

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Mary's Church, Barnegat**

**December 16 & 17, 2017**

**Saturday, December 16**

**5:30pm** Joseph D'Ambola:Maryann Terzi & Phil DiBenedetto  
Helen Rajca:Charlotte Tatta & Elaine Rajca

**Sunday, December 17**

**8:00am** James Curran;Nora & Arthur Fried  
Lucy Carpina: Tom & Lucille Biondo

**10:00am** Theresa Martishewski:Daughter, Sophia & Family  
Carolyn Krutsick:Family  
Paul McCarthy:Family, Linda, Raymond, Brian, & Brittany  
John Finley:Andrew & Levlene Sansone  
Alfonso LoBasso:Toni Soldano  
Elizabeth Gardner:Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Pagano  
Laura Barbato:Shirley Dyer  
Deceased Members of the Hamlon, Lennahan, Boland, Schaffer Families:Robert & Mary Boland  
Kathryn Mason:MaryAnn Cassidy  
Betty Reilly:Tom & Mary Reynolds  
Richard Butler:Barbara & Jack Tyler  
Robert Corbliss:Carol & Joe Butera  
Joseph Hathaway, Jr.:Jenna & Ryan Snell

**12:00n** Catherine Szar:Children & Grandchildren  
The Solimine Family:Family

**5:00pm** C. Joseph Lillo:Dorie Frank Lillo  
Dr. & Mrs. Peter A. Frank, Sr.:Dorie Frank Lillo

**Weekdays**

**Monday, December 18**

**8:00am** Vincent Galgano:Laurie & Jerry Gavin

**Tuesday, December 19**

**8:00am** Luong Family:Grace Tho  
Charles White:Wife, Cathy

**Wednesday, December 20**

**8:00am** Josephine DelVecchio:Caswell Family  
Salvatore Fascetti:Gary & Elaine

**Thursday, December 21**

**8:00am** Mary & Anthony Marino:The Marino Family  
1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Mr. & Mrs.  
Mattos:Slinsky Family

**Friday, December 22**

**8:00am** Bernie Karabin:Dot Karabin & Family  
John Ferone:His Mother  
Joan Harrington:Irene & Fred Kutner  
Walter Carberry:Linda & Michael Reilly  
Souls in Purgatory:Joseph Eorio  
Happy Birthday Lonnie Rooney:Mom & Dad  
Anthony Juliano:Wife and Children  
Mary C. Seeburger:Mina & Kevin Schaffert  
Josepuma Rojas:Lorraine & Bob Denblegkers  
Chris Buchta:Linda & Jim Saladino

**Saturday, December 23**

**8:00am** Sam Noto:Jim & Linda Saladino  
Carol Aspan:Carrie & Franca Diona

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin**

**December 16 & 17, 2017**

**Saturday, December 16**

**4:00pm** Frank Garrity:D'Andrea Family  
Joseph D'Ambola Dan & Lucille Longo

**Sunday, December 17**

**7:30am** Richards & Weber Family:Tom & Kathy  
Richards  
Souls in Purgatory  
Fr. John Wightman

**9:00am** People of the Parish

**11:30am** Joe Kerly Sr.:Kristen & Joe Kerly  
Dolores Brandimarte:Ovis & Margaret Wohl & Family  
Marcella Pergosky:Irene Stevens, daughter  
MaryJane McDermott:Irene Stevens  
James Hanvey:Family  
Donald J. Fisher:Carol & Glenn Hemberger  
Richard Cooper:Peter, Caroline, Anna & Nick  
Mildred H. Burrell:Joann Kolator  
John McCarthy:Pat, Dan, Russell  
Marilyn O'Connor:Frank & Catherine Pannone  
Sherri D'Ercole & Family:The Wohl Family  
Elsie Morrison:Frank & Barbara Guccio

