

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**St. Mary's Church, Barnegat**  
**December 30 & 31, 2017**

**Saturday, December 30**

**5:30pm** Josephine Preciose:Deacon Gus & Diana Johnston  
Helen Taborell:Pam & Neil Metzger

**Sunday, December 31**

**8:00am** Patrick LaCosta:Pete, Caroline, Anna, Nick  
Bob Corbliss:Bobbie Lambest

**10:00am** Esther Mercado:Dora & Sam  
William H. Corby:Maureen & Raymond  
Albert Buchanan:Betty & Gus Serra  
Bob Corbliss:Shirley Dyer  
Laraine Soriano:Joe & Linda Palermo  
Jim Russo:Perna Family  
Frank Perna Sr.:Perna Family  
Janice Wiedmont:The Mirage Chorus  
Mark LaPrete:George Brechka & Erika Brechka

**12:00n** Calogera Santangelo:Mary & Bob Grillo  
Beth Langan:Mary & Bob Grillo  
Virginia Giaccio:Daughter, Rachelle  
Patricia Stioessner & Frank  
Setteducato:Ralph & Arlene Montana

**5:00pm** Rose Scocozzo:Terri & Don Pregler  
Charles Donnelly:Don Cutler

**Midnight** Lee & Kory Lepashko:Family  
Pierson & Viola McElroy:Family

**Weekdays**

**Monday, January 1**

**8:00am** Mary Veronica Hutt:McGlynn Family  
Irene S. West:Hal Sellner

**10:00am** Marie DeStefano:Robert & Janet Anstatt & Family  
Vincent Miller:Anna Beyea

**12:00n** Dr. Evelyn Toni:Suad Toutouchi Family  
James Farrell:John & Rye & Family

**Tuesday, January 2**

**8:00am** Bette Hofman:Grace Mitterando  
Dorothy Prendergast:Linda & Kathryn

**Wednesday, January 3**

**8:00am** Adele Files:Schwerdt Family  
Henry Ferriggi:The Chenel Family

**Thursday, January 4**

**8:00am** Michael Sluke Sr.:Ann & Jack  
Sister Dorothea Darling:Darling Family

**Friday, January 5**

**8:00am** Souls in Prugatory:Joseph Eorio  
Paul Ambrose:William Meltsch  
Florence Fritz:Harold Sellner  
Clarke Brintnall:James & Linda Leonard  
Frank Beslanovitz:Maureen O'Keefe  
Livio Nave:Mr. & Mrs. Kane Hoefling  
Robert Harth:Deacon Pat & Pat Martin  
Marie A. Pacifico:John & Michele McIntyre  
Joyce Valente:William & Alice White  
Elsie Walter:John Stoddard

**Saturday, January 6**

**8:00am** Philip Ridinger:The Mirage Chorus  
John Gilmore:Margery & Moe Lombardo  
Kaitlyn Wilson:Mom & Dad

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin**  
**December 30 & 31, 2017**

**Saturday, December 30**

**4:00pm** Frank Garrity:Shirley & Dick Dyer  
Joseph D'Ambola:Carol & Jim Morrow

**Sunday, December 31**

**7:30am** Joy O'Donnell:Rosann Dugas  
Ann, John & Nancy: Fred & Kay  
**9:00am** People of the Parish  
**11:30am** Carl Felicitì  
Mildred H. Burrell:Paul & Marge Commarato  
Evelyn Sell:Felicia Masari  
Rose Kelly:Felicia Massari  
Margaret Russo:Sharon & Richard Addonizio

Albert Fuchs:Dorothy Bellaran  
Michael Bruno:James & Barbara Pandolfo  
Angelina Candelieri:Fred & Kay Voelbel  
Mary Hickey:Gisela Siepman  
Connie Carey:Felicia & Ed Massari  
**4:00pm** Armand Stolte:Loretta & Harold Finley  
Deceased Members of the Centenanni & Miloscia Families: Eileen & Tony Miloscia

**Weekdays**

**Monday, January 1**

**9:00am** Madeline Wood: husband David  
Margaret Weerman: Dee & Brian  
**11:30am** Special Intentions: Lueders Family  
Louis Tirelli: Mr. & Mr. Vito Minervini

