

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Church, Barnegat

November 25 & 26, 2017

Saturday, November 25

5:30pm Happy 64th Anniversary Ray & Rosemary White
Michael Minelli: Mom, Grandmom & Joe
Stephen Wong: wife, Mei-Lee
Anthony Juliano: Joan O'Keefe

Sunday, November 26

8:00am Mom, Dad & Geri: Leona & Bill Dolan
Elinore Shepard: Pyckowski Family

10:00am Grace & Frank, Flynn, Jr.: Elaine & Frank Flynn
Eleanor Navarchi: daughter, Karen O'Connell
Alfonso LoBasso: Dorothy & John Vaccarello

12:00n People of the Parish

5:00pm Salvatore & Anna Libonati and Salvatore, Jr.: Libonati Family
Patricia Scheidemann: husband, George
Robert E. Peary, Jr.: McCoy & O'Connor Families
Marie Engle: Angie Krejsa
William Romer: Colette & Michael Hokana
Donald Porrino: Norma Dworkis
Deceased Members of the Hamlon, Lennahan, Boland & Schaffer Families: Robert & Mary Boland
Kathryn Mason: Bill & Kathy Brennan and Family
Betty Reilly: Pete, Caroline, Anna & Nick
Angelo DeSanguine: Richard & Betty Centanni
Concetta, Gaetano & Renato Costantino: Giana Costantino
Domenica Imbese: Gianna Costantino
Frank, Sylvia & Fredy Cali: Dyana Cali

Weekdays

Monday, November 27

8:00am John & Matilda Kunka: daughter, Jane
Irene Zarnowski: Tom & Rita Duffy

Tuesday, November 28

8:00am Rose Lorenzo: Federico Family
Virginia Giaccio: Rachele & Mike Hafey

Wednesday, November 29

8:00am Rev. Frank Janos
George Favire, Jr.: daughter, Kim

Thursday, November 30

8:00am Denise Tassinaro: mom, Rosemary Dowd
Jack Prihoda: Dot Bacsik

Friday, December 1

8:00am Msgr. Ken's Anniversary of Ordination
Special Intentions for Alfred Tutolo: Janet
In honor of the Holy Family: Paco Family
Souls in Purgatory
Nona McCarter: Family
William H. Corby: wife, RuthAnn
Carolyn Krutsick: Family
Tommie Keaney: Patti & Michael
Nancy Koes: husband, Vincent
Jennah Disclafani: Timlin Family

Saturday, December 2

8:00am Alejandro Yambal: Yambal Family
William Byrne: Deb & Tom

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin

November 25 & 26, 2017

Saturday, November 25

4:00pm James Stuart: Kate
Frank V. Martin: Family
Richard Welton and Doreen Welton Dupont:
Mr. & Mrs. John Rohr
Frank Garrity: George Scheidemann
Ana & Olev Allikmaa: Adrienne Allikmaa and Children
Louise Porcelli: Elaine & John Vaccaro
Steve Ferringo: Claire Grant
Helen Ronan: husband, Tom
Barbara Ann Huntsman: Marty & Sophie Sampson
Fr. Stephen Kilcarr: Dot & Mike Duffy
Jeffrey Gebhardt: Family
Carmela Izzo: Joseph & Frances Kosa

Sunday, November 26

7:30am Clark & Furlong Families: Tom & Kathy Richards
Fr. Kevin Duggan: Dennis & Peggy

9:00am Michael Supple: Family
Anthony Fazio: wife, Lillian
Kenneth Cavanaugh: Wife & Family

11:30am Frank A. Pannone: Frank & Catherine Pannone
Jeffrey Ditmar: Mark, Christopher and Mary
Debbie Wilk: Jauch & Gallagher Families

Weekdays

Monday, November 27

9:00am Jeffrey Ditmar: Mary, Mark & Chris
Michael Bruno: Zuzic Family

Tuesday, November 28

9:00am Charles Keifer: Zuzic & McDermitt Families
Walter & Florence Varina: David & Angie Farina

Wednesday, November 29

9:00am Special Intentions for Kathy & Jerry's Family
Brigit Soden: Mary Lou and Lauren Nardone

Thursday, November 30

9:00am Special Intentions for Kathy & Jerry's Family
Neil Maher: Roseann Mancini

Friday, December 1

9:00am Deceased Members of the Eskesen & Sheeran Families: Janice & Dan
Doris Dodds: husband, Bob



Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat

Bread and Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Gordon Marzano requested by Casper and Marie Sabatino.