**Weekdays**

**Monday, December 18**

**9:00am** Benjamin Emanuele:Roberta & Donald  
Rissmeyer  
Joseph Lupa:Marie

**Tuesday, December 19**

**9:00am** Robert DePetris:Wife, Kathleen  
Biagio "Ben" Verrone:Mary Molley

**Wednesday, December 20**

**9:00am** Josephine Feletski:Daughter, Wanda  
Rose Mercadante:Ron & Rosann Dugas

**Thursday, December 21**

**9:00am** Catherine & Anthony DelPlato:Nora & Tom  
DeRosa  
Catherine Szap:Children & Grandchildren

**Friday, December 22**

**9:00am** Marie & John Corrigan:Jeanne  
Dennis Golden:Mary Liszewski

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

*Moria Hamilton, Erick Peirson, Salvatore Maniscalco,  
John Franks, Dorothy Villa, Peter Togher*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**TODAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

**NEXT WEEK: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Mary's Church, Barnegat**

**December 23 & 24, 2017**

**Saturday, December 23**

**5:30pm** William E. Moore:Nora & Tom DeRosa  
Viola Sporczyk:Sal & Fran Marino

**Sunday, December 24**

**8:00am** Eleanor Wolshonak:Rosalyn Marchese  
Michael Bruno:Anna Presteria & Family

**10:00am** Clara & John Braden:Jean & John Braden

**12:00n** Carmella Salemmo:Dom & Marie Prezziotti  
Gerald H. Nolan Jr.Wife, Darlene & Family  
Sal Galvano:Toni & Bill Guido

**5:00pm** Kunka & Szczepanik Families:Jane Kunka  
Virginia Giaccio:Daughter, Rachelle

**7:00pm** Albert & Camille Guarneri:Guarneri Family  
The Paluch & Bankos Families:Bernadine  
Charles D. Rogers:Wife, Adele & Children  
Daniel DiFabio:Friends

Chuck Hellings:Chet & Ginger Mankowski  
Joan Weigl:Chet & Ginger Mankowski

**Midnite** Jim Henbest, William Smith Sr. & Gloria  
Smith:Sherry Henbest

Lamberto Cuasay:Delia & Oliver Cuasay  
Louis Delvecchio:Caswell Family

**St. Mary of the Pines**

**Saturday, December 23**

**4:00pm** Deceased Members of the Rochford & Garrity  
Family:Marilyn

Josephine Feletsky:Wanda Feletsky

Frank V. Martin:Family

Joseph D'Ambola:Linda Lasko & Bill Ferri

Edward Margherita:Peter & Ann Togher

Helen Ronan:Husband, Tom

Helen & Sam Cukar:Maria Krsulic

Esther Powers:Wanda Feletsky

Eddie Hemminghouse:Nina & Tony Recine

Gerard Giroux:Barbara Ann Julian

Gerardo A. Gradone:Jim & Roslyn Marchese

**Sunday, December 24**

**7:30am** People of the Parish

**9:00am** Jennie & Ralph Renda:Family

Anthony Fazio:Wife, Lillian

**11:30am** Rose Mercadante:Ron & Rosann Dugas

Ernest Uriarte:Sylvia & Family

Ann, John & Nancy:Fred & Kay

**4:00pm** Louis Mitterando:Wife, Grace

Jack & Connie McGinniss:The Children

**6:00pm** Herbert & Regina:Boekell:John & Johanna  
Boekell

Peg & Frank Carraro, Tom & Mary

Mulroy:Betty & Tom Mulroy

**10:00pm** Anthony Milesia Jr.:Mom & Dad

Betty & Bob Hamilton:The Children

Joe Kerly,Sr.:Kristen & Joe Kerly

Tom O'Hagen:Cathy & Roger Boss

Kylene Mead: Gregory & RuthAnn

Baumbach

George Landfear:Family

**10:00pm** Jonathan Wurz & Family:Felicia Massari

Joan Paladino:Lipositz Family

Special Intention for Christine & Anthony

Cregan: Mom & Dad

**Memorials – St. Mary's, Barnegat**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** burns this week in loving memory of Josephine DiBella requested by the Keyasko Family.

**Bread and Wine** are donated this week in loving memory of Gordon Marzano requested by Jack & Peggy Pongracz.

**Altar Candles** burn this week in loving memory of Judy Jones requested by Mom & Dad.

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel** burns this week in loving memory of Frank Carbone requested by his wife, Felicia.

