



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time
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FEBRUARY 7, 2016 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon,

"PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER AND LOWER YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH."

~ Luke 5:4



10 February is Ash Wednesday

Mass: 9am

Prayer Services:

7:00 am (*Lenten Chapel*), 12:15 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

Services will be held in the Church except where noted

Ash Wednesday Offertory Envelope can be found in the monthly mailing of envelopes.
(extra envelopes will be on the credenzas within the Church)



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week
8 February - 14 February
*For * Requested by*

Monday, 8 February 9:00 AM – Chapel

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
Lillian Kelley * Anmarie and Vincent Vita

Tuesday, 9 February 9:00 AM – Chapel

Doris Dugan * Alice Ganley

Wednesday, 10 February

Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Prayer Services: 7am, 12:15pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, & 7 pm

Mass 9:00 AM – Church

Isabella Cutroneo * Mariann Cutroneo

Thursday, 11 February 9:00 AM – Lenten Chapel

Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

Philip F. Valenziano * Walking With Purpose

Friday, 12 February 9:00 AM – Lenten Chapel

Abstinence

Cecelia Yodice * Ann Rippa

Saturday, 13 February 5:00 PM – Church

For the Intentions of Leonidas Mavrookas * Suzanne Schlesinger

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Stoia * Sophia, Ralph and Anna

Anthony Stoia * Sophia, Ralph and Anna

Sunday, 14 February – Church

First Sunday of Lent; World Marriage Day

8:00 AM

Carla Taft * The Borut Family

Helen and John Sionas * Eileen and Michael Stivala

10:00 AM

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors

Anthony Garito * Arlene Garito and Family

Frances and Anthony DeSimone * Joann and Robert Buhler

12:00 PM


Sergio and Antonio Dos Santos * The Dos Santos Family

Philip Valenziano * Tracy and Mike Borut


5:00 PM

Terence Deckert * Murphy, Kraft, and Deckert Families

Welcome to the newest member of our Saint Mary family who was Baptized recently:
Jax Thomas Murello

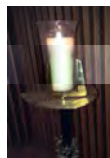


Rest in Peace
Please remember in your prayers, those who entered into their new and eternal life in Christ recently.
Mary Belton, mother of Mary Russo & Amanda Belfiore



Sanctuary Lamp - Chapel

The Dickinson & Pancila Families
Linda & Chris Pancila



Sanctuary Lamp - Church

Sabastiano & Maria Angela Castro
Sal & Lucille Castro

Soup & Bread * February 12, 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

ALERT. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese girl who was enslaved at the age of 7 and named Bakhita, “Fortunate One”, by her captor. She experienced the physical and moral humiliations of slavery. St. Bakhita, canonized in 2000, is considered the patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children, especially those who are exploited for sex or labor.



For prayer resources, visit:

sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Ending Slavery is everyone's work.

“A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted.

This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment.

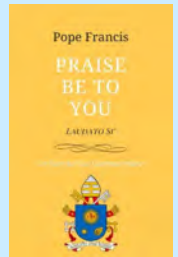
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Caring for Our Common Community- Some Reflections on Pope Francis' *Laudato si*

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 6th after the 12 Noon Mass, in the Parish Hall (1-2:30PM) when Fr. Victor Hoagland will present an overview of the Pope's environmental encyclical as well as some reflections & practical implementation strategies.

