



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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January

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2016

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations
I appointed you.

Jeremiah 1:5

Next Weekend: Sunday, February 7 Confirmation Prep Class will be held at 3:30 pm followed by the 5pm Mass

Tuesday, 2 February
Presentation of the LORD

9 am Mass in the Church

Blessing of Candles



Wednesday, 3 February
Memorial, St. Blaise,
Bishop & Martyr

9 am Mass in the Church

Blessing of the Throats

7:00 pm Prayer Service - Blessing of Throats

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.

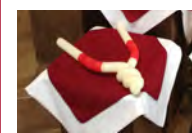
Marriage

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.

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Sanctuary Lamp - Chapel

Joseph Dickinson
Dickinson Family

Mass Intentions for the Week
1 February - 7 February
*For * Requested by*

Monday, 1 February 9:00 AM - Chapel
Anthony DeSimone * Joann and Robert Buhler

Tuesday, 2 February 9:00 AM - Church
The Presentation of the Lord
Terry Deckert * Joan Walker

Wednesday, 3 February 9:00 AM - Church
St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Philip Valenziano * Jane and Neil Slattery

Thursday, 4 February 9:00 AM - Chapel
Julia Camarata * Family

Friday, 5 February 9:00 AM - Chapel
St. Agatha; First Friday
Frank Joseph Mazza * Lillian Moriggia

Saturday, 6 February 5:00 PM - Church
Edwin Eastman * Eastman/Verga Family
Jack Pizzolato * Family
Paul Saake * Barbara Saake

Sunday, 7 February - Church
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life
8:00 AM

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors
DeStefana/Albruno Families * Mr. and Mrs. Franceschetti

10:00 AM
Phil Valenziano * Freda O'Doherty

12:00 PM
Robert A. McNamara * McNamara Family
Mark Tullio Zarrantello & Sergio Dos Santos * Zarrantello Family

5:00 PM
Frank Joseph Mazza * Michael De Luca



Pray for Our Military
Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki



Sanctuary Lamp - Church

Edwin Eastman
Maragret Eastman

Worship Ministry Schedule: 2 & 3 & 6/7 February

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher	
Tuesday, 9:00 AM		Presentation of the LORD. Blessing of Candles & Mass in the Church						
Wednesday, 9:00 AM		Memorial, St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr. Blessing of the Throats & Mass in the Church						
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Rosemarie Estephan - Center Cup Frank Baker - Organ Host Louise Habrack - Center Host Sandra Montefusco - Tabernacle Host Susan Baker - Organ Cup Emily Santangelo - Tabernacle Cup	Bruno Savo	John Carlucci	Margaret Caponegro Tina Repetto	Kathy Woolston	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas	
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Heather Boliver Abigail Cowles	Carol Rodeck - Center Cup Martha Cowles - Organ Host Catherine Rinaldi - Center Host Joyce Flynn - Tabernacle Host Jane Slattery - Organ Cup Lisa Aldridge - Tabernacle Cup	William Lutkewitte	Elana Eng	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Lauren Walters	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young	
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzio Valeska Yaninas	Mathilda Said - Center Cup Sue Fitzpatrick - Organ Host Barbara Schafelin - Center Host Mary Aiello - Tabernacle Host Amy Orrico - Organ Cup Heide Lohn - Tabernacle Cup	Julia Cullen	Phil Limeri	Mary DeSalvatore Denise Smith	Kathi Blinn	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba	
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Tommy Zita NOT FILLED	Lee Gesner - Center Cup Patricia Gesner - Organ Host MaryJoan McNamara - Center Host Anna May Schellenberger - Tabernacle Host Patricia Balbo - Organ Cup Diane Antico - Tabernacle Cup	Stanley Drusdow	Dan Mazzeo	Donna Murphy Mary-catherine Noble	Marybeth Jacobson	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce	
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Prep Sunday Evening)	Anthony Buzzetta Patrick Dickinson	Cathy Limeri - Center Cup Phil Limeri - Center Cup Irene Weller - Organ Host Terrie Austin - Center Host Maria Gerbino - Tabernacle Host Dolores Addler - Organ Cup Maria Thompson - Tabernacle Cup	Dering Sprague	Richard Gerbino		Diane Dragone	James Austin Christopher Pancila NOT FILLED	

Lifelong Catechesis
Week of 1 February ~ 7 February

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
7 Feb. 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11
Question for Children: What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family, friends, and people you meet?
Question for Youth: How do you feel when Jesus says that YOU are the salt of the earth and that YOU are called to be the light for others?
Question for Adults: What specific efforts do you take to maintain your light? Do you let your light dim? Why?