**Memorials – St. Mary of the Pines**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** burns this week for Noreen Fowler.

**Bread and Wine** are donated this week in memory of Devon & Skye Longmore requested by Mom Mom & Pop Pop Longmore.

**Candles** burn this week in loving memory of Alice Bird requested by the Longmore Family.

**Christmas Day Mass Intentions**

**St. Mary's Church**

**8:00am** Paul Sedorak:Ron, Matthew & Michelle  
Don Allen:Rich & Judy Bathmann

**10:00am** Lorraine Braden:Jean & John Braden

Marian Ferreri:Jennifer & Rick Buscageia

Thomas (T.J.) Braden:John & Jean Braden

Mary Noel lamonte:Husband, Bruno

Luella Murphy:The VanHook Family

Frank Amodeo:Wife, Marie

Frank Scheuer:Wife

Michael Kohler:Wife, Francis

Russell Henry & Alice Henry

Coopey:Wife/Mother Alice Henry &

Daughter/Sister Donna Ponzi

Eugene Olker:Alice Olker

**12:00n** Rudy, Mary, & Rudy Jr. Daunno:The Pascale

Family

Robert Pellegrinelli: Wife

**St. Mary of the Pines**

**7:30am** Madeline Wood & Wood Family:David

Theresa Cebulski:Dee & Brian

**9:00am** Joseph Jajduk Sr. The Hajduk Family

Elaine Foster:The Children of Bill & Betty Steck

Joseph Cichowski:Wife, Joan

Olev Allikmaa:Adrienne Allikmaa & Children

Joseph E. Somers:Mr. & Mrs. John Grabko

Joseph Giacalone:Massari Family

Connie Hembree:Grandma & Family

The O'Connor Family:Fred & Kay

Lee Infante:Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ventura

Joseph Dacanzo:Tom & Debbie Michels

Anthony Cavallo:Judith & Joseph Lochli

Special Intention for Christine & Anthony  
Creegan

**11:30am** Dorothy Marchese:Richard Marchese

Mildred & Daniel Castoria:Frank & Ines

Castoria & Family

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius

Saturday: St. John of Kanty

### WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

Emmett Haviland, Hudson Nicholas Monteforte,  
Emma Autumn Rohe

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year since Christmas falls on a Monday the schedule can be confusing. We will have the regularly scheduled Masses for the weekend of December 23/24, with the exception that there will not be a 5:00pm Sunday Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

**All Masses on Sunday evening will be for the eve of Christmas.** CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: **St. Mary's:** 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 12:00AM Midnight; **St. Mary of the Pines:** 4:00pm (with children's pageant), 6:00pm and 10:00pm. CHRISTMAS DAY we will have the same schedule as normally held on Sundays: **St. Mary's:** 8:00am, 10:00am and 12noon (**There will not be a 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Day**); **St. Mary of the Pines:** 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:30am.

### TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$25,721.00 in the collection for last weekend, \$3,562.00 in the second envelope for the Retirement Fund for Religious, \$11,191.00 in the second collection for Holy Trinity Uganda and \$473.00 in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "My soul rejoices in my God." One way to prepare for the coming of the Lord is to examine the Stewardship of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

### BIBLE TRIVIA

**LAST WEEK:** *From today's First Reading, what was the purpose of "the way" that was prepared?*

The way was a road for the exiles in Babylon to return to Jerusalem. This way will go directly through the wilderness rather than along the usual routes taken.

**TODAY'S QUESTION:** *To whom were the priests and Levites referring when they asked John the Baptist if he was the prophet?*

### ADVENT LAZARUS MASS

Christmas lived in the absence of someone dear can be a very difficult time. At the December Lazarus Memorial Mass, bereaved adults and children mourn while they remember in a special way by writing the names of deceased loved ones on stars and placing the stars on the Christmas tree before Mass – stars are provided. All are welcome to pin a picture of our loved one to the board by the altar. Our annual Advent Lazarus Mass will be **Wednesday, December 20, 7:30pm, in St. Mary's Church, Barnegat.**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, December 17**

