



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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February 21, 2016



Second Sunday

of

Lent

The Lord God said to Abram,
“Look up at the sky and
count the stars, if you can.
Just so shall your descendants be.”

Soup & Bread * February 26, 6pm

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

Soup and Bread 6 pm in Madonna Hall **RSVP**
Sue at Jimc941@msn.com

Stations of the Cross

7 pm

Each Friday Night during Lent

Lenten Chapel (Parish Hall)

Feb 26 - Everyone's Way of the Cross

Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

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

Pastor: Reverend Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee

Deacons:

Fred Sorrentino
Vincent Rinaldi
James V. Gallagher

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

The **Parish Office hours** are Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Open Sunday 9 AM - 12 NOON.

Trustees:

Susan Coleman
Bill LaMorte

Parish Membership: New Parishioners are always welcome! Registration is required. Contact Parish Office.

The next New Parishioner Orientation is
24 April, 2016, 11:00 AM.

Parish Office: 732-780-2666

parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org

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

parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM or by appointment.

Marriage

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

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office in advance for information and required paperwork.
No Baptisms during Lent.

Lifelong Catechesis

Week of 22 February - 28 February

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

28 Feb. Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Question for Children: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?



**PLEASE
COMPLETE
PARISH
SURVEY
ASAP**

All registered parishioners are asked to participate in an **electronic survey** based on the 9 criteria for planning set by the Diocese of Trenton.

This survey is your primary opportunity to provide input and help the FIOF Core team members compile the necessary information to aid with the self-evaluation, planning & visioning of the parish.

The electronic survey has been emailed to all parishioner households with a valid email address on file. *If you have not received the survey please E-MAIL communications@stmaryscoltsneck.org to update you email address in the parish data base.*

Those unable to complete the survey electronically at home, please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment. A computer and help will be provided.

Visit the parish website www.stmaryscoltsneck.org for additional information about FIOF and each individual model.

2nd Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)



Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

**Mass Intentions for the Week
22 February - 28 February
For * Requested by**

Monday 22 February 9:00 AM – Lenten Chapel

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Frank Joseph Mazza * Joseph DeLuca

Tuesday 23 February 9:00 AM – Lenten Chapel

St. Polycarp

Antonina La Marca* Catherine & Deacon Vincent Rinaldi
Jim Hamill * Freda O'Doherty

Wednesday, 24 February 9:00 AM – Lenten Chapel

Eleanor and Patrick Walsh * Maureen Beyer

Thursday, 25 February 9:00 AM – Lenten Chapel

Phil Valenziano * Gail and Bill Cargiulo

Friday, 26 February 9:00 AM – Lenten Chapel

Abstinence

Manuel Tavares* MaryLou and John Soares

Saturday, 27 February 5:00 PM - Church

Rev. Fr. Joseph Wortmann * Barbara Saake
Terence Deckert * Angela and Tom Kinlin
Angelina Jean Brock* Kathleen and Nicholas Pellicone

Sunday, 28 February – Church

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM

Helen and John Sionas * Eileen and Michael Stivala

10:00 AM

Philip Mascaro * Mascaro Family
Liliana DiLiddo * Linda and William Stagliano

12:00 PM

Severino Sciarrino * Diane Woodford

5:00 PM

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors

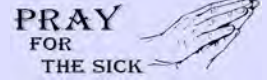


Lenten Penance & Reconciliation Service

March 13, 2013 @ 3:30pm

16 assisting priest/ confessors.

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



Jacqueline Andres
Mary Barbagallo
Bill Barnett
John Beckley
Joan Blatz
Jennie Borowski
Florence Brillante
Natalie Chiaino
Anthony Citro
Jo Clement
Linda Damen
Logan Dayton
Nancy DeGeorge
John DeStefano
Ruth Fiedler
Mary Fournier
Margaret Gesner
Emily Gioacchini
Thomas Giuffrida
Tom Hudak

Joseph Jurgielewicz
Lori Lettieri
Angela Liguori
Angela Kinlin
Mary Klein
Arnold Marchsi
Leonidas Mavrookas
John McInerney
Marjorie Messler
Tom Nolan
Tere Nolan
John Orrico
Frances Renna
Lori Romer
Lou Schmitt
Linda Sobel
Hayden Sprat
Kevin Venancio
Nancy Vida
Kathleen Walsh

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



Pray for Our Military

Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki
Chief Blake Conley

Rest in Peace

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

Michael Baselice,
brother of Anthony Baselice



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Donations are accepted for **intentions** for the Sanctuary Lamp in the Christ Chapel & Church.

