



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

**Pastor:**  
Reverend Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee

**Pastor Emeritus:**  
Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

**Deacons:**  
Fred Sorrentino  
Vincent Rinaldi

**Trustees:**  
Bill LaMorte  
Irene Weller

**The Parish Office hours**  
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am - 7:30 pm  
Open Sunday 9 am - 12 noon.  
(Except where noted)

**Parish Membership:**

New Parishioners welcome!  
Next Orientation is Nov. 20, 2016  
• Contact Parish Office  
*Registration is required*

**Sacraments:**

**Penance & Reconciliation**

Saturday 3 pm or by appointment.

**Marriage**

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

**Baptism**

Contact the Parish Office for information & required paperwork.

*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*

**One Phalanx Road Colts Neck, NJ 07722**

**Phone: 732-780-2666 Fax: 732-780-0394**

**Thursday, 24 November & Sunday, 27 November the Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving.  
Reopening on Monday, 28 November**

**Standard Time Mass Schedule**

- Sat. 4 pm Mass  
Sat. Penance/ Reconciliation 3 pm
- Sun. 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5 pm Mass  
*No Sunday 5pm Mass on the following days:  
Nov. 27, Dec. 25, & Jan. 1*



**Join a small faith sharing  
group for the four weeks  
Advent**

*Prepare for the coming of our Lord*

Contact: Linda Dickinson-Pancila 732-780-2666 x 305  
or email [faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org)

*more information see page 7*

**Visit our Website: [www.stmaryscoltsneck.org](http://www.stmaryscoltsneck.org)**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**14 November - 20 November**  
**For \* Requested by**

**Monday 14 November 9:00 AM – Chapel**

Marie Dooley \* Treasure and Al Herman  
 Richard Seuffert \* Linda and Bill Stagliano

**Tuesday 15 November 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*St. Albert the Great*  
 Chessari Family \* Family  
 Jean Badura \* Marilyn and Carl Simone

**Wednesday 16 November 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude*  
 Josephine Campeniello \* Andra and Paul Ulashkevich  
 Rev. Fr. Francis Zalewski \* Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff and Parishioners

**Thursday 17 November 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary*  
 Sherman Family \* Family  
 Billy Tuttle \* Catherine and Anthony Defeo

**Friday, 18 November 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*  
 Nancy DeGeorge \* Molly and John Aiello  
 Rev. Fr. David G. Delzell \* Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff, and Parishioners

**Saturday, 19 November 4:00 PM – Church**

*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 Frank Baron \* Irene Baron  
 Catherine Bowdish \* Barbara Saake  
 Camille Barbieri \* Coseglia Family

**Sunday, 20 November – Church**

*Solemnity of Christ the King*

**8:00 AM**

Helen and John Sionas \* Eileen and Michael Stivala  
 Jacqueline Heppa \* Carolyn Bongiorno  
 Theresa Bonnaci \* Sharon Burlew and Family

**10:00 AM**

Guy Patrick de Lhery \* Laura Tucker  
 Deacon Anthony Mustillo \* Gruenling Family  
 Andrew Calderaro \* The Steeds

**12:00 PM**

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors  
 Benedetto and Saveria Squatrito \* Gerbino Family  
 Angelina Perrone \* Filomena Nicoletta

**5:00 PM**

Sean Spillane \* Treasure and Al Herman  
 Dominick Protomastro \* Deacon Vincent and Catherine Rinaldi

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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**



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

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

**A person is put on the list for 8 weeks unless a renewal call is received. Thank you!** 732-780-2666 or [parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org)



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

Available for the remainder of 2016:  
 In Christ Chapel 11/27 & 12/4



**CHURCH**

**Henry F. Felix**  
*Lydia Kevill*



**CHRIST CHAPEL**

**Bernard Ferro**  
*Susan Stark*



**Rest in Peace**

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

Helena Haupt, *mother of Louise Pesano*

**Parish Office: 732-780-2666**

parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Electronic format by 12 noon Thursday of the prior week(10days). parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Adult Faith Formation & Community Building**