**10:00am** Pageant Practice (Pines)

**10:30am** RCIA (Rectory)

**2:00 pm** Spanish Mass (Pines)

**7:00pm** Bingo (Parish Center)

**7:00pm** N.A. (MRH)

### **Monday, December 18**

**8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

**9:30am** Confessions (St. Mary of the Pines)

**6:00pm** Scripture Sisters (Pines)

**7:00 pm** Light of the World (Rectory)

**7:45pm** Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

### **Tuesday, December 19**

**8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

**9:30am** Confessions (St. Mary of the Pines)

**10:00am** Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

**7:00 pm** Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

### **Wednesday, December 20**

**8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

**9:30am** Confessions (St. Mary of the Pines)

**6:30pm** Rosary for Betania (St. Mary's Barnegat) **All Welcome**

**5:30pm** Spanish Choir Practice (Pines)

**6:30pm** Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

**7:00pm** Divorced & Separated Ministry (Rectory)

**7:00pm** Light of the World (Rectory)

**7:00pm** Volleyball (Parish Center)

**7:30 pm** Lazarus Mass (St. Mary's, Barnegat)

### **Thursday, December 21**

**8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

**9:30am** Confessions (St. Mary of the Pines)

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

**6:00pm** Youth Group Christmas Party (Parish Center)

### **Friday, December 22**

**8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

**9:30am** Confessions (St. Mary of the Pines)

**10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)

**3:00pm** Divine Mercy Service (Pines)

**7:00pm** Emmaus (Rectory)

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

### **Saturday, December 23**

**3:00 pm** Confessions (St. Mary's, Barnegat)

**7:30pm** A.A. (MRH)

### CHRISTMAS GIFT

A great gift that you can give all year is the gift of quiet as people prepare for Mass! Be aware that many are trying to pray before Mass. Please keep long and loud conversations to the vestibule.

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**December 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** : After the 8:00am and 9:00am daily Masses.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**: 7:00-8:00pm in St. Mary's.

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>**: 3:00-4:00pm in St. Mary's.

**December 27<sup>th</sup>**: 6:30-7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines

### 50/50 WINNER

Congratulations to Arlene Vandenberg of Barnegat, winner of the the December 50/50 monthly raffle. Ticket # 00407.

The next drawing will be January 3, 2018.

## **LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN**

Once again the Pope has made headlines and raised eyebrows. This time the topic is the "Our Father" and the report is that he is changing the "Lord's Prayer."

As always one should be cautious when one hears a headline! What is being referred to is a statement by Pope Francis in a video series with the Italian bishops' television channel, TV2000. He stated that he believed the words we use in the English, "lead us not into temptation" is a poor translation. "This is not a good translation," the Pope said in the video published December 6. "I am the one who falls, it's not God who pushes me toward temptation to see how I fall. A father doesn't do this, a father helps us to get up right away."

The Pope made reference to a recent translation into French which he finds more helpful and accurate, "do not let us fall into temptation."

Thus it is not correct to simply state that the Pope is changing the "Lord's Prayer." He is making a point that is both linguistic and theological. This could lead to an alteration in the translation, but that remains to be seen. The linguistic point is similar to the recent changes to prayers used at Mass which were changed to reflect a more accurate translation of the original Latin. The most known is the change in the Profession of Faith to "consubstantial." Jesus spoke Aramaic and His words were written down in Hebrew and Greek. From that came the Latin and now English. The Pope isn't changing the words of Jesus, but suggesting that there can be a better translation reflecting the original meaning. The theological point is one that should be obvious to anyone of Faith. God does not tempt us nor does He lead us into temptation. It is to Him that we look when we fall to save us and deliver us. The Pope is suggesting different wording that will more beautifully reflect God's love and care for us.

All that being said, you will not suddenly be hearing a different version of the "Lord's Prayer." However, I encourage each and every one to consider this teaching of Pope Francis and to take a longer look at this special prayer that Jesus taught. Isn't it true that many times we can take this prayer for granted and merely recite the words without careful thought? This is an invitation to think, not only about the words of the "Lord's Prayer," but all prayers. We can and should apply this also to the prayers at Mass. It is so easy to say the words routinely without careful thought and devotion. Saying the words involves only our tongue. Praying the words involves our heart.