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



Izilda Alberti	John DeStefano	Tom Nolan
Jacqueline Andres	Ruth Fiedler	Tere Nolan
Mary Barbagallo	Mary Fournier	John Orrico
Bill Barnett	Margaret Gesner	Frances Renna
John Beckley	Emily Gioacchini	Lori Romer
Joan Blatz	Tom Hudak	Lou Schmitt
Jennie Borowski	Joseph Jurgielewicz	Linda Sobel
Florence Brillante	Lori Lettieri	Hayden Sprat
Jean Brock	Angela Liguori	Kevin Venancio
Natalie Chiaino	Angela Kinlin	Kathleen Walsh
Anthony Citro	Mary Klein	
Jo Clement	Arnold Marchsi	
Linda Damen	Leonidas Mavrookas	
Logan Dayton	John McInerney	
Nancy DeGeorge	Marjorie Messler	

To add a family member to the sick list, please call or e-mail 732-780-2666 or Parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

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 Psalms of Mercy: Introduction

Celebrating the “Year of Mercy”

All of life is reflected in Psalms. Composed in Hebrew in the sixth and eighth centuries, the Psalter was used for prayer by the communities of those times. The psalms are written poetically and are rich in symbols of human experience because they are musical. In Hebrew the psalter is called the “book of praises” and in Greek it is called psalmos or “song.” This does not mean that there was always an instrument used in the recitation of the psalms, but that they were used for early liturgical gatherings. The psalms contain some of our earliest liturgical compositions of thanksgiving and praise, grief and lamentation, salvation and mercy. In The Psalms of Mercy, one of the official catechetical texts for the Year of Mercy, the splendor of the psalms and their beautiful appreciation of God’s mercy is presented in the hope that you will discover the great gifts of prayer for mercy contained within them.



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

Musical Notations: What the “Alleluia”?

Salutations, my friends! Last week, the hot topic was all about “Ordinary Time” with hints for this week at all things “Alleluia”. This short period of Ordinary Time is the perfect time to think about Lent (or if you’re at all invested in liturgical music, you begin thinking about it in September!) and what to do to move our spiritual journey forward as we await the great Solemnity of Easter. Many of the pieces selected this week and next contain the word “Alleluia”, but why? I think of the hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent...* the words of the final verse is “At His feet the six winged seraph, cherubim with watchful eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with endless voice they cry ‘Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord Most High’”. Alleluia, a Hebrew word meaning “praise Yaweh”, is for great feasting and joy! Lent...not so much. The church suspends the use of that word liturgically, because we focus on the Kingdom to come, not having already come. We become more reflective and aware of our sinfulness; therefore we do not rejoice with the angels at the throne singing “Alleluia”. So it is most appropriate to joyfully sing Alleluia as much as we can! More on Lent next weekend. Have blessed week! *Lauren Walters*



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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.



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Soup & Bread February 12 & 26, 6pm

Friday evening, February 12 & 26, join us for a light meal of meat-free soup, bread and Stations of the Cross.

Soup and Bread 6 pm in Madonna Hall
Stations of The Cross 7 pm in Parish Hall

All are welcome

Please RSVP so we have a head count, for more information on how you can help prepare the meal, or earn service hours.

Contacting Sue at Jimc941@msn.com



10 February is Ash Wednesday

Mass: 9am

Prayer Services:

7:00 am (*Lenten Chapel*), 12:15 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

Services will be held in the Church except where noted

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the crowds doubted who Jesus was because of his simple origins, so will others doubt who we are if we courageously live the gospel. Again, if we never meet doubt or opposition then we must examine how committed to the gospel we are. Most of us aren't called to "professionally" preach the good news. All of us, because of our baptism, are committed to living it. No matter what simple origins we might have, our living the gospel is what must shape our everyday choices. This means, for example, that if the chatter around the coffee machine at work grows uncharitable or coarse, we have the courage to walk away. Another example: if prejudice exists among our friends and acquaintances, we have the courage to extol the dignity of the minority. Dying to oneself means that we place gospel values before any others and are willing to put our lives on the line for them. We might not always concretely experience God's protection and deliverance in the given moment; but we know from Jesus' life that it is there when it really counts—leading us to life everlasting.

