

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary's Church, Barnegat

April 21 & 22, 2018

Saturday, April 21

5:30pm Eric Courtney: Jack & Peggy Pongracz
Rourke Family: Maryanne & Bob Scherer
Nereida Giovatto: Joseph & Janet Manger
Fred Stoddard: Yvonne Adubato
Elsie Morrison: Winnie & Joe Greco
Arlene Magee & Christina Minor: Roseann & Allan Willis
Thomas Brereton: Terri & Joe Siano
Mary Daus: Barbara & Brian Hanlon
Janet Bruns: Joe & Winnie Greco
Rose Mary McMinimin: Jack & Peggy Pongracz
Carol Nielsen: Penny Spaziano Family

Sunday, April 22

8:00am Eileen Wojewodzki: husbank Hank
Mate Kruslic: Maria Kruslic
60th Anniversary Eileen & Edward Keyasko
10:00am Linda McIntyre: Mom & Family
Richard Dyer: Ro Sevean
12:00n John Lettau: Norma Quartello
George Coanshock: daughter, Joyce Zimmer
5:00pm Stanley Rajca: Charlotte Tatta & Elaine Rajca
Courtney Blessing: Seier Family

Weekdays

Monday, April 23

8:00am Eugene Olker: Alice Olker
Isabella Bagnaturo: Eileen & Michael Gallucci
Carl and Richie Mondello: Maher Family

Tuesday, April 24

8:00am Rocco Westpy: Cathy White
Dollee Burkhardt: Leila Kmicinski

Wednesday, April 25

8:00am Eleanor Magee: Elaine & Francis Gianni
Isabella Bagnaturo: Grace Mitterando

Thursday, April 26

8:00am Minnie Borsetti: Howard & Helen Rhodes
Isabella Bagnaturo: Louis & Carol Marino

Friday, April 27

8:00am Souls in Purgatory
Ernest Rizzolo: Priscilla & Michael Giuliano
Jim Eckert: Barbara & George Kelly
Michael Canty: Maureen O'Keefe
Chris Cavallini: Leila Kmicinski
Giovanna M. Tomasello: Carmine, Josephine & Joseph Fraschilla
Joseph Weaver: Ralph & Maryann
Dennis Sindone: Mary & Tom Reynolds
Harriet Scalera: Jane & Rick Tallman and Family
Deborah Kohn: Joseph & Gail Quingert
Paul Kreie: Danny & Maryann Kaplan

Saturday, April 28

8:00am Special Intention
Jean Martinelle: daughter, Marijean

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin

April 21 & 22, 2018

Saturday, April 21

4:00pm Robert William Weber: father, George Weber
Connie Bruey: Kate
Mary Kochanski: husband, Richard
Happy 55th Anniversary Deacon Joe & Betty Vivona

Sunday, April 22

7:30am Helen Varga & Patricia Bodnar: Richard & Luellen Pace
Joseph Burke: Ginny Oswald & Family
Michael Welch: Josephsen Family
Mildred Castoria: Frank & Ines Castoria & Family

Joseph Rosa: Rich & Debbie D'Angelo

John Sweeney: Cliff Nolan

Robert C. Sweeney: Cliff Nolan

Ellen Sue Wuebber: Deacon Joe Fiorillo

Connie Elliott: Charlie & Family

Mary Anna Rossi: Dee & Brian

9:00am Diane E. Morales: Joseph, Lisa, Stephanie & Michael

Mary Elizabeth Kipp: Al & Mary McGrover

Timothy Schultz: Grace Tho

11:30am People of the Parish

Happy 90th Birthday Frank Pannone: Children & Grandchildren

Weekdays

Monday, April 23

9:00am Virginia Wagner: Barbara Mahon
Patricia Bodnar: Charles & Martha Serwin

Tuesday, April 24

9:00am Joan Cox and Rena Jannuzzi: Michele
Angela Mercadante: children Richard & Rosann

Wednesday, April 25

9:00am Bill & Marge DePetris: daughter-in-law, Kathleen
Virginia Wagner: Carol & Peter Eschman
Michael Gilchrist: Dad, Mom & Cathy Ann

