

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**December 9 & 10, 2017**

**Saturday, December 9**

**5:30pm** Joseph D'Ambola:Walter & Susan Rogers  
Archbishop Fulton J Sheen:Cox Family

**Sunday, December 10**

**8:00am** Special Intention for Lorraine Jara:Mom  
Margaret Mallard:Stanziano & Mallard Families  
Eugene J Kamkowski:Walt & Vicki Fernandez  
James Puzio:Saropoulos Family  
James C. Day Jr.:Bruce Day Sr. & Kevin Day  
Margaret Hemphill:Liz & Andrea  
Angelo DeSanguine:Maryann & Nicholas  
Orlando  
Maria Orge:Maryann & Nicholas Orlando  
Charles McGowan:Denise Coulter  
Bob Corbliss:Rosanne & Warren Searles  
Mary Hickey:Rosanne & Warren Searles  
**10:00am** Milagros Simonetti:Tom Parsons & Karyn Bell  
Martin E. Wilk Sr.:Mr. & Mrs. John Sinnicki  
**12:00n** Sal Galvano:Toni & Bill Guido  
Joseph D'Ambola:Judy & Gary Carline  
**5:00pm** Linda Cracolici:Drew & JoAnn Dringus  
Steve Yadlovski:Chester & Ginger Mankowski

**Weekdays**

**Monday, December 11**

**8:00am** James Reina:Bill & Joan Hall  
Danid Family:Grace Tho

**Tuesday, December 12**

**8:00am** Ann Lucas:Richard Lucas  
John Picaro:Florence Picaro & Family

**Wednesday, December 13**

**8:00am** Steven Cribben:Jerry & Joanne Vincelli  
Bruno Martinelle:John & Leila Kmicinski

**Thursday, December 14**

**8:00am** John Tho:Wife, Grace  
Deceased Members of the Clark & Karabin  
Families:Dot Karabin

**Friday, December 15**

**8:00am** Bruce Copio:Wife, Joan  
Souls in Purgatory:Joseph Eorio  
Lorraine Falanago:Margaret Hughes  
Grace Muench:Kathy & Bill Zatkos  
Nancy Koes:Husband, Richard  
Richard Johnston:Rose & Gene  
David Cerami:Mr. & Mrs. R. Cicero  
Bob Corbliss:Roy & Peg Bateman  
Madeline Wintonick:Dot & Tony Baldassano  
Thomas McGuire:Carol Rosen  
Joseph DeSena:Robert & Anna Beyea

**Saturday, December 16**

**8:00am** Adele Files:The Schwerdt Family  
Grace Muench:Steve & Louise Muench

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

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**Saturday, December 9**

**4:00pm** Dolores Brandimarte:Ro & John Donato  
Frank Garrity:Joan O'Keefe

**Sunday, December 10**

**7:30am** People of the Parish  
**9:00am** Special Intention for Daniel Agin:Wohl  
Family  
William Edward Brown:Denisi Coulter  
George Killey:Cindy, Doug, Kristina,& Emily  
Raylman  
Gonzalo Blasco:Mary & Louis Ferrara  
Robert Merlo:Mary & Louis Ferrara  
Connie Elliott:Charlie & Family  
Joseph Giacalone:Terri & Joe  
Cremilda Costa:Margaret Virili & Family  
Mary Clark:Alice Pilovsky  
Rocco A. Ciliberto:Sharon & Richard  
Addonizio  
Lee Infante: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Banfield  
**11:30am** William Juliano:Wife, Barbara  
Dolores Brandimarte: Charles & Martha  
Serwin

**Weekdays**

**Monday, December 11**

**9:00am** Ann Duff:Michael Grabowski Family  
Michael Bruno:Ocean Township Bd. of Ed.

**Tuesday, December 12**

**9:00am** Kathy & Jerry's Family  
Mary Hickey:Joanne D'Angelo

**Wednesday, December 13**

**9:00am** Maureen Sarao & Tom Tumulty:Ann Ryan  
JoAnn LaDuca:Claire Anderson

**Thursday, December 14**

**9:00am** Steven Tooth:Mom & Dad  
Victoria Napolitani:Fran & Gary Thompon

**Friday, December 15**

**9:00am** Kathy & Jerry's Family  
Edward Pringle:Thomas Melody



**Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** burns this week in loving memory of Joseph Regula & Christopher O’Neill requested by the O’Neill Family.