**Tuesday, January 2**

**9:00am** Hugbert Wilbur: Ann DiCarlo-Cottone & Family  
Joseph Scolan:Kay & Fred Voelbel

**Wednesday, January 3**

**9:00am** Mary Agnes Gaulrapp:Margie & Joe Caruana  
Deirdre Scarpulla:Patty & Ed Barrone  
Deacon Marty Hemberger  
Robert E. Doucette:Doucette Family

**Thursday, January 4**

**9:00am** Margaret Ryan:Deacon Joe & Betty Vivona  
Alexander A. Kutoski:Wife, Florence

**Friday, January 5**

**9:00am** George Gaulrapp:Margie & Joe Caruana  
Margaret Wermann:Marie Cleary



**Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** burns this week in loving memory of Anna & George Keyasko requested by the The Keyasko Family.

**Bread and Wine** are donated this week in loving memory of Esther & Murtagh Hanrahan requested by daughter, Ann.

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel** burns this week in loving memory of Anthony Competeiello requested by Anne & Richard Lauria.

**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.

**MASS BOOKS FOR 2019**

The Mass Intention Books for 2019 will open on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Please come to the rectory to reserve your Masses and Memorials.

**NEW YEAR’S DAY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE**

**HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

*The Masses for Sunday evening are only for the Holy Day of Obligation.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31: St. Mary’s:** 5:00pm; 12:00 Midnight; **St. Mary of the Pines:** 4:00pm

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1: St. Mary’s:** 8:00am, 10:00am and 12noon; **St. Mary of the Pines:** 9:00am and 11:30am.

**There is no 5:00pm Mass on New Year’s Day.**

**Twin Parish News**

As our director, Mary Goss, prepares for her trip to Holy Trinity for the school opening we are happy and proud to announce that \$11,000 was donated in our second collection on Dec. 9th and 10th. To quote Father Vincent.....**“We thank you so much!”** We are gratefully accepting any denomination in any of our collections leading up to the New Year. Simply make checks out to YAMBA UGANDA and mark Holy Trinity in the memo line. Dear Lord, we pray: ***Send your spirit into our hearts so that, ablaze with the fire of Your love, we to might go to the poor, the sick, the suffering, the oppressed and be living witnesses to your divine mercy.***

*Father Raymond J. Finch, M.M*

**UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES**

**St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat**

**January 6 & 7, 2018**

**Saturday, January 6**

- 5:30pm** Dick Johnston:Rose Houmis  
The Souls in Purgatory:Janice Larkin & Family  
Tony Mizdal:Celia Kreiter  
Bob Corbliss:Marilyn Garrity  
Stephen Scoppettvollo:Carmen & Linda Sericco  
Joseph Hallahan:Ralph & Maryann  
Robert Rademacher:Thomas & Joann Roccia  
Gordon Marzano:Helen Suwalski  
Paul McGill:Betty Ryan  
Darius Ghahary:Harold & Sandra Chasmar

**Sunday, January 7**

- 8:00am** People of the Parish
- 10:00am** Donald Flynn:Elaine & Frank Flynn  
Paula Bier:Ottillie Pinczes
- 12:00n** Deceased Members of the Garcia & Bracety Families:Miriam & Joe  
Deacon Dick Brennan
- 5:00pm** Claire Fleming:Rose, Carlo, Connie Sidor  
Joan Goceljak:Catherine Marrille

**St. Mary of the Pines**

**Saturday, January 6**

- 4:00pm** Frank Garrity:Marie & Frank Tansey  
Ann Flintosh:Daughter  
Frank Martin:Family  
Carol Dougherty:Joseph Hajduk  
Patrick Early:Cousin, Moira  
Robert O’Neill:Mastroly Family  
Joyce James:Joseph Hajduk  
Janet Schade:Jane Hall  
Maryann & John Arena Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:Ida L. Peter  
Kelly Andrew Dee:Eileen & Tony Miloscia  
Martin Suriel:Nicotra Family

