

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Church, Barnegat

January 12 & 13, 2019

Saturday, January 12

5:30pm Robert Scherer:Wife, Mary Anne
Karen Maloney Clay:Mom & Dad
Tony Juliano:Rose Juliano, wife

Sunday, January 13

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Rose Nahai:Regina Sicilia
Deacon Robert Klein:Jackie Byrne
Carmen Castro:Jeanne Schrader
Virginia Tumio:Anna & Domenic Borrillo
George Thompson:Roslyn Ventrella & Carmine Maneri
Dee Trimble:Victor Dudek
Joan Fisher Cavanaugh:Anstatt Family
Andrew Marconi:Krill Family
Raymond Smith:Marilyn Bavosa
Charles G. McDevitt:Marsha Jankowski
12:00n San Filippo Family:Sally & Joseph San Filippo & Family
Joseph Clementi:Peter & Maryann Galvano
5:00pm Angeline Aurigemma:Dr. Paul Schell & Family
William Studer:Sciallo Family

Weekdays

Monday, January 14

8:00am James Eckert:Fred & Irene Kutner
Special Intention:Felicia

Tuesday, January 15

8:00am Steve Chamberlain:Peg Bateman
Jim Eckert:John & Linda Cosenza

Wednesday, January 16

8:00am Connie Geresy:Pat Stawarz
James Sullivan:Sullivan-Ackers

Thursday, January 17

8:00am Mary & Anthony Marino:Marino Family
Clyde Farless:Gail & Larry Golden

Friday, January 18

8:00am Special Intentions for Jack and Betty Lou Pietruszka
Souls in Purgatory
Walter Rayman:Family
Giovanna Thomasini:Donna & Tom Lynch
James Marano:Joan Sorge

Saturday, January 19

8:00am Walter Rayman:Family
Juan Carlos Barreira:The Paz Family

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin

January 12 & 13, 2019

Saturday, January 12

4:00pm Joseph Cichowski:wife, JoAnn
Adam Poulick:Barbara Julian
Charles & Anna Mikolitch:Lester & Hermina Majkowicz

Sunday, January 13

7:30am Patricia Jones:Dee & Brian
Deacon Robert Klein:Brian & Dee
Marilyn J. Bialas:John Buckley
9:00am Marie Ferraro:Family
Mary Lou Regulski:Paula Sari
11:30am Bud Rosso & Heather Venneuld:Nassoit Family
Patricia R. King:Dick Mercadante & Rosann Dugar
Patsy Mancine:Ceil Mancine

Weekdays

Monday, January 14

9:00am Stephen Zaccariello:Mark, Kathy & Angelo
Daniel Joseph Diesso:Mr. & Mrs. T. Fiore

Tuesday, January 15

Suzanne Beron:Margaret Wohl
Special Intention Sarah Thomas:The Catholic Community

Wednesday, January 16

9:00am Jim White:Wife, Claire
Frederick Hensle:Wife Lisa

Thursday, January 17

9:00am Pauline Grimalde:Gloria & Anthony
Charlotte Keshian:The Lasko Family

Friday, January 18

9:00am Anthony Gwiazdowski:Children
Catherine Edwards:Marie Cleary
Happy 90th Birthday Anthony DeGregorio:Marie Miller
Souls in Purgatory
Louis Morandi:Lil & Jim
Peter Prachthouser:Wife, Tillie

HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass will be on **Monday, January 28, 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church.** Our Seventh Grade Confirmation Candidates will attend. All are welcome.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard on the Fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm in St. Mary of the Pines. **The next scheduled one will be January 23.**

Memorials – St. Mary’s, Barnegat

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Grace Carbone requested by Felicia & Family.
Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in loving memory of William Eckler requested by the Willms Family.
Bread and Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Joseph Regula requested by Michelle & Kevin O’Neill.

