

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Weekdays

Monday, December 17

8:00am George McGlaughlin:Toy Run Foundation
Father John Basil:Paul & Jenny Shives &
Family
Franklin Phillips:Louis & Carol Marino

Tuesday, December 18

8:00am Deceased Members of the Clark & Karabin
Families:Dot Karabin
Janet Bruns:Deacon Joe Fiorillo
Maureen Mullaney:Elizabeth Eckert

Wednesday, December 19

8:00am Joseph Luong & Family:Grace Tho
Charles White:Wife, Cathy
Joseph Sallemi:Emma & Fred

Thursday, December 20

8:00am Noreen Fowler:Fowler Family
Louise & Alfred Marino:Aldo & Marian Cerbo
Domenico Saraniero

Friday, December 21

8:00am Souls in Purgatory
Carolyn Krutsick:Family
Joseph Gullo:Josephine Gullo
Stella Argiriou:The Sadowski Family
Lorraine Sapanaro:Nora & Arthur Fried
John Ferone Jr.:His Mom
James Sullivan:Sullivan-Ackers
Vincent Antonacchio:Rosemary & Joseph
Lynch
William C. Jones:Mr. & Mrs. William Floyd
Luciano Colona:Vincent & Deacon Joe
Fiorillo
Robert S. Cosmos:Lorraine & Bob
Denbleyker

Saturday, December 22

8:00am Bernie Karabin:Dot Karabin & Family
Geraldine Caneaux:Tom & Debbie
Marie & John Corrigan:Daughter, Jeanne

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin

December 15 & 16, 2018

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 & Raffaella 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

Weekdays

Monday, December 17

9:00am Fr. John Wightman
Edward J. Peters:Susan Petras

Tuesday, December 18

9:00am Dan DiFabio:Ward Family
Benjamin Emanuele:Roberta & Don
Joseph Lupa:Marie

Wednesday, December 19

9:00am Robert DePetris:Wife, Kathleen
Anna D'Andrea:Family

Thursday, December 20

9:00am Josephine Fetelski:Daughter, Wanda
Florence McInerney:Nora & Arthur Fried

Friday, December 21

9:00am Catherine Szap:Children & Grandchildren
Deacon Robert Klein:Frances Innarelli

Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat

Bread and Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Tom Pranio requested by the O’Neill Family.

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

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

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Frank Carbone requested by wife, Felicia.

Memorials – St. Mary of the Pines

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Special Intentions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Kurt Bauer, Glenn Bleakley, David Mickiewicz, Eileen Murphy, Dominick Pugliese, Teresa Staci Maria Pinheiri, Donna Misiak, John F. Keegan, Nicole Guglielmo

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Friday: St. Peter Canisius

WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

Zoey Arienta, Grace Maurath

March for Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC. Friday, Jan 18, 2019

Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for the “March for Life” bus trip to Washington DC” on Friday, Jan 18, 2019. We will leave promptly at 7:00 am from St. Mary’s Church in Barnegat and also at St. Mary of the Pines Church at 7:20 am. There will be a Vigil Mass in St Mary’s Church Barnegat on Jan 17, 2019 at 7pm.

Please note: There is no Mass in the morning. We will make one stop on the way down and one stop for dinner at Wegmans Food Court in Maryland on the way back. We will return about 9pm

There is a pay-in-advance, non-refundable fee of \$10 per person.

Make checks to: Knights of Columbus #3826

**Mail to: Frank Desena
12 Sandy Bottom Lane
Barnegat, NJ 08005**

Please call Frank DeSena or Al Del Tufo for reservations 609-619-1933(C), 609-709-5592. Seating is limited, please call early!

