

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
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 J. 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
60th 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

12:00n Deceased Members of the Luongo & Carzillo
Families:Stella Bock
Rosalie Pape:Peter & Maryann Galvano
Franklin Phillips:Grace Mitterando

5:00pm People of the Parish

Weekdays

Monday, December 10

8:00am John Prendergast:Nora & Arthur Fried
Carmine Moccia:Dot & Mary
George McGlaughlin:Jarín Family

Tuesday, December 11

8:00am Deceased Members of the David
Family:Grace
James Reina:Joan & Bill Hall
Ruth Cuprak:Jim & Linda Saladino

Wednesday, December 12

8:00am Anne Lucas:Richard Lucas
Eschmann & Sacco Families:Carol & Peter
Chuck Jones:Jack & Peggy Pongracz

Thursday, December 13

8:00am Elsie Morrison:Howard & Helen Rhodes
Father Andrew Apostoli:Cox Family
Franklin Phillips:Rita Marino

Friday, December 14

8:00am John Tho:Wife, Grace
Souls in Purgatory
Katherine Crowley-Foster:Nora & Arthur
Fried
Peter Dory:Nora & Arthur Fried
Ciriaco "Rocky" Granito:Pat Lawless
Mary Ellen Lawler:Jean Micallef
Louis Houmis:Jack & Peggy Pongracz
James Sullivan:Sullivan-Ackers Families
Marie Mesiano:John & Ceil Lombardo
Domenico Saraniero:Raymond Ranucci
Amadio DeFilippo

Saturday, December 15

8:00am Elsie
Special Intention:Felicia
Deacon Bob Klein:Carol & Carl Kaczmariski
Margie Rebetje:Maria Callahan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin
December 8 & 9, 2018

Saturday, December 8

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

4:00pm Carmine Villani:Wife, Caroline
Marian & Peter & Pete Bednarski:Bruce &
Debbie Fulda
MaryLou Philhower:Jim & Roslyn Marchese

Sunday, December 9

7:30am Richards & Webber Families:Tom & Kathy
Richards
Richard Lenihan:Mary Ryan

9:00am James Iklan:The Vidal Family
Susanne Purdue:June & Robert Engel
Kenneth Cavanaugh:Ferraro Family
Mary Lou Regulski:Chris Lockwood
Solay Martinez:The Marin Family
Angelina & John Dolce:Daughter, Sylvia
Irene Bager:Sisters, Marilyn & Eileen
Richard Fotia:Elaine & Don Brown
Jack Coogan:Eileen & George Feldner
Bill Raso:Jean Torkelson

11:30am William Julian:Wife, Barbara
Walter Serembus:Ginny Draney
Connie Elliott:Charlie & Family
Richard Falco Jr.:Gary & Anna Franklin

Weekdays

Monday, December 10

9:00am James White:Rosemarie Donato
Arlene Hoffman:Perry's Lake Red Hats
Dorothy & William Liebau:Patricia Liebau

Tuesday, December 11

9:00am Bill Jarrett:Madelyn & Glenn Tooth
Ann Duff:The Grabowski Family

Wednesday, December 12

9:00am Sacco & Eschmann Families:Carol & Pete
Eschmann
Happy Birthday Nicholas Dentato:Daughter &
Family

Thursday, December 13

9:00am Maureen Sarao & Tom Tumulty:Ann Ryan
Bruno Martinelle:Daughter, Marijean

Friday, December 14

9:00am Steven Tooth:Mom & Dad
Joseph Rogalski:The Toy Run Foundation
Margaret Papp:Judge Gerald & Andrea Foley,
Jr.



Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat

Bread and Wine are donated this week as a Thank you to Don & Terri Pregler requested by Peggy Pongracz.

Altar Candles burn this week in loving memory of William Schoenebaum requested by wife, Helen, **Sanctuary Lamp in the Church** burns this week in loving memory of Helen Davis requested by the O’Neill Family.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Nick DelVecchio requested by Joann & Steve Kaczala.

Memorials – St. Mary of the Pines

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Zuttowski requested by their son, George.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

NEXT SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

*Claire Barlotta, Michael Peter Connors,
Michael Duane*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

*Tuesday: St. Damascus
Wednesday: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Thursday: St. Lucy
Friday: St. John of the Cross*

WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

Leandro Chavarria, Kalet Garcia-Solis

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd Banns
Anthony Favo & Marielle Dwyer

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.**

HEALING MASS

There will NOT be a healing Mass in December.