Memorials – St. Mary of the Pines

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in loving memory of John & Evelina Tavares requested by Tillie.
Bread and Wine are donated this week in loving memory of Peter Prachthausen requested by wife, Tillie.
Altar Candles burn this week in loving memory of Maria Louisa Pereira requested by the family.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Timothy 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

*Frances Farrington, Marlene Marchese,
Reggie Mayo, Walter Puzia
Diosdado Ramos, Catherine Tricarico*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

*Sunday: BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Thursday: St. Anthony*

WE WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

Jordin Hurst, Lincoln Sircovitch

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

Knights of Columbus invites 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 INTENTIONS

**St. Mary’s Church, Barnegat
January 19 & 20, 2019**

Saturday, January 19

5:30pm Joseph Regula:Michelle & Kevin O’Neill
Anthony Russo:Kay & Ron Nacht
Ralph & Sonya Hahn:Hahn Family

Sunday, January 20

8:00am Cecelia McShane:Richard & Sharon Addonizio
Nicholas Salvatoriello:Wife
Althea Phillips:Grace Mitlerando
10:00am People of the Parish

12:00n Tony Russo:Edie & Les Isaacs
Deacon Robert Klein:Jackie Byrne
Larry Schenk:Kathleen & James Keating
The Bruno Family:Patricia Liebau & Family
Barbara Nunziata:Joe Morici
Rayann Scangelli:Cathy & Mario Giacone
Souls in Purgatory:Mark & Karen Sheppard
Ethel Friesing:Judy & Gary Carline
Mary Mastrodi:Harry & Irene Roberts
Russell Dawson:Deborah Pape
5:00pm Deceased members of the Boland, Schafer,
Hanlon, & Lenihan Families
Bud Wade:The Novaks

St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, January 19

4:00pm Robert DePetris:Wife, Kathleen
Patricia Bodnar:Mr. & Mrs. Charles Woodhull
Elsie E. Morrison:Rae Iacovelli

Sunday, January 20

7:30am Gary Fox:Patricia Golden
Dave Pace:Dee & Brian
9:00am Michael Digan:Kim Pugliese
Myra Rebasch:Friend
Dominic Victor Martinez:Pastor Family
Leonarda Cossentino:Anna & Robert Beyea
Richard Benson:Barbara Brazaitis
Michael Sullivan:Josephsen Family
11:30am Helen Mills:Frank & Catherine Pannone
Rev. John Basil:Dick & Rose Mercadante
Catherine Reynolds:The Material Girls

MONTHLY CASH RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Jack Henderson of Barnegat, who became our first winner of our monthly \$2,000.00 Cash Raffle. Ticket# 01362. ***Our next drawing is February 6. Don’t forget to turn in your tickets! Good luck!***

UGANDA MINISTRY

The next Uganda Ministry meeting will be ***Monday, January 14 at 7:00pm, in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.*** All are welcome.

TITHING REPORT

St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$27,647.00 in the collection for the weekend of December 29/30, \$15,533.00 in the collection for New Year's Day, \$30,011.50 in the collection for last weekend and an additional \$1,870.00 in on-line giving. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING! "O bless the Lord, my soul." Stewardship, whether it is of Time, Talent or Treasure, is a sacrifice. It should also be a sacrifice done with joy!

TODAY THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE TOWARDS OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: *In today's Gospel we read that "magi from the east" came to worship Jesus. Why does tradition also call them kings?*

Old Testament passages such as Psalm 72:10, 15 (*May the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute, the kings of Sheba and Seba, offer gifts...*) and Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Nations shall walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning...Caravans of camels shall cover you, dromedaries of Midian and Ephah*), led to the interpretation of the magi as kings.

TODAY'S QUESTION: *What did John the Baptist mean when he declared that the One coming after him would "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire?"*

THANK YOU

As the Christmas Season comes to an end, we want to express our gratitude to so many people who were so generous with their Time, Talent and Treasure. In behalf of all the priests, deacons, and rectory staff, thank you for all your cards, gifts, good wishes and delicious goodies! Thank you to all who helped those in need over the holidays- Ken's Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul, Family Promise, Christmas Day Dinner, Toy Run Foundation and our generous parishioners who volunteered and supported all those efforts.

