

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Church, Barnegat

February 17 & 18, 2018

Saturday, February 17

5:30pm John & Marie Sullivan:Family
Mate Kruslic: Maria Kruslic
50th Anniversary Peter & Josephine DeVito

Sunday, February 18

8:00am Barbara J. Koury: Patricia A. Gerand
Josephine Frattaroli: Linda & Bruno
Ann Marie Bruno: Rotondo Family
Barbara Battaglia: Lori & Russ Gahm
Gordon Marzano: Betty Mantore
Esther Hanrahan: Daughter, Ann
Francis Wilson: Glenn, Debbie & Family
Leonard Capraro: Gary Kostura
Marlene Keating : Gary Kostura
Robert Harth: Eileen & Mal Helgeson
Catherine Conte: Conte Family

10:00am Walter Pearce: Wife, Arline
Robert Corbliss: Carol & John Grabko

12:00n Gloria Harper: Greg, Natalie & Paul Signore
Tina Casciopo: Dolores Pizza
Happy 80th Birthday Marion Hergert: Family

5:00pm Joseph & Josephine Carrier 40th Anniversary
Vincent Puccio: Frank Agnello

Weekdays

Monday, February 19

8:00am Gregg Iveson: Mom, Dad & Ryan
Ambrosia DeSena: Grandparents

Tuesday, February 20

8:00am Deceased Members of the Masi & Fiorillo
Families: Deacon Joe Fiorillo
Bob Sprinz: Wife,

Wednesday, February 21

8:00am Larry & Josephine Morici: Joe, Beth, &
John-Paul
Marie Larkin: Bill Larkin & Family

Thursday, February 22

8:00am Tessie Borg: Mary & Children
James Cassidy: Rita Marino

Friday, February 23

8:00am Stephen, Clara & Dominick Riccardo: Peter &
Josephine DeVito
Patricia O'Brien: Karen & John Drammissi
John Ruggieri: Ann Dicker
Souls in Purgatory: Joseph Eorio
Eugene Olker: Alice Olker
Patrick Nihill: JoAnne MacGlauffin
Marion Menditto: Christine Sprinz
Errol Apun: Linda
James Eckert: Frank & Marge Vogel
John Vitolo: Jean & Dave Sansone
Peter Kinghorn: Kathy Borg

Saturday, February 24

8:00am Paul S. Bach: Frank Fitzpatrick
Ann Tota: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fasciano

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin

February 17 & 18, 2018

Saturday, February 17

4:00pm Frank Martin: Family
Jack McGinniss: Children

Sunday, February 18

7:30am Eloise Ching: Thomas & Deborah Michaels
Winifred Reiff: Janet George

9:00am People of the Parish

11:30am Jack Rosso: Nassoit Family
Angelina LaCorte: Frank & Catherine
Pannone
Stephen Ferringo Sr.: Robert & June Engel
Marilyn O'Connor: Frank & Catherine
Pannone
Agnes Paul: Linda & John Roberts
Daniel Williams Sr.: Mary & Ed Williams
Ellen (Sue) Wuebber: MaryEllen & Jerry
Falkowski
Connie Burke: Pete & Peter O'Connor
Paul Bach: Phyllis Genz
Happy 100th Birthday Mary Javorsky: Phyllis
Genz
Herbert Sheldon: Wohl Family
Happy 50th Anniversary Maureen & Peter
Glynn: Dennis & Marie Deveux

Weekdays

Monday, February 19

9:00am Robert DePetris: Wife, Kathleen
Louis Tirelli: George Cebulski

Tuesday, February 20

9:00am Daniel Williams: Marie Cleary
Phyllis Western: Jeanne & Tom Visich
Donald Nash: Mary Nash

Wednesday, February 21

9:00am Sue Wuebber: Carole & Dave Gordon
Michael Orefice: Peter Killeen

Thursday, February 22

9:00am Mary & Joe Montgomery: Daughter, Kathleen
DePetris
Edward Norman Jr.: Aunt Millie Brancato

Friday, February 23

9:00am Sue & Don Phelan: Kate
Mary Borich: Millie Brancato



Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat

Bread and Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Domenica Perla requested by Joanne Boitano.

Altar Candles burn this week in loving memory of Paul Joseph Schell requested by Dr. Paul Schell & Family.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Rose Corso requested by Anne & Richard Lauria.