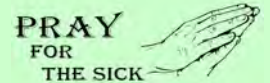
Please RSVP to Michele McCue at faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org



Pray for Our Military

Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki

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



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| Izilda Alberti | Tom Hudak |
| Jacqueline Andres | Joseph Jurgielewicz |
| Mary Barbagallo | Lori Lettieri |
| Bill Barnett | Angela Liguori |
| John Beckley | Angela Kinlin |
| Joan Blatz | Mary Klein |
| Jennie Borowski | Arnold Marchsi |
| Florence Brillante | Leonidas Mavrookas |
| Jean Brock | John McInerney |
| Natalie Chiaino | Marjorie Messler |
| Anthony Citro | Tom Nolan |
| Jo Clement | Tere Nolan |
| Linda Damen | John Orrico |
| Logan Dayton | Frances Renna |
| Nancy DeGeorge | Lori Romer |
| John DeStefano | Lou Schmitt |
| Ruth Fiedler | Linda Sobel |
| Mary Fournier | Hayden Sprat |
| Margaret Gesner | Kevin Venancio |
| Emily Gioacchini | Kathleen Walsh |
| Thomas Giuffrida | |

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

Lifelong Catechesis

Week of 8 February ~ 14 February

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

14 Feb. 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Dt 26:4-10; 5Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Question for Children: Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

Question for Youth: In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

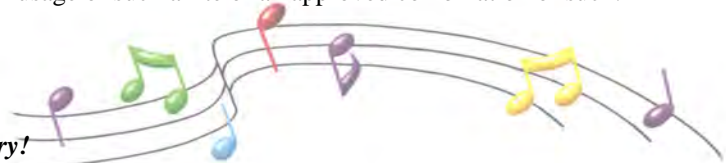
Question for Adults: Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?

Pastoral Associate for Worship & Evangelization

Deacon Vincent Rinaldi worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Social Concerns: Roger Zurro **Music Ministry:** Lauren Walters music@stmaryscoltsneck.org **Organist:** Andrew Macirowski

Greetings, friends! As the first portion of Ordinary Time draws to a close and we embark on another Lenten journey, we will once again, change Mass settings familiar setting of Steven Janco's "Mass of the Angels and Saints". As mentioned last week, this coming Tuesday, we bid farewell to the "Alleluia". Let's look at why: The General Instruction of the Roman Missal and Sing to the Lord are both reliable references to help us understand what the Gospel Acclamation is. It is a rite unto itself - the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord, who is about to speak to them in the Gospel. They profess their faith by means of the sung refrain/chant. During Lent, there are a few options for the proper usage of such a rite or an approved combination of such:

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus!**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Another notable change during Lent is the departure of the liturgy in silence. Seems a bit dramatic, doesn't it? If we look all around us in our faith, we see intense passion! Not ambivalence, yet everything in balance. We refer to Christ's death as a Passion. As we build the momentum that leads us to the Triduum, the departing in "reverential silence" really is beautifully pensive, reflective, and most importantly, appropriate. As you recall, the four hymns structure is technically borrowed from our protestant brethren and not essential to the liturgy. The Propers (which we will join the universal church in singing in time) and the Ordinary (the Mass parts) are what have been historically sung since the church's beginnings. With that in mind, we walk with Christ during His 40 Days, to fast and pray... Wishing you all a blessed and holy Lent! Pax Christi *Lauren Walters*

Living The Season of Lent More Intently excerpt from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Jubilee of Mercy Booklet

The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should be lived more intensely and seen as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. Meditating on Scripture can help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father; for instance, repeating the words of the prophet Micah and making them our own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (cf. 7:18-19).



The words of the prophet Isaiah can also help us in concrete ways during this season of prayer, fasting, and works of charity: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (58:6-11).

As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other. Our Lenten journey should be especially reflective of this.

Misericordiae Vultus, 9-4, 17

Opportunities to Pray for living the season of Lent more intently:

- Eucharistic Adoration Hour - *Wednesdays 10 am- Chapel*
- Bible study reflection (*Join a Lenten Faith sharing group here at Saint Mary*)
- Conduct a chain prayer starting on Ash Wednesday in which a different person prays every day on the same hour each day for a need of humankind throughout Lent.
- Pray the Rosary before or after Mass during the season of Lent. (*Tuesdays 8:30 am "Liturgy of the Hours" - Chapel*)
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Novena and /or Pray Lectio Divina before or after Mass.
- *Place prayer intentions in the Burden Basket in the Gathering Space*



