

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary's Church, Barnegat

March 17 & 18, 2018

Saturday, March 17

5:30pm Catherine Perry: Rudy, Kay & Family
Dick Dyer: Marie O'Hara
Jeffrey Gebhardt: Arlene & Jake Navaro
Tony Mizdal: Celia Kreiter
Edward Kelly: Lueders Family
Eric Courtney: Joe & Tina Eorio
Jane Latronica: Jack & Peggy Pongracz
Florence Cheslock: Jennifer, Amanda and Christy
Anelle McGowan: Paul & Bernadette Turi
Marge Bunevich: Jane & Stephen Trofimyk
Mary Halleck: Walter Meyer & Marge Rebetje

Sunday, March 18

8:00am Louis Truppa: Truppa Family
Samuel Rivera: Barbara & Larry Larsen
10:00am People of the Parish
12:00n Sam Quartello: wife, Norma
Aristo Martin: Joy & Bob Houser
5:00pm Christopher Peterson: Uncle Peter, Aunt Diane, P.J. and Anthony
Robert Keough: Prestera Family
John Kenna: sister, Rae Juliano

Weekdays

Monday, March 19

8:00am Patricia Sorenson: Maria Callahan
Linda Palma: Dot Bacsik

Tuesday, March 20

8:00am Angelina Yacenda: Jim & Linda Saladino
James Larkin: Polly Stapleton

Wednesday, March 21

8:00am Dorothy Thompson: Berry Leigh & Jim Hellinger
Carmella Salemmo: Rocco & Barbara Macri

Thursday, March 22

8:00am Joanne Ribitzki: Rita Marino
Robert Harth: Joan & Joe Papenburg

Friday, March 23

8:00am Kyle Kopet: Pat & Dolores
Eugene Olker: Alice Olker
Robert Harth: Jim & Linda Saladino
Maureen McCloskey: Tricia Falzini
Christ Bentos: Lori & Bob DenBleyker
Maria Boccasino: Diane & Ralph Dawes
Rocco Westpy: Smith & Zatkos Families
Margaret Willan: Ann & Richard Lauria
John Costa: John Bator & Myrtle Gapinski
John DiPalma: William & Alice White

Saturday, March 24

8:00am Mary Ann Palmieri: Linda Rikeman & Family
Ann Zito: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fasciano

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin

March 17 & 18, 2018

Saturday, March 17

4:00pm Happy Birthday Stefan Wong Wagner: grandma, Wong
Margaret Caruso: Terri & Jim Menture
Madeline Wood: husband, David
Peter Togher: wife, Ann

Sunday, March 18

7:30am Richard Lenihan: Patricia McConaghy
Edmund Kaboski: daughter, Nancy Moglia
9:00am Frank Quartello: Rayeann Quartello
Schug Family: Glenn & Madelyn Tooth
11:30am Happy 100th Birthday Mary Javorsky: Claire Rjfkjn
Edward Williams, Sr.: wife, Mary Ann
Angelina LaCorte: Frank & Catherine Pannone
Marcus Reed: Phyllis Genz
Alfred Persichetty: Linda & John Roberts
Elizabeth Hundley: William Meade
Marilyn O'Connor: Frank & Catherine Pannone
Connie Burke: Kay & Fred Voelbel
Julie Genz: Phyllis Genz
Robert Richard Nay: Gary & Anna Franklin
Herbert Sheldon: MOMS Group

Weekdays

Monday, March 19

9:00am Robert DePetris: wife, Kathleen
Richard Hartman, Sr: Jane Bailey Hall

Tuesday, March 20

9:00am Jean Didiot: Antonino Fiorica
MaryAnn Mercogliano: John & Denise Curcio

Wednesday, March 21

9:00am Rose Palo: Robert & Ann Beyea
Joseph Sica: Rose Sica

Thursday, March 22

9:00am Sal Maniscalco: Judy Higgins
Maryann Gilbert: J. Scelfo

Friday, March 23

9:00am Nora Moyle: Catherine & John VanSickle
Veronica Pine: Jessica Altilla



Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat

Bread and Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Peter Parisi requested by wife, Laura.