Memorials – St. Mary of the Pines

Bread and Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Zuttowski Sr. requested by George Zuttowski Jr.

Altar Candles burn this week in loving memory of Charles Connell requested by Brigitte Newman.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent after the morning 8:00am and 9:00am Masses and 7:30pm in St. Mary’s Church.

FLU SEASON

During the flu season, while we will still offer the Precious Blood and have the Sign of Peace, please use common sense. If you have a cold or do not feel well, refrain from drinking the Precious Blood and offering the Sign of Peace. Remember, it is not a sin to miss Mass if you are ill. It is better to stay home and get well and also prevent the spread of illness. Thank you.

BELOVED – FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

Your marriage is designed to be a powerful and vital part of God’s work in the world. *Beloved* explores the true meaning of marriage. Join us in discovering the deepest spiritual, emotional and practical realities of what your marriage can and should be. Come and rediscover the wonder, mystery and joy behind that first “I do.”

BELOVED: February 23, March 2 and 9 in the Parish Center from 7:30-9:00pm. Register now: (609) 698-5531.

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

*Barbara Altomare, Ernest Anderson, Vivian Cobb,
Frank Heslin, Olga Jayson*

LENT

The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continues until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (March 29). The entire season is one of penitence as the catechumens and candidates prepare to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and the baptized prepare to renew their baptismal promises at Easter. Neither the *Gloria* nor the *Alleluia* are sung except on special feasts, and the color is purple. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. During this season it is important to take advantage of many spiritual opportunities and sacrifices: daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, meditation on Scripture, spiritual reading, special Lenten programs, giving up something, volunteering, or making financial contributions to works of charity.

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat

February 24 & 25, 2018

Saturday, February 24

5:30pm Hank Ariens:Linda & Tony Perna
Cordiano Pellegrino:The O’Neill Family

Sunday, February 25

8:00am Paul Joseph Schell:Dr. Paul Schell & Family
Jean Krauss:Marie Molendyk

10:00am

Robert Corbliss:Jackie Byrne
Dick Johnston:Jack & Barbara Tyler
James Cassidy:Dana & Richard Rivera
Patrick DeRosa:Toni Soldano
Catherine Higgins:Kate & Karl Stolte
Barbara Battaglia:John & Cynthia Battaglia
Joan Grab:Barbara & Jack Tyler
Gordon Marzano:Carol Jennings

12:00n

Ellen Wuebber:Joe & Denise Vincent
Maryann Palmieri:Cookie & Kevin Kearney
Barbara Frattura:Jack & Barbara Kiebach
Domencia DeSena:Frank & Sheila DeSena
Mark James LaPrete:Frank & Sheila DeSena

5:00pm

Anna Santamaria:Buonincontri Family
Gerard Nolan:Wife, Darlene & Family

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, February 24

4:00pm Dorothy Stack:Claire Toris
Margaret Caruso:Terri & Jim Menture
Arthur Cerere:Ann & Family
William Egan:Jane Hall
Mary Frances Ryan:Tobin Family
Rudy Manz:McGoldrick Family
Louis Tirelli:Doreen & Sal DeTurris
Josie Bales:Marge & Joe Caruana
Harold Thompson:Michael Flanagan
Frank Garrity:Dottie Fichner
William Keane:Wife, Peggy
Bridget Fiore:Gayle Clementi
Patricia Bodnar:Husband, Joseph

Sunday, February 25

7:30am Margaret & Nicholas DeCarlo:The Family
Joseph Camerlengo:Wife, Susan
9:00am Stephen Ferringo:Bargiel Family
Joseph Giacalone:Rob & Barbara Vidal & Family

11:30am

People of the Parish
3:00pm Doris Dodds: Bob Dodds
Special Intentions: Bob Dodds
Santo Bongiorno: Antonella Coppola
Andrea & Italia Albano: Antonella Coppola
Josephine Iandoli: Ro Sevean
Ron Sevean: Ro Sevean

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Beginning this week, February 21, during Lent we will have additional confessions each Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines.

TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$25,661.00 in the collection for last weekend, \$1,732.00 in the second envelope for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, \$3,672.00 in the second collection for Interfaith and an additional \$613.00 in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant." Lent is a season of sacrifice. That reminds us that Stewardship is not just giving. It is a sacrifice.