Opportunities at Saint Mary's are noted in Green



Lent & Easter Dates at a Glance

Eucharistic Adoration—Chapel

Wednesdays: Feb 17 & 24 March 2, 9, 16

Stations of the Cross- Lenten Chapel

Fridays: 7pm Feb 12 19 , 26 March 4, 11, 18

Soup and Bread—Feb 12 & 26

Madonna Hall— 6pm; Lite meal of meatless soup & bread with Stations of the Cross following at 7PM

**Lenten Penance and Reconciliation Service
PARISH WIDE**

Sunday, March 13 — 3:30pm

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

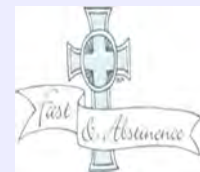
**Chrism Mass—St. Robert Bellarmine Church
in Freehold on Monday, March 21st at 7:30 pm**

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.



INSPIRE EVERYONE IN YOUR PARISH TO HAVE A *life-changing Lent.*

Join Dynamic Catholic for our **Best Lent Ever**® email program, a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourselves—in a deeply personal way.

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2. Discover simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday lives, leading to a more **personal relationship with Jesus & your best Lent ever.**

Save the Date:



Parish Mission April 9-12

International Catholic speaker, author, and radio host, John Leonetti, will be here for all Masses that weekend as well as present a Parish Mission from 7-8 PM the evenings of the April 10th, 11th & 12th.

Please, mark your calendar!

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.



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

**Prayer
Fasting
Works of Love
& Charity**

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Life Long Learning

Michele McCue faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Coordinator of Adolescent Catechesis and Ministry: Matthew Butler

youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Religious Education Registration for the 2016 Summer Intensive Religious Education begins February 1st!



What are the particulars?

Grades available for the Summer Intensive Program: Grades 1-6 (*those children entering these grades in September 2016*) on a first come, first serve basis.

Session dates and times: Weekdays from **July 11-22 OR August 8-19**. Sessions run 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Tuition: From February 1st through March 31st, the reduced tuition rate of \$200 a child will be available. From April 1st on, the tuition rate of \$250 a child will apply.

Registration process: For your convenience, all registration is online with a credit card payment, through the parish web-site www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Note: If you decide not to utilize the summer program, a 50% reimbursement will occur until May 15th after which time there will be no reimbursement.

Additional requirements: Summer intensive participants are expected to attend Mass (of course!), Liturgy of the Word Dismissals and participate in 4 parish events throughout the year.

THIS YEAR, IF WE ENROLL AT LEAST 15 CHILDREN, WE ARE OFFERING A RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT EXTENDED DAY FOR THOSE CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM!!

Time: 12:30PM-5PM

Cost: \$300 per child, \$250 second child(\$125 for a third child) through March 31st at which time the cost will be \$350 per child, \$300 for second child (\$150 for a third child.) This payment must be made even if you elect to use after care a few days a week and/or you elect to pick your child up early on any given day. We need to secure our staff based upon a specific hourly commitment.

Registration process: Registration would occur at the same time as Religious Education registration. If you decide not to use after care after registering, you will receive a 50% reimbursement. After May 15th, no reimbursement will be given. *We need to secure our staff based upon the number of children registered.*

Lunch and drinks: you would provide.

Activity Schedule: After lunch, free play time followed by a fun activity with a religious theme, which could be artistic, sports oriented, etc. followed by a "movie with a message."



Religious Education Intergenerational Schedule 2016

Tues, February 9: Summer (Mardi Gras) 7:00-8:30 pm



Lenten Faith Sharing Group! Starting this week

- ◇ One time/week: Ash Wednesday - Holy Week.
- ◇ Each group has the option of meeting during the day or evening on church grounds or in a home.
- ◇ All materials and instructions are provided for participants and facilitators.

