



**Bishop of the
Diocese of Trenton:**
Most Reverend David M.
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Pastor Emeritus:
Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

Deacons:
Fred Sorrentino
Vincent Rinaldi

Trustees:
Bill LaMorte
Irene Weller

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!
• Contact Parish Office
Registration is required

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation
Saturday 3 pm or by appointment.
Advent Service - 16 Priests
Sunday, 4 December 3 pm

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

Baptism
Contact the Parish Office for
information & required paperwork
two months in advance.

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

**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*

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

November 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY

of
Advent



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**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

**Sunday, 27 November the Parish Office is closed.
Reopening on Monday, 28 November.**

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation Service held

Sunday, 4 Dec 2016 at 3 pm

Sixteen (16) priest confessors will be available to you for your
convenience to reduce wait times.

**Please take some time out prior to attending the
Penance and Reconciliation Service to examine your conscious.**

*Please visit our website for tools to help with the
Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.*



Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Mass Intentions for the Week
28 November - 4 December
*For * Requested by*

Monday, 28 November 9:00 AM – Chapel
 Rocco Caponegro * Margaret Caponegro
 Rev. Fr. David G. Delzell * Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff, and Parishioners

Tuesday, 29 November 9:00 AM – Chapel
 Charles J. Worth * Cathy DiCostanzo

Wednesday, 30 November 9:00 AM – Chapel
St. Andrew
 Anthony Curto * Neil and Jane Slattery

Thursday, 1 December 9:00 AM – Church
World AIDS Awareness Day
 Katarina Stoffa * Muriel and Ken Rogers
 Paul Bulla * Ron, Kathy, and Kayla Stroz

Friday, 2 December 9:00 AM – Chapel
First Friday
 Crisanta Dapul * Elvie and Gener Dapul
 Rev. Fr. Francis Zalewski * Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff, and Parishioners

Saturday, 3 December 4:00 PM – Church
St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday
 Sharon Sturchio * Barbara Saake
 Lawrence Santangelo * Ginny and Bill LaMorte
 Frank Tortorello * Sophia and Ralph Martucci

Sunday, 4 December – Church
Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM
 DeStefana/Albruno Families * Mr. and Mrs. Franceschetti
 Robert F. Flood Sr. * Donna Flood

10:00 AM
 Lawrence Patrick Dickinson * The Dickinson Family
 Albert Addler (Father) * Dolores Addler
 John Newsholme * Cathy Limeri

12:00 PM
 Robert A. McNamara * McNamara Family
 Sarah Spinella * Michael Spinella and Children
 Rosaria and Salvatore Pati * Gerbino Family

5:00 PM
 Philip Migliaccio * Arianna and John Vig
 Rose Mikulka * Kathy and Charles Weber
 Sean Spillane * Cirronella Family

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

PRAY
 FOR
 THE SICK



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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Jacqueline Andras | Julianna K |
| Bill Barnett | Mary Klein |
| John Beckley | Lori Lettieri |
| 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 | Lori Romer |
| James Fiedler | John (Jack) Sadlon |
| Dawn G | Juliana Schmitt |
| Jim Gardner | Lou Schmitt |
| Mario Geneve | Mary Jo Scibetta |
| Emily Gioacchini | Owen Shoemaker |
| Shawn Hamlin | Kevin Venancio |
| Tom Hudak | Nancy Vida |
| Judith Joyce | |

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



Rest in Peace

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

Americo Penna, *father of Sondra Fabozzi*

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

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



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

- Christian Joseph Orrico
- Quinn TeaganSweeney
- John Louis Slipek

Daniel Stanislaw Dumancela Wachowska



CHURCH

Rev. Joseph Kelly SJ
Carol McKay

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
 RCIA & Pastoral Care**
 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
Sunday, 1 Jan. 2017	Tuesday, 20 Dec. 2016

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

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

FULFILL TODAY
 If what you did yesterday still looks big to you,
 surely you have not done much today.--Anonymous



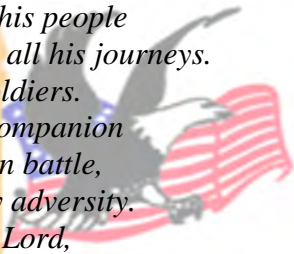
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
**Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Wednesday, 7 Dec Vigil Mass 7 pm
- Thursday, 8 Dec Mass 9 am

Both in the Church

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

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.*



ADVENT

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 ...



