQUIRE ROSE CIRCLE

We have a Squire Rose Circle for girls ages 10-18. *If interested, please contact our head counselor is Janine Davies at 347-728-2655.*

Knights of Columbus Trips

December 5: Trip to Sugar House Casino in Philadelphia. Cost of \$37.00 per person includes \$20.00 casino credit, transportation, and driver's gratuity.

February 26, 2018: Trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA. Cost of \$39.00 includes transportation, driver gratuity, \$30.00 casino credit and \$5.00 food coupon.

March 6, 2018: Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show. Cost of \$65.00 per person includes admission, ticket to the show and driver gratuity.

April 9-10, 2018: Trip to Delaware Park Casino. Cost of \$189.00 per person includes hotel, breakfast, dinner, transportation, driver's gratuity and \$30.00 casino free play.

June 4-8, 2018: Trip to Niagara Falls. Cost of \$695.00 per person includes transportation, hotel, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, tour guides with tour escort, all taxes and gratuities.

For information and reservations on any of these trips, please contact Charles Serwin at 609-978-0970.

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