



**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

**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.

**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.*

# 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**

**December 11, 2016**

## THIRD SUNDAY of Advent

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Jesus said,  
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."  
Matthew 11:4-5



### Christmas Mass Schedule

(All Masses will be celebrated in the Church  
through the Octave of Christmas)

**Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th**

3:00 pm, 4:30pm - Children's Choir  
6:00 pm & 10:00 pm  
9:30 pm Choral prelude & Adult Handbell Choir

**Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass (No 5:00pm Mass)

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**12 December - 18 December**  
*For \* Requested by*

**Monday, 12 December 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Phil Valenziano \* Staub Family

Don Marshall \* John, Susan and Matt Murphy

**Tuesday, 13 December 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*St. Lucy*

Nancy Helen Romero \* Kelli Petino

Rev. Fr. Francis Zalewski \* Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff and Parishioners

Mary Jo Scibetta \* Martha Mary Guild

**Wednesday, 14 December 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*St. John of the Cross*

Catherine Guastamacchia \* Mens Morning Office

Joseph Jurgielewicz \* Marilyn and Carl Simone

**Thursday, 15 December 9:00 AM – Chapel**

Barbara Parks \* Carmel and Peter Vickers

Edward H. Jensen \* Deacon Vincent Rinaldi

**Friday, 16 December 9:00 AM – Chapel**

*Las Posadas begins*

William O'Sullivan \* Maureen Valenziano

Wilfreda Poscablo \* Drs. Gener and Elvira Dapul

**Saturday, 17 December 4:00 PM – Church**

Anthony Doc Martucci \* Sophia and Ralph

Rocco Caponigro \* Drs. Robert and Frances DelBoca

Victor Rini\* Angela and Tom Kinlin

**Sunday, 18 December – Church**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**8:00 AM**

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors

Helen and John Sionas \* Eileen and Michael Stivala

**10:00 AM**

Florence and William O'Sullivan \* Freda O'Doherty and Family

Gregory Voit \* His Family

Anthony Garito \* Arlene Garito and Family

**12:00 PM**

Patty Madzin \* Connie Weighell

Jean Tornacki \* Jo and George Towne

Angelo E. Garaffa \* Donna and Bill Kubeck

**5:00 PM**

Charles Martini \* Smith Family

Anna Semeraro \* Linda and William Staglino

Robert Muldoon \* Deborah and Steve Stanley

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

**PRAY**  
 FOR  
 THE SICK



Jacqueline Andras

Bill Barnett

John Beckley

Sal Castro

Natalie Chiaino

Jo Clement

Linda Damen

Logan Dayton

John DeStefano

Kaitlin Donahue Nagle

Virginia Endlicher

Gary Federico

Ruth Fiedler

James Fiedler

Dawn G

Jim Gardner

Mario Geneve

Emily Gioacchini

Shawn Hamlin

Tom Hudak

Judith Joyce

Julianna K

Richard V. Kelly

Mary Klein

Lori Lettieri

Pauline Madzin

Arnold Marchsi

Leonidas Mavrookas

Harold McBride

John McInerney

Marjorie Messler

Joanne Neustater

Tere Nolan

Lori Romer

John (Jack) Sadlon

Juliana Schmitt

Lou Schmitt

Owen Shoemaker

Bill Szostak

Kevin Venancio

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)**

**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 the following days: Dec. 25, & Jan. 1*

**2017 Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

Consider donating the sanctuary lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church or in Christ Chapel in memory of a deceased loved one.

The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.



**CHRIST CHAPEL**

**Lt. Hugh Murphy \***  
*Hugh and Phillis Murphy*

\* Royal Irish Rifles, died Dec 15, 1916 WW1 France



**CHURCH**

**Kevin Clemenza**  
*Russell P. & Patricia Clemenza*

**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*

**Pray for Our Military**

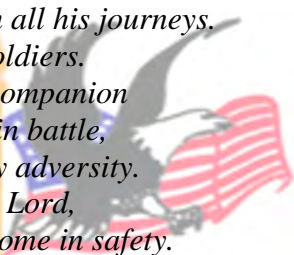
*Sergeant Scott MacConnell  
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki  
Chief Blake Conley, USN  
Staff Sergeant Stephen Witherow, USAF  
Lt. Col. John Anthony Coppola, US Army*

**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.*



**Ministry Leaders - Please NOTE:**  
**The holidays ahead mean the bulletin submission deadline moves to the following:**

<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>New Submission Date</u>
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

*Prepare for the coming of the Lord!*

\* Various Advent and Christmas literature, prayer cards, reflections for all ages are available for you on the kiosk in the gathering space.