Short Inspirational
Videos



Practical Tips



Free Christmas
Music

Your experience of Christmas will be unlike any you've experienced before! Are you ready for your best Advent ever?
dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

**Light Up A Memory
Tree Lighting Ceremony & Reception
Saturday, December 10, 2010
following the 4 pm Mass**



All are invited to the joyous tree lighting ceremony outside at the Memory Tree. Join us for music by our choir and a reception, with delicious refreshments in the Gathering Space.

Thank You to Jack the Clipper, landscaper and Christmas decorator, 732 741 7704 who generously decorated the Memory Tree this year.

**Lifelong Catechesis Week of
28 November - 4 December**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

4 December: Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Question for Children: Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

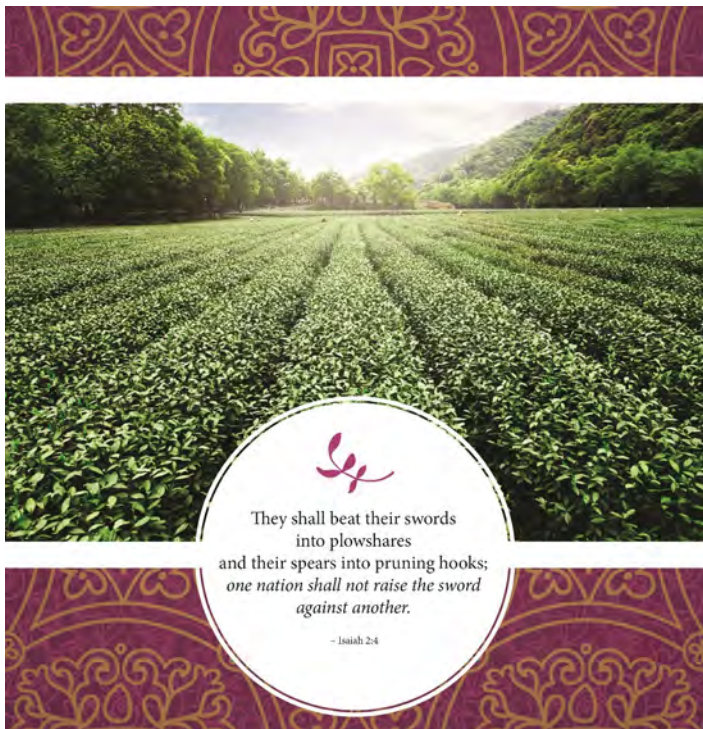
Question for Youth: What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

Question for Adults: Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ - a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling. - *Lifelong Catechesis*

Worship Ministry Schedule: December 3 - December 4: Second Sunday of Advent & Immaculate Conception

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Ushers
Saturday, 4:00 PM (Church)	Christopher Montefusco Allen Montefusco	Heather Kostka - Center Cup Sandra Montefusco - Organ Host Louise Habrack - Center Host Paul Fournier - Tabernacle Host Maria Gerbino - Organ Cup Emily Santangelo - Tabernacle Cup David Kostka - Alternate	Charles Young	Richard Gerbino	Margaret Caponegro Tina Repetto	Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Daniel Cowles NOT FILLED	Martha Cowles - Center Cup Marsha Grigoli - Organ Host Martha Leonhardt - Center Host Maureen Staub - Tabernacle Host Michael Staub - Organ Cup Gail Hall - Tabernacle Cup Jeff Wilk - Alternate	Mary Ellen Griffin	Dering Sprague	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Hugh Murphy James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzio NOT FILLED	June Zeringue - Center Cup Marycatherine Noble - Organ Host Amy Orrico - Center Host Maureen Geiger - Tabernacle Host Sue Fitzpatrick - Organ Cup Dolores Addler - Tabernacle Cup Mathilda Saff - Alternate	Kevin Swan	Andrew Belmont, Jr.	Muriel Rogers Denise Smith	Vince Cerulo John Orrico Greg Penczak Allan Ryan Joe Walsh Jack Zumba Charlie Gavinelli Leigh Gavinelli
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Tommy Zita NOT FILLED	Patricia Balbo - Center Cup Patricia Gesner - Organ Host Irene Weller - Center Host Margaret Herandez - Tabernacle Host Anna M. Schellenberger - Organ Cup Lee Gesner - Tabernacle Cup Dayn Reinhardt - Alternate	Stanley Drusdow	John McCrae	Donna Murphy NOT FILLED	John Barr James Dolan Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Conf. Prep Sunday Evening)	Anthony Buzzetta Patrick Dickinson	Diane Antico - Center Cup Monica Barr - Center Cup Justine Buzzetta - Organ Host Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Host NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Host Susan Murphy - Organ Cup NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Cup Terrie Austin - Alternate	Michael Zarraga	Kathy Maher		
Solemnity the Immaculate Conception						

