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Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am - 7:30 pm
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Bulletin Deadline:

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

parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Parish Membership:

New Parishioners welcome!

- Contact Parish Office
Registration is required

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 & required paperwork.

Baptisms take place the Second
Sunday during 12:00 noon Mass and
all other Sundays immediately
following 12:00 noon Mass.

*There are no Baptisms during Advent
or Lent, please plan accordingly.*

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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ONE OF THE LEPERS,
REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

October 9, 2016 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come and pray the **Patriotic Rosary** to the Blessed
Mother for the strength of our country.

Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.

*Starts Monday, 10 October, 7 pm continuing
weekly through Election Day .*



Halloween Halls - Saturday, 22 October

immediately following the 5pm Mass

Children attend Mass in costume then parade to Trick or Treat
from rooms and tables set up in the parish buildings.

Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Mass Intentions for the Week
10 October - 16 October
*For * Requested by*

Monday, 10 October 9:00am- Chapel

Don Messler * Marjorie Messler
Ida Caputo * Elaine Baxter

Tuesday, 11 October 9:00an – Chapel

St. John XXIII
Ronald Chakarbarti * Mr. and Mrs. Franceschetti

Wednesday, 12 October 9:00am – Chapel

Joseph Myers * Jeanne Kolakowski
Rev. Fr. Lawrence K. Kunnel * Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff,
and Parishioners

Thursday, 13 October 9:00am – Chapel

Kathryn Flood * Flood Family
Angelo Coseglia * His Family

Friday, 14 October 9:00am – Chapel

St. Callistus I
Christine Filliponi * Natalie Gustino

Saturday, 15 October 5:00 PM – Church

St. Teresa of Jesus
Rachel and Joseph Verga * The Verga Family
Marie La Placa * The Family
Paul Saake * Barbara Saake

Sunday 16 October – Church

8:00 AM
Mr. and Mrs. Mautone * Mr. and Mrs. Franceschetti
Philip Migliaccio * Arianna and John Vig
Marie Benintendo * Carolyn Bongiorno

10:00 AM
For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors
Deceased Andrews Family * Carmel and Peter Vickers
Thomas Sputo * Cathy and Phil Limeri

12:00 PM
Rosemary Carmela Marchese * Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff,
and Parishioners
Patty Madzin * Marliyn and Carl Simone
William O’Sullivan * Treasure and Al Herman

PRAY
FOR
THE SICK 

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| Jacqueline Andras | Mary Klein |
| Bill Barnett | Lori Lettieri |
| John Beckley | Angela Liguori |
| Sal Castro | Pauline Madzin |
| Natalie Chiaino | Arnold Marchsi |
| Jo Clement | Leonidas Mavrookas |
| Linda Damen | Harold McBride |
| Logan Dayton | John McInerney |
| John DeStefano | Marjorie Messler |
| Kaitlin Donahue Nagle | Joanne Neustater |
| Gary Federico | Tere Nolan |
| Ruth Fiedler | Frances Renna |
| Dawn G | Lori Romer |
| Jim Gardner | John (Jack) Sadlon |
| Mario Geneve | Lou Schmitt |
| Emily Gioacchini | Owen Shoemaker |
| Shawn Hamlin | Linda Sobel |
| Tom Hudak | Jean Tarnacki |
| Judith Joyce | Kevin Venancio |
| Joseph Jurgielewicz | Nancy Vida |
| Julianna K | |

**To add a family member to the sick list, please call
or e-mail the Parish Office.**
parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Thank you!
732-780-2666



Welcome to the newest member of our
Saint Mary family who was
Baptized recently:
Cadys Helena Maslo

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

for Christ Chapel & Church are available
in the Parish Office.

The suggested donation is \$25.