Advent is a perfect time to examine our prayer lives. It is a wonderful opportunity to consider the quality of our

prayers. For this purpose I offer this definition of prayer: **Prayer is the thoughtful and loving communication of our very selves with God.** Am I engaged in my prayers? Do I pray understanding the words I use? **Do I recognize that when I pray I am really speaking to God?** Am I filled with love of God as I pray?

Personally I believe that most Catholics recognize that God is not leading them into temptation. **The greater issue, however, is not whether there should be a slight change in the translation of the words of the "Lord's Prayer;" the bigger concern should be, "How well am I praying?"**

*"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. "This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father in heaven...'"(Matthew 6:5-9a).*

### **KNOW YOUR SAINTS**

*St. Lazarus (1<sup>st</sup> century), December 17*

All that is known of Lazarus is from John 11:1-44, which tells us he was a friend of Jesus, brother of Martha and Mary, and that he was raised from the dead by Jesus after being in the tomb for four days; and from John 12:1-11, where he is mentioned as among those present at a dinner in Bethany. According to tradition, Lazarus, Mary Magdalen, Martha, Maximus, and others were put into an oarless, rudderless boat and set adrift. It brought them to southwestern Gaul, where Lazarus made numerous converts, became the first Bishop of Marseilles, and was martyred during the persecution of Christians by Emperor Domitian. In another tradition, Lazarus was put into a leaking boat with his sisters and others by the Jews at Jaffa and was conducted supernaturally in safety to Cyprus, where he became Bishop of Kition (Larnaka), ruled for thirty years, and died there. Still another tradition has him following St. Peter to Syria.

### **ST. MARY'S ADULT CHOIR**

St. Mary's Adult Choir is looking for additional members. The choir is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. **We practice every Thursday (except holy days and holidays) at 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines and we sing at the 9:00am Mass every Sunday in St. Mary of the Pines.** We'd love to have you join us. No auditions required. **For more information, contact Judy Penland at [japenland@comcast.net](mailto:japenland@comcast.net) or 609-698-2542.**

### **REALITY CHECK-BASIC TRUTH**

The Story behind "Silent Night," Josef Mohr, author, Franz Gruber, composer. In 1818, a roving band of actors was performing in towns throughout the Austrian Alps. On December 23 they arrived at Oberndorf, a village near Salzburg where they were to re-enact the story of Christ's birth in the small Church of St. Nicholas. Unfortunately, the St. Nicholas' church organ wasn't working (some blame mice, others rust) and would not be repaired before Christmas. Because the church organ was out of commission, the actors presented their Christmas drama in a private home. That Christmas presentation of the events in the first chapters of Mathew and Luke put assistant pastor Josef Mohr in a meditative mood. Instead of walking straight to his house that night, Mohr took a longer way home. The longer path took him up over a hill overlooking the village. From that hilltop, Mohr looked down on the peaceful snow-covered village. Reveling in majestic silence of the wintry night, Mohr gazed down at the glowing Christmas-card like scene. His thoughts about the Christmas play he had just seen made him remember a poem he had written a couple of years before. That poem was about the night when angels announced the birth of the long-awaited Messiah to shepherds on a hillside. Mohr decided those words might make a good carol for his congregation the following evening at their Christmas Eve service. The one problem was that he didn't have any music to which that poem could be sung. So, the next day Mohr went to see the church organist Franz Xaver Gruber. Gruber only had a few hours to come up with a melody which could be sung with a guitar. However, by that evening, Gruber had managed to compose a musical setting for the poem. It no longer mattered to Mohr and Gruber that their church organ was inoperable. They now had a Christmas carol that could be sung without that organ. On Christmas Eve, the little Oberndorf congregation heard Gruber and Mohr sing their new composition to the accompaniment of Gruber's guitar. Weeks later, well-known organ builder Karl Mauracher arrived in Oberndorf to fix the organ in St Nicholas Church. When Mauracher finished, he stepped back to let Gruber test the instrument. When Gruber sat down, his fingers began playing the simple melody he had written for Mohr's Christmas poem. Deeply impressed, Mauracher took copies of the music and words of "Silent Night" back to his own Alpine village, Kapfing. There, two well-known families of singers—the Rainers and the Strassers—heard it. Captivated by "Silent Night," both groups put the new song into their Christmas Season repertoire. The Strasser sisters spread the carol across northern Europe. In 1834, they performed "Silent Night" for King Frederick William IV of Prussia, and he then