The blizzard of 2016 was unlike anything I have ever experienced. The winter storm of 1996 (when I was assigned to the parish in Lakewood) saw some 32 or so inches of snow. I cannot recall a time when there was so much wind coupled with the nor'easter elements. Although this is a costly clean up, we must be grateful that the damage was minimal here in 07722. We must be grateful to those on the township committee several years ago who authorized the trimming of the trees along the power lines throughout our town. I believe, although the action stirred up some controversy, this greatly aided us during this particular storm. I did not learn of any large numbers in town losing power during this

blizzard. Let us be grateful to our local government officials for the leadership. Please note that our weekly sacrificial stewardship offertory was significantly low; I encourage you to consider placing your envelopes for the 23/24 weekend in with this weekend's offertory or in the coming week. Thank you for your consideration in order to help us fund our liabilities.

This coming week is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February. Mass will be celebrated in the Church and we will bless candles to be used for our communal worship. I invite you to come and bring with you prayer candles or dining room candles that will be used in the domestic church of your home during the coming year. Wednesday, 3 February is the memorial of Saint Blasé, bishop and martyr. We will follow the ancient custom of blessing throats during the morning Mass and again during an evening prayer service.

Ash Wednesday is observed 10 February 2016. It is very early this year. I encourage you to sit down as a family and prayerfully discern what you will omit (give up) and what you will commit (do) as part of your personal and familial Lenten experience. I remind you of the Catholic Church's precepts regarding fasting and abstinence. I invite you to consider participating in daily Mass throughout the Lenten Season. Choose a Friday Evening to participate in the Way of the Cross services. Lent can be a time of great grace and personal renewal. Encourage family members and friends to re-discover their catholic faith during Lent and bring that re-kindled flame of faith to the Great Solemnity of Easter. Together may we continue to build the kingdom of God in our time. 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

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2. Discover simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday lives, leading to a more **personal relationship with Jesus** and their **best Lent ever**.



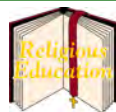
Join a Lenten Faith Sharing Group!

What better way to prepare for our baptismal renewal at Easter, then to join a Lenten Faith Sharing Group! Read and reflect on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday Liturgy.

- ◇ One time/week: Ash Wednesday - Holy Week.
- ◇ Each group has the option of meeting during the day or evening on church grounds or in a home.
- ◇ All materials and instructions are provided for participants and facilitators.

faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

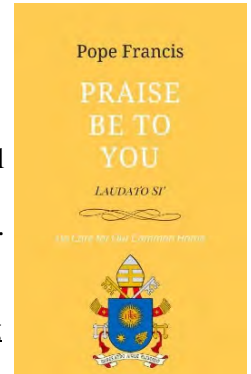
Religious Education Intergenerational Schedule 2016



Sun, January 31: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm
Tues, February 9: Summer (Mardi Gras) 7:00-8:30 pm

Caring for Our Common Community- Some Reflections on Pope Francis' *Laudato si*

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 6th after the 12 Noon Mass, (1-2:30PM) when Father Victor Hoagland will present an overview of the Pope's environmental encyclical as well as some reflections & practical implementation strategies.



Please RSVP to Michele McCue at faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org as a light lunch will be served.

*For infants not expected to live long after birth:
May each child's life, no matter how brief, be welcomed,
protected, and cherished by all;
We pray to the Lord:*



Spiritual Adoption - Week 21

Each day I drink a few ounces of the amniotic fluid surrounding me. It provides nutrition, helps me to learn how to swallow and digest my food, and gives me a taste of what my mom eats. There's a good chance that after I am born, I will recognize the taste of these foods and will be more likely to eat them. So keep eating those healthy fruits and veggies, Mom! My mom is also busy passing her immunities to me. They will protect me for up to 6 months after I am born! Doesn't God think of everything! Each week it gets a little more cramped in here, but I still have room to move, kick and do an occasional flip. All this activity makes me tired, so I need to get back to my 12-14 hours a day of beauty rest! Thanks for praying for me!



Upcoming Sessions of Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

Feb. 4, 18 & 25

*Join women of our parish and beyond,
for this wonderful Bible Study!*
Molly 732-598-6808

Religious Education Registration for the 2016 Summer Intensive Religious Education begins February 1st!



What are the particulars?

Grades available for the Summer Intensive Program: Grades 1-6 (*those children entering these grades in September 2016*) on a first come, first serve basis.

Session dates and times: Weekdays from **July 11-22 OR August 8-19**. Sessions run 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Tuition: From February 1st through March 31st, the reduced tuition rate of \$200 a child will be available. From April 1st on, the tuition rate of \$250 a child will apply.