Thank you to our Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Music Ministry, especially the beautiful Christmas Concert, Martha Mary Design Ministry for the wonderful decorations, all who worked extra hard during the busy liturgical Christmas Season.

Thank you to our active Youth Ministry for the great Christmas Spectacular, the Christmas Eve Pageant, and all their behind the scenes help.

Thank you to all who answered the call to assist with setting up all the nativities and then taking them down for the very beautiful and inspirational Nativity Spectacular at All Saints.

Thank you to our faithful and dedicated rectory, religious education and maintenance staffs who work hard all year long, but especially at Christmas.

To each and every one who did so much, THANK YOU!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 13

- 9:00am** Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
- 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, January 14

- 4:30pm** Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
- 4:30pm** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 6:00pm** Publicity Meeting (MRH)
- 6:00pm** Scripture Sisters (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Uganda Presentation (MRH)
- 7:45pm** Spanish Ministry (Pines)

Tuesday, January 15

- 11:00am** Tuesday Morning Scripture Sharing (Rectory)
- 4:30pm** Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
- 6:00pm** WOW Meeting (MRH)

Wednesday, January 16

- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 4:30pm** Religious Education Classes (Parish Center)
- 6:30pm** Spanish Bapt. Prep Class (Pines)
- 6:30pm** Betania Rosary (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, January 17

- 9:00am** Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)
- 3:00pm** Bridge Club (MRH)
- 6:00pm** High School Youth Group (Parish Center)
- 7:00pm** Choir Practice (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Living Waters Prayer Group (Pines)

Friday, January 18

- 10:00am** Divine Mercy Library (Pines)
- 7:00pm** Emmaus (Rectory)
- 7:00pm** Spanish Ministry (Pines)

Saturday, January 19

- 11:00am** Light of the World (Rectory)
- 3:30pm** Confessions (St. Mary's)
- 7:00pm** A.A. (MRH)

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ENDS THIS WEEKEND WITH THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 13. ORDINARY TIME BEGINS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6. THE LITURGICAL COLOR IS GREEN.

LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

At one time or another, almost every one faces a moment when they feel overwhelmed by responsibilities, unqualified for a task, or simply not up to what is asked of them. Along these same lines, we can feel that others are more qualified than ourselves.

There is a story of a woman who was hired for a position in a Diocese. While she was excited about the opportunity to work for the Church and share her faith, she was intimidated by the responsibility. On the walls in many of the offices of the Chancery, there were plaques and diplomas displayed as a testimony of degrees earned and the qualifications of the person whose office that was. She had nothing she felt that could compare with those credentials. After some thought and good advice, she came up with a simple but profound solution. She posted on the wall of her office a framed copy of her Baptismal certificate!

Of course, it is important to be qualified for a position and one should have the proper training and experience. However, when it comes to serving in the Church, the most important, and most basic qualification is one's baptism. How many of us take that Sacrament for granted? As much as I love my priesthood, and as vital as Holy Orders is to the Church, the more important Sacrament is the One that initiates us into the Church, the life of Christ, and commissions us to be one of His followers. Baptism is the first of the Sacraments of Initiation, the others being Communion and Confirmation. Too often these are considered only Catholic requirements, once completed put into the past.

Remember the simple lesson of the woman hired for that Diocese. In serving in that position, she was living out her Baptism. When we go to Mass to praise God, we renew our Baptism covenant. When we serve in a ministry, volunteer in the parish, help a neighbor, we are living out our Baptism.

Today, the liturgical season of Christmas comes to a close with the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. That Baptism is not like ours. When we are baptized, we are baptized into Christ. When Jesus was baptized, it was the announcement of the beginning of His public ministry that would ultimately lead to the cross that would give us the new life we receive in our baptism.