ordered his cathedral choir to sing it every Christmas Eve. Twenty years after "Silent Night" was written, the Rainers brought the song to the United States, singing it (in German) at the Alexander Hamilton Monument located outside New York City's Trinity Church. In 1863, nearly fifty years after being first sung in German, "Silent Night" was translated into English (by either Jane Campbell or John Young). Eight years later, that English version made its way into print in Charles Hutchins' *Sunday School Hymnal*. Today the words of "Silent Night" are sung in more than 300 different languages around the world.

### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Spending an hour in the chapel with our Lord is always fulfilling; doing so on a holy day like Christmas is a bit special. If you are available on Christmas Day and would like to be with our Lord on his birthday, call Joann at the number below and we will arrange for you to substitute for an Adorer that will be away. Also, it is "snow bird" season and the need for substitutes has increased, so please consider taking an hour on a temporary basis. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's takes place in the chapel on church grounds in Barnegat and all are invited to visit. If you would like to become an Adorer for one of the open hours listed below, or to be added to our Substitute List, call Joann Kaczala @ 609-698-6168. Hours presently in need of an Adorer are:

**WEDNESDAY, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**  
**THURSDAY, 12:00 midnight to 1:00am**  
**FRIDAY, 1:00am to 2:00am**  
**MONDAY, 8:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**(Temporary 1/15 to 3/26)**  
**MONDAY, 10:00pm to 11:00pm**  
**(Temporary 1/15 to 4/15)**

### **UGANDA TWINNING MINISTRY**

In behalf of Fr. Vincent, Mary Goss of Yamba Uganda and our parish twinning ministry THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generous response to last weekend's appeal. As you heard, one of the major donors whom they had hoped would supply the items needed to complete the school suffered great losses in recent hurricanes, so your donations are particularly important. If you were not able to or were not prepared for the second collection, donations to help finish the school will be greatly appreciated at any time. You may drop it in the collection or at the rectory office with a notation that it is for Holy Trinity in Uganda. Thank you again!

### **POLISH CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

The Polish Christmas Wafers (also known as Oplatki Bread) are available in the rectory. A small donation would be accepted and greatly appreciated.

### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS**

Our beautiful and popular "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs are also available in the rectory. Stop by today and pick one up ~ \$3.00 each !

### JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Our Journey Through Scripture will meet **December 20 at 6:30pm in the Rectory**. All are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Annual Children's Christmas Eve Pageant plans are underway. The pageant will be held during the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's of the Pines. Practices are held on Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass until Christmas Eve. Children ages 4 and up are invited to participate. A parent/guardian must remain with the child during practice. **If interested, please call (609) 618-4395 Maryclaire Balko or email at [balkomc@comcast.net](mailto:balkomc@comcast.net).**

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

If you want a deeper relationship with God and desire guidance on your spiritual journey, **contact Patricia Addas at 607-8486 or (973) 479-6264, or Pat Stephens at (732) 728-0221.**

### BETANIA III

**Cause for the Beatification & Canonization of Maria Esperanza who passed away on LBI in 2004.**

Please join us for our weekly Wednesday Rosary – **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

- St. Mary of the Pines: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.
- St. Mary's Church, Barnegat: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm.
- Mass is celebrated on the last Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm in St. Mary of the Pines.

**The next Mass (which fulfills the Sunday obligation) will be celebrated January 28.**

Any questions, please call Bob Dodds at 609-464-6773.