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

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Lou Compitiello requested by Ann & Richard Lauria.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burn this week in loving memory of Kathy Smith requested by Village Drive Friends.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Remo D’Alessandro, Raymond Fitzpatrick,

Ethel Klarer, Rosario Radich,

Helen Rhodes, Susan Salerno, Joseph Weaver

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL – IN ACTION

Catholic Social Services

Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by **Catholic Charities** and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services. Parish Emergency Assistance Program (PEAP): Emergency financial assistance to individuals through the parish and coordinated by **Catholic Charities** is available.

Diocesan Social Service Workshops: Information and resources to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service.

Home Health Nursing Program: Free, in-home nursing and home health services are available to Seniors in Greater Trenton through **Mt. Carmel Guild**.

Emergency Assistance: People in Mercer County are able to receive food through **Mt. Carmel Guild**. Over 30,000 received food through this program last year. Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

Emma Carlisle, Mason Gallagher

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat

March 24 & 25, 2018

Saturday, March 24

5:30pm Dorothy Mazzola: Ron & Joy Fronzak
Eleanor Magee: Dawn & Richard Pellicane
Giovanna Tomasello: Connie Bocchino

Sunday, March 25

8:00am Speical Intentions for the Gratzer Family:
Barbara Mahon
Robert Files: Schwerdt Family
Barbara Battaglia: Kathy & Dennis Andrezza
Francis Wilson: Bob & Kathy Kessler
Robert Harth: Rosann & Gene Zeigler
Kathleen Sharp: Hillary & Goo
Robert Keough: Dyana & Bronston Williams
Ella Rose Sabat: Saranczak Family
John Ventre: Kathy & Walter Fox
Daniel Marzano: Norma Marzano
Shirley Ryan: Ted & Carol Britske
10:00am Happy 67th Wedding Anniversary Eileen & John Eckstrom
Edward Murray: wife, Sophia
Bob Corbliss: Monday Afternoon Bridge Club
12:00n People of the Parish
5:00pm Richard L. LeClercq: Chester & Ginger Mankowski
Richard Scott: Maureen O’Keefe

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, March 24

4:00pm Happy 75th Birthday Dolores Ranucci: Family
Happy Birthday Pop Steven: Gloria Pandyke
Adam Fetelski: daughter, Wanda
Vincent Palmieri: Anthony & AnnMarie Valinoti
Frank Martin: Family
Doreen Welton Duprat: Mr. & Mrs. John Rohr
Rudy Manz: Menzo Family
Jane & Dick Knaus: Family
Gordon Marzano: Ed & Bonnie O’Brien
John Kmicinski: Betty Martinelle & Family
Catherine Tuohy: Richard & Sharon Addonizio
Ernest Rizzolo: Ann & Richard Lauria

Sunday, March 25

7:30am Daniel Mahoney: Margaret Damone
Peter Prachthausen: Dee & Brian
9:00am Anthony, Robert, Chrissy & Pat Ocutto: Mary
Joseph Giacalone: Enza Casano
11:30am Frank Piscioneri: Frank & Catherine Pannone
Kalinowski & Poisler Family: Mr. & Mrs. O. Poisler

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

During Lent we will have additional confessions each Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$26,404.50 in the collection for last weekend, \$1,954.00 in the second envelope for Catholic Relief Services, \$3,071.00 in the second envelope towards our Diocesan Assessment and an additional \$803.00 in on-line giving. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING!** *"Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You!"* Our sacrifice of Stewardship is a way of sharing in the redemptive suffering of Jesus. **THE COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY IS TO SUPPORT CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION. Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday: St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Mother
Friday: St. Turibius of Mosgrovejo
Saturday: Blessed Oscar Romero

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: *This week's question is not an academic one but personal. Today's Gospel contains the famous passage that is often quoted: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world..." Do you have a favorite Bible chapter and verse that you know by heart? Your homework is to get one if you don't! Next week, Msgr. Ken will share his.*

Do you have a favorite Scripture passage? If you don't have one yet, be sure to get one! My favorite passage is John 14: 6: "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life."

TODAY'S QUESTION: *To what do you think Jesus is referring when He speaks of the "hour?"*

HEALING MASS

We will NOT have a Healing Mass in March since the last Monday falls during Holy Week. The next one will be in April.