This candle burns perpetually as a reminder that Jesus is truly and really present in the tabernacle.

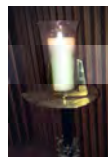
If you wish to make the suggested donation of twenty-five dollars for an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp,
contact the Parish Office for an envelope.

There are Sanctuary lamps available for the Christ Chapel & Church in March



Sanctuary Lamp - Christ Chapel

Philip Valenziano
Sue & Jim Coleman



Sanctuary Lamp - Church

Olga Pereira
Ruggieri Family

Pastoral Associate for Worship & EvangelizationDeacon Vincent Rinaldi worship@stmaryscoltsneck.orgSocial Concerns: Roger Zurro Music Ministry: Lauren Walters music@stmaryscoltsneck.org Organist: Andrew Macirowski

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title Metamorphosis, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).



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**KEEP
CALM
AND
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CHOIR**

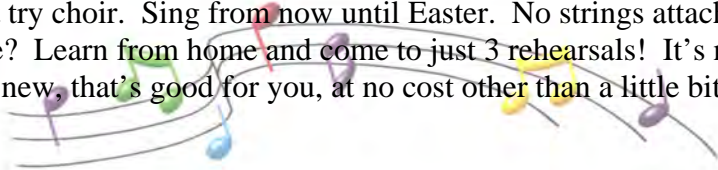
Musical Notations: Sing for a Season!

Is part of your New Year's resolution to get in shape, feel great, reduce stress, volunteer more, or take up a new hobby?

Singing can help with that!

It's proven to strengthen the abdomen, improve posture, stamina, and lung function, tightens facial skin, releases endorphins that help with chronic pain, anger, depression, and anxiety. Singing even improve brain function and assists those with balance issues... the benefits go on & on!

You can get this every Tuesday night at 7:30 in the church...and for those grade 1-8, every Sunday after the 10:00 Mass! This is the PERFECT time to just try choir. Sing from now until Easter. No strings attached, no questions asked. Rehearsal time(s) an issue? Learn from home and come to just 3 rehearsals! It's never been easier, more convenient to try something new, that's good for you, at no cost other than a little bit of your time and talent.



Hope to see you all soon! For more information, contact Lauren Walters at l.walters@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Annulment Information Evenings

Are you a divorced person who wants to be married in the Catholic Church? Then come and find guidance at these sessions prepared especially for you.

Mercer County - 8 March (Tues) 7:30- 9pm St. James Parish, Pennington

Monmouth County - 29 Feb. (Mon) Christ the King, Long Branch

Ocean County - 15 March (Thurs) St. Aloysius Parish Jackson

All are Welcome! No Registration or Fee required





Lent & Easter Dates at a Glance

Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel -
following Daily Mass

Wednesdays: Feb 24 March 2, 9, 16

Stations of the Cross- Lenten Chapel
Fridays: 7 pm Feb 26 March 4, 11, 18

Soup and Bread—Feb 26
Madonna Hall— 6pm; Lite meal of meatless soup & bread with Stations of the Cross following at 7 pm

Lenten Penance and Reconciliation Service
Communal Service PARISH WIDE
Sunday, March 13 — 3:30 pm

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion,
March 20: Palm distribution— **All Masses**
held in Church(Sunday Schedule)

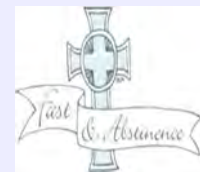
Chrim Mass—St. Robert Bellarmine Church
in Freehold on Monday, March 21st at 7:30 pm

Guidelines of the Universal Church

The Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics to observe the following:

The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).



Fast—consume only one full meal.

Abstinence— consume no meat; this obligation prohibits the eating of meat but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Baptized Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast and those from the age of 14 are also obliged to abstain.

All are encouraged to embrace these practices as part of our spiritual journey.

This LENT, give something up and take something on...



Prayer
Fasting
Works of Love & Charity

Recycle Last Years Palms

A receptacle has been placed in the Gathering Space to collect old palms, so that they may be disposed of properly.

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing frighten you.
All things are passing.
God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things.
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,
God alone is sufficient.
--St. Teresa of Ávila

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WHY DOESN'T JESUS WANT US TO GET COMFORTABLE? THE REASON IS SIMPLE, PROFOUND, AND PRACTICAL: HE DOESN'T WANT US TO FORGET THAT WE ARE JUST PASSING THROUGH THIS WORLD. WE ARE PILGRIMS.

