



**Bishop of the
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Pastor Emeritus:
Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

Deacons:

Fred Sorrentino
Vincent Rinaldi

Trustees:

Bill LaMorte
Irene Weller

The Parish Office hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am - 7:30 pm
Open Sunday 9 am - 12 noon.
Closed Labor Day Weekend
Re-open Tuesday, 6 September

Parish Office: 732-780-2666
parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Bulletin Deadline:

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

Parish Membership:

New Parishioners welcome!

- Contact Parish Office

New Parishioner Orientation:

- 11 am, 25 Sept. 2016

Registration is required

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 & required paperwork.

Baptisms take place the Second Sunday during 12:00 noon Mass and all other Sundays immediately following 12:00 noon Mass.

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

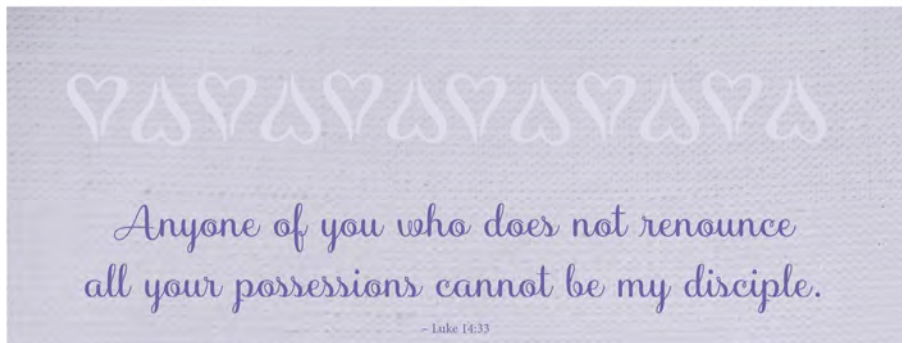
THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Offerings at SMCN

- ⇒ **LABOR DAY 9 am Daily Mass will be held in the Church**
- ⇒ **Clothing Sale—donations dropped off until Tuesday, Sept. 7**
WHAT: Gently used, clean men's, women's & children's clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories and linens.
WHERE: Madonna Hall stage in Spiritual Center
- ⇒ **Martha Mary Annual Clothing/Linen Sale Dates:**
 - Thursday, 8 Sept., 10 am – 6 pm
 - Friday, 9 Sept., 10 am – 5 pm
 - Saturday, 10 Sept., 9 am – 1 pm
- ⇒ **September 9** has been declared a
National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities
*May our homes, our nation,
and countries around the world become havens of peace.*

Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Mass Schedule Change - Standard Time

When the Sunday 5 pm Mass starts in November, the Saturday 5pm Mass will move to 4pm.

Please prepare for this adjustments.

This will continue for those months when we celebrate the Sunday Evening Mass at 5 pm (until March 2017).

Mass Intentions for the Week

5 September - 11 September

For * Requested by

Monday, 5 September 9:00 am - Church

Labor Day

Elizabeth Donahue * Diane Woodford
Sean Spinelli * Gail and Bill Cargiulo

Tuesday, 6 September 9:00 am – Chapel

Phil Wivietzky * Linda and William Stagliano

Wednesday, 7 September 9:00 am – Chapel

Margaret Buckalew * Her Family
Eleanor and Patrick Walsh * Maureen Beyer
Paul Steed * Kathy and Jim Cooner

Thursday, 8 September 9:00 am – Chapel

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patty Madzin * Alta and Bill Barnett
Richard Streeton * Susan and Robert Monaco
Marie Rachele Ambrosio * Gruenling Family

Friday, 9 September 9:00 am – Chapel

St. Peter Claver

Claudio Marrone * Alyssa and Robert Sans
William (Billy) O’Sullivan * Angela and Tom Kinlin

Saturday, 10 September 5:00 pm – Church

Blessed Virgin Mary

Josephine Diana * Vaina Family
Donald March * Jane and Jack Davis
Nicholas Sampogna * Barbara Saake

Sunday, 11 September – Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

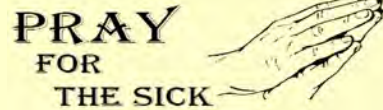
Jean Brock * The Illmensee Family
Joan and Ralph Orrico * Donner Family

10:00 am

Lawrence Patrick Dickinson * The Dickinson Family
Thomas Sullivan * The Dickinson Family
Thomas Sherman * Mr. and Mrs. Frank DePalma & Nicole