PLEASE CHECK MSP FOR FINAL ASSIGNMENTS



BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state.

Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

--John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

Advent is a season of preparing

5 simple ways to prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent:

Prepare room at the Inn - Your heart is where Christ wishes to dwell and Advent is the perfect time to make room in it for His presence. If your heart is filled with unforgiveness, it has no room for Christ. Begin Advent by an Examination of Conscience wherein you ask your Heavenly Father to reveal to you any unforgiveness that exists in your heart.

Clean Out the Cobwebs - After an Examination of Conscience, it is important to clean out the vestiges of cobwebs that may still be lurking in the dark corners of your heart. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of preparing your heart for Jesus.

Hang new curtains - Many of us fall into a rut in our daily lives and forget how to live in joy. You are preparing for Christ's indwelling and He abides best in those who have joy in their hearts. So throw out the old curtains of fear and despair and exhaustion and hang new curtains of hope and joy and anticipation.

Get Out the Fine China and set the table - We are certain in our belief of His arrival and every cell in our body joyfully shouts, "He's on His way!" This is the time we get the fine china out of the cupboard—our attitude is one of enthusiastic expectation. Our hearts pound in anticipation of His presence. Our fine china goes so well with our new curtains!

Open the Front Door - So in preparing our hearts for Christ this Advent, the last step after all the prep work is to simply "be." In this state of "be-ing" we don't question how time slipped through our fingers; we don't worry if there was more we should have done. We've been good and faithful servants and are ready for Christ.

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/column/5-simple-ways-to-prepare-your-heart-for-jesus-this-advent-2740/>

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate the First Sunday in the Season of Advent. This Sunday also marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Here is one way of living the paschal mystery (the dying and rising mystery of Christ into which we are plunged at baptism): we let the end (Christ's coming in glory at the end of time) determine the way we live in the present (waiting and watching for God's many comings now). There is a seeming contradiction here (God is already present but still coming) that is allayed when we remember that God is already present in our lives because we are graced members of the body of Christ, "not lacking in any spiritual gift" (second reading) and enjoying God's blessings now. At the same time we watch and wait for Christ's return when we will enjoy the greater blessings yet to come. Paschal mystery living is living the tension of this already and not yet of Christ's presence. Here the end not only justifies the means; it is the means: being mindful of Christ's coming in judgment is how we live. The Lectionary (Scripture Readings) for this new liturgical year are: Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle I.

The Advent-Christmas mailing has gone to the post office. You should be receiving these items in the mail by Thursday or Friday of this week. If not by next Tuesday, please let us know so that we can provide you with the necessary information. Be mindful of the importance for us to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as we journey toward Christmas. Our Penance and Reconciliation Service is scheduled for next Sunday, 4 December 2016 at 3:00 pm in our parish church building. This service is designed for us to come together as a community as we encourage our First Penance candidates as they approach this sacrament for the very first time. It is a time for all parishioners and families to come. We have arranged for sixteen (16) priest confessors in order to accommodate our parishioners. There will be a brief service of God's Word, then individual confession after which those gathered may depart for home. I know how important your time is

especially these days. Let us continue to work together so that we can witness our faith to each other and our children and youth. Come and support one another as we beseech the Lord for the grace of this sacrament in our lives. Please join us for the Annual Light Up A Memory Mass. If you have not sent in your intentions please do so today. Preparations are also underway for the Annual Pancake Breakfast. Consult the bulletin for details and how to purchase your tickets online.