TODAY THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE FOR THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION.
NEXT WEEKEND THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE TOWARDS OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT. Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

2nd Banns

*Charles Ercol & Erika Gross
Christopher Jarin & Courtney Hortshorn*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

*Wednesday: St. Peter Damian
Thursday: the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Friday: St. Polycarp*

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: *In today's Gospel a leper approached Jesus and we read, "Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand, touched him..." What is remarkable about that?*

A leper was unclean and as such could not be touched. In addition, they were to stay apart from people and if they did approach others they were to call out, "Unclean," as a warning to them. Thus the leper in last week's Gospel should not have approached Jesus and Jesus should not have touched him.

TODAY'S QUESTION: *One of the important Biblical themes is first mentioned in the story of Noah. Do you know what that is?*

Annulment Information Session

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annual Information Sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. The Ocean County information session is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th at St. Mary's Parish Center from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. For more information, please call 609-406-7411 or email rmooore@dioceseoftrenton.org. Please note there will also be sessions available in Spanish, please contact the diocese for these additional dates and locations.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 18

10:30am RCIA (Rector)
1:00pm Squires (MRH)
1:30pm Baptisms (St. Mary's Church)
2:00pm Spanish Mass (Pines)
7:00pm Bingo (Parish Center)
7:00pm NA (MRH)

Monday, February 19

1:00pm Crafty Ladies (MRH)
4:30pm Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
6:00pm Scripture Sisters (Pines)
7:00pm Light of the World (Rector)
7:45pm Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

Tuesday, February 20

9:00am MOMS Group (Parish Center)
10:00am Scripture Sharing (Rector)
1:00pm Training for Extraordinary Ministers (St. Mary's)
4:00pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
6:00pm Light of the World (Rector)
6:00pm WOW Group (MRH)
7:00pm CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

Wednesday, February 21

10:30am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
3:00pm Rosary for Betania (St. Mary's) **All Welcome**
4:30pm CCD Reconciliation Service (St. Mary's)
6:30pm Confessions (Pines)
6:30pm Scripture Sharing (Rector)
7:00pm Divorced & Separated (Rector)
7:30pm Lazarus Mass (St. Mary's)
7:30pm Light of the World (Rector)

Thursday, February 22

9:00am Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)
9:00am AARP Tax Preparation (Parish Center)
6:30pm Jr. Youth Group CNC (Parish Center)
7:00pm Living Waters (Pines)

Friday, February 23

8:30am Stations of the Cross (St. Mary's Church)
9:30am Stations of the Cross (Pines)
10:00am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Service (Pines)
4:30pm Fish Fry (Parish Center)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (St. Mary's)
7:00pm Beloved (Parish Center)
7:00pm Emmaus (Rector)
7:00pm Spanish Ministry (Pines)

Saturday, February 24

6:30am That Man is You (Parish Center)
7:00pm AA (MRH)

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Every Friday during Lent we will meet at St. Mary of the Pines at 2:30pm to say a rosary and special prayers in thanksgiving for the closing of the abortion clinic in Toms River. We will also stay for the 3:00pm Divine Mercy Service. **Our next Respect Life meeting is Saturday, March 3. For more information, please call Tom Radwanski at (609) 607-8849.**

LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

Some things are the same in schools today and some things are very different. I do not remember having as many vacation days back in my time but I do remember the old blackboards, although they were actually green (now replaced by white boards or smartboards)! Thinking of that gave me an idea...

Since Christmas I have heard from many parishioners who shared how they enjoyed reading our Home Stories. It especially makes me happy to hear that for many those accounts reminded them of their homes or brought back good memories. Because people enjoyed those stories I wondered what we could do for this upcoming Christmas. That's when the idea popped into my head. How about a book: "When I Was In School?" In that spirit, just like the Home Stories, I am inviting parishioners to share their school stories so that we can compile them for a book to be shared at Christmas. To get things started, here is my contribution.

I was in grammar school in the Wall Street School in West Long Branch (now closed) which went from Kindergarten up to the second grade. It was winter and the class was instructed to get their coats to line up to go outside for recess. I dutifully went and got my heavy jacket for one of the best times of the day—the playground! To this day, I don't know why I did what I did, but I put on my coat and then felt compelled to squeeze by body through the opening in the chair by my desk. Much to my surprise I soon discovered that I couldn't get up because with my coat on I was hopelessly lodged in the chair. All the other kids were dutifully lined up, except for me. As I desperately tried to get free the inevitable came. The teacher asked out loud, "Where is Kenard?" I held out for as long as I could but finally had no choice. I stood up with the chair secured around my waist only to receive the expected and embarrassing burst of laughter! I don't remember exactly how I then was freed, but since I no longer have either the coat on or chair around my waist, it happened! Perhaps that's one of the reasons to this day I don't like to get stuck!

