

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**December 1 & 2, 2018**

**Saturday, December 1**

**5:30pm** Mary Reina:Joan & Bill Hall  
Isabella Bagnaturo:Masone Family  
Carlyn Ryan:Joe & Winnie Greco  
Marie Feitlin:Ann Ambrose

**Sunday, December 2**

**8:00am** Mary Lou Giacchi:Ginny & Pete Nese  
Karen Maloney Clay:Mom & Dad  
Margaret Willan:Sonya & Kevin Pitts  
Jan Curran:Mary Anne Scherer  
Carla Rogers:Gary & Judy Carline  
Herbert Rodriguez:The Alessi Family  
Marie Racciato:Bill & Leona Dolan  
Nellie Dugan:Mrs. B. Nihill  
Deacon Robert Klein:Gerri Corbliss  
Deborah Jones:The Buchansky Family

**10:00am** Frank Caso:John & Marilyn Genovese  
James Iklan:Fred & Irene Kutner  
Special Intention for Simon & Maureen Ellis:Ann & Brian

**12:00n** People of the Parish

**5:00pm** Deceased Members of the Garcia & Bracety Families:Miriam & Joe  
Rey & Lulu DeCastro:Linda  
Loretta Spada:The Coen Family

**Weekdays**

**Monday, December 3**

**8:00am** Eileen Wojewodzki:Husband, Hank  
Special Intention:Felicia  
Deacon Bob Klein:Lou & Carol Marino

**Tuesday, December 4**

**8:00am** Domenick Pugliese:Marty & Florence Lisella  
Deceased Members of the Burke Family  
Joseph Toma:Nancy & Tom McGoldrick

**Wednesday, December 5**

**8:00am** Dominic Frino:The Children  
Carmine Moccia:Megan Connors & Kathleen Wagner  
Hank Palumbo:Nancy & Tom McGoldrick

**Thursday, December 6**

**8:00am** Domenick Pugliese:Carol & Joe Butera  
Walter Kulley:Dot Bacsik  
Alfred Marino:Jim & Linda Saladino

**Friday, December 7**

**8:00am** William Julian:Wife, Barbara  
Eleanor Santeramo:Sister  
Souls in Purgatory  
Domenico Saraniero:Vito & Carol Sabio  
Alvan Blondell:Marie & Tom McLaughlin  
James Sullivan:Sullivan-Ackers Families  
Wally Hance & George Lewke:Gloria Bergman  
Walter T. Lutz:Mike Lutz, Lisa Eastburn & Diana Hough  
Gloria DiPaolo:Loretta & Ann  
Margie Rebetje:Maria Callahan

**\*\*\*Please see Holy Day Masses on Page 2\*\*\***

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

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**Saturday, December 1**

**4:00pm** Msgr. Ken's Ordination Anniversary  
Isabella Bagnaturo:Sue Costelli  
Maria Ruta:Mr. & Mrs. Rao

**Sunday, December 2**

**7:30am** Martin & Loughlin Families:Kathy & Tom Richards  
Joseph Caruana:Margie & Joe Caruana  
Alejandro Yambao:Yambao Family  
Richard Lenihan:Michael Ryan  
Doris Dodds:husband, Bob Dodds,  
Souls in Purgatory  
John Boekell:Nancy Swiat  
Alice Bird:Marlene & Bob Longmore  
Jim White:Wife, Clare  
Betty Pearce:Angie Varina

**9:00am** Tony Fazio:Family  
Eskenen & Pearson Families:Janice & Dan  
Christopher Garland:Agnes & Joe Kelly

**11:30am** Carol Sneyers:Husband  
Deceased Members of the Bono & Mates Families:Mates Family  
Pat Mancine:Margie & George Mazur

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**9:00am** Joseph Montgomery:Daughter, Kathleen DePetris  
Simmons Matkovich:Joan Filipek  
Oscar Ponce:Judge Gerald & Mrs. Foley, Jr.