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat

December 22 & 23, 2018

Saturday, December 22

5:30pm Anna Amato:Phyllis & Joe Panetta
Nan Fallon:Jack & Peggy Pongracz
Rourke Family:Maryanne Scherer
Marie Feitlin:Sister, Dolores

Sunday, December 23

8:00am Clyde Farless:Karen & Joe Ungrady
S. Conte:Ben & Carole Stefanelli
10:00am Frank Scheuer:Wife
Eugene Olker:Alice Olker
12:00n Dylan Henderson:Jay Gronbach & Madeline Ruck
Angela Gadaleta:Dorothy & John Vaccarello
Virginia Marinello:Daughter
Patricia Jones:Chet & Ginger Mankowski
Valora & Mankowski Family:Chester & Ginger
Kathryn DeVarney:Frank & Paula Little
Jan Curran:Mary Anne Scherer
Donald Westhaver:Deb & Tom
Lauretta Spada:Patricia Cottrell
Mary Zack:Mr. & Mrs Chabloa
Roger Salimbene:Mr. & Mrs. Chabloa
Miguel Verdo:Mr. & Mrs. Chabloa

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, December 22

4:00pm Lori Toris:Claire Toris
Frank Martin:Family
Deceased Members of the Feletski, Kutrzyba, & Murray Families:Wanda Feletski
Lisa Anderson-Rotondella:Monaca Porcelli-Brodsky
Dennis Golden:Patricia Golden
Helen Ronan:Husband, Tom
Elsie E. Morrison:Rae Iacovelli
Thaddeus Miklewicz:Donna & Frank Koepfler
Eugene Fedak:Niece
Anna Glinka:Ann & Richard Lauria

Sunday, December 23

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Jennie & Ralph Renda:Simone
Tony Fazio:Family
11:30am Rose Mercadante:Ron & Rosann
Joseph Coviello:MaryAnn
Irene Badger:Phyllis Genz

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.**

TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$ in the collection for last weekend, \$ in the second envelope for the Retirement Fund for Religious, \$ in the second collection to support Holy Trinity in Uganda and an additional \$ in on-line giving. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING!** *"Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."* Stewardship spreads Christmas joy all year long.

BIBLE TRIVIA

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

After situating the call of John the Baptist in terms of the civil rulers of the period (see the first verses of chapter 3), Luke now mentions the religious leadership of Palestine. There was normally only one high priest, but Annas had been high priest A.D. 6-15. After being deposed by the Romans in A.D. 15 he was succeeded by various members of his family and eventually by his son-in-law, Caiaphas, who was high priest A.D. 18-36. Luke refers to Annas also at this time possibly because of his continuing influence or because the title of high priest continued to be used for the ex-high priest.

TODAY'S QUESTION: *From today's Gospel, what is a "winnowing fan?"*

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.

COMING SOON

PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St Mary's parish family will have the opportunity during the month of January 2019 to Spiritually Adopt a child who is newly conceived and in danger of abortion. Details will be available soon.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 16

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

Monday, December 17

- 8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 9:30am** Confessions (Pines)
- 4:30pm** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 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 18

- 8:30am** Confessions
- 8:45am** Monica's Daughters (Rectory)
- 9:30am** Confessions (Pines)
- 11:00am** Scripture Sharing (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

Wednesday, December 19

- 8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 9:30am** Confessions (Pines)
- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 6:00pm** Spanish Bapt. Prep. Class (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Divorced & Separated Group (Rectory)
- 7:30pm** Lazarus Mass (St. Mary's)
- 7:30pm** Light of the World (Rectory)
- 8:00pm** NA (Parish Center)

Thursday, December 20

- 8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 9:00am** Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)
- 9:30am** Confessions (Pines)
- 6:00pm** Youth Group Open Gym (Parish Center)
- 7:00pm** Living Waters Prayer Group (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Choir Practice (Pines)

Friday, December 21

- 8:30am** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 9:30am** Confessions (Pines)
- 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 22

- 3:30pm** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** A.A. (MRH)

LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

Pope John Paul I reigned as supreme head of the Catholic Church for only 33 days. To this day his death is considered by many a mystery and conspiracy theories abound. However, he had an impact beyond the brevity of his reign and the questions concerning his death. He was known in many circles for that short time as “Il Sorriso di Dio,” “The Smile of God.” It is interesting to speculate about the impact he might have had lived longer, but for that short time he radiated a warmth and love that was communicated with a beautiful smile. That short “nickname” is a great tribute and a beautiful way to be remembered.