**Bread and Wine** are donated this week in loving memory of Irene Abraham requested by the Pongrazz Family.

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

**Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** burns this week in loving memory of Connie Burke requested by Eleanor Scaff.

**Bread and Wine** are donated this week in memory of Connie Burke requested by Jack McEntee.

**Altar Candles** burn this week in loving memory of Anna Savastano requested by Marie Licata.

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

*Isabella Bagnatur, John Buffi,  
Betsy Ann Woodcock*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**TODAY: : SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT.** Isaiah 40:1-5; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

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

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

*Thursday: St. Peter Canisius  
Saturday: St. John of Kanty*

**WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED**

*Tommie Durazzo, Riley Sullivan*

**SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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, 6:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines, followed by a reception in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

**ADVENT SEASON**

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin a new Liturgical Year. The color of the season is purple and the readings change to Cycle B for the Church calendar year. The Gloria is not sung in Advent. However, it will be said on The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a time of penance and preparation as we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and anticipate His return at the end of time.

**UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES**

**St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat**

**December 16 & 17, 2017**

**Saturday, December 16**

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

**Sunday, December 17**

**8:00am** James Curran;Nora & Arthur Fried  
Lucy Carpina:tom & Lucille Biondo  
**10:00am** Theresa Martishewski:Daughter, Sophia & Family  
Carolyn Krutsick:Family  
Paul McCarthy:Family , Linda, Raymond, Brian, & Brittany  
John Finley:Andrew & Levlene Sansone  
Alfonso LoBasso:Toni Soldano  
Elizabeth Gardner:Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Pagano  
Laura Barbato:Shirley Dyer  
Deceased Members of the Hamlon, Lennahan, Boland, Schaffer Families;Robert & Mary Boland  
Kathryn Mason:MaryAnn Cassidy  
Betty Reilly:Tom & Mary Reynolds  
Richard Butler:Barbara & Jack Tyler  
Robert Corbliss:Carol & Joe Butera  
Joseph Hathaway, Jr.:Jenna & Ryan Snell  
**12:00n** Catherine Szar:Children & grandchildren  
The Solimine Family:Family  
**5:00pm** C. Joseph Lillo:Dorie Frank Lillo  
Dr. & Mrs. Peter A. Frank, Sr.:Dorie Frank Lillo

**St. Mary of the Pines**

**Saturday, December 16**

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

**Sunday, December 17**

**7:30am** Richards & Weber Family: Tom & Kathy Richards  
Souls in Purgatory  
Fr. John Wightman  
**9:00am** People of the Parish  
**11:30am** Joe Kerly Sr.: Kristen & Joe Kerly  
Dolores Brandimarte: Ovis & Margaret Wohl and Family  
Marcella Pergosky: daughter, Irene Stevens  
MaryJane McDermott: Irene Stevens  
James Harvey: Family  
Donald J. Fisher:Carol & Glenn Hemberger  
Richard Cooper:Peter, Caroline, Anna & Nick  
Mildred H. Burrell:Joann Kolator  
John McCarthy:Pat, Dan, Russell  
Marilyn O’Connor:Frank & Catherine Pannone  
Sherri D’Ercole & Family:The Wohl Family

## TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$ in the collection for last weekend and \$ in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation." At this time of the year we express our thanks to special people in our lives. Tithing is a way to thank God for all of His blessings.

TODAY THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.

TODAY WE WILL TAKE UP A SECOND COLLECTION FOR HOLY TRINITY IN UGANDA TO HELP FINISH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**LAST WEEK:** *What is the name for the type of writings in the Bible that speak about the end times and the return of the Lord?*

That type of writing is called apocalyptic literature: "Writing preoccupied with the eschatological future, e.g. the end of world history, when the powers of evil launch their terminal struggle against God, only to be defeated in a terrible struggle. The name is derived from the Greek apokalypsis ('disclosure,' 'unveiling' or 'revelation'), and hence the literary genre was used for revelations of the future, the unveiling of God's future plan" (From Catholic Bible Dictionary, by Scott Hahn).

**TODAY'S QUESTION:** *From today's First Reading, what was the purpose of "the way" that was prepared?*

## MUSIC MINISTRY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Mary's Music Ministry's annual Christmas Concert will be **Sunday, December 10, 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines**. Come and join us for an evening of song. Admission is free and it's a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. The lighting of the bell tower will take place immediately following the concert. Hope to see you all there!