Now, it's your turn. We would love to hear your school story. Just mail them or drop them off at the rectory office. We will be collecting them up until around September.

"Happy the one who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding" (Proverbs 3:13).

[P.S. Returning to home stories, I have a personal plea for help. My family is preparing to rent our dad's house but need assistance for the final cleaning. It shouldn't take too long as the house is virtually empty. If anyone is interested, I am trying to organize a crew for Thursday, February 22. Just call the rectory office. Thank you. Of course I can't accommodate too large a crew, but if anyone is just interested in seeing the house that's the source of many of my stories, you are welcome!]

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St Simeon (d. c. 107), February 18.

Mentioned in Matthew 1:55 and Mark 6:3 as one of the brothers of the carpenter, he was, according to the Roman Martyrology, son of Cleophas, St. Joseph's brother and hence first cousin of the Lord. He was elected successor to James as Bishop of Jerusalem when James was martyred. According to tradition Simeon was supernaturally warned of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 66 and led a group of Christians to the city of Pella, where they remained until it was safe for them to return to Jerusalem. He escaped the death ordered by Emperors Vespasian and Domitian when they decreed that all of Jewish origin were to be executed, but was arrested by the Roman Governor Atticus during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Trajan, was tortured, and then crucified, reputedly when he was well over one hundred years old. He may be the same as the apostle Simeon the Zealot (Mathew 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13).

LENTEN RETREAT

We will have a Parish Lenten Retreat, reflections on The Beatitudes, Sunday, March 11 and Monday, March 12, 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines, presented by the clergy of St. Mary's. Each night we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass will be **Monday, February 26, 7:30pm in St. Mary's**. The theme for this month will be praying for families.

WATER ONLY WEDNESDAYS

With Lent beginning our Uganda Ministry is renewing our Water Only Wednesday Lenten sacrifice. Last year, students in our Religious Education program and all Saints Catholic School donated enough money to purchase a water tank in Uganda. This year's donations shall be dedicated to the water tank for St. Mary's High School in Uganda.

We encourage our parishioners to join us in this Lenten sacrifice. Simply set aside the cost of coffee, soda, drinks, on each Wednesday and Eater weekend. Please donate these savings to Holy Trinity. We thank you for your continues support.

PILGRIMAGE TO EWTN

St. Mary's is planning a trip to visit the EWTN studios October 28 – November 3. More information will follow.

REALITY CHECK/BASIC TRUTH

"Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have been a popular devotion in parishes. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the 'Via Dolorosa' (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross.

"This devotion has evolved over time. Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion. After Constantine legalized Christianity in the year 312, this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420), living in Bethlehem during the later part of his life, attested to the crowds of pilgrims from various countries who visited those holy places and followed the Way of the Cross.

"...the devotion continued to grow in popularity. In the fifth century, an interest developed in the Church to 'reproduce' the holy places in other areas so pilgrims who could not actually travel to the Holy Land could do so in a devotional, spiritual way in their hearts.

"In 1342, the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. The faithful received indulgences for praying at the stations.

William Wey, an English pilgrim, visited the Holy Land in 1462, and is credited with the term 'stations.' "He described the manner in which a pilgrim followed the steps of Christ. Prior to this time the path usually followed the reverse course of ours today—moving from Mount Calvary to Pilate's house. At this time, the reverse—going from Pilate's house to Calvary—seems to have taken hold."

(Excerpts from an article, *HOW DID THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEGIN?*, by Fr. William Saunders which appeared in the March 10, 1994 issue of the Arlington Catholic Herald, and reproduced on the EWTN website) CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE GROUP

Meeting every Tuesday morning from 10:00am to 11:00am in the rectory in Barnegat and using the book *At Home with the Word*, we read and discuss the Readings for the upcoming weekend masses. No registration is necessary, so why not come and join us any Tuesday morning at 10:00? Everyone is 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

TWIN PARISH MINISTRY

We are extremely happy and proud to announce the opening of St. Mary's High School in Uganda earlier this month. Our ministry is really grateful for the sacrifices and generosity of all our parishioners who made this dream of Fr. Vincent a reality in such a short period of time. May the Lord our God bless each and every one of you this Lenten season as we prepare for Christ's resurrection this coming Easter.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

