

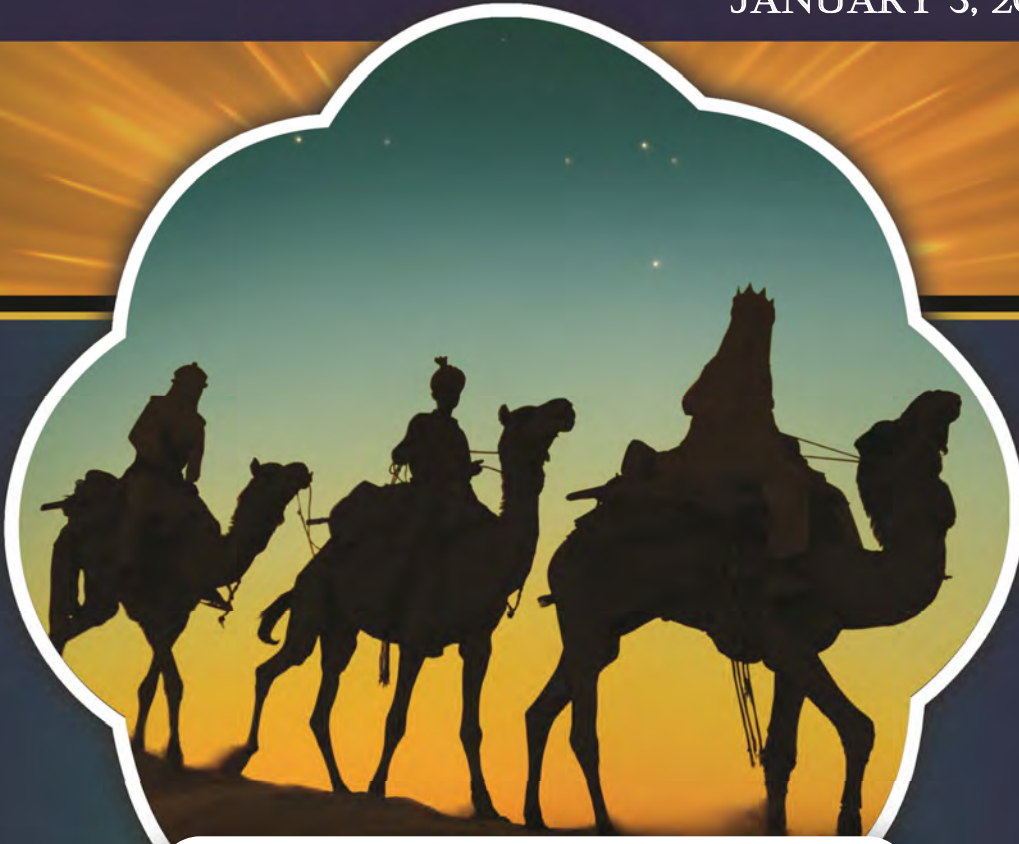


THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

The Epiphany of the Lord

Happy New Year!!

*We wish you health, happiness, much peace
and many blessings throughout the
Christmas Season and in 2016.*

Saint Mary Parish Staff

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.

Upcoming Christmas Season Liturgies

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9th

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 10th

8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5:00 pm Masses



Rest in Peace

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

Patricia Anzevino, *mother of Anthony*



Sanctuary Lamp - Chapel

Deceased and Living Members Carlucci Family;
Pat and John Carlucci

Mass Intentions for the Week
4 January - 10 January
*For * Requested by*

Monday, 4 January 9:00 AM - Chapel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Zado England * Mr. and Mrs. John F. Connors and Family

Tuesday, 5 January 9:00 AM - Chapel

St. John Neumann
Rachel Loprete * Marie and James Collins

Wednesday, 6 January 9:00 AM - Chapel

St. André Bessette
Claire Mertz * Martha Mary Guild

Thursday, 7 January 9:00 AM - Chapel

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Philp Valenziano * Martha Mary Guild