Contact: Linda Dickinson-Pancila  
FaithFormation@stmaryscoltsneck.org  
CommunityBuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Liturgical & Worship Ministries**

Contact: Andrew J. Macirowski  
Worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Music Ministry**

Contact: Lauren Walters  
Music@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Religious Education Grades 1 - 8**

Contact: Deacon Vincent Rinaldi  
ReligiousEd@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Ministry Leaders**

**Please NOTE:**

The holidays ahead mean the bulletin submission deadline moves to the following:

**Bulletin      New Submission Date**

Nov 27              Tuesday, 15 Nov  
Jan 1 2017        Tuesday, 20 Dec

**Parish Office will be closed the following dates during Christmas**

- ⇒ Sunday, 25 December 2016
- ⇒ Monday, 26 December 2016
- ⇒ Sunday, 1 January 2017
- ⇒ Monday, 2 January 2017



Welcome to the newest members of our Saint Mary family who were Baptized recently:

- Brielle Aurora Young
- Kelli Elizabeth Daly
- Luca Paul Pesce
- Gage Michael Fedina

**Faith to Move Mountains**



**Total pledged: \$994,834.00**

**Total pledges: 99**

**Average pledge: \$10,048.83**

Last year, Saint Mary had **300+ parishioners** donate to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal.

The FTMM Campaign covers Saint Mary's **ACA Goal for 2016, 2017 & 2018.**

**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 Rinaldi for more information 732-780-2666**



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

**For the Troops**

*All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people you kept him safe through all his journeys.*

*Protect these soldiers.*

*Be their constant companion*

*& their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity.*

*Guide them, O Lord,*

*that they may return home in safety.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**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

**Worship Ministry Schedule: November 19 - November 20:  
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> (Church)	William Hines Christopher Montefusco	Rosemarie Estephan - Center Cup <b>NOT FILLED</b> - Organ Host Emily Santangelo - Center Host Gail Cargiulo - Tabernacle Host Sandra Montefusco - Organ Cup Monty Matriciani - Tabernacle Cup Bill Cargiulo - Alternate	(sub req.)	Bruno Savo	Margaret Caponegro <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Diane Dragone	Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Maggie Paolillo Frank Sikorskas Kevin Venancio
<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b> (Church)	Daniel Cowles <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Gail Hall - Center Cup Joyce Flynn - Organ Host Michael Stivala - Center Host Gina Shute - Tabernacle Host Martha Leonhardt - Organ Cup Catherine Rinaldi - Tabernacle Cup Jeff Wilk - Alternate	Annette Raynor	Anthony Bongiorno	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Lauren Walters	Hugh Murphy James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b> (Church)	Valeska Yaninas <b>NOT FILLED</b>	- Center Cup (sub req.) Heide Lohn - Organ Host Mary Aiello - Center Host Winifred O'Doherty - Tabernacle Host Amy Orrico - Organ Cup Sue Fitzpatrick - Tabernacle Cup Louise Habrack - Alternate	Andrew Befumo, Jr.	Barbara Schaflin	Muriel Rogers Denise Smith	Briget Farrow	Vince Cerulo Bob Ehrbar Charlie Gavinelli Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico Greg Penczak Allan Ryan Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
<b>Sunday, 12:00 PM</b> (Church)	Tommy Zita <b>NOT FILLED</b>	- Center Cup (sub req.) Patricia Balbo - Organ Host Patricia Gesner - Center Host MaryJoan McNamara - Tabernacle Host <b>NOT FILLED</b> - Organ Cup Anna May Schellenberger - Tabernacle Cup Lee Gesner - Alternate	Stanley Drusdow	Carl Simone	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	Anne Baker	James Dolan Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b> (Conf. Prep Sunday Evening)	Anthony Buzzetta Patrick Dickinson	Monica Barr - Center Cup Justine Buzzetta - Center Cup Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Organ Host Susan Murphy - Center Host Dawn Reinhardt - Tabernacle Host Maria Gerbino - Organ Cup Terrie Austin - Tabernacle Cup Diane Antico - Alternate	Richard Gerbino	John McCrae		Lauren Walters	James Austin Christopher Pancila



Join us for  
**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**  
**Thursday, 24 November**  
**in the Church at 9AM.**  
Start your day in  
thankful prayer!!