**Tuesday, December 4**

**9:00am** Joan Gray:Margie & Joe Caruana  
Yolanda DeLuisi:Maria & Nicholas DeLuisi

**Wednesday, December 5**

**9:00am** Moria Hamilton:Keith, Lori & Eric Lueders  
Deacon Robert Klein:Deacon Phil & Maryann Fiore

**Thursday, December 6**

**9:00am** Peter Togher:Wife, Ann  
Steven Stanion:The Golden & Horne Families

**Friday, December 7**

**9:00am** Daniel Hagan:Wife, MaryAnn  
Charles DeSanguine:Elizabeth Baier

**ADVENT**

The Season of Advent begins this Sunday, December 2 with the First Sunday of Advent. This season which begins a new liturgical year has a two-fold character. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God is remembered, and it is also a time to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. It is a time of expectation and hope. The color of the season is purple, the *Gloria* is not sung except for solemnities and the Advent Wreath is placed near the ambo as a reminder of the four weeks leading up to the celebration of the Lord's birth in Bethlehem. The readings for Sunday will be taken from the third cycle of Scripture readings, Cycle C and for daily Mass they will be taken from the first of two cycles, Year I.

**Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat**

**Bread and Wine** are donated this week in loving memory of Karen Maloney Clay requested by Mom & Dad.

**Altar Candles** burn this week in loving memory of Frank Caso requested by John & Marilyn Genovese.

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** burns this week in loving memory of Albert & Camille Guarneri requested by the Guarneri family.

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel** burns this week in loving memory of Amadio Competello requested by Anne & Richard Lauria.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**TODAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUBDAY OF ADVENT.** Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 21:25-28

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED**

*George Hughes, Lucille Schadt, Daniel Tortoriello,  
John Tylutky, Kathleen Zayetz*

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

*Monday: St. Francis Xavier*

*Tuesday: St. John Damascene*

*Thursday: St. Nicholas*

*Friday: St. Ambrose*

*Saturday: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

**WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED**

*Jack Fitzpatrick*

**HOLY DAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Mary’s Church**

**Friday, December 7**

**7:00pm** Dalgi DeBenedetto:Rick & Lorraine  
Thompson  
Suzane Sansevere:Deacon Joe Fiorillo

**Saturday, December 8**

**8:00am** Elsie Walter:Barbara & Francis Gruccio  
Deacon Bob Klein:The Bruno Family

**10:00am** Florence Robert Grady:Sylvia Rubito  
Giovanna MarieTomasello:Yvonne  
Albericci

**St. Mary of the Pines**

**Friday, December 7**

**5:00pm** Dalgi DeBenedetto:Deacon Joe Fiorillo &  
Vincent Fiorillo  
Bill Raso :Marie Rizzuto

**Saturday, December 8**

**9:00am** Marcia Duffy:Husband Fred  
Daniel Hagan:Wife, MaryAnn

**UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES**

**St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat**

**December 8 & 9, 2018**

**Saturday, December 8**

**5:30pm** Alma Pellegrinelli:Rose Marie  
Edward Michael Jacob Sr.:Mike & Rose Jacob  
Domenick Pugliese:Anna Mae Milora  
Cannonization of Fulton Sheen  
Anthony Gunther:Susan Petras

**Sunday, December 9**

**8:00am** Geri Dino:Leona & Bill Dolan  
Anna Fotia:Carol Mazzarella

**10:00am** Virginia Gehan:Ray & Jane Gehan  
Alice Scaglione:Iris Hines  
Bishop Fulton Sheen:Cox Family  
Joseph Weaver:Lynch Family  
Clare Krawiec:The Zawistowski Family  
Deceased Members of the Boland, Schafer,  
Hanlon & Lenahan Families:Mary & Robert  
Boland  
Joseph Orlando:Moms  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jim & Pat Petrozzino:Mr. &  
Mrs. Culkin  
Gloria DiPaolo:Lucille Pami  
Special Intention Patricia Ellis:Ann & Brian  
DeQuarto  
Raymond DiStasi:Saropoulos Family  
Jack Callahan:Wife, Maria  
Deceased Members of the Luongo & Carzillo  
Families:Stella Bock  
Rosalie Pape:Peter & Maryann Galvano  
Franklin Phillips:Grace Mitterando

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**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Banns**

*Anthony Favo & Marielle Dwyer*

## TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$24,880.00 in the collection for last weekend, \$2,195.00 in the second envelope towards our Diocesan Assessment and an additional \$928.00 in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty." The beginning of a new liturgical year is a great time to evaluate and pray about our stewardship and tithing.