Thursday, April 26

9:00am Mario Cicalese: Mary McFadden
Deceased Members of the Tyczkowski Family:
Judy Ward
Albert B. Virili: Margaret Virili & Family

Friday, April 27

9:00am Peter & Catherine Szap: Children & Grandchildren
Helen Mugut: Michael Clines



Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat

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

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

TWIN PARISH NEWS

Our Twin Parish Ministry met Monday evening, April 9. We welcomed back Mary Goss from her trip to Holy Trinity. Ministry members were treated to many pictures of the opening of St. Mary’s HS at Holy Trinity as well as the opening ceremonies. Our members were excited, renewed and emotional watching the pictures! Seeing all of our parish’s efforts come to pass was most rewarding.

We hope to get these pictures organized and hope to be able to present them prior to you, our parishioners prior to each Mass in the near future.

Father Vincent prepares to visit us in May. He will be the guest of honor at our International Dinner Night. We know he will be delighted to express his gratitude and update all of us on the continuing progress at Holy Trinity. Please keep Father Vincent and Holy Trinity in your prayers.

MAY CROWNING

May 6, at the 9:00am Mass in St. Mary of the Pines

May 13, at the 12noon Mass in St. Mary’s

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

All Saints School is celebrating its 20th Anniversary on **Saturday, May 5, 7:00pm** in the All Saints All Purpose Room. At that dinner each of the pastors of the sending parishes, including our own Msgr. Ken, will be honored. In addition to the presentation, dinner and music, there will be a special robotics demonstration by students. It will be a memorable night. Please join us in honoring our pastors and supporting our school. **Tickets are \$35 person and can be purchased either in the rectory office or through the school.**

****There will be dedicate the outdoor statue garden on Friday April 27 at 1:00pm. Mass will follow. All are welcome. ****

Hearts to Hospitals

Hearts to Lead – Hands to Help

All Saints Regional Catholic School is participating in the Diocesan elementary School Day of Service.

Hearts to Hospitals: Hearts to Lead – Hands to Help will benefit sick children (infants – 17 years of age) and their families at local hospitals in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties. Students at All Saints Regional Catholic School, along with our 31 diocesan elementary schools, are participating in a Day of Service on April 27, 2018.

As parishioners, you can help too! We are collecting coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, travel size games, small puzzles, and gift cards (Wawa, iTunes, Starbucks, Applebees, etc.). All donations can be dropped off at All Saints Regional Catholic School by April 25, 2018. Donation boxes are in the flyer of the school. Donations may be dropped off Monday – Friday, from 9:00am – 2:30pm. Our students will be making care bags and delivering them to our local hospitals. Thank you for helping us help others

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat

April 28 & 29, 2018

Saturday, April 28

5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, April 29

8:00am Kathleen Briney: Kessler Family
Patricia Blaine Smith: Mr. & Mrs. John Chabala
Robert Harth: Ted & Carol Britske
Christina Cardillo: Linda & Bruno
Robyn Monahan: Jim & Linda Saladino
Howard Van Natta: Mona & Angelo Sappio
Arthur Bentley: Hank & Betty Molendyk
Tom Bono: Barra Family
John Vitolo: Carol & Peter Eschmann
Margaret Willan: Gene & Rose Zeigler
Richard Dyer: John Konieczny
10:00am Gerri Greiza: husband, Joe and daughters,
Debbie & Joanne
Alfonso LoBasso: Madeline Flynn
12:00n Louis, Julia & Russell Castelli: Norma Quartello
Mary Anne Krankowski: Parents
5:00pm Boland-Schafer and Hanlon-Lenihan Families:
Robert & Mary Boland
Richard Johnston: Debra & Chip Graham

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, April 28

4:00pm Happy 50th Anniversary Fran & Anthony Degregorio
Frank Martin: Family
Parisi & Mintarulo Families: Mr. & Mrs. John Rohr
Elsie E. Morrison: Rae Iacovelli