### MARDI GRAS BEEFSTEAK DINNER AND COMEDY NIGHT

Don't miss the annual winter version of our popular night of delicious beefsteak and clean comedy on **Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Parish Center – doors open at 5:45 pm. Tickets are on sale now. Please call the rectory at 698-5531 to order your tickets. The cost is \$35.00 per person.**

### JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Journey Through Grief" is a bereavement support group sponsored by St. Pius X in Forked River. Team members are experienced, certified bereavement facilitators who emotionally and spiritually support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Registration is now open for our Winter session. **We will meet for eight consecutive Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm in the St. Pius X Meeting Room. The first session is January 9, 2018.** Participation is free of charge, and is limited to adults who have suffered their loss prior to October, 2017. Registration forms, brochures and information sheets are available at the rectory. **Please mail your forms to: Paula Little, 24, Cedar Street, Barnegat, NJ 08005, by January 2, after which time one of our facilitators will contact you. For more information, please call St. Pius X at 609-693-5107.**

### SCRIPTURE SISTERS: A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next study will be **December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30pm. We will break after this meeting until the new year and will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.** We can be found in the all purpose room at St Mary's of the Pines. Materials will be provided. **Any questions call/text Jackie Carlson at (732) 300-0950.** Come, let's learn together!

### 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](http://www.DivineMercyLibrary.org) or send an email to [DivineMercyLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyLibrary@gmail.com)  
*Tenemos libros y dvds en Español*

### St. Mary's W.O.W. Group (Widows or Widowers)

The W.O.W. (Widows or Widowers) meetings for 2018 will be on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall. We hope to see you there. **If you have any questions, please call Cookie at (609) 971-2609.**

### MONICA'S DAUGHTERS

We meet the *second and fourth Tuesday of every month 8:45am, in the rectory. For more information, please call Irene Kutner at 693-5029 or Jean Esposito at 607-1731*

### 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.**

### ST. MARY'S M.O.M.S. GROUP Ministry of Mother's Sharing

We are a Catholic Moms Group who meet to discuss relevant topics on being a Christian woman in today's world, grow more in our faith through speakers and in sharing, and create meaningful relationships with other like-minded. Our meetings are usually every other Tuesday from 9:00am – 11:00am in the Parish Center. Free childcare will be provided. Can't make mornings? Join us for our monthly night meeting instead. All moms are welcome!

### ST. MARY'S UGANDA MINISTRY

St. Mary's Uganda Ministry now has an online store where you can purchase handmade items made by parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Uganda. All proceeds go to Holy Trinity Parish for food, medical, and various life necessities. To view the online store, please visit [www.stmarysugandaministry.com](http://www.stmarysugandaministry.com)

### **Christmas Day Dinner**

Do you know of anyone in need of a hot meal or fellowship on Christmas Day? We are once again having our Christmas Day Dinner on **12:00pm to 3:00pm on December 25 at the Parish Center. Please call (609) 978-6508 before December 22 to register.** If you wish to volunteer or donate, please contact us at: [stmaryschristmasdaydinner@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschristmasdaydinner@gmail.com). Thank you, and God Bless!

### **HELP FOR JOB-SEEKERS**

St. Mary's Employment Resource Committee meets on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rcdibenedetto@gmail.com) to register or for more information. **Please register before attending.**

### **CURIOS 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.**

### **BIRTHRIGHT GIFTING TREE**

Birthright gifting trees will once again be in both Churches during the month of December. Birthright is a non-profit, all volunteer, pro-life organization. Free pregnancy tests, free counseling, and free help for babies and their mothers for the first year of the baby's life are some of the services Birthright provides. To be able to provide these services, Birthright relies on volunteers and donations. Please help us to help them.