**Lifelong Catechesis Week of**  
**14 November - 20 November**

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44  
**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48



**20 November: Solemnity of Christ the King**  
2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**Question for Children:** Jesus is always kind to those who love him. How do you show your love for Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** This week we celebrate Christ the King. In the best sense of the word, a King is some one who cares for the people under his care, and also has authority over them. When have you felt Jesus' care for you? How do you allow Jesus to have authority over you?

**Question for Adults:** As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the "good thief," what lesson do you draw from it



**Ecumenical**  
**Thanksgiving Service**  
**Tuesday 22 Nov., 7:30 pm**



*Hosted by Colts Neck Reformed Church*

Members of Music Ministries from the

- ⇒ **Colts Neck Reformed Church**
- ⇒ **The Parish of Saint Mary**

... are joining forces for the annual Ecumenical Community Service for a wonderful evening of worship, music, and fellowship.

## Musical Notations – “Ch-ch-ch-CHANGES!” - *Lauren Walters, Music Ministry*

Hello again! Lots of exciting and different things happening here at the Parish of Saint Mary! In turning clocks back last weekend, the Saturday anticipated Mass has changed from 5:00 PM to 4:00 PM. In the music ministry, we are preparing to change the current Mass setting in 2 weeks to the Advent & Christmas setting of Missa Emmanuel. Additionally, Andrew Macirowski and I have been collaborating to create a Missal & Hymnal as a reusable resource, which will eliminate our need to subscribe and commit a large sum annually for the Breaking Bread Missal/Hymnals, which are currently in the pew. It is and has been quite a substantial project, but the savings will also be substantial AND it offers more options, making the Mass easier to follow than having two separate resources: the Breaking Bread Missal/Hymnals and the worship aids. Each missal contains all three cycle readings – Year A, B & C. In the front, you'll find the Order of the Mass, followed by the weekly readings for years A, B, & then C. The psalm of the day is included for all as well as the common psalm, eliminating the need for 2 separate items in the pews. In the back, as with the Breaking Bread, there are season appropriate hymns, songs, chants, & multiple Mass settings. We will use these missals for Advent and Christmas, and then see a return of the Breaking Bread for Ordinary Time; we will be rolling out these new books seasonally over the next few years.

Another thought on change is a tad more tricky...bear with me a moment. Often at the conclusion of Mass, the congregation occasionally erupts in applause. We are so grateful to serve in a parish that is so kind and appreciative of the many efforts that go into our ministry! Might we ask a favor? In lieu of applause, would you consider joining us in the ministry or offering a prayer for our continued growth? That would increase the merits of why we do what we do. When our efforts are applauded, then the focus shifts to the cantor/choir/instrumentalists, rather than remaining where it belongs, to the sacrifice of the Mass. Music at Mass, as with other elements of the liturgy, should always be beautiful, evoking that emotional response that makes us want to applaud. But even Pope Saint John XXIII, the Pope who commissioned Vatican II, has said that applause in the sanctuary demerits his servile efforts and detracts from God, Who is all laudable and deserving of all our praise. Remember, Honor & Glory to God Alone.

Yes, it's a change...yes, it will take some “getting used to”...but change often yields growth and understanding. Our hope is that this project & decorum request will enhance your participation in and knowledge of the Mass, as well as expand our breadth and depth of understanding our faith.



### Three Weeks until the Advent Penance and Reconciliation Service

**All are invited to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at the parish Penance and Reconciliation Service held this Advent**

**Sunday, 4 Dec 2016 at 3 pm**

**Sixteen (16) priest confessors** will be available to you for your convenience to reduce wait times. To prepare yourself, please take some time out prior to attending the Penance and Reconciliation Service to *examine your conscience*.