CHRISTMAS BOOK

We are collecting stories for our annual Christmas Book, "When I was in school." We are asking for stories, humorous, inspirational or challenging, from when you were in school. Any submissions should be sent to the rectory office. We will continue to collect them through the summer. Thank you.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

We received our building permit to proceed with work on the front steps of St. Mary's, Barnegat! The work will not be done until after Easter. When the date of the work is finalized we will announce it and give you all the necessary information and options during the time of remodeling. There will be a temporary inconvenience but there will be NO interruption to the celebration of Mass.

Sunday, March 18

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

Monday, March 19

9:00am AARP Taxes (Parish Center)
1:00pm Crafty Ladies (MRH)
4:30pm Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
6:00pm Scripture Sisters (Pines)
7:00pm Light of the World (Rectory)
7:00pm CYO Basketball (Parish Center)
7:45pm Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

Tuesday, March 20

9:00am MOMS Group (Parish Center)
10:00am Scripture Sharing (Rectory)
4:30pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
6:00pm Light of the World (Rectory)
7:00pm Altar Server Meeting (Pines)
7:00pm CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

Wednesday, March 21

10:30am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
3:00pm Rosary for Betania (Pines) **All Welcome**
4:30pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
6:30pm Confessions (Pines)
7:00pm Divorced & Separated (Rectory)
7:00pm Volleyball (Parish Center)
7:30pm Lazarus Mass (St. Mary's)
7:30pm Light of the World (Rectory)

Thursday, March 22

9:00am Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)
9:00am AARP Tax Preparation (Parish Center)
6:00pm Stations of the Cross Practice (Parish Center)
7:00pm Choir Practice (Pines)
7:00pm Living Waters (Pines)

Friday, March 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)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (St. Mary's)
7:00pm Emmaus (Rectory)
7:00pm Palm Folding Class (Parish Center)
7:00pm Spanish Ministry (Pines)

Saturday, March 24

6:30am That Man is You (Parish Center)
8:30am All Day Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

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. **For more information, please call Tom Radwanski at (609) 607-8849.**

PILGRIMAGE TO EWTN

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

LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

This weekend the Church honors two of her most famous saints, St. Patrick, March 17, and St. Joseph, March 19. Poor St. Joseph! He is the foster father of Jesus, the husband of Mary, and the patron of the Universal Church, but most of the attention goes to St. Patrick with parades, wearing of the green, and many parties. Actually both are victims of having their true identity hidden under layers of customs. The same is true of the great feasts of Christmas and Easter, as in them we see the birth of Jesus and His resurrection buried under many secular traditions. Peeling away the veil of some of those distractions, these two great saints have much to offer us for our world today.

Little is known of St. Joseph. Since Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit, Joseph is not His biological father but the foster father of Jesus. We do not know when he died but it has always been presumed that he had died long before Jesus public ministry. Also, in the Bible, Joseph never speaks. So what can we learn from this great saint?

In the beginning of Matthew's Gospel there is a very brief but powerful description of the man chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and the protector of Jesus. He is described as "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). There has been much scholarly discussion as to the exact meaning of this powerful description. One interpretation sees in Joseph an act of mercy in being unwilling to expose Mary to the consequences of the law because she was pregnant outside of marriage (before he received the angelic explanation). A second understands this as a sense of awe and respect before God's plan of salvation, meaning he understood and knew of the Virginal conception. Thirdly, he is seen as being obedient to the Law.

We would do well to imitate any of these. In a culture plagued with violence and revenge, Joseph's example of mercy teaches another way. In a culture that arrogantly dismisses God's activity, Joseph's humble acceptance of God's will is refreshing. In a culture that denies objective truth and seeks to dismiss laws we do not like, Joseph's obedience and honor in being faithful to God's covenant and His commandments is inspiring. Anyone should be glad to be called "righteous."

Most people only know of St. Patrick by eating corned beef and cabbage, watching a parade or celebrating Irish heritage. There is certainly nothing wrong with any of those, but it overlooks the profound missionary work of this great saint. He almost single-handedly changed an entire country from being pagan to being Christian. He encountered fierce opposition from Druids and chieftains but overcame them with the power of the Gospel. In a culture that could easily be described as secular and, yes even pagan, the courage and commitment of St. Patrick can guide us in our battle against relativism and modernism.