Contact Michele McCue

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION WEEK TWENTY-TWO:

[Psalms 138: 13-20 You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb]

Thank you God! I am doing a lot of growing! I weigh about one pound and am about eleven inches long! My brain is beginning a stage of rapid growth which will continue until I am five years old. Just call me Baby "Einstein". My fingernails have now grown to the tips of my fingers. My eyebrows and eyelashes are fully formed. My hair continues to grow. Guess what color it is now. That's easy. All babies at this stage have white hair because we don't have any pigment yet.



Please keep praying for me!

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The dynamic of the first reading and gospel is theophany—call. This suggests that in our own lives we must be tuned into God's theophanies for each time God makes divine presence known there is a call to follow. If we look for shaking door frames, billowing smoke, and large catches of fish we will miss God's theophanies! The gospel invites us to look to the simple manifestations of holiness that indicate the presence of God, for example, in the generosity of so many volunteers, in the faithfulness of husbands and wives, in the unselfishness of pastoral workers, in the uncomplaining suffering of the sick, in the gracious wisdom of the elderly. Our yes response to the call within these theophanies is to imitate these good behaviors and by doing so we extend God's reign. Living the paschal mystery means we respond to God's call—fulfill our baptismal commitment—in these little, everyday things. The astonishing thing about this good news is that we are all made worthy simply because God calls. This week we also sing ALLELUIA for the final time until the Great Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection. Let us sing robustly!

This coming week is Ash Wednesday. The Mass schedule and prayer service schedule have been prepared to provide as much access as possible for our parishioners and those in our community. Take a moment and familiarize yourself with the schedule. The Way of the Cross is prayed each week on Friday in the Lenten Chapel. Mass is celebrated daily in the Lenten Chapel at 9:00 am. Confessions are available each Saturday at 4:00pm; the Lenten Penance Service will be held on Sunday, 13 March at 3:30pm. Lent is a time for us to grow in our faith. We have made resources available

for your daily reflection during the Season of Lent. Make the most of this Lenten Season by taking time for your own spiritual life focusing on Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving.

Recently more than a few of our parishioners have commented to me about the way our community prays the liturgy. There is a real sense of purpose about our liturgical prayer. The recited prayers are prayed in unison as if one voice in praise of God. I am grateful to all of you for your deliberateness in our liturgical prayer. It is my hope that during this Lenten Season we will build upon this foundation. I would encourage all to please arrive on time for our community prayer...that is 5 minutes before we are scheduled to begin. It is in this way that there is time for the lavatory, hanging up coats, not climbing over others who are participating in the Mass. I know that we have a lot on our schedule. I ask that we try to work on this during Lent and hopefully beyond. I remind you of our custom during the Lenten Season that we should depart in a reverential silence. Some desire to remain after the recessional for some quiet prayer, especially before the Most Blessed Sacrament. May we respect that desire for quiet prayer and bring our conversation and camaraderie into the beautiful gathering space. Thank you for all that you are doing to evangelize and welcome new members to our parish community.

I greet in a special way all of our sick and homebound parishioners. You have a special place in our common prayer. Please pray for our parish community as we strive to live the Gospel and build the Kingdom of God. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

**Sharing Our Treasure
30/31 January**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$ 17,273
Envelope Contributions	\$ 14,344
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 1,664
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,265

Average Contribution per Household this week \$33.84
 # of Contributing Households 473
 # of Registered Parishioner Households 1,924

Additionally, because of your contributions, we were able to send \$1000 to the appeal for Latin America.

Thank you to all those parishioners who due to the blizzard were unable to attend Mass and have made up in their Sacrificial Stewardship Offerings this weekend.

May God Bless you for the sacrifices that you make.



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

'Soup'er Bowl Sunday

Let's kickoff the Super Bowl by stocking the shelves of our local food pantries.

