

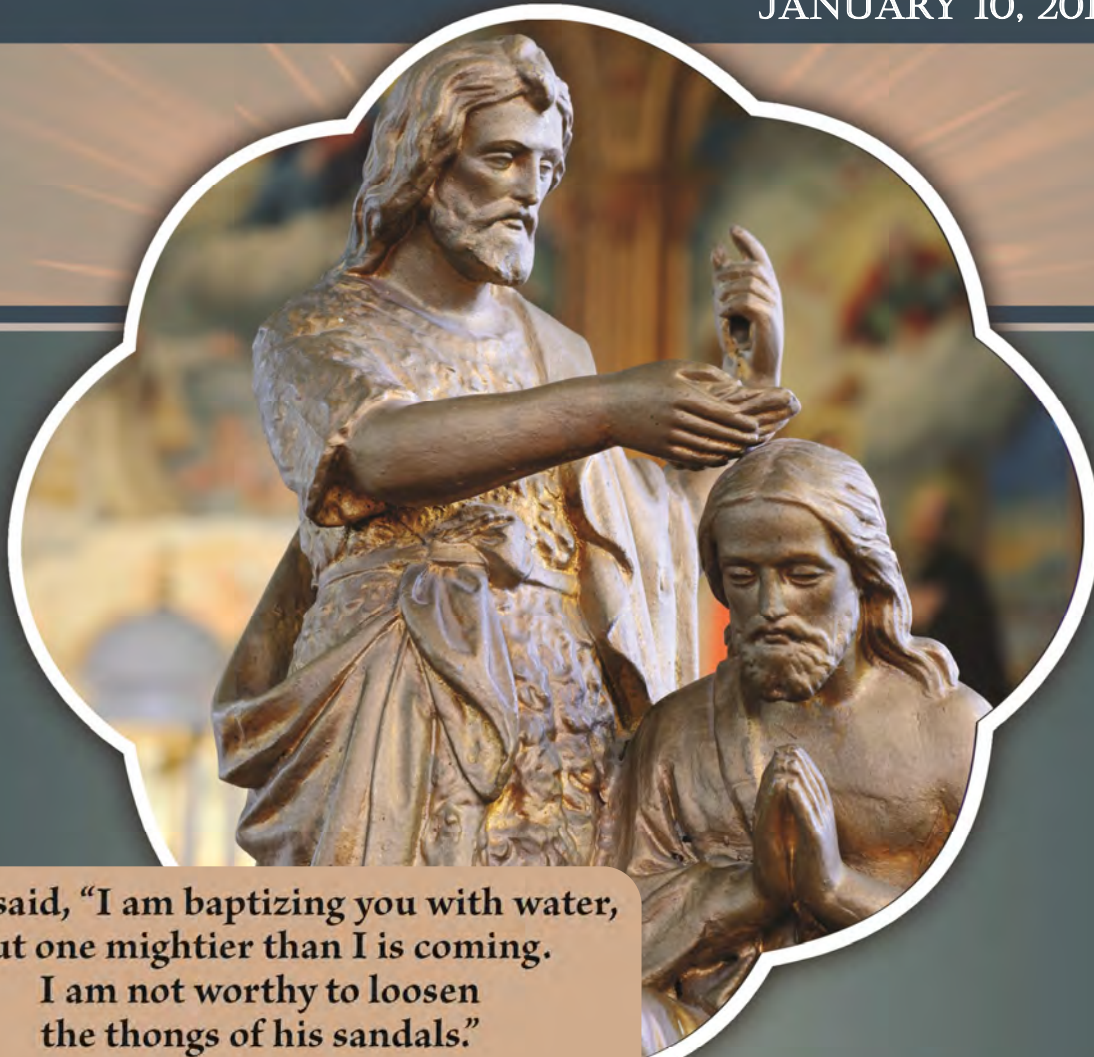


THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen
the thongs of his sandals."

Luke 3:16

The Baptism of the Lord

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups Forming!

Lent Starts in ONE Month

Join a Lenten Faith Sharing Group!