**Sunday, January 7**

- 7:30am** Prayers for the Homebound:Dee & Brian  
Deacon Charles Schultz:Dee & Brian
- 9:00am** George Kelley:Jim & Anneliese Kelley  
Lee Aljian:Mary & Louis Ferrara
- 11:30am** Carol Sneyers:Husband, Micky  
Angelo Fiore:The Wohl Family

## TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$32,077.00 in the collection for the weekend of 12/16-17 and an additional \$543.00 in on-line giving. As this bulletin went to press early, we will update the other collections in a future bulletin. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "The Lord remembers His covenant forever." As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your continued and faithful generosity all year long! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

TODAY THERE WILL BE A SECOND ENVELOPE TOWARDS OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**TODAY: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH:** Genesis 15:1- 6: 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17 – 19; Luke 2:22-40

**NEXT SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

*Monday: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

*Tuesday: St. Basil the Great and  
St. Gregory Nazianzen*

*Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

*Friday: St. John Neumann*

*Saturday: St. Andre Bessette*

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**LAST WEEK:** In today's First Reading the prophet Nathan tells David that the Lord will establish a house for him. Another time the prophet Nathan had something not so positive to say to David. Do you know the story? In Second Samuel, Chapters 11 and 12, we read the story of David's sin of adultery with Bathsheba and how he had her husband, Uriah, killed after he learned she was pregnant. The prophet Nathan challenged David with a parable, confronting him with the truth of his sin in the words, "You are the man!"

**TODAY'S QUESTION:** *In today's Gospel we read the prayer of Simeon upon seeing the Christ Child. This canticle is used in Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Do you know the Latin phrase of this canticle?*

## PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

*Peter Lipowski, Donald Malinousky, Paula Sedorak,*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR! PLEASE  
TAKE HOME ONE OF OUR CHRISTMAS BOOKS  
CONTAINING OUR COLLECTION OF HOME  
STORIES. ENJOY THEM WITH OUR BEST WISHES  
AND GRATITUDE.**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Monday, January 1**

**Happy New Year!  
Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, January 2**

**Parish Offices Closed  
REP Classes Resume**

**Wednesday, January 3**

**9:00am** AARP Training (Parish Center)

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

**6:30pm** Rosary for Betania (Pines) **All Welcome**

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

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

**7:00pm** MOMS Group (Parish Center)

**7:30pm** Light of the World (Rectory)

**Thursday, January 4**

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

**9:00am** AARP Training (Parish Center)

**6:30pm** High School CNC (Parish Center)

**7:00pm** Living Waters (Pines)

**Friday, January 5**

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

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

**7:00pm** Spanish Ministry (Pines)

**Saturday, January 6**

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

**8:30am** Bagels and Bibles for Men (MRH)

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

## CHRISTMAS SEASON

The celebration of the birth of Jesus (the Incarnation, God becoming man) begins with the Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and continue with the Octave. On December 26, the Church puts before us St. Stephen, the first adult, after John the Baptist, to bear witness with his life to the Incarnate Christ. On December 27, she remembers St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, the unparalleled herald of the Incarnation ("And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us..." John 1:14a). Then on December 28, we celebrate The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, the little ones who unknowingly gave their lives for the Incarnate Word, thus showing that martyrdom is always a gift of God to the one chosen, no matter the age. The Octave also includes the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas, and concludes with the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. The Christmas Season continues through the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord, which used to be January 6, but is now observed on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Mary. The Season ends with the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord, which is observed on the Sunday after The Epiphany, except as in this year when The Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8. Then The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday after The Epiphany. What is most important to remember is that Christmas is not a day but a Season extending from Christmas to The Baptism of the Lord, celebrating the wonderful mystery of God becoming man for us, the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior. The liturgical color of the season is white.

## LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

One of my favorite devotions of which I have often spoken is what I call My Gratitude Rosary. I received the idea when I heard an interview with one of the survivors of the Iran Hostage Crisis in which 52 Americans were held captive for 444 days. This man was a Presbyterian minister and shared that much of his time in captivity was spent chained to a pipe. One of the ways he managed to survive was by using the links of that chain to maintain his resolve and his focus. He called that chain his "Protestant Rosary." Each day he would go through each link of that chain and force himself to think of something for which he was grateful. Some of the particulars I recall him mentioning were such simple things as the fact that he had a piece of fruit that day or that he saw the sunshine for a few minutes.