Registration process: For your convenience, all registration is online with a credit card payment, through the parish web-site www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Note: If you decide not to utilize the summer program, a 50% reimbursement will occur until May 15th after which time there will be no reimbursement.

Additional requirements: Summer intensive participants are expected to attend Mass (of course!), Liturgy of the Word Dismissals and participate in 4 parish events throughout the year.

THIS YEAR, IF WE ENROLL AT LEAST 15 CHILDREN, WE ARE OFFERING A RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT EXTENDED DAY FOR THOSE CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM!!

Time: 12:30PM-5PM

Cost: \$300 per child, \$250 second child(\$125 for a third child) through March 31st at which time the cost will be \$350 per child, \$300 for second child (\$150 for a third child.) This payment must be made even if you elect to use after care a few days a week and/or you elect to pick your child up early on any given day. We need to secure our staff based upon a specific hourly commitment.

Registration process: Registration would occur at the same time as Religious Education registration. If you decide not to use after care after registering, you will receive a 50% reimbursement. After May 15th, no reimbursement will be given. *We need to secure our staff based upon the number of children registered.*

Lunch and drinks: you would provide.

Activity Schedule: After lunch, free play time followed by a fun activity with a religious theme, which could be artistic, sports oriented, etc. followed by a “movie with a message.”

More About the Lenten Rice Bowls

This weekend, you can pick up your Lenten Rice Bowl and Little Book from the ushers. Great! But how does the Rice Bowl support our poor and needy brothers and sisters? Well, 75% of your gift supports CRS programs around the world. Some examples include:

- Agriculture projects that help farmers improve harvests
- Water and sanitation projects that bring clean water to communities
- Microfinance projects that support small businesses
- Education projects that provide resources and training
- Then, 25% of your donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation in your own diocese!



Contact the Department of Catholic Social Services at the Diocese of Trenton.

Executive Director: Joanne Dress jdress@dioceseoftrenton.org for how the Diocese supports CRS.

**Sharing Our Treasure
23/24 January
Blizzard 2016**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$ 6,203
Envelope Contributions	\$ 3,532
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 2,514
Loose Contributions	\$ 157

Average Contribution per Household this week \$49.56
 # of Contributing Households 122
 # of Registered Parishioner Households 1,924

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.*

*“Love is patient,
love is kind.
It is not jealous,
it is not pompous.”
(1 Corinthians 13:4)*

Support/ Fellowship for all who wish to lead committed Christian lives as singles.

Due to the death of longtime facilitator Barbara Varga **help is needed to run the Singles Journey Ministry** (meets every Sunday @ 11:45AM, Rm.10, Spiritual Center)

This is the only active Singles Journey group within the Diocese of Trenton.

Interested please contact
Deacon Vin Rinaldi worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Looking for Employment?



A Job Search Workshop is available to anyone interested in looking for employment. The program is intended to support and help individuals who are seeking employment because they have left their last employer or they are seeking to enter or reenter the world of work. Emphasis is placed on sharpening job search fundamentals and skills such as developing and using the right resume, how to network, locating prospective employers and practice interviewing. Periodically, group meetings are held where members can exchange job search ideas and experiences. Further, anyone desirous of making a transition to a new career field can avail themselves of a testing program and counseling which can stimulate thinking about different avenues of work. Those individuals interested in pursuing the Job Search Workshop can contact John Brenner at 732 961-3219.

Do you get jealous?

- ◆ Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you?
- ◆ Are you pompous?
- ◆ Do you acquire more possessions to impress others?
- ◆ At times we are all guilty of these things.

**Pray for more humility.
Pray to become less self-centered & more God-centered.**




‘Soup’er Bowl Sunday

Let's kickoff the Super Bowl by stocking the shelves of our local food pantries.



Collecting non-perishable food items

January 23th – February 7st

for donation to Foodstock

Please contact Katie Ciccarone (jkiccarone@optonline.net or 732-407-3012) or Stephen Hawthorne (babshawtho@gmail.com or 732-598-1933) if you have any questions.

Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building and Communications:

Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org



Another Special Ash Wednesday for the Martha Mary Guild

Sr. Maureen Christensen, RSM, the co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center in Neptune and a certified Spiritual Director and Retreat Director, who led a beautiful day of Retreat for the Martha Mary Guild last year. The Guild is happy to announce that Sr.

Maureen is returning to Saint Mary's on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016. The title for the day is "Lent: An Invitation to be Transformed by God's Mercy". To quote Sr. Maureen: "As we enter into the season of Lent during this Jubilee Year, we are invited by Pope Francis to live more intensely a life of Mercy. How do we experience, celebrate and witness the Mercy of God in our lives - in a world in most need of God's mercy? Lent calls us to open our hearts to conversion and renewal. In the words of Pope Francis, 'Rediscover and make faithful God's mercy, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time'."