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat

December 15 & 16, 2018

Saturday, December 15

5:30pm Eugene Randazzo:Daughter
Patrick Nihill:Celia Kreiter
Donald Kreiter:Celia Kreiter
Mary Ellen Kulbis:George & Dottie Gribas

Sunday, December 16

8:00am Thomas Donovan:Joe Jacangelo
Stacey Macri:Jim & Nora Clarkin
10:00am Thomas Ledden:Caroline Schimmenti
William Rullo:Dee & Rich Boscarino
Lucy Fraser:Saar Family
12:00n Christine Wile:Mary Jo Rizzone
Benjamin Vaccarella:Peter & Maryann Galvano
Theodore Williams:Mr. & Mrs. W. Guido
Ariana Solimando:The Davies Family
Tony Russo:Pat & Joe Maier
Alice Olker:Isaacs Family
Gordon Gwinnell:Mary Anne Gwinnell
Ernest Andersen:Kathy LaPrete
Darla Kielbasa:Kathy LaPrete
Kathryn DeVarney:Frank & Paula Little
Lucy Mitrano:The Stuccio Family
Happy 50th Anniversary Richard & Carolyn Frising
5:00pm Steve Marinello:Rosemarie
Deceased Members of the Boland, Schafer,
Hanlon & Lenahan Families:Mary & Robert Boland

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, December 15

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 16

7:30am Clark & Furlong Families:Kathy & Tom Richards
Victoria Napolitano:Fran & Gary Thompson
Christopher Garland:The Daly Family
9:00am Ripalta & Raffaele Ferrara:Mary & Louis Ferrara
Peter Lipowski:St. Mary’s Religious Education Staff
Richard Gutkowski:Robert & Johann Ostman
11:30am Frank Garrity:Wife, Marilyn & Family
James Hanvey:Family
Susanne Perdue:Dee & Michael Flannerly
Frank Pra Jr.:Family
Helen Mills:Frank & Catherine Pannone
Irene Badger:Kay & Fred Voebel
Herbert Weiner:Kathleen Fromholz
Patricia Williams:Mom Williams
Larry Schenk:Jack & Carole Jamieson
James Sullivan:Sullivan-Ackers Families
Gerard Madden:Family

TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$29,375.00 in the collection for last weekend, \$3,621.00 in the second envelope towards our Diocesan Assessment, \$453.00 in the second collection to support our Latino ministry and an additional \$ in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." This refrain from today's Responsorial Psalm reminds us of the spirit behind our Stewardship.

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

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: *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?"*

There is the famous Messianic quote from Isaiah 11:1—
"But a **shoot** shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom."

TODAY'S QUESTION: *Why does Luke mention in today's Gospel that there were two high priests, Annas and Caiaphas?*

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.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 9

- 9:30am** Pageant Rehearsal
- 10:30am** RCIA (Rectory)
- 1:30pm** Baptisms (St. Mary's)
- 2:00pm** Spanish Mass (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Bingo (Parish Center)
- 7:00pm** NA (MRH)

Monday, December 10

- All Day** Monthly Day of Prayer (both Churches)
- 4:30pm** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 6:00pm** Scripture Sisters (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Evening Prayer (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** Light of the World (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** CYO Basketball (Parish Center)
- 7:45pm** Spanish Bible Study (Pines)

Tuesday, December 11

- 8:45am** Monica's Daughters (Rectory)
- 11:00am** Scripture Sharing (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

Wednesday, December 12

- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 6:00pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception (P/C)
- 7:00pm** Divorced & Separated Group (Rectory)
- 7:30pm** Light of the World (Rectory)
- 8:00pm** NA (Parish Center)

Thursday, December 13

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

Friday, December 14

- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 3:00pm** Divine Mercy Service (Pines)
- 5:45pm** Fr. Alphonse Christmas Concert (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Emmaus (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** Spanish Ministry (Pines)

Saturday, December 15

- All Day** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** A.A. (MRH)



LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

(If anyone wishes a copy of the statement from Bishop O'Connell included in last week's bulletin regarding the scandal in the Church, we have them in the rectory.)

What did you want to be as you were growing up? The term is no longer used, but my first dream was to become what we called back then a "garbage man." I was fascinated by the big trucks whose roaring engine I could hear coming down the street, the hissing sound as they came to a stop, but above all those guys who hung on the side clinging to the bar in the back. The driver would stop the truck and they would jump down and empty the cans (they were heavy metal containers) and jump back on to continue their rounds. I was so fascinated by them that I can remember one day when we were on one of our trips, as we pulled away in a parking lot, I grabbed on to the back door which I did not close. As it swung open, I was holding on and shouting, "Look. I'm a garbage man!" Mom and dad were not pleased! I never could have imagined back then that in God's plan that dream would come true...