Again, there is certainly nothing wrong in celebrating one's ethnic heritage with pride or even eating great food. The point is that there is so much more to these great saints and there is much we can learn from them as we face many challenges in our world today. In that spirit, Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day!

"Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves. But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for My sake as a witness before them and the pagans. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you" (Matthew 10:16-20).

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 315-86), March 18.

Probably born of Christian parents he was raised and well educated in Jerusalem and was ordained by St. Maximus. Cyril taught catechumens for several years and about 349 succeeded Maximus as Bishop of Jerusalem. Cyril was expelled from the see in 357 by Acacius, the Arian bishop of Caesarea, who claimed ecclesiastical jurisdiction over Jerusalem and had an Arian synod condemn him for selling Church possessions to aid victims of a famine, but in reality because of his opposition to Arianism. He went to Tarsus but was recalled by the Council of Seleucia in 359. He was again expelled at Acacius' instigation by Emperor Constantius but recalled in 361 by Emperor Julius the Apostate when Constantius died. Again Cyril was exiled, in 367, when Emperor Valens banished all churchmen recalled during Julian's reign; but Cyril returned once again in 378. The following year, the Council of Antioch sent St. Gregory of Nyssa to Palestine to investigate charges against Cyril arising from his questioning the word *homoousios*, the basic term in the Nicene Creed. Gregory reported that the see of Jerusalem was morally corrupt, torn by factionalism and Arianism, but that its faith and that of Cyril were orthodox. Cyril and Gregory attended the General Council of Constantinople in 381, and Cyril completely accepted the amended Nicene Creed and the term *homoousios*. Cyril was a scriptural scholar, a successful preacher, and his "Catecheses" delivered during Lent in about 347 gives a clear picture of the instruction given those preparing for baptism and of the Palestinian liturgy of the fourth century. Though friendly with many semi-Arian leaders and though Church historians Socrates and Sozomen claim that the criticism that caused Gregory to go to Palestine to investigate had some substance to it, Cyril was a firm opponent of Arianism, and his orthodoxy is unquestioned. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882 by Pope Leo XIII.

REALTY CHECK/BASIC TRUTH

The Seven Last Words of Jesus are actually seven short phrases that Jesus uttered on Calvary and have served as a source of meditation especially during Holy Week. No one Gospel contains all seven so one must read all the Gospels to find them. Jesus would have spoken them in Aramaic, but only one of them is preserved in the original Aramaic, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabacthani*," which translates, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned me." This is a direct quote from the opening verse of Psalm 22. The rest of the seven last words were translated into Greek by the Evangelists. For centuries these "words" have been used as meditation points for spiritual conferences, retreats, and Lenten missions. **Here at St. Mary's, our deacons will present a very beautiful liturgy based on the Seven Last Words, Tuesday, March 27, 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church.**

The Seven Last Words are: 1. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34); 2. "This day you will be with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:43); 3. "Woman, behold Your Son." (John 19:26-27); 4. "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" ((Mark 15:34; Matthew 27:46); 5. "I thirst." (John 19:28) 6. "It is finished." (John 19:30); 7. "Into Your Hands, I commend My Spirit." (Luke 23:46, which is a quote from Psalm 31:6).

ENOUGH

The meeting for our addiction ministry will be **Wednesday, April 4, 7:00pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.** All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK – SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

MONDAY, MARCH 26: **CHRISM MASS**, 7:30PM in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27: **SEVEN LAST WORDS**, 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church, presented by the Deacons of St. Mary's and St. Pius.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28: **CONFESSIONS**, 6:30-7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29: No 8:00am or 9:00am Masses.

4:00pm **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** in St. Mary of the Pines followed by simple adoration until 11:00pm.

7:30pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Mary's followed by simple adoration until 12 Midnight.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CEASES AFTER THE EVENING MASS AND WILL RESUME AFTER THE EASTER VIGIL. THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL THEN.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30: No 8:00am or 9:00am Masses.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion in BOTH churches, 3:00pm.

Live Stations of the Cross presented by Youth Ministry, 7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines.

Traditional Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm in St. Mary's, followed by Confessions.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31: No 8:00am Mass.

12:00 Noon **Blessing of Food** in St. Mary's Church.

EASTER VIGIL, 8:00pm with Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle and Special Readings in BOTH CHURCHES. The Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated during the Vigil in St. Mary of the Pines.