Please note the slight time change for this meeting. Rosary will be at noon, in the Chapel, BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at 12:30, in Madonna Hall, with refreshments provided by the Guild.

Sr. Maureen's Lenten program will start at 1:00. Also, there will be distribution of ashes after the program.

All women are invited to begin Lent in a special way with Sr. Maureen and the Martha Mary Guild.

The New Day

Bereavement Support Group

The Parish of Saint Mary - Ministry of Consolation

Invites You...to participate in a **nine week program** for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the ***New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing***. The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling.



Group meets 7:00pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel.

Starting Date: Tuesday, April 12th, 2016

Ending Date: Tuesday, June 7th, 2016

For information and pre-registration:
Marilyn Simone at 732-462-8088.

An extraordinary campaign for extraordinary needs!

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers



9. How will the campaign affect parish offertory collection? Parishes rely on their offertory. Throughout the campaign, pastors will ask parishioners to make commitments above and beyond regular giving. Parishioners are asked not to diminish giving to the offertory or the Annual Catholic Appeal collection but rather to consider an increased commitment to the Church. Parishioners are encouraged to continue to embrace stewardship as a way of life.

10. How will parish targets be set? Each parish target will be set at 112.5% of the regular ordinary income for the most recent fiscal year ending June 30, prior to the parish's participation in the campaign.

11. How do I know that my pledge to this campaign will go to the components outlined in the case for support? Bishop O'Connell and the laity that serve on the Diocesan Finance Council have gone to great lengths to ensure that the funds raised will be used exclusively for the components outlined in the campaign case statement. Charitable trusts will be established to segregate the funds for each of the case components. A Board of Trustees composed of both clergy and laity will be established for each of the trusts to ensure the earnings from the trusts are only used for the intended purposes outlined in the Diocesan case for support. The Board of Trustees will oversee the professional fund management firm charged with the investment of these endowed funds. Each trust will be subject to an annual audit. Investment strategy will be in conformance with guidelines recommended by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Please visit the Diocese of Trenton website and video link below for more information:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org

In the Community:

Saint Leo the Great, Lincroft 07738 Divorced and Separated Ministry

Many people are hesitant to seek support in their own communities, so this group offers an opportunity for healing. Group sessions begin Feb. 2, 2016. Both a day & evening sessions offered this year.

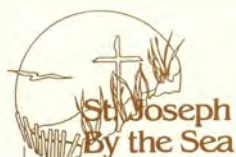
Contact - Mark G. Russoniello, Pastoral Associate
(732) 747-5466 markrussoniello@stleothegreat.com

400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

February 5-7 - COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT

Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection and Eucharist. Arrival: 6:30-7:00 p.m. Departure: 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$210

Please call St. Joseph by the Sea, 732-892-8494 to register



St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Rose Church, Belmar

Annual cocktail party: "For the Love of Thy Neighbor"

Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm
at Belmar Fishing Club, Ocean Avenue, Belmar.

Tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased at St. Rose Parish Center, by calling 732-681-0512 Ext. 415 or at the Belmar Fishing Club.

Come enjoy your neighbors, cocktails, music, a fabulous gift auction, and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit our local neighbors in need of assistance.

Thank you to all our friends who support us in our work!

Stella Maris
Retreat Center

Lenten Weekly Holy Hour for World Peace

Maris Stella Retreat Center

Dates: Wednesday, February 10, 17, 24 & March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016.

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Maris Stella Chapel, Holy hour will provide an opportunity for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer for world peace.

No registration needed.

For more information: Call Sr. Pat - 609-494-2917

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



19TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE

Saturday | February 27 | 2016 | 8 am - 3 pm

(DOORS OPEN AT 8 AM FOR BAGELS AND COFFEE. LUNCH ALSO INCLUDED)

SAINT MARY PARISH | 19 CHERRY TREE FARM ROAD | MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

Attention Men!

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the
19th Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference
on Saturday, Feb. 27
at **Saint Mary Parish in Middletown, NJ.**

The theme of this year's conference is "Merciful Like the Father". The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell, as well as inspiring talks by current NFL quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, **Kellen Clemens**; **Peter Herbeck**, a Catholic TV & radio host, author and evangelist; and **Brian Gail**, an entrepreneur & CEO, author and Knight of the Immaculata. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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