Friday, 8 January 9:00 AM - Chapel

Christmas Weekday
Marian Szelazek * Sergio De Gioia

Saturday, 10 January 5:00 PM - Church

Ann Billek * Angela and Tom Kinlin
Terry Deckert * Peggy Caponegro

Sunday, 10 January - Church

The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM
For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors
Mary and Michael Stivala Sr. * Eileen and Michael Stivala

10:00 AM

Remo and Marie Blaffard * Catherine Rennhack
Hallie Gardner * Carmel and Peter Vickers
Viola Barlotta * The Vazzana Family

12:00 PM

Tom Walsh * Maureen Beyer

5:00 PM

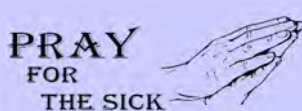
Philip Valenziano * Sorrentino Family



Sanctuary Lamp - Church

Deceased Members Linder & Sorrentino Families;
The Sorrentino Family

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

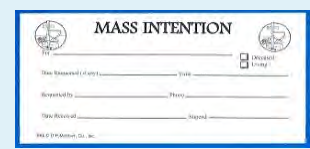
Spiritual Adoption - Week 17

I weigh about 5 ounces and am about 5 inches long. My head use to be bigger than my stubby arms and legs, but now my arms and legs are longer in proportion to my head. I can hold my head up better now. My eyes are looking forward now, but they are still closed shut. It's dark in here anyway, but I can perceive light. I am getting stronger each day as my skeleton, made of soft cartilage, is getting harder as it turns to bone. P90X, here I come! Keep praying for me! Thank you!



For unborn children everywhere: May each child be welcomed with joy, as the Christ Child was welcomed by the Magi; We pray to the Lord:

“Each of us has his or her own personal identity and is capable of entering into dialogue with others and with God himself.” — Pope Francis, Laudato Si, no. 81 © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana



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

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 still have sanctuary lamps available for the church the week of Jan. 24 & Feb. 7

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: 9/10 January

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Abigail Cowles Daniel Cowles	Suzanne Schlesinger - Center Cup Susan Baker - Organ Host Frank Baker - Center Host Helene Lind - Tabernacle Host Louise Habrack - Organ Cup Martha Cowles - Tabernacle Cup	William Lutkewitte	John Carlucci	Margaret Caponegro NOT FILLED	Marybeth Jacobson	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Lindsey Bertone Matthew Bongiorno (sub req.)	Lisa Aldridge - Center Cup Paul Osmulski - Organ Host Joyce Flynn - Center Host Susan Osmulski - Tabernacle Host Carol Rodeck - Organ Cup Martha Leonhardt - Tabernacle Cup	Rita Duenas	Anthony Bongiorno (sub req.)	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Anne Baker	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzo Valeska Yaninas	Richard Yaeger - Center Cup Barbara Moskal - Organ Host Maureen Geiger - Center Host Amy Orrico - Tabernacle Host Edward Moskal - Organ Cup Winifred O'Doherty - Tabernacle Cup	Matt Yaninas	Andrew Befumo, Jr.	Muriel Rogers Denise Smith	Kristen Kohm	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Tommy Zita NOT FILLED	Sandra Montefusco - Center Cup Anna May Schellenberger - Organ Host Lee Gesner - Center Host Diane Antico - Tabernacle Host Patricia Balbo - Organ Cup Patricia Gesner - Tabernacle Cup	John McCrae	Dan Mazzeo	Donna Murphy Marycatherine Noble	Jerry Aldi	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
Sunday, 5:00 PM Sunday Evening	Anthony Buzzetta Patrick Dickinson	Phil Limeri - Center Cup Cathy Limeri - Center Cup Dolores Addler - Organ Host Margaret Hernandez - Center Host Maria Thompson - Tabernacle Host Irene Weller - Organ Cup Maria Gerbino - Tabernacle Cup	Richard Gerbino	Dering Sprague		Abby Clyne	James Austin Ken Camarco Christopher Pancila

Epiphany of Our Lord

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.



“When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.” Matthew 2:8

Lifelong Catechesis
Week of 4 January - 10 January

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16



Sunday: 10 Jan Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Question for Children: What does God want you to do? To forgive? Be generous? To love?