Collecting non-perishable food items
January 23 – February 7
 for donation to Foodstock

Please contact Katie Ciccarone (kciccarone@optonline.net or 732-407-3012) or Stephen Hawthorne (babshawtho@gmail.com or 732-598-1933) if you have any questions.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Worship Ministry Schedule: 13/14 February

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Sandra Montefusco - Center Cup Susan Baker - Organ Host Cathy Limeri - Center Host Paul Fournier - Tabernacle Host Louise Habrack - Organ Cup Monty Matrisciani - Tabernacle Cup	William Lutkewitte	Robert Lutkewitte	Margaret Caponegro Tina Repetto	Marybeth Jacobson	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Lindsey Bertone Heather Boliver	Susan Coleman - Center Cup Joyce Flynn - Organ Host Marsha Grigoli - Center Host Carol Rodeck - Tabernacle Host Gina Shute - Organ Cup Lisa Aldridge - Tabernacle Cup	Elana Eng	Stanley Drusdow	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Kathy Woolston	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Valeska Yaninas NOT FILLED	Richard Yaeger - Center Cup Barbara Moskal - Organ Host Barbara Schafflin - Center Host Sue Fitzpatrick - Tabernacle Host Edward Moskal - Organ Cup June Zeringue - Tabernacle Cup	Dan Mazzeo	Christopher Aquinas	Mary DeSalvatore Muriel Rogers	Kristen Kohm	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Tommy Zita NOT FILLED	Monica Barr - Center Cup Lee Gesner - Organ Host Patricia Gesner - Center Host Diane Antico - Tabernacle Host Anna May Schellenberger - Organ Cup Patricia Balbo - Tabernacle Cup	Alicia Mendez	Charles Young	Donna Murphy Mary-catherine Noble	Lauren Walters	John Barr James Dolan Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce NOT FILLED
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Prep Sunday Evening)	Abigail Cowles Patrick Dickinson	Martha Cowles - Center Cup Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Cup Maria Gerbino - Organ Host Margaret Hernandez - Center Host Terrie Austin - Tabernacle Host Irene Weller - Organ Cup Susan Murphy - Tabernacle Cup	Annette Raynor	Richard Gerbino		Lauren Walters	James Austin NOT FILLED

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



Another Special Ash Wednesday for the Martha Mary Guild

Sr. Maureen Christensen, RSM, the co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center in Neptune and a certified Spiritual Director and Retreat Director, is returning to Saint Mary’s on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016. The title for the day is “Lent: An Invitation to be

Transformed by God’s Mercy”.

Please note the slight time change for this meeting. Rosary will be at noon, in the Chapel, BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at 12:30, in Madonna Hall, with refreshments provided by the Guild.

Sr. Maureen’s Lenten program will start at 1:00. Also, there will be distribution of ashes after the program.

All women are invited to begin Lent in a special way with Sr. Maureen and the Martha Mary Guild.

The Diocese of Trenton has embarked upon a new endowment campaign which

hopes to raise a minimum of \$75,000,000 in gifts & pledges. Every parish in the Diocese has been assigned a financial target in order to meet the long term financial needs of the Diocese of Trenton, its 107 parishes, Catholic Schools and Diocesan ministries. The campaign called Faith to Move Mountains is “not for the sake of brick & mortar, but, rather, for the flesh and blood that make up our community of faith...because that is what we need to do if faith handed on to us is to endure and grow. Now more than ever, the mountains loom large. Only your faith and generosity will move them as, together, we continue to believe that ‘nothing is impossible’ with God.” Bishop David M. O’Connell



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

Looking for Employment?

A Job Search Workshop is available to anyone interested in looking for employment. The program is intended to support and help individuals who are seeking employment because they have left their last employer or they are seeking to enter or reenter the world of work. Emphasis is placed on sharpening job search fundamentals and skills such as developing and using the right resume, how to network, locating prospective employers and practice interviewing. Periodically, group meetings are held where members can exchange job search ideas and experiences. Further, anyone desirous of making a transition to a new career field can avail themselves of a testing program and counseling which can stimulate thinking about different avenues of work. Those individuals interested in pursuing the Job Search Workshop can contact John Brenner at 732 961-3219.