- ◇ One time/week: Ash Wednesday - Holy Week.
- ◇ Facilitators needed

faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Religious Education News

Summer Intensive Registration

- Begins 1 February 2016
- Ends 31 March 2016

Notifications from Religious Education will be delivered via the Weekly Bulletin, e-Newsletter & the website.

Send family e-mail updates to
communications@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton: Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C. M.

Pastor: Reverend Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee

Deacons:

Fred Sorrentino
Vincent Rinaldi
James V. Gallagher

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

Trustees:

Susan Coleman
Bill LaMorte

The **Parish Office hours** are Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Open Sunday 9 AM - 12 NOON.

Parish Membership: New Parishioners are always welcome! Registration is required. Contact Parish Office.

The next New Parishioner Orientation is
10 January, 2016, 11:00 AM.

Parish Office: 732-780-2666

parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Bulletin Deadline: Electronic format by 12 noon Thursday of the prior week (10days).

parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM or by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office one year in advance for information and guidelines.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office in advance for information and required paperwork. No Baptisms during Lent.

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

In the event that the Parish Office is closed and/or Religious Education classes or Masses must be cancelled, we will attempt to keep you informed as follows:

- Updated outgoing announcements on our main telephone line
- Parish-wide email sent to all families whose email address is on file
- Notification on website stmaryscoltsneck.org

Thank you Parish Staff

Mass Intentions for the Week

11 January - 17 January

*For * Requested by*

Monday, 11 January - Chapel

First Week in Ordinary Time

Adelaide Simone * Marilyn and Carl Simone

Tuesday, 12 January - Chapel

Jerry Picca * Sergio DeGioia

Wednesday, 13 January - Chapel

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Mrs. Helen DeSantis * Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cirillo

Thursday, 14 January - Chapel

Louis Palladino * Flood Family

Gerard Boyle * Aiello Family

Philip Valenziano * Mary Ellen & Joe Goodman

Friday, 15 January - Chapel

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Colantuono * Catherine Love

Saturday, 16 January 5:00 PM - Church

Blessed Virgin Mary

S/Sgt. S. Joseph & Eleanor Coleman * Carol & Frank Donahue

Philip Valenziano * Jane & Jack Davis

Catherine Sikoskas * Donna & Frank Sikorskas

Sunday, 17 January - Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM

Denise Toscano * Leonhardt Family

10:00 AM

For the Living & Deceased Members & Benefactors

Giuseppe Gavinelli * Charlie Gavinelli

Susan Duenas * Her Parents: Rita & Michael Duenas

12:00 PM

Viola Palladino * Flood Family

Helen Mica * Connie Weighell

Sergio Dos Santos & Antonia Ferreiro * Dos Santos Family

5:00 PM

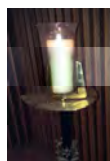
For the Living & Deceased Members of the Dickinson-Pancila

Families * Dickinson-Pancila Family



Sanctuary Lamp - Chapel

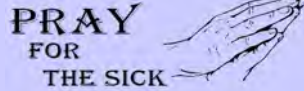
Lawrence Patrick Dickinson
Dickinson Family



Sanctuary Lamp - Church

Thomas Mullen
Chris and Linda Pancila

Please pray for the following members of our parish family who are ill:



- Izilda Alberti
- Jacqueline Andres
- Mary Barbagallo
- Bill Barnett
- John Beckley
- Joan Blatz
- Jennie Borowski
- Florence Brillante
- Jean Brock
- Natalie Chiaino
- Anthony Citro
- Jo Clement
- Linda Damen
- Logan Dayton
- John DeStefano
- Ruth Fiedler
- Mary Fournier
- Margaret Gesner
- Emily Gioacchini
- Tom Hudak
- Joseph Jurgielewicz

- Lori Lettieri
- Angela Liguori
- Rosanne Kerek
- Angela Kinlin
- Mary Klein
- John Marra
- Arnold Marchesi
- Leonidas Mavrookas
- John McInerney
- Marjorie Messler
- Tom Nolan
- Tere Nolan
- John Orrico
- Frances Renna
- Lori Romer
- Lou Schmitt
- Jim Shatzle
- Linda Sobel
- Hayden Sprat
- Kevin Venancio
- Kathleen Walsh

To add a family member to the sick list, please call or e-mail the Parish Office.