**Rest in Peace**



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

*Julia Irene Hickey*

**EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION**



In the event that the Parish Office is closed and Religious Education classes or Masses must be cancelled due to inclement weather, loss of power, etc., we will attempt to keep you informed as follows:

- Updated outgoing announcements on our main telephone line
- Parish-wide email sent to all families whose email address is on file
- Notification on website [stmaryscoltsneck.org](http://stmaryscoltsneck.org)

Thank you Parish Staff

**Liturgical Ministers**  
*Think CHRISTMAS!!*



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

Please **sign-up for the Christmas Mass** of your choice. Contact Andrew Macirowski  
Worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

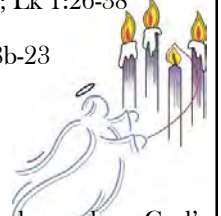
- Christmas Eve: 3pm, 4:30pm, 6pm, & 10pm
- Christmas Day: 9am & 11am

It's imperative that we sign up early to help the church plan for the Christmas Season accordingly.

**Lifelong Catechesis Week of**  
**12 December - 18 December**

**Monday:** Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

**18 December: Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



**Question for Children:** When you pray, how do you hear God's voice in response?

**Question for Youth:** God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

**Question for Adults:** What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer? *-Lifelong Catechesis*

**Worship Ministry Schedule:**  
**December 17 - December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> (Church)	William Hines	(Sub. Request) - Center Cup Louise Habrack - Organ Host Monty Matriciani - Center Host Susan Murphy - Tabernacle Host Dawn Reinhardt - Organ Cup Helene Lind - Tabernacle Cup Justine Buzzetta - Alternate	Dering Sprague	Bruno Savo	Margaret Caponegro	Kathy Woolston	Joseph Powell Robert Lutkewitte Suzanne Schlesinger Anthony Mendoza Maggie Paolillo
<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b> (Church)	(Sub. Request)	(Sub. Request) - Center Cup Maureen Staub - Organ Host Michael Staub - Center Host Gail Hall - Tabernacle Host Catherine Rinaldi - Organ Cup Martha Leonhardt - Tabernacle Cup Michael Stivala - Alternate	Charles Young	Mary Ellen Griffin	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Lauren Walters	Michael DiScenza George Watts James Pifer Joe Young Michael Boliver
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b> (Church)	(Sub. Request) Kathryn Ortenzio	Helen DeCerce - Center Cup Mary Aiello - Organ Host Gregory Calderaro - Center Host Barbara Moskal - Tabernacle Host Maureen Geiger - Organ Cup Amy Orrico - Tabernacle Cup June Zeringue - Alternate	Julia Cullen	Rita Duenas	Andrew Befumo, Jr. Muriel Rogers	Valeska Yaninas Lauren Walters	Leigh Gavinelli Jack Zumba John Orrico Charlie Gavinelli Allan Ryan Vince Cerulo Greg Penczak Joe Walsh William Spence
<b>Sunday, 12:00 PM</b> (Church)	Tommy Zita	Lee Gesner - Center Cup MaryJoan McNamara - Organ Host Marycatherine Noble - Center Host Patricia Gesner - Tabernacle Host (Sub. Request) - Organ Cup Anna May Schellenberger - Tabernacle Cup Diane Antico - Alternate	Carl Simone	Stanley Drusdow	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	Marybeth Jacobson	James Dolan  Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b> (Confirmation Prep Sunday Evening)	Anthony Buzzetta Abigail Cowles	Monica Barr - Center Cup <b>NOT FILLED</b> - Center Cup Terrie Austin - Organ Host Irene Weller - Center Host Martha Cowles - Tabernacle Host <b>NOT FILLED</b> - Organ Cup <b>NOT FILLED</b> - Tabernacle Cup Maria Gerbino - Alternate	Michael Zarraga	Annette Raynor		Anne Baker	Anthony Mendoza Ken Camarco John Barr James Austin

**Congratulations** to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation last weekend! Please keep them, and their families, in your Advent prayers.

Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Agliata	Chaz	Garfield	Amanda	Rogers	Kenneth
Aiello	Sophia	Garfield	Lindsey	Rudko	Andrij
Apolito	Sabrina	Gibson	Matthew	Sabin, Jr.	Christopher
Bacile	Michael James	Girgis	Abby	Sans	Luke
Barone	Colin	Girgis	Ian	Schell	Owen
Beninato	Victoria	Grant	Mia	Schibell	Audrey
Brown	Olivia	Strausbaugh	Charles	Sciarrillo	Sean
Bruck	Dennis	Ippolito	Ava	Shearer	Addison
Brunelli	Gavin	Koster	Gavin	Spano	Isabella
Bujnowski	Thomas	Lakefield	Brandon	Taeschler	Andrew Martin
Buzzetta	Elizabeth	Lukowitz	Kirsten	Tappen	Charles
Caffiero	Mattilyn	Marx	Nicholas	Thompson	Amelia
Clemente	Maximilian	McKay	Ryan	Toscanini	Nicholas
Cygal	Kiersten	Moore	Sean	Trumino	Sara
Miele-DiFabio	Tatiana	Navroski	Pedro	Tzoulis	Sofia
Dugo	Valentina	Noble	Maia	Tzoulis	Stella
Esposito	Lola	O'Connor	Rowan	Valente	Sophia
Faiella	Samantha	Palazzolo	Lilyanna	Valvo	Hudson
Failla	Ava	Pape	Paul	Velho	Avery
Ferrara	Gianna	Petrosino	Brian	Weller-Oldani	Nathan
Fortunato	Julian	Quincannon	Christopher	Willis	Hannah
Galski	Ashlyn	Reger	Dylan	Wrate	Michael

### Confirmation Prep. Grades 7 & 8

**Group A**  
December 11,  
Mass 5 -7:30 pm

**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



### OPLATEK

One of the most beautiful Polish customs is the “*breaking of the oplatek.*” The use of the Christmas wafer is practiced all over the world. The oplatek is a thin white wafer with various pressed scenes pictured on each one. In Poland, colored wafers are used to make Christmas tree decorations. Formerly, these wafers were baked by parishioners and distributed during Advent.

#### *The custom:*

On Christmas Eve, the whole family gathers and waits for the appearance of the first star. They then approach the table with a vacant chair (for an unexpected guest which is always provided for in hospitality). The father or eldest member of the family reaches for the wafer, breaks it in half and gives one half to mother. Then, each of them break a small part of each other’s piece and they wish each other long life, good health, joy and happiness, not only for the holiday season, but for the coming year and many more to come. The same ceremony is repeated between the father and children, as well as among the children, relatives, friends and even strangers, if they happen to be present. The ceremony is over and they all sit down to eat. Sometimes, the oplatek is sent in a greeting card to loved ones away from home.

There are oplatek wafers available in the gathering space for anyone wishing to celebrate this tradition.

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# Quo vadis...

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My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. This particular Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that can be translated as we rejoice. It is easy and comfortable to recognize Christ in the expected places and ways. When we enter the peace of a church for example, we expect to find God. When we sit and pray in our homes, we expect to find God and have our prayers answered. All this is good. However, living the paschal mystery means that we take up the mission of Christ ourselves, that we ourselves are to be Christ for others. Especially during these final days before Christmas when everyone is so busy, we can forget that our mission is like John's: to testify to the light. We do this by how we respond to those around us: take time to listen to the one hurting, visit those who might be forgotten, do with a little less ourselves so others might have more, take time to pray, remember to give thanks, offer a helping hand, reorganize our priorities, praise the God in others.

Thanks again for your participation in the Advent Gift Giving Programs. Our Advent Penance & Reconciliation Service was very prayerful and this was noticed by our visiting Priest-Confessors. This was the largest gathering to date with nearly 600 +/- present. There continues to be a great need for food items each and every week. Please bring food with you whenever it is convenient for you. We will deliver the food items to those who carefully distribute it to the poor and needy in our midst. There is always a need for peanut butter and jelly -- should you wonder what to bring. Your generous stewardship makes a difference in their lives. Let us never waiver in our support for the poor and marginalized in

our midst.

This year we are treated to four full weeks of the Advent Season. This weekend we welcome those who join us for Mass as we light the memory tree in honor of our loved ones. Let us honor them by faithfully living our Catholic Faith as they lived it for us. Now it is our turn to live it wisely and courageously as witnesses to children and one another. Welcome to all those who join us for the Annual Advent Pancake Breakfast. I am grateful to all those who have purchased tickets in advance so that proper preparations can be made to make this a great community building opportunity. Thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and talent to offer the LUAM and Pancake Breakfast.