12:00 pm

Robert Flood Sr. * Donna Flood
Patricia Madzin * The Steed’s



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| Jacqueline Andras | Judith Joyce |
| Bill Barnett | Joseph Jurgielewicz |
| John Beckley | Mary Klein |
| Sal Castro | Lori Lettieri |
| Natalie Chiaino | Angela Liguori |
| Jo Clement | Pauline Madzin |
| Bob Curry | Arnold Marchsi |
| Linda Damen | Leonidas Mavrookas |
| Logan Dayton | Harold McBride |
| John DeStefano | John McInerney |
| Kaitlin Donahue Nagle | Marjorie Messler |
| Gary Federico | Tere Nolan |
| Ruth Fiedler | Frances Renna |
| Dawn G | Lori Romer |
| Jim Gardner | Lou Schmitt |
| Mario Geneve | Owen Shoemaker |
| Emily Gioacchini | Linda Sobel |
| Shawn Hamlin | Kevin Venancio |
| Tom Hudak | Nancy Vida |

To add a family member to the sick list, please call or e-mail the Parish Office.
parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Thank you! 732-780-2666



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

Jory Austin Gutierrez

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for Christ Chapel & Church are available in the Parish Office.

The suggested donation is \$25.

Intentions are available these weeks:

- 9/18 - 9/24 - Church & Chapel
- 9/18- 9/24 - Chapel
- 9/25 - 10/ 1- Chapel



CHRIST CHAPEL

Holy Souls in Purgatory
Suzanne Schlesinger



CHURCH

Anthony P. LaMorte
LaMorte Family

Worship Ministry Schedule: September 17 - September 18: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

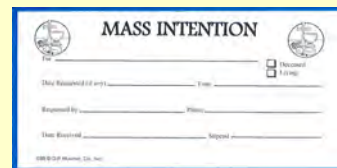
	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	William Hines Mark Hines	Suzanne Schlesinger - Center Cup Paul Fournier - Organ Host Bill Cargiulo - Center Host Helene Lind - Tabernacle Host Irene Weller - Organ Cup Gail Cargiulo - Tabernacle Cup	Dering Sprague	John Carlucci	Margaret Caponegro	Diane Dragone	Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Lindsey Bertone	Mike LaCava - Center Cup Gina Shute - Organ Host Jane Slattery - Center Host Maureen Staub - Tabernacle Host Michael Staub - Organ Cup Joyce Flynn - Tabernacle Cup	Charles Young	Rita Duenas		Lauren Walters	Hugh Murphy James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzio Valeska Yaninas	Louise Habrack - Center Cup Joseph Merante - Organ Host Barbara Schaflin - Center Host June Zeringue - Tabernacle Host Heide Lohn - Organ Cup Gregory Calderaro - Tabernacle Cup	Julia Cullen	Steve Rumsby	Muriel Rogers Denise Smith	Anne Baker	Vince Cerulo Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico Greg Penczak Allan Ryan Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Tommy Zita	Maria Gerbino - Center Cup Marycatherine Noble - Organ Host Dawn Reinhardt - Center Host Anna May Schellenberger - Tabernacle Host Lee Gesner - Organ Cup Patricia Gesner - Tabernacle Cup	Dan Mazzeo	Richard Gerbino	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	Lauren Walters Valeska Yaninas	John Barr James Dolan Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce

2016 Mass Book - Has several Masses left without a single Mass Intention.

The 2017 Mass Book will open after each 2016 Mass has at least one intention.

Start to prepare your *date specific lists* for appointments that will be scheduled this Fall.

Volunteers needed to help with the appointment process.



**Lifelong Catechesis Week of
5 September - 11 September**

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11,
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Mt 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

11 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Question for Children: The father in this story welcomed his son home, even after he ran away and did bad things. How do you know God welcomes you after you do that?

Question for Youth: The prodigal son was welcomed home even though he had sinned. How hard is it for you to ask for forgiveness? Is it hard for you to believe that you are still loved even when you have sinned?

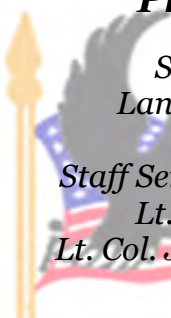
Question for Adults: When you wander away from being true to your faith, how do you know God will take you back? What signs do you see?

-Lifelong Catechesis



Pray for Our Military

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



If there is a family member you wish to be placed on the list, please call the Parish Office at 732-780-2666. Please include rank and branch of service.