Located in each pew seat is a copy of the 2017 Hymnal with the readings for Liturgical Year A printed in them. Additionally, there is a Hymnal – Missal for the Advent – Christmas Season that is particular to our parish community. It is our hope that this volume will begin to help us create a permanent and stable worship aid that can be used for a minimum of 10 years. This would be a pro-active way for us to reduce our consumption of paper while at the same time reducing some financial costs each year. I am grateful to our Worship & Liturgical ministry personnel and all who collaborated with them in this project. Let us continue to strive for the very best in our liturgical prayer.

We continue to make progress in the Faith to Move Mountains Capital Endowment Campaign. I am so very grateful to all those who have already made their pledges. Faith in Our Future recommendations have been presented to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop of Trenton for consideration. The Bishop will review these recommendations and begin a process of consultation with the Diocesan Curia, The entire Presbyterate county by county, and the Episcopal Council. It is expected that the plan will be announced 25 January, when the Universal Church observes the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. Let us continue to remember our Bishop and Church leaders in prayer. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

A group of our Saint Mary women who participate in Walking With Purpose attended a luncheon and talk given by the founder of the Bible Study, Lisa Brennismeyer in Stamford, Conn. The title of the talk was *Brave and Beloved*, on November 16, 2016.



Lisa spoke about the Ignatian Exercises when referring to fear. She reminded us to : 1) Be aware of what it is we fear; 2) To understand our fear, to write down what is causing our fear, and about the “what ifs”, and consider what is of God and what isn’t; and 3) Take action which would be to accept or reject those thoughts.

She talked about the Walking With Purpose Bible study and said, ”Don’t think of it as “putting something else on your plate, but as THE plate. “ With a firm foundation in our faith, we can handle anything.



Spiritual Reading

Tuesdays at 10:00 am- 11:45 am Room #17

All women are invited

Join us for spiritual reading, discussion, praying & fellowship.

Facilitators take turns leading the group:

- Sr. M. Francis Lomeo, RGS
(Sisters of the Good Shepherd)
- Treasure Herman

With Sr. Fran, we read an inspirational book (selected by the group) and discuss it. With Treasure, we use “At Home with the Word” and “Exploring”, which follows the weekly gospels and incorporates thoughtful questions for the group to ponder and discuss how this particular gospel “works” in our own lives.

Prayer time where everyone has the opportunity to offer their intentions is also incorporated.

“Wrap it up” is around 11:45 am when all are invited to go to lunch together. Spiritual Reading is a close-knit group, and everyone (new joiner or old member) is made to feel welcomed, loved & prayed for!

Treasure Herman treasher@aol.com

Linda Dickinson-Pancila faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Confirmation Prep. Grades 7 & 8

Group A

December 11,
Mass 5 -7:30 pm

Group B

December 4, 2:30 - 5 pm
(Penance & Reconciliation)

Groups A & B Joint Party

December 18, Mass 5 pm - 7:30 pm



Group A

January 8, Mass 5 -7:30 pm

Group B

January 22, Mass 5 pm - 7:30 pm

Sharing Our Treasure

Due to the holiday season and the early transmission deadlines of the bulletin, Sharing of our Treasure numbers for 19 & 20 November will be reported in the coming weeks.

Additionally, because of your contributions, we were able to send \$500 to the Human Development Appeal.



*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.*

BECAUSE FAITH WITHOUT PRAYER IS A HOBBY



JON LEONETTI
CATHOLIC SPEAKER, AUTHOR AND RADIO HOST



DO THIS, INSTEAD

Don't waste your time thinking,
"I really need to pray more."

Instead, use those few moments for prayer.

Friends, be confident in Christ's mercy & love.

LEARNING FROM THE SAINTS

*We do not have to talk very much
in order to pray well."(St. John Vianney)*

A PLEA FROM YOUR SAINT MARY'S PRISON MINISTRY

We need 2017 calendars for the imprisoned in NJ State Prison.

Why?.....

They use them to remember when meds should be taken, visitations, court appearances or just to keep track of time! (Only calendars without spiral binding, please.)

Also needed, greeting cards not suggesting a donation, for all seasons to send to loved ones.