Intentions are available these weeks:

- 10/16 - 10/22 - Chapel
- 10/23 - 10/29 - Chapel



CHRIST CHAPEL

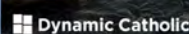
Susan Duenas
Mike & Rita Duenas



CHURCH

Olivia Felibrico
Felibrico Family

**“That’s a lesson we’re always learning,
that God loves us just as we are, but he
loves us too much to leave us that way.”**



Worship Ministry Schedule: October 15 - October 16: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Anthony Buzzetta William Hines	Paul Fournier - Center Cup Justine Buzzetta - Organ Host Rosemarie Estephan - Center Host Suzanne Schlesinger - Tabernacle Host Bill Cargiulo - Organ Cup Gail Cargiulo - Tabernacle Cup Monty Matrisciani - Alternate	Bruno Savo	Charles Young	Margaret Caponegro	Marybeth Jacobson	Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Daniel Cowles NOT FILLED	Mike LaCava - Center Cup Michael Staub - Organ Host Martha Leonhardt - Center Host Rosanne LaCava - Tabernacle Host Martha Cowles - Organ Cup Maureen Staub - Tabernacle Cup Joyce Flynn - Alternate	Elana Eng	Rita Duenas	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Diane Dragone	Hugh Murphy James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Patrick Dickinson Kathryn Ortenzio	Sue Fitzpatrick - Center Cup Barbara Moskal - Organ Host June Zeringue - Center Host Heide Lohn - Tabernacle Host Gregory Calderaro - Organ Cup Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Tabernacle Cup Mary Aiello - Alternate	Steve Rumsby	Alicia Mendez	Mary DeSalvatore Muriel Rogers	Jerry Aldi	Vince Cerulo Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico Greg Penczak Allan Ryan Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Tommy Zita NOT FILLED	Patricia Balbo - Center Cup Dawn Reinhardt - Organ Host Diane Antico - Center Host Irene Weller - Tabernacle Host Patricia Gesner - Organ Cup Lee Gesner - Tabernacle Cup Anna May Schellenberger - Alternate	John McCrae	Carl Simone	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	Kathy Woolston	John Barr James Dolan Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce

Mass Schedule Change - Standard Time
 The Sun. 5:00 pm Mass starts on 6 Nov.
 The Sat. 5:00pm Mass moves to 4pm on 5 Nov.
Please prepare for this adjustment.
 These Masses will continue until Day Light Savings Time begins in March 2017.
 No Sunday 5pm Mass on the following days:
 Nov. 27, Dec. 25, & Jan. 1

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary

Our Nation will also elect its next President in a few short weeks. Come and pray the Patriotic Rosary to the Blessed Mother for the strength of our country. Give our God, Our Lady, and our Country a half hour of your time!



Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.

- 10/10 - 7PM Christ Chapel
- 10/17 - 7PM Christ Chapel
- 10/24 - 7PM Christ Chapel
- 10/31 - Following 7PM Mass in the Church
- 11/7 - 7PM Christ Chapel

Liturgical Ministers Think CHRISTMAS!!

Calling all Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Readers, and Greeters



Please take the opportunity to **sign-up for the Christmas Mass** of your choice during the October AGAPE on Sunday, 23 October.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

- Christmas Eve: 3pm, 4:30pm, 6pm, & 10pm
- Christmas Day: 9am & 11am

Its imperative that we sign up early to help the church plan for the Christmas Season accordingly. Much Appreciate your attention to this request.

Pray for Our Military

*Sergeant Scott MacConnell
 Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki
 Chief Blake Conley, USN
 Staff Sergeant Stephen Witherow, USAF
 Lt. Nicholas Guariglia, USMC
 Lt. Col. John Anthony Coppola, US Army*



Faith Formation

On-Line Religious Education Families,

No further orientations are being scheduled.

Orientation Material may be found on the Parish web-site under Formation > Faith Life OnLine Program. All log-ins have been sent from MyCatholicFaith.com to the contact e-mail for each student in the On-Line Faith and Learning Program.