Thank you!

732-780-2666 or parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

GROTTO CANDLES

The Grotto Candles are available for your prayer intentions. Offering is \$3.00 per candle.



2016 Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Donations are accepted for intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel and Church. This candle burns perpetually as a reminder that Jesus is truly and really present in the tabernacle.

If you wish to make the suggested donation of twenty-five dollars for an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, contact the Parish Office.

We have sanctuary lamps available for the church the week of Feb. 7

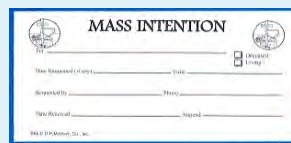


Spiritual Adoption - Week 18



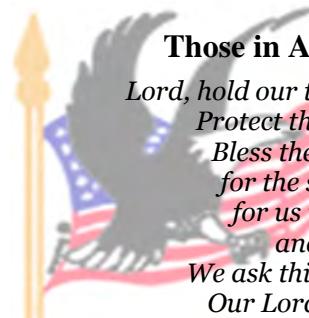
All this growing makes me tired. I have learned to yawn. There is nothing like a good yawn when you are tired. I have also mastered the skill of hiccupping. That can be annoying sometimes, especially when I want to sleep, but I'm sure God has a reason for it. I don't always understand everything God does, I guess because I'm so little, but I know God loves me and God always does what is best for me. Just like the way God specially chose my mom and dad to love and take care of me until it is time for me to be with God forever in heaven. So please keep praying for my mom and dad and me. Thanks you.

For those approaching the end of their lives: May they receive loving care that protects and respects their dignity; We pray to the Lord:



2016 Mass Book is now open!

Obtain a Mass Intention Envelope at the parish office. Each Mass Intention is \$10. Date of intention will be provided by our Mass Book Volunteer. (scheduling occurs approximately 1 time per week) Thank You



Those in Active Military Service

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands, Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the sacrifices they make for us in our hour of need and give us peace. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen

If there is a family member you wish to be placed on a list, please call the Parish Office at 732-780-2666. Please include rank and branch of service.



Pray for Our Military

- Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
- Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki
- Airman Stephen Witherow

ALERT. January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month. Women, men and children in the U.S. and around the world are subjected to forced labor, domestic servitude and the sex trade at the hands of human traffickers. U.S. Catholic Sisters are working together to end this crime. Learn more about it at sistersagainsttrafficking.org. Ending Slavery is everyone's work.



Worship Ministry Schedule: 16/17 January

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Mark Hines William Hines	Paul Fournier - Center Cup Emily Santangelo - Organ Host Gail Cargiulo - Center Host Helene Lind - Tabernacle Host Bill Cargiulo - Organ Cup Rosemarie Estephan - Tabernacle Cup	Bruno Savo	Carl Simone	Margaret Caponegro NOT FILLED	Kathi Blinn	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Matthew Bongiorno NOT FILLED	Maureen Staub - Center Cup Michael Staub - Organ Host Gina Shute - Center Host Jane Slattery - Tabernacle Host Catherine Rinaldi - Organ Cup Michael Stivala - Tabernacle Cup	Elana Eng	Charles Young	Anne Baker NOT FILLED	Kathy Woolston	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzio (sub req.) Valeska Yaninas	Edward Moskal - Center Cup Sandra Montefusco - Organ Host Mary Aiello - Center Host June Zeringue - Tabernacle Host Barbara Moskal - Organ Cup Dawn Reinhardt - Tabernacle Cup	Mary Ellen Griffin	Steve Rumsby	Mary DeSalvatore Denise Smith	Kristen Kohm	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Diane Antico - Center Cup Patricia Gesner - Organ Host Marycatherine Noble - Center Host Patricia Balbo - Tabernacle Host Maria Gerbino - Organ Cup Monica Barr - Tabernacle Cup (sub req.)	Richard Gerbino	Alicia Mendez (sub req.)	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	Lauren Walters	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Confirmation Prep Sunday Evening)	Abigail Cowles Patrick Dickinson	Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Cup Susan Murphy - Center Cup Margaret Hernandez - Organ Host Irene Weller - Center Host Maria Thompson - Tabernacle Host Martha Cowles - Organ Cup Dolores Addler - Tabernacle Cup	John McCrae	Dering Sprague		Diane Dragone	James Austin Ken Camarco Christopher Pancila