Pastoral Associate for Worship & Evangelization

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Social Concerns: Roger Zurro

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited--invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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Happy Labor Day weekend!

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while longer: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this holiday weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him--including us--on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this Labor Day weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.



DISCIPLES' "LABOR DAY"

Traveling with Jesus, like the "great crowds" in today's Gospel, does not equal coming after Jesus as true disciples should. So Jesus explains every disciple's daily "Labor Day" demands: (1) "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Does this sound appropriate for our Jubilee Year of Mercy? Such radical words are "Semitic hyperbole," designed to jolt listeners into reordering priorities to give Jesus first place. (2) "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Remember, part of every true disciple's personal cross is helping to carry other people's challenging burdens. (3) "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." To emphasize this "all or nothing" invitation, Jesus says to imagine onlookers laughing at a careless builder, or the king of an outnumbered army negotiating peace instead. Tradition claims that Luke was an artist who usually portrayed Jesus as compassionate. But today, Luke paints a demanding "Labor Day" Jesus challenging us: "Come, follow me lovingly, because I love my disciples. But don't underestimate the self-sacrificing work that discipleship's going to cost you!"

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Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Life Long Learning

Michele McCue

faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

The August Summer Intensive RE program

was by all accounts a *great success!!* With our amazing staff of teachers, our brilliant & engaging students & the support of our parents & families, our session was terrific! A special thank you to our many volunteers who made it go as smoothly as it did! **Thank you to parent volunteers:** Catherine Taeschler, Irene Weller, Rose Farrow, Holly Rogers, Marisa Apolito, and Gina Miele. **Thank you to our youth volunteers:** Abby Dembinski, Ethan Dembinski, Diandra LaTorre, Andrew Bacile, Bianca Morrongiello, Lucas Cingari, Carly Friend, Maddy Divino, Kaitlyn Serpico, Ashley Glusko, Gemma Schauer, Daniela D'Angelo, Katrina Barreiro, Victoria Cuciniello, Samantha Penczak, Jessica Praet, Gianna Praet, Angela Russo, Lindsey Morin, Lea Cifelli, Aidan O'Hara, and Anthony Buzzetta. **Thank you to Kim Leschick and Irene Weller**, our ever steady volunteers and to Cathy Limeri with the assistance of her daughter Isabella.

We learned so much and had a great time! Looking forward to next year!

Thank you Michele McCue

for your 3 years of service at the Parish of Saint Mary as Pastoral Associate of Faith Formation.

All are invited to 10 am Mass and Agape on September 25 to wish Michele well.

**Important Dates Religious Education:****First Eucharist Prep Grades 1 & 2**

- **TUES., SEPT 13** - Religious Education Classes *begin in the church.* After a short prayer service, a parent is expected to stay for a short orientation.

Grades 3 - 6: Faith and Life Online Orientations Choose one of the two orientations

One parent must attend with their registered 3rd-6th grade child.

- **Sun., SEPT 11, 12 noon - 2 pm:** Attend 12 noon Mass followed by Orientation
- **Mon., SEPT 19, 7pm**



**Little Church will begin
September 11th during the
10 am Mass**

Children post-diaper through school age are welcome to join Mrs. Lisa Colaco & assistants at Little Church during the 10AM Mass, room # 10.

Children will have a Bible story lesson, craft, and lesson related snack each week.

Little Church Registration is on-line
www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Confirmation PREP 7th & 8th Grade

Orientations in the theater; a parent is expected to stay for orientation. Orientation will be approx. 45 minutes

- Sept 11- 5-7 pm Group A
- Sept 18 -5-7 pm Group B

8th Grade Facilitators & Assistants Needed!

The 8th grade is in need of adult facilitators for the B group class, both groups A and B could use more hall monitors, & group B could use more session assistants. Please call or email Deacon Vinnie Rinaldi for more information. v.rinaldi@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

Pray that our Confirmation candidates ready themselves for the strength of the Spirit, the power of Prayer and the force of Faith.

*Pray that Our Confirmation candidates
prepare to live in Service,
to Love with all of their hearts and to let God lead them.*

Confirmation 2016 Candidates**Wednesday, 28 September at 6PM**

Practice for candidates & parents (at least one parent) *in the church* followed by a Penance & Reconciliation service for all.

Friday, 30 September from 5-10PM

Confirmation retreat for the candidates *in Madonna Hall.*

Wednesday, 5 October from 6-8:30PM

Practice for candidates *in the church*, at least one parent and any available sponsors.

