



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time
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January 17, 2016 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"You have kept the good wine until now."

~ John 2:10

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offenses
- Bear patiently those who do us ill
- Pray for the living and the dead



Lenten Faith Sharing Groups Forming!

Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 10

Join a Lenten Faith Sharing Group!

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

faithformation@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

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

Trustees:

Susan Coleman
Bill LaMorte

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

The next New Parishioner Orientation is 24 April, 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week
18 January - 24 January
*For * Requested by*

Monday, 18 January 9:00 AM - Chapel
Victor A. Spina * Mr. and Mrs. John Cipriani

Tuesday, 19 January 9:00 AM - Chapel
Fr. Bill Taft * Tracy Borut

Wednesday, 20 January 9:00 AM - Chapel
Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr
Kerri Leigh Rogoz * Susan and Robert Monaco

Thursday, 21 January 9:00 AM - Chapel
Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Roger Santora * Susan and Bob Monaco

Friday, 22 January 9:00 AM - Chapel
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Peggy Smith Andriach * Susan and Robert Monaco

Saturday, 23 January 5:00 PM - Church
George Rimmele * Barbara Saake
Terence Deckert * Angela and Tom Kinlin
Philip Valenziano * Angela and Tom Kinlin

Sunday, 24 January
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM – Church
Helen and John Sionas * Eileen and Michael Stivala

10:00 AM – Church
Antonina LaMarca * Catherine and Deacon Vincent Rinaldi
Helen and Abramo Grande * Angi Mazzeo

12:00 PM – Church
For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors
Barbara O'Shea * Jim O'Shea
Andrew Madzin * The Madzin Family

5:00 PM – Church
Leo Family * The Family

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers, those who entered into their new and eternal life in Christ recently.

George Forte, *father of Lugene*



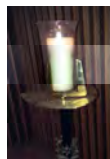
Pray for Our Military

Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki
Airman Stephen Witherow



Sanctuary Lamp - Chapel

Carl Pancila
Ann Pancila and Family



Sanctuary Lamp - Church

Philip Valenziano
Linda Dickinson-Pancila Family



**January 22, 2016:
Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection
of Unborn Children**

(and anniversary of Roe v. Wade)

For an end to abortion and for the legal protection of unborn children everywhere;
We pray to the Lord:

For women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy:
May they be treated with kindness and receive support in welcoming their unborn children; We pray to the Lord:

For unborn children who are in danger of abortion:
May they be given the chance to live the life God has planned for them; We pray to the Lord:

For those who are suffering after abortion and desire help:
May God grant them the courage to seek peace through the Church's Project Rachel Ministry for post-abortion healing;
We pray to the Lord:

For those who work in post-abortion healing ministries:
May the Holy Spirit work through them to bring healing, freedom, and peace to those wounded by abortion;
We pray to the Lord:

For parents who have received a prenatal diagnosis of disability or illness:
May the Lord fill their hearts with peace and help them to trust in His loving plan for their child's life;
We pray to the Lord:

For medical staff caring for infants not expected to live long after birth:
May they affirm the priceless worth of each child's life, no matter how brief;
We pray to the Lord:

For those who doubt the value of their lives: May they see themselves as the irreplaceable gift to the world that they are;
We pray to the Lord:

For all members of the Church:
By exemplifying the Father's mercy in our lives, may we bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living;
We pray to the Lord:



Spiritual Adoption - Week 19



So much is happening as I keep growing. My nervous system is maturing, especially the nerve cells in my brain that serve my five senses. That means I can feel pain (It's a good thing I'm safe in here!) I can get a taste of what my mommy is eating (more ice cream please!) I can hear sounds in the outside world. This will help me get used to the sounds I will hear after I am born so I will be able to sleep right through them. Most of all, I hear my mom and dad's voices so I will know them and feel right at home hearing them once I am born. I like hearing my mom sing and pray the Rosary for me. Please keep praying for me too!

Events on Friday, January 22, 2016

43rd Annual March for Life - Washington DC

Join thousands of Catholics Show your support for Life.