TODAY THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE TOWARDS OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT.

+TODAY THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TO SUPPORT OUR NEWLY FORMED MINISTRY TO THE LATINO COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN OCEAN COUNTY.

+NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL TAKE UP A SECOND COLLECTION TO SUPPORT HOLY TRINITY IN UGANDA.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**LAST WEEK:** *Here's an easy one. Jesus Christ is called the "the Alpha and the Omega," in today's Second Reading. What does that mean?*

*Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, thus Jesus is the First and the Last.*

**TODAY'S QUESTION:** *In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah declares that God will "raise up for David a just shoot." Can you recall a famous passage in Isaiah that also speaks of a "shoot?"*

**The Grace and Peace Prayer Ministry is in need of persons willing to pray for our deceased parishioners (attending funeral Masses/services at our churches). You go when you can, and in doing so, fulfill one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy – 'pray for the living and the dead'. \*\*\*We are also asking if you are homebound and unable to attend masses but want to pray, we need you too! You can pray for the deceased and their families at home, and your prayers are greatly desired! \*\*\***

**The Grace and Peace Ministry also is growing to include (for those who want to help in this way) to pray for the very ill and dying. Divine Mercy is needed, and we will either gather and pray for people we are told need the prayers, or we can even gather at bedside and pray for them, (whatever the suffering person/family members would like).**

**Discretion, time and a desire to pray for others are all that are needed. If interested, please call Felicia Massari at (609) 994-6011 for further information.**

## ST. PARE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to join us on Saturday, December 8 after the 8:00am Mass in Monsignor Reinbold Hall. We pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy, St. Pio Novena, speakers, and videos. Refreshments will be served.

**During the Advent season, flowers are not permitted in Church.**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, December 2**

- 9:00am** Parish Christmas Breakfast (Parish Center)
- 9:30am** Pageant Rehearsal
- 10:30am** RCIA (Rectory)
- 1:30pm** Baptisms (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** Tower Lighting & Concert (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Bingo (Parish Center)
- 7:00pm** NA (MRH)

### **Monday, December 3**

- 4:30pm** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 4:30pm** Religious Education Classes
- 6:00pm** Scripture Sisters (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Light of the World (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** CYO Basketball (Parish Center)
- 7:45pm** Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

### **Tuesday, December 4**

- 9:00am** MOMS Group (Parish Center)
- 11:00am** Scripture Sharing (Rectory)
- 4:30pm** Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
- 7:00pm** CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

### **Wednesday, December 5**

- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 4:30pm** Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
- 6:30pm** Rosary for Betania (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** Enough Meeting (MRH)
- 7:00pm** Divorced & Separated Group (Rectory)
- 7:30pm** Light of the World (Rectory)
- 8:00pm** NA (Parish Center)

### **Thursday, December 6**

- 9:00am** Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)
- 6:00pm** High School Youth Group (Parish Center)
- 7:00pm** Choir Practice (Pines)

### **Friday, December 7**

- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 3:00pm** Divine Mercy Service (Pines)
- 5:00pm** Holy Day Mass (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Holy Day Mass (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** Emmaus (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** Spanish Ministry (Pines)

### **Saturday, December 8**

- 6:30am** That Man is You (Parish Center)
- 8:00am** Holy Day Mass (St. Mary's)
- 8:30am** Padre Pio Prayer Group (MRH)
- 9:00am** Holy Day Mass (Pines)
- 10:00am** Holy Day Mass (St. Mary's)
- 3:30pm** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 6:00pm** Simbang Gabi (Pines)
- 7:00pm** A.A. (MRH)

## Nativity Signs

We have beautiful new Nativity lawn signs for the upcoming Christmas Season.