Baptism of the Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’”
(Luke 3:16)



The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

Lifelong Catechesis Week of 11 January - 17 January

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
 - Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
 - Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 - Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 - Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 - Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
- Question for Children:** If someone were to ask you, “who is Jesus?” how would you answer?
- Question for Youth:** How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today’s world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?
- Question for Adults:** In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

Pastoral Associate for Worship & Evangelization
Deacon Vincent Rinaldi worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Social Concerns: Roger Zurro Music Ministry: Lauren Walters music@stmaryscoltsneck.org Organist: Andrew Maciowski

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:6, 5).

GOD MADE MANIFEST

An epiphany is a manifestation of God in visible form. Today's scriptures are replete with references to ways that God was made manifest. Isaiah sees "the glory of the LORD . . . revealed" in the visible form of God renewing the covenant by bringing the Israelites home from exile (Isaiah 40:5). Psalm 104(1b-4, 24-25, 27-30) presents God's "manifold works," singing: "When you send forth your spirit . . . you renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30). The reading from Titus takes up this theme of renewal as a manifestation of God. It mentions three "appearances" of God—in the person of Jesus, in glory in the fullness of time, and in our baptismal "renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). Finally, God was made manifest in Jesus' baptism when "the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove . . . [a]nd a voice came from heaven" (Luke 3:22).



BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE

What do all these epiphanies have to do with us? Titus assures us that the same Spirit of God who renews the universe, renewed the covenant, and descended upon Jesus has been "richly poured out on us" in "the bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:6, 5). With Jesus, we have been baptized "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16).

Those of us who were baptized as infants may not remember our baptism; even less might we remember our experience of God made manifest in us that day. Yet every time our community prays the Eucharistic Prayer and shares in Holy Communion the Spirit descends upon us again, pouring out the divine life that renews and "fires" us. As we move into Ordinary Time we will hear how the Spirit propelled Jesus forth to proclaim the Good News. Through our sharing in the Holy Spirit in baptism and Eucharist we, too, are propelled forth to make Christ manifest in the world.

God is manifested in visible form today by the renewal and the "fire" of all the baptized. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Company

Celebrating the "Year of Mercy"

"Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty"



Begin the New Year with a Resolution to do something special, to reach out to those in need of food to sustain their families. Consider volunteering at a Soup Kitchen, contributing to a "casserole" program or running a special food collection. Involve children, teens and various parish groups to "Feed the Hungry" in this "Year of Mercy".

Works of Mercy

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. *Feed the hungry.*
2. *Give drink to the thirsty.*
3. *Clothe the naked.*
4. *Shelter the homeless.*
5. *Visit the sick.*
6. *Visit the imprisoned.*
7. *Bury the dead.*

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. *Counsel the doubtful.*
2. *Instruct the ignorant.*
3. *Admonish sinners.*
4. *Comfort the afflicted.*
5. *Forgive offenses.*
6. *Bear wrongs patiently.*
7. *Pray for the living and the dead.*

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord. These kind, merciful, and generous gifts of God are manifested to the world when we “live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age” (second reading). Yes, the gift of divine identity and its attendant call to discipleship does make demands on us. Taking our baptism seriously means that the ritual moment is just the beginning of a lifetime of openness to God’s continuing grace “training” us to be faithful to who God has made us to be. Our share in divinity is a gift so gracious that the only response is dying to self. But, in dying is the hope of a share in eternal life because the One whose identity we share has already been raised from the dead. Living the paschal mystery means, that while our life manifests dying for the sake of others, we also manifest the hope that is sure because God’s ultimate gift to us is everlasting life, a promise already fulfilled.