Flowers are donated this week in loving memory of Gerard H. Nolan, Jr. requested by the Sullivan Family.

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Robert Keough, Raymond Masullo

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Matthew 25: 31-46

NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday: St. Andrew, apostle

WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

Cian Glynn, Ronan Glynn, Olivia Keyso, Aiden Pascale

HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass will be **Monday, November 27, 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines Church.** This will be a teaching Mass and our seventh grade Confirmation candidates will be present. The meaning of the Mass and its various parts will be explained. All are welcome.

USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional ushers to assist at Mass, especially for St. Mary’s, Barnegat. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Our annual family breakfast with Santa is **Saturday, December 9, 9:00am – 11:00am, in the Parish Center.** Tickets cost \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 8-12. Children under 12 are free. ***For tickets, please call Barbara at (609) 693-9639.***

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1: Concert with the Betania Choir, 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines.

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Beginning at 6:00pm in St. Mary’s Church there will be a talk on the Blessed Mother followed by praying of the rosary and a candlelight procession.

December 9: Annual Christmas Breakfast, 9:00am in the Parish Center with a special guest.

December 12: Spanish Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 6:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines, followed by a procession with Mary’s Statue to the Parish Center for a reception. All are welcome.

December 16: Simbang Gabi, Annual Filipino Advent Christmas Mass, 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines, followed by a reception in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat

December 2 & 3, 2017

Saturday, December 2

5:30pm Karen Clay: Mom & Dad
Jack Preston: Evelyn & Gene Ponzini
John B. McCarthy: Mr. & Mrs. R. Zammit
Helen Kozak: Francis Dudak & Family
Joseph DiPaolo: Bockin Family
Francis McGinley: Bockin Family
Anthony D’Esposito: Tom & Nora DeRosa
Kathryn Mason: Deacon Earl & Eileen

Lombardo

Frank Tinelli: Roslyn Ventrella and Carmine Maneri

Fernando Antunes: Bockin Family
Joseph Palazzolo: Donna & Bill Finke

Sunday, December 3

8:00am Eileen Wojewodzki: husband, Hank
Camille Dinizo: Bill & Leone Dolan
10:00am Vince Moran: Angie Krejsa
Alice Catherine Barbiere: Janet Park and Keri Seidenfaden
12:00n Joan E. Sanford: sister, Mary
Edmund Tougouchi: wife, Sue
5:00pm Ang Neapolitano: Edie Solimine
Deceased Members of the Garcia & Bracety Families: Miriam & Joe

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, December 2

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3

7:30am Loughlin & Martin Families: Tom & Kathy Richards
Joseph Caruana: Marge & Joe Caruana
Dolores Brandimarte: Cebulski – Pedler Families
James Puzio: Barra Family
Thelma Adduru: Dennis & Christine Merced and Children
Fr. Martin Scott: Joanne D’Angelo
Joseph Catalano: Beverly Lombardo
Grace Quartey: Danny & Maryann Kaplan
Lee Infante: Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Banfield
Anthony Cavallo: Marci & Barry Rockland
9:00am Deceased Members of the Mates & Bono Families: Mates Family
Raffaele & Ripalta Ferrara: Lou & Mary Ferrara
Kenneth Cavanaugh: Wife & Children
11:30am Carol Sneyers: husband, Mickey
Joseph Montgomery: daughter, Kathleen

TITHING REPORT

Due to Thanksgiving Day, this bulletin had to be printed early. We will update our tithing figures next week. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." On this Thanksgiving Weekend, let us make time to think of all the blessings God has granted. Let us also resolve through stewardship to share those blessings with others. TODAY THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE TOWARDS OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT.

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: *How much is a talent worth?*

The talent was a unit of coinage of high but varying value depending on its metal (gold, silver, copper) and its place of origin.