They are available at the rectory.

Suggested donation is \$5.00 per sign.

Cardinal Tobin, Bishop O'Connell and all the Bishops of New Jersey have issued an important statement about the abuse scandal in the Church. I thought that it was important for everyone to be able to read it so I am including the entire text in place of my letter. As always if anyone wishes to discuss any of these matters, I will be most happy to do so.

**A statement from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., on the NJ dioceses' plan to establish a victims' program, publish names of credibly accused clergy**

Since the establishment of the Dallas Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2002 (revised in 2005, 2011 and 2018) and its accompanying Essential Norms, dioceses across the country — including the Diocese of Trenton — have committed themselves to the eradication of the sexual abuse of minors in the Church and its institutions and agencies. In addition, the dioceses of New Jersey entered into an agreement with the Office of the Attorney General of New Jersey and the prosecutors of every county — known as the Memorandum of Understanding — to report every single instance of the alleged sexual abuse of minors in the Church to their offices. Following the review and response of prosecutors, Diocesan Review Boards, composed predominantly of lay professionals, make determinations of credibility to present to the bishop who, in turn, takes immediate, appropriate actions in accord with the Charter and Essential Norms and Canon Law.

Extensive measures for the prevention of the sexual abuse of minors in the Church have been in place here in the Diocese of Trenton for many years, including, but not limited to, criminal background checks, Virtus training, and supervision of everyone who comes into contact with minors. The Diocese's policies, practices and adherence to these preventative measures are audited regularly by both the Diocese and USCCB. Every clergyman must present a "testimonial letter of suitability" from his bishop or religious superior to the Chancery and to the parish, institution or agency before being permitted to participate in any ministerial activity, liturgical, sacramental or otherwise.

In the Diocese of Trenton, an Office of Child and Youth Protection exists in the Chancery with a "24/7" hotline for reporting of allegations of the sexual abuse of minors in the Church that is checked several times a day. A Victims Assistance Coordinator documents every allegation reported and follows up with the alleged victim. All allegations are reported to the county prosecutor. Every alleged victim is invited to present his/her allegation in person to the Diocesan Review Board. No alleged victim deemed credible has ever been refused help by the Diocese of Trenton.

In the past 10 years, over \$9 million has been distributed by the Diocese of Trenton to the victims of the sexual abuse of minors in the Church whose allegations have been determined to be credible. No victim has been required by the Diocese of Trenton to enter a confidentiality agreement as a condition of

compensation. Where such agreements have existed, they were requested by victims and/or his/her attorney to protect their identities.

Many victims' advocates groups have recommended that dioceses release the names of clergy credibly accused of the sexual abuse of minors. They believe that the publication of such lists will encourage other victims to come forward and seek healing. The Diocese of Trenton has been considering this action for some time and will join the other dioceses of New Jersey in publishing, early in the new year, a list of clergy credibly accused of the sexual abuse of minors. It is hoped that this action will bring healing and closure to those who have suffered from sexual abuse as minors in the Church and will prompt others so affected to come forward to seek healing.

The Diocese of Trenton will also join the other dioceses of New Jersey in creating its own Victims Compensation Program to assist victims who were sexually abused as minors by a representative of the Church in the Diocese of Trenton. Details surrounding this program, its availability and conditions for access to it are being developed and will be announced as soon as they are available.

We continue to be vigilant in our administration of the preventative measures we have had in place, and I am convinced that these efforts offer the best possible protection available for keeping children and young people safe in our churches, schools and all programs we administer.

With the heaviest of hearts and deep shame, I apologize once more to all victims of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and other personnel in the Diocese of Trenton. I hope that our latest efforts at transparency and outreach related to such abuse will serve as both a recognition of your deep suffering and an opportunity to begin healing in your lives.