As we conclude the Liturgical Season of Christmas, I would like to express my personal thanks for the many acts of kindness that were shown to me and our parish staff. The thoughtful greetings, the delicious baked treats, the generous gifts were truly overwhelming. We have a wonderful community here and your efforts to maintain and even grow our community are an important part of evangelization. We will render to you an accounting of this year’s Christmas Collection very soon. A special word of thanks to the many parish volunteers who assisted and provided the decorations, cleaned and polished the vessels and appointments, printed, collated

the worship aids...many hands make light work. Our music ministry worked very hard to prepare for this season as they continue to expand the repertoire of polyphony and chant for our worship in the sacred liturgy. Also, a word of thanks to all of the Colts Neck residents who decorated the outside of their homes during this Season of Advent and Christmas. The long dark nights are a perfect time for the festive lights adorning the homes of Christians in our civic community. THANK YOU!

We continue to make improvements to our parish campus. Lighting, previously located at the circle garden has been installed along the south walkway of the Church. We will improve the lighting along the north walkway of the Church building in the coming weeks. This is the result of concerns that have been made to me, and to make our facilities more welcoming and safe for all of our parishioners and visitors. A temporary fence has been delivered to designate a temporary outdoor play area for our Catholic Childcare Center. This will remain until a permanent area is completed in the not too distant future.

Tomorrow, we begin the Winter Ordinary Time. We return to the green vestments and the chant mass propers until the Season of Lent begins in a few weeks. I am away for a few days of rest and re-creation. Thank you to our parish staff for their careful and deliberate oversight during my absence. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Life Long Learning

Michele McCue

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Coordinator of Adolescent Catechesis and Ministry: Matthew Butler

youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Save the Date: Parish Mission April 9-12

International Catholic speaker, author, and radio host, John Leonetti, will be here for all Masses that weekend as well as present a Parish Mission from 7-8 PM the evenings of the April 10th - 12th.

Please, mark your calendar!



Women's Bible Study
Coffee Connect January 14

Join women of our parish and beyond, at 12:30pm for a sampling of this wonderful Bible Study!

All women are invite to attend.

Lunch will be served.

*Additional attendees please RSVP your attendance to Ginny LaMorte vlamorte814@yahoo.com
732-780-4116*

Religious Education On-Line Program
Intergenerational Schedule 2016

Sun, January 10: 2nd Grade (Bapt PPP) 1:00-2:30 pm
Sun, January 24: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm
Sun, January 31: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm

Summer Intensive Registration**Reduced Tuition Rate**

- Begins 1 February 2016
- Ends 31 March 2016

Fall 2016 Re-Registration (returning students)**Reduced Tuition Rate**

- Begins 1 May 2016
- Ends 30 June 2016

Fall Re-Registration

- Ends 1 Sept 2016

Notifications from Religious Education will be via Weekly Bulletin, e-Newsletter & website.

Send updates of family e-mail and address to communications@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Early Child Formation - Infant to Kindergarten**Infant to pre-school****Jesus Mommy and Me * Formation/playgroup**

- 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - (October - May)
- 9:45 - 11:30 am in Room 11.
- No pre-registration is necessary.
- Contact St. Mary's volunteer Elana Eng at Elanaeng@gmail.com

**Pre-school - Kindergarten****Little Church * Co-operative program**

- Sunday during 10am Mass
- Utilizes Cokesbury's Exploring Faith Preschool Edition to learn about God's love for all His children.
- Please register and pay online.

Children Ages 4-12**LITURGY OF THE WORD - Year Round**

- Excellent for all children - *an expectation for Grades 1-6.* 10am, 12Noon & 5pm (until March 6, 2016) Masses Sunday (Saturday 5pm during Day-Light Savings Time)
- Receive their own experience of the Gospel
- Dismissed from Mass after the Opening Prayer and return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- No registration or tuition required.



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Youth Meeting * Jan 26 * 7:30 -8:30 pm

All 7th graders and up are invited to our first youth ministry meeting of 2016! There will be pizza, an ice breaker, video, and a great service opportunity to discuss.