*Please visit our website for a short video on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.*

Penance and Reconciliation page via the following:

[stmaryscoltsneck.org/index.php/worship/sacraments/reconciliation](http://stmaryscoltsneck.org/index.php/worship/sacraments/reconciliation)

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# Quo vadis...

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My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time. The signs of the end time alert us to the fact that our striving to be faithful disciples has cosmic proportions. Living the paschal mystery doesn't just have consequences for ourselves, but for all others as well. When we break out of a chronological understanding of time (that is, time as duration with past, present, and future) and break into God's eternal time (time without duration in which everything just is) we can begin to understand how even the little acts of kindness and self-sacrifice we perform each day affect all that is. This is a sobering thought: the way we care for the children, are honest at the workplace, take leisure time to care for ourselves affects our whole world and everyone in it. This is the privilege of discipleship: we can make a difference!!!!!!

This year we have been treated to a most excellent Fall season. Mild temperatures are now yielding to a more seasonable chill in the air. The foliage has gloriously burst into a festive color and now those colors fade as the early evening dark signals that winter is near. This month of All Saints and All Souls reminds us of our need to seek the truth in all things; to choose the higher standard as we strive for holiness of life. As we recall those who have gone before us, here in our parish, in our families, and in our church, we pray for steadfast witnesses to the faith that has been handed on to us. The scripture passages selected for these last weeks of the liturgical year help us to focus on being accountable, presenting ourselves at the end of our days. Let us continue to support all those in our parish community who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. May we continue to reverently

celebrate the sacraments so that the bond of communion might be strengthened among us as we witness to one another and the children in our midst.

Thanks to the Lazarus Ministers and the Bereavement Ministers for helping us to remember all those who have recently died as we welcomed their family and friends last weekend. I am grateful to those who helped to prepare our observance of Veteran's Day. It is a fitting way for us to prayerfully remember those veterans, past and present, for their noble service to country. We also pray for those women and men who currently serve our country in the armed forces and their families for the sacrifices they make.

This weekend we close the Holy Year of Mercy Doors. There have been so many pilgrims who have come to our parish church to pray throughout this Holy Year of Mercy. Let us continue to be instruments of God's grace and merciful presence to the world. We offer our prayerful congratulations to His Eminence, Joseph William Cardinal-designate Tobin on his appointment as Metropolitan Archbishop of Newark and head of the Province of Bishops in New Jersey. I am sure that there will be more information as Cardinal-designate Tobin prepares to take up his new responsibilities in NJ. As I prepare these comments, Americans are voting to elect new leaders. Let us pray for these women and men as they strive to serve all in our land. Let us also pray for an end to divisive behavior and an increased collaboration in support of shared goals. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

Below we are providing a list of locations that offer retreats and ongoing programs in New Jersey.

- ⇒ **Upper Room, Spiritual Center** is sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton, located in Neptune, NJ  
[www.facebook.com/upperroomspiritualcenter](http://www.facebook.com/upperroomspiritualcenter)      [www.theupper-room.org/](http://www.theupper-room.org/)
- ⇒ **San Alfonso Retreat House**, Long Branch, NJ      [www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/](http://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/)
- ⇒ **St Joseph by the Sea**, South Mantoloking, NJ      [www.sjbsea.org/](http://www.sjbsea.org/)
- ⇒ **Maris Stella Retreat Center** , Harvey Cedars, NJ      [www.marisstella.org/](http://www.marisstella.org/)
- ⇒ **Catholic Women of Zion - CHAPTER I**      [www.cwoz.org](http://www.cwoz.org)



### From the entire body of US Catholic Bishops:

"Opposition to abortion and euthanasia does not excuse indifference to those who suffer from poverty, violence and injustice. Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care.

Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas. Catholic public officials are obliged to address each of these issues as they seek to build consistent policies which promote respect for the human person at all stages of life.

But being 'right' in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community.

If we understand the human person as the "temple of the Holy Spirit" -- the living house of God -- then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand. Such attacks cannot help but lull the social conscience in ways ultimately destructive of other human rights."