## LIVE NATIVITY

You are invited to visit our outdoor Nativity located by the Knights Tower at St. Mary of the Pines, with our live animals. We have costumes available for families and friends to dress up as the Holy Family and you will have time to take your own pictures. **The animals will be there this Sunday, December 10, approximately from 10:00am until approximately 4:00pm.**

## ADVENT LAZARUS MASS

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, December 10**

- 10:00am** Pageant Practice (Pines)
- 10:30am** RCIA (Rectory)
- 1:30pm** Baptisms (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** Choir Christmas Concert (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Bingo (Parish Center)
- 7:00pm** N.A. (MRH)

### **Monday, December 11**

- All Day** Monthly Day of Prayer (both Churches)
- 7:30am** Rosary (St. Mary's Church)
- 8:30am** Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)
- 4:30pm** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 6:00pm** Scripture Sisters (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Evening Prayer (St. Mary's)
- 7:45pm** Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

### **Tuesday, December 12**

- 7:30am** Rosary (St. Mary's Church)
- 8:30am** Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)
- 8:45am** Monica's Daughter (Rectory)
- 10:00am** Scripture Sharing (Rectory)
- 6:00pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Pines)

### **Wednesday, December 13**

- 7:30am** Rosary (St. Mary's Church)
- 8:30am** Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)
- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 5:30pm** Spanish Choir Practice (Pines)
- 6:30pm** Scripture Sharing (Rectory)
- 6:30pm** Rosary for Betania (Pines) **all welcome**
- 7:00pm** Parish Council (MRH)
- 7:00pm** Divorced & Separated Ministry (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** Light of the World (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** Volleyball (Parish Center)
- 8:00pm** A.A. (Parish Center)

### **Thursday, December 14**

- 7:30am** Rosary (St. Mary's Church)
- 8:30am** Rosary (St. Mary of the Pines)
- 9:00am** Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)
- 6:00pm** High School CNC (Parish Center)

### **Friday, December 15**

- 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)
- 6:30pm** Fr. Alphonse Concert (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Emmaus (Rectory)
- 8:00pm** A.A. (Parish Center)

### **Saturday, December 16**

- All Day** Confessions (St. Mary's Church)
- 6:30am** That Man is You (Parish Center)
- 7:30am** Rosary (St. Mary's Church)
- 6:30pm** Simbang Gabi (Pines)
- 7:30pm** A.A. (MRH)

## CHRISTMAS GIFT

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

## **LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN**

While this is supposed to be “the most wonderful time of the year,” it is also a very stressful time. In addition, virtually every day there are scandalous stories of abuse and harassment in what seems like every corner of society. Sadly, the political division and tension in our country continues with no end in sight.

In this climate I thought it fitting to repeat a story I have used in the past. Its message is always appropriate but especially for today. This is a season of hope and the Good News we prepare to celebrate should guide and encourage us. I first read it in a book by M. Scott Peck, *The Different Drum*. It is called “The Rabbi’s Gift” and this is a shortened version.

The story concerns a monastery that had fallen upon hard times. It was once a great Order, but because of persecution and rising secularism the community dwindled to only four elderly monks and their abbot. Sadly, it was a dying Order.

In the woods surrounding the monastery grounds there was a small hut that a rabbi used from time to time as a hermitage and place of prayer. Over the years, with their many hours of prayer, the monks had become somewhat mystical and so they could sense when the rabbi visited his hut. They would whisper to one another, “The rabbi is in the woods!” One time, it occurred to the abbot that it would be wise to visit the rabbi to seek his advice about their dying Order.

The rabbi welcomed the abbot, his long-time friend. The abbot shared the plight of his community and the rabbi shook his head. “I know how it is. It is the same with the town. The spirit has gone out of the people. Almost no one comes to synagogue anymore.” The two holy men wept together, read Scripture, and shared deep thoughts. Finally, the abbot asked the rabbi, “Is there anything you can tell me that would help save my dying Order?”

“No, I am sorry,” the rabbi responded. “I have no advice to give. But, I can tell you that the Messiah is among you.”

When the abbot returned to the monastery his fellow monks gathered around him to ask, “What did the rabbi say? Did he have words of wisdom?”

The abbot paused before answering, then looking at his fellow monks he said, “The rabbi said something very mysterious, even cryptic. I don’t know what it means. He said that the Messiah is among us!”