Please RSVP:

Matt, youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

*That as grateful children of God,
we remember to tell family and friends
that we love them every day.*

**Sharing Our Treasure
26/27 December**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$ 13,071
Envelope Contributions	\$ 10,431
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 1,669
Loose Contributions	\$ 971

Average Contribution per Household this week \$38.17
 # of Contributing Households 317
 # of Registered Parishioner Households 1,930

**Sharing Our Treasure
2/3 January**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$ 17,221
Envelope Contributions	\$ 11,325
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 4,869
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,027

Average Contribution per Household this week \$40.38
 # of Contributing Households 401
 # of Registered Parishioner Households 1,930

Mortgage Collection \$5,876
 (Our monthly mortgage payment is \$8,050)

THANK YOU for the Sacrificial Stewardship Offerings as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish. May God Bless you for the sacrifices that you make.



*Please remember
 The Parish of Saint Mary
 in your Will and Estate planning.*

EOY 2015 Contribution Statement

Provide a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to the parish office by mail or drop it in the collection basket by January 15, 2016. Requests will be processed by the end of Jan.



The Guest Wi-Fi in Madonna Hall was a donation from **the Carmelites** who conduct a retreat each winter at Saint Mary Parish.

Giving of our time, talent and treasure is not about giving until it hurts. Rather, it is about giving until you feel good about what you have given.

2015 Christmas Collection:

We will provide you with a report of this collection at the conclusion of the Christmas Season.



We are grateful to all who contributed; if you have not yet participated, please do so this coming week so that we can offer a timely proper accounting to you.



Making a 2016 New Year's Resolution?

Resolutions offer a very positive opportunity to change areas in our lives that we would like to improve upon.

Resolutions can bring us a rewarding sense of accomplishment. Make realistic resolutions so you do not give up on them or yourself too quickly. This can help make resolutions work and help you stick with them. Accept that sometimes resolutions are a slow process and take time to implement in our daily lives. Info from "Counseling Corner" provided by the American Counseling Association. www.counseling.org

A few suggested New Year's Resolutions: (pick one or two)

- Become more prayerful in 2016
- Buy a bible or download the app for your phone
- Open the bible daily or weekly and read a verse or two
- Talk to your children (or others) about God and the importance of faith in your life
- Invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to attend Mass or an upcoming parish event with you
- Attend Mass
- Attend Mass more regularly
- Become more involved and engaged in the Parish community and in parish life by volunteering for a parish committee or ministry.
- Introduce yourself (and family members) to other parishioners. Make a new friend this year!!
- Say hi to your pew neighbor before the start of Mass
- Leave Mass quietly so not to disturb those still in prayer
- Switch to online giving to simplify managing of your parish contributions
- Increase your offertory by 5%, 10% or more this year
- Get to Mass 5 minutes early so to take a few minutes to clear your mind and open your heart to hear the Word of God and receive the Eucharist
- Stay informed: Read the weekly bulletin either the paper version available at Mass or the electronic version available on the parish website
- Open emails from the parish
- Attend reconciliation this year. Try it, you may feel relief from the heavy load you were carrying
- Put down the phone, shut off the TV and the computer and enjoy a few minutes of peace and quiet
- Eat together as a family
- Visit someone who is homebound this winter to say hello

Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building and Communications:

Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org



The Diocese of Trenton has been blessed with many parishes which have served millions of people for more than 130 years. Given changing demographics, the increasing needs of the parishioners, the anticipation of fewer priests to serve the diocese, and the strain on facilities and finances, we are called to better steward our resources so that we can truly and in the best way possible meet the needs of active Catholics and share our faith with those who are marginalized or who have not yet heard the Good News.

As we look to the future, new models for parishes are needed. Cohorts of parishes, groupings of individual Parish Core teams' members, are being asked to consider models related to the best ways to serve the Catholics in the diocese. An overall principle of ***Faith in Our Future*** is that parishes are more effective if they work together in ministry areas. It is envisioned that every parish community will collaborate with other parish communities where appropriate and feasible.

While there are six models outlined, it should be noted that, in many cohorts, more than one model will be suggested by the cohort of parishes as they prepare their suggestions that are due in June 2016. All suggestions will be reviewed by the Diocesan Planning Commission as they prepare Preliminary Recommendations by late June 2016. Each model will be outlined in future bulletins.

MODEL ONE: COLLABORATIVE PARISHES
MODEL TWO: LINKED PARISHES
MODEL THREE: MERGED PARISHES
MODEL FOUR: IN SOLIDUM TEAM
MODEL FIVE: PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR
MODEL SIX: PERSONAL PARISHES

For our Core Team as it looks for ways to suggest good stewardship practices for our parish and cohort.