Sunday, April 29

7:30am Dennis Golden: Patricia Golden
Peter Prachthausen: Rick Ramentol & Gracie Kochowski
9:00am Special Intention for Carol & Dave Liming:
Louise & Richard Frein
Joseph Giacalone: Staiger Family
George Stahl: Maryann Taylor
Sue Wuebber: Staiger Family
Edward A. Gere: Staiger Family
Anne Parrinello: Robert & Susan Tolomeo
Jack Louis Littleton: Mary & Ed Tamburo
James Icklan: Wohl Family
Frank Sylvester, Jr.: B.J. & Jimmy Auletto
Salvatore P. Spagnolo: Catherine & John Van Sickle
Vincent Ascioffa: Rob & Barbara Vidal and Family
11:30am Elizabeth Piscioneri: Frank & Catherine Pannone
Marilyn O’Connor: Catherine & Frank Pannone
3:00pm Special Intentions for Vincent Devenuto: Theresa Devenuto
Special Intentions for Joseph Dzwonar: Theresa Devenuto
Special Intentions for Carol Tweitmann: Theresa Devenuto
Special Intentions: Bob Dodds
Doris Dodds: Bob Dodds
Norm Greenberg & Ron Sevean: Joanne Joanne Greenberg
Roberta Sloan & Pat Jones: Betania III

TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$27,320.00 in the collection for last Sunday and an additional \$578.00 in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone." Generosity with our blessings to help others brings sunshine into their lives. NEXT WEEKEND THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE FOR THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

NEXT SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday: St. George; St. Aldabert

Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Wednesday: St. Mark

Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon-de Montfort

WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

Emma Ross, Chase Heinis

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: *How many times does the Risen Jesus say, "Peace?" Do you know in which of three Gospels He does not say that word?*

Peace is one of the gifts of the Risen Jesus. He speaks that word once in both the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. In the Gospel of John He speaks that word three times. The Gospel of Mark does not record the Risen Jesus speaking that word.

TODAY'S QUESTION: *During Peter's preaching he says that Jesus is "the stone rejected by you the builders." Where is that found in the Old Testament?*

PRAYERS FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Martin Dowd

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Work has begun on the front steps of the St. Mary's Church, Barnegat on **Monday, April 16**. The work should take about two weeks. **During this time there will be NO interruption to the Mass schedule.** We will not have access through the front doors however, you can use the side entrances or go through Monsignor Reinbold Hall. You may also choose to attend Mass during that time in St. Mary of the Pines. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

HEALING SERVICE

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 22

9:00pm Father & Son Communion Breakfast (Parish Center)

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

7:00pm Bingo (Parish Center)

7:00pm NA (MRH)

Monday, April 23

1:00pm Crafty Ladies (MRH)

4:30pm Divine Mercy Library (Parish Center)

6:00pm Scripture Sisters (Pines)

7:00pm Light of the World (Rectory)

7:30pm Healing Mass (St. Mary's)

Tuesday, April 24

8:45am Monica's Daughters (Rectory)

10:00am Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

4:30pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)

6:30pm Light of the World (Rectory)

7:00pm AOH Auxiliary (MRH)

Wednesday, April 25

10:30am Divine Mercy Library (Pines)

4:30pm Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)

6:30pm Rosary for Betania (St. Mary's) **All Welcome**

6:30pm Journey Through Scripture (Rectory)

7:00pm Divorced & Separated (Rectory)

7:30pm Light of the World (Rectory)

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

Thursday, April 26

9:00am CCEE (Parish Center)

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

1:00pm Bridge Club (MRH)

6:00pm Youth Group (Parish Center)

7:00pm Choir (Pines)

7:00pm Life in the Spirit (Parish Center)

7:00pm Light of the World (Rectory)

Friday, April 27

1:00pm Light of the World (Rectory)

3:00pm Divine Mercy Service (Pines)

5:00pm Cardboard Box City (Parish Center)

7:00pm Emmaus (Rectory)

Saturday, April 28

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

3:30pm Confessions (St. Mary's)

7:00pm A.A. (MRH)