I have shared many times at funerals what one of my cousins shared at my mom’s wake that has stayed with me all these years. All she said was, “I’m always going to remember your mom’s smile.” Yes, it is a beautiful way to be remembered.

While it’s not appropriate to smile all the time (they might come to take you away!), a warm and friendly smile can go a long way to spread joy and love. I’m sure you know the song from the musical *Annie*: “You’re never fully dressed without a smile.” There’s a version of that on YouTube from 2014 where the cast of the Broadway show was running through the streets of New York, performing and dancing, carrying signs that encouraged people to smile. It’s a powerful lesson in human psychology to watch the reaction of hardened New Yorkers. When they first see the kids it obvious that these bystanders are puzzled and questioning what they are seeing. But, there faces quickly turn to a grin. They let their guard down and laughed with the kids. Their smiles were infectious. The same point is made in a scene from the movie *Patch Adams*, which is based on the life of a real person of that name. Patch Adams was an unconventional doctor and the movie shows his development from being hospitalized for depression to a successful physician. During his days in medical school, he is shown with a classmate performing an experiment on human psychology. He hides in a tree and when someone passed by he would swing in front of them, dangling from his legs on a limb. He tells the person with him that he has to wait a few seconds, and then sure enough, a smile!

I’m not encouraging dancing in the streets or telling you to engage in bizarre street experiments. The point is that we are so often too serious, even at this time of year. There are so many problems that it is easy to become depressed, preoccupied and distracted. The world doesn’t need more gloom and doom. It needs some joy. Isn’t that why we find ourselves tempted to smile when we see someone else smiling. It’s the hope in our hearts that wants to be freed. And if anyone should be smiling it should be people of faith! When we have faith; we have God in our hearts. How can we walk around always looking defeated and dejected? Smiles are infectious and we have the reason to smile. Jesus is the reason for the season, but also the reason for our smile.

I invite you to spread joy this season. Smile a little bit more. Be kinder. Show love in small ways. Wouldn’t it be great if one of your legacies was your reputation for

having a beautiful smile? The best Christmas decoration is a smile. Remember, you’re never fully dressed without a smile!

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:4-7 – today’s Second Reading)

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Adelaide (931-99), December 16.

Daughter of Rudolf II of Upper Burgundy, she married Lothair of Italy when sixteen as part of the terms of a treaty between her father and Hugh of Provence, Lothair’s father, when she was two. Lothair died in 950, possibly poisoned by his successor, Berengarius, who imprisoned Adelaide when she refused to marry his son. She was freed by the invading German King Otto the Great and married him in Pavia in 951. He was crowned Emperor in Rome the following year and died in 973. His son Otto II succeeded him and because of the enmity of Otto’s wife Theophano, Adelaide left the court but the two were reconciled by Abbot Majolus of Cluny. When Otto died in 983, his infant son Otto III succeeded to the throne, with Theophano as regent. She drove Adelaide from the court, but when Theophano died in 991, Adelaide returned as regent. She was active in founding and restoring monasteries and in working for the conversion of the Slavs. She died in a monastery she had founded at Selta, near Cologne, on December 16.

REALITY CHECK/BASIC TRUTH

In general, “apocalyptic literature is writing preoccupied with the eschatological future, e. g. the end of world history, when the powers of evil launch their terminal struggle against God, only to be defeated in a terrible struggle. The name is derived from the Greek *apokalypsis* (“disclosure,” “unveiling,” or “revelation”), and hence the literary genre was used for revelations of the future, the unveiling of God’s future plan (cf. Rev 1:1).

Apocalyptic literature claims to make known what was previously hidden or unknown. The revelation is always in the form of a vision of coming events.” (Source: Catholic Bible Dictionary, by Scott Hahn) [Continued next week]

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.

TWIN PARISH NEWS

14Gift Giving this Christmas.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's is held in the Adoration Chapel. The chapel is located directly behind the Barnegat church and was built by parishioners in 1997, and dedicated the following year. Adoration is perpetual at St. Mary's which means the chapel is open 24/7, with an hourly Adorer present at all times. We invite you to visit the chapel during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. Open hours in need of a weekly adorer are:

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

Call Joann Kaczala @ 609-698-6168

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 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.