Friday, 7 October by 2:45PM

Candidates, sponsors, and parents gather *in Madonna Hall* in order to check in, take group pictures with the Bishop, and line up in order to be in the church prior to 3:45PM. All relatives and friends should plan on being seated in the church prior to 3:45PM.

**Sharing Our Treasure
27/28 August 2016
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering	\$13,641
Envelope Contributions	\$ 8,778
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 4,078
Loose Contributions	\$ 785
Average Contribution per Household this week \$37.26	
# of Contributing Households	345
(# envelopes & # online)	
# of Registered Parishioner Households	1,924

Included in next week's offertory will be the collection for the Catholic University Appeal.



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

THANK YOU

for the Sacrificial Stewardship Offerings as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish. May God Bless you for the sacrifices that you make.

Disaster Assistance in Louisiana

In support of relief efforts for those impacted by the Louisiana flooding, there is a Trenton Diocese wide relief effort to assist the victims.

110,000 homes were damaged by recent catastrophic floods in Louisiana August 12-15. 11,000 residents were forced into shelters by August 15 and 13 people were confirmed dead. This flood is considered the worst natural disaster in the United States since Hurricane Sandy in 2012, which affected many of us in the Diocese of Trenton.

The Parish of Saint Mary will make a donation to the Disaster Assistance in Louisiana. You may contribute to these efforts through the collection at any Mass during the weekend of Sept, 17/18. **Please put your donation in a separate envelope marked Louisiana Disaster Assistance.**

Your check in support of this effort should be made payable to The Parish of Saint Mary with *Louisiana Disaster Assistance* in the memo line. Donations collected to be sent to the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Others were very generous to us in the aftermath of Sandy.

Jesus Mommy and Me

Our playgroup for infants to Kindergarten age children and their caretakers **needs a new facilitator**. The group meets twice a month in the morning; days and times are negotiable.

Please call Michele McCue for more information.

SUPER 50/50

all proceeds to benefit:

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY COLTS NECK

*Sponsorship compliments of
Clayton & McGirr Funeral Home*

\$100.00 per ticket

Only 2,000 tickets printed!

- 1st prize 30% of proceeds
- 2nd prize 15% of proceeds
- 3rd prize 5% of proceeds

Drawing: Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 at 9:00 pm.
**Winner need not be present at time of drawing.*

***Actual prize determined by number of tickets sold. Must be 18 years of age to purchase tickets.*

License RA# 16-15 ID# 13-1-19469

**Order tickets online:
www.stmaryscoltsneck.org**



Purchase tickets online, as well as in the Parish Office by check or charge. Assistance is available to all those who do not have access to the internet at home.

Thank you to all who have purchased 50/50 tickets as of 8/29/2016 and for their support of the Saint Mary Parish SUPER 50/50.

Less than 3 weeks are remaining

\$12,300 to date in sales:

- 1st prize \$3,690
- 2nd prize \$1,845
- 3rd prize \$ 615

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| Barr | Gurkas | Novellano |
| Bellomo | Joyce | Pancila |
| Beyer | Klein | Piotrowski |
| Boro | Longbardi | Piotrowski |
| Coleman | Maltese | Raymond |
| Denzer | Martirez | Schlesinger |
| Donner | Merante | Slattery |
| Estephan | Messler | Slipek |
| Finan | Monaco | Zilinski |
| Fink | Murphy | |

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The amazing thing is that we know the cost of discipleship, yet we spend out whole lives trying to figure it out! We know that we must hand our lives over to Jesus, we know that we are given wisdom and the Holy Spirit to be faithful (see the first reading). Yet, like the children of Hamelin, we aren't quite sure where the journey leads. We just follow. It would be nice to say that we shouldn't start what we can't finish. If we calculate the cost or have undue concern for what others think or weigh the risks of discipleship, we probably would not begin the journey to follow. We do begin discipleship at Baptism. The challenge, then, is not to look at the cost but keep our eyes on Jesus who leads. In Jesus, death always leads to new life. This is worth the cost.

This week is the civic observance of Labor Day. It is a time when we pause to give thanks and praise to God for the "gift" of human labor. We give thanks for the opportunity to share our skills and talents in order to make the world a more just and better place. We pray for an end to unfair labor practices and unsafe work environments. We pray that all people recognize their talents and work hard to make our community, church and world a better place. Join us for Mass Monday at 9 am in our parish church as we begin our Labor Day Observance.

Next weekend is the 15th Anniversary of the terror attacks on our country. The Colts Neck Community Church is organizing a Prayer Service on Sunday Evening, 11 September, 7:00 pm at the Colts Neck Town Hall. Let's come together in prayer for those who grieve the loss of life on that day as we prayer for a

renewed peace in our world and in our country.

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Michele McCue who has accepted a position as DRE for The Parish of Saint Mary of the Lake, Lakewood (Ocean County), NJ. It is a sad moment for our parish community. Please be patient with us during this time of transition. This is a wonderful opportunity for Michele to continue her ministry of teaching the faith and forming disciples in our Church. Michele will be assisting that parish and the surrounding parishes as they prepare for greater collaboration in sharing our faith. Most especially, the pastors will rely on Michele's experience in overseeing a bi-lingual (English/Spanish) program for the children and their families. The children and their families are so joy-filled and love the church very much. Having served in a multi-lingual environment I can attest how joy-filled it can be when there is great enthusiasm and love for the Church. Michele will be with us for the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, 25 September and at the Agape to follow in our Parish Hall. Come and take a moment to thank Michele for sharing her ministry with our parish community.

The Annual Parish Super 50/50 Raffle continues through the month of September. Please purchase your tickets online or at the Parish Office. If you are a social media person, share the link on your social media outlets so that family and friends might consider participating wherever they might be living. Our parish needs everyone to do their fair share so that we can continue to grow in faith and service. Have a great week. Let us pray for one another. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

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

**Bereavement Support Group
New 9 Week Series**



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.'

- Starting Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
- Ending Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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



Women's Bible Study

Registration is open for our two programs starting in the Fall.

Connect Coffee Thursday, 29 Sept. at 12:30 pm in Madonna Hall

Printable Registration form at www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Questions contact: Molly Aiello 732-598-6808 walkingwithpurpose.com

All Women of Saint Mary



The Martha Mary Guild welcomes all women of our parish to join us for endearing friendships, fun trips, interesting meetings, service to our parish & community and of course, blessed spirituality. Membership forms will be available in the Gathering Space, the Parish Hall, on-line.

Return the membership form by the meeting Sept. 14, 2016 in order to be listed in the Directory.

Questions? Call Carol Donahue at 732-946-2461 or Ellen Balestiero at 732-946-2671



**Save the DATE:
Advent Pancake Breakfast
Sunday: December 11, 2016**

The Pancake Breakfast Committee Needs you. Please contact Linda if you would like to help

Country Shindig

at

*Saint Mary Parish, Madonna Hall
1 Phalanx Road, Colts Neck*

Friday, September 23

7:00-11:00pm *Adults only

Hats and boots on...

Tickets: \$25 pp

Includes: Food, soft beverages, music, dance floor & line dancing. BYOB: beer & wine



Purchase tickets on the parish website www.stmaryscoltsneck.org or at Saint Mary Parish office during regular business hours.

Committee Leader Lisa Aldridge Lisa@lisaaldridge.com

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* beginning Tuesday evenings: Oct. 11th- Nov.8th from 7:15-8:45PM or Wed. mornings: Oct. 12th-Nov. 9th from 10-11:30AM. Cost is \$20 per person.

Register at Agape or at the Parish Office.

Facilitators (not teachers- folks who will lead the discussion) wanted.

We will obtain babysitters if needed.

Martha Mary Trip - Sept 28, 2016

"Holiday Inn", the Martha Mary Guild is going to see it on Wednesday, 28 Sept. \$145
Treasure Herman 732-946-8982

Thank You, from Project Backpack

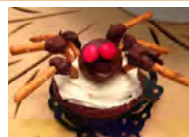
for the generous donations from Saint Mary Parish this summer. Thanks to the church's donations, along with donations from St. Gabriel's Church in Marlboro, Monmouth Worship Center, St. James Memorial Episcopal Church in Eatontown, and Colts Neck Reformed Church, Project Backpack was able to fill 220 backpacks this year!

The students of Park Avenue Elementary School in Freehold, as well as other students in the area, really appreciate your help in getting them ready for the school year.



SAVE THE DATE: Halloween Halls

Saturday, October 22,
immediately following the 5pm Mass.



Children attend Mass in costume then parade to Trick or Treat from rooms and tables set up in the parish buildings. There will be refreshments, games and crafts.

Join the team to help! Parishioners are needed to decorate a table, room, or trunk and hand out candy. *Bakers are needed for themed dessert items.*

Contact:
communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Welcome to this year's NHS Teen leadership committee chairs Theresa and Daniel Eng. Work on their team to help make this year's event spooktacular!



Catechetical Blessing Sunday, September 25, 2016 10:00 am Mass.

This year we will be celebrating Catechetical Sunday on the 25th as opposed to the 18th. All those volunteers who serve as Catechists and group facilitators are invited for a blessing at the 10:00 am Mass and for light refreshments at Agape.

Thank you for your efforts throughout the year to form the young people of the parish.

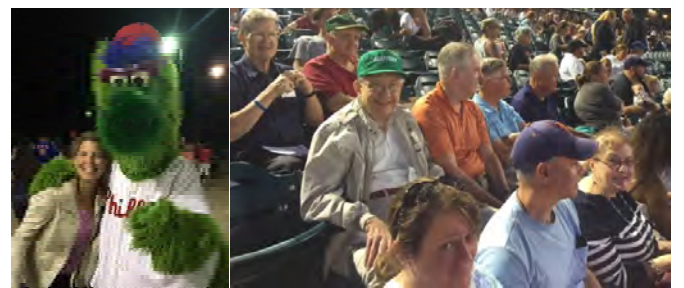


33 parishioners & friends came together in community attending the Blue Claws "Faith and Family Night" baseball game on August 25.

It was a great game. The Blue Claws won! The evening was cool and beautiful evening for August. The game & Blue Claws antics were enjoyed by all!

Why not join us next year for fun and baseball!!

Interested in planning events for the Community Building Core? Contact Linda at communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org



FALL CLEAN UP

Saturday November 19, 11am-3pm

All are invited to help remove fall leaves and branches before the winter months.

Participants of all ages and team leaders needed. Outside groups/troops welcome to help!

Bring rakes. Dress for the weather!

Community service & leadership hours given.
Communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

In the Community:



15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
SEPTEMBER 11TH
 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join Colts Neck Community Church in commemorating the 15-year anniversary of 9/11. The service will include inspiring music, testimonies, candle lighting, and a prayer of protection for our police, fire department and first responders.

Sunday, September 11, 2016
 7:00PM-8:00PM,
 9/11 Memorial at Colts Neck Town Hall
 124 Cedar Drive
 Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Stella Maris
 Retreat Center

WATERSPIRIT

at Stella Maris, 981 Ocean Avenue,
 Long Branch, NJ 07740

A Family Fun Day at Summer's End Sat., Sept. 17, 2016, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Pack a lunch and join us for a fun-filled family day with WATERSPIRIT at beautiful Stella Maris on the Atlantic Coast. The day will be filled with activities including kite flying, crafts, soccer and a beach clean-up. (Event is weather dependent)

*Reservations preferred – please call (732) 923-9788 or email: water@waterspirit.org
 Donations according to means.*

Autumn Equinox Celebration Thurs. Sept. 22, 2016, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Enjoy an evening of prayer and reflection to celebrate Autumn's bounty and beauty while reflecting on the deeper meaning of the season of cooling breezes and lengthening nights.

*Reservations preferred – please call (732) 923-9788 or email: waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net
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This September, **Sacred Doorways** will welcome nationally acclaimed theologian, author, and retreat leader **Rev. Richard Fragomeni**, Catholic Theologian Union, to lead us in a wonderful Dinner Retreat experience entitled **Dining in the Kingdom – A Menu for the Feast of Life**. Join with others on the spiritual journey to explore the meal as an icon of Christian life.

Throughout the **four-course meal** Rev. Fragomeni will invite us to consider *what it means to develop a "taste for God" and for what do we really hunger. What do we need to relinquish so as see with new eyes and enter more deeply into the mystery of our loving God? And that's only the appetizer!*

Choose from three dates & three locations across New Jersey:

- Sunday, September 25, 2016 – 4:30 PM Shrine of Saint Joseph, Stirling, NJ or
- Monday, September 26, 2016 – 6:30 PM - Sapori Trattoria, Collingswood, NJ or
- Tuesday, September 27, 2016 – 6:30 PM - Casa Filippo at White Sands Hotel, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ.

Presented by **Sacred Doorways** co-directed by Carol & Roger Pisani.

For more information & registration form:

(609) 702-7858 – or write sacreddoorwaysnj@gmail.com or go to www.sacreddoorways.org.

The Feast of Life Awaits You!