In the days that followed, each of the monks contemplated the words of the rabbi. Could he possibly have meant that the Messiah was one of them? If so which one? Individually in their own thoughts they considered each monk, finding reasons why one could not be so, but then discovering another and saying, “Perhaps?” They even considered if the rabbi meant themselves.

As they continued to think of the rabbi’s words, the old monks began to treat each other with an extraordinary respect on the chance that one among them might be the Messiah. And, they even treated themselves with the same respect.

People still occasionally came to visit the monastery for the grounds were very beautiful and peaceful. Some would even visit the dilapidated chapel to pray. As they did so, they sensed the aura of the extraordinary respect that began to surround the five old monks. It seemed to radiate

out from them and could almost be felt by all who came near. Hardly knowing why, people returned to the monastery, again and again. Gradually more and more people came to visit and pray, drawn by the same sense of wonder and respect. Eventually even some of the young men sought to join this extraordinary community. Those who came also left with a different feeling, bringing with them that same mysterious aura of respect that radiated from the monastery. In time, that monastery became a thriving community, even more than in its glorious past. The monks and their Order were transformed by the Rabbi’s gift.

Imagine if we did the same in our families, our parish, our place of work, our school, or where we shop or dine? ***If we really observed the Advent/Christmas Season, celebrating the coming of the true Messiah, we would change our world!***

*“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:12-17).”*

### **KNOW YOUR SAINTS**

*St. Miltiades (d. 314), December 10.*

Also called Melchiades, he was probably an African and was elected Pope on July 2, 311, succeeding Pope St. Eusebius. Miltiades’ reign saw the end of Christian persecutions with the victory of Constantine over Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge in 312, the granting of religious freedom throughout the Empire by Constantine in 313, and the beginnings of Donatism in Africa. He held a synod in 313 at the Lateran palace, given him by Constantine’s wife, Fausta, which condemned Donatus. Miltiades died in Rome on January 10 or 11.

### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**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.

### **FILIPINO ADVENT MASS**

We are honored to welcome **Archbishop Bernardo Cleopas Auza**, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Organization of American States to celebrate the **4:00pm Mass in St. Mary of the Pines, next Saturday, December 16. Please note the Mass time change.** This was originally scheduled for 7:00pm but the Archbishop’s schedule is changed and he will join us for our regular Saturday 4:00pm Mass. After Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

### **LETTER FROM FATHER VINCENT**

We thank you so much for all this support. We are really so grateful to you. However, we still have a challenge for the following needed in order to open the school:

1. Students' kitchen and dining room. We will begin eating outdoors, putting up a shade for them to eat under.
2. Text books and items to stock the bookstore.
3. Teachers' houses. We need to have the teachers close so that they can be on time for classes. If they have to travel far they will be late and the students will lose class time. Also, to get good teachers we need to be able to bring them from different areas.
4. Some more shelves and furniture.
5. Underground tank to collect water from the roof.
6. Laboratory. Thanks to Yamba Uganda we have a big donation towards this. However, we still need more funds to complete and also to buy equipment.
7. School equipment, supplies for the kitchen and for the offices.
8. Money for salaries to pay the teachers. We do not want to charge a high tuition in order that students can come to the school.
9. Library and books.

I know this is a lot of needs, which are difficult to acquire at once. We are so grateful and have come so very far because of you. We are working very hard to start by next year.

Blessings and love, Fr. Vincent Mukiibi, Holy Trinity Parish  
TODAY THERE IS A SECOND COLLECTION TO HELP FINISH THIS SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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

One of the most popular Advent Hymns is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." This song has its origin in the liturgical tradition of the "O" Antiphons. The Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer, from December 17-23, a phrase that introduces and concludes this prayer, much like the refrain used during the Responsorial Psalm at Mass. They are based in Scripture and use biblical imagery drawn from the hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. The "O" antiphons are: O Wisdom of our God Most High...; O Leader of the House of Israel...; O Root of Jesse's stem...; O Key of David...; O Radiant Dawn...; O King of all nations...; O Emmanuel, our King....

### **CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**December 16:** Continuous confessions available from after the 8:00am Mass until 4:00pm in St. Mary's.