Intergenerational dates will be finalized & communicated when facilitators have been obtained.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Confirmation Prep. Grades 7 & 8

Group A

October 16 5-7PM
October 30 5-7PM

Group B

October 9 5-7PM
October 23 5-7PM

Jesus Mommy and Me playgroup begins!

a playgroup for caregivers & their
pre-school children
(infancy until Kindergarten)

Starts Tuesday, October 18th at 9:30 in Room 10

There is no cost or registration process for this group;
please contact Kristin Tramutola at
Ktramutola@yahoo.com or 718-757-6041
for more information.

The group will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month.



Lifelong Catechesis Week of 10 October - 16 October

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

16 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14 -- 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

Question for Adults: When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?
-Lifelong Catechesis

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

In his video-based study, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance.

In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*

--Tuesday evenings: Oct. 11th- Nov.8th, 7:15-8:45PM

--Wed. mornings: Oct. 12th -Nov. 9th, 10-11:30AM

Cost is \$20 per person.

**Register at the Parish Office. We will obtain
babysitters if needed.**

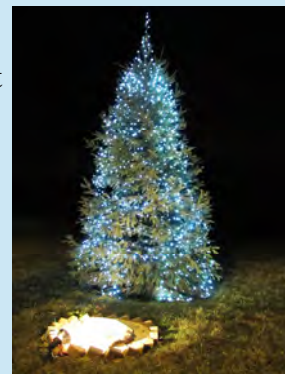
Contact Linda faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

“Light Up a Memory”

“Light Up a Memory” has become a beautiful Christmas tradition at St. Mary’s and is now in its 9th year, thanks to the support of an enthusiastic community. It is heartwarming to see the hundreds of lights sparkle during the Christmas season. For a contribution of \$10.00 per light, people are invited to sponsor a light in memory of someone deceased or in honor of a living person. All of the names will be inscribed in the *Light Up a Memory* book, which will be displayed in St. Mary’s Gathering Space. A lovely card of acknowledgement is provided with each \$10.00 donation.

There will be a tree Lighting Ceremony on Sat., Dec. 10, after the 4:00 Mass, with music provided by St. Mary’s Choir. Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Space after the ceremony. These “memories” will glow until the feast of “Little Christmas” on Jan. 6.

The deadline to reserve a light is Nov. 20, so call the parish 732-780-2666, Molly Aiello 732-598-6808 or Freda O’Doherty 732-577-9541. Everyone is welcome to participate in this wonderful tribute to our loved ones.



Congratulations Confirmati! May you rely upon the Holy Spirit to guide you as you continue your Catholic-Christian journey within our community, your parish family. We look forward to your constant participation in the Eucharist and offer you our love, prayers, and support!

The Parish of St. Mary

Confirmation



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**Conclusion of explanations of the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit
7 of the Seven Gifts**

Wonder and awe makes us aware of the glory and majesty of God. This gift is also synonymous with "Fear of the Lord", in which we dread sin and fear offending God. We fear displeasing God and losing our connection with him. Wonder and awe increases our desire to draw closer to God and depart from sin.