Question for Youth: As you grow, how do you know what God wants you to do? How do you hear the voice of God saying, "you are one of mine, of my chosen?"

Question for Adults: Today's readings lead to a core question: As you follow God and do what he wants, how do you experience his loving words: "You are my own. My favor is upon 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 Epiphany of the Lord

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine. How disappointed some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear in our midst. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that it was not the divine sign, the babe was. Only a persistent journey will bring us to the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

ALL THAT GLITTERS

We are coming to those days when, once again, the hustle and bustle, the glitter and glamour of the days of Christmas are over. It is appropriate, then, as we head into the long days of winter, days of discipleship, to look at what exactly we need to take with us from our days of Nativity celebration.

It is quite easy on Epiphany to get caught up in the spectacle: heavenly luminaries, exotic magi riding dromedaries, extravagant and fragrant gifts. Who doesn’t love to focus on these colorful details? Perhaps, as the magi discovered the divine presence of heaven in a lowly household, we can find the meaning of the divine presence for our lives.

DOUBLE DUTY

The psalm 72 (Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–13) functions as a job description for the divinely anointed king. Let us examine more closely what the reign of this king looks like: he is endowed with the very divine justice and judgment of God, particularly for the afflicted; justice flowers, along with profound peace; the poor are rescued; the lowly know pity; and the poor are saved. This is the objective of the king, the course for the kingdom that he sets.

In a few weeks we will hear Jesus proclaim in the synagogue that the days described in the psalm, referenced above, have been fulfilled in him. In the meantime, what we need to remember beginning today and during these coming weeks is that, through our baptism, we are called upon to be living, working signs of this same reign. The king’s job description is also ours. This way, as the prophet Isaiah explains, all nations will walk by our light. *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 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. All gifts given invite a response. Socially, a verbal or written thank you note usually suffices. Simply because God's generosity is so lavish, our response must be much more. God has given us great treasure, two of which are mystery so deep: the gift of the only-be-gotten Son and our being "members of the same body" (see second reading). Our response, can be no less than the total gift of ourselves. "Total gift of ourselves" is one way to describe the paschal mystery. In our baptism, we become "coheirs" and "copartners" in Christ, in his death and resurrection. We are copartners, therefore, in Jesus' ministry. To be a disciple means not only to live the gospel, it also means that we will go to our death as Jesus did. "Total gift of ourselves" means that daily we must die to ourselves if we are to remain faithful to our identity with Christ. Why would we choose to respond to God's generosity in such a radical way? Because we know that by dying to ourselves we are "coheirs"—we receive God's life now and the promise of fullness to come.

It has been so very nice to see family members of our parishioners, former parishioners and newcomers worshipping with us during this festive time. I thank all of you for your very gracious spirit of hospitality and your reverence and joy in celebrating the liturgy. These distinguish our parish from so many others. The vibrancy of our worship and the active participation

of so many enable us to fully embrace the church's vision for worship. May God bless all of you for your dedication and fidelity to our common sacramental life. As we begin another new year, take the time to reflect on the past year...what was good?...what was not so good?...how can I do better?...what is God calling me to do or become? The path to holiness of life is conversion, or a change in attitude or disposition. Maybe, the beginning of a new calendar year is the impetus you need to take inventory of your life? This is more than a New Year's resolution...it is a prayerful way in which we honestly search for the inner peace and harmony that God calls us to cultivate in our lives, as people who are saved and truly blessed.

The generous sharing of so many for the Solemnity of Christmas, once again demonstrates your spirit of generosity and love of our parish. The Christmas Season will conclude liturgically with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord observed next weekend. There is so much for which we must be thankful...let's not overlook the many sacrifices that so many of our forebears have made in order for us to be here today. Let us cultivate within ourselves a spirit of selflessness. I anticipate the publication of our 2015 Christmas Collection report in the coming weeks of January 2016. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Happy New Year 2016. 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



Women's Bible Study

Next meeting: January 7th, an Epiphany Party 7:30 pm, Madonna Hall

Updated schedule showing program will be extended 2 additional weeks.