There is NO 4:00pm or 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 31. The First Mass for Easter must be after dark.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1:

St. Mary's Church, Barnegat: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon

St. Mary of the Pines: 7:30am, 9:00am, **10:15am**, 11:30am

There is NO 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24: Continuous confessions available from after the 8:00am Mass until 4:00pm in St. Mary's Church.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week: After the 8:00am and 9:00am Masses; Wednesday, 6:30pm to 7:30 pm in St. Mary of the Pines.

Good Friday, after the 7:30pm Stations in St. Mary's, Barnegat.

Holy Saturday, from 11:00am until 12 Noon; 3:00pm to 4:00pm in St. Mary's, Barnegat.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

There will be a Holy Hour for Divine Mercy **Sunday, April 8, 3:00pm in St. Mary's Church** with the Image of Divine Mercy, talk on Divine Mercy, singing of the Chaplet, and Benediction.

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.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Healing Service the second Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Church in Barnegat every second Wednesday thereafter. We will begin with the rosary at 12:30pm and end with benediction. There will be individual pray for those who desired to be prayed over. Service will end at approximately 2:00pm. God Bless. Deacon Joseph Fiorillo.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet Saturday, April 10 at St. Mary's Church after the 8:00am Mass as we pray the rosary, Divine Mercy, and St. Pio Novena. Blessings with relics of various saints and speakers will follow prayers. Fellowship will follow in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Construction of *The Lady Chapel* in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City was begun in 1900 and the first mass was said in 1906. It is in the French Gothic style and is reserved for prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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 one of the open hours listed below, or to add your name to our Substitute List, call Joann Kaczala @ 609-698-6168.

SUNDAY, 9:00pm to 10:00pm

(temporary until May)

WEDNESDAY, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

THURSDAY, 6:00pm to 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 April 29.

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

Life In The Spirit

"Remember that the Church was born on Pentecost"
– *Pope Francis*

How can the Life in the Spirit seminar help you prepare for Pentecost, and the rest of your life?

It can bring the scriptures alive for you. Teach you how to love and forgive others as Jesus does, and help you possess the grace and courage to share the Good News. You can learn how to be more open to the Holy Spirit through a **Life in the Spirit Seminar**. It will take place each Thursday evening from 7-9 in the Media room of **St. Mary of the Pines Parish Center**. **Beginning April 19 through May 31**. Call Doty Cronan at **609-488-1708** to register or for more information. We wish to **"share with everyone in the Church the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit"** as Pope Francis directs.

COME TO THE TABLE

After several meetings to brainstorm on ways to increase outreach to and involvement of our parish children and their families we have decided to begin an exciting new program. We are calling it, "Come to the Table," and it will involve a meeting once a month in which children and their families will engage in activities to grow in their faith with one another. This program will not replace our current religious formation program and will be voluntary. We have already discussed several entertaining and engaging events. At this point we are seeking parishioners who are willing to be a part of this pilot program. If you have any questions or have an interest, please contact either the office of youth ministry or the parish office.

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*

SCRIPTURE SISTERS: A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next study will be **March 19, 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!

CURIOUS ABOUT THE BIBLE?

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

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

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.**

CARDBOARD BOX CITY

Would you give up your bed tonight? If doing so would you change the life of a child? What if doing so changed yours? Join Family Promise of Southern Ocean County to help homeless families regain their independence. Every dollar raised will be used to help homeless families. This event will take place Saturday, April 28 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Cost is \$10.00 to register. Deadline is April 13. There will be a light dinner, breakfast, games, activities and prizes. For more information, please go to www.familtpromisesoc.org.

FATHER & SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Men's group presents "Legacy of Virtue: father and son Communion breakfast Sunday, April 22. Guest speaker will be Dan Duddy. For more information, please go to www.LegacyofVirtue.org.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Journey Through Grief" is a bereavement support group sponsored by St. Pius X Church 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 the Spring session. We meet for eight consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the St. Pius X Meeting Room. The first session begins **on April 4. Participation is free of charge and is limited to adults who have suffered the loss of a loved one prior to January 2018.**

Registration forms, brochures and information sheets are available at the rectory. Please mail completed forms directly to: Paula Little 24 Cedar St. Barnegat, NJ 08005 by **March 28. For further information, please contact St. Pius X at 693-5107.**

"Instill in me Jesus, the spirit of humility to recognize my need for others at this time of grieving, and instill in me common sense to see that I shouldn't try to make this journey alone." Maureen O'Boyle

TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND

St. Mary's is hosting a trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see the performance, "Jesus" on **May 9**. Cost of tickets cost \$130.00 which includes transportation. **For more information, please call Doris Peters at (609) 698-3152.**

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 Easter weekend. Please donate these savings to Holy Trinity. We thank you for your continues support.