Last	First	Confirmation	Last	First	Confirmation
Allegra	Alexis	Anne	Knox	Sara	Isabella
Andreyko	Logan	Anthony	Kodama	Sydney	Clare
Aquinas	Caroline	Marie	Krok	Lily	Julia
Austin	Jose	Francis	Kushnir	Jenna	Catherine
Basile	Meridith	Catherine	LaPorta	Joseph	John
Benevento	Taylor	Marie	Larsen	Richard Jacob	Sebastian
Bennett	Connor	Nicholas	Lidondici	Thomas	Charles
Boliver	Rachel	Clare	Loureiro	Alejandro	Joseph
Borao	Christina	Veronica	Mangan	Ashley	Victoria
Borao	Elizabeth	Jessica	Martinelli	Joseph	Michael
Burke	Shaun	Giuseppe	McAloon	Chloe	John
Buzzetta	Anthony	Michael	McGovern	Sean	Andrew
Calo	Arianna	Michela	McGrory	Caryn	Isabella
Campisi	Nicholas	Noah	McKay	Jordan	Veronica
Caposello	Nicole	Rose	McVey	Michael	Patrick
Carson	Jill	Jill	Mentonis	Matthew	Michael
Casey	Alexandra	Frances	Mistretta	Michelle	Franchesca
Cipriano	Chazz	Michael	Murray	Mikayla	Nicole
Citro	Anthony	Michael	Notaro	Christian	Raphael
Clarke	Bridget	Elissa	Nuzzolo	Megan	Stefanie
Como	James	James	O'Hara	Liam	Luis
Conforti	Guytano	Andrew	Pellecchia	Michael	Raphael
Coppola	Victoria	Maria	Piro	Victoria	Carmella
Cowles	Daniel	Elias	Praet	Jessica	Grace
Cregg	John	Francis	Prus	Alexa	Anne
DeFalco	Amanda	Aurea	Purdy	Evan	David
D'Eletto	Julia	Mary	Quigley	Nia	Cecelia
Dell'Anno	Nicolette	Christina	Reed	Chandler	Eric
Dickinson	Patrick	Francis	Reganato	Ava	Alexa
DiFazio	Garett	Salvatore	Reger	Daniel	Anthony
DiPilato	Olivia	Nicole	Relay	Samantha	Anne
Dragone	Christopher	Christopher	Renard	Dylan	Anthony
Drechsler	Avery	Julia	Rinaldo	Justin	Anthony
Ecock	Olivia	Genevieve	Rinaldo	Ryan	John
Egan	Michael	Patrick	Rivero	Christian	Francisco
Eschinger	Gabrielle	Elizabeth	SanFilippo	Joseph	Anthony
Falletta	Claire	Louise	Santamaria	Isabella	Dorothy
Farrell	Brandon	Blaise	Scala	Anthony	William
Feaster	Nicholas	Paul	Schaefer	Juliana	Rose
Federico	Carson	Anthony	Schulte	Emily	Olivia
Feiler	Morgan	Elizabeth	Sessa	Isabella	Kathleen
Fetter	Timothy	Victor	Sierp	Noelle	Anne
Finnegan	Thomas	Michael	Siniscalchi	Nicholas	Joseph
Flynn	Madison	Alexis	Steensen	Jenna	Camille
Foltz	Camryn	Catherine	Stortz	Alexandra	Mary
Galante	Anthony	Anthony	Stortz	Cara	Marie
Gathman	Mark	Albert	Stortz	David	Frank
Greenspan	Carrie	Elizabeth	Straub	Daniel	Andrew
Grieco	Alexandra	Audrey	Sysyn	Sarah	Bridget
Hawthorne	Haley	Anna	VanDuysen	Kayla	Sophia
Hernandez	Michael	Kevin	Vela	Carlos	Martin
Horvath	Scott	Vincent	Wilson	Cassidy	Genevieve
Huntley	Mary	Catherine	Wilson	Matthew	Aaron
Jordan	Michael	John	Wrate	Nicholas	Paul
Kaminski	Julianna	Andrea	Younger	Madeline	Olivia
Kazymirczuk	Dylan	John			

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**Sharing Our Treasure
1/2 October 2016
28th Sunday Ordinary Time**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship	\$17,640
Envelope Contributions	\$12,320
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 4,219
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,101

Average Contribution per Household this week \$43.41
 # of Contributing Households 381
 # of Registered Parishioner Households 2,003

Mortgage Collection \$5,554
 (Our monthly mortgage payment is \$6,289.04)

This past week our parish transferred \$3,000 from our stewardship income to support the activities of Saint Mary Parish Social Concerns Outreach.



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

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.

The adult *Country BBQ & Shindig* held at the parish on Friday, September 23 from 7:00-11:00pm was a fun night for all 120 people in attendance. Cowboy hats! Bandanas! Boots and other country themed attire.... The food catered by Local Smoke was delicious! The country music and line dancing instruction provided by BTK Entertainment and Lisa Panicali was over the top!