-- *Living the Gospel of Life* (1998), n. 23

## Join a small faith sharing group this Advent

*There are **four** weeks of Advent to prepare for the coming of our Lord.*



*Why not join an Advent faith sharing group to read the Scripture of the Advent season, pray together and share faith?*

**There is no fee. All materials are provided. Group meetings can take place at the parish or in your home. Depending on each facilitator's schedule the groups will meet once a week during the weeks of Advent: Nov 27th, Dec.4th, Dec. 11th, and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

All adults are welcome.

**Past facilitators please check in** with your interest in facilitating a group this Advent. New facilitators - If you are interested facilitating a group, please contact: **Linda Dickinson-Pancila 732-780-2666 x 305 or email [faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org) Tom Kinlin [tomkinlin@verizon.net](mailto:tomkinlin@verizon.net)**

**Please consider this wonderful way to ready our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior!**

Visit the parish website for a registration form or fill out form below. Email info or drop off form at parish office.

### Participant Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle all that apply: Day/Evening Day of Preference:  
Mon Tues Weds Thurs Fri

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to facilitate a group? Y/N send me more

**Sharing Our Treasure  
5/6 November 2016  
33rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

<b>Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship</b>	<b>\$17,679</b>
Envelope Contributions	\$ 12,863
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 3,494
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,322
Average Contribution per Household this week \$37.78	
# of Contributing Households	433
# Registered Parishioner Households	2,003

**Mortgage Collection \$5,652**  
(Our monthly mortgage payment is \$6,289.04)

Included in next week's offertory will be the collection for the Human Development Appeal.

Additionally, because of your contributions, we were able to send \$1,000 to the appeal for the Arch Diocese for the Military Services.

**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.*

**30 Days & Beyond the Year of Mercy**

**The Year of Mercy comes to a close on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016.**

There are two things to remember:

1. It is not too late to make this Year of Mercy count
2. We don't just move onto the "next thing" after November 20th.

To help with both of these points, the Diocese has created a short "What Now - Year of Mercy Packet".

*Available on the Saint Mary homepage  
"Our Diocese Tod@y"  
( left side)*



# Thanksgiving Baskets

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me..."* Matthew 25:35



Every year, Saint Mary's parishioners generously provide donations for Thanksgiving Baskets for over 200 area families who are in need in the Monmouth County area.

Non-perishable items that have been requested by local charities are:

- Canned Yams, Potatoes, or Rice
- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Coffee or Tea Bags
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Pie Crust Mix/Pie Fill or Cake Mix/Frosting
- Canned Fruit
- Dry Milk



We provide turkeys along with the non-perishable food, but no longer have freezer space to store the turkeys. We are setting up a voucher system with a large grocery chain for providing turkeys.

*Last year 124 turkeys ( \$3,000)  
were purchased for Thanksgiving Baskets.*

*If you would like to help offset this expenses  
please donate*

**Make checks payable to  
"The Parish of Saint Mary" & put  
'Thanksgiving Food Drive' in memo section.**

*Your contribution will be used for vouchers for turkeys or additional canned goods if needed.*

**Please bring your bags of goods to the Parish Hall  
from November 5 - November 18, 2015.**

**Can you help sort, pack or load Nov. 18 - 20?**

*Thank you to Rose Farrow for volunteering to run the  
Thanksgiving Food Collection this year.  
[rmcfarrow@hotmail.com](mailto:rmcfarrow@hotmail.com)*



Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building

Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**SINGLES JOURNEY** is a support and discussion group for adults over 40 who are widowed, divorced or never married. This group was formed many years ago and we meet at St. Mary's Church in Colts Neck. every Sunday mornings at 11:45 am in the Parish Hall Building, Room 10. We have facilitators that alternate every week to discuss different topics and challenges. We do not accept fees of any kind. The venue and time never changes. We are there to be there, for each other. All are welcomed.

**Social Singles is a newly formed Catholic singles group focusing on socializing, service, and celebrating our Catholic faith.**

*We are open to all.*

**Core Group**

We are looking for members to join our Social Singles Core Group. Join our team if you like having fun, organizing events, and meeting new people!