PILGRIMAGE TO EWTN

The EWTN Pilgrimage, which will take place in fall of this year, will depart from St. Mary of the Pines parking lot at 9:00am on Sunday, October 28 to Virginia for an overnight stay and resume trip to Irondale, Alabama and arrive there approximately 6:00pm Monday, October 29. We will return home to New Jersey late evening on November 3. Cost per person: DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$1068.00; TRIPLE/QUAD OCCUPANCY: \$1005.00; SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$1381.00. IN ADDITION THE COST FOR OVERNITE STAY AT BERNARD'S RETREAT HOUSE IS \$65.00 PER ROOM (2 PEOPLE TO A ROOM \$32.50 PER PERSON) COST FOR THREE MEALS \$22.50 PER PERSON. \$5.00 PER PERSON FOR TOUR OF AVA MARIA GROTTO. **If you are interested please call Deacon Joe Fiorillo at the rectory to sign up.**

LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

We've all heard, "No pain; No gain." I think everyone would agree to both the wisdom and the truth in that saying – in theory. The challenge comes in actually accepting it and living it. Very subtly and gradually we have seen the emergence of a counter philosophy that only acknowledges the first half of that saying, "No pain." Certainly few would actually admit to openly advocating that, but it is all around us. Evidence of it can be seen in the pervasive drug culture. With advances in medicine, we want to believe that we can achieve complete elimination of all pain. Unconsciously for sure, but in some cases even consciously, we convince ourselves that there is a magic pill that will take all pain away. I believe this provides much of the motivation to the growing trend to legalize drugs. I do not begrudge anyone with a serious illness potential benefit from what is called "medical marijuana," but the rapidly growing endorsement of "pot" clearly has a much broader aim.

Over the years I have visited many people in great pain. It breaks my heart to see their suffering and always pray that their pain will be eased. I remember one woman I used to visit at Monmouth Medical Center when I was stationed at what was then Our Lady Star of the Sea. One day she said to me, "Father. Purgatory must be emptied by now!" Of course, that meant that she was offering up her great pain that was not only intense but continuous. Yes, it is a good thing to lessen pain.

However, there is a big difference between *alleviating* pain and *eliminating* it. The difference is that the latter sets up an unrealistic goal that we will never, nor should we ever, experience pain. Cindy, our Religious Ed Director, shared with me that she was listening to a program on Catholic radio. This was the topic of discussion. One commentator noted that we are harming youth by teaching this unrealistic and unhealthy view of life. Many are obsessed with protecting children from any kind of disappointment and project a message that everyone is a winner. The problem is that when any kind of discouragement or loss comes along, as it will, they are devastated. They have not learned appropriate coping mechanisms, hence, tragically many turn to suicide or addiction to numb the pain.

In other words, we want the gain without the pain. We want resurrection without the cross. That certainly would be nice, but it's not the way it works. It's one thing to not like suffering, which no one does. It is quite another to be *incapable* of any suffering. When someone is completely incapable of living with any pain, they usually either inflict suffering on others or simply end up unable to face life. Both are tragic and not necessary.

Instead of mercy, we see mercy killing. In place of physician assistance, we see physician assisted suicide.

Rather than looking inside myself, I believe that it must always be someone else's fault. Instead of healing, I demand paradise now. The burden of suffering is the consequence of Eden. In the desert the devil tried to tempt Jesus to give up the Cross. Jesus told the devil to be gone! His answer should be our answer. Avoidance of the cross and a goal of gain without pain actually leads to greater suffering. It would be nice, but, again, it just doesn't work that way. We will do ourselves, our youth, and our society a big favor if we return to the wisdom of the *whole* slogan: "No pain; No gain."

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?'" (Matthew 16:24-26)

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Alexander and St. Epipodius (d. 178), April 22.

Alexander was a resident of Lyons in Gaul. He and his friend Epipodius fled the city to escape the persecution of Marcus Aurelius but were captured and tortured. Epipodius was beheaded and two days later Alexander died of the torture he had endured as he was fastened to a cross for his crucifixion.