A big thank you to the chair Lisa Aldridge and committee members: Lisa Panicali, Kim Leshick, Rorie Coppola, Linda Fredda, Jeanna Cerbone, & Gina Mieli who put this wonderful fun filled event together!!



Help plan the next event social, contact Linda at communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

The Diocese of Trenton has embarked upon a new endowment campaign which hopes to raise a minimum of \$75,000,000 in gifts & 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 & 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



Faith to Move Mountains
Minimum goal for the Parish of Saint Mary is \$1,250,000.00.

(Included in goal amount are the 2016, 2017, 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Goals)

In order to fully fund the projects designated for the parish rebate, the parish goal is closer to **\$2,250,000.00**

Pledged to date: \$724,195.00
Pledges 60 Avg. Pledge \$12,070

Please take a pledge card from the credenzas at the rear of the Church and prayerfully fill it out. Please drop the pledge card in the basket during the offertory collection.

Contact Deacon Vin for more information

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The leper was healed while “Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem.” This is what happens to us when by paschal mystery living we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem: on the way we are healed of our infirmities. We are healed each time we come to Eucharist to give praise and thanks to God and in this act of worship we become more perfect members of the body of Christ. We are healed each time we put others ahead of ourselves and in these simple acts we strengthen our faith. We are healed each time we pause a few seconds to “give thanks to God” for the many blessings of each day because by giving thanks to God we acknowledge that God has acted in Christ. Gratitude is an expression of paschal mystery living because by giving thanks we acknowledge our own indebtedness--we are poor and everything we are and are becoming is because God has raised us up. God gives us so much (salvation) and asks so little of us in return (thankfulness). This is but another reminder that our relationship to God isn't between equals--God's gifts are lavish, far more than anything we could earn or accomplish on our own. This is why paschal mystery living makes such good sense. By living Jesus' dying and rising in our own simple everyday tasks, we render God the greatest thanks and worship because our lives become like that of the divine Son. Our thanks are manifestation of God's salvation.

Many thanks to all those who helped to prepare the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi and the blessing of animals and pets.

Today we are called and challenged to reflect on God's Gift of Human Life and how we can highlight this tremendous gift. The dignity of every human person from conception to natural death is a basic teaching of our church. We support this teaching in lots of ways: by talking with children & grandchildren about human sexuality, about our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, our choices to share our resources for the poor and marginalized, our willingness to be inconvenienced in order to serve the poor and needy in our midst. Respect for Human Life is how we care for the sick and elderly in our community. Many of these women and men sacrificed greatly for us to be here and to enjoy the comforts that many of us have. Let us never forget them in their time of need. During this month of October the Church invites us to re-discover the importance of regular prayer especially the prayer of the Rosary. It is a simple prayer that can be prayed at anytime in almost any situation.

Congratulations to our Confirmati (those having been confirmed) as they now take their place among the fully initiated members of the Church. It is my fervent hope and prayer that these young people will continue to participate in the life of the church here in our parish. They have many gifts and talents to be shared. Let us continue to encourage them as they grow in their faith and share that faith with others. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace!
Father Jeff

Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building
Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Upcoming COMMUNITY BUILDING Events!!

Why not join us in planning fun events for the whole community?

HALLOWEEN HALLS

Saturday, October 22 immediately following the 5pm Mass. Children attend Mass in costume then parade to Trick or Treat from rooms, tables, and if needed trucks in the parking lot. There will be refreshments, games and crafts. Join the team to help to help make this year's event **spooktacular!**



Welcome to this year's NHS Teen leadership committee chairs

⇒ Theresa Eng 19teng@gmail.com

⇒ Daniel Eng danieldavideng@gmail.com

FALL CLEAN UP

Saturday, 19 Nov., 11am-3pm

All are invited to help remove fall leaves & branches before the winter months. Participants of all ages & team leaders needed. Outside groups/troops welcome to help! Bring rakes. Dress for the weather!



Community service & leadership hours given.

Communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

ADVENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 11. Please join the committee that brings you the best Pancake breakfast in town!! Men always make the pancakes!! All ages invited to help at the event!



Please contact Linda Dickinson-Pancila for more info.
communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Retreat Day for those Hurting Separation or Divorce.

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Church of St. Aloysius in Jackson, NJ.



Entitled: *"Gently Moving Forward: A Day of Healing for Separated and Divorced Catholics"*

Retreat led by women and men who have been through divorce. The day includes presentations, small group discussion, prayer and reflection, and celebration of Mass. Lunch and Dinner included in Registration.

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Optional Dinner (5:00 - 6:30 PM)

Fee: \$25 includes Retreat & Lunch

\$45 all inclusive + Dinner

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoralcare

In the Community:

Catholic School Open Houses

Bishop George AHR High School, Edison, NJ

www.bgahs.org

- Sunday, October 16, 2016, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Mater Dei Prep, Middletown, NJ

www.MaterDeiPrep.org

- Sunday, October 16, 6:30 pm

Red Bank Catholic High School, Red Bank, NJ

www.redbankcatholic.org

- Sunday, October 23, 2:00 - 4:30 pm
- Monday, October 24, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

St. John Vianney High School, Holmdel, NJ

www.sjvhs.com

- Saturday, October 22, 10am - 1pm
- Thursday, October 27, 7pm - 9pm

St. Rose High School, Belmar, NJ

www.strose.k12.nj.us

- Thursday, October 18, 6:30 to 8:30pm



Habitat for Humanity is looking for applicants for a home that will be built in Atlantic Highlands and is trying to get the word out.

Marianne Herring, Family Services Manager
Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County
serving Northeast and Western Monmouth County
732-728-0441 Ext. 311 **Parish Needs to call for info**

Pastoral Ministry/Pastoral Care Training

Begins Saturday, **November 12, 2016** at the Church of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold, NJ.

GREAT Preparation for *parish volunteers or staff who visit the sick, hospital patients, homebound or nursing homes, also for family caregivers, grief or bereavement ministers, separated and divorced ministry leaders, jail and prison volunteers, or other volunteers who offer pastoral or social outreach to those in need.*

Meets once per month on 6 Saturdays from November to April (2016-2017). Very comprehensive program.

Please coordinate your Registration with Deacon Vin and others going from the parish. Access form www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoralcare

AT-A-GLANCE

Faith in Our Future is a process through which the Diocese of Trenton, its parishes and ministries will plan to meet challenges and respond to new opportunities for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ for years to come.

Where we are and what comes next

STEPS 4 and 5

Response from the Cohorts
July 2016 to September 2016

- Conversations about the Preliminary Recommendations take place at the Cohort level, and a response is developed.
- Responses are sent by the Cohort Core Team to the Diocesan Planning Commission regarding a particular Model or Models with a rationale by Sept. 30, 2016.

STEP 6

Final Recommendations
October 2016

- The Diocesan Planning Commission reconvenes to consider the responses from the Cohorts.
- The Commission's Final Recommendations are sent to Bishop O'Connell with a rationale by Oct. 31, 2016.

STEP 7

Consultation and Decisions
Late 2016/Early 2017

- Bishop O'Connell seeks appropriate consultation based on the Final Recommendations made to him by the Diocesan Planning Commission.
- The Bishop issues his decisions and preparations to implement the decisions begin.

STEP 8

Implementation
Early 2017 to July 2017

- Training begins of the parish core teams
- Steps are taken at the parish, Cohort and diocesan levels of all decisions made by the Bishop.



MONTHLY UPDATE September 2016

This MONTHLY UPDATE is a report from the Diocese of Trenton on Faith in Our Future, the pastoral planning process to strengthen parishes.

Consultation process draws review, response from thousands of parishioners

Summertime in the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton had a decidedly different look and feel this year.