TODAY'S QUESTION: *The word shepherd appears in both today's First Reading and the Gospel. How many times do you think that word appears in the Bible?*



FREE INTERNATIONAL CONCERT ON DECEMBER 1

On Friday, December 1, the world traveled Betania Choir from Venezuela, formed by Maria Esperanza (see Betania III), will be giving a concert at 7:00pm, in St. Mary of the Pines. There will be no charge but a free will collection will be taken.

ADVENT SEASON

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin a new Liturgical Year. The color of the season is purple and we will change the cycle of readings for Sunday to Cycle B. The Gloria is not sung for the season. This is a time of penance and preparation as we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, as well as in anticipation of His return at the end of time.

BETANIA MASS

As it is Thanksgiving Weekend, we will NOT celebrate the monthly Mass which had been scheduled for the afternoon of November 26.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Msgr. Ken will welcome his classmates as they celebrate their 38th Anniversary at a concelebrated Mass on **Tuesday, December 5, 5:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines.** All are welcome.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 26

All Masses Youth Group Wreath Sale

10:00am Pageant Practice (Pines)

10:30am RCIA (Rectory)

1:30pm Baptisms (St. Mary's)

3:00pm Betania Mass (Pines)

7:00pm Bingo (Parish Center)

7:00pm N.A. (MRH)

Monday, November 27

7:30am Rosary (St. Mary's Church)

8:30am Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)

4:30pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)

4:30pm Divine Mercy Library (Pines)

6:00pm Scripture Sisters (Pines)

7:00pm Healing Mass (Pines)

7:45pm Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

Tuesday, November 28

7:30am Rosary (St. Mary's Church)

8:30am Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)

8:45am Monica's Daughters (Rectory)

10:00am Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

4:30pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)

7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Pines)

Wednesday, November 29

7:30am Rosary (St. Mary's Church)

8:30am Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)

10:00am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)

4:30pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)

5:30pm Spanish Choir Practice (Pines)

6:30pm Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

6:30pm Rosary for Betania (Pines) **all welcome**

7:00pm Divorced & Separated Ministry (Rectory)

7:00pm Light of the World (Rectory)

7:00pm Volleyball (Parish Center)

7:30pm Baptism Preparation Class (St. Mary's Church)

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

Thursday, November 30

7:30am Rosary (St. Mary's Church)

8:30am Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)

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

6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (Parish Center)

7:00pm CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

Friday, December 1

7:30am Rosary (St. Mary's Church)

8:30am Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)

10:00am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)

3:00pm Divine Mercy Service (Pines)

7:00pm Emmaus (Rectory)

7:00pm Betania Concert (Pines)

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

Saturday, December 2

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

7:30am Rosary (St. Mary's Church)

8:30am Bagels & Bibles for Men (MRH)

12:00n Family Christmas Pictures (Parish Center)

7:30pm A.A. (MRH)

LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

At our last Beefsteak Comedy Night in September, one of the comedians, who is a Catholic, talked about making a "Life Confession." While he was making jokes about it during his performance, when I talked with him afterward he shared that it was, indeed, not only something that he had actually done, but had found it to be very powerful. The idea behind a "life confession" is to have a more thorough and far reaching examination of one's life before God than is usually done. Along the same lines, there are many forms of "Examination of Conscience" that we can use not only in preparation for going to Confession but also for a daily self-reflection.

Just as we can do a cursory or perfunctory examination of conscience that only touches the surface, we can do a deeper exam with gratitude. I am sure that everyone took time on Thanksgiving to thank God for His many blessings. How much time did you take? Did you really make a thorough inventory of your blessings? Each of us has hurts, disappointments, regrets or bad experiences. We are very much aware of them and even spend much time in reviewing them. On this Thanksgiving Weekend I challenge you to make a "Life Confession of Blessings." This means to take time, even over several days, to review your life so that you become aware of all the graces you have received. To assist you, here is an outline for such an examination.

People: Just think of how many people you have encountered in your life, from family and friends, even to those you may have met only once. In that collection, there have been some incredible and wonderful people. When was the last time you thought about them, whether it was a special grandparent, a teacher, a priest or nun, a neighbor, or a Good Samaritan? It will take some time to recall and thank God for the many good people that have touched you along the way.