I invite you to reflect on your own baptism. What does it mean to you today? How are you living out your baptism? How important is it to you that you have been initiated into the Church? Don't let your baptism be nothing more than something that happened to you in the past. Like that woman, let it be a summons to actively live out and share your faith today.

"Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all saying, 'I am baptizing you with water, but One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'" (Luke 3:15-16)

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Hilary of Poitiers (d. c. 368), January 13.

Born at Poitiers, Gaul, of a noble family, he was converted from paganism to Christianity by his study of the Bible and was baptized when well on in years. He had been married before his conversion, and his wife was still alive when, despite his objections, he was elected bishop of Poitiers about 350. Almost at once he became involved in the Arian controversy. He refused to attend a synod at Milan called by Emperor Constantius in 355, at which the bishops present were required to sign a condemnation of St. Athanasius, and was condemned for his orthodoxy by the synod of Beziers in 356, presided over by Arian Bishop Saturninus of Arles and composed mainly of Arian bishops. Later in the year he was exiled by the Emperor to Phrygia. He was so successful in refuting Arianism at a council of Eastern bishops at Seleucia in 359 and in encouraging the clergy to resist the heresy that the Arians requested the Emperor to send him back to Gaul. The Emperor ended his banishment and ordered him back to Gaul in 360. A synod he was instrumental in convoking deposed and excommunicated Saturninus. The death of Constantius in 361 ended the Arian persecution of the Catholics. In 364, Hilary held a public dispute at Milan with Auxentius, the Arian usurper of that see, and was ordered from Milan by Auxentius' protector, Emperor Valentinian. Hilary died at Poitiers, probably on November 1. Hilary was one of the leading and most respected theologians of his times. He wrote numerous treatises, notable among which were his *De Trinitate* (written while he was in exile against the Arians), *De synodis*, and *Opus historicum*. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1851.

SENIOR SPIRITUALITY DAY

Join Msgr. Ken and Deacon Joe Fiorillo for Senior Spirituality Day. There will be individual prayer petitions for anyone who request pray for themselves or a loved one, recitation of one decade of the rosary, a different guest speaker each month and benediction followed by light refreshments at St. Mary of the Pines in Manahawkin every second Wednesday of the month at 1pm. Please keep these dates open: February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, 2019. God Bless!

Our first service will be on February 13, 2019 at 1 pm at St. Mary of the Pines. We will explain the service procedure and there will be a guest speaker and end with benediction and end with light refreshments.

ENOUGH ADDICTION HEALING MINISTRY DRUG/ALCOHOL SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Are you or a loved one struggling with these addictions? Enough of this struggle, come to our monthly meeting and meet with our core team they will help direct you to resources and recovery support. ***We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in MRH under St. Mary's Church in Barnegat.***

A NOTE FROM FATHER NESTOR

With grateful hearts, let us give thanks to the Holy One. In silence, I asked myself what have I done that I have a place in your hearts? What God has done for me to receive an outpouring of your love? As I had mentioned before, God called me in 1984 when I was facing different storms coming from all directions in my life. Then on December 28, while my celebration here was going on, my home province was experiencing a tropical storm "Usman". Although not a strong one, it brought a heavy downpour causing a huge landslide and flooding to a whole village 7 miles north of my hometown. Several villages had been evacuated and the latest news reported that 23 people had to be exhumed from the from the landslide.

Because of this, I have decided to transfer my Thanksgiving Mass scheduled on January 26 from my home town parish to the parish where the landslide occurred to give some consolation and show support to the survivors and the rescue, health, police and military personnel. It will be a gathering in a Eucharistic celebration and fellowship, medical and trauma sessions, relief and post disaster assistance to the victims. I will use the blessings I received from you for this purpose. In case you want to participate, you can send your donation to St. Mary's Church and write a note space on the bottom stating "Typhoon Usman Victims". Once again, I have encountered God in a storm.

With heartfelt gratitude, I want to express my deepest thanks for all your prayers, generous response and presence on my 25th anniversary celebration.

Now let us give thanks for what God did for us.