We will have a planning meeting on Nov. 20<sup>TH</sup> after the Thanksgiving sorting event. The goal is to plan a three month group calendar. Please bring your ideas for events you would be interested in attending and helping plan.

Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016  
Meeting Time: 9:50AM for the 10:00AM Mass  
Sorting and Packing approximately 11:00 - 11:15AM  
Planning Meeting / Lunch approximately 1:00 - 1:15PM  
Meeting location: Saint Mary Church Main Entrance  
Cost: Lunch plus tax and tip.

**Sponsor a Family for Christmas**

Let us help those in need this Christmas season. Social Singles will again sponsor a small family in need. We will purchase gifts and a food gift card for the family in need. Most of the gift requested are for basic need items.

Please contact Marisa at 732-722-7902 or marisaarts@aol.com

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

*Please join us on Nov. 16, 10 am in room #11*

We will be collecting scarves and caps for Holiday Express so members should bring their projects at that time.

*We welcome new members and accept donations of yarn at any time.*

*Come, join us!*



Ministry Contact: Kathy Adleman  
kathya23@optonline.net

*The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.*



**Light Up a Memory**

Purchase a candle on the Memory Tree in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of a living recipient. His/her name will be inscribed in a special "Memory" book, which will be on display in the Church Gathering Space. Each \$10.00 light also entitles the donor to a lovely card to send to the living recipient or the family of a deceased honoree.

*Forms due November 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*All contributions will benefit our Parish.* You can also **purchase your lights electronically** on the parish website through pay-pal.

*For more information,* call the office 732-780-2666 or the co-chairs: Molly Aiello at 732-598-6808 and Freda O'Doherty at 732-577-9541.

**CHRISTMAS SPONSOR-A-FAMILY**

This program adopts families from Aslan Youth Ministries, The Center in Asbury Park, Family Resource Associates and the Highpoint School. The goal is to sponsor families in need at Christmas.

If you, your family, your neighbors, coworkers, or friends would like to sponsor a family in need this holiday season.



*Please contact: Sue infoman46@aol.com  
Kathy wamaher2@aol.com*

**Christmas Outreach Opportunities:**

**Tree of Love** – Purchase individual gift items for individuals from tags that are placed on the Christmas Tree of Love in the gathering space.



**The Tree will be up the weekend before Thanksgiving Nov 19/20.**

**Presents are due back Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

*To help contact: Deb debstan2@aol.com  
The suggested gift value is \$25.*

## Got Halloween Candy?



Collection boxes are in Madonna Hall & outside the Parish Office until 11/15/16. The candy will be used by **Holiday Express** for 20,000 gift bags to be distributed at events hosted this season.

## Still time to sign-up to help FALL CLEAN UP

**Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm**

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!
- \* Refreshments will be served.

*Community service & leadership hours given.*

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## AGAPE is NOVEMBER 20!

Join fellow parishioners after Sunday Masses for donuts, bagels, coffee/beverages & fellowship in the Parish Hall

The following Ministries will be present:

- ◆ Advent Faith Sharing Groups
- ◆ Advent Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ Sponsor A Family
- ◆ Little Bethlehem Christians - Olivewood Carvings
- ◆ Music Ministry



**New Parishioner Orientation 11 am Madonna Hall**

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop.

This year, slow down and focus on what matters most. Join **Dynamic Catholic for Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Christmas**, one of our free, life-changing email programs. You'll receive ...



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# In the Community:

## SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS-

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar is especially for people who are separated and divorced. You'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you will face, helpful tips for surviving social events, ways to give your kids a good holiday experience and how to discover hope for your future. Two seminars will be offered. November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Library, Second Floor of the Church of the Nativity, 180 Ridge Road in Fair Haven. For more information and to register, please send an email to [healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com](mailto:healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com)

## An important notice to all birth parents who placed babies for adoption

New Jersey Adoption Law has changed. Beginning **Jan. 1, 2017**, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of an original birth certificate without a court order. Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **Dec. 31, 2016**. The form can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>. For further information or assistance, call a free HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.



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