Complimentary copies available at the Parish Office

Quote taken from *Rediscover Jesus* Matthew Kelly's NEW Book

Soup & Bread * February 26, 6pm

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

Soup and Bread 6 pm in Madonna Hall

Stations of The Cross 7 pm in Parish Hall

Please RSVP so we have a head count. For more information on how you can help prepare the meal or earn service hours. Contact Sue at Jimc941@msn.com



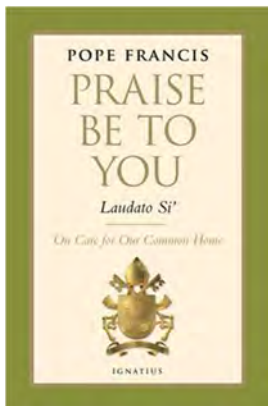
All are welcome

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Life Long Learning

Michele McCue faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Coordinator of Adolescent Catechesis and Ministry: Matthew Butler

youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org



Sunday, March 6th
1:00-2:30 pm after 12 noon Mass
Location: Christ Chapel

Caring for Our
Common Community-

Some Reflections on
Pope Francis' *Laudato si*

Fr. Victor Hoagland will present an overview of the Pope's environmental encyclical as well as some reflections and practical implementation strategies.

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



Religious Education
Intergenerational Schedule 2016

Sun, February 21: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm
Sun, February 28: 2nd Grade (Trid) 1:00-2:30 pm
Includes First Eucharist information.
Sun, March 13: 2nd Grade (Rec) 2:00-3:30 pm

Summer Intensive Registration
Reduced Tuition until 31 March

Program Resources located on the
Religious Ed webpage

- ◆ Why Summer RE?
- ◆ Summer Intensive details
- ◆ Link to on-line registration form



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Youth Meeting * Feb 23 * 7:00 - 8:00 pm

All 7th grade through High School are invited to a youth ministry meeting! There will be pizza, an ice breaker, video, and a great service opportunity to discuss.

Next Meeting 15 March 7 - 8 pm

Please RSVP:
Matt, youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org



Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture
Women's Bible Study
Feb. 25 - regular meeting
*Join women of our parish and beyond,
for this wonderful Bible Study!*
Molly 732-598-6808



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION
WEEK TWENTY-FOUR:**

All that eating my mom is doing is really paying off! I weigh about a pound and a half . If you measure me from the top of my head to my bottom, I am about eight and a half inches long. My skin is transparent, because there is no fat under it, so you can see my veins and organs. Not for long though since I will start gaining six ounces a week; most of it "baby" fat! If you are wondering who I will look like when I am born, all you have to do is peek in at me now to see the beautiful face God has given me. My fine features are almost fully formed, but I lack fat under my skin to fill me out.

Please keep praying.

**Diocesan Youth Celebration 2016
"Rise up Love has Triumphed"**

When: Sunday, April 17th.
Doors open at 8:45am
Closing Mass begins at 5pm

Where: Notre Dame High School-
Lawrenceville, NJ

Who: Students in grades 8-12 are invited

Contact faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org



Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. Baptism is our covenant with the Lord. Rather than animal offerings and “smoking fire pot and flaming torch” (first reading), the sign of our covenant with God is water, Chrism, white garment, and lighted candle. Luke’s allusions to Jesus’ death in Jerusalem prompt an allusion to our being plunged into Jesus’ dying and rising in the baptismal waters. We are invited this Sunday to see our baptism in light of the transfiguration. Baptism isn’t simply a ritual we perform, but a covenant with God that we live out the rest of our lives. During Lent as we walk with the elect through their final preparation for baptism we, too, prepare to renew our covenant with God at Easter. This means that we not only already share in God’s life and look forward to that day when we will share eternal glory with God, but we also embrace the suffering and death. Let’s face it: constant dying to self gets tiresome! This Sunday we are given a glimpse of glory to help ease away the discouragement of a lifetime of self-emptying. This tells us something about how we might keep Sundays. If each Sunday is a day of rest, a time to be good to ourselves, to do something special that is uplifting, to enter into a moment of glory, we would be better fortified to continue dying to self.