Two donation locations

- ⇒ Box in the Gathering Space Ushers Room
- ⇒ Parish Office

*Your help will mean more than you could imagine.
Thank you, and God bless you and your families.*



**Total Pledged:
\$1,017,134.00
Total Pledges: 105
Average: \$9,686.99**

In Support of
Faith to Move Mountains
I/We intend to make the
following pledge:

Pledge Level Examples

Pledge Level	# of Years	Per Year	Per Month
\$25,000	5	\$5,000	\$417
\$15,000	5	\$3,000	\$250
\$10,000	5	\$2,000	\$167
\$6,000	3	\$2,000	\$167
\$3,000	3	\$1,000	\$84
\$1,800	3	\$600	\$50

**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

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**



Parish Food Collection

Food is accepted weekly. Please place donations in the grey cart in the gathering space of the Church.

Please, no expired items.

Thank you to all for your continued support to help feed others in the community.



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




Advent Pancake Breakfast
December 11, 2016
Madonna Hall 8:30AM to 1:30PM

Join us for a great community event featuring hospitality, great food, crafts and a special guest - a visit from St. Nicholas.

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance
*\$10 at the door
Children ages 5 and under free

**Tickets are for sale at AGAPE, On-line and in the Parish Office.

MORE INFO:
jkiccarone@optonline.net
communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Parent's Night Out

When: Friday Dec. 2, 2016,
6:30-10:00 pm
Cost \$30.00/per child
(child does not have to be enrolled in Future Generation to participate)

Drop your child off at the center while you take some time for you. Enjoy a date night, holiday shopping, or taking time to breathe. Children will be fed pizza, watch movies, do arts and crafts and participate in a cooking activity. Event will be staffed by Future Generation employees.

**Please be advised that we need AT LEAST 5 children to enroll in order to run this event.

Child's Name _____
Parents Name _____
Family Phone _____

Please circle payment that is enclosed:
\$30.00 cash check # _____

Please return no later than 11/24/16
to Future Early Generations Learning Center
One Phalanx Road, Colts Neck
732-780-0135



Outreach Opportunities

'Tree of Love'
The Tree is up!

Purchase individual gift items for individuals from tags that are placed on the Christmas Tree of Love. Parishioners may take as many tags off the tree as you desire. *Return gift with the tag by Dec. 4th.*

Please do not go over the value noted on the gift tag.



Thank you, for your generous support.

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

Summary of Sponsorship:
2016 59 Families to date

Previous years
2015 - 66 Families
2014 - 77 Families

In the Community:

Advent Day of Recollection

We Christians observe an annual 4-week period of preparing for the coming of the already and ever present Jesus. But where is "here"? Let's think, talk and share about that. It will be time well spent! Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:30 am.



Presenter: Rev. Richard Rento
Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Fee: \$50~65 (light lunch included)

Woman's Gathering Advent Program

This Saturday morning program provides women a time to be with other women, to pray with each other, to share with each other and to support each other. The program includes prayer, sharing and brunch.

Presenters: Women's Gathering Core Group
Date: Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Fee: \$20~35

Advent Silence and Solitude Day

You are invited to put aside your busyness and be alone with God for a day. The time is yours to pray and reflect in the comfortable, quiet atmosphere of the Upper Room. The day will include prayer, liturgy, and a simple meal.

Presenter: Trudy Ahern, SSJ
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm
Fee: \$30~\$45 (light lunch included)

Advent Taize Prayer

Come for a refreshing evening of communal contemplative prayer using the beautiful chants of the Taizé community. This Advent evening of prayer will include... psalm singing, Scripture readings, silence, and prayer at the crèche.

Presenters: Faithful Love Music Group
Date: Monday, December 12, 2016
Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Fee: Free Will Offering

For further information please contact us at:

The Upper Room Spiritual Center
3455 W. Bangs Ave.
Neptune, NJ 07753
(732)922-0550
office@theupper-room.org

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. Seminar December 15th 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

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Small Business Saturday, 11/26/16: In support of a day to celebrate small businesses and all they do for the local community, the shoppe's merchandise, excluding Christmas, will be discounted by 40% ON THIS DAY ONLY (maximum discount cannot exceed \$125 per item, previous sales excluded, no further discounts apply, all sales final). We offer delivery service and, as always, there is no sales tax added to any item. Pay it forward, and, through your purchases, give the gift of heat or electricity to a family in need this holiday season.

WANTED: Volunteer who is a licensed electrician to install 3 exit signs and 2 outlet receptacle boxes in warehouse located at Camp Evans. All materials will be supplied; just need you to donate your labor. Please call shoppe at your earliest convenience.



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