That testimony gave me the idea for my gratitude rosary. For this devotion, I do not say the usual prayers of the Our Father and Hail Mary but instead, think of all for which I am grateful as my fingers run through the beads. I begin with the Crucifix and think about the gift of Faith, the death of Jesus for us, the Trinity. Then I stop at each bead and think of something for which to be grateful. At first it seemed as if it might be difficult to make it all the way through the rosary and still be thinking of things. I found that it is not only easy but, in fact, it only scratches the surface of my blessings. In the midst of the joy of this Christmas Season when ending one calendar year and beginning another, it is a perfect time for a gratitude rosary.

To get you started, here is my gratitude rosary for this Christmas and New Year Season. I begin with thanks for the wonderful Christmas story, the baby Jesus, the shepherds, angels and wise men, and the joy and hope it brings. I continue through my beads with a stream of memories of people, events and experiences: Christmas Day Dinner and all who helped; Ken's Kitchen; the Parish Nurses; St. Vincent de Paul; the Toy Run Foundation and gift distribution; all who helped and donated to these ministries; Family Promise and our volunteers; the Employment Resource Committee; Interfaith; the priests and deacons; all of our Masses; all who participated in the Sacrament of Penance; the Music Ministry for their concert, hard work and beautiful music; the Martha/Mary design Ministry in decorating our churches; our audio/visual volunteers giving us inspiring clips before Mass and sound for us to hear; the Latino community and the inspiring celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe; the Filipino community with their special Masses; the visit of Archbishop Auza and the Simbang Gabi; the Knights of Columbus for the bell tower lighting and refreshments and all that they do; the cooks of our Christmas Breakfast which had to be cancelled but were ready to go; the inspiring visit of the Betania Choir and all who helped; our Betania III community; our annual Christmas concert with Fr. Alphonse despite the snow and all who came and all who helped; the Rectory Staff and volunteers who are so wonderful and work extra hard this time of the year; the Maintenance Staff keeping our grounds clean and safe;

our Cemetery Staff; the weekly money counters; the Religious Formation staff with a special thanks for the great Advent retreat; our RCIA team and those coming into the Faith; our Youth Ministry and all our fantastic youth; our scouts; all the actors and producers of the children's Christmas Eve Pageant; the CYO basketball program; our Volleyball players; the Peaceful Dove Gift Shop; Perpetual Adoration with all our adorers and coordinators; all of our prayer groups: Divine Mercy, Living Waters, Monica's Daughters, Padre Pio group; the 75th anniversary celebration and all who worked so hard; the 20th anniversary of our Catholic school, All Saints; the ushers; the altar servers; the readers; our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; those who bring Communion to the homebound and those in the hospital; all who pray for our parish; the van drivers; our Uganda Twinning ministry and our incredibly generous parishioners; the support of Bishop O'Connell and the Diocese; my classmates and all who joined us for our anniversary Mass; Bagels and Bible for Men; That Man Is You; our Women's Ministry and Mom's Group; the Divine Mercy Library; all our Scripture and faith sharing groups; our Dusting Angels who clean our churches each week; the Respect Life committee and those who attend the March for Life; Birthright; our Pastoral Council and Finance Council; our Carnival and the Core Committee and all our great volunteers; the Hibernians; our marriage and Pre-Cana ministries; the St. Bernard Pet ministry; those in support ministry to the bereaved and divorced; the Light of the World ministry; our Baptismal ministry; the Catholic Continuing Education Committee with all their great programs; Bingo and our volunteers; the Carmelites and the monthly Day of Prayer; our Spiritual Directors; St. Mary's Adult Group; those who faithfully attend daily Mass; all who lead and who volunteer for our special events during the year; everyone who volunteers for our parish, lovingly giving of their time; all the cards, gifts, goodies, donations, and good wishes received for the Christmas Season.