Places: How many places have you been in your lifetime, from homes, to schools, to vacation spots or places of work? In those places you have had many experiences, lessons learned, and encountered all kinds of personalities. Imagine in your mind a map with a marking for each of the places in which you have lived, visited or just stopped by. Remember all the beautiful and amazing sights you have seen.

Material blessings: In this country we are blessed with so much. We have an abundance of food, clothes and shelter, not to mention electricity, cars, conveniences, heat and air-conditioning. When was the last time you made a complete inventory of all the comforts you have been given in life? Certainly there were times in your life when you did not have these, but those memories make these blessings even greater. Beyond the necessities, we have been fortunate enough to enjoy many "extras" in life, many of them gifts given to us.

Experiences: Life is a series of experiences from encounters with people, to lessons learned, moments of growth, beauty and inspiration. Think of your graduation, your wedding, the birth of a child, a family gathering, a special concert or sporting event. Those experiences happened in our homes and families, school, places of work, times of travel, restaurants, leisure, etc. Just think of all the memorable and delicious meals that you have shared with precious company.

Faith: Sadly not everyone has faith. It is a blessing to have been raised as a Catholic and to know about God, His love for you, His Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the Sacraments. That faith has given you many graces. Think of those many special moments in your life connected with faith, like First Communion, Confirmation, being at Mass, a time of prayer or a Retreat. ***How many times have you experienced the presence of God?*** It is not just the saints that have mystical experiences and profound inspirations and moments of prayer. ***Many people become lukewarm in their faith because they fail to notice all their encounters with God and missed the many times He has revealed His presence.***

The day of Thanksgiving has passed but not the time to give thanks. That time is always. We will soon enter the season of Advent and begin to look forward to the Solemnity of Christmas. Take advantage at this wonderful time of the year to make a Life Inventory of Blessings. Take time to do this, giving it more than just a few minutes, and I promise that your experience will be profound and even life changing!

"The loving deeds of the Lord I will recall, the glorious acts of the Lord, because of all the Lord has done for us, the immense goodness to the house of Israel, which He has granted according to His mercy and His many loving deeds" (Isaiah 63:7).

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Sylvester Gozzolini (1177-1267), November 26.

Born of a noble family of Osimo, Italy, he studied law at Bologna and Padua but then switched to the study of theology and Scripture. He was ordained and became a canon at Osimo until he berated his bishop for the dissolute life he was leading; Sylvester resigned his canonry in 1227, when he was fifty, and became a hermit near Osimo and then at Grotta Fucile. Directed by a vision of St. Benedict, he organized the disciples he had attracted into a monastery at Monte Fano near Fabriano in 1231, thus founding the Silvestrine Benedictines, known as the blue Benedictines from the color of their habit. The congregation was approved by Pope Innocent IV in 1247, and Sylvester ruled it for thirty-six years until his death at Fabiano, by which time eleven monasteries were under his rule. He was equivalently canonized in 1598 by Pope Clement VIII.

LETTER FROM FATHER VINCENT

"I bring you all the love from Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, Ziroobwe. All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings and love. We are always united as we pray for all of you at Mass and in our daily prayers.

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you so much for feeding many people in Holy Trinity. Thank you for buying us food! Thank you so much for feeding MY PEOPLE. I really feel very happy when I see my people smiling. We need food to survive, but I feel so happy when I see my people have something to eat for sure.

There are many things we have to thank you for dear brothers and sisters. Allow me also on behalf of all parishioners of Holy Trinity and on my own behalf to thank you for the big dream of our secondary school. The school is named, 'ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, ZIROOBWE!'" (We will share more of his long letter over the next few weeks.)

REALITY CHECK- BASIC TRUTH

Today we conclude our series on the attributes of God examining the question, "Is God a He?" (Source: *Handbook for Christian Apologetics* by Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli).

"The hottest controversy today about God concerns the traditional exclusive use of the pronoun he. Nearly all Christians admit (1) God is not literally male, since He has no biological body, and (2) women are not essentially inferior to men. Those are red herrings.

"There are, however, two reasons for defending the exclusive use of masculine pronouns and imagery for God. One issue is whether we have the authority to change names of God used by Christ, the Bible and the Church. The traditional defense of masculine imagery for God rests on the premise that the Bible is divine revelation, not culturally relative, negotiable and changeable. As C. S. Lewis put it, 'Christians believe God Himself has told us how to speak of Him.'