### **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.**

### **Upcoming Entertainment**

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Jack Mac sings Gospel & Country  
December 28<sup>th</sup>: Closed  
January 4<sup>th</sup>: Joe B sings your favorite songs  
January 25<sup>th</sup>: Jack Mac sings Gospel & Country

### **LIVING WATERS PRAYER GROUP**

Living Waters Prayer Group meets **every Thursday, 7:00pm, in St. Mary of the Pines All-Purpose Room** to give thanks and praise to our Lord, Jesus Christ. We invite the Holy Spirit to inspire our songs and prayers of praise, talks and sharing. In today's world of declining religious participation, we encourage each other to practice and evangelize our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have the blessings of our Pope, our Bishop and our Pastor. **For more information, please call Dot at (609) 488-1708.**

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Although Thanksgiving Day is now a memory, we must share a thanks-giving story with you. On a very busy Friday, a gentleman who uses our pantry once a month came to our office with a glorious smile on his face. He held out six dollars and said, "Here, I had some extra money. I wanted to give back to St. Vincent because I would have starved without your pantry. Thank you so much for what you do!" He beamed the whole time. We were moved over his generosity--a kind of modern day version of the widow's mite--but we had to share it with our benefactors who made it possible. Your donations mean a lot. Rest assured,

Yes, we are still collecting for **Adopt-a-Family**: if you'd like to make Christmas merry for a struggling family, we are accepting gift cards of all denominations from **Kohl's, Target, Five Below, and Marshall's.**

**God bless you during this holy Advent season.**

### **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

Fr. Duffy Division # 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians is a Irish Catholic Men's Organization we gather on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Hall on Route # 9 in Barnegat, starting at 7:30pm. Please join us to celebrate your Irish Heritage, as well as promoting friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. **CONTACT: BOB GOODWIN 609-978-0635 for more details.**

### **March for Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC. Friday, Jan 19, 2018**

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for the "March for Life" bus trip to Washington DC" on **Friday, Jan 19, 2018.** The pick-up points are at St. Mary's Church, Barnegat at 7:30am and also at St. Mary of the Pines Church in Manahawkin at 7:45 am. There will be a Mass before we leave at St. Mary's in Barnegat at 7am on Friday, Jan 19, 2018. There is a non-refundable fee of \$10 per person. We will make one stop on the way down and one stop at a Wegman's food court on the way back. We will return about 10pm. **Please call Frank DeSena for reservations and information 609-698-0142 or 609-619-1933(C).**

### **CEAD MILE FAILTE (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES!)**

Our Lady of Knock Division 2 of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians would like to extend to you an invitation to join our organization. **For further information please call Denise McInerney at 609-290-5054.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**December 21: CHRISTMAS PARTY Jr & HS. 6:00-9:00pm**

**Stay connected to Flocknote for additions or changes in schedule. Like a possible Bowl-a-Thon in the near future.**

### **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\*\*\***

**PLEASE COME AND SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL ITEMS!!**

**\*\*The Peaceful Dove will be closed**

**December 24 – January 5.**

**We will reopen on January 6<sup>th</sup> on weekends only through February.**

## SPANISH MINISTRY

*“Vengan a mi; los cansados y agobiados y sus almas encontraran Descanso” (Mt. 11:28)*

*“Sepan que el señor es Dios, el nos hizo y nosotros somos su pueblo y su rebaño” salmo 100:3*

**La Comunidad Hijos de María Santísima te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa cada 1<sup>st</sup> y 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Atravez del**

**Santo Rosario**

**Espiritu Santo**

**Lectura y meditacion de la palabra**

**Alabanzas y veras la Gloria de Dios**

**Platicas de bautismo cada 3<sup>rd</sup> lunes del mes.**

## CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION

You are cordially invited to a mini day retreat for women on Saturday, January 13th, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Church of St. Pius the Tenth Parish Hall, Forked River. Our day consists of prayer, speaker, sharing, and lunch. This month's speaker is Patricia Stephens. Pat is a spiritual director who often speaks at St. Joseph's by the Sea. Please come, bring a friend, and listen as Pat shares: "Spiritual Vitality" Admission is \$20.00, payable on the day of the luncheon.

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](http://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. Saturday morning Communion Service will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

## ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

This year marks 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.



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

**February 10 – 22, 2018:** Twelve night Southern Caribbean cruise on Royal Caribbean "Grandeur of the Sea". Cost is \$829.00 per person.

**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.

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

September 28 – October 8, 2018: Ten day cruise to Canada and New England on NCL Gem. Cost from \$1,385.42 per person includes two free amenities and an overnight stay in Quebec.

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



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