May God bring you peace and may Mary, Mother of the Lord, lead you to the loving embrace of Her Son.

**KNOW YOUR SAINTS**

*St. Bibiana (4<sup>th</sup> century), December 2.*

Though the church of St. Bibiana in Rome dates from the fifth century, attesting to the veneration early paid her, the story of her life is uncertain. It is said that she was the daughter of the ex-prefect, Flavian, who had been tortured for his faith and banished to Acquapendente during the persecution of Julian the Apostate. After Flavian's death, his wife, Dafrosa, was beheaded and Bibiana and her sister, Demetria, were deprived of all their possessions and then were arrested. Demetria dropped dead on her arrest, and Bibiana was scourged to death. She is also known as Viviana.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

If you have not already noticed, the new Church sign has been installed in front of St. Mary's!



### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

We can rush right through Advent without even realizing four weeks have gone by because we are so busy. But, we are called to not be so busy and adoration requires that. Are you seeking peace and quiet during the hustle and bustle of Advent? Regular adorers of the Eucharist say adoration is a good way to prepare for Christ's return. (Catholic Courier) Adoration at St. Mary's takes place in the Adoration Chapel on church grounds in Barnegat. To become an Adorer for one of the hours listed below, or to put your name on our substitute list, call Joann Kaczala at 609-698-6168.

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

**MONDAY, 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

**TUESDAY, 5:00am to 6:00am (share)**

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

**SATURDAY, 7:00am to 8:00am**

### **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.**

**December 6: Dakota Reider**

**December 13: Ken Iovino**

**December 20: Piano Pete**

**December 27: Jack Mac**

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

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. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 4. Can't make mornings? Join us for our monthly night meeting instead. All moms are welcome!

### **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard on the last Wednesday of the month, except for December. Since the last Wednesday is the day after Christmas and there were many opportunities for the Sacrament **we will NOT have confession on December 26.**

### **TWIN PARISH NEWS**

#### **# 12..... in our Uganda visit ...The "Haves" and the "Have Nots"**

One afternoon while Monsignor and I were relaxing waiting for Father Vincent to complete some business in his office two young girls approached us. After saying our hellos one of the girls asked if we would answer a few questions. We were delighted. She was inquisitive and wanted to know about **AMERICA**. "What is it like?", she asked. At first, we were taken off guard for a minute or two. How do you tell child about life in America when she lives in a third world country? A country with no running water, no public services whatsoever and poor medical facilities. A child who was born, raised and lives in the "bush" with little knowledge about life, or life experiences outside of the "bush".

We started by describing NYC city and the huge skyscrapers. "How Big are they? she wanted to know. Bigger than the tops of the trees. Do the children go to school there? Of course. We explained the similarities and the differences. As she got more comfortable with us, she expanded her questions. We had to be careful explaining the differences between our countries to these young girls while we conversed with them. Gloria, the spokesperson between the two girls, asked if she could ever go to America. We were cautious not to make promises or paint too rosy a picture for her chances to accomplish such a massive undertaking for her. (Mary had cautioned us about making any outward promises while we were visiting).

Monsignor asked her about life in Uganda and we began to find areas which were similar. Again, school, sports and our religions were a nice fit. Then Monsignor asked her about Uganda specifically and her answer kind of stunned both of us. She was unhappy in Uganda because...."**There are too many kidnappings!**" **Wow!** We were caught off guard by that answer. We had been told that young girls are often forced into marriages with older men. Father Vincent had told us of stories where young girls are often sold or used as bargain chips between some families. He spoke of the dangers of young girls who have to walk great distances to get to and from school in Uganda.

I thought to myself, no wonder parents struggling to feed their families struggle even more so that young girls can attend school. All children have a safe environment at our elementary and high schools. I imagine this is a major concern and priority for parents of girls in particular. At school they have a clean, secure place to sleep, a good meal at least once a day and a chance at achieving a lifesaving education. This parental concern for girls may be a determining factor in the high female enrollment at St. Mary's HS where the girls currently outnumber boys 3 to 1. Once again, the differences are glaring between our two countries: the lifestyles and the upbringing exhibit stark contrasts between "**the HAVES vs the HAVE NOTS**". Thank God for how fortunate we are here at home.