"The other reason for calling God "He" is historical. Except for Judaism, all other known ancient religions had goddesses as well as gods. The Jewish revelation was distinctive in its exclusively masculine pronoun because it was distinctive in its theology of the divine transcendence. That seems to be the main point of the masculine imagery.

"Surely there is an inherent connection between these two radically distinctive features of the three biblical or Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam): Their unique view of a transcendent God creating nature out of nothing and their refusal to call God "she" despite the fact that Scripture ascribes to Him feminine attributes like compassionate nursing (Isaiah 49:15), motherly comfort (Isaiah 66:13) and carrying an infant (Isaiah 46:3). The masculine pronoun safeguards (1) the transcendence of God against the illusion that nature is born from God as a mother rather than created and (2) the grace of God against an illusion that we can somehow save ourselves—two illusions ubiquitous and inevitable in the history of religion."

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Advent is often described as a season of joyful anticipation, desire, longing and expectancy. Saint Faustina beautifully explains this longing in her diary. For her it was a longing to make room for Christ in her heart. We can make room for him through reading Scripture, spending time in prayer, confession, attending daily Mass and spending regular time in the Eucharistic Adoration. (Advent: A How to Guide, Divine Mercy Marians) 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 hour listed below, or to be added to our Substitute List, call Joann Kaczala @ 609-698-6168. Hours presently in need of an Adorer are:

FRIDAY, 1:00am to 2:00am

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.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Our Journey Through Scripture will meet **November 29 at 6:30pm in the Rectory.** All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Annual Children's Christmas Eve Pageant plans are underway. The pageant will be held during the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's of the Pines.

Practices will be held every Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass until Christmas Eve. Children ages 4 and up are invited to participate. Children MUST be able to attend **ALL** practices and a parent/guardian must remain with them.

If interested, please call (609) 618-4395 Maryclaire Balko or email at balkomc@comcast.net.

ST. MARY'S ADULT CHOIR

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

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.**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL DAY

Please join us **Saturday, December 10 at 6:45pm** for the 20th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Service in memory of all children who have died. The ceremony will take place at St. Mary's Mausoleum on Beachview Avenue. All families and friends who have experienced the loss of a child are welcome and encouraged to attend.

BAGELS AND BIBLES FOR MEN

Our speaker for the next meeting on **Saturday, December 2**, will be our own pastor, Msgr. Ken. We will meet in Monsignor Reinbold Hall after the 8:00am Mass in Barnegat. The topic will be: *End Times: Another Look at Advent.* Newcomers are always welcome.

Don't miss it!

St. Mary's Youth Ministry's Wreath & Grave blanket sale!

The sale will take place **this weekend, November 25 & 26, after Saturday evening & Sunday Masses.** Prices reduced! See flyer for details or call Youth Office at 597-1071.

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 will go on sale Wednesday, December 6 Please call the rectory at 698-5531 to order your tickets. The cost is \$35.00 per person.**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The tickets for the Christmas Concert with Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea conducted by Father Alphonse Stephenson are selling quickly. The concert **is Friday, December 15 at 7:30am in St. Mary of the Pines. For more information and ticket sales, please call Dot at (609)698-4242.** Tickets are \$28.00 per person and all seats are reserved. Don't miss out on this wonderful beginning of the Christmas season!

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined by the in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of children and young people in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone in the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline at (800) 296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

SCRIPTURE SISTERS: A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next study will be **November 28, 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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to all of you who make life better for our beloved poor. We are so thankful for your care and generosity. Make a family's Christmas merry and bright with a gift card from Kohl's, Target, TJ Maxx, or Five Below—of all denominations. We will accept all donations at our office in Msgr. Reinbold Hall Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. **Pantry needs toilet tissue and bar soap, pancake mix and syrup, soup, and plastic shopping bags.**

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

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?

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

ST. MARY'S M.O.M.S. GROUP

Ministry of Mother's Sharing

We are a Catholic Moms Group who meet to discuss relevant topics on being a Christian woman in today's world, grow more in our faith through speakers and in sharing, and create meaningful relationships with other like-minded. Our meetings are usually every other Tuesday from 9:00am – 11:00am in the Parish Center. Free childcare will be provided.