MANY MINISTRIES/ONE MISSION

On **Saturday, June 16** we will have an important meeting to gather ALL the ministries of St. Mary's for a day of fellowship, reflection and renewal. There is always a great temptation to focus on MY ministry and lose sight of the bigger picture. To this end, a number of years ago we grouped all the wonderful ministries in our parish under broader headings. In order to strengthen the sense of community and working together, we invite, and strongly encourage, all the ministries to gather on that day from **9:00am until 12noon in the Parish Center.**

The day will begin with Mass at 9:00am in St. Mary of the Pines. We will proceed to the Parish Center for a continental breakfast. From 10:00am until 10:30am there will be a group presentation. At 10:30am the ministries with gather in their subgroups for discussion and sharing. There will be a brief and simple agenda for these meetings. At 11:30am we will regroup with all the ministries for a brief recap and conclusion. The day will end at 12noon.

It is important for us to come together this way so we are asking each ministry to be represented. ***To register or for more information, please contact the rectory office.***

REALITY CHECK/BASIC TRUTH

This week we continue our study of the Holy Spirit through excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Remember your homework – take some time during this Easter Season in preparation for Pentecost to read those sections of the Catechism pertaining to the Holy Spirit! This week's selection is from the section: The Name, Titles, and Symbols of the Holy Spirit:

"Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children.

The term "Spirit" translates the Hebrew word ruah, which in its primary sense, means breath, air, wind. Jesus indeed uses the sensory image of the wind to suggest to Nicodemus the transcendent newness of Him who is personally God's breath, the divine Spirit. On the other hand, "Spirit" and "Holy" are divine attributes common to the three divine Persons. By joining the two terms, Scripture, liturgy, and theological language designate the inexpressible person of the Holy Spirit, without any possible equivocation with the other uses of the terms "spirit" and holy." (CCC, #691)

The Catechism lists these symbols of the Holy Spirit: Water; Anointing; Fire; Cloud and light; Seal; Hand; Finger; and Dove. We will look at just one, fire: "While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. The prayer of the prophet Elijah, who 'arose like fire' and whose 'word burned like a torch,' brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel. This event was a 'figure' of the fire of the Holy Spirit, Who transforms what He touches. John the Baptist, who goes 'before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah,' proclaims Christ as the One who 'will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.' Jesus will say of the Spirit, 'I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!' In the form of tongues 'as of fire,' the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with Himself. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions. "Do not quench the Spirit." (CCC, #696)

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!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Adoration Chapel located on church grounds in Barnegat. ***If you would like to commit to a weekly hour of Adoration or place your name on our substitute list, call Joann Kaczala at 609-698-6168.***

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 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Media room of **St. Mary of the Pines Parish Center through May 31**. Call Dotty 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.

JOB SEEKERS SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary's Job Seeker Support Group (formerly the Employee Resource Committee) meets on the ***second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines all-purpose room***. The group offers assistance in preparing/updating a resume or cover letter, identifying job search internet links, preparing for a job interview, providing information on local job market conditions and wages, and other general support. ***Please register for a meeting in advance by contacting Steve Muench at (513) 509-3654 or smnjav@gmail.com by 5:00pm on the second or fourth Monday of each month. Thank you.***

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

Bible Study will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00pm-7:30pm until May 21. We will celebrate our final fellowship that evening, and then break for the summer. For all who have shared in this Spiritual journey - be blessed!

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

St. Mary's parish, along with many congregations in our community are part of Family Promise that helps homeless families. Our main fundraiser is Cardboard Box City which will take place **April 27 to the morning of April 28.** You can join Msgr. Ken is spending the night in a cardboard box or donate in support of this event. For more information, call the rectory office.

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, ticket to the show, and lunch at Shady Maple. **For more information, please call Doris Peters at (609) 698-3152.**

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Our annual International Night Dinner will be **Saturday, May 19, 6:30pm, in the Parish Center.** Doors will open at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$8.00 each and can be purchased at the rectory. Tickets will not be sold at the door. **If you would like to share your culinary heritage, please contact Fran Thompson at (973) 647-0716 or Patty Golden at (609) 709-1633.**

MONTHLY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

On the first Sunday of each month the Knights of Columbus will host a parish breakfast in the Parish Center from **8:00am until 12:00pm.** The cost is family friendly and you will order from a menu – individually and freshly prepared! We hope to see you there! **Please join us on May 6.**

BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Council 3826 will be hosting a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, May 16, 2:30pm to 8:00pm at the Parish Center.** To make an appointment, please call Chris at 732-278-4279 (leave a message) or Karen at 732-842-5750 x243, or email: kmcgowan@cjcblood.org. Please come out and help save a life!