Nearby churches providing buses:

* KofC Manalapan 732-536-1731 * St. Rose Freehold 973-430-7807
* St. Robert Freehold 908-338-7128 * St. Jerome W. Long Branch 732-581-9735 * Holy Cross Rumson 732-842-0348x1123

For information dioceseoftrenton.org/respectlifeministry or call the diocese at 609-403-7192.

Trenton Mass and Rally

Mass: Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

9:30 A.M. Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

151 North Warren St. Trenton, N.J. 08608

Immediately following Mass, it is a short walk to the

Rally for Life at the New Jersey State House

125 West State Street, Trenton, N. J. 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Please call 732-562-0562 for information.

Signs will be provided. Come. Support the Defense of Life.

If you cannot attend either activity, please dedicate the day to prayer for an increase in respect for all human life from conception to natural death. *You can also view the March for Life events on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network.) Catechism of the Catholic Church 2258-2330*

www.usccb.org/prolife www.dioceseoftrenton.org/respectlifeministry

May God bless all your efforts for Life

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
Angela Kinlin
Mary Klein
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 732-780-2666 or parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Thank you!

Worship Ministry Schedule: 23/24 January

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	William Hines Tommy Zita	Monty Matrisciani - Center Cup Paul Fournier - Organ Host Sandra Montefusco - Center Host Emily Santangelo - Tabernacle Host Diane Antico - Organ Cup Cathy Limeri - Tabernacle Cup	Phil Limeri	William Lutkewitte	Margaret Caponegro NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Matthew Bongiorno NOT FILLED	Marsha Grigoli - Center Cup Mike LaCava - Organ Host Martha Leonhardt - Center Host Rosane LaCava - Tabernacle Host Michael Stivala - Organ Cup Joyce Flynn - Tabernacle Cup	Annette Raynor	Anthony Bongiorno	Anne Baker NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	George Illmen-see James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzo Valeska Yaninas	Barbara Moskal - Center Cup Gregory Calderaro - Organ Host Sue Fitzpatrick - Center Host Heide Lohn - Tabernacle Host Dolores Addler - Organ Cup Mathilda Said- Tabernacle Cup	Kevin Swan	Matt Yaninas	Andrew Befumo, Jr. Muriel Rogers	NOT FILLED	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	MaryJoan McNamara - Center Cup Monica Barr - Organ Host Maria Gerbino - Center Host Anna May Schellenberger - Tabernacle Host Marycatherine Noble - Organ Cup Patricia Balbo - Tabernacle Cup	Richard Gerbino	Stanley Drusdow	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	NOT FILLED	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Anthony Buzzetta Patrick Dickinson	Suzanne Schlesinger - Center Cup Irene Weller - Center Cup Susan Murphy - Organ Host Maria Thompson - Center Host Margaret Hernandez - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Organ Cup Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Tabernacle Cup	Kathy Maher	Dering Sprague		NOT FILLED	James Austin Ken Camarco Christopher Pancila

Lifelong Catechesis Week of 18 January - 24 January

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

24 Jan: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

IS GOD CALLING YOU!

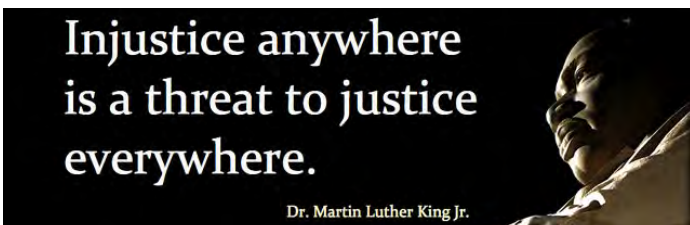
Our Diocesan Priesthood Vocation Discernment meeting is a wonderful opportunity to share how God is calling you to serve in His Church.