Are you one of those parents who struggles to find the perfect gift for a child? So many of our family and friends seem to have every type of hand held piece of electronics these days. Do they REALLY need more toys? More clothes? Or yet another gadget this year? How do you find something they already don't have or something they can actually use? Many times they just return many of these gifts because they are not the ones they want or like anyway. This year you might consider giving them a super unique gift this Christmas. One of sharing, love and compassion. You can illustrate these virtues by having them join together to make part of their Christmas gift one of their most significant ever.

Half way around the world in Uganda there are millions of children who can use their help. There are kids in Uganda who don't eat regularly; most have a cup of porridge a day.... if lucky. Many of Ugandan children would LOVE the chance for a meaningful meal.

Most children in Uganda never have received a gift of a new shirt, pair of sneakers or a new outfit. Most wear the same old raggedly clothing until it falls apart or falls off of their backs. Those fortunate enough to meet "Mum Mary" may get a hand made dress from well wishers here at home. Although most children in Uganda are smart enough to learn, most parents cannot afford to pay school fees and feed their families at the same time.

Many Ugandan children have been abandoned, lost parents and family members because of diseases such as malaria, aids or tuberculosis. Others suffer from physical deformities of one kind or another and have been shunned and left orphans. **James Stewart's "Wonderful Christmas Story" makes us feel good after watching it. How about actually participating in our own Christmas story this year?**

Think about this type of gift giving as a teaching moment. Explaining to your gift recipient that part of their gift this Christmas shall be donated to any one of these worthy causes in their name! The "giving" is part of their gift. This would be a wonderful example of caring and sharing. Perhaps, those with a greater capacity for giving this year can help change a life by sponsoring a youngster at Holy Trinity enabling one of them to attend St. Mary's High School in Uganda.

This Christmas, as we help the homeless here at home with free meals, let us not forget those who are starving or lack food in Uganda. In Uganda there are no Salvation Armies, no shelters, no free meals, no health insurance or food stamps. Simply put; **they have no SAFETY NETS like we do here in America.** So we ask you, please remember those at our twin parish, Holy Trinity.

This is definitely a different kind of giving, but it is drastically needed and a wonderful way to celebrate this most Holy Day of our Lord's Birth. **Think of your offering as a gift to our Lord Jesus Christ on his birthday.** I know the Lord shall be pleased. Those receiving these Christmas gifts in Uganda will be elated and will celebrate with prayer and thanksgiving for your continued generosity.

Merry Christmas!

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 we prepare 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.**

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. **Pursuing social justice** requires working for a more just economic life with decent jobs and just wages, providing adequate assistance to poor families, overcoming a culture of violence, combating discrimination, and defending the right to quality health care, housing, and food. 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

THAT MAN IS YOU! MENS MINISTRY

There will be **no sessions** until **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.

MONTHLY CASH RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to William Larkin of Garfield, NJ who became our latest winner of our \$2,000.00 Cash Raffle. Ticket #14618. **Don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets for next year!! Good luck!!**

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!!!

Our 2018-2019 year has begun and we are having a wonderful faith filled year.

Our 7th grade students held their Walk-A-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and raised \$4,078.00! Our families learned how to pray the Rosary at our family prayer experience. Msgr. Ken even shared one of his favorite sandwiches.

A big thank you to all of our students, we collected \$862.00 for the Holy Childhood Association for the needy children in the world. You helped make a difference in a child's life.

At our Advent family retreat on December 10, we learned about ADVENT, St. John the Baptist, and the Jesse tree. We even got a special visit from Santa to see baby Jesus. This has been a great start to our faith formation year. We are looking forward to watching these children grow in their faith and continuing on their faith journey with them. All of God's peace and bless you always!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Donna Ann and the Religious Education Staff!!

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.**

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.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIRD PLACE IN THE SHIP BOTTOM CHRISTMAS PARADE!

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.