As we continue our journey through the Season of Lent, please avail yourself to the celebration of the Way of the Cross each Friday Evening, and the daily reflections in the “Lent & Easter Books.” Preparations are well underway for Holy Week, The Triduum and The Easter Season. I am encouraged by the new faces who are getting involved. While there are many expectations about how things should be there

is not a similar willingness to get involved. Remember, that if you are unwilling to walk the walk then you should not offer an opinion of how things should or might be concerning our communal life. Stewardship is about sharing... especially our time and talent. When we share our time and talent in service to others we reap tremendous results as we build our community of faith. Many of our volunteers and lay leaders comment how much activity there is during the week. Our parish continues to provide for the needs of many. We strive to improve our communications and the opportunities that we provide for our parishioners that come to the parish office. So, don’t be shy...get involved. Many thanks to all of our parish volunteers for sharing your Time & Talent. You are GREAT!

We have installed a sound system in the parish hall this past week. It has been on the “to do” list for a couple of years. Our original intention was to upgrade the church system and use some of the components to begin to build the system for the parish hall. However, last year the system in the church was “fried” during a severe storm. We have been using “on-loan equipment” since that time. So, we had to go back to the plan and evaluate. And so, we have installed a sound system where there was none in the parish hall. We have additionally installed a new powered microphone at the ambo (pulpit) and at the cantor stand in the church. This is a short term solution to some of our sound feed back issues. We will further evaluate the upgrade in the months ahead. Thanks for all of your patience and support. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

**Sharing Our Treasure
13/14 February**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$ 13,045
Envelope Contributions	\$ 10,098
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 1,667
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,280

Average Contribution per Household this week \$ 31.80
 # of Contributing Households 370
 # of Registered Parishioner Households 1,924

Included in next week's offertory will be the collection for the Black & Native American.

Included in next week's offertory will be the collection for the Catholic Churches in Eastern Europe.



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.

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.

Help the parish get ready for Easter?

Help decorate the church for Palm Sunday and Easter

◇ (flower, liturgical items,...)



Please contact:
 Lisa Ortenzio,
 (732)977-8433
lmo1224@verizon.net



Worship Ministry Schedule: 27/28 February

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Anthony Buzzetta William Hines	Louise Habrack - Center Cup Suzanne Schlesinger - Organ Host Rosemarie Estephan - Center Host Emily Santangelo - Tabernacle Host Paul Fournier - Organ Cup Monty Matrisciani - Tabernacle Cup	John Carlucci	Dering Sprague	Margaret Caponegro NOT FILLED	Lauren Walters	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Heather Boliver Matthew Bongiorno	Lisa Aldridge - Center Cup Gina Shute - Organ Host Maureen Staub - Center Host Jane Slattery - Tabernacle Host Michael Staub - Organ Cup Joyce Flynn - Tabernacle Cup	Rita Duenas	Anthony Bongiorno	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Kathi Blinn	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Valeska Yaninas NOT FILLED	Joseph Merante - Center Cup Dolores Addler - Organ Host June Zeringue - Center Host Amy Orrico - Tabernacle Host Dawn Reinhardt - Organ Cup Mathilda Said - Tabernacle Cup	Andrew Befumo, Jr.	Kathy Maher	Mary DeSalvatore Muriel Rogers	Kathy Woolston	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Anna May Schellenberger - Center Cup Monica Barr - Organ Host Sandra Montefusco - Center Host MaryJoan McNamara - Tabernacle Host Diane Antico - Organ Cup Marycatherine Noble - Tabernacle Cup	Alicia Mendez	Charles Young	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	Marybeth Jacobson	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Confirmati on Prep Sunday Evening)	Abigail Cowles Patrick Dickinson	NOT FILLED - Center Cup (sub req.) Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Cup Maria Thompson - Organ Host Terrie Austin - Center Host Maria Gerbino - Tabernacle Host Susan Murphy - Organ Cup Irene Weller - Tabernacle Cup	Richard Gerbino	(sub req.)		Kristen Kohm	James Austin NOT FILLED

Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building and Communications:

Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Endowment Campaign

hopes to raise a minimum of \$75,000,000 in gifts & pledges.



Every parish 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.

Frequently asked questions continued:**12. How will my parish benefit from the campaign?**

Each parish will receive 30% of the funds raised from its parishioners to be allocated to its own local case. Parishes that exceed their target will receive 70% of those funds raised above their target. Funds collected will be dispersed every six months to both the parishes and Diocesan case components.

13. How much should we give? Genuine stewardship encourages gifts of equal sacrifice, but not gifts of an equal dollar amount. Ultimately, your thoughtful and prayerful decision will be most appropriate and most appreciated.

14. How long will the pledge redemption period last?

Gifts of \$10,000 and greater can be made over a five-year period. Gifts less than \$10,000 can be made over a three-year period.