We have submitted the sealed drawings for redoing the front steps of St. Mary's, Barnegat to the township and are waiting to receive the necessary permits. **The current front steps and handicapped ramps will be completely demolished and they will be rebuilt with a new design.** The work will take about two weeks and will mean that we will not have access through the front of the church during that time. We will still have Mass during construction and parishioners can either go through the side entrances or use the TV screen in Monsignor Reinbold Hall. If one prefers, they could attend Mass during that time at St. Mary of the Pines.

The work will not be done until after Easter and you will know well in advance exactly when. In the meantime, we may be able to do some preliminary work by clearing the shrubs and moving statues in the front of the church. There will be some temporary inconvenience but it is extremely exciting that we will finally be able to complete this project!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's takes place in the chapel on church grounds in Barnegat. If you would like to become a weekly Adorer for the open hour listed below, or add your name to our Substitute List, call Joann Kaczala @ 609-698-6168. Hour presently in need of a weekly Adorer:

Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm

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: 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.
- St. Mary's Church, Barnegat: 3rd 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 February 25.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are seeking to expand our youth ministry program to encourage more of our young people to be involved. We want to form a team of volunteers to assist in order to make this happen. If you are interested in helping with our youth outreach, please contact the rectory office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

May the three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – help us to return to God and increase our love for each other.

The pantry needs: tea bags, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter, boxed pasta (except spaghetti), and canned corn.

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
Tenemos libros y dvds en Español

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. **Our next meeting will be February 20. If you have any questions, please call Cookie at (609) 971-2609.**

SCRIPTURE SISTERS: A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next study will be **February 12, 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. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The St. Padre Pio Group will meet **Saturday, February 17, after the 8:00am Mass** as we pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy and St. Pio Novena. Blessings with relics from various saints and speakers to follow prayers. Fellowship will follow in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.

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 **February 21, 6:30pm in the rectory. All are welcome.**

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.**

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT!

This could be the year for you to take a break from your busy schedule and reconnect to what really matters. **DO YOU HAVE 26 HOURS?**

Friday, March 2 – 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday, March 3 – 8:00am – 7:00pm

MARIS STELLA RETREAT CENTER – Harvey Cedars conducted by St. Francis Men's Cornerstone. Brochures are available at Church entrances. Please contact Jim Brady with questions or more information at (908) 216-3757 or sabrady@hotmail.com.

MONTHLY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

On the first Sunday of each month the Knights of Columbus will host a parish breakfast in the Parish Center from **8:00am until 12:00pm**. The cost is family friendly and you will order from a menu – individually and freshly prepared! We hope to see you there! **Please join us on March 4.**

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

February 22: Jack Mac sings country and gospel

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.**

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 CONTEMPORARY PRAISE BAND

St. Mary's is forming a contemporary praise band. We are looking for musicians and singers 18 years and older. **If you are interested, please call the rectory office at (609) 698-5531.**

22nd ANNUAL IRISH HERITAGE DINNER DANCE

Fr. Duffy Division #2 Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting their annual dinner dance, honoring the Stafford Volunteer Fire Company, **Saturday, March 3.** The night will begin with 4:00pm Mass, followed by dinner at the Parish Center. Cost of \$35.00 includes corned beef, cabbage and all the trimmings. Entertainment will be provided by DJ John Welch and the Connelly Clan Pipers. BYOB. **For more information or for tickets, please call Gary Montgomery at (609) 971-6112, Tom Richards at (609) 978-1019 or Joe Serembus at (609) 978-7140. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

WOMEN'S LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER

"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do"
Luke 23:34

These compassionate and loving words of Jesus should inspire us to prepare for Holy Week and to celebrate the Resurrection.

To do just that St. Mary's Women Ministry would like to invite all women to attend our Lenten Day of Prayer **Saturday, March 24, 9:00am – 4:00pm in the Parish Center.** We are privileged to have the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. The day will consist of praying singing and sharing concluded with Mass. Registration is \$20.00 which includes a hot lunch. **Seating is unlimited but the deadline is Monday, March 19.** Make checks payable to St. Mary's Church and send to Peggy Kinahan, 33 Fifth St. Barnegat, NJ 08005. For more information, please call Peggy at 908-418-5496.