You are invited to share your journey with us in these discernment meetings for the Diocesan Priesthood. **Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016, from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 149 North Warren Street, Trenton, NJ.** Join Rev. Msgr. Joseph Roldan, as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, leads a discussion about discernment and vocations. It would be great to see you and hear how the Lord is working in your life. For more information and to register, please contact the Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations at

vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org
 or by calling (609) 406-7449.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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

Celebrating the “Year of Mercy”

The Logo and Motto

The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.



excerpt from the *Archdiocese of Indianapolis Jubilee of Mercy Booklet*

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

Celebrating Mercy: Introduction

Pope Francis tells us that our salvation depends on contemplating the mystery of mercy. But he adds that contemplation alone will not enable the Holy Spirit to work in our lives: we must also *celebrate* our faith. Because of this need for celebration, the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization has put together a pastoral guide for celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy through words, rituals and liturgy. We hope that with these suggestions, you and your parish family will discover new and empowering ways not merely to celebrate mercy, but to become a living witness to “sweet smelling fragrance of the Father’s mercy.”

Reflection Question:

Holy Doors are an essential part of a Jubilee Year. During this Jubilee of Mercy, passing through a Holy Door has special significance in terms of sorrow for sin. Have you walked through a Holy Door as part of this or a previous Jubilee year? Why do you think the Church places significance on a Holy Door for pilgrims to walk through during a Jubilee year?

excerpts from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV)- Study Guide for the Year of Mercy 2015



***Merciful God, your mercy is inexhaustible.
Bless Pope Francis for designating this as a special year
in which we celebrate your mercy to us and to the whole world.
Help us to receive your mercy and to share it with others.
In particular, grant us the grace to be witnesses of your mercy
– especially to those who are poor or vulnerable, sick or lonely, or marginalized.
May we also never forget to be merciful with family members
and others who are closest to us.
Help us to always live in your mercy.
Amen.***

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Belief entails a *Who* rather than a *What*. Our own encounters with Jesus (in prayer, through others, in struggling with daily dying) are truly epiphanies of God's glory which also invite us to respond to divine Presence with belief. These epiphany signs might come in many ways—through others in a cry for help, in a lonely person's plea for companionship, in the spontaneous laughter of delight, in the beauty of nature. The challenge to us is to see these as revelations of God's glory, as epiphanies of God's love for us, and an opportunity to respond in belief. Yes, these common, ordinary signs of God's love and glory are all around us. By responding to other persons (recognizing them as revelations of God to us) we also become signs of God's in-breaking, epiphanies for others. We, ourselves, are the good wine kept until after Jesus' ascension when we take up Jesus' mission as disciples. Living the paschal mystery means that we empty ourselves in order to be filled with the goodness of God's glory.

As we begin the Season of Ordinary Time, let us be mindful of the need for all of us to gather for the regular celebration of Eucharist. It is the Eucharist that remains the fundamental act of the Christian Community. How we prepare for Eucharist, how we dress, what time we arrive, how we sing and prayerfully participate in the prayers of the Mass all speak of our faith and the reverence that we must model for one another. To many, thank you for all that you do to make our liturgical prayer meaningful to all who gather with us. I would encourage anyone who wishes to become more involved to please do

so by contacting any of our parish staff persons. The liturgy is the responsibility of the entire community of faith. Let us always be willing to give our very best as we adore and praise the Lord during our celebration of Sunday Eucharist.

As a way for us to offer the greatest level of accountability to you, a report of our 2015 Christmas Collection has been inserted into this week's bulletin for your review. Once again, our Advent Giving Programs were a tremendous success. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SHARING.** I would like to remind you of the continued need for food each and every week. We have a large bin in the gathering area for you to deposit non-perishable food items that can be delivered to local agencies for distribution. We are really good for the "big holidays", but I think we need to be more conscious that the need exists year round, perhaps even more so when there is less attention. Thank you for helping us to make a difference in our Monmouth County communities.

This coming week, we observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January. Let us pray for all Christian People that God might lead us to overcome the scandal of division that scars the body of Christ. We have made significant progress these past 50 years or so. However, there is much more to be done. Let us be open to God's grace as we pray for greater tolerance among Christians and a willingness to overcome those historic divisions. 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 faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Coordinator of Adolescent Catechesis and Ministry: Matthew Butler

youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Early Child Formation - Infant to Age 12**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 10 am 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.

*Additional Meeting will continue on the following dates
7 - 8 PM: Feb 23, March 15, April 19 & May 17*

Please RSVP:

Matt, 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, 11th & 12th.