The final gathering date will be on May 4, 2016.

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!

"Jon Leonetti speaks with passion about our Catholic faith. His heart is filled with enthusiasm about the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church!"

TOM PETERSON

Founder and President, CatholicsComeHome.org

The RCIA needs you!



- We need catechists to work with the children during the 10 AM Mass in January.
We need catechists to work with the adults during this time as well!

It need not be a weekly commitment- team members could be scheduled once or twice a month.

Please contact Michele McCue for more information.

Jesus, Mommy and Me * 9:45-11:30AM

Join us the 1st & 3rd Monday in Room 11.

Faith-filled playgroup for children birth to three years.

Pre-registration is not necessary attend whenever you wish.

Contact St. Mary's volunteer, Elana Eng at

Elanaeng@gmail.com

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

Help! Liturgy of the Word Dismissal Needs Assistance!

LWD needs catechists to run sessions for our children ages 4-12!



LWD catechists leave with the children after the opening prayer and return during the preparation rite. Each catechist receives a book and an outline of the session, which usually lasts 15-20 minutes. The children hear the Word of God on their own level. It is a fairly easy ministry, but an extremely important one for the children of the parish.

Please contact Michele McCue to help. See above for contact information

The greatest need is during the 12 noon Mass.

Little Church

Children post-diaper through school age are welcome during the 10AM Mass.

Register on website in 2015-2016 Registration



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

Sharing Our Treasure 19/20 December

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$16,161
Envelope Contributions	\$11,709
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 3,184
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,268
Average Contribution per Household this week	\$34.24
# of Contributing Households	435
# of Registered Parishioner Households	1,930

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.*

Due to the holiday season and the early transmission deadlines of the bulletin, Sharing of our Treasure numbers for 26 & 27 December will be reported in the coming weeks.

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.

Please do not make your request by phone.

Thank you

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.

Office Volunteers Needed!

Many volunteer jobs and responsibilities are available in the parish. The list is endless and there is a task for everyone. Open to ages: High School and up.

Please call Linda
732-780-2666 x305 for more information



EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION



In the event that the Parish Office is closed and Religious Education classes or Masses must be cancelled due to inclement weather, loss of power, etc., 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

End of Year Extraordinary Gifts

- \$5,000.00** Gift of a bona fide parishioner wishing to remain anonymous; restricted for continued improvements to our parish grounds.
- \$5,000.00** Gift of a bona fide parishioner wishing to remain anonymous; restricted for continued improvements to our parish grounds.
- \$1,000.00** Gift of a bona fide parishioner wishing to remain anonymous; to be used to reduce our unpaid bills from prior years.

*Let us remember in our prayer
all those who support our parish.*



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*

Eagle Oaks Golf &
Country Club



Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building and Communications:

Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org



The SMCN core team is overseeing the evaluation of parish/ministries based on the *CRITERIA for PLANNING*. The 9 criteria set by the Diocese of Trenton are:

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

#1. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life (*Vatican II: Lumen Gentium, 11*). The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is, therefore, the center of parish life, and should be given the primary focus of the parish's attention, energy and resources. Following appropriate preparation, the other sacraments should be celebrated with fitting dignity.

EVANGELIZATION, CATECHESIS AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#2. Every activity undertaken by the parish community is "suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than self-preservation." (*Evangelii Gaudium, # 27*)

#3. Beginning in the Catholic home and continuing with Catholic schools and/or religious education programs, life-long faith formation is undertaken with enthusiasm and the responsibility is shared by the whole parish community. Adult faith formation is a critical part of this endeavor.

#4. The Parish utilizes effective methods of communication, especially social media, to build community, to inform and motivate parishioners and to attract newcomers.

COMMUNAL LIFE

#5. The Parish reaches out with compassion to individuals and families with particular needs.

#6. Under the leadership of the pastor and pastoral team, the parishioners work to achieve a sense of unity within the parish, while appreciating the diversity of cultures, of experiences, and of worship preferences and styles.