You should have received in the mail a copy of our 2016 Christmas Schedule of services. Please review it carefully and plan your schedule accordingly. Make this an opportunity for you to invite members of your family to join with you in celebrating Mass for Christmas. As you continue to make your Christmas list for this year, please remember to put our parish toward the top of that list so that we might continue to progress into the future providing for the needs and challenges that await us. As always, thank you for all that you do in order to make our parish a vibrant community of faith and service. Plan to arrive earlier than usual for Christmas Masses (especially the 3 & 4:30). Please carpool whenever and wherever possible. Remember that we have "Colts Neck parking" on the grass...perpendicular to the outer road of the parking lot. Let us remember one another in prayer. Have a great week. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

**A trip to Bermuda  
to build community at the  
Parish of Saint Mary.  
Let's celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the dedication of the Church  
aboard the Norwegian Breakaway!**



**The Parish of Saint Mary Cruise**  
**"In celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the dedication of the Church"**  
**Onboard the Norwegian Breakaway – July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Hate to fly? – You don't have to!**

Norwegian Breakaway is ready to whisk you away to the warm waters of Bermuda. Named Best New Ship by Cruise Critic editors. Enjoy The Waterfront, a quarter-mile oceanfront promenade lined with restaurants, bars and spectacular views.

Date	Port Location	Arrive	Depart
July 30	New York City		4:00 PM
July 31	At Sea		
Aug. 01	At Sea		
02	Bermuda	8:00 AM	
03	Bermuda		
04	Bermuda		
05	At Sea		3:00 PM
06	New York City	8:00 AM	



**Group Rates**

Inside Stateroom	\$1,355.08	Other Options Available
Balcony Stateroom	1,805.08	

**Rates are per person - based on double occupancy and include port charges and taxes.**  
 Please call for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> passenger rates and other stateroom categories.  
 \$500 Deposit per stateroom due by 1/20/17. Final payment due 5/01/17

**\*Group Bonus: Each stateroom can choose two of the following:**

- ◇ Free Beverage package – Includes all Alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages.
- ◇ 4 Night Specialty Dining Package
- ◇ Pre Paid Gratuities.
- ◇ 250 Minute Wi-Fi Package
- ◇ \$75 Onboard credit per stateroom



**For more info or to reserve your spot, please contact:  
 Tammy Dascoli at Glorious Getaways Travel, LLC - 732-276-5321 or email Tammy@gloriousgetawaystravel.com**



**Sharing Our Treasure  
3/4 December  
Second Sunday of Advent**

<b>Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship</b>	\$17,765
Envelope Contributions	\$11,785
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 4,912
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,068
Average Contribution per Household this week \$31.54	
# of Contributing Households	368
# Registered Parishioner Households	2,003

**Mortgage Collection \$5,121**  
(Our monthly mortgage payment is \$6,289.04)

Included in next week's offertory will be the collection for the Support of Religious Retirement

**This past week our parish transferred \$3,000 from our stewardship income to support the activities of St. 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.*

**End Of Year Contribution Statement**

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2016 contributions, please provide a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to the parish office by mail or drop it in the collection basket by January 15, 2017. Requests will be processed & mailed by the end of January.

*Please do not make your request by phone.*

**As/of Dec 5:**

**Total pledged:  
\$1,056,574.00**

**Total pledges: 114  
Average pledge: \$9,268.19**

**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**



*"Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is enough room for Jesus."*

Neal A Maxwell

**GIVING GUIDELINES  
FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION**

Of all the ways we are asked to be generous, giving from our treasure - giving money - can sometimes be the most challenging. God understands this. He calls us to tithe for this reason. Giving money to charity will do much good, but the most good it will do is free us from our attachment to money. This frees us to serve God and draw closer to Him.

**Tithing** challenges us to see the difference between what we need and what we want. This is important for our spiritual well being.

**Tithing** means giving 10% from our gross wages or income. We strive to give 5% to our parish, and 5% to the needs of the greater Church and world – other charities. Giving freely is an important tool to develop in our journey to draw closer to Christ. For most, it takes time to reach a full tithe.



**SPONSOR-A-STUDENT**

Once again there are students from St Antoine-St Augustine School in Petite Rivere des Nippes, Haiti who need your help. The cost to sponsor a student remains at \$180 per year to provide tuition, books, uniforms and a hot meal (sometimes the only meal they will eat that day). That's only \$15 per month. An optional \$20 per year will pay for your child's healthcare.

If you would like to continue to sponsor a child, or if you've never sponsored one before and would like more information, call Kathy at 732-462-0560. For more information, check out their website at:

[www.americanhaitianfoundation.org](http://www.americanhaitianfoundation.org)



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



### Sewing Circle Ministry

Members of sewing ministry made 20+ pillows for surgery patients and donated to Centra State Hospital.

Due to Christmas the ministry will meet only once this month, December 13th 1-3 pm Room #11.

Please contact Kathe kjflan@aol.com for more information.

*Happy Advent & Merry Christmas to All*



**Tai Chi News:** Classes will resume Jan. 5, 2017. Thursdays, in the Parish hall.

**Time:**

- 10:00-11:00 am (Beginner);
- 11:00-12:00 noon (Intermediate); and
- 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Evening Session).

*Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, joy, and love!*

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

We will not meet in December. Our next meeting is January 18th Project: Prayer shawls for Sister Helen for the sisters in the retirement home where she volunteers.

I wish each of you and your family a most Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. Kathy Adleman ----- [kathya23@optonline.net](mailto:kathya23@optonline.net)

### Light Up A Memory

*Thank You to Jack the Clipper , landscaper and Christmas decorator , 732 421 7704 who generously decorated the Memory Tree this year.*

**NOTE:** Phone Number updated

### Martha Mary Guild Wednesday, 14 December

The Martha Mary Guild is excited to host the Cedar Drive Chorus at our meeting on December 14th. Come join us for a wonderful pre-Christmas celebration! Rosary in the Chapel at 7 pm - meeting starts at 7:30 pm



*Calling all Martha Mary Guild members!!! Please bring a donation for Birth Right of Red Bank to our Dec. 14, 2016 Christmas Meeting. Greatly needed are baby clothes for sizes 0 to 18 months, towels, crib sheets, diapers up to size 4- no blankets are needed at this time. Thank you for all the kindness that you do!*

### Provide A Ride

St. Mary has several Parishioners who are elderly/disabled & unable to drive for their own personal needs, such as doctor visits, food shopping, Mass attendance, etc.



If you have the desire & ability to offer transportation assistance, so that a fellow Parishioner can attend to their ordinary everyday tasks, please consider making yourself available to provide a ride on an as-needed or perhaps once-a-month basis.

For more information, please contact Roger (Social Concerns Outreach) at 732-780-7343 x320.



**Christmas Party**  
**Thursday, 15 December 7:30 pm**

# In the Community:

## Charismatic Healing Mass

Tuesday Dec 13, 2016 8 pm Holy Cross Church  
Ward Ave & Rumson Road  
Celebrant: Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ

*Next Mass January 23, 2017*

**Additional Information 732-345-8400**

## St. Mary's Parish (Middletown),

will celebrate the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, December 15, 7:15 to 8:15pm, at St. Mary's Chapel, 26 Leonardville Road, New Monmouth. A relic of St. Faustina will be presented for veneration. Any questions, call St. Mary's at 732-671-0071.

## Messiah Sing Along

Friday, December 16 at 7PM  
St. Michael's

800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740

Bring your own score or borrow one at the door  
Cookies and Carols to follow in the Lower Church  
Shea Velloso, organ

### Lauren Walters, soprano

Dr. Jody Doktor, mezzo

Ted Chletsos, tenor

Wilbur Lewis, bass

FREE

Contact Paul Bergin, Music Director

[pbergin@stmichaelnj.com](mailto:pbergin@stmichaelnj.com)

732-222-8080, ext. 118



## ChristLife: Discovering Christ Small Groups Registration Open for February 2017

In February 2017, St. Benedict Church in Holmdel will embark on a spiritual journey that promises to bring you closer to Christ than you ever thought possible. ChristLife is a three-part evangelization process that equips parishes to enter into the New Evangelization. The courses are Discovering Christ, Following Christ, and Sharing Christ.

Part I. Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that invites people to explore the meaning of life and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Each session includes a meal, prayer, a video-based presentation of the Gospel, and small group discussion. A Saturday retreat follows the 5th session.

Our first session for Discovering Christ will take place during the Lenten season, an opportune time to open yourself and your heart to Christ. During this program, you will uncover the treasure of a personal relationship with God and find out how He can make a difference in your life.

We invite all local parishes and its parishioners to our next session of ChristLife: Discovering Christ which will begin on **Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 6:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.**

The dates and session topics for the seven-week program of Discovering Christ are as follows:

Session 1: Thursday, February 23: What Is the Meaning of Life?

Session 2: Thursday, March 2: Why Does Jesus Matter?

Session 3: Thursday, March 9: What Does Jesus Want Us To Know?

Session 4: Thursday, March 16: Why Do I Need a Savior?

Session 5: Thursday, March 23: Why Is the Resurrection Important for Us?

Retreat Day: Saturday, March 25

Retreat Topic 1: Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Retreat Topic 2: The Holy Spirit and You!

Session 6: Thursday, March 30: New Life in the Spirit: Being a Catholic Disciple

Session 7: Thursday, April 6: Believing and Belonging: Why We Need the Church and Evaluations

*Please note: Childcare will be available for registered participants.*

Register today! Space is limited! To register, please email [christlife@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:christlife@stbenedictnj.org) by **Wednesday, January 4th.**

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