A Grateful Heart,
Fr. Nes

REALITY CHECK/BASIC TRUTH

(Our continuing series based on a book by Thomas E. Woods, Jr., Ph. D. *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization.*

Chapter Two: A Light in the Darkness

"The term "Dark Ages" was once applied to the entire millennium separating the period of late antiquity from the Renaissance. Nowadays, there is widespread acknowledgment of the accomplishments of the High Middle Ages. As David Knowles points out, scholars have begun more and more to push the "Dark Age" designation back still further, excluding the eighth, ninth, and tenth centuries from the dubious distinction.

"Still, there can be little doubt that the sixth and seventh centuries were marked by cultural and intellectual retrogression, in terms of education, literary output, and similar indicators. Was that the Church's fault? Historian Will Durant-an agnostic- defended the Church against this charge decades ago, placing blame for the decline not on the Church, which did everything it could to reverse it, but on the barbarian invasions of late antiquity." (p. 9)

ADORATION CHAPEL

The beginning of a new year often brings resolutions. Why not add a weekly hour of Adoration to your list of resolutions? If you have been considering becoming an Adorer, now is a good time to commit. 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

TUESDAY, 4:00pm to 5:00pm

FRIDAY, 9:00pm to 10:00pm

SATURDAY, 11:00am to 12:00 noon

W.O.W. MEETINGS

The W.O.W. (Widows or Widowers) meetings for 2019 will be on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall. ***Our next meeting is on January 15.*** We hope to see you there. ***If you have any questions, please call Cookie at (609) 971-2609***

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.***

January 10: Lady Di

January 17: Dakota Reider

January 24: Piano Pete

January 31: 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, January 15. 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.

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.

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.**



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.

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.**

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.**

MONTHLY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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

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.**

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

Learning through the Liturgy of the Word. Come meet with us Monday evenings in the AP room at the Pines from 6-7:30pm. Materials available. Text or call Jackie Carlson (732)300-0950

Come, let's learn together!

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 January 27.

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



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

“The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these too are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts.” (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes, The Church in the Modern World*)

JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 22, LEADING UP TO THE TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE, WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN A NOVENA FOR LIFE BY PRAYING THE “PRAYER FOR LIFE” EACH DAY.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St. Mary's announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of St. Mary's parish family will have the opportunity to “spiritually” adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion. It is these babies that you are asked to “adopt”.

You may “adopt” a child by using the form found in last week's bulletin or form that is available in the vestibule. A box will also be available to drop off your form in the vestibule as well.

You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great.

You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development and your child will be born on October 12, 2019.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please “spiritually adopt” one and share the love for “life” that God has given you?

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

Whether married one year or 60+, please join us for our annual Married Couples Winter's Night Out, **Saturday, January 26, beginning at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.** We will have desserts and coffee, along with some gifts and prizes. If you are attending, please call the rectory office to register. All are welcome and this event is free.



SHRINES OF ITALY

There will be a second meeting for all those who have signed up for the pilgrimage and all who still wish to sign up on Monday March 18, 2019 at 6pm in MONSIGNOR Reinbold Hall. You may also stop by the rectory during business hours for reservation forms and itinerary. Thank you, Deacon Joe Fiorillo. If you have any questions please call Deacon Joe at 609-661-1550.

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.

MONICA'S DAUGHTERS

We meet the *second and fourth Tuesday of every month 8:45am, in the rectory.* For more information, please call Irene Kutner at 693-5029 or Jean Esposito at 607-1731

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

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

As you have heard, All Saints will become St. Mary Academy, a parish school of St. Mary's, beginning July 2019. As part of that transition, we will be doing fundraising to support our school and this transition. **On Sunday, January 27, the school will participate in the annual Polar Plunge sponsored by the AOH. Msgr. Ken will join in taking the plunge in the ocean.** To make a pledge and to support this event, you may either call the school: 609-597-3800 or contact the rectory office. Thank you.

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.

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