STEWARDSHIP & LEADERSHIP

#7. Members of the Parish identify/see themselves as disciples and practice stewardship; they express a sense of shared responsibility for mission and for the life of the parish and Diocesan communities.

#8. Parish priests, deacons, religious and lay staff serve the Parish community's needs and effectively lead it in mission.

#9. Facilities are adequate and well-maintained.

For all parishes in our Diocese, that with the angels we may proclaim God's glory as we joyfully announce the news that Christ is in our midst.



An extraordinary campaign for extraordinary needs!

The Diocese of Trenton has embarked upon a new 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 and Diocesan ministries. The campaign called Faith to Move Mountains is "not for the sake of brick and mortar, but, rather, for the flesh and blood that make up our community of faith...because that is what we need to do if faith handed on to us is to endure and grow. Now more than ever, the mountains loom large. Only your faith and generosity will move them as, together, we continue to believe that 'nothing is impossible' with God."

Bishop David M. O'Connell

The challenge for us Catholics is to embrace the enduring, changeless truth of God's revelation while it speaks to us in new and different ways in every generation.



Coffee & Conversation at Panera Bread

Join us on Saturday **January 9, 2016** for coffee, conversation, and lunch. We will plan our calendar for the next three months and would love your input. **Kindly RSVP** to either

- Kim at kimleshick@yahoo.com 732-618-7983
- Marisa at marisaarts@aol.com or 732-722-7902

Director of Yamba Uganda to Speak at the Martha Mary Guild's January Meeting



Mary Goss visits with the women in the village of Mulajje on a recent visit to Uganda. She came into the village and all the women put on their best clothing to meet with her. Goss said that the work done by Catholic Relief Services is based on forming relationships with local people.

The definition of Yamba is "to help" and that is exactly what Mary Goss does! She is the director of Yamba Uganda, a nonprofit, nondenominational, charitable organization located in Toms River. Their mission is "to help change the lives of the 'poorest of the poor' in Uganda." Yamba Uganda raises funds to help provide sources of sustainable income (such as farm animals for a family), help build a water tank to provide clean water, equip a hospital, provide food, school supplies and beds for orphans, assist AIDS patients and so much more. Ms. Goss will relate many interesting stories of the people that Yamba Uganda serves and her years of working with them.

Mary Goss will also bring along some special crafts that have been handmade by the village women – such as colorful jewelry that is uniquely made from recycled paper. The sale of these beautiful items "not only helps these women impacted by poverty and the HIV/AIDS epidemic, but more importantly, it gives them the gift of HOPE! Dollar for dollar is returned to Uganda."

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 and Mary's heartfelt presentation.

*** Men's Saturday Program *
Jan 9 at 7:15am in the Chapel**

Begin the weekend with the spiritual lift of prayer, reflection, and thoughtful discussion. *All men are invited!!*



**COLLECTIBLE SHOW
January 9 *
9am - 3pm Parish Hall**

Successful Blood Drive!



The blood drive on December 19th was extremely successful! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect 42 units of blood-17 units above our goal! The blood collected will be sent out to the local hospitals just in time for the critical need period. Thank you again to everyone who contributed and we hope that our community will continue to save lives in the future!
-Bree Parker, Leader Saves Lives Colts Neck Coordinator

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Jan 27

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 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.



AGAPE is January 10th!



Join fellow parishioners after Sunday Masses for donuts, bagels, coffee/beverages and fellowship in the Parish Hall and outside in the courtyard.

The following groups will be present:

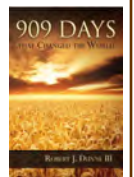
- Author, Robert Dunne
- Faith in our Future
- On-Line Giving
- New Parishioner Orientation 11 am
- Youth Ministry
- Parish Mission

Please bring a baked item to share with the Parish Community. Drop off in Parish Hall btwn 7:30 am - 1 pm.

*Help is always needed at Agape.
Please contact Jack jcoppola007@yahoo.com*

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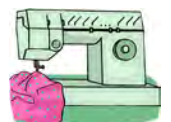
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