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.**

Entertainment for April

April 26 – Jack Mac sings gospel and country

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.**

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 May 15.*** We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Cookie at (609) 971-2609

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Monday, April 23 is the birthday of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. (Interestingly, St. Vincent was born on April 24, one day after, although a century or so before Bl. Frederic). Born and educated in Paris, our founder was a strong protector of the Church at a time when the culture at large condemned it. His ministry of charity to the poor started as a result of a debate he had with one of the Church's critics, who challenged, "You Christians are great at arguing, but what do you actually *do*?" His life's work reflected not only his concern for the welfare of the poor but also his desire that all Christians truly live their faith. He said the poor "were God's messengers to test our justice and our charity, and to save us by our good works." We are proud to follow his footsteps and to see all the support you give us and the needy.

Last month, your donations--totaling over 10,000 pounds of food-- fed 182 families and 648 individuals and filled a great need. Thank you and God bless!

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.**

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Every Friday, we will meet at St. Mary of the Pines to say the Rosary and special prayers for our new initiative -- "Respect Life Educational Outreach Program". We will also stay for the 3:00pm for Benediction and Divine Mercy Chaplet. ***Our next Respect Life meeting is Saturday, May 5, 10:00am in the Rectory.***

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Interfaith Health and Support Services invites you to attend the Second Annual Designer Bag Bingo **Friday, June 15, at the Parish Center.** Doors open at 5:30pm. Bingo starts at 7:00pm Tickets: \$35.00 in advance; \$40.00 at the door. Coffee, tea and desserts included. Raffle baskets, door prizes, and an on-premise 50/50 will add to the evening's excitement.

All proceeds benefit Interfaith's services for seniors in Southern Ocean County. **Tickets are available at Interfaith office at 56 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm by calling (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.**

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined by 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 Line 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.

ST. MARY'S GOLF CLUB

Like to play golf but can't find someone to play regularly? Think the level of your game keeps you from enjoying a round with others?

Well, St. Mary's Golf Club just might be the answer to those questions. The club is made up of men and women who play with handicaps mostly over 15, who just enjoy playing golf and the companionship of others. St. Mary's Golf Club meets three times a year at the Parish Center. The club meetings are to sign up members for the upcoming golf outings at Atlantis Golf Course in Tuckerton.

Club membership is \$25.00 for past members and \$35.00 for new members. **The 2018 "kick off" meeting will be Monday, May 21, 6:30pm, in the Parish Center.**

If you think you might be interested in joining, you can contact Bruce Fulda at baf82@msn.com or Frank Pecht at fpocht114@comcast.net and they will be glad to answer any questions or e-mail a copy of this year's club schedule.

HELP SUPPORT HARBOR HOUSE - A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH

Harbor House, an agency that helps homeless and runaway youth, is supported largely by the Ride for New Beginnings, 400-mile bike ride July 11 through 15. **Representatives of this ride will be here this weekend to accept your donations in support of Harbor House.**

See <http://www.oceansharborhouse.org>

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.

April 26: YG to work on 'homes' for CardBoard Box City

April 27: CardBoard Box City overnight fundraiser for Family Promise

May 3: NEW! HighSchool CnCOG

May 10: No Meeting - Ascension Thursday. See Holy Day of Obligation Schedule.

May 17: HS CnC meeting

May 24: CnCOG for both groups

May 31: Jr CnC meeting

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

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.

Donovan Catholic High School Open House

Tuesday, April 24

7:00 – 9:00 pm

711 Hooper Avenue

Toms River, NJ

732-349-8801

www.DonovanCatholic.org



**KNIGHTS
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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

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

November 27-29: Trip to Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Casino. Cost of \$320.00 per person includes transportation, 2 nights accommodations, \$30.00 free slot play, two full buffets and Foxwood casino comps.

February 3 – 17, 2019: 14 night Western Caribbean cruise on the Norwegian “Escape” from New York. Cost of \$1,810.25 per person includes two amenities and taxes.

For reservations, please call Lou Serrao at (609) 698-3582.