Please, mark your calendar!**Summer Intensive Registration: Grades 1- 6
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

**Religious Education On-Line Program
Intergenerational Schedule 2016**

Sun, January 24: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm
Sun, January 31: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm

**Lenten Faith Sharing
Groups Forming!**

Faith Sharing groups are forming. What better way to prepare for our baptismal renewal at Easter, then to join a Lenten Faith Sharing Group! Meet once a week starting Ash Wednesday, Feb 10 through Holy Week. Read and reflect on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday Liturgy. Each group has the option of meeting during the day or evening on church grounds or in a home for your convenience. Please contact Michele to join a group and/or to facilitate a group. All materials and instructions are provided for participants and facilitators. Please call Michele for more information and to join: 732-780-2666 X 312
faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

This Sunday during the 10 o'clock Mass we celebrate a combined Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming into the Catholic Church. The Rite of Acceptance is celebrated for those persons, 7 years of age or older, who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, i.e., they desire to become disciples of Jesus within our faith community. They will begin a period of catechetical formation leading to the celebration of baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist once they are ready to do so. Our inquirers, who will now be known as catechumens as a result of this Rite, are Kage Kaney, Kooper Kaney and Nina Wroblewski.

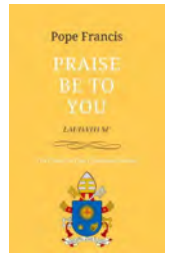
The Rite of Welcoming is celebrated for persons who were previously baptized but wish to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church or for persons who were baptized Catholic but were never catechized. Those seeking reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church are: Angelina Emma, Olivia Emma, Priscilla Emma, Sheri Emma and Edward Eastman. Nicole Maldonado is Catholic and seeks to complete her initiation sacraments, i.e, confirmation and the Eucharist. All of these persons will be known as candidates.

These Rites are the first time the assembly will formally acknowledge the faith journeys and the intentions of these catechumens and candidates and pledge their prayerful support. It is the responsibility of the entire Church to nurture the faith of those who are in the process of initiation. At the same time, God's active presence animates these catechumens and candidate as they are blessed and received into our community.



Our Care for Our Common Home: Laudato Si'

Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment.



Presented by

Professor Antonia (Tonie) Malone
Thursday, January 28 at 7 PM
Library Headquarters,
125 Symmes Drive
Manalapan 07726

This encyclical speaks to all people of whatever persuasion to take "swift and unified action" in defense of our common home - our planet in which climate change, excessive consumption & the desire for profit and growth have resulted in irresponsible development & environmental degradation. And he reminds us, that as usual, the poor suffer the most.

This program is co-sponsored by the Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought (MCWRET)

For more information on this program, please call Library at 732-431-7220 x7222.

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**Sharing Our Treasure
9/10 January**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$ 14,461
Envelope Contributions	\$ 11,465
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 1,744
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,252

Average Contribution per Household this week	\$33.53
# of Contributing Households	394
# of Registered Parishioner Households	1,924

Included in next week's offertory will be the collection for Latin America.

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.*

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.



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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Meeting: Jan 27, 10am- 12noon



Please focus on making scarves, hats, baby caps and lap robes.

Happy NEW YEAR!!

Thank you for all you have done for the Ministry.

Congratulations

**2015 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:
\$ 112,969.00**

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!

Below is a simple accounting of our 2015 Christmas Collection. The sacrificial sharing of many has enabled us to attain a new record. Your contributions will continue to enable us to regain our financial solvency. Please know that the sacrifices we make for the future of our parish do not go unnoticed and I pray that each of us will receive the blessing promised us. Again, thank you for this sacrifice and the sacrifices that you make each and every week so that our Saint Mary Parish continues to proclaim God in word and deed.