One of those chores that every home has to tend to is the taking out of the garbage. Whether you want to or not, if no one takes care of it the house will very quickly become a mess and begin to smell. Isn't it amazing how quickly it piles up and, indeed, how much garbage we create. And, of course, we have to do this at least every week—or else. However, the getting rid of the trash doesn't end with us taking it to the street. We need that garbage disposal service to come by each week and take it away. If not, we will end up like one of those scenes that appear on TV when they show the piles of trash because of a garbage strike.

Not too long ago I realized that this part of my job as a priest. Yes, I am a garbage man! In this season of Advent it is customary, and a beautiful practice, to go to confession. What is confession? I suggest that it is taking out the garbage. Every day, just like in our homes, we create garbage—those little lies, arguments, selfishness, harsh words—you get the point. What do we do with that garbage? We have to get rid of it; we have to take out the trash. That's confession! If we don't do it, just like the garbage in our homes, it will begin to pile up. Not only that, just like the trash in our homes, we can't just do it once a year, or once in a while. We need to do it all the time. In fact, the more we take out the garbage, the cleaner our homes are! The same is true with confession and our souls.

But, remember—it doesn't end there. We need a service to take the garbage away and dispose of it. That's where I, or I mean, a priest comes in. We take the sins, the garbage, and get rid of them. We give them to God who destroys them by the merciful power of the Cross of Jesus.

I have actually said to people after they have confessed their sins that they should give it to me. Leave it there and let me dispose of it. Don't hold on to them. The whole idea is to be free of the garbage and to feel clean and good. That's part of the reason I always say that confession is a beautiful sacrament.

With all of that, I invite you to go to Confession for Advent, but to keep going. Remember like the garbage, we have to take out the trash on a regular basis. Let your friendly garbage man take it away for you. Make my dream come true! Happy Advent!

"[Jesus] said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:21-23)

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Hipparchus (d. 297 or 308), December 9.

He and Philotheus were magistrates at Samosata on the Euphrates who had been converted to Christianity. On his return from a campaign against the Persians, Emperor Maximinus noticed that his magistrates were missing from the public celebration, which included sacrifices to the pagan gods, as he had ordered. When he found they had not made sacrifices for three years he had them and Abibus, James, Lollian, Paregrus, and Romanus, whom they had converted, brought before him. When they all refused to sacrifice to the gods, he had them all tortured and then imprisoned for two months.

When they still persisted in their refusal, he had them all crucified at Samosata. They are known as the Martyrs of Samosata.

REALITY CHECK/BASIC TRUTH

Many people will state that they do not understand the Bible. Passages read at this time of the year can be especially challenging. It is helpful to know that Scripture contains different kinds of literature. Readings for these earlier part of Advent fall into a category of writing known as **apocalyptic literature**. These are those passages that describe cosmic unrest and descriptions of catastrophic events that some erroneously believe offer a secret key to predicting the end of the world or the second coming. Over the next few weeks we will present a brief description of this type of writing in the Bible—apocalyptic.

ST. GERARD HEALING SERVICE

There will not be a St. Gerard Healing Service for December. Beginning in January, we will have a program of Senior Spirituality Days with guest speakers and Benediction. These will take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm, in St. Mary of the Pines with light refreshments. There will be more information in future bulletins.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

In anticipation of Christmas, we will be offering all day Confessions on **Saturday, December 15, 8:30am – 4:00pm, in St. Mary's Church in Barnegat.**



"It is in the Blessed Sacrament that we find strength. Without my daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, I could not have lasted one single day." (St. Damien The Leper) 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 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!

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bingo is offered every Sunday from 7:00pm – 10:00pm in the Parish Center. Volunteers are needed to assist in running the games. We are not looking for a life-long commitment. If you can volunteer for one Sunday per month, it will help tremendously. Whether you have experience in playing or helping run bingo games in the past is not a requirement. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Please contact either Ray Polese at 660-0334 or Vito LaCorte at 709-7331.

TWIN PARISH NEWS

13.... in our visit to Holy Trinity.. **The Value of SPONSORSHIP**

Monsignor Ken and I had the good fortune to meet and spend some quality time with the young girls whom we sponsor at Holy Trinity. These two young girls were a joy and blessing to be with during our stay in Uganda. We did meet one or two of the other sponsored children from our parish also. The joy and satisfaction each of us experienced was truly emotional.