ENOUGH

We had a tremendous response to the invitation to address the crisis of addiction in our community. A second meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church, Barnegat.** All are welcome.

At the first meeting we decided to form subcommittees to address this issue: Prayer and intercession; Public education; Advocacy and legislation; Resources and networking. At this second meeting we will follow up on any additional suggestions and these subcommittees will meet to discuss the next steps. Let us continue to pray for all who struggle with addictions and their families and for an end to this plague.

NOBODY TOLD ME

A Chastity Event for Parents and Teens

The Diocese of Trenton Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries are hosting a chastity workshop **Saturday, March 10, 9:00am – 12:00noon, at St. John Vianney High School, Holmdel.** Guest speakers will be Pam Stenzel with Bell & Jen Maher. There is no cost. **For more information, please contact Cristina Imperato at 609-406-7410.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION

You are cordially invited to a mini day retreat for women on Saturday, March 10th, 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, music, speaker, sharing, and lunch. This month's speaker is Deacon Anthony "Tony" Martucci. Deacon Tony is a retired history teacher and has been a deacon in the Trenton Diocese for 30 years. Please come, bring a friend, and listen as Deacon Tony shares:

"Saint Joseph"

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. Since the luncheon is catered, if you need to cancel your reservation, please call as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

MONTHLY RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Ralph Montana of Barnegat who became our latest winner of our monthly \$2,000.00 Cash Raffle. Ticket# 14539. Our next drawing will be March 7. Good luck!

FREE AARP TAX PREP

Free tax prep available beginning ever Monday and Thursday through April 12 at the Parish Center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Any questions, please call 609-294-0730.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Our annual International Night will take place on **May 19.** We are collecting names for those willing to represent and prepare food for different countries. We are also in need of a chairperson. If you are interested, please call the rectory office.

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:

February 22: Jr CNC Meeting

March 1: We will have a showing of the movie, "The passion of the Christ, 6:30pm, in the Parish Center. All are welcome however if you are under 16, you must obtain parent's permission.

March 8: CNCOG, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center.

Any high school students interested in participating in Our Live Stations of the Cross, sign-ups have begun. Call the Youth Office at 597-1071.

SAVE THE DATES

March 25: Easter Egg Hunt. More info to follow.

March 30: Live Stations of the Cross Performance

June 23: Blessing of the Waves

August 13 - 17: Vacation Bible School

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****

COME AND SEE OUR SLECTION OF LENTEN PRODUCTS AND SACRAMENTAL GIFTS.

****Volunteers are needed****

The Gift Shop will open on weekends only until April.

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 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. Atravez del

Santo Rosario

Espiritu Santo

Lectura y meditacion de la palabra

Alabanzas y veras la Gloria de Dios

Platicas de bautismo cada 3rd lunes del mes.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

We have had a great response to our Statue Project and almost all the rooms have been adopted. There are six more rooms available.

For the large outdoor statues we are seeking ten donors of \$1,000 each. St. Mary's already received one, leaving us nine to go. There will be a plaque listing the memorial as requested by the donor(s). If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Msgr. Ken.

21st ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CONFERENCE

The annual 21st Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Conference is **Saturday, February 24, 8:00am – 3:00pm, at St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton, NJ.** Guest speakers will include Bishop David O'Connell, miracle couple Bob & Maureen Digan, Catholic Radio and TV host, Ralph Martin, and Youth Minister and founder of Tabor House, Gez Ford. **Pre-registration cost is \$25.00, \$30.00 at the door, includes a light breakfast and lunch. For more information, please call (609) 587-4877.**

PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER DANCE

Knights of Columbus Annunciation Council #3826 invite you to our past Grand Knight Dinner Dance honoring Sir Louis Serrao, PGK for all that he has done. This special dinner will take place on **Saturday, February 24, 6:00pm – 10:00pm at the Greenbriar Oceanaire Ballroom.** Cost of dinner is \$50.00 per person. **For more information, please call Sir Knight Michael Rua at (609) 978-6508.**

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 26: Trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. Cost of 39.00 per person includes transportation, driver's gratuity, \$30.00 casino credit and \$5.00 food voucher.

April 9-10: Trip to Dover Downs and Delaware Park Casino. Cost of \$189.00 per person, includes transportation, room, resort fee and baggage handling, buffet breakfast, and driver's gratuity.

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