Peace!
Father Jeff

Thank You

2015 Christmas Collection:

\$ 112,969.00

Total Number of Gifts: 669 Average Gift: \$ 168.45

<u>gift range</u>	<u># of gifts</u>	<u>gift total</u>	<u>average gift</u>
\$2,500 +	2	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$2,499 to \$1,000	13	\$15,500.00	\$1,192.31
\$999 to \$750	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
\$749 to \$500	35	\$17,709.00	\$505.97
\$499 to \$250	48	\$13,034.00	\$271.54
\$249 to \$126	48	\$8,668.00	\$180.58
\$125	49	\$6,125.00	\$125.00
\$124 to \$1	473	\$24,614.00	\$52.04
\$0	1255		
Loose Cash	-	\$5,932.00	
Visitor Checks		\$637.00	

Patterns of Christmas Collection Giving:

1975	\$ 6,568	2000	\$ 70,934
1984	\$ 12,525	2005	\$ 77,243
1995	\$ 36,231	2010	\$ 84,153
		2014	\$107,224

Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building and Communications:

Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org


**KEY PARTICIPANTS
IN THE PROCESS OF
REVITALIZING AND
STRENGTHENING
OUR PARISHES AND
MINISTRIES**

- **Bishop** – Bishop O’Connell initiates the diocesan-wide process of parish strengthening, and enlivening, approves the project goals, reviews all Final Recommendations, and makes the final decisions after appropriate consultation.
- **Diocesan Project Coordinator** – Msgr. Leonard Troiano manages the personal contacts and logistics for the planning process and coordinates all planning initiatives.
- **Diocesan Planning Commission** – A group of 20 ordained, religious and lay leaders broadly representative of the diocese who are delegated by the Bishop to affirm the planning assumptions and criteria, study the parish/cohort evaluations and suggestions, make preliminary, then final recommendations after a review of each cohort’s response.
- **Presbyteral Council and other diocesan advisory groups** – These groups provide needed advice and/or consent to the Bishop as he requests.
- **Episcopal Council** – This group of Pastors and Diocesan officials advised the Bishop during the preliminary phase of the project, and will advise the Bishop in the Implementation phase of Faith in Our Future.
- **Diocesan Staff**—These leaders are important resources to assist parish and cohort core teams with their work.
- **Parish Core Teams** – Pastor/administrator and four other parish leaders who are responsible for seeing that all required work is completed at the parish level, including involving parishioners in the planning process, maintaining open and direct communications within their parishes & representing the parish in all cohort meetings.
- **Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council** – While the Parish Core Teams are “responsible for seeing that all required work is completed,” it is vital for input to be provided by the two councils in the parish.
- **Cohort Core Teams** – Groups consisting of parish core team members from all parishes in a given cohort who study the various parish self-evaluations, complete a cohort evaluation, decide upon a cohort suggestion and rationale, review the preliminary recommendation from the Diocesan Planning Commission, and make a cohort response and rationale.
- **Campus Ministers, Hospital Chaplains and Prison Chaplains, Parochial Vicars, Deacons and Parish School Staff members and Parishioners** – Active participants in the planning process.
- **Consultants** – A team of professional consultants from The Reid Group experienced in prophetic planning and parish restructuring.
- **Diocesan Parish Facilitators** – Experienced men/women from around the diocese who will help in facilitating meetings at the parish and cohort levels when requested.

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4. What is the timeframe of the campaign?

The campaign is officially underway. Six parishes were invited to serve as “Pilot” parishes and began the fundraising effort in July 2014. The remaining parishes will conduct their campaigns in one of four, six-month campaign blocks over the next two years. It is anticipated that the campaign will conclude in the winter of 2016.

5. Who is conducting the campaign?

Along with your pastor and assigned parish campaign director, a core group of parish volunteers will be asked to lead and assist in the implementation of the campaign plan. Every parish will receive assistance from the Diocesan campaign office staff. Full-time campaign directors will assist parishes weekly.

6. Will the Annual Catholic Appeal ACA continue?

Yes. The Annual Catholic Appeal is vital to continue the day-to-day work of the ministries of the Diocese.

7. How is this campaign different from the ACA?

The campaign is a response to long-term and extraordinary needs, while the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to fund the ongoing operating expenses of the Diocese. A major objective of the campaign is to establish new or increase existing endowments to offset anticipated increases in expenses over the long-term. These endowments will strengthen and empower our Church to stand prepared to serve future generations of Catholics. To do this requires an extraordinary campaign that each member of the Diocese of Trenton is asked to support above their annual giving to both the parish offertory and the annual appeal.

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