### **MARTHA/ MARY MINISTRY**

The Martha-Mary Ministry is looking for volunteers to help decorate the Churches for the liturgical seasons. If you are interested in helping, please call 609-698-5516 or email at [Kawameehprincess@aol.com](mailto:Kawameehprincess@aol.com).

### **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 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.**

### **TUESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE GROUP**

This informal group meets in the rectory on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 to read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

As Advent approaches and prepares our hearts and souls for Christmas, we will be collecting gift cards of every denomination from Kohl's, Marshall's, Five Below, and Target, for our Adopt a Family tradition. Thank you for sharing the journey with us—and for loving our neighbors. Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!



### **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 12pm to 3pm on December 25th at the Parish Center. For more information, call Mike at: 606.713.7171 or Gail at: 609.713.1977.

If you wish to volunteer or donate, please contact us at: [stmaryschristmasdaydinner@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschristmasdaydinner@gmail.com).

Thank you and God Bless!

### **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.**

### **THAT MAN IS YOU! MENS MINISTRY**

That Man is You! is an interactive multimedia men's journey focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. It is a program that successively considers men in their relationship to God, their spouse, their children and to their community. Men have described TMIY as a program where they can find direction, real world answers, and a group of like-minded Catholic men who share the same struggles.

This year, the men of St. Mary's Parish are working on their 4th year of TMIY! They are among over 100,000 participants from over 650 parishes across the United States. In the words of TMIY Vice President Mark Hartfiel, "The fruits of this program are generational. Our children, grandchildren and their children will reap the blessings." It is never too late to join this free program. **We meet every Saturday from 6:30am - 8am in the Parish Center.** Breakfast, coffee & tea are served.

### **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*

### **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](mailto:smnjav@gmail.com) by 5:00pm on the second or fourth Monday of each month. Thank you.**

### **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.**

### 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.**



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Christmas Concert with the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson will be **Friday, December 14, 7:30pm, in St. Mary of the Pines. ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED BY ROW. Tickets are \$28.00 per person. For more information or for ticket sales, please call Dot Karabin at (609) 698-4242.** Please order your group tickets at one time. There will be no sign-up lists in the rectory and there are NO refunds. Seats are assigned when payment is received.

### SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi, Annual Filipino Advent Christmas Mass will be on **December 8 beginning with 6:00pm Rosary & 6:30 Mass in St. Mary of the Pines, followed by a reception in the Parish Center.** All are welcome. There will be a flower offering and crowning for the Blessed Mother.

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

Our Study meets weekly on Monday evenings in the AP room at the Pines from 6-7:30pm. We will meet September thru mid June. Updates/information will be available through Flocknote as we move forward. If you miss a week never worry, just come when you can! The ministry is open to all women in our Parish, and the focus is to help women grow spiritually as we come to understand what the Church teaches through the Liturgy of the Word. Materials will be provided. Text or call Jackie Carlson (732)300-0950 if you have questions or concerns. **Come, let's learn together!**

### 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 will be December 18,** where at this time we will hold a Christmas Grab Bag. Please bring a gift worth \$10.00 and that would be appropriate for a man or woman. We hope to see you there. **If you have any questions, please call Cookie at (609) 971-2609.**

### 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: 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 December 30.**

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

### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Statements from the USCCB on Faithful Citizenship:

"Many political issues have important moral dimensions that must be considered. **Protecting human life** begins with our opposition to abortion and euthanasia, which are pre-eminent threats to human life and dignity, and extends to our opposition to cloning, assisted suicide and the death penalty, and our efforts to pursue peace." (You are encouraged to read a complete statement on *Faithful Citizenship* by going to The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship on the USCCB website.)

### CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

All children interested in participating and a parent should attend. Ages from preschool through 11 are welcome.