The typically quieter months of July and August were instead quite busy as parishioners, lay leaders and clergy worked to fully digest and respond to preliminary recommendations that had been made about the future of their faith communities. Small group meetings, town hall-style gatherings and official deliberations by the 25 Parish Cohorts (groupings of parishes) unfolded

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From left, Father Angelito Anarcon and Robert Ambrose, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Farmingdale; Claire McCarthy, St. Veronica Parish, Howell, and Father Thomas F. Maher and Cohort co-chair Mary Ann Collett, St. William the Abbot Parish, gather Aug. 22 during a Cohort 11 meeting in St. Catherine of Siena Church. Rose O'Connor photo

Here's what Cohort members have said about the Faith in Our Future process:

"All four priests in our Cohort are committed to this process, and when you have this kind of leadership, it really does flow onto the laity working with them. Their support is contagious." *Mary Ann Figura, Cohort 2 co-chair*

"A lot of improvements have been made in all of our parishes, and we appreciate the nature of the process." *Frank Francese, Cohort 11 Core Team member*

"We need to let go of the short-term concerns and focus on where we are going in the next five to 10 years." *Tom Mullooly, Cohort 19 chairman*

"The group understands this is a serious issue. There's what I want, what the other 19 people want and what God wants. I like to think he's [God] going to get what he wants and needs at the end of the day." *Anthony Coticelli, Cohort 22 chairman*

To read a full report from The Monitor on the summer consultation process, go to dioceseoftrenton.org/faithinourfuture/news/

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steadily throughout the mid- and late-summer weeks as part of the Faith in Our Future initiative.

The results of weeks of work and consultation were set to emerge during the final days of September, as the Cohorts submit their official responses to the Diocese in preparation for the Oct. 18-20 Diocesan Planning Commission

retreat. During the retreat, the Commission will review all the input it receives from the 25 Cohorts. In light of the goals and criteria for Faith in Our Future, the Commission will prepare final recommendations of models and ministries, including campus ministry, hospital chaplaincy and jail and prison ministry, along with a rationale.

The final recommendations will be sent directly to Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., by Oct. 31 for his prayerful review as he consults with the diocesan Curia, Episcopal Council and other consultative bodies at multiple levels before making his final decisions.

He is expected to announce his final decisions in December 2016 or January 2017 with planning for implementation to follow.

Once the responses are submitted, the work

of parish core teams is completed. The next phase of parish-level work will be that of implementation, to begin after the final decisions are announced by the Bishop.

Need to catch up?

You can find the following resources at dioceseoftrenton.org/faithinourfuture

- ◆ [The five goals for the process established by Bishop O'Connell](#)
- ◆ [A video message from Bishop O'Connell](#)
- ◆ [Video from the June Planning Commission retreat](#)
- ◆ [The Parish Models](#)
- ◆ [Written coverage from The Monitor](#)
- ◆ [The Preliminary Recommendations issued by the Diocesan Planning Commission in June](#)



Tom Mullooly, Cohort 19 chairman, speaks during a Town Hall-style meeting Aug. 17 in St. Mark Parish Center, Sea Girt. Rose O'Connor photo

Important to Know

- **The recommendations that have been reviewed and discussed were preliminary only.** As several stages of the process have yet to be completed, no course of action will be taken until Bishop O'Connell announces his final decisions, which is not expected to happen until December 2016 or January 2017.
- **There are a number of different models of parish organization under consideration, and every parish will have some level of change in connection with its neighboring parishes.** At a minimum, parishes will be asked to enter into collaborative relationships with other parishes in their Cohorts. Among other models are merger, linking, in solidum and personal parishes.
- **Merger and closure are not synonymous terms.** If parishes are selected for merger, it means they join together to become an entirely new faith community. It is not about the closing of one parish and the strengthening of the other.
- **Parish and church are not synonymous terms.** The parish is the community of believers and the territorial boundaries in which they reside; the church is the worship site in which the faithful gather. When parishes merge, some worship sites will remain open and some will close, depending on the needs of the new parish and several other criteria.