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
March 22 – Jack Mac

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.**

PROVIDENCE HOUSE 50/50 RAFFLE

Catholic Charities is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle to benefit Providence House on June 8, at their annual gift auction. First prize is 25%; second prize is 15%; third prize is 10%. Cost of tickets are \$2.00 each and are available at the rectory.

W.O.W. MEETINGS

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. **Our next meeting is on March 20.** We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Cookie at (609) 971-2609

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 founded by Fr. Benedict Groeschel. Sister Cecilia will talk on prayer and Sr. Elizabeth will talk on "How to meet Christ in the spiritual corporal works of mercy."

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.

LAZARUS MASS WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All who grieve the loss of a loved one are welcomed to pray the Stations of the Cross followed immediately by our monthly Lazarus Memorial Mass on **Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00pm, in St. Mary's Church.** We place pictures of our lost loved ones at the altar, write their names in the book on intentions and lift each name up in prayer.

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrow"
Isaiah 53:4

JOB SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

(Formally called Employment Resource Committee)

The Job Seeker Support Group needs volunteers with a background in hiring, resume preparation, or personnel management; and/or knowledge of the local job market; and/or computer word processing skills. In addition to bi-weekly meetings, committee members may provide follow up support by phone or e-mail job seekers. If interested, please contact Steve Muench at (513) 509-3654 or at smnjav@gmail.com.

PALM FOLDING CLASS

Deacon Joe Vivona will hold a Palm Folding Class on **Friday, March 23 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.** It's an opportunity to learn this crafty that you remember as a child. Something that you will be able to share with your family. **Bring your scissors.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As Mayor Ed Koch used to ask, *How are we doing?* Our numbers for January say, *Really good:* we have fed 216 families and a total of 738 individuals, which would not have been possible without your food donations which weighed in at a total of 9,005lb. or the monetary donations which bought an additional 1,000 lb. But the real proof comes from our clients, members of the working poor, who often work two or three jobs and still not have ends meet or suffer an illness or event that throws a curve ball into their best-laid plans. So many of them say, *I never thought I'd have to do this.* Still they smile and say, *Thank you. We don't know what we'd do without you.* In this Lenten season, please know that you are helping your neighbors carry their crosses, just like Simon of Cyrene did for Jesus in the fifth station. God bless your Lenten journey. **Pantry needs: canned soup, canned corn, tea bags, pancake mix and syrup.**

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:

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 SELECTION OF LENTEN PRODUCTS & SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

****Volunteers are needed****

The Gift Shop be 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.

VIETNAM MEMORIAL MONUMENT DEDICATION

On the first nationally recognized Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29, there will be a dedication ceremony for the newly constructed Vietnam Veterans' Memorial at 12 Noon at the Barnegat Gazebo Park, Rte. 9 and West Bay Ave.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

All Saints School will celebrate its 20th Anniversary at a Spring dinner on Saturday, May 5 in their All Purpose Room. More information will follow.

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 two, leaving us eight to go. There will be a plaque listing the memorial as requested by the donor(s). **A groundbreaking ceremony for this outdoor statue garden will be scheduled in the spring.** If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Msgr. Ken.

FREE AARP TAX PREP

Free tax prep available beginning every 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.

The Continuing Catholic Education Ministry Presents Queen of Heaven

Come join us for an exciting new parish program, *Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for You*, which paints the epic narrative of Mary's life. Hear of her life in Scripture and see how Mary lives on as the Mother of the Church. Filmed on location at over a dozen US pilgrimage sites. We invite you to join us and bring a friend! On DVD for 8 Thursdays, 10 - 11:15 AM in the Parish Center, April 19 – June 14. **Call Margaret Wohl at 609-978-5465 for more information/registration.**

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

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.