We would hope that more of our parishioners might consider sponsorship and/or join our Uganda Ministry's mission of Feeding A Family. \$25 feeds a family of four for a month. \$450 sponsors an elementary child for one year. \$600 sponsors a student in secondary school for one year. The cost of sponsoring a student in major seminary is \$800. Do you think that is too expensive? Each recipient receives a safe place to stay/sleep, in a dormitory. Each receives at least one full meal a day. Each gets new uniforms and scholastic supplies as well as hygiene supplies for the year. If you believe sponsorship is a hardship for you after viewing the pictures and videos we've brought back with us perhaps you could team upon with a friend or relative and revisit those thoughts by saving a child's life and for providing them a future in Uganda. **The Lord has said, "What you do for the least among you, you do for me"**.

Yamba Uganda has several supporters who sponsor more than one child. Mary spoke about one anonymous sponsor from another parish who SPONSORS 25 CHILDREN! GOD BLESS HER! This woman has paid the fees for all 25 of these children's Primary and Secondary Education children through Senior 6 (grade level) through 2020.

Please rethink and consider sponsorship or feeding a family this year if you have not already done so. By doing one or the other, or both, you can save lives and give a child a chance for an education and a successful life. **Any and all these donations are tax deductible.**

You may apply online at: stmarysugandanministry.com or simply contact any Twin Parish Ministry member.

May God continue to bless Father Vincent, Yamba Uganda, the children in our new high school and all of you, our supporting parishioners.

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.

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 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.

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. To order your tickets, please call the rectory at 698-5531 and leave your name, phone number and number of tickets needed.

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.

Thank you and God Bless!

BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE

The Birthright giving trees are once again in both Churches for the next two weeks of December. Birthright is a non-profit, all volunteer, pro-life organization that offers free pregnancy tests, free counseling and free help for babies and their mothers the first year of the babies' lives. We are asking that you please take a tag from the tree and drop off your donation at the rectory. Thank you for all you do for the mothers and their babies.

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.**

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

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.**

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.**

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Journey Through Grief" is a bereavement support group sponsored by St. Pius X Church in Forked River. Team members are experienced, certified bereavement facilitators who emotionally and spiritually support those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Registration is now open for the Fall session. We meet for eight consecutive Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm, in St. Pius X Church Meeting Room. **The first session begins on January 8**. Participation is free of charge and is limited to adults who have suffered their loss prior to **October 2018**.

Registration forms, brochures and information sheets are available at the rectory. **Please mail forms to Paul Little at the following address prior to January 1.**

Paula Little

24 Cedar Street

Barnegat, NJ 08005

For further information, please call St. Pius X at (609) 693-5107.

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

The Christmas Concert conducted by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson is Friday, December 13, at 7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines. The doors will open at 6:30pm. Be sure to bring your ticket for seat assignment. No tickets will be sold at the door and there are no refunds. Please use the main entrance. Please do not put your coats on the seats, we need the space. Any questions, please call (609) 698-4242. Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the music.

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: 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 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. **Promoting family life** focuses on support of marriage, parental choice in education, responsible communications, and moral and economic supports for families. This brief description only begins to describe how Catholic teaching has been applied to these issues." (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)

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU! MENS MINISTRY

There will be **no sessions** from **December 8 through January 26, 2019**. Brand new sessions will start up again on **Saturday February 2, 2019**. See the parish website, Facebook page and the bulletin for upcoming announcements.

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.

DEC 13. CnCOG both Jr & HS 6:30-8:30pm Sunday

DEC 16 Christmas Party at St Pius X with cohort Youth Groups contact Youth office for permission slip.

SAVE THE DATE...Thursday January 31, St Mary's Youth Ministry has scheduled a youth night to Jackson, NJ to see Chris Stefanick of REAL LIFE CATHOLIC speak to Youth, Young Adults & Families. He is a consultant to the USCCB on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, & YOUTH, and an internationally acclaimed author & speaker that devotes his life to inspiring people how to live as Catholics. This night is not just for the Youth. Parents are encouraged to share this experience with their teen. Young Adults too!! Tickets are \$25. If interested or questions, call Youth Ministry Office.

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 le 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 3rd lunes del mes.

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 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.**

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 11 – 13, 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.

TO: Amy
FROM: Lori - 563 / St. Mary's Church
Pages: 9
DATE: December 8 & 9, 2018