Practices will be held each Sunday after the 9AM Mass. Parents must stay with their children.

For questions, please email Maryclaire [Balko-balkomc@comcast.net](mailto:Balko-balkomc@comcast.net)

### CRAFTY LADIES

The Crafty Ladies will be taking some time off for the holidays. We donated to the Barnegat Nursing Home, Manahawkin Nursing Home, New Lisbon Developmental Center, Birthright, and the Veterans Home in Edison. We thank you for your donations and support. Watch the bulletin for when we resume our meetings in the New Year. For more information, please call Rita at (609) 607-9568.

### ENOUGH MEETING

Our next Enough Meeting will be **Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.**

### THANK YOU!!

Thanks to the Boy Scouts Troop 66 for all of their hard work raking the leaves at the priest's residence. It was a lot of effort and it is very much appreciated.

## 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.

### **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\*\*\**

**From now until December we will be open Saturday and Sunday. In January we will resume our Winter hours, which will be Saturday and Sunday only.**

### 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 Santa Misa en Espanol se celebra cada Domingo de cada mes a las 2:00pm en la Iglesia**

**Santa Maria de los Pinos. Todos los viernes tenemos Grupo de Oracion a las 7:00pm. Como pueblo de Dios te invitamos a encontrarte con El a travez del**

**Santo Rosario**

**Lectura y meditacion de la Palabra.**

**Alabanza**

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

### 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 1, 2019 at the Parish Center - doors open at 5:45 pm. Tickets will cost \$37.00 per person and will go on sale Wednesday, December 5. To order your tickets, please call the rectory at 698-5531 and leave your name, phone number and number of tickets needed.

### ALL SAINTS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for a unique and once in a lifetime opportunity! All Saints will be hosting a display of over 100 Nativity Sets from around the world that were collected over a many years. This collection will be displayed in the school on Friday, December 21 from 4:00 to 6:00pm; Saturday, December 22 from 12:00noon to 3:00pm; Sunday, December 23 from 12noon to 3:00pm. The cost of admission is \$8 for adults, children 12 and under free. There will be refreshments including Cookies with Santa, raffles of special items including two beautiful collector Nativity Sets and Christmas music. Don't miss the special event to celebrate the birth of Jesus and support our Catholic school!

### 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.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall. New members are welcome always. **For more information, please call Grand Knight Ed Massari at 609-994-6001.**

### COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

We have a Squires Circle for boys ages 10-18. **For more information, please call Chief Counselor Tom Davies at 347-728-2654.**

### SQUIRE ROSE CIRCLE

We have a Squire Rose Circle for girls ages 10-18. **If interested, please contact our head counselor is Janine Davies at 347-728-2655.**

### Knights of Columbus Trips

**February 26, 2019:** Trip to Sands Casino. Cost of \$42.00 per person includes transportation, \$30.00 in casino credit, \$5.00 food coupon and driver's gratuity.

**March 16, 2019:** Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Cost of \$115.00 per person includes transportation, tickets to a special St. Patrick Day celebration starring Andy Cooney, Chloe Agnew, Gary Wilson, the Guinness Irish Band and Irish dancers, and lunch.

**April 24-25:** Trip to Dover Downs Hotel and Casino and to Delaware Park Casino. Cost of \$195.00 includes transportation, hotel, room tax, resort fee, baggage handling, two buffets, \$50.00 free play from Dover Downs and \$30.00 free play from Delaware Park.

**July 14-21, 2019:** Seven night Bermuda cruise on the Celebrity "Summit" from Cape Liberty. Cost of \$1,365.00 per person, which includes port charges, taxes, and fees. Book and oceanview or higher and you will receive one perk

**September 9 – 11, 2019:** Trip to Hudson Valley, NY. Cost of \$479.00 includes transportation, hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, West Point tour, 2 hour Pride of the Hudson boat tour, Brotherhood wine tasting tour, and much more.

**For reservations, please call Charlie Serwin at (609) 978-0970.**