*An extraordinary
 campaign for
 extraordinary needs!*



Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. What is the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign?

The Faith to Move Mountains Campaign is an endowment campaign which hopes to raise a minimum of \$75,000,000 in gifts and pledges. Every parish in the Diocese has been assigned a financial target in order to meet the long-term financial needs of the Diocese of Trenton, its 107 parishes, Catholic schools, & Diocesan ministries.

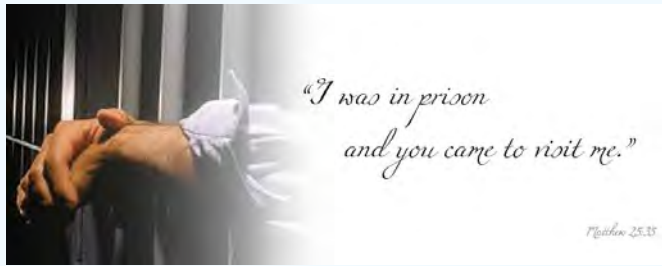
2. Why do we need a major fundraising campaign?

At the present time, the Diocese of Trenton operates with funds provided by the Annual Catholic Appeal, the assessment revenue provided by parishes, and the income from sources such as investments, rental income, and service fees. Moving forward, the Diocese must not only respond to the increasing financial demands of maintaining our current level of service, but also future expenses such as our rising number of retired clergy, our growing class of seminarians, our struggling parish communities, and other future crises and costs that may arise so that our Diocese is strong and prepared to serve our community for decades to come.

3. Who will be asked to support the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign?

Each Catholic family in the Diocese of Trenton will be asked to consider making a gift to the campaign. This campaign is conducted in a phased approach so that each member is reached in the appropriate time and manner. While not all members will be able to give at the same level, each will be asked to make a sacrificial commitment.

The Prison Ministry of The Parish of Saint Mary to Speak at the Martha Mary Guild's January Meeting



Note the change from Previous Bulletin Announcement.

Dedicated members of the Prison Ministry John Carlucci, Grace Collins, and Barbara Schaflin will present during the General Meeting

Join us **Wednesday, January 13** for an afternoon that will certainly be inspiring. We will pray the rosary in the **Chapel at 11:30 am**. Join us in Madonna Hall at 12 noon for **BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch)**, refreshments & presentation.

A Letter of Thanks to the Members of the Parish of Saint Mary



“The members of the Mother of Mercy Parish and St. Peter Claver SVDP Conference cannot “Thank you” enough for all that you do. The numerous Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, toys and the monthly twinning make all the difference to the people we serve. Know that we truly appreciate everything and without your assistance, our SVDP Conference could not exist.

May God continue to bless you”.

Brenda Terrell, Chairperson of Social Concerns Mother of Mercy Parish St. Peter Claver SVDP Conference

SPONSOR-A-STUDENT

Once again there are students from St Antoine-St Augustine School in Petite Rivere des Nippes, Haiti who need your help. The cost to sponsor a student remains at \$180 per year to provide tuition, books, uniforms and a hot meal (sometimes the only meal they will eat that day).

That's only \$15 per month. An optional \$20 per year will pay for your child's healthcare.



If you would like to continue to sponsor a child, or if you've never sponsored one before and would like more information, call Kathy at 732-462-0560.

For more information, check out their website at: www.americanhaitianfoundation.org



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, 6 June 2016

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY Annual Golf Outing and Summer Social

Event Sponsor:

Slate Professional Resources, Inc. The Raymond Family

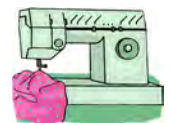
at

Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club



Sewing Ministry: Jan. 12 & 26

Join us in the new year on Tuesdays, Jan. 12 & 26 from 1-3pm in room 11. New members are always welcomed!



More info: email Kathe at kjflan@aol.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry Jan 27, 10am- 12noon



Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 2016. Please focus on making scarves, hats, baby caps and lap robes.

Happy NEW YEAR!!

Thank you for all you have done for the Ministry.