15. Are gifts to the campaign tax deductible? Yes. Pledge payments are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

16. Are donors able to pay pledges using a credit card, debit card, or through automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account? Yes. A donor may fulfill a pledge using a credit card, debit card, or automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account. Donors simply provide their account information and their authorization on their personalized pledge card.

More info can be found on the parish website and the Diocese of Trenton www.dioceseoftrenton.org

The New Day Bereavement Support Group

The Parish of Saint Mary - Ministry of Consolation

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

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

Starting Date: Tuesday, April 12th, 2016

Ending Date: Tuesday, June 7th, 2016

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



Martha Mary Guild Members Will Attend the NY Orchid Show

A few years ago, some of the Guild members were lucky enough to see the remains of the New York Botanical Garden's Orchid Show. This time, we are really lucky because a trip is planned to visit during the actual show! We will experience the beauty of **all** the orchids, and there will be thousands – in “a stunning array of colors, sizes, shapes and textures”. It is the country's largest orchid show.



Along with these magnificent flowers, we will see the Native Plant Garden, Azalea Garden and Rock Garden. This trip is **Wednesday, March 30, 2016** – leaving St. Mary's at **8:45 am and returning around 4 pm**. \$89.00 includes EVERYTHING – bus, entrance fee, tour guide, tram ride and box lunch!

There are only 24 tickets available, so if this interests you, call Elia Gallelo (732-308-0789) or Treasure Herman (732-946-8982) to get on the list and then send your check **pronto!**

Your help is needed for this year's

Easter Egg Hunt

to be a big success!!

Committee chair or co-chairs needed. Contact communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org if you wish to join the committee.

Summer Social Dinner June 6th

Help is needed to make this year's Summer Social (which follows the annual golf outing) a fun community event. If you are interested in joining the committee contact: communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org



In the Community:

Priesthood Vocation Discernment Meeting

Is God calling you to serve in His Church?

This month's meeting will be

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016, 4 pm - 6 pm

Parish of St. Luke,

1674 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, N.J., 08755.

Join Very Rev. Robert Grodnicki as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, leads a discussion about discernment and vocations. It would be great to see you and hear how the Lord is working in your life!

For information & to register,

Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations

vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or 609 406-7449.



MERCIFUL LIKE
THE FATHER

19TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE

Saturday | February 27 | 2016 | 8 am - 3 pm
(DOORS OPEN AT 8 AM FOR BAGELS AND COFFEE; LUNCH ALSO INCLUDED)
SAINT MARY PARISH | 19 CHERRY TREE FARM ROAD | MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

19th Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Saint Mary Parish in Middletown, NJ.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.

Questions, call or email parishioner:

Philip Limeri - 732-673-7762 pfimeri@yahoo.com



Get "On Your Mark" for "On Your Feet"!

"On Your Feet" is a new Broadway musical about the famous Gloria Estefan (who has sold over 100 million records) and her husband, Emilio. This couple truly believed in their talent, their music and each other and became an international sensation – as most of us well know!

The Martha Mary Guild will have the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful show on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 for the price of \$115.00, which includes the bus and ticket. Please be at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m. There will be time in NY for participants to have lunch at a restaurant of their choice before the matinee. To reserve your seat, call Treasure Herman (732-946-8982) or Susan Monaco (732-965-5590) and then send your check.

400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

March 10 - WHY ARE YOU CRYING? (Very Popular)
On the way to Calvary, Jesus said little and the Gospels offer only a few details. Come for a day to use your imagination as we *Walk the Way of the Cross* in the form of Christ speaking from his heart. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:30 a.m. Departure: 2:30 p.m. Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$45
Call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register



A Simple Lenten Retreat -

Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Elizabeth Ann Seton's Canonization

Maris Stella Retreat Center, Harvey Cedars, NJ

Date: Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 - 12Noon – 4pm

Retreat will offer the viewing of the film "A Time for Miracles", sharing, prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Cost: Free Will Offering – Bring Brown Bag Lunch-Drinks provided

Registration is required by: March 5th, 2016

Call Sr Pat at 609-494-2917 or 609-494-1182 or pdotzauer@comcast.net

Holy Hours for Families in Parishes

Monmouth County

- Holy Cross, Rumson | Feb. 24, 7 pm
- St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold | April 3, 3 pm
- Christ the King Parish (Our Lady Star of the Sea Church), Long Branch | March 4, 7 pm – Trilingual

Ocean County

- St. Peter, Point Pleasant Beach | Mar. 8, 7 pm
- St. Barnabas, Bayville | Feb 25, 7 pm