Can't make mornings? Join us for our monthly night meeting instead. All moms are welcome!

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Fr. Duffy Division # 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians is a Irish Catholic Men's Organization we gather on the 4th 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.**

WOMEN'S ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

"Behold the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'"

What a wonderful reason to celebrate Christmas and St. Mary's Women's Ministry once again invites you to come and prepare for His birth. A day we can thank God for sending Jesus into the world and to thank Him for our many blessings. As you know, these days are very special and God speaks to us very powerfully.

The retreat day is **Saturday, December 2, 9:00am – 4:00pm, at Maris Stella Retreat House, LBI.** We are happy to have as our guest speaker Father Garry Koch of St. Benedict Church in Holmdel. Fr. Garry's theme comes from Matthew 11 -3. (John in prison asks, "Are You the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?")

The ministry of St. John the Baptist points to Jesus and the hope in John's is fulfilled in Him."

The day will consist of praying, singing, sharing with one another, talks by our guest speaker, and Mass.

Seating is limited, so we suggest you register early. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee, tea and water will be provided all day.

Donation is \$22.00 per person. Please make check payable to St. Mary's Church and mailed to: Mrs. Peggy Kinahan, 33 Fifth Street, Barnegat, NJ 08005.

For more information, please call Peggy at (908) 418-5496.

Deadline to register is Monday, November 27.

BETANIA III

Cause for the Beatification & Canonization of Maria Esperanza who passed away in 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 **January 28.**

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

HELP FOR JOB-SEEKERS

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

CURIOUS ABOUT THE BIBLE?

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

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

KEN'S KITCHEN

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

CRAFTY LADIES

The Crafty Ladies will be taking some time off during the holiday season. We have donated baby blankets, shawls, lap robes, hats and scarves to the Barnegat Nursing Home, Manahawkin Nursing Home, New Lisbon Developmental Center and the Veteran's Home in Edison. We thank you all for your donations and support. Watch the bulletin for when we resume our meeting in the New Year. **For more information, please call Rita at (609) 607-9568.**

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.**

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.**

DINE AT MANERA'S!

Interfaith Health and Support Services of Southern Ocean County will be hosting a dinner fundraiser **Wednesday, December 6, 11:00am – 9:00pm, at Manera's Restaurant, 291 Route 72, Manahawkin.** All proceeds will benefit Interfaith. A flyer, which is available at the rectory, must be presented in order for Interfaith to receive credit. **For more information, please call Interfaith at (609) 978-3839.**

MONTHLY CASH RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Deacon Pat Martin, who became the winner of our monthly cash raffle. Ticket #10729. **Our last drawing for the year will be December 6. Remember to return your tickets for next year!!**

ST.BERNARD FOOD FOR PETS

St. Bernard's Food for Pets would like to extend our thanks for all the support we received not only at our fundraiser breakfast, but throughout the year. In particular, we are grateful to the Breakfast Club for providing their time and expertise. We sincerely appreciate all their hard work. We are particularly grateful to Janice Boski and Maryanne Brown for all the baskets we were able to raffle. In fact, all of our volunteers worked so very hard to make the fundraiser a successful event. We hope all who joined us had a pleasant experience. Please continue to help your neighbors who struggle to feed their animal companions by remembering them when you shop or through donations.

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 **Sunday, December 3.**

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****

**CHRISTMAS HAS COME TO THE PEACEFUL DOVE
GIFT SHOP!!! PLEASE COME AND SEE OUR
BEAUTIFUL ITEMS!!**

SPANISH MINISTRY

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

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

**La Comunidad Hijos de María Santísima te invita a
celebrar la Santa Misa cada 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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

November 25 and 26 - Annual Wreath/Grave Blanket sale at all Masses.

November 30 - High School CnC 6:30-8:30pm

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

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PICTURES

Family Promise of Southern Ocean County is hosting a Family Christmas Picture event on **Saturday, December 2, 12:00noon – 4:00pm, in the Parish Center.** Cost of \$15.00 will include an 8 x 10 print with access to additional prints. Photographs will be taken by our very own Jeff Bruno. **To schedule an appointment, please call Kay Voebel at (609) 978-7554.**

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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