Bishop David O’Connell is asking each & every one of us to *“... to reflect upon the ways that we experience, live and express our Catholic Faith together as the circumstances of the past and present give way to the changing realities that we face as a local Church.”*



Self-evaluation, Visioning & planning Initiative

All parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in an **electronic survey** based on the 9 criteria for planning set by the Diocese of Trenton. This survey is the primary opportunity to provide input and help the FIOF Core team members compile the necessary information to aid with the self-evaluation of the parish, ministries and use of resources as well as help with planning and visioning in the future.

The Parish Core Team members will compile the survey results and share them with cohort parishes. Parishioners will have a 2 week time frame to complete the survey. Any parishioner without internet access can complete the survey at the parish. A computer will be provided for you.

Our parish will not remain as it is today. The Core teams and cohorts have been asked to consider **six models** for each parish so to best serve Catholics in the Diocese. More than one model may be suggested. All suggestions will be reviewed by the Diocesan Planning Commission.

- The six models for consideration are:
- Model One: COLLABORATIVE PARISHES
 - Model Two: LINKED PARISHES
 - Model Three: MERGED PARISHES
 - Model Four: IN SOLIDUM TEAM
 - Model Five: PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR
 - Model Six: PERSONAL PARISHES

More information can be found on the parish website.

In the Community:

DIOCESAN 2- PART BEREAVEMENT TRAINING

FEBRUARY 19 & MARCH 18

10:00 am - 4:00 pm Chancery

Who Should Attend?

- ◆ Parish Bereavement Ministry Teams
- ◆ Parish Members whom pastor has asked to start a Bereavement Ministry
- ◆ Anyone interested in outreach to persons experiencing loss

Topics to be covered include:

- Order of Christian Funerals
- Understanding the Grief Process
- Communicating with the Bereaved
- Leading Grief Support Groups
- Beginning a Parish Bereavement Program

Please Call Department of Pastoral Care

Phone: 609-403-7157 Or Email: dsass@dioceseoftrenton.org

Register Online at: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoralcare

BIBLE-BASED RETREAT - KERYGMA

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

755 OCEAN AVENUE

LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740

A PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

ENCOUNTER THE LORD JESUS

HEAR AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

RENEW THE GIFTS AND GRACES OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

FEBRUARY 24-26

CHECK IN FROM 3PM 2/24

CHECK OUT AFTER LUNCH ON 2/26

QUESTIONS?

JILL KERESKES • JKEREK@DIOCESEOFTRENTON.ORG • 609-403-7133

Lectio Divina during Lent

Presented by Fr. Michael Brizio, IMC, this group will study and reflect on the Gospel of the Sunday's liturgy so that it may become a means for God to enlighten, nourish, heal, and continue his conversation with us. We will open ourselves to God's presence in Scripture, and respond with our hearts and actions.

Lenten sessions begin on **Friday, February 12** at 10:00 am in the **St. Rose of Lima Parish Center**. Are you reluctant to participate due to a busy schedule? No need. Since each Friday gathering will be focused on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, participants can attend as their schedule permits. For more information, call **Karen Powell** at **732-462-7828**.

COLLECTIBLE SHOW

February 13

9am - 3pm * Madonna Hall
cards, coins and stamps

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

Attention Men!

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

The theme of this year's conference is "Merciful Like the Father". The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell, as well as inspiring talks by current NFL quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, **Kellen Clemens**; **Peter Herbeck**, a Catholic TV & radio host, author and evangelist; and **Brian Gail**, an entrepreneur & CEO, author and Knight of the Immaculata. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

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. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ

PO Box 816

Morrisville, PA 19067

Questions, call or email parishioner:

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

Extra copies in the Parish Office

909 Days, A vivid portrayal of the life of Christ, by Mr. Dunne.

...short, thoughtful, easy-to-read chapters
in the order of events as they likely happened &
includes a chronological table
with the four gospels cross-referenced.