***For me when I pray my gratitude rosary it becomes a stream of consciousness remembering people, events, memories, and activities that swells my heart and mind with gratitude and joy at so many blessings.*** We have so much happening in our parish and so many people involved, volunteering, praying and keeping busy for the work of the Church and the Lord. I thank God for our wonderful parish and all of our wonderful parishioners and ministries.

*May the joy of the Christmas Season continue to fill you and may you have a blessed and healthy New Year!*

*"And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior'" (Luke 1:46-47).*

### **KNOW YOUR SAINTS**

*St. Sylvester I (d. 335), December 31.*

The son of Rufinus, a Roman, he was ordained and succeeded Pope Miltiades as Pope on January 31, 314. He had representatives at the Council of Arles and at the first General Council of Nicaea in 325, which condemned Donatism and Arianism, respectively. The tradition that he cured Emperor Constantine of leprosy when he baptized him and in return received great grants of territory (the Donation of Constantine) has no basis in fact. During his pontificate, many new churches were built, notably the basilicas of St. Peter and St. John Lateran.

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

On January 1 the Church honors Mary under the title of Mother of God. This comes from the Greek, Theotokos, meaning "God-bearer."

"Mary's oldest title, celebrated on the January 1 Solemnity, was established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus which, in defending Mary's divine maternity, was clarifying Christ's true nature. Nestorius, the Bishop of Constantinople, maintained that there were two distinct Persons in the incarnate Christ, one human and the other divine. True faith, on the other hand, believed in a 'hypostatic' union of the two natures in the one Person of Jesus and thus could say, as believers still do, that the Son of God was born of Mary, that He was crucified, that He died. Even after the bishops of the whole Church clarified the truth and condemned the heresy, Nestorius and his followers continued to teach and preach in error, causing a confusion among the faithful. 'Nestorianism' remained, developed a whole theology, spread through Asia Minor, and migrated to Persia. To this day, a Nestorian Church survives, namely, Assyrian Christians." (From The Catholic Source Book, Third Edition, Rev. Peter Klein, p. 390.) You can also read the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #495.



### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

We wish you a happy, healthy and blessed new year! 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:

**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!

### **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.**

### **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.

### **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*

### **BIRTHRIGHT**

Birthright needs volunteers. If you have a free day once a week and would like to help, please call Lynne at 609-660-0485 on Mondays between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00 noon.

### **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*

### **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.***

### **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**

The Bible Study is now on Christmas hiatus. Our next study will be ***January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:00-7:30pm.*** 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!

### **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)

### **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.***

### **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 meet ***January 3 at 6:30pm in the Rectory.*** All are welcome.

### 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

**January 4: Joe B sings your favorite songs**  
**January 25: 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.**

### FREE AARP TAX PREP

Free tax prep available beginning on February 5<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Any questions, please call 609-294-0730.

### 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.**

### 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.**

### 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 jpenland@comcast.net or 609-698-2542.**

### ATTENTION ALL MARRIED COUPLES

The Marriage Ministry of St. Mary's invites you to join us **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm in St. Mary's Parish Center** for a Winter Night out hosted to celebrate you, your spouse, and the Sacrament of your Marriage within the Catholic Church. There is no fee to get in, but **please let us know you will attend by contacting the rectory (609) 698-5531, prior to January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

### 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).**

### 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Alliance youth group meets most Thursdays at the Parish Center in Manahawkin. We have 2 groups, a Junior group for 6th-8th grades and High School group from 9th-12th. Registration is free and you can join by coming to any of our scheduled dates. Any questions you can call the Youth office at 609-597-1071.

### Our upcoming dates:

**January 4:** HS CnC 6:30-8:30pm Parish Center

**January 11:** CnCOG 6:30-8:30pm 6th-12th grades

**No meeting Jan. 18th**

**January 19 (Friday):** March for Life trip to Washington DC

**January 25:** Jr. CnC 6th-8th grades 6:30-8:30pm Parish Center

**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**

**until 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 Maria Santisima 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.**

## 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

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, all taxes 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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