**December 18-22:** After the 8:00am and 9:00am daily Masses.

**December 19:** 7:00-8:00pm in St. Mary's.

**December 23:** 3:00-4:00pm in St. Mary's.

**December 27:** 6:30-7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines

### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

**THURSDAY, 12:00am midnight to 1:00am**

**FRIDAY, 1:00am to 2:00am**

**MONDAY, 10:00pm to 11:00pm**

**(Temporary 1/15 to 4/15)**

### **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 **December 13 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



**MARDI GRAS BEEFSTEAK DINNER AND COMEDY NIGHT**

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

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Christmas Concert by Father Alphonse Stephenson is **Friday, December 15, 7:30pm, in St. Mary of the Pines. The doors will open at 6:30pm.** Be sure to bring your TICKET for ADMISSION AND SEAT ASSIGNMENT. There will be no tickets sold at the door and NO REFUNDS. PLEASE USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE. Please do not put coats on the seats as we need the space. **For any questions, please call Dot at (609) 698-4242.** Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the concert.

**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF**

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

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

Our next study will be **December 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!

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH LIBRARY**

Good Catholic books and videos are available to borrow from our parish library. Located in the All-Purpose Room in St. Mary of the Pines, the hours are:

**Monday, 4:30 – 6:00pm  
Wednesday & Friday, 10:00 – 11:30am**

Can't make these hours? Explore the library's contents online at [www.DivineMercyLibrary.org](http://www.DivineMercyLibrary.org) or send an email to [DivineMercyLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyLibrary@gmail.com)  
*Tenemos libros y dvds en Español*

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

The next meeting of the St. Mary's W.O.W. (Widows or Widowers) Group will be on **Tuesday, December 19, 6:00pm-8:00pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.** There will be a Christmas celebration with an optional White Elephant Grab Bag. If you choose to participate in the Grab Bag, gifts should be new, wrapped, appropriate for either a man or woman and not to exceed \$10.00. **If you have any questions, please call Cookie at (609) 971-2609.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Hall on Route # 9 in Barnegat, starting at 7:30pm. Please join us to celebrate your Irish Heritage, as well as promoting friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. **CONTACT: BOB GOODWIN 609-978-0635 for more details.**

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

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

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

### Christmas Day Dinner

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

### HELP FOR JOB-SEEKERS

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

### CURIOS ABOUT THE BIBLE?

If you are the least bit interested in something about the Bible, if you have questions or wonder what some things mean, or if you want to get more familiar with the ancient texts of Christianity, and you are 18-39 years old, this brand-new Bible study is for you. **Come to Emmaus – weekly study on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Charlie Kiger Conference Room** (upstairs in the rectory office). **No long-term commitment is necessary.** **Call Mary or Felicia for more information, (609) 698-8619.**

### 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.**

### 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.**

### MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIR

A kind parishioner donated a "Rascal" motorized wheelchair for anyone who needs to use it. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

### ST. MARY'S UGANDA MINISTRY

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

### BIRTHRIGHT GIFTING TREE

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

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Consider a gift card for our **Adopt-a-Family program.** We are accepting gift cards of any denomination for **Kohl's, Target, Five Below, and Marshall's.** Our program makes Christmas merry for the families who have had a challenging year financially. Kindly bring them to the office of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in Monsignor Reinbold Hall. Have a blessed and holy Advent.

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

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

**PEACEFUL DOVE GIFT SHOP**

**Wednesday – Friday**

9:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday & Sunday:

9:00am – 2:00pm

**(609) 660-2400**

**Gifts for all occasions!**

100% of proceeds go to the poor.

\*\*\*Gifts for all Occasions are available\*\*\*

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

**\*\*The Peaceful Dove will be closed December 24 – January 5.**

**We will reopen on January 6 on weekends only until February.**

**SPANISH MINISTRY**

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

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

**La Comunidad Hijos de Maria Santisima te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa cada 1<sup>st</sup> y 3<sup>rd</sup> Domingo de cada mes alas 2:00pm in le Iglesia.**

**Santa Maria de los pinos: y Todos los Viernes a las 7:00pm a la Asamblea de Oracion. Como pueblo de Dios te invitamos a encontrarte con él. Atravez del**

**Santo Rosario**

**Espiritu Santo**

**Lectura y meditacion de la palabra**

**Alabanzas y veras la Gloria de Dios**

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

**ALL SAINTS SCHOOL**

This 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**

**December 14:** HS CnC 6:30-8:30pm